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Praise and Thanksgiving

W. M. U. President's Annual Address.

Mrs. Avery Carter.

Some one has said "We grow like what we contemplate; let us therefore contemplate the true, the beautiful and the good."

Let us dwell for a few moments on the thought of praise. Just the thought of praise brings to our minds at once the one who, above all others, understood the language of praise and thanksgiving, and although many centuries have passed since the dimming of his radiant personality, we still love Israel's sweet singer and his matchless songs.

David early fell in love with praising God and in time it became the fixed habit of his life. He simply radiated praise and reveled in thanksgiving. It was perhaps when the desire to praise was first gripping him that he cried: "Every day will I praise Thee." Every day, mind you. Do we latter-day saints do this much? He soon found such joy that he cries again, "Three times a day will I praise Thee." Look out, David, you are growing! The spirit of praise holds him more and more in its powerful grip, as gladly he sings: "Seven times a day will I praise Thee." Seven times a day! Oh, David, man after God's own heart! Proving that a habit may fully possess us, even seven times a day could not satisfy the soul of the man who literally hungered after God, so he cries again in an ecstasy of love: "I will praise Thee continually: Thy praise shall ever be in my mouth." Discarding, at one full sweep, all rules of limitations for indulging in this, to him, most precious habit, he soars aloft into such flights of praise and adoration that you and I feel lost when we even try to follow him. Praise in the natural language of love and gratitude. To praise is to worship. Perhaps man never comes quite so near to the heart of God as when he comes into His presence with songs and words of praise upon his lips. When we praise and thank Him we are lifted out of ourselves and our souls warm to each other and expand God-ward. To form the habit of rendering praise and thanksgiving is not only a duty, but a delightful privilege. Too often when we approach our Heavenly Father we come as supplicants, seeking favors, more favors, more, more. Did you ever approach Him without asking for a single new blessing, spending the time at His feet thanking Him for all the good things He has already given you? Try it once. You will be more than apt to try it again. I love these lines of George Herbert:

"Thou who hast given so much to me
Give one thing more—a grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleases me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise."

As Christian women, how many things we have to be thankful for today. Through our Woman's Missionary Union we have a part in the great work of planting the gospel in foreign lands. This one fact alone thrills our hearts and minds. Through the avenues of our great organization, the spiritual and material needs of many thousands are ministered to, not only in far-away lands, but in our own country, State and town and neighborhood. The reports of our officers show that we have taken no backward step during the past year, but have rather obeyed the divine injunction to "go forward." As women we may well rejoice that we have a part in

the great effort to establish world-wide democracy. The principles of democracy, upon which our whole denominational structure rests, are the principles upon which all governments must rest, if they rest securely. The triumph of democracy means the vindication of the Baptist faith. Are we not thankful that throughout the length and breadth of our great country millions of our men and boys are willing to give their lives in the glorious cause of righteousness and liberty? The whole world, sad



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and bleeding, needs our sympathy, our love, our prayers, our material aid, and how glad we are that we can give these freely. The past months have been full of perplexity, for we have had to learn new values. Our ideas in regard to many things have undergone reconstruction. We have been forced out of the old familiar lines of thought and action into new and untried ones. New needs have confronted us and ways had to be found to meet them. To think, as a friend puts it, as individuals, was once our task, then came the thought of statehood, followed by the greater one of nationalism and now we are learning what internationalism means. The ultimate goal of our thinking is that we will come to realize—the whole wide world full of us—that we are brothers and sisters, and some wonderful day we will all be one in Christ.

Another thing we may be thankful for is that our ministerial friends are coming to a better understanding of the work we are trying to do. A distinguished divine said in my presence recently: "We have learned that there is no use in our trying to make a success of anything, unless we have the co-operation of the ladies."

Now, as a matter of fact, we knew that all the time, but we are glad that our brothers are finding out for themselves. When in the course of human events our ministers reach that stage in their development that they can preach sermons on Deborah, one of Israel's great judges, dust her off thoroughly and give her a place in the Hall of Fame—I say when they rise to this height, I will know of a surety that they are completely emancipated from the shackles of prejudice against woman's work.

We need, very greatly, to cultivate the old-time grace of giving praise and thanksgiving. And yet, it is many times hard for us to do either, for, our human hearts are so weak, and instead of songs of praise we too often have tears, or complaints. Says a writer, "He who complains or thinks he has a right to complain, because he is called in God's providence to suffer, has something within him

which needs to be taken away. A soul whose will is lost in God's will can never do this."

"When thou hast thanked thy God
For every blessing sent
What time will then remain
For murmuring or lament?"

If we keep in right relations with God, praise must and will rise spontaneously from our hearts. Just now our various Boards are feeling the pressure of these trying times and we must stand by them loyally. Never has there been such giving of money before to humane objects, and never before, perhaps, has there been such danger of our own people being lured away from loyalty to our various denominational interests. We need to be both careful and prayerful. Let us, during the coming year, strive to form the blessed habit of giving praise to our Father, and thanking Him for His tender mercies. Then indeed will our lives touch and bless other lives. And God will be glorified.

Famous Women Hymn Writers

By the Editor

Women have contributed their part to hymnology. While Elizabeth Barret Browning is the only woman who has attained high rank as a poet, a number of women are famous as the authors of universally loved hymns. These hymns are usually written in the minor key of sentiment and emotion. They sound the personal note and have ministered to multitudes great and small in almost every sort of service.

Charlotte Elliott was born at Clapham, England, in 1879. A severe illness at the age of 32 produced a crisis in her spiritual life, out of which she came with a message that has made her one of the most distinguished of all women hymn writers. She is credited with about 120 hymns, the most famous of which is "Just As I Am." It was the spontaneous outburst of her heart in 1836, when a storm of pain and sorrow covered her soul. It has been translated into almost every language in the world. Most of her hymns are written for the shadowed hearts.

Of all the hymns that have been written for funeral services none is more beloved and widely used than "Asleep In Jesus." It was written by Mrs. Margaret Mackay, who was born at Hedgesfield, Scotland, in 1802. One day while visiting a simple burial ground she noticed the inscription, "Asleep In Jesus." The words and the impressive quiet of the cemetery gave rise to this famous hymn. Its association with the beautiful tune, "Rest," by Bradbury, has tended to make it a favorite in all the English-speaking lands. What great consolation comes to the mourner through this gracious hymn.

A frail woman and a short life, tried by pain and sorrow—but a life that could hardly have been spared from the list of immortals—Mrs. Sarah Flower Adams, author of "Nearer My God to Thee." She was born at Great Harlow, England, in 1805. It is said that Robert Browning, a friend of the author from their childhood, indirectly inspired Mrs. Adams to write this hymn. Many beautiful incidents have been associated with this hymn. President McKinley was heard to utter faintly "Nearer My God To Thee" just before his last whisper. It was the following Sunday it was sung throughout the world as a memorial to the dead president. Almost every occasion, whether of sorrow or of gladness, when

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION CONVENTION

BY MRS. T. N. HALE.

It is over and yet we hope it has just begun. The spirit of this meeting was one of promise and confidence that God will use as never before his handmaidens. May we be ready when the call shall come for service.

