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## EDITORIAL

The New Year calls for new consecration, fresh zeal, firm faith, unceasing prayer and a great purpose to work while it is day, for the night comes when no man can work.

New subscriptions and renewals to the Home Field have been coming in splendidly for the past two months. We thank our friends for their co-operation. Let us, now that the new year of 1909 has begun, pull together for an increase of 10,000 by May the first.

How many of our readers will send a generous New Year's gift for home missions? We so much need help. The Lord has so abundantly blessed our people! How beautiful and acceptable these gifts of gratitude would be and how they would glory the altar of consecration!

"America for Christ and through America Christ for the world." How is that for a home mission motto? Or this: "America—A Field—A Force?" To disregard the thought in either motto would be the most stupendous blunder possible for Protestant Christendom.

Dr. O. S. C. Wallace, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore, and recently pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lowell, Massachusetts, says there are 73,000 Baptists in the state of Massachusetts, and that about 73,000 immigrants came into that state last year. Those New England Baptists have a great immigrant problem. They need our prayers.

We greatly regret that Rev. J. W. Gillon, of Dallas, Texas, has found it necessary, on account of his wife's health, to ask the Home Board to release him from his engagement to enter upon the evangelistic work of the Board. May the Lord speedily restore the health of his noble wife.

There is power in permanency. Things that abide are the things worth while. The evanescent is soon gone. In all mission work at home and abroad thoroughness is the thing that counts. The seed in the shallow ground sprang up suddenly, but the scorching sun withered the premature plant.

There are only four months till the meeting of the Southern Baptist

Convention. Already our thoughts are turning towards Louisville. We are in mortal dread of a heavy debt on the Home Board. Our debt is more than twice as large as it has ever been heretofore on the first of January. We beg brethren, pastors and laymen, and our noble women, to come to our help. We cannot call off the work we have undertaken, even though we are forced to deny countless calls for additional help. The panic is over. Things are in a more settled and hopeful state. Will not the great brotherhood of Southern Baptists come at once to the relief of their Home Mission Board? Don't wait till March and April.

On a single day recently, in Atlanta, naturalization papers were granted to twenty-four foreigners. Among the number there were Greeks, Italians, Germans, Turks, Austrians and Swedes. An interpreter, of course, was necessary in the court proceedings to initiate these foreigners into American citizenship. Who will help initiate them into true Christian, heavenly citizenship?

We must repeat to the Home Field readers our call for 500 cultured, capable, consecrated young men, who will give themselves to the acquisition of modern languages, that they may be able to reach the throngs of foreigners that are to come among us in ever-increasing numbers. We must give them the gospel and be able to do it in their own tongues while they are learning

our language. A like number of gifted young women, who, for one cause or another, can never go to foreign lands, ought to work for the Master among these incoming strangers. It is the most feasible and economical field of labor in behalf of the heathen to be found anywhere. Its very nearness, at our own doors, constitutes the chief reason for its neglect. Shall we longer be guilty of this neglect?

The Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway will hereafter reach the European markets by direct steamship line between Brunswick, Ga., and Liverpool and Bremen. As we go to press, the Hypatia is being loaded at Brunswick with 16,000 bales of cotton and other products of the South. This great railway system runs from Birmingham, the very heart of the mineral district of the South, through the great cotton belt of Georgia, to Brunswick, by the sea. Soon a flood of immigrants from the other side of the Atlantic will pour in through that port. Shall we get ready to meet them with the gospel?

#### One Hundred Such.

A notable example of Christian stewardship was recently set by a good brother and his wife, who sent a check for \$400.00 for home missions. Another, through his pastor, sends word that he will put \$500.00 into this great work this year. In modesty their names are withheld, but their example is worthy of emulation. There are hundreds, yes,



even thousands, of Baptists in the South who just now could give as much. If one hundred of this class would follow the example set, it would mean between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to the Home Board's treasury immediately, and that would mean the removal of half our debt.

Then, there are one hundred pastors who, in ten days, can secure from their churches \$500 each, and this would make \$50,000 more, enough to pay off the balance of the debt and the current expenses for January, besides stopping the heavy interest we are having to pay on the debt. All this can be done if ten individuals and ten churches in each state will average \$500 during January. The country churches during January and February have a hard time on account of bad weather. We must, therefore, look chiefly to the town and city churches to come immediately to our relief. Fortunately church facilities and comforts in our country churches have so much improved of late that they are having much greater regularity in their services. On this account we are confident of a hearty response from a good large number of our country churches to this appeal for help in January.

#### What are Southern Baptists Going To Do About It?

Consider these facts. What shall the answer be?

1. In appropriating the amount of money suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention at the beginning of the Convention year, the Home Board was forced to decline

grants, or any hope of grants, to scores of the most worthy and needy appeals in various sections of our southern territory.

2. By direction of the Convention appropriations were made in excess of last year's receipts.

3. Cash receipts are less than they were at this time last year.

4. The Board's bank indebtedness is more than twice what it was this time last year.

5. The most earnest and pressing appeals for additional aid are pouring into the Home Board by every mail. The following extracts are from two letters just received from different Southern states:

(a) "In sending you this petition, we simply feel that this section is a strategic point, and needs a missionary for all his time. Cannot something be done?"

(b) "We will have to have some help from some source. I am sure the Home Board could expend its money nowhere with more telling effect than on this particular field. We would like to have blank for formal application for help from your Board for a gift of \$1,000. I believe, with the proper care of this field, in a few years my church will be able to give that amount to your Board in one year's time."

These are samples of the pressing cries that come to the Home Board every day. The Board's hands are tied. What will Southern Baptists do about it?

#### Thorough vs. Transient Treatment.

Surface scratching instead of subsoil plowing has been the curse of

many farmers. The plowshare must be plunged deep into the soil before any certain and abundant crop can follow. The withering blight of the summer's sun is the prophetic portion of the shallow plowman. Drench and drouth alike come to the farmer who simply scratches the soil.

It is none the less true in spiritual husbandry. The work of the surface man may seem to prosper for awhile, but it will not abide the tests of time. Thoroughness is a condition of permanency, and he who by mistake builds upon a foundation of sand will in sorrow see his house go down in time of storm and flood. Paul lays stress on the superiority of graces to gifts on the ground that the former abide while the gifts pass away. No speaking with tongues, nor all the gifts mentioned by the Apostle, are to be compared with faith, hope and love, for these abide but those vanish away.

In all mission work at home and abroad there will be found here and there fields that can be regarded merely as life-saving stations, but the great body of the work must be of a permanent character and self-support should be the ultimate aim.

We are glad to assure the Baptist brotherhood of the South that the work being done by the Home Board bears the stamp of thoroughness and permanency. We are building for the future. The foundations are being laid deep and strong. Sometimes we linger long in a place because the odds against us are great and we must let patience have her perfect work. In time the results will appear and patient toil will have its reward. Witness our long years

of help at Tampa and Pensacola, where the first church at each place continued a struggling existence, but now they are both vigorous, self-supporting bodies and extend generous help to all our denominational work. Any work of a temporizing character would have been worse than wasted. In a more striking way has patience been required, and will still be needed, in New Orleans, that mighty metropolis of the lower Mississippi Valley. The tide of worldliness and commercialism so regnant there must be resisted, not by spurts and a few spadefuls of effort, but by concerted, concentrated, continued action till a levee is built which can breast the tide. Proceeding for ten years as we have done for the last five, we ought to have something like a worthy equipment in the way of chapels and churches and at least a half dozen vigorous, self-supporting churches, instead of one such, as is now the case, and a dozen thriving missions in New Orleans.

In the smaller places where the odds are not so great, appreciable results are more speedily realized. A weak mission this year may become a self-supporting church next year. Always and everywhere our aim is honest, thorough work, and so soon as possible we want the helped to become helpers.

The most conspicuous cases of rapid and permanent growth are found in the great empire of the Southwest, in Oklahoma and Texas, but we are urging the same principle and working with the same purpose down in Cuba and throughout our great home mission field.



### Greetings for the New Year.

A retrospect of the past year fills us with joy and thanksgiving. The Lord has been good to us, and we bless His holy name. Our work has been enlarged in every way. Our reasons, therefore, for gratitude are many.

We have achieved greater results than ever before; have had a greater number of workers who supplied more stations, preached more sermons, constituted more churches, built more houses of worship, organized more Sunday schools, distributed more literature, baptized more converts and received a greater number into the churches than ever before. Think of 18,015 additions to the churches by letter, 22,402 by baptism, a total of 40,417 through the labors of our independent and co-operative missionaries; with 337 churches constituted, 338 houses of worship built or improved, 1,057 Sunday schools organized, 428 Bible conferences held, with attendance on these various meetings of 45,416. The very angels of heaven are jubilant with us over these great results.

We are grateful for the increasing permanency of our work in all fields of our endeavor. Brother M. N. McCall is greatly gratified over the increasing excellence of the work in Cuba. Things are taking shape in the Canal Zone towards a permanency as the work of that great enterprise by our government rushes towards completion. Our Mountain School Work is being built on more enduring foundations and seasoned with increasing culture. The great Southwest, bounding ahead with so

much energy, is at the same time gathering culture and permanency. Our work for the Negroes is quiet, but honest, and goes forward with steady and increasing excellence.

A source of great gratification to the Board, and to the denomination, is the increasing unity of our great work in the South. The Home Board is not regarded as exclusive, but inclusive in its work, the bond of union and perfectness in hundreds of cases in our co-operative work. We have devout thankfulness for this increased solidarity of our great Southern Baptist people, which means more and more that we are becoming able to concentrate our forces and resources at strategic points. Especially is this notable concerning our work in the cities and with our evangelistic force. The great results achieved in the campaign in Atlanta and very recently in Birmingham have filled our brethren with gratitude and thankfulness. Dr. Dickinson, of Birmingham, at the close of the three weeks' campaign in that city, said to me: "Gray, your evangelistic movement is the key to the city problem. I have been skeptical toward the movement in general and was timid about the particular campaign here in Birmingham. I am a convert, and believe we have our very first agency for city work in this evangelistic department of our Home Board. God speed you and all the workers in it."

### Good Cheer for the Future.

We are full of hopefulness. All the mercies and blessings of the past are a guarantee of good things

to come and the sources of gratitude mentioned above are the grounds of our hopefulness for the future. Although our debt is \$25,000 greater than ever before at this time of the year and we were forced, in order to meet pressing demands for the payment of our heavy appropriations in church building work, at the last Board meeting to authorize our Treasurer to borrow \$32,000 additional, we are not in despair. The panic has spent itself, returning prosperity is the talk and belief of the people, the political agitation on the national election is a thing of the past, millions upon millions of dollars will be immediately invested in the South, labor will have employment, the crops will be sold, our people will have money, and by pressing our denominational agencies they can be induced to lay it on the Lord's altar.