Tuesday morning, Nov. 13th, 1917, the 29th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union met with the Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock by the President, Mrs. Avery Carter of Nashville. Opening song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." The devotional M. Inlow of Memphis. Using the exercises were conducted by Mrs. R. 126th Psalm as a basis of her thought, she brought us a beautiful message on sowing and reaping. She told us of how the Woman's Missionary Union has been sowing, sowing and is now beginning to reap bountifully from that sowing, nevertheless she urged us to continue the sowing, though sometimes it be done in tears, for God's promise is of a sure reaping. May this thought so fill us during the coming year that we may continue to sow, even in tears as now we are forced to do, resting confidently on God's word that we SHALL reap someday in joy. After a few minutes of silent prayer of thanksgiving for what God has done for us, Mrs. Hale closed with a prayer asking God's guidance on this session of our Union. Mrs. M. E. Denney then sang a beautiful solo. Thus we were placed on a high plane for the beginning of our annual meeting.

In a few well chosen words Mrs. S. A. Wilkinson of Memphis welcomed the delegates and visitors to our city and to our homes. Urging them to feel at home for we would be indebted to our visitors for their glorious fellowship and spirituality which we would derive from their being in our midst. Mrs. Carter responded assuring Memphians that already were they at home, and had long anticipated the pleasure which at present was theirs.

The reports of the vice-presidents was then called for. Mrs. R. S. C. Berry of Morristown, vice-president of East Tennessee division was not present but sent her report which was read by Miss Margaret Buchanan.

Mrs. Alex F. Burnley, vice-president of Middle Tennessee district was present and presented her report. What a splendid report and what a splendid leader! Her heart is in the work and things are coming to pass in that section of the State. Marked increase along all lines was shown.

Mrs. T. L. Martin, vice-president of West Tennessee division was also present and made a good report of her work. Although Mrs. Martin has only served one year she has shown by her labors that West Tennessee will not lag behind in any phase of our work. We have visions of what we may expect with this noble woman's help.

The treasurer's report was called for and Mrs. J. T. Altman then told us of what we had done in a financial way. The report was one that our women were in deed proud of, showing increases along all lines. But what a report we could have had if only our women had reported accurately and regularly what had been given to our different causes during the year. Let us help her make a glorious showing next year.

Miss Buchanan then spoke of the work she had done during the year, and as she later said, it seemed to have been "her life." How earnestly and prayerfully does Miss Buchanan do her work. May she be spared us many, many years of usefulness and guidance.

A letter from Dr. Gillon was then read. He was called to the platform

and spoke briefly on State Missions. To hear Dr. Gillon makes one an ardent supporter of State Missions. May our women rally to his support as never before during this coming year. Our women are going to give this year to State Missions \$10,000.00.

Mrs. Avery Carter, our beloved president, then delivered her message which it is hoped will be read to every society as soon as they receive a copy of the minutes. Her subject was "Praise and Thanksgiving." She said, we grow like what we contemplate therefore let us contemplate the true, the beautiful and the good. We praise God for what he has done for women, asking God to give us grateful hearts for his many blessings; second, thankful for not only homes and loved ones, but for the marked increase of work done during the past year in Tennessee. She said we have had to learn new values, place a different emphasis on material things, looking ultimately to the outcome when we would all be brothers and sisters one day in Christ; third, thankful for the faithful pastors who have become our friends. If we keep in right relation to God Praise will naturally follow. Never have we done so much for humane objects, and we must not allow ourselves to be drawn away from our Great Purpose of serving God through our efforts to better humanity. May in everything God's will be praised.

A prayer by Mrs. A. P. Edwards followed this splendid message.

Mrs. J. C. Weild, on behalf of the Shelby County Auxiliary, then presented the presiding officers with beautiful corsage bouquets, in token of love and fellowship felt for our women who guide us on to higher and nobler things in God's kingdom.

Royal Service was presented by Miss Agnes Whipple. The use of this splendid magazine was urged. No society can be a real missionary force without its members thoroughly reading and meditating on the messages it brings to us each month.

Dr. A. R. Bond, Editor of the Baptist and Reflector was then introduced by our president. After complimenting the Woman's Missionary Union on its splendid showing and saying that if he undertook anything and found out that the women disagreed with it, he would immediately change his plans, for without the co-operation of the women of Tennessee he could do nothing. He spoke of the Baptist and Reflector being a Standard for Baptists. Its pages portraying visions and possibilities for world conquests. Our women are indebted to this paper in a large way and we hope that they may stand firmly by it, reading it themselves and urging its being put into every home. No greater work could be done than for our women to place this paper in each home of the church. He also spoke of the offer of the Home and Foreign Fields and the Baptist and Reflector. His book on the "Master Preacher" is one that is worth many times its price.

Following Dr. Bond, Mrs. Carter then asked for expressions from the different women on what the Missionary Society was to them. Many responded. To some it had opened the door to a broader view of missions, to others it had caused them to become more prayerful, to all it has meant a deepening of spiritual life, a keener sense of responsibility to God for our lives and the way we not only spend our money, but our time.

Lunch was then announced and we joyfully responded to the many good things set before us.

Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Promptly at two o'clock the meeting was called to order by the president.

Opening song "Tennessee's Battle-cry" written by our own Mrs. Bur-

ley, followed by prayer. The minutes of the preceeding session were read and adopted. Committees were appointed as follows: Enrollment—Mrs. C. W. Vernon, Chairman; Nominating—Mrs. William Lunsford, Chairman; Obituaries—Mrs. G. M. Savage, Chairman; Apportionment—Mrs. J. T. Altman, Chairman; Resolutions—Mrs. Geo. Burnett, Chairman; and Revision of Constitution—Mrs. J. T. Altman, Chairman.

The report of the Y. W. A. Secretary, Mrs. C. D. Creasman was read by Miss Margaret Buchanan. Report of R. A. and Sunbeam Secretary, Mrs. John Gupton, was read. Both reports proved that the work had received added stimulus in the labor of these splendid leaders.

Following these reports Mrs. W. C. James, President of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was greeted with the Chatauqua salute. She was then introduced and gave as one of the most heart-reaching, and heart-felt messages of the entire meeting. Her subject was "Messages for the Day." In her message to us she urged our women to keep ever in mind one passage of Scripture: "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." In the present world conditions it is doubly hard to keep this ever before us. But how much more necessary now than ever before to first seek God's kingdom and His will. She urged our women to study more and more the Bible in their societies and to ever cling close to our God for he will reward every effort of His faithful followers. She presented to us seven weapons of warfare, which we should use diligently in this mighty struggle we are in between right and wrong. Eph. 6:13-20. Truth, Righteousness, Preparation, Faith, Salvation, sword of the spirit which is the Word of God, and with all prayer and supplication. Oh, that our women may take to heart her central thought, "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God." How easy it is to put other things first, but God will truly bless those that seek His will and do what he commands FIRST.

After this matchless address, Miss Martha Bourne in a few well chosen words presented Mrs. James with a beautiful corsage bouquet. Mrs. James responded, telling us of the beautiful message flowers always brought to her. How it was once a tiny seed, finally come into such fragrance and beauty. Just so God gave us his own little ones to nurture and care for tenderly that they may be brought into a similar beauty and fragrance for his Kingdom. Mesdames Lancaster and Cole then sang a duet which was enjoyed very much.