The increasing efficiency of our women in all departments of their work augurs great things for the future. They are compactly organized. They are enlisting hundreds and thousands of new recruits. In local and state meetings they are systematizing their work. Their gifts come in small amounts, but they come often and their work is

having a reflex influence on the work of our men. Besides, many of our women blessed with wealth are coming to large things in the way of gifts to the Lord's work.

Our Laymen's Movement, while not so spectacular as that of some of the denominations, is being laid, under the wise leadership of Secretary J. T. Henderson, on solid foundations. Our pastors are likewise coming to realize that their churches are something more than a field of labor; that they are a force as well. Pastoral leadership is coming to the front. A man to lead a great church must be able to do something more than preach. Whilst preaching is his prime function, the development and leadership of his people are the prime needs of the hour.

On all these lines the day is dawning, the sun is climbing higher, set for the meridian splendor of the future. From such vantage ground as the Secretaryship incidentally gives one to view the whole field, it gives joy to sound the note of hopefulness to all the brotherhood concerning our great work for the future. Upon it we pray their unceasing prayers and for it their sympathy and gifts.



## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

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Home missions are not alone missioning at home. They are by the very necessities of the situation the most effective sort of world-wide missions, since they are getting the American most effectively ready for those important functions for which God has evidently designed him among the peoples of the earth. There is nothing which can mean more for the good of the whole world, and for the advancement of the kingdom of God in all the earth, than that the American people should be downright, upright, inright, outright Christian, and so prepared for the Christly mission for which God is ready to use them.—*Missions Striking Home.*

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"It is estimated that during four months in the fall and winter of 1907-8 over 500,000 aliens departed from the United States."

At this rate, who can estimate the opportunities and responsibilities resting upon American Christians to evangelize and train these returning foreigners so that they may be evangelists of light, carrying the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth?

It staggers imagination to contemplate the import of these figures. How eagerly every one of these will be heard by scores of his fellow countrymen, who are anxious to know what of America!

Shall we not set about preparing this stream of returning aliens with the message of the King?

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Fifteen years ago immigration to America was more than seventy-five per cent. from Great Britain and Western Europe. Now it is more than seventy-five per cent. from Southeastern Europe and Asia. That is to say, when there was much less of it, it was of the kind that is easily assimilated in America. Now that there is twice as much, it is of Jews, and

Greeks, and Roman Catholics, all of them classes very hard to assimilate or reach with the gospel. In thoroughly alert and faithful home mission work rests the future of American institutions, far more than they rest on anything else, not excepting the public schools. There must be a great quickening of home mission interest among American Christians. It must have their best thought and best men and best devotion, not their second or third best. While we drowse in the imagined security of gracious achievements, which blessed even our half-hearted efforts, new problems of spiritual destitution are looming up large, though many of the old ones have not yet been worked out half to the limit of our opportunity and responsibility.—*The Religious Herald.*

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### The Church a Means, Not an End.

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How often are churches located, not with reference to serving the community, but with reference to the community's serving them? How often are the efforts of pastor and people directed to saving the church; seeking men in order to build up the church instead of seeking to make the church build up men? A church which exists for itself is evidently selfish, and, therefore, belies Christ. How can such a church teach the fundamental Christian laws of service, sacrifice and love?

When the churches see, as twentieth-century churches doubtless will, that they exist, not for themselves but for the kingdom; that like their Master they are to minister, not to be ministered unto, their services will not be "held," but rendered. What we call the services of the church are not services at all, but worship, which, if genuine, is pleasing to God and helpful to us. The only way to serve God that the writer knows of, is

to help Him do what He is doing, viz.: help Him lift this poor sinning, blundering and suffering world out of its guilt and ignorance and wretchedness, into the blessedness of obedience to His laws. The way to serve God is to serve man: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."—Josiah Strong, in *The Challenge of the City*.

#### The Missionary's Children.

Go to any of our colleges in the Middle West, and there you will find our home missionary children, and you will find them in the front rank in character and scholarship. And, later on, you will find them in their own households, and in banks, and stores, and schools, and offices, and mission fields at home and abroad, and college and university pulpits and professorships, and high offices of state, and all sorts of positions of power and influence. There is no better starting place for a grand career than the threshold of a home missionary home.

Still I plead for the home missionary home, that its burdens be somewhat lightened and its children have a way not quite so rugged.

#### A Near View of Southwestern Baptist Movement.

S. J. PORTER, D.D., FIELD SECRETARY FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

I have just returned from a trip which covered almost the entire territory of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Southwest and included stops at the Texas, the Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana Conventions.

One cannot but marvel at the growth of the Baptists in the Southwest during the last one hundred years. In 1806 the first non-Catholic church west of the Mississippi river was organized at Old Bethel, near Cape Girardeau, Mo. Since that humble beginning the Baptists have made mighty progress.

The Baptists of the Southwest realize

that they have a great field, and, with consecration and zeal, are striving to occupy it. The evangelistic note is dominant in the churches in the Conventions. Almost every minister, whether pastor, mission secretary or college president, seems ambitious to be a soul-winner. The State Mission Boards are giving themselves to the mighty tasks before them. The Boards of all the five states above mentioned have closed the greatest work of any year.

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I must add one word about how my fellow-Baptist Secretary and Convention-goer, Dr. J. F. Love, is taking hold from his new center of operations at Dallas, Texas. Dr. Love is held in high esteem by the brotherhood of the Southwest. Astute, energetic, level-headed and cordial, he goes straight to the heart of the situation, never failing to win the confidence of his fellows. Love has the right name. He knows how to love others, and always wins their love. He has a great work before him, and is already doing much for setting forward the kingdom in that great and promising land.—*The Religious Herald*.

#### Our New Americans.

We have within our borders some 500,000 souls, speaking to us strange tongues. Each one is a missionary opportunity, and a responsibility. For some, there needs to be churches where worship is conducted in the tongue wherein they were born. Your Board has laborers among Germans, Swedes and Mexicans. The fact that the young people of the families, making up the German and Swedish churches, learn English, and finally go to American churches, will always operate against the growth of these churches. Still they have their place and work in reaching their people. But the masses of these people must be reached, as Christ reached the woman at the well, by a direct, heartfelt, personal appeal. We are not ready to do our duty until we can look on all people as the



Savior did. To Him, they were all lost sinners, needing salvation, and all the objects of His love. More and more, this way of reaching them is succeeding. To reach one person, fresh from over the seas, has a double meaning. It helps to save America, and America won to New Testament religion is a long step toward winning the world. And a new man, here, won to Jesus, becomes, through his influence, an effective missionary to his people left behind.—Annual Report of Baptist State Board of Texas.

#### OUR HOME MISSIONARIES.

REV. GEO. R. RATCHFORD.

But there is another class of modern missions and missionaries, whose work and who themselves are fully as dear to the loving heart of Jesus as those of whom we have spoken above. Their work has been done for a longer period and very quietly, but none the less effectively.

Jesus did not restrict the field of labor to which he sent his witnesses, nor did he divide it except to say that it must begin at home, then gradually extend throughout the whole world. He promised the same Holy Spirit, and the same power, and the same blessed comfort of his own presence to all, whether in Jerusalem or in the uttermost part of the earth.

We believe there is too little emphasis laid by the church upon the importance of the home field. There is really no difference and certainly no conflict, since one is the result and outgrowth of the other. If there had been no "beginning at Jerusalem," there could have been no work in the foreign field; there could have been no advance without the home basis.

Foreign missions depend on home missions. If the foreign work is to be sustained and strengthened, we must have more home missions and missionaries.

There is a strange apathy among many of our people in regard to home missions.

There seems to be a sort of glamour of romance about foreign missions which does not attach to the home work. When one goes out as a foreign missionary, the eyes of the church are upon him; he receives a great deal of attention in the papers, and the church is not allowed to forget where he is and what he is doing, while the equally heroic and godly and consecrated missionary to the home field, where the destitution in some respects at least is not less than among the heathen, is not heard from; he does his work silently and alone; no church paper keeps his name before the church; no popular and wealthy church calls him its "missionary pastor;" there is no furlough of a whole year on full pay for him at the end of four to seven years; not often over half pay when at work; no churches invite him to visit them. These are all reserved for the foreign missionary, the home missionary has to look out for himself. The church courts are proud to honor the returned foreign missionary, but no notice is taken of the lowly home worker; he is only an obscure servant of the church in the neglected districts.

It is a matter for profound rejoicing that the church has at last begun to see the necessity of putting home missions on an equal footing with the foreign work, and we hope the time may come when the same safe and sound and successful methods will be practiced in home missions, which have proved so eminently useful on the foreign field.—Home Mission Herald.

#### CHURCHES HELPED.

It is our purpose to present from time to time sketches of churches that have been helped by the Home Mission Board in procuring houses of worship. In this issue we give pictures and sketches of the following:

##### Lawton, Okla.

The First Baptist Church of Lawton, Okla. Lawton is a thriving western town of between 8,000 and 10,000 population. It is only seven years old. It is in the midst of a fine agricultural section, al-

ready has three trunk line railways, with the fourth being constructed. Ft. Sill, the government barracks, has recently been made a brigade post, and the town is destined to be one of the important cities of the West.

The First Baptist Church was organized August 12, 1891, with nineteen members, in a tent, the home of Brother E. D. Jeter, who was afterwards ordained to the ministry. The present membership is 277.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LAWTON.

Referring to the conditions which prevailed at the time the church applied to the Home Mission Board for aid and the present condition and outlook of this church, Brother J. H. Crabtree, of Lawton, says: "At the time we applied for the loan, as also now, we were financially poor, three-fourths of our membership being women and children, and not a rich man among us. It was a very hard struggle for us to build, and when we had reached the limit of our resources the Board came to our aid, without which we do not know how we could have pulled through.

We regard the field we occupy as a very important one. It is the county seat of a large county. While only seven years old, it is rapidly filling up with people from every state in the Union, as well as from abroad—a wide-awake, energetic lot, seeking to better their condition, but largely inclined to forget the greatest thing of all. Many of them are church members who left their membership, if not their religion, back in the old home. If we can let our light shine

as a beacon upon a hilltop and be faithful to the trust committed to us, we can be a power for good in the coming years. The Home Mission Board has helped us not only to complete a house as a home to our church, but to build a fortress from which to go out and battle against the forces of evil all around us."