At this time one of the most practical features of the meeting was introduced—A workers Conference—conducted by Mrs. W. F. Robinson. Several subjects were helpfully discussed. Is the Quarterly meeting worth while, was spoken to by Mrs. Harris and beyond doubt she fully convinced us that it was more than worth while. The Circle Plan in Rural Communities was brought forcibly to our minds by Miss Jones and I verily believe that it can be worked in rural communities especially if we could put into our work her enthusiasm. Mrs. Stanfield discussed our new book "Methods in W. M. U. Work." She briefly outlined the different chapters in this book and made such a good speech on it that many books were sold. Those of us who heard her feel sure that she has mastered our new manual and that it will make her a mighty worker as a Sunbeam Leader in her Association.

Several Superintendents spoke of what they had done during the past year, but looking forward more earnestly toward the future. Mrs. Vaughn of Cumberland Association does things. If one doubted it as she says, they can be sighted. Many took part in open discussion of ways and means for better work in our local societies.

The recommendations of the Execu-

tive Board were then read for the first time. No comment on these was made at this time pending their final reading and adoption the next day. Prayer followed.

Thus closed with prayer the first day's session, which in and through it all rang Mrs. James' message "Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God". It was a spiritual feast as well as one of practical suggestions.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Wednesday's session opened with singing "Lord Speak to Me". Following this Mrs. T. L. Martin read the 103d Psalm, making some very helpful remarks on this great passage. Miss Hess led in prayer for our workers and thanksgiving for our many benefits.

The Training School then came in for its share of discussion and reports about what had been accomplished during the past year. In the absence of Mrs. Burroughs her report was read by Miss Buchanan. This showed a marked increase in enrollment and interest of our women in the Training School at Louisville. Seventy-seven were enrolled at the beginning of the school year, 1917. The apportionment must be finished by February, 1918 for the House Beautiful. And it is earnestly desired that Tennessee shall do her part nobly. Robinson county has a memorial room. Notice was called to the filling of the pantry shelves, quite a nice amount having been sent by some of our Tennessee women. Mrs. S. A. Wilkinson read a letter of greetings from Miss Morton, of Memphis, who recently went to the school. This was followed with a prayer by Mrs. Wilkinson asking for more laborers for the harvest which is already white.

A letter from Miss Smith, the other Training School girl from Tennessee, was also read. Miss Olive Edens, now in Africa, sent her greetings and spoke most encouragingly of her work. She told of their first harvest offering, how many brought gifts of money and if no money they came with what they had, the tailor brought clothes, the farmer, farm products; the weaver, cloth; such an array of gifts was never seen. But they gave gladly such as they had. Miss Northington, former Secretary for women's work in Tennessee, was at this time recognized and asked to lead in prayer for Miss Edens and her work. Miss Northington knew and loved Miss Edens before her taking up missionary work and feelingly asked God to care for and bless her in far away Africa. The subject "How the Training School Prepares" was discussed by Miss Lueta Hess, a former Training School girl. She shows in her own life that this mighty power house of God can make useful workers in our home fields. She spoke of how they studied Missions, of the close study given God's Word and the beautiful spirit engendered by the House of Prayer. Several mottoes which hang on the walls of this noble institution have been strong chords which bind the girls to God and each other. They may also be helpful to our women workers: "We Would See Jesus", "That I May Know Him", and especially "Not I, But Christ", and one that makes us firm in all trials and temptations "I CAN Through Christ".

Dr. Scarborough, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, also of the Training School located in connection with this Seminary at Ft. Worth, then brought greetings from these institutions. He said we had five Tennesseans in the Texas Seminary. A new feature of their work is the nursery for the preacher's children, thus enabling the preacher's wife to take the training that will not only bless herself, but be the means of help and comfort in pastoral work later on. He spoke of God's call to mothers. Asking how many mothers would consecrate their children to God's use. Many attested their spirituality by freely giving unto God their best. At this time the annual cash offering was taken for the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Miss Cole then favored us with a beautiful solo.

Dr. Weaver was promised a special time for the presentation of Educa-

tional work in Tennessee and was introduced at this time. His subject, "Mobilizing Tennessee Baptists." His definition of mobilizing was: A call to entire nation with all forces concentrated toward one goal—victory. He spoke of the Task of Christianity: First, trained in service; second, men trained, but women trained also; third, A need of a counsel of defense of our Christian Faith, not only for officials, but every individual to defend the Faith. First, propagate the faith, then mobilize all forces of State and Counsel of Defense of Christian faith. He said in 1896 Methodists outnumbered Baptists. In 1906, Baptists ahead, and in 1917, Baptists outnumber all others, thus showing us the need for a great concentration program toward defending the Faith that God had so abundantly blessed. He asked "What is being done?" He urged the evangelization of the State through Soldiers of the Cross; Train young men drafted for ministry. In this connection he spoke of how from 1896 to 1906 fifteen Baptist colleges had gone out of existence. At present the Baptists only having four schools in Tennessee and the greatest evangelizing and culture agencies in the world were in these institutions. He urged the need of larger mobilization. Recognizing the seriousness of life, the fact of sinfulness and the need of sacrifice. The government takes, Jesus asks, he said. The special work for the women would be to help support the ministers in school, giving liberally to ministerial education, then with school provided for, the ministers supported, we would not fail to make a success of mobilizing Tennessee Baptists. If ever a chance is given, every Baptist in Tennessee should hear Dr. Weaver on Christian Education.

Dr. Atwood then presented the need of the Building and Loan Fund. He spoke of the eight thousand churches needing help, either for more adequate buildings or the building itself. He said that the church was a silent sign post for religion, bringing men's minds to God wherever the modest structure was seen.

Miss Laura Powers, College Y. W. A. Secretary, spoke of her work in the colleges. But her message for the day was not to the girls that were not there, but to the mothers who were present. Her subject was "Out Duty to Our Young People." She spoke of the condition of churches, some without the younger organization and asked why this condition. Her answer was soul stirring: "We are not willing to pay the price." It requires a patient, persistent, persevering willingness to do God's will. She spoke of Prov. 2: 6 and said we would train the bean, taking care that it was tended properly, but why not train the child properly? She asked, would God get them? No training perhaps in the home; none much in the church. Why would mothers be so satisfied with themselves that they would not see that they were trained for God. Lam. 2: 19 was the price to be paid. Spurgeon's father once said to him: "My son, if God has called you to be a missionary I would hate to see you shrivel down into a king." May this be our heart's desire, that we will train our children that God will be able to use them mightily in his work of bringing to Himself the world.

Report on Personal Service was then read by Mrs. Waters.

Mr. A. E. Jennings gave a brief talk about our hospital. He told us that more than ten thousand people had been treated in two years. His vision is for a MILLION DOLLAR hospital. May we help make that dream come true? He thanked the ladies for their co-operation in every way.

Following his remarks, lunch was announced. What pleasure we did have during the lunch hour, it being served by the various churches of Memphis in the lunch room of Bellevue church, gave us time to meet and talk together with friends and co-workers in a friendly and helpful way.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Promptly at 1:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order with a song, followed by prayer.

The recommendation of the Executive Board were then read and adopted. In these recommendations were the following suggestions: That the first \$3,000.00 given to the Building and Loan Fund be called the Mrs. A. J. Wheeler Memorial, for the many years of efficient service she rendered as President in Tennessee of our Union. Mrs. James then asked that if at all possible she would like to suggest that after this amount had been given, that at least some of the money given to this fund be applied on the \$150,000.00 memorial for Miss Heck. She spoke of a longing in some hearts that some day on the Foreign field a suitable memorial would also be erected to her memory.

Stress was laid on the fact that our women do not get proper credit for their gifts to the different causes. We are urged to so make our gifts in local societies that proper credit may be given the society through the church Treasurer.

We were urged to co-operate in all ways to help win this present world war. Seeking to render higher spiritual service to our boys, forgetting not our own obligations to our denomination, but putting the first things first.

To so arrange the time of quarterly meetings that our State officers can visit more of our quarterly meetings.

In the recommendations we were asked for three thousand dollars more for Christian education, this to be divided between ministerial support and the expenses of the Education Board. This fund to be raised by Oct. 31, 1918.

The old Standard of Excellence as laid down by our W. M. U. headquarters in Baltimore was adopted. We were urged to study the new Manual of W. M. U. Methods.

Further recommendations may be found in the minutes of our meeting.

Mrs. Lancaster at this point sang a solo which was very much appreciated.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution was then called for and Mrs. Altman as Chairman presented the report. Several changes were made as had been suggested in a previous copy of the Baptist and Reflector with one addition. The Y. W. A. Secretary, the Sunbeam Secretary, and R. A. Secretary were all combined and the new officer created called the Young People's Secretary.

Mrs. A. P. Edwards, of Memphis, then gave us a very practical and helpful address on "Patriotism in the Kitchen".

The different committees then reported as follows:

Apportionment Committee's report adopted as per apportionment cards already received with the addition of the sum for Christian Education to be apportioned later.

Report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. G. M. Savage, followed with prayer.

Enrollment Committee reported 163 delegates with 109 visitors, making a total of 272 present during the session.

The Nominating Committee presented its report, which was unanimously adopted, re-electing the old officers, with the exception of some who could no longer serve. Mrs. W. T. Robinson was elected Vice President of East Tennessee division. Miss Agnes Whipple, Young People's Secretary.

Mrs. Geo. Burnett occupied the chair during the report on nominations, and appointed a committee to escort the newly-elected officers to their respective seats. All officers promised their earnest efforts to the work in Tennessee and we shall look forward to a realization of their dreams this coming year. Miss Buchanan has been with us five years this coming March.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report. Mrs. Geo. Burnett read the resolutions. They were adopted. In this report we thanked our officers for their faithfulness of the past and pledged our support to future work. Mention should be made of the faithful work of Mrs. McMurray, Recording Secretary of the meeting. She at all times was at her post and to her we owe a debt which can

never be paid. Her splendid work and inspiring faithfulness to her task is always an inspiration.

At this time the President asked for a few minutes' discussion on what we were going to take from the meeting. Many had gained helpful thoughts which they meant to use later in the work. Miss Buchanan said again that this work was "her life" and may we all more and more come to make this our motto: To do our best every day for our Master, putting FIRST His work. Mrs. James led in the closing prayer. Thus ended one of the most inspiring, and we hope far-reaching meetings of our women in Tennessee.

The Woman's Missionary Union has become My Life—Miss Buchanan.

We train beans; why not our boys and girls—Miss Laura Powers.

Thinking of physical needs, do NOT forget spiritual—Dr. Gillon.

Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God—Mrs. W. C. James.

Churches silent sign-posts for religion—Dr. Atwood.

Patient, persistent, persevering willingness to do God's will the price we must pay to help conditions in our church in lack of missionary societies for the younger people—Miss Powers.

Government takes; Jesus asks—Dr. Weaver.

The greatest evangelizing and culture agencies in the world are our Baptist schools—Dr. Weaver.

We grow like we contemplate; therefore let us contemplate the true, beautiful and the good—Mrs. Carter.

Keep in right relation and Praise will follow—Mrs. Carter.

The paper, Baptist and Reflector, a standard for Baptists—Dr. Bond.

The Baptist and Reflector gives us visions and possibilities for world conquest—Dr. Bond.

The 29th annual session a meeting filled and running over with faith, hope and confidence of a royal victory.

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

It has been a little more than two years since we began holding the Quarterly Institutes in Big Emmy Association. We had at that time only six societies. Since that time the number has increased to nineteen. We feel that this large increase in so short time is due largely to the missionary information, interest and enthusiasm gained at the Quarterly meetings. The result of nearly every meeting has been one or two new societies and increased interest on the part of those already organized. Our women have also been given a place on the Fifth Sunday Meeting program. We feel that this will greatly aid us in presenting our work in this Association and we sincerely hope the time is not far distant when the women in each of the thirty four churches will have a live, wide awake Missionary Union and the organizations for the young folks.

MRS. WILLIS MARNEY, Supt.

Hartsville, Tenn.

The first thing I do when I get the Baptist and Reflector is to see what's going on in our circle. I could not do without our great paper for it's a newsy letter, telling of so many things happening in our own State. It is with delight that I contribute "My bit" to your special issue. I am so glad to report our Associational year closing with better reports from each society than the previous year. You remember we are only two years old as yet and the smallest Association in the State. We are entering into another year with our eyes lifted upward, depending on God to strengthen us in this great work. During these perilous times of war we do not want to forget our missionary interests by any means. We are making progress and we thank God for it.

GENNEVA CARR.

Lexington, Tenn.

I will try to get a number of subscriptions for the Baptist and Reflector. Think I can send you some this month.

I have been a constant reader of the Baptist and Reflector for twenty years. I don't know how I could get along without it. Our W. M. U. page is worth the price of the paper to me.

The W. M. U. in Beech River Association only needs educating and more information about our work. The most of our women would be glad to do the work if they could only understand it, and how to carry it on.

We find the Quarterly meetings such a help and inspiration. We were fortunate in getting the help of our Field worker, Miss Hess, a few days in the past June. She was with us in our Quarterly meeting also. It is a source of pleasure to us to have such a consecrated woman to come to us.

Our Secretary, Miss Buchanan was with us in our Associational meeting and in her earnest way put the work before the meeting. She held the attention of the largest crowd that has ever gathered in one of our meetings. The interest was manifested by so many coming at the close of the meeting and asking for literature that would help them understand more about our work.

We need leaders, women who are willing to give some of their time and talents to the Young People's work. We can't keep a Y. W. A. at work. Our young people and children are willing to work, they only need a leader. We have some noble women if they would only inlist—hear and head the call to arms for the King of kings and Lord of lords.

MRS. A. GRIGGS,
Supt. of Beech River Association.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Sterling Fort.

For nearly half a century Cumberland Association has stood in the front ranks of Tennessee Baptists.

It is the offspring of Bethel Association in Kentucky.

On Tuesday after the First Sunday in August 1872, Bethel Association met with Bethel Baptist church, in Christian Co., Ky., with a good attendance of delegates and people of the community.

At this time Southern Baptists were trying to adjust their mission work so as to reduce expenses, and at the same time increase the efficiency of its facilities. To this end, the work was divided among the Southern States as it is at the present time.

No man of this section was more aggressive, nor better informed concerning denominational affairs than the beloved Dr. A. D. Sears, nor was there a man more loyal to Baptist interest than he.