#### New Brookland, S. C.

New Brookland, S. C., is an important factory point. The State Board of South Carolina cordially approved the application of the First Baptist Church of that place for aid. The following sketch of the church and situation by Rev. S. R. Bass, pastor, will be read with interest:

"For several weeks it has been our purpose to write you in regard to how we have appreciated what the Board has done for us, and, too, how it has saved us from many criticisms of those not of us.

To begin with, we are near the capitol of the state; in fact, we are a part of it—just the Congaree river between us. Our church has somewhat of a varied history.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW BROOKLAND, S. C. ORGANIZED IN 1896. BURNED MARCH 1905. DESTROYED BY STORM, JULY, 1906. REBUILT AND DEDICATED MAY 24, 1908.

It was constituted in 1896, and had but a very few members to begin with, and for several years there was very little increase. Our State Board helped us some, as they could. For several years



we had to be satisfied with preaching once or twice each month. After 1903 the church began to grow; but in 1905 the entire building was destroyed by fire, and then, after hard struggle, when it was almost rebuilt, a severe storm leveled it on the ground.

It was at this point that our noble Home Board saved the day for us by sending us \$850. Praise the Lord! It was at this time, 1906, that the present pastor came on the field. At that time there were only about one hundred and sixty members, and several of these were scattered to other places. Now, we have about two hundred and seventy-five members and the largest congregation and best Sunday-school in the place, and there are three others. Our church enjoys the best singing and the happiest people in town. Brother, you saved the cause here for us.

Many friends over the state sent us money, and so, through the Board and the state, we are now without debt, and have the most handsome house in the place. Your liberal gift enabled me to raise more money and encouraged our people to sacrifice much that we perhaps would never have received. Then, too, we are brought more in touch with the work and importance of the Home Board.

We are in a town of several hundred people,—about 3,500—and many of these are Baptist-inclined, but the other denominations have been in the lead, so many went to other churches with the crowds. But visiting and hunting up new-comers and paying much attention to visitors, our church now enjoys many pleasant things said about the work and the beautiful house.

I am sending you a picture of the present building, and if I can find one of the original, I will also send that.

Our church gave over \$3,000 last year for all purposes, and this year, notwithstanding the mill,—a large cotton duck mill—was closed down much of the time, we are able to report at our last association, in October, \$1,388.10.

Much interest is in the work at this

place. Last Sunday we received four new members into our membership. Over one hundred has been added since I came on the field. Brother, the money given to this place will tell in heaven. May God graciously bless all our different mission fields and every interest of our Home Board. Whenever it is possible, we are always ready to lend our help to the Board."

#### TWO NOTABLE INSTANCES.

The following two notable instances, each illustrating the far-reaching influence of a single Christian in the secular walks of life, are worthy of most serious consideration. Especially is this true in connection with business men going and foreigners returning to distant lands.

##### The Baptists of Poland.

The first messenger of Baptist principles to Poland was a German merchant, Mr. Osmann. On his business trip to the country he came together with some pious German Polish Lutherans, to whom he explained the beliefs of the new sect, which had been established in Germany by Oncken.

Nine, first converts, have been baptized in Poland by Brothers Weist and Shifmanski. Both came from Germany to administer to the believers of Poland the apostolic ordinance November 28, 1858. Among the first candidates was a young Lutheran teacher, F. Alf, who baptized, in the year 1860, 122 persons and organized the first Baptist church, August 4, 1861. During the first ten years, the despised and abominably persecuted followers of Christ had reached the exact number of 1,000. The present number of Baptists in Poland is about 8,000. If it had not been for the heavy emigration to the United States and Germany and Russia the Baptists of the kingdom would number at present nearly 20,000.—Rev. C. V. Strelee, in *The Baptist World*.

##### The Swedish Baptists.

One of our Swedish missionaries in Missouri says: "I have been asked to give a short sketch of the Baptist work

among the Swedes of Missouri. I will first give the age of the Baptists in Sweden.

A sea captain named Shroder was converted in New Orleans, and he returned to Sweden and found there another sailor who worked as a colporteur. Captain Shroder instructed him concerning baptism. This was F. O. Nilson, who went to Hamburg, and was baptized there by Dr. Oncken. In 1848 Brother Nilson became a Baptist preacher in Sweden and organized the first Baptist church in 1848, with seven members. Brother Nilson, after a great deal of persecution and arrests of the State church, was banished from the country and settled in Houston county, Minn."

This wanderer, who became the apostle of the Baptist faith in Sweden, was converted in the First Baptist Church in New Orleans, a mission church of the Home Board. What do the records show as the result of that apparently unimportant event—the conversion of a Swedish sailor? The following may be attributed to that small beginning:

According to the statistics of 1907 there were in Sweden 20 Baptist associations, 589 churches with 46,167 members, 330 ministers and 526 lay preachers. There were 1,050 Sunday schools, with 4,212 teachers and 56,400 pupils. There were 484 houses of worship, and the number of converts baptized during the year was 3,170.

The record does not close here. After Brother Nilson had been driven from his native country by persecution, and made his home in this free land, his zeal for the Master has resulted in making prominent among the Swedes of this country the Baptist faith. According to the latest statistics furnished by the Swedish Baptist Conference of Missions, there are in this country among the Swedes 21 state associations, 357 churches with 26,645 members, 208 pastors, 135 lay preachers, 305 church houses, with a seating capacity of 77,539. There are 373 Sunday schools, with 2,973 teachers, 19,436 pupils

and 24,793 Bible class students. Baptisms from the Sunday schools during the year, 495. During the last year there were baptized into the fellowship of these churches 1,384 converts. Received by letter, 1,078. Received by letter from Sweden, 208, and restored to fellowship, 317. Cash collections were \$23,334.74.

The above shows the result of one nationality that has touched American shores. What may we not hope from the hundreds of thousands who are living in our land and the thousands among them who return annually to their native lands if they are furnished with the gospel while here.

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This nation was founded with a religious intent. It was for Christ's glory that our forefathers endured hardships and made sacrifices. "Fearing God and loving righteousness," they withheld neither treasure nor life that this might be a Christian Republic. The very first building erected by them was the House of God. If, as a people, we are entitled to any honor and praise; if we have any special influence among the nations of the world, it is because the church has led the way.

Long ago it was said that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." In these days we hear so much about populations, and areas, and resources, we are in danger of concluding that these things in themselves are the elements of true greatness. But it was also said that "sin is a reproach to any people." While material wealth indicates the possibilities for good or for evil as it is devoted to right or wrong uses, the character of the citizenship constitutes a nation's chief glory or greatest shame.—Home Mission Messenger.

The Messenger follows the above with warnings of the pronounced evil tendencies of our times and the peril of the foreigner coming to our country, all of which threatens peace and Christian happiness, and calls for heroic home mission effort.



## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

### OUT WEST.

DR. J. F. LOVE.

#### Three More Conventions.

The Texas Convention is too big to be seen or described. No house has yet been found large enough to hold the messengers and afford one the opportunity of looking upon a full Convention. The recent session at Fort Worth maintained the standard which Texas has set for Baptist Conventions. The attendance ran into the thousands, and the enthusiasm was of a corresponding proportion. But let the reader take notice: The enthusiasm of a Texas Convention is not of your vaporous sort. The steam is applied to worthy enterprises in these meetings. It is at one time turned on to an orphanage collection and fifteen thousand dollars is raised. At another time it is put behind a Baptist Sanitarium, and Dr. George Truett holds the throttle till he is safe at the station with one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars for the institution. One can see more hilarious giving in one Texas Convention than most men see in a lifetime.

Dr. Gambrell and state missions have

always a large place in a Texas Convention. What a record has been made these past eleven years! Notwithstanding the floods, panic and other untoward conditions, another great victory was achieved the past year. The figures, in brief, stand as follows: Home missions, \$30,095.15; foreign missions, \$45,167.45; state missions, \$114,004.14.

Other objects came in for due consideration—the Southwestern Seminary, the colleges, etc. Everywhere a high, conquering note was sounded, and a larger campaign was planned. Texas Baptists always give home and foreign missions a thoughtful and sympathetic hearing. They propose to hold the leadership of the South in home mission contributions, even though Georgia Baptists should challenge their right.

The Arkansas saints (and they have been purified and made saints by the blood and tribulations) met at Fayetteville. A Home

Board representative was easily at home here, for the Convention met in the elegant new house of worship, which the Board has helped to build. This house is a monument to the heroic leadership of Pastor Whittle, the liberality and consecration of his people and



CONVENTION DELEGATES AT STEPS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

the wisdom and efficiency of the Home Board as a denominational agency. The Baptist cause is at last established in this exceedingly important University City.

The Convention was not as large as in some former years, but the spirit and power of the sessions were unsurpassed. Harmony and a devout spirituality reigned. This was our sixth Arkansas Convention, and we never enjoyed one more. Although a debt was reported on state missions, a great year's work had been done. There was general sorrow that the beloved Secretary, Rev. R. G. Bowers, had resigned his office to take up the financial work of the colleges. The brethren are now in prayer for guidance in selecting his successor. The following figures are contained in the report of the year's work: 5,342 professions of faith, 3,411 baptisms, 42 churches organized, \$20,215.45 raised for state missions. We could not get the figures for home and foreign missions for the year.

By a most hearty and spontaneous demonstration, the Convention decided to move up its figures on home missions. Arkansas Baptists will have a new record to report when we meet in Louisville, May, 1909.

Louisiana Baptists gathered in unusually large numbers at Alexandria, November 18th, and had one of the best of all their annual meetings. There is a growing consciousness of power and a clearer vision of opportunity in this Convention. Larger things than ever are now to be undertaken for God. The school work and state missions will soon be prosecuted on greatly enlarged plans. Here, too, there was sadness over the loss of the State Secretary. Brother Johnson retires from a work which he has conducted with great tact and success to enter the pastorate of the First Church, Alexandria.

Home missions was treated with fine consideration by the Louisiana brethren. One of the best hours was set apart for it, and a manifest interest was shown in the Home Board's affairs. The denom-

ination will yet have cause to be gratified at its long-continued aid extended to this state.

The Assistant Secretary made a faithful effort to get photographic views of all the Southwestern Conventions in session, but in no case did he succeed, partly because of his inexperience in this art and partly because of the great difficulty of getting satisfactory interior views where lights cannot be regulated for the purpose.

#### COALGATE, OKLAHOMA.

WILLIAM B. TONEY.

I arrived on this field and began work as pastor with the First Baptist Church immediately after the State Convention at Muskogee, Okla.

This is the place where Rev. James Gore, now of Modesto, Cal., labored so long and so well. We have a very good membership, and the work well organized in every department, except the B. Y. P. U. work. This we hope to have very effectively organized in a short time. We are planning to build a new parsonage and church house in the near future.