He was pastor in Clarksville at the time, and his church belonged to Bethel Association, and he was in attendance at the meeting of this Association near Pembroke, Ky.

He recommended the withdrawal from Bethel Association of all the Tennessee churches in it, and the formation of a new Tenn. Association.

Dr. Massey, pastor of the Baptist church at Trenton, Ky., led a strong and forceful opposition to Dr. Sears, but after much discussion, Dr. Sears won.

This new Association was Christened Cumberland, and the splendid work which has been done by it proves the far-sightedness of Dr. Sears, and justifies the effort which he made.

"For right is right, since God is God, And right the day must win."

To doubt would be disloyalty,

To falter would be sin."

As Cumberland Association is the offspring of Bethel, it has now arisen to the dignity of parenthood, for two years ago when the Association met with Clarksville Baptist church, all the churches in Robertson Co., except one, withdrew and formed the Robertson County Association.

We hope the result will prove as successful as did the former withdrawal.

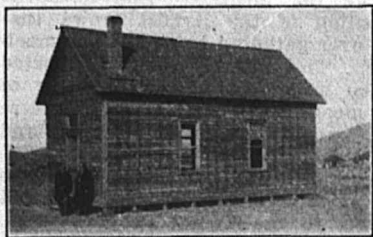
There are now twenty-one churches in the Association, and while some

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SERVICE FLAGS.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, S. B. C., W. M. U., Corresponding Secretary.

Service flags are coming to be recognized by all of us. Time was when we did not know what they signified. One day in September I was walking down to the office and my eye was attracted by a beautiful red flag, with an oblong center of white on which rested one blue star. I asked a friend what it meant, but she did not know. Some time after that I met a mother who had three sons in the Army and Navy and it was not long before she was describing to me a flag which was going to be hung in the front of her home—"a red flag, with a center of white and three blue stars, one under the other, on the white field", she said. Thus I came to know that the flag of

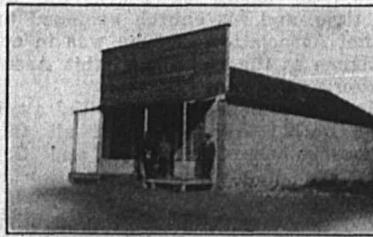


A LONELY MONUMENT TO GOD'S WORK

The only church in 7,428 square miles of Baptist territory

the September morning was a "service flag" and that it meant that a son had gone from that home to defend our country. On the front of one of the Baltimore churches there is suspended one of these flags with sixty-nine blue stars. "And red says be brave, my boy; white says be pure, and blue says be true."

Three large facts suggest themselves in this connection. First, it is interesting to see how the service flag is being placed side by side with the U. S. flag and in many instances supplanting it, as if to say: "In this home or church are those who not only acknowledge allegiance to the U. S. flag, but gladly give of their strongest and best to defend that flag." In the second place, it is interesting to see how gladly the home or church lets the passer-by know these facts by displaying the flag, thus typifying the fact that, while their loved ones fight at the front they bear them loyally in heart and mind. And, in the third place, it is wonderful to analyze one's own feelings as she looks upon a service flag and realizes something of what it typifies of strength and sacrifice, of loyal-



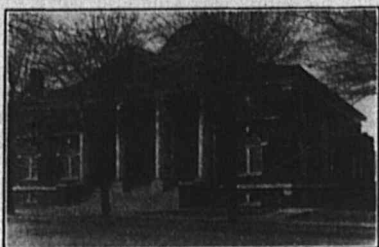
WHERE GOD MEETS WITH HIS PEOPLE

Once used by the whiskey men, now used by the Baptists

ty and love, of dependence and defense.

All over the south in Baptist homes and churches there are doubtless thousands of these beautiful service flags. May God mercifully protect the boys in whose honor the flags are displayed and may He bring them back to their homes and their churches.

In a very true and beautiful sense Southern Baptist women are also weaving the very warp and woof of service flags of a very different and yet essentially similar nature. I refer to the aid which they are giving to the needy churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Time was when we did not know how to render such help, but in 1882 at the Convention's session in Waco, Texas, plans were laid for



SAVED BY CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND

An investment guaranteeing great returns in future years

the establishing of a loan fund in behalf of such churches. About the same time Southern Methodists decided to have such a fund for their work and into the effort they put their usual excellent business methods and as a result have loaned sums to 11,000 of their needy churches. As these churches, thus aided, have grown "from strength to strength", it is hard to understand why we Southern Baptists did not bring to vigorous fulfillment our resolution of 1882. It is certainly true that many whose parents were Baptists are now members of these Methodist churches because we did not help our struggling groups of Baptists in those localities.

But no one understands as does a woman what a home means and so, during all these years, the Southern Baptist women have been distressed because of these homeless churches. In their behalf, therefore, they raised the \$20,000 Tichenor Memorial in the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. It is a joy to think of the seventy-five churches al-



ANOTHER CHILD OF BUILDING LOAN FUND

Now it leads the State in Missions and in all good works.

ready helped by this memorial as so many true blue stars in the white field of the service flag of the Woman's Missionary Union. It is also a joy to think of each church as a service flag in its own community saying to all: "Red says be strong through the blood of Jesus Christ; white says be pure in heart that you may see God, and blue says be true, for the truth shall make you free."

And now since the Southern Baptist Convention has finally set itself to the raising of a million dollars as a loan fund for the 8,000 needy and homeless churches within its bounds, it can but be a joy to the Woman's Missionary



THE NEW DESIGN BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE

But new designs grow old when seventy years have passed

Union to raise one-third, which is its pro rata share of the million. The word joy as used above is chosen with conviction, for ordinarily it would not be a joy to attempt to raise \$325,000, especially when it means few large gifts and the securing after almost endless explanations of many, many small ones. But it is a joy to raise this loan fund even as it is a joy to a mother to give herself to the making of her home.

Of course it calls for endless toll and sacrifice on her part, but what does that signify if the home is made beautiful for her family and her family made beautiful for the world? What matters it, if to raise this \$325,000 endless toll and sacrifice of time and money must be made by W. M. U. women and young people, if churches are provided for the homeless ones and if in these churches lost souls are made "fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit"?

In this work of love and mercy, the Tennessee W. M. U. is given an altogether worthy part, being asked to raise \$20,000 which is one-sixteenth of the whole. How quickly this can be raised if the societies will come to look upon the fund as a big "service flag" waiting to have 8,000 blue stars appear on its field of white; if only they will look upon themselves as those who should long to display such a service flag; if only they will look upon each church which will be helped by the fund as a service flag in the truest sense of the word.

During November memorials of \$500 each have been established by four of the Baltimore societies. The secret of the success is five-fold: first, in each society, at least one woman studied the needs of these churches until her heart was eager for their relief; second, she got the cause presented before the entire society in an earnest, but attractive way, one society doing so at its supper, with pictures of churches as place-cards; third, a beloved member of the society or church was chosen as the one in whose memory or honor the memorial should be established; fourth, a committee was appointed to canvass the membership, each committee member being given a congenial list; and, fifth, it was borne in mind that the entire \$500 did not have to be paid within less than five years. Thus it was that some women pledged \$100; some \$50; some \$25; some \$10; some \$5; some \$1. Many paid theirs at once, others said they would pay within one year, while others signed the simple card covering a 5-year pledge. It gave us all so much joy that I heartily commend the plan to you of Tennessee to the end that each of your 340 needy churches may soon be bright stars in the service flag of our King.

Baltimore, Md.

FROM FAR-AWAY AFRICA.

Baptist Girl's School.
Abeokuta, Nigeria,
Sept. 1st, 1917.

Dear Miss Buchanan:

I wanted to send greetings to our W. M. U. Convention that meets in Memphis this year, and as this will be our last mail leaving for a month, I know the next one would be too late, for mail goes slowly these days. I have been so proud of the reports I've seen of the Tennessee W. M. U. It was so good to see how they met their apportionments, and especially the Training School apportionments. I failed to get the W. M. U. Minutes of the S. B. C., but through the papers have had several interesting reports. It will be with great eagerness I await the report from the Convention in Memphis. I pray God's richest blessings upon you there.

It is with a heart full of gratitude and joy I can tell you I am at last with Mrs. Lumbley in the Girl's School at Abeokuta, a place where my heart has been for so long. The realization is far greater than the anticipation, for they are such a happy crowd of girls, and much more capable and docile than I expected to find them. We now have fifty, only half of them are boarders, the other half live in the town. Only a few visits in their homes reveals to one many things they need to be taught, especially if they are from heathen homes, for unless the parents are Christian they have but little interest in their children, especially the girls. I must tell you about our Woman's Work here, that Mrs. Lumbley has been trying so hard to get started. It is in its infancy yet, but we hope to see it grow as our Girls' School has. She only has about 15 in her meet-

ings, but they do try so hard to learn to read the Bible and memorize the verses. Not one of the number ever refuses to pray or try to do the thing she asks them to. Of course it isn't done like your women there would do it, but the effort and willingness is appreciated.

Last Sunday I went out to another one of our churches where our Boys' School is located, only a native in charge. The S. S. that morning seemed rather a peculiar one. It consisted of two classes, 25 little boys from 6 to 8, and 30 young men with a few lads and older men. Not a woman or girl to be seen, and yet I knew there were dozens of them near that should be there. These all seem to have a very good time without them. I must say this native knows his business, for he certainly did have them interested and I saw many signs of his training and influence.

After the S. S. the women and girls came in to the number of twenty. When the service had finished we had a nice little woman's meeting, which the pastor's wife has been carrying on for some time. We hope to get many more of them interested for the field is truly ripe unto the harvest for our woman's work. It only takes a glance of the work and needs here to send us to our knees in prayer for the women and girls that some way may be opened for them that they may have a better chance in life, know their rightful place in the home, and have Jesus Christ in their lives to help them overcome the temptations that daily surround them. If only our girls and women there could have a look on these women and girls here they would know better how to appreciate their opportunities and privileges of living useful lives. We cannot know our blessings until we see others' needs. And when I know it is not the women of Africa alone that are deprived of life's pleasures, but the women of many lands, I wonder how any one can be indifferent to the work.

We are planning for a day of harvest offerings in our three churches the first three Sundays in October. I will try to write you a full account of it later. They tried it for the first time last year in the First church, and succeeded in raising \$65.00. They were so well pleased they are trying it again. The members bring an offering from whatever occupation they have; if they are tailors they bring clothes, if a gold or silversmith, they bring jewelry, if a weaver they bring cloth, if a farmer they bring farm products, etc. Of course many of them sell their things and bring the money, but Mrs. Lumbley said it was such an interesting sight to see the variety of things they brought, especially the farm products. They all take such a delight in it, I am looking forward to the day with great interest.

My thoughts are with you these days, for I know the trips you are having to make and see no chance for a rest until after the Convention. Let me hear from you some time.

Sincerely,

OLIVE EDENS.

BUSINESS WOMAN'S CLASS.

By Mrs. Laviece Powers Mason.

In the First church at Knoxville there is a Business Woman's Sunday School Class. Over two-thirds of the membership is composed of women coming from business offices, millinery shops, school rooms, hospitals and every other avocation in which the woman of today can be found.

Some three or more years ago the class enrollment was twenty-five, with an attendance of fourteen or fifteen. Today the enrollment is one hundred and eighty and a class room seating eighty-five is filled every Sunday. This growth was the result of a business-like determination on the part of business women working under the motto of "Every Woman for Christ". This class resolves itself into a Personal Service Committee and determines to reach, claim and hold every unappropriated woman in the city. While the size of the class permitted, each young woman reported

each Sunday her personal work during the week, when often as many as ten or fifteen girls would report having called upon or phoned a prospective pupil in a week's time.

The growth has been wonderful and permanent,—the results are glorious to seeker and sought. The Spirit spread and the entire atmosphere of the class became one of unselfishness and uplift. Today this Sunday School class reaches out its hands to the entire city to bless and brighten the life of numberless women.

Of course, the class is organized, having President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two enrollment Secretaries. Each member registers herself "present" each morning by dropping her card in "the box". There are cards for new members and cards for visitors. Also there are cards for the visiting committees which are appointed monthly. Each new member is visited at once. Each visitor is introduced personally to the class and made welcome.

The annual election occurs in the fall and a spirit of beautiful harmony characterizes this occasion always. God has blessed the class under the leadership of many consecrated women.

In the spring the annual banquet is held, something like a hundred and ten being seated last May.

The class is called "Mrs. Mason's Class" in honor of its teacher, Mrs. Robert Lindsay Mason, whose heart is in the work and who in trying to help others, realizing the greatness of her responsibility and opportunity relies on the loyalty and love of her business girls and the strength of Him who blessed and honored woman.

The following is the report of the class for the year ending October 1st, 1917, since this time these women have taken charge of a little orphan girl, clothed and placed her in the Baptist Orphanage and are now planning the collegiate education of a class member, a lovely Christian young woman at present in the local Industrial School.

Average attendance	40
Average collection	\$ 1.50
New members	58
Visitors	250
Enrollment	170
20 bunches of flowers	16.40
Banquet expense	23.05
Settlement work	24.00
Car fare Industrial School girls	23.65
Christian Education	12.90
Red Cross work	5.00
Settlement Lunch	1.00
Railroad fare	1.65
Raised for unfortunate girl	36.00
Judson Centennial Fund	100.00
Church Building Fund	133.42
Shower given	25.00
Pins	5.00
State Missions	16.00
Postals	3.00
Music	1.00
S. B. Newman & Co. (printing)	5.00
S. S. collections	70.44
Christmas donations	1.25

Total .. 503.91

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

This is what the Convention meant to me—A lifting up to a higher plane of spiritual life—a deeper realization of the bigness of our work for God. For when we came face to face with the different departments of the work, with the struggles and the victories achieved, we learn that it is no play job—this work of evangelizing the world for our Master—that it will take our best service. And under the present world conditions it will mean that we must recognize what is good and what is pre-eminently the best, and if we are true, that we shall be loyal to our task. This is what the Convention meant to me.

AGNES WHIPPLE.

Just home from the meeting of the W. M. U. of Tenn. One of the best. Reports and talks full of inspiration and encouragement. Attendance large and enthusiastic. Hospitality

royal. The people of Memphis certainly know how to entertain the Convention.

MRS. S. N. FITZPATRICK.
Lebanon, Tenn.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 16.