We have on this field Miss Mamie Campbell, of Atlanta, Ga., as missionary to the foreign population among the miners. She is a great help to both church and pastor. She is sent here by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is maintained by the Baptist Young Women of Virginia. Oh, that the great ocean of wasting and unused powers of all our Baptist Young People were thus utilized! Miss Campbell is a great worker, and a real consecrated servant of Christ.

We had a great meeting Sunday, December 6th. Five additions to the church, a covenanting of the membership to engage in personal work, and a general reviving of the membership.

We are planning to observe the week of prayer, the first of January, and also



to make a study of our denominational work. We are to study the following subjects: The Baptists and Home Missions; The Baptists and Foreign Missions; The Baptists and Christian Education; The Baptists and Sunday School Work; The Baptists and Woman's Work; The Baptists and the Young People's Work; The Baptists and Philanthropy and Christian Literature; The Baptists and Civil Liberty; The Baptists and Evangelism; The Baptists and Their Correct Place in Church History. We hope during these meetings to warm up the backslidden, gather in the unaffiliated, to work for the salvation of the lost, and to receive a general quickening of spiritual life throughout the membership of the church.

We ask the prayers of the editor and all the readers of *Our Home Field* in our behalf. God bless the Home Mission Board in all its work!

Rev. A. E. Brown, Superintendent Mountain Schools: By some means the Andersonville Institute was left out of the list of Mountain Schools last month. This is one of our most useful schools, and is in the hands of Rev. Glenmore Garrett and wife. Brother Garrett, upon his election to this school, showed his good sense by taking unto himself a wife, who, by culture and experience, has been his mainstay in the work. The school had suffered by too frequent changes in the teaching force, but Brother Garrett has by his work, both in the school room and among the people, regained what had been lost. Mrs. Garrett took hold of the Girls' Home, and, with assistance of friends, transformed it into a most inviting place. The girls of this section have a rare opportunity in the Home because of Mrs. Garrett's wide experience and culture. Nor have they neglected the Boys' Home, but they are far from accomplishing in it what their large hearts earnestly desire. If friends continue to come forward they will soon do for it what they are about completing for the Girls' Home.

#### Pleasant Trip to Oklahoma.

REV. W. A. BABB, PASTOR BROWN MEMORIAL CHURCH, ATLANTA.

I spent the month of November in Oklahoma; left Atlanta on the third, with a number of others, most of whom were seeking homes in that new country. At almost every station we were joined by others, until we reached Little Rock. When we left that place, our train was composed of nine cars, seven of which were occupied mainly with home-seekers. I arrived at McCurtain on the fifth. This town is immediately adjacent to the town of Chant. McCurtain is on deeded land and Chant on government land. In the two towns there are about 3,000 inhabitants. The Baptists have a house of worship near the dividing line. There I preached ten days in a revival meeting. Seven united with the church and others professed faith in Christ. This church has a membership of about one hundred, most of whom have united with it within the last twelve months.

Brother McGuire and wife went from the Brown Memorial Baptist Church about one year ago. I find them doing a great work there for the Kingdom of our Lord along all lines. Brother R. A. Townley, the pastor, was not in the meeting, on account of sickness in his family. May the Lord bless church and pastor together in the coming years. We felt that the meeting ought to have continued for another week.

From McCurtain I went to McAlester, where I spent two days. McAlester is a city of 11,000 inhabitants. We have one church and one mission station there, with an aggregate membership of about 285. The present pastor seems to have the work well in hand. I attended the midweek prayer meeting and found about one hundred present, which I considered a splendid showing for a church of that size. The brethren have it in their hearts to build a new house of worship. May the Lord be with them and bless them.

I visited the office of Secretary J. C. Stalcup. His brethren regard him as being the right man in the right place. I want to say for Sister Smith, his helper in the office, that she seems to have the work of the office well in hand and the cause of Christ in her heart. She was one of many who spoke of the need of preachers capable of leadership in Oklahoma. There are towns of 2,500 inhabitants with no Baptist church nor any Sunday school, and yet the Baptists say that they are in the lead in the state. Brethren, let us stop here and ask the Giver of all good gifts to send more laborers into that part of His vineyard.

I visited Oklahoma City, where the Baptists seem to have things more fully in hand. There, I found a city fourteen years of age, with 50,000 inhabitants, modern and beautiful. There are four Baptist churches and three mission stations at this place. I met several members of the State Board, all of whom look for great things from the Lord for the Baptists in Oklahoma. I visited the new building for the Orphans' Home, which will be completed about February 1st.

In Acts 1:5 Christ said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." I hope brethren who can do so will take a trip to Oklahoma and see the needs of Samaria and the gracious results that have followed the years of persistent and wise seed-sowing by the Home Mission Board. Then we will surely stand by Dr. Gray and the Home Board in the work they are striving so hard to do. This will help us to take another trip to the side of Dr. Willingham and look out 25,000 miles and see the needs in all the world which he is seeking so earnestly to meet.

I do not say these things that we should neglect church and state, for I am proud to say that Georgia Baptists are standing by Dr. J. J. Bennett and his Board. They have done great things in Georgia whereof we are glad.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to

pass." Psalms 37:5. In Matt. 28:19 we see the way of the Lord. His way is that we go and carry the gospel to all the world and He will bring it to pass. So I say to Southern Baptists, let us turn our eyes towards this great opportunity as it presents itself to us in Oklahoma with its millions of coal, its fine quality of oil, its fields of natural gas and fine farming lands. Thousands of people are settling in this great country year by year. It is filling up with great rapidity. We must have churches and Sunday schools there or they will fall in with some one else. Brethren, let us possess the land. It is our opportunity. May the Lord put it into the hearts of men of leadership and executive ability, who know how to organize the work, to give themselves to this new country and line up with their brethren out there and be of them. Brethren, if the Lord opens the way, go, for He has said that He will be with you to the end.

#### BALTIMORE LETTER.

REV. E. B. HATCHER, D.D.

(Generous help is being extended to Baltimore, where every dollar invested has stimulated the brethren there to put in four or five times as much in money and, what is far better, to put their lives into a consecrated, supreme effort to wrest that great city from the domination of evil and religious superstition. What has been accomplished in Maryland within the last two or three years is marvelous, and the work inaugurated there by the aid of the Home Board is only fairly begun.—Editor.)

One hardly knows where to begin in attempting to record the Baptist movements in this large city. There seems to be quite a stir in the camp. Let no one imagine that Baltimore is a Baptist city. We are sixth in the list of denominations in the number of churches, but there seems to be a purpose in our denomination that this condition must cease.

We have a sympathetic Baptist broth-



erhood here. One of the most encouraging features of the situation is the number of Mission Sunday schools that have been recently organized. At Irvington, one of Baltimore's charming suburbs, we have a successful Sunday school, under the chaperonage of the Fulton Avenue Church. They have outgrown their quarters, and are arranging to set up business this winter in a tent with a wooden floor and sides.

Down at the other end of the city, at Canton, is a flourishing school conducted by the Seventh Church of this city. A young minister preaches there every Sunday morning, and the workers speak in happy tones about the future.

Highlandtown is a large, growing section, and here the Eutaw Place Church has a mission. All sorts of good things are heard regarding its success. The same young minister who preaches at Canton, also preaches at Highlandtown, and during the past few weeks about fifteen persons from the Highlandtown mission have been received for baptism in the Eutaw Place Church.

And there, in the handsome building of the First German Church, is an English Sunday school, which has been started by the Grace Church, and new scholars are being enrolled almost every Sunday.

Out in the northwest section is the Druid Park Church, which started less than two years ago as a Mission Sunday school. Rev. H. L. Swain was put in charge, and worked with great patience and zeal, and now, today, we have a vigorous church at one of the most important locations in the city.

Milton Avenue is another Mission school conducted by the Seventh Church. This mission has a pastor of its own, a recent graduate of the Crozer Seminary, Rev. H. J. Lane, and it is threatening almost every day to set up housekeeping for itself and become an independent church.

Down in Southeast Baltimore is the Patterson Park school. It is held in

ever so many rooms of what was once a large residence, and is overflowing its bounds. We greatly need a larger building. Rev. J. A. Fletcher is the pastor in charge of that mission.

There are several other growing sections which we need to enter. Many of our Baptist children are going into Pedo-Baptist schools, and in many cases are being lost to our denomination. There are other thickly settled sections which we ought to occupy. Some of our large churches have talents that could be utilized in Mission Sunday schools. Already we are planning to open several such schools this winter.

And as for the foreign population we are still hesitating on the threshold. It is true that, by the help of the Home Mission Board, we have two German schools and also a German mission at Locust Point. It is also happily true that we recently secured a missionary to labor among the 30,000 Poles of this city, and he seems to be doing excellent work. But the vast harvest field stretches before us practically untouched, but we are tugging at the task and hope before very long to have more workers employed among the foreigners.

Let it also be mentioned that we have recently dedicated three new church buildings. One of them was the new church of the Wilkens Avenue saints, costing about \$8,000. Another one was the Druid Park Church, costing about \$17,000, with the lot. This is the church which was started under Rev. H. L. Swain as a mission less than two years ago. It occupies one of the most important and commanding locations in the city.

On last Sunday the Fuller Memorial Church entered its new auditorium. About two years ago it dedicated its Sunday school room, and very soon afterwards, under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. H. P. Jackson, it began a campaign for completing the building, and last Sunday morning the culmination of their struggles was reached. It is a very beautiful stone structure.

# EVANGELISM

REV. WM. WISTAR HAMILTON, General Evangelist

Home Board Evangelists! Pray for them!

We welcome the new men to the work. May they see God's favor upon them from the first!

Many other additions at Capitol Avenue after the special meetings.

There were thirty-three additions at Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian, during the revival.

Our evangelists are being used of God to strengthen many weak churches.

Brother J. W. Michaels reports many conversions under his ministry among the deaf.

There were thirty-one professions and fifteen additions in one day of the meetings in Henderson, Ky.

Brother W. A. McComb went from Henderson to Kentwood, La., where he began work on December 5th.

Brother Raleigh Wright is in Covington, Ky., and we are glad to say is strong in body again.

Nashville churches are asking for a campaign to begin there the first Sunday in November, 1909.

Brother J. E. Briggs is enthusiastic in his praise of Brother C. A. Stewart's preaching and work at Capitol Avenue church.

Brother R. H. Coleman and Prof. E. O. Excell are trying to make the new song book, "The Evangel," the very best yet.

There were sixty-five additions at the Twenty-sixth and Market Street Church, Louisville, where Brother Raleigh Wright assisted in meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. George, who sang with Brother Hamilton last year, are now with Evangelist J. W. Mahood.

Brother Stealey, of Washington, reports a great meeting in his church. Brother Luther Little conducted the services.

Miss Miriam Lott, of Lux, Miss., desires to do mission work with some Baptist church. She was two years at Louisville Training School.

The Fort Worth campaign begins the first Sunday in the new year, January 3, 1909. The pastors are planning for a vigorous campaign.

Several Home Board evangelists will assist in the concerted meetings in Baltimore, which will be held early in January, 1909.

Write to the evangelists in plenty of time to arrange for meetings. They usually have engagements ahead and cannot go to a church on short notice.

One of our evangelists has held five meetings where he received only his travelling expenses. Of course he was with mission churches which needed help.

God is greatly using Brother Otto Bamber, of Jasper, Ala., in organizing and encouraging his association for evangelistic work. A tent is used and the workers unite and win one place at a time.



We hope the stronger churches will give liberally to Evangelism and thus help the churches in mission territory. We are glad we can send strong men to such places.

Brother Bamber says: "The greatest step that the Southern Baptists have taken was the arranging of this general evangelistic department." It is encouraging to have our brethren speak thus of this work.

Brother R. L. Motley found that the heavy duties of evangelistic work were too much for him, and he has accepted a pastorate at Salisbury, N. C. We wish for this faithful brother the blessings of God in his heart and home and work.

Brother T. J. Porter has been conducting meetings at one of our most needy points, Key West, Fla. The services there were in December and we have no report from it yet. Brother Clonts has wrought nobly there, and Brother Porter's help is most timely.

W. H. Sledge has been in a great meeting at Catlettsburg, Ky. He writes that a large number have already been added to the Baptist church. In the baptismal scene, published in the last Home Field, the lady being baptized was a sister of Congressman Langley. Brother Sledge says he is using the tract, "Bible Baptism," with fine effect.

Brother J. W. Michaels writes of a recent trip of a few days in which there were seventeen conversions of adults among the deaf and about one hundred and ninety promises from pupils still attending school that they would consult their parents as to church membership. Brother Michaels is doing a great work.

Henderson, Ky., paper says of the meetings there: "There have been seventy-five conversions and those who were reclaimed, and sixty additions to the church, besides a number who will unite with the church later. Dr. McComb, who

did all the preaching up to Tuesday night, left Wednesday afternoon for his home in Clinton, Miss., and from there he goes Saturday to Kentwood, La."

#### Home Board Evangelists.

The evangelists in the employ of the Home Board are now as follows: Raleigh Wright, Cleveland, Tenn.; Luther Little, Ft. Worth, Texas; W. D. Wakefield, Shelbyville, Ky.; C. A. Stewart, Ft. Scott, Kan.; W. A. McComb, Clinton, Miss.; W. P. Price, Jackson, Miss.; T. J. Porter, Roanoke, Ala.; J. W. Michaels, Little Rock, Ark. (Evangelist to the Deaf); H. A. Hunt, care Central Baptist, St. Louis, Mo.; and W. W. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga.

Engagements are being made for 1909, and we advise that churches and pastors write these brethren early and arrange for meetings as far ahead as next summer. We should be specially glad for country campaigns to be arranged for the warmer months. May this year be one of wondrous blessings in the churches!

#### Fayetteville Meeting.

Baptists have had a hard struggle at Fayetteville, Ark., and have been far behind others in numbers and in equipment. Dr. W. A. Whittle and the little faithful band about him have made many sacrifices and struggled against great odds, and now they are reaping a happy reward. The Home Board has helped largely and others have helped and a beautiful church has been built, and now God is honoring it with a gracious revival. One member said, "This one week has repaid me for all I have given and all the work I have done." Others are saying, "This is the greatest meeting we have ever had." Still the meeting continues, and it is believed that many more will be saved and added to the church. Many are renouncing the world. Many are telling of the new joy they are finding in Christian service; wrongs are being righted, and some are announcing their

decision to give themselves to the ministry.

The one special sorrow of the meeting has been the absence of the pastor, who on account of a nervous breakdown had to leave before the meetings began. The mails bring encouraging news from him, and it is hoped that he may soon return to his family and to his church in renewed health and strength.

Fayetteville illustrates in many ways the mission of the Home Board, and the Evangelistic Department has come in to supplement the other phases of the work. Surely such a hard-working, self-denying, struggling little band of Baptists deserve such help from our people. Brother Hamilton and Brother Wakefield, at this writing, are still at Fayetteville, and are expecting greater things still in the last week of the revival there.

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#### Mission Territory.

A brother, who writes asking for an evangelist, says that he must have help, and after telling of the conditions about him, adds that it will be "useless for any but the best" to try to hold a meeting there. What a joy it is to us to say, "We have the very man you need, and will be glad for him to come to your help." And yet, and yet, where is the point of greatest need? The one just mentioned, or in the country, or at suburban stations, or at some down First church, or in factory districts, or in the villages, or in college towns, or in the mountains, or at some new struggling point? Well, it is difficult to answer this question, and so we are doing some of all kinds, and we praise God for His favor upon our faithful and consecrated men.

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#### One of Many.

A young woman writes: "I feel that I did not really have an opportunity to fully tell you how very much I did enjoy the meeting and the good influence you had over my life and the blessing that

has come to our home. When we came from church last night, papa and mamma and I each wrote in our own Bibles: 'November 15, 1908—My best for thee, Oh God.' Then with many happy tears we reconsecrated our lives to God, read our Bibles, and then dear papa lead in family prayer—something we had not had in our home for a long time.' Such letters help us to bear the strain and sacrifice of the evangelistic work.

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#### Evangelistic Tracts.

Soon after starting the publication of a series of Evangelistic Tracts for the use of the Board's evangelists, it was found that there was a demand for them by others. The Board undertook to supply this demand on the same terms upon which they are furnished to its own evangelists, viz.: That in each instance those to whom they were sent would take up and forward to the Evangelistic Department a collection to be used in keeping the supply in print. This arrangement has not proven satisfactory.

As the demand for the Board's evangelistic tracts is increasing rapidly, and as there is no sufficient regular fund from which to pay cost of printing, it has been deemed necessary to put a nominal price on them, at which they may be procured, in any quantities desired, by any one.

See notice containing schedule of prices on last pages of the cover, this issue.

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#### Evangelist H. A. Hunt.

Brother H. A. Hunt, who begins work with our Board on January 1st, was born in Kingston, Canada, November 13, 1860, and moved to Missouri in 1876. He was converted and joined the Baptist church at Jefferson, Green county, Iowa, when he was eighteen years of age. Brother Hunt was licensed to preach by his home church at Jefferson when he was twenty-one years of age, and was ordained at twenty-two.



In 1885 Brother Hunt entered William Jewell College and continued his studies there for three years, and then, in 1894, graduated from the Seminary in Louisville. Following this, he held pastorates in Kentucky and Missouri, the last being at St. Joseph.

From his pastorate in St. Joseph he was called to do the work of an evangelist in Missouri, and for the last seven years he has rendered most acceptable service all over the state, in country, village and city work. Our pastors and churches will find in Brother Hunt a man who loves hard work, and one who loves lost souls and loves the Lord. His address at present is St. Louis, Mo., care The Central Baptist, Corner Grand and Olive streets.



H. A. HUNT.

#### Sketch of T. J. Porter.

Thomas J. Porter was born at Cain Town, Ky., December 1, 1871. His father, William L. Porter, a Baptist minister, was a native Kentuckian, of English descent, and his mother was a native Kentuckian also, of Scotch descent.

At the age of twenty he professed faith in Christ and became a member of the Baptist church at De Land, Fla. He entered the ministry during the same year, and was ordained in 1892, by the First Baptist Church of Ocala, Fla.

He was educated at Smith's Academy, of Owenton, Ky., and John B. Stetson University.

Mr. Porter has been a pastoral evangelist for more than sixteen years. He has been regularly engaged in the pastorate, but doing evangelistic work in connec-

tion with his pastoral duties. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cairo, Ill., for four years, during which time he received into the church 250 new members. During the last year of his pastorate in Cairo he baptized 112 converts. He is at present pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Ala. During his two years' pastorate of this church he has taken into the church 146 new members. His church this year has completed a modern Sunday school annex with separate class rooms, entertained the Alabama Baptist State Convention, raised for all purposes over \$9,000, and received 93 new members. In addition to his pastoral work, Mr. Porter conducted four meetings which resulted in 251 additions to the churches, making the total number added to the churches the past year 344.

#### Sketch of W. P. Price.

W. P. Price was born in Rankin county, Miss., February 12, 1876. He grew

up on his father's farm, attending the public schools of the neighborhood at such times as he could be spared. He spent two years in the Gillsburg Collegiate Institute, where he finished with honors, taking the medal offered for the best oration on commencement day. For two years he was



the principal of Sunny Hill Academy, Washington Parish, La. It was during this time that the Louisiana State Lottery was seeking a new lease of life. He threw himself into the fight against the lottery with great enthusiasm, speaking to as many as

3,000 people at times in the open air.

It was at this time, also, after four years of earnest prayer and hard thinking, he decided to enter the ministry, and, declining an urgent invitation as principal of the high school at Franklinton, La., he returned to school again, studying at Mississippi College, The Baptist Union Theological Seminary and The University of Chicago, where he made a specialty of systematic theology under Dr. Northrup. Having finished his work in the Seminary, he took a pastorate at Bastrop, La., where he married Miss Lucy Gill, formerly of Mississippi. He served Osyka and Summit and Magnolia and Brookhaven churches, and church houses were erected at the last two; then he went to Winona for two years, and in November, 1900, under instructions from the State Mission Board, he went to Jackson, his present pastorate, where for these eight years he has labored, and, under God, erected one of the best houses of worship in the state, organizing, developing and leading on to glorious victory one of the leading churches of Mississippi.

For two years he was the Corresponding Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and for four years has been the Treasurer of both the Convention and the Convention Board. He is also the State Vice-President for our Home Board; and it was under his leadership, the brethren in Mississippi say, that caused Mississippi to occupy the leading

place on the Home Mission map at Hot Springs last May.

In addition to all this, possibly the most far-reaching of Brother Price's work has not been mentioned—that of pastor-evangelism. Since he has been in his present busy pastorate in Jackson he has held 48 meetings outside of his own church, and in all his ministry more than 100, which, in addition to the more than 2,500 received into the churches, resulted in building and repairing several houses of worship, weak churches coming to self-support and strong churches enlarging their gifts to missions. And, in addition to all this, our brother has been in great demand as a college commencement preacher and speaker.