My dear Miss Mattie:

How are you? Wish you had been at our Convention.—am sure you would have enjoyed every minute of it. Some one suggested that we write you our impression of the Convention.

I came over tired and worn out from "much house keeping," but it was a rest and inspiration to attend every meeting. The great climax was Mrs. James' address—it was a great joy to me to see and hear her as she is my personal friend as well as my President. My only regret was that I couldn't have my Missionary Circle with me to get the information and the inspiration of the many talks and reports.

And hospitality! It was perfection. We were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Cox and their daughter, Erlene. I just want to say we had the "tip of the tip, toppest.

With kindest regards to yourself, I am, very sincerely,

MRS. ALLEN FORT, of Nashville.

It was a joy indeed, to be in Memphis at the W. M. U. Convention. Our greatest joy was in seeing our friends. The meeting was splendid. The optimistic spirit was in everything. The progress in the four years since we left the State was fine indeed. We rejoice in every success in our dear State. Especially do we feel a splendid step forward has been taken in electing Miss Whipple, Young People's leader.

Blessings on old Tennessee.

Mary Nothington.

Marion, Ill.

One of the most inspiring addresses was made by Mrs. W. C. James, President of the W. M. U. Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention. I wish every Baptist lady in the State could have heard her. It was soul-stirring. We need have no fear of retrenchment as long as God's banner is upheld by that type of Christian womanhood. I should love to mention each number on the program as they impressed me, if space would permit, but must mention the review of our new W. M. U. Manual given by Mrs. Stanfield. It was so well given. We should get it and study it, as it has helps on all lines of our work. The hospitality of the Memphis people is great. We were charmingly entertained in the homes and delightful luncheons were served in the basement of the church at the noon hour. The Baptist hosts of Memphis are a great people. I feel that every one of us came home with new inspiration and a greater vision of the work of God's Kingdom. Let us not have any slackers this year, but each of us by the grace of God make this the very best year of our lives.

MRS. D. M. NOBLE.

Paris, Tenn.

FROM THE HEARTS OF WOMEN.

Bellbuckle, Tenn.

I am surely enjoying the Baptist and Reflector and I think it should be in every Baptist home especially. It has been a great help to me, as has also the Home and Foreign Fields.

MRS. J. F. ANTHONY.

Bluff City, Tenn.

I certainly enjoy the paper and it never fails to cheer me up and help me to live closer to my duty. I could not do without it.

MRS. E. A. HOBBS.

Milton, Tenn.

The Baptist and Reflector is so much help to me that I could not get along without it. It ought to be in every Baptist home in the State. I am glad to know that we are to have a special "Woman's Edition." I am sending three new subscribers for the Honor Roll. I will try to get more.

MISS SALLIE WILLARD.

Franklin, Tenn.

I am sending one new subscriber now and hope I may be able to send others. One seems an awfully little bit when compared with the thousand you want. We all expect—and are never disappointed—such great things of the Baptist and Reflector. We cannot very well afford to fall below what is expected of us—one new subscriber.

MRS. E. E. HILL.

Humboldt, Tenn.

I am sending \$14.50 for subscriptions to the paper. I am sorry I cannot get more names on my list. I am delighted that the women are to have use of the paper for one issue and trust that it will be something we will be proud of, as we have the women to make it so.

MRS. S. B. BOYKIN.

Newcomb, Tenn.

I do not see why every Baptist should not subscribe for this valuable paper.

MRS. W. S. CLARK.

Liberty, Tenn.

I enclose money for two renewals for the Baptist and Reflector. I have been taking the paper for 17 years and feel that we could not do without it, as it is so much help to us in our woman's work. I feel that I can probably do more for the paper this year than before.

MRS. JAMES DAVENPORT.

Lebanon, Tenn.

I am sending you one new subscriber. I feel that I could hardly do without the paper, and will send every subscriber I can get.

MRS. JOHN MIDGETT.

Trenton, Tenn.

I have been a reader of the Baptist and Reflector for years and do not want to be without it. It gives me great inspiration in living and working for my Master. I am very much interested in Woman's Work and all other departments of Christian service. My desire is for the success of the paper.

MRS. J. W. FAIRLESS.

Jefferson City, Tenn.

As I watched the proceedings and marked the spirit of our women, I felt sure that I was witnessing an earnest and consecrated purpose on the part of almost every woman present to put Kingdom work first; and I do hope and pray that every messenger and visitor shall carry home with her this purpose, and talk and live it, wherever she goes.

MRS. J. J. BURNETT.

Supt. Holston Valley.

I believe there would be more to hope for from Southern Bands here, than from the W. M. societies, and in most of our churches (if they had the leaders).

ETHEL COX,

Supt. Holston Valley.

New Providence, Tenn.

Enclosed you will find my renewal to January 30, 1919. I have been a subscriber for 18 years and feel like I could not do without its weekly visits to my home. I sometimes read one article and think it alone worth the price of the paper. It has been a great help and strength to me in my Christian life and I think it ought to be a weekly visitor in every Baptist home.

MRS. MOLLIE PRUITT.

Mohawk, Tenn.

The paper has been so much help in my Christian and Missionary work. It seems that I could not do without it.

MRS. BELLE WRIGHT.

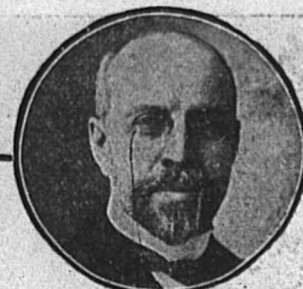
Shouns, Tenn.

Enclosed you will find five new subscribers to the Baptist and Reflector. I sent in my renewal in August. I enjoy reading the paper and do hope you will have good success in getting a large number of subscribers.

MISS LILLIE WAGONER.

Nashville, Tenn.

It is a great pleasure to me to write and tell you just what the paper has meant to me. I have taken it for



PROF. JAMES M. GRAY, D.D.

PROPHECY and the World War

IN these days of universal tribulation, the world has been looking for some authoritative voice to speak. It looked not for a Prophet, but for an Interpreter of the Prophets—for one who, by reason of his eminence in the study of God's Word, could speak and command attention; one of whose Christianity there could be no doubt. The Church, regarding Prophecy as a sealed book, had put it aside as an unprofitable study, although the Saviour during his ministry on earth constantly referred to the prophets in illustration of his teachings.

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What are those vital questions which all earnest men and women who desire to learn more of the Divine will for this earth, and its rulers, and peoples, want to know? Do they not ask

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- Has the United States a place in Prophecy?
- Is this war to end in Armageddon?
- What of the Millennium, and when?
- Who is Antichrist?
- What is meant by "The Kingdom"?
- Is Turkey assigned a role in Prophecy?
- What is the right attitude of God's people toward Prophecy, and in what consists the duty of preparation?
- What is the Pestilence?
- When will the "Times of the Gentiles" end?
- When will the Lost Tribes return?
- What shall be the fate of Papal Rome?
- Is Germany an agent in Prophecy?
- Are the Anglo-Saxon nations identified in Prophecy?
- What is the true teaching concerning the Second Coming?
- Is Russia identified in Prophecy?
- Which nation or power is prophetic Babylon?
- What is the "End of the Age"?
- What is the Restoration, and when?