With these manifold labors and duties, would our readers be surprised if Mississippi was loath to give him up? Before us lies a letter from one of the best known men in that state, written in a most fatherly spirit, setting forth the following seven reasons why Brother Price ought to stay in Mississippi: "Mississippi needs you; Jackson needs you; your family needs you; the Convention Board needs you; the Home Mission Board needs you in Mississippi; at your age, your library calls for you; and where could you do more good than in your present field?"

Brother Price comes to us January 1st and his first work will be in the great Baltimore campaign. Jackson, Miss., will be his permanent address.





## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

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Rev. D. B. Wood, Quanah, Okla.: This has been a most pleasant quarter. The Lord has most wonderfully blessed the work. There is under consideration now the organization of another church, or bringing together part of three into a new town just springing up.

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Rev. J. T. Spillman, Ralston, Okla.: We closed a good meeting at Fairfax the 8th, Rev. Gordon Barrett, of Lexington, Okla., assisting. I went immediately to the country, and we are having a fine meeting, three conversions and good prospects.

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Rev. W. B. Peeples, Guthrie, Okla.: Our Sunday school is the largest in its history, with more than one hundred sometimes present. We have recently had two bright conversions of adult people in the homes who expect to unite with us when they can both be baptized at the same service. We are planning for revival meetings immediately following our State Convention.

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Rev. T. P. Levins, Lewis, Okla.: I am thankful my Master has spared me and given me health to do the hardest quarter's work I have ever done. All the ministers of Bethel Association who are acquainted with this local field agree that it is the hardest field in the Association. I am "trusting God, though He slay me," and believe the Lord's cause will yet triumph to His honor and glory.

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Rev. Wm. Crawford, Fairview, Okla.: On coming to this field, I found a membership of 25. I have received 24 since, making a total of 49. The church has given for all purposes \$525 during the quarter. We have \$183 on deposit with which to buy pews or chairs. The town is growing very rapidly. I never saw a finer prospect to build up a good Baptist church. Our people are loyal to all our work.

Rev. J. B. Vinson, Davidson, Okla.: I have only been pastor at Davidson one month. We have a nice church building, which your Board helped to build. The brethren here tell me it would have been impossible for them to have built without your aid. We now have 115 members, and we are adding to our church building. As soon as possible, we will help in your great work. Our people love your Board. God bless you and your interests.

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Rev. James Gore, Modesto, Calif.: On the 12th of September I gave up my work at Coalgate, to accept work here. It was not without many regrets at the thought of severing my connection with the Southern Baptist Convention and especially with the Home Board that I surrendered my work at Coalgate. The work there has been a great work, yet it is practically as dependent as it was five years ago, owing to its shifting population, but it pays to stick to it for some time yet. I pray for the Home Board and crave your prayers.

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Rev. S. Noble Crane, Gage, Okla.: The work at Indian Creek and Gage, Okla., is slowly progressing. At Gage, last Sunday, in eleven o'clock service, the Lord added unto us, by experience and baptism, four. At Indian Creek we have two awaiting baptism, a man and his wife from the Methodists. I wish the M. E.'s would get their church polity, baptism and doctrine from the Bible, and then the Baptists would not have so much of the M. E.'s work to do over. They are good folks. Our church house enterprise at Gage is pressing on us heavily. Only twenty-five of us, most of whom are women and children, and yet we have raised and paid out about \$1,500. It has exhausted our resources, and it will take \$1,000 to complete. The property is worth \$2,500.

Report of Mexican Mission School at El Paso for the month ending October 15th:

Pupils taught during the month, 34;  
pupils enrolled during the month, 6;  
total at present in school, 40.

Number of grades in English, 6; number of grades in Spanish, 3.

The pupils are better informed in English than in their own language, having studied in the public schools, but know very little about translating into their own language.

We praise God every day for this blessed opportunity of teaching His Word to so large a body of foreign children. It is glorious, and too much cannot be said in praise of their deep interest in the morning exercises and services. The outlook is very encouraging.

Yours very truly in the work,

MRS. E. E. ROBINSON,

MRS. M. M. PARADES.

W. H. Nevill, Wakita, Okla.: Our church was organized June 2, 1900, with twenty-two members. We received from your Board \$200 toward the building fund, also \$150 the first year on pastor's salary, and the second and third years, \$100 each, since which time we have been able to maintain a preacher for half time. Our membership has increased until we now have fifty-six resident members and thirteen non-resident members. We have a good Sunday school the year round. A fine B. Y. P. U. and Bible Study once each week. The help that has been received from your Board has made it possible for us to accomplish what we have done, but we feel the need of a pastor for full time, to keep pace with the other two churches of our town, the M. E. and Christian. Our membership is made up of families, so we have not many paying members, which makes it hard for us to do what we would like to do, and what we think best to do. I consider our prospects bright for future usefulness, but we need aid from the Board if we do what we think it is necessary to do.

Rev. L. H. Holt, Stillwater, Okla.:

The work of the quarter has been hopeful. The church is moving in the work on the new edifice. The new lots and walls to the windows, worth \$1,000, paid for during the past year. Subscriptions, recently taken in the church, now reach \$1,536. A little more will come in. This will inclose the building, the only brick church in the town. Forty-seven students in the A. & M. College report themselves as Baptists. Two of the new professors are Baptists. We will need to lift hard. We need the aid of the Board one year more. We hope then to walk alone.

Here is an extract from a letter received by Superintendent Brown from the principal of Fruitland Institute:

"This evening our enrollment reached 132, the largest enrollment ever reached by the school before Christmas, and still they continue to come right along. The people here are aroused, and have caught a vision of the future and of some of the best things it has in store for them, if they will only prepare for it. The children are selling chickens, calves and pigs to get along; the mothers are sewing and taking in washing; the fathers are selling chestnuts and apples. It is right pathetic to see how enthusiastic they are. The parents can't keep the children away from school.

"Brother Brown, God is with us, and we are trying to keep in harmony with him. Miss Sullinger is the most wonderful woman I have ever seen. I am afraid she will hurt herself at work. Please remember her in your prayers, that her strength may hold out.

"Brother Brown, the reason I write this encouraging letter is because I can do it conscientiously, and because I know you will be glad to hear such reports. Write to me when you can. I am always glad to hear from you."



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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By En Christo.

(SPENCER)

Father, I beseech thee  
By thy matchless grace  
Beam thou down upon me  
Brightness of thy face.  
For thy hands' caressings,  
Tender, true, and kind,  
And for nameless blessings  
What praise can I find?

Great, how great thy favor,  
Only to be meet  
Hour by hour to labor  
In thy service sweet!  
On thy strength relying,  
Father, give me skill—  
Every need supplying—  
To perform thy will.

In the path of duty  
Walking day by day  
Life is clad in beauty  
Of celestial ray,  
Purest joys are given  
With thy work begun;  
And our earth is heaven  
When thy will is done.

"New Year Resolutions."

January, 1909! Think of it, and what it means in the way of Christian opportunity! Think what our week of prayer will mean to the W. M. U. if, as a unit, we pray, and then work with determination to answer our own prayers!

Sister, what did Enlistment mean in your church and society? Can you not resolve this "New Year of 1909" that you will arouse the uninterested sister by your side?

What have you done for the Training School at Louisville, presided over by that peerless woman, Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure? Make a resolution this moment to pray, work and give to the Training School. Stop this moment and write Mrs. McLure your New Year resolution, and assure her of your sisterly love and co-operation.

What have you done for Cuba, Mountain Schools, Frontier Missions?

What have you done for China during the twelve months of 1908?

Have you kept yourself informed about the mighty things transpiring and the much to be done?

One fact we discovered too late to put into the December issue of "Our Missionaries' Children," but it is too good to leave out now. Perhaps it may help you in your resolve to work for China. The daughter of one of our missionaries, who is attending school at Cox College, told me that three years ago this Christmas she had a "house party" of ten girls in her home in Hwanghien, China, just before coming to America to school. These were all missionaries' daughters, full of life and Christmas frolic. They are all in America at school. Ida is rejoicing

over the fact that recent letters from the other ten girls proclaim the fact that all of them are going back to China as missionaries when they finish school.

Think what an endorsement of missionary endeavor this is! Sisters, does not this put us to shame, who are not willing to give anything? Oh, to have Christ sit over against the treasury as we give this year of 1909!

Can we not make our allegiance to the Master count for much in the near future, yea, the living present? May the Heavenly Father in His divine compassion help our feeble resolves.

We are delighted to give a message from Miss Buhlmaier. She has been resting awhile by the Board's direction. All will rejoice to know that she has improved in health. May God spare her to us for many years yet is our prayer.

"It is with pleasure we report the reopening of our sewing school in West Baltimore, during the past month, with a very large attendance, so that both schools are now in regular running order. Oh, how I long to be able to take my accustomed place in all the departments of the work! I see great need for visiting in the homes of the scholars, especially those who have not been in our schools before, yet Miss Froehlich, faithful and willing as she is, cannot get around to do all there is to be done alone.

I am very happy to notice some improvement in my condition, and earnestly hope that I will be improved sufficiently by the first of the year to step into the harness once more. What a time for rejoicing that will be!

#### "Our Country."

What emotions awaken in our American hearts when we see these words! What do they mean to Baptists? Oh! If only we could arouse from our lethargy and see the need of action. Let us quote from the sainted Mary G. Burdette on this subject.

Such a little while ago she was among

the incomparable leaders of the northern home mission forces. Her heart burned with desire to bring God into the homes of the people as she journeyed throughout the length and breadth of this fair land.

It was the writer's privilege to know her personally and feel the magic spell of her presence.

Miss Burdette wrote an appeal to her sisters, called "Our Country." You can get this tract for three cents, at our mission rooms. We can only reproduce a portion of it here. Among other things, she says:

"What matters it to a lost soul whether it goes to its doom from Christian America or from lands resting under the dark pall of paganism? What shall it matter to America, in the years to come, whether she shall be numbered among the nations who bow down to idols which their own hands have made, or be simply found among those who forget God? What matters it to us, professed followers of Christ, that more souls annually go down to death than enter into life within the limits of our national domain? Is it nothing to us that after three centuries of Christian occupancy of this land there are yet among us not far from three hundred thousand Indians, among whom are many tribes in the same uncivilized state as were their untutored ancestors when the feet of our Pilgrim Fathers first pressed the surface of Plymouth Rock? God forgive us that there should be any—but alas, there are many of these red children of America to whom no one has yet gone with the good news of a Jesus born to save, a Christ crucified to redeem. 'Who is Jesus Christ?' I have heard that He can take the bad out of people, and I want to know more about Him.' Alas! that this question should be asked and remain unanswered in our own land of boasted Christian light!

"Again, is there no import in the fact that of China's pagan millions more than a hundred thousand sojourn among us today? What are we doing for them? What of the hordes of immigrants? And



what of the great West, where a new nation is rapidly rising? Formalists, Romanists and skeptics from Europe have great colonies at the north, while the unspeakable Mormon spreads his mantle of defilement over the center, and the Jesuit swarms to the south. Add to this, Cuba and Porto Rico, so recently emancipated from the tyranny of Spain.

"And what is all this to American women? Christian mothers, sisters, daughters, can you behold this picture and fail to see danger that threatens your own homes, as these people come to us with their socialism, their nihilism, their communism, their Romanism and their skepticism, defying God, desecrating the Sabbath, and disseminating doctrines which threaten your very homes?"

"Oh! that Christian women would open their eyes and behold alike the danger and the means by which it may be averted!"

Is not this a stirring appeal almost as from the skies? This dear saint went home to God so recently that we can almost recall the sound of her dear voice as she prayed for the coming of God's kingdom when Baptist women of America met at Jamestown, May, 1907.

#### Boxes to Home Missionaries.

The following boxes have been sent to home missionaries since report in December journals. No Mountain School boxes have been reported since last report.

GEORGIA: Richland, \$61.72; Balerma Ch., Warthen, \$60.97; Wadley, \$75.00.

KENTUCKY: Mt. Pleasant, Elkhorn Assn., \$130.00; Bethlehem, Central Assn., \$47.00; Hopkinsville, \$147.40; Frankfort, \$90.83.

MISSISSIPPI: Societies of Tippah Assn., \$124.96; West Point, \$142.50; L. A. & M. S., Meridian, \$144.00.

MISSOURI: Carthage, \$88.00; Patee Park, \$145.00; St. Joseph, \$122.50.

NORTH CAROLINA: Clyborn, \$32.49.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Newberry, \$32; Johnson, \$80.50; Rock Hill, \$25.00; Sumter, \$154.00.

VIRGINIA: Leigh St. Ch., Richmond, \$128.10; Fredericksburg, Goshen Assn., \$150.00; Walnut Grove, Dover Assn., \$51.32; Berkley Ave., Norfolk, Portsmouth Assn., \$112.51; Hampton, Peninsula Assn., \$209.00; First Ch., Norfolk, Portsmouth Assn., \$60.86; Freemason St. Ch., Norfolk, Portsmouth Assn., \$227.00.

Total, \$2,642.66.

Previously reported, \$1,693.72.

Grand total, \$4,336.38.

#### Mountain School Boxes.

Previously reported, \$80.58.

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES,

Treasurer W. M. U.

#### UNION MAIL.

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK.

The Union's Greetings for the New Year.

#### All The Days.

Begin the year with God,  
Begin with praise,  
For mercies old and new,  
And hopeful days;  
Begin the year with God,  
Begin with prayer,  
That courage may be given  
His cross to bear.

Go through the year with God,  
Be His in all,  
Resolve to serve Him best,  
In great and small;  
Begin and end with God  
The coming year,  
So shall His perfect love  
Cast out all fear.

Let the value of united prayer be a keynote of 1909. The following item from the Baptist World needs no comment. Would you not wish to be a sheaf-gatherer in the foreign lands in the new year?—"While Miss Thompson was in Kentucky last summer she spoke, in a meeting at Mayfield, of her foreign work, and asked all those who would pray daily for the success of the gospel at Hwanghaien to stand. More than a

hundred women stood in response to this request. In a recent letter to Miss Broadus, Miss Thompson gives the splendid news of 125 converts since her return to Hwanghien. Whose sheaves are these?"=Take up your Home Field for December again and look thoughtfully at the striking chart of the white cross on the black background—Is America Christian?—Yet how easily it might be. "If there were but one Christian—really live, burning Christian—in America, how long would it take that one man to Christianize the United States?" some one has asked. An absurd question, you say. See the answer that has been given: "If this one live Christian should win one soul for Christ the first year, and these two one each the next and each one added add one each year, in twenty-eight years every American would personally know Christ.—The inference: If America is not Christian, it lies at the

door of the 20,000,000 Christians in America.—The yearly multiplication of Southern Baptists is one convert to twenty Christians.—Can we pray for anything more far-reaching than this in 1909?—"Lord give those that bear Thy name power, by life and word and deed, to draw others to Thee this year."=Turn again to the December number and read, with deep appreciation, the words of Dr. Gray about the W. M. U.—To measure up to the good opinion of our friends is one of life's highest incentives.—Here is still another opinion, from the editor of the *Missionary Review of the World*—"Women's organizations have had an increase so rapid, an influence so wide, and an impulse so cheerful that no other agency compares with them in value."—A. T. Pearson.—If all this is so, let us write large for 1909 this determination: "We will gain the other women—for the Master's sake."





OUR HOME FIELD.

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STATES	Woman's Societies				Young Woman's Auxiliary				Bands				TOTAL			
	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Marg't Home	Training School	Forei'n	Home	S. S. Board	M'r'g't Home	Train- ing Sc'ool	Foreign	Home		S. S. Board	M'r'g't Home	Train- ing Sc'ool
Alabama.....	\$ 656 29	\$ 365 24	\$.....	\$ 12 11	\$.....	\$ 30 80	\$ 25 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 102 84	\$ 60 85	\$ 3 90	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1,257 53
Florida.....	177 67	117 20	.....	7 00	11 93	24 00	34 75	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	10 95	.....	.....	.....	387 52
Georgia.....	1,694 88	855 11	25 08	.....	.....	135 75	63 89	4 00	.....	.....	86 05	96 73	.....	.....	.....	2,961 49
Kentucky.....	1,092 89	410 11	5 50	1 00	.....	79 60	15 00	.....	.....	.....	14 70	8 95	.....	.....	.....	1,637 75
Louisiana.....	153 32	169 98	1 75	17 25	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 80	10 25	.....	.....	.....	417 85
Maryland.....	197 56	79 48	.....	.....	24 00	25 75	12 50	.....	.....	.....	36 95	23 72	.....	.....	.....	399 96
Mississippi.....	85 86	261 00	2 00	.....	28 00	54 79	18 01	.....	.....	.....	18 64	3 29	.....	.....	.....	376 86
Missouri.....	967 82	315 78	.....	23 25	191 23	92 39	88 65	15 00	.....	.....	159 63	103 46	67 51	30 83	.....	1,592 81
North Carolina.....	1,203 93	568 10	20 89	19 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,369 55
Oklahoma.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
South Carolina.....	1,412 59	863 55	24 77	76 99	350 65	126 57	160 95	2 65	10 85	28 67	214 34	169 03	20 78	8 84	17 49	3,488 72
Tennessee.....	396 62	450 83	152 59	.....	255 80	158 95	97 95	.....	.....	.....	538 84	201 46	.....	.....	.....	2,263 04
Texas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
Virginia.....	1,205 10	588 45	.....	.....	179 41	74 12	73 59	.....	.....	11 00	244 83	112 49	.....	.....	5 25	2,494 24
Totals.....	\$9,244 53	\$5,044 83	\$232 49	\$156 85	\$1,131 04	\$802 72	\$590 79	\$22 65	\$10 85	\$39 67	\$1,434 62	\$801 18	\$492 19	\$39 67	\$22 74	\$19,666 83

Receipts to date for Training School Endowment Fund, \$9,973.68. For Current Expenses, \$750.00. Reported for School but not yet received by Treasurer W. M. U., \$1,877.86. Receipts to date for Margaret Home for current year, \$357.10. Reported for Home but not yet received by Treasurer W. M. U., \$379.76.

STATES	Home Missionaries			Mountain Schools			TOTALS
	W. M. S.	Y. W. A.	Bands	W. M. S.	Y. W. A.	Bands	
Alabama.....	\$ 457 76	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	457 76
Florida.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00
Kentucky.....	105 40	.....	.....	256 70	.....	.....	362 10
Maryland.....	216 08	30 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	246 58
North Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	15 00
Virginia.....	877 08	.....	3 21	40 58	.....	.....	920 87
Total.....	\$ 1,701 32	\$ 30 50	\$ 3 21	\$ 312 28	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ 2,047 31

## BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

**The Frontier.**—By Dr. Ward Platt. Young People's Missionary Movement, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, or Rev. T. B. Ray, Educational Secretary, Richmond, Va. Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents. Postage, 8 cents extra.

Few periods in the history of the world equal the present in the marvelous transformations occurring abroad. It is also true that agencies now operative in America are producing changes no less significant.

The first distinction of *The Frontier*, by Dr. Platt, is the impression made upon the reader that the latest and profoundest factors creating a new West have been grasped. Very compactly in the opening chapter the historic development is traced, and a deserved tribute is paid to the early pioneers. The book then goes directly to the heart of the present-day problem of the frontier, and it is shown to be the effort to transform the desert—to reclaim for agricultural and horticultural uses the arid and semi-arid areas west of the ninety-seventh meridian. The two processes by which this is accomplished—irrigation and dry farming—are described, and the Churchward outlook of the resultant civilization is strikingly pictured.

Twenty-four illustrations and two colored maps. Six important Appendixes, including a bibliography having very full references to periodical literature, and an Index.

## HOME FIELD HONOR ROLL.

We print in this "Roll of Honor" each month the names of all persons who send ten or more subscriptions, new or renewals, at 25 cents per year each.

We will gladly send sample copies and blank subscription lists upon application.

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

From November 10 to December 10, 1908.

Mr. A. W. Payne, St. Louis, Mo.	138
Rev. F. H. Farrington, Richmond, Va.	60
Dr. W. D. Powell, Louisville, Ky.	34
Rev. H. G. White, Hyman, S. C.	27
Mr. A. J. Rogers, Luverne, Ala.	24
Rev. J. J. Hagood, Andalusia, Ala.	20
Rev. Wm. Haynesworth, Sumter, S. C.	18
Miss Lillian Caldwell, Montgomery, Ala.	17
Mrs. Anna G. Schimp, Baltimore, Md.	16
Mrs. A. M. Foute, Cartersville, Ga.	16
Miss M. E. Gay, Wauchula, Fla.	14
Mrs. Paul Smith, Meridian, Miss.	14
Mr. W. E. Pettus, Huntsville, Ala.	13
Mr. J. E. Compere, Lemon, Miss.	12
Rev. A. A. Bruner, Pittsboro, Miss.	12
Mrs. H. E. Dalby, Woodlawn, Ala.	12
Miss E. A. Alexander, Ogeeche, Ga.	12
Miss Kate D. Perry, McAlester, Okla.	11
Rev. H. C. Morrison, New Waverly, Tex.	11
Mrs. R. P. Bradley, Hartwell, Ga.	10
Miss Cleo Attaway, Columbia, S. C.	10
Rev. J. H. Mitchell, Lynchburg, Va.	10
Miss Alice Hale, Birmingham, Ala.	10
Miss Nell Little, Finley, Tenn.	10
Rev. D. Noble Crane, Mooreland, Okla.	10

## CASH RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 10, 1908.

**ALABAMA:** W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., for Gen. Work, \$2,823.45; S. S. First Ch., Birmingham, Horse for Cuban Miss., \$100.00; Sunbeam Chap., Cardenas, Cuba, \$50.60; Judson Assn., by B. F. H., \$17.15; Northport Sun. Band, by A. G. W., for Chap., Cardenas, \$2.50; Oak Grove Ch., Morris, by T. E. S., \$1.85; Twenty-seventh St. Ch., Birmingham, by Rev. R. L. Motley, \$6.00; Millport Ch., Intermediate S. S. Class, by J. B. G., \$5.00; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O., \$5.99; S. S., \$1.54; Gillian Springs Assn., by R. J. R., \$14.77; West End Ch., Birmingham, by

Rev. Luther Little, for Evang., \$15.00; Tr. Fd., \$5.00; Attalla B. S. S., by J. T. P., \$3.47; D. H. M., Birmingham, for Tract Fd., 25c. Total, \$3,652.57. Previously reported, \$5,808.71. Total since May, \$9,461.28.

**ARKANSAS:** "From friends in Arkansas," \$400.00. Previously reported, \$312.00. Total since May, \$712.00.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** West Washington Ch., by Rev. L. Little, \$48.50. Previously reported, \$343.82. Total since May, \$392.32.

**FLORIDA:** L. D. Gelger, Apopka, for Gen. Work, \$101.20; Thank Offering, \$1.00; Pawnee Indians, \$5.22; Pawnee Organ



## OUR HOME FIELD.

Fund, \$4.30. Total, \$111.72. Previously reported, \$976.10. Total since May, \$1,087.82.

**GEORGIA:** Undesignated Fd., by H. R. Bernard, \$2,399.75; Designated, by H. R. B., First Athens W. M. S., for Evang., \$31.00; Antioch, for South and Cuba, \$4.20; Chapel at Cardenas, from Climax Sun, 75c; First Valdosta Sun., \$2.05; Balmeras Sun., \$5.11; Pleasant Hill Sun., \$3.00; Senola Sun., \$1.77; Long Creek Sun., \$1.56; Bartow Sun., \$10.00; for Miss Perry, Jeffersonville W. M. & A. S., \$1.00; Cuthbert L. M. S., \$10.50; West End W. M. S., \$10.00; for McCall, Oak Grove W. M. S., \$3.00; for Cuban Piano, Second Ch., Atlanta W. M. S., \$31.50; for Mtn. Schools and Education Mtn. Girl, Capitol Ave. W. M. S., \$1.00; College Park W. M. S., \$1.00; Lake Park W. M. S., for El Paso, 57c; Lithonia W. M. S., for Tichenor Memorial, \$2.69. Total, \$2,521.26. Previously reported, \$6,974.95. Total since May, \$9,496.21.

**KENTUCKY:** Tract Fund, by E. W. Conkley, \$1.00; Rev. Raleigh Wright, \$2.00; W. H. Sledge, Prestonburg, \$5.00; Dr. W. D. Powell, Cor. Sec., \$812.40. Total, \$820.40. Previously reported, \$6,087.00. Total since May, \$6,907.40.

**LOUISIANA:** B. F. Thompson, Treas., \$174.38, for El Paso, \$8.00; Fuller Ave. Ch., by J. H. D., \$4.52. Total, \$186.90. Previously reported, \$1,325.11. Total since May, \$1,512.01.

**MARYLAND:** N. Ave. Ch., Balto., by C. M. K., \$111.44; Wilson Memorial Ch., by H. H. B., \$6.62; Brantley Ch., Balto., by C. W. W., Current Work, \$32.57; H. B. D., \$12.30; Entwain Place Ch., Balto., by H. W. P., \$32.10. Total, \$195.03. Previously reported, \$3,030.12. Total since May, \$3,225.15.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Fifteenth Ave. Ch., Meridian, for Evang., by W. A. McComb, \$96.45; Expenses, \$11.00; Tr. Fd., \$8.50; Clinton Sun., by E. K., for Chapel at Cardenas, \$4.55; Derma Ch., by A. A. B., \$15.13; Poplar Spgs. Ch., by A. A. B., \$4.50; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec., for Gen. Work, \$1,085.25; November receipts, \$2,200.00; Bldg. & Loan Fd., \$9.75; Cardenas Chapel, \$5.00; J. T. M., Newton, for Tract Fd., \$1.00; Clear Spgs. Ch., by A. A. B., \$9.90; Silver Creek Sunbeams, by Miss B. R., for Chapel at Cardenas, \$1.75. Total, \$3,452.84. Previously reported, \$738.20. Total since May, \$4,191.14.

**MISSOURI:** Tract Fd., by F. L. A., Norborne, \$2.05; A. W. Payne, Treas., \$3,296.16; W. B. H. M. S., by A. W. Payne, \$39.05. Total, \$3,337.26. Previously reported, \$5,119.86. Total since May, \$8,457.12.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Mt. Paran Ch., by F. R. S., \$8.00; Walters Durham, Treas., \$4,000.00. Total, \$4,008.00. Previously reported, \$2,742.96. Total since May, \$6,750.96.

**OKLAHOMA:** Rev. J. R. Sharp and family, Pyron, \$3.65; W. B. M. S., by Miss Sue Howell, \$122.72; Oklahoma Chs., by J. C. Stalcup, Purcell, \$5.00; Freedom, \$6.00; Tonkawa, \$5.00; Asher, \$1.37; Coyle, \$2.50; Granite, \$2.50; Bixby, 75c; Corcoran, \$2.50; Banner Assn., \$3.50; Mullen, \$2.25; J. James Coll's, \$8.33; Longwood Ch., \$1.93. Total, \$168.63. Previously reported, \$616.95. Total since May, \$785.58.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Cheraw Ch., by Mrs. A. L. E., \$11.79; Second Ch., Darlington, by C. C. V., \$3.00; Welsh Neck Assn., by C. C. V., \$6.00; Charleston Assn., by Z. D., \$29.81; Spartanburg Assn., by M. O. G., \$11.48; J. C. Smith, Hodges, \$1.70; Lawtonville Ch., by S. M. M., \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Ch., by H. B. F., \$1.10; Dorchester Assn., by R. L. D., \$4.76; Enoree Ch., by W. W. B., \$6.30; Inman West End Ch., by V. W. B., \$2.15; Mush Creek Ch., by Z. H., \$2.66; New Liberty Ch., by Z. H., \$1.64; Bull Swamp Ch., by W. P. K., \$1.61; Philadelphia Ch., by M. A. F., \$14.79; Kershaw Ch., by L. A. B., \$26.13; Gum Branch Ch., by J. T. G., \$10.00; Kershaw Assn., by W. D. S., \$4.58; Caterchee Ch., by J. F. W., \$1.90; Savannah River Assn., by A. W. O., \$38.24; Cedar Grove Ch., by S. T. R., 75c; Coal Branch Ch., by R. W. C. W., \$4.50; Mountain View Ch., by J. B. D., \$2.00; Fairfield Ch., by C. S. T., \$7.00; Elizabeth Ch., by H. A. J., \$5.00; Colleton Assn., by J. L., \$52.60; Liberty Ch., by W. T. O., \$5.05; White Plains W. M. U., by F. H., \$2.00; Harris Creek Ch., by S. B. M., \$8.00; Central Ch., Greenville, by R. C. G., \$3.83; Donald's Ch., by T. W. G., \$8.45; Euhaw Ch., by Mrs. J. K. D., \$1.75; White Plains Ch., by W. H. S., \$1.37; Bethel Ch., by G. M. B., \$4.45; First Ch., Sumter, by Miss L. S., \$13.87; Townville S. S., by J. D. B., \$21.82; Chesterfield Assn., by T. W. E., \$1.75; White Plains Ch., by J. W. B., \$6.60; Berea Ch., Blacksburg, by Mrs. M. E., \$40.00; Colleton Rtp. S. S. Conv., by H. J. G., \$1.20; Good Hope Ch., by J. R. S., \$1.50; Coronaca Ch., by E. S. C., 70c; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., \$42.22; Salley B. S. S., by D. H. S., \$1.00; Great Salt Kibatche Ch., by J. A. G., \$4.20; High Hill Ch., by W. C. R., \$35.98; West End Ch., Rock Hill, by J. K. H., \$2.00; Gowansville Ch., by T. H. R., \$4.00; E. H. O., Allendale, \$6.00; First Ch. S. S., Winnsboro, by W. R. B., \$10.74; Waccamaw Assn., by J. C. S., \$14.92; W. M. U. of S. C., by Mrs. J. N. Cudd, Treas., \$105.67; Chapel at Cardenas, \$15.45; Osage Indians, \$4.50; Pisgah Ch., by J. E. D., 75c; Standing Spgs. Ch., by W. M. C., \$4.60; Rocky Spgs. Ch., by M. W. H., \$2.65. Total, \$677.30. Previously reported, \$5,920.28. Total since May, \$6,607.58.

**TENNESSEE:** First Ch., Jackson, by W. W. H., for Evang., \$185.00; Tract Fd., \$18.20; Rev. L. C. Kelly, Orlinda, \$20.00; First Ch., Jackson, for Evang. Ex., by W. D. W., \$104.75; Howell Mem. Ch., W. Nashville, by R. S. W., for Evang., \$25.00; Ex., \$12.45; Tract Fd., \$5.00; Bellevue Ch., Memphis, for Evang., by Rev. L. Little, \$100.00. Total, \$470.40. Previously reported, \$4,260.81. Total since May, \$4,731.21.

**TEXAS:** W. H. Price, San Antonio, \$1.25. Previously reported, \$5,041.90. Total since May, \$5,043.15.

**VIRGINIA:** Mrs. F. L. Overton, Burkeville, \$10.00; B. A. Jacobs, Treas., \$1,959.13. Total, \$1,969.13. Total since May, \$7,595.14.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** J. W. Michaels, for Evang., \$36.71; Expenses, \$33.31. Total, \$70.02. Previously reported, \$215.59. Total since May, \$285.61.

**AGGREGATE:** Total, \$22,091.21. Previously reported, \$55,150.47. Total since May, \$77,241.68.

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