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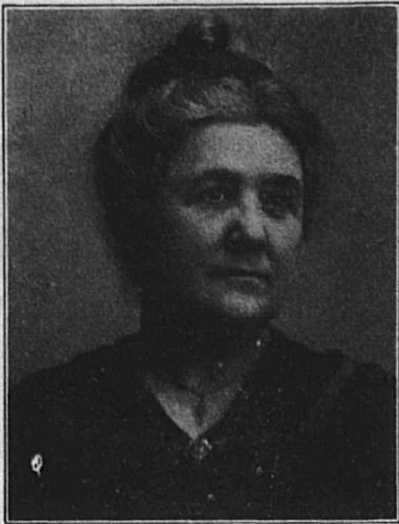
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many years and just want to testify as to how much courage and inspiration I have gleaned from its pages. I never expect to be without it, for its influence has always been for good in my life. May its circulation increase largely through the coming year.

MRS. L. M. DABBS.

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MISS MARGARET BUCHANAN
Corresponding Secretary W. M. U. of
Tennessee

TENNESSEE'S BATTLE CALL.

By Mrs. A. F. Burnley.

(To be sung to Crucifix, 123 Baptist
Hymn and Praise Book.)
The call to arms is sounding
In loyal Tennessee;
A mighty host enlisting
The crushed of earth to free;
Our men must hie to battle—
Their country's call obey;
Our women, brave and faithful
Must plan and work and pray.

Arouse ye! Christian soldiers
In loyal Tennessee;
Enlist departing loved ones
For all eternity
In Prince Immanuel's army,
His blood-stained banner raise;
Let drum, and fife and bugle,
Unite to sound His praise.

O, women of our Union
In loyal Tennessee;
The battle-line is forming
Loud sounds the reveille;
Our Captain's eye is on us,
His beck'ning hand we see,
"Our State enrolled for Jesus—"
Let this our motto be.

O, Prince of Peace, in mercy
Watch loyal Tennessee;
Her men at sea—in trenches,
Thy heralds may they be,
While those at home remaining,
Do humbly beg of thee,
To help us win the battle
In dear old Tennessee.

A REMINISCENCE AND EXHORTATION.

As my mind runs back over the four years and eight months of service in Tennessee this same day of the month that I arrived in Nashville from the West, to begin a stranger among strangers, knowing only four people among all that host of Tennessee Baptists, pleasant memories crowd my thoughts. Friendships made that will ever be cherished, fellow-workers tried and true. Noble servants of God are they and for the fellowship and innumerable kindnesses shown to me as I have endeavored to serve them and with them serve the Master, I wish here and now to express my appreciation and gratitude. "I thank my God for every remembrance of you." My heart sings for joy for the progress that has been made in Kingdom work as we have wrought together; guided and strengthened by Him whose we are and whom we serve. Tennessee's Woman's Missionary Union is stronger numerically, more united in purpose and plans. As we have studied together God's word and world, conditions and needs, and our denominational enterprises to meet these needs our hearts have been knit together in one common purpose — to obey our Lord's command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And has He not verified His promise "Lo I am with you always"?

We are just over the threshold of a new year of endeavor as a State Union; we have planned large things for His glory. We must obey Him as He bids us "go forward."

Let us remember as God's children that while we are in a great world war as a nation that we are under the Command of the Captain of our Salvation in the war against the powers of evil; a spiritual warfare of vastly more important issues than even this world war. Our soldiers are on the firing line, they are calling for recruits, some have fallen on the battle field. We must fill up the ranks and press on. Will not every organization now do its best? Our holy cause calls for our very best. A new need must not be met at the expense of the old—the Supreme Need. Now is the time for Christian faith to manifest its high qualities. We may be tempted to think our aim too high. Some one has said "What are Christians put into the world for except to do the impossible in the strength of God." There is a Japanese saying, "Christianity is a religion which expects you to do things."

David Livingstone's resolution made in young manhood, was carried out in later life—"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess excepting the relation to the Kingdom of Christ."

When more of us are able to make a resolution and keep it as Livingstone did, the Kingdom will come by leaps and bounds.

With steady step, lofty purpose and undaunted faith let us give ourselves to the work, remembering we are workers together with God.

MARGARET BUCHANAN.

MESSAGE FROM NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY, MISS AGNES WHIPPLE.

As we plan our work for the coming year, we do not know just what the results will be. We only know that, looking to God for guidance, and with the co-operation of the workers throughout the State we will be able to accomplish something worth while. As the work has been arranged all of the Junior Organizations of the W. M. U., Y. W. A., G. A., R. A. and Sunbeams will be under the leadership of one Secretary. As State leader for these organizations, I want to make an appeal to every member of the missionary societies and to all leaders to help make the missionary training of our young



MISS AGNES WHIPPLE

New Secretary of the Young People's
Work of Tennessee

people a vital part of our church life. This can be done only through a realization of its value, earnest co-operation, and persistent effort.

When the world re-adjustment comes, those who are our young people now,—our boys and girls, will be

the ones to decide great issues; and if they are trained to know the need of the world for Christianity and are filled with a desire to satisfy that need, they will be able to do great things to His glory. Who knows but that some great missionary in embryo is in our midst, and that God expects us to do the developing. Dr. Gambrell said at the Convention that the biggest business of the present is growing people! Let's make some advance this year in growing some real Missionary Baptists.

Don't forget to write me about your organization, for that's the way I can most quickly get in touch with the work. I'll gladly welcome any suggestions or information from any part of the State. May we have a great year's work together.

Nashville, Tenn.

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

By Mrs. George W. Everett.

The history of the Union may be divided into four periods.

I. Formation Period.

Early in the 19th century, the Christian world was aroused to the needs of the non-Christian world, and to their obligation of giving the gospel to the ends of the earth. Among the great forces used in making this appeal, were the burning words of William Carey in 1792, and later of Adoniram Judson in 1812. American Baptists soon came under these influences, and responded by regarding themselves for world-wide conquest. At the very beginning of this new era, there were consecrated women among the number who were giving and praying, thus laying the foundation on which we are today building.

Gradually the work increased, and soon missionary societies were organized in Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia. God's spirit was moving mightily upon the hearts of the women of the churches everywhere. He was speaking to the many, not the few, and we find them in almost every Protestant church organizing for the great task. Central Committees were soon formed in many States. The desire, however, for a general organization was in the hearts of the women, and when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Richmond, Va., in May, 1888, the "Woman's Missionary Union" came into existence, and addressed itself to the task of "eliciting, combining and directing" the efforts of the women and children of our Southern Baptist constituency.

A Constitution was framed with great care, and adopted and remains until this day, with only such changes being made as the growth of the Union demanded. Two points were emphasized; one, that the Union should be auxiliary to the S. B. C., and the other, that, Central Committees should have the supremacy in State affairs. Baltimore, Md., was chosen as headquarters for the Union. Officers were elected as follows: President of the Union, and a Vice President from each State, being nominated at the annual meeting by the delegates from her own State. An Executive Committee was appointed, whose duty it was to attend to the business of the Union between its annual sessions. The expense of the work was to be borne equally by the Home and Foreign Boards.

II. Foundation Period.

1. The first thing that we notice in this period, is the adoption of the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field as the official organ of the Union.

2. It was in this period that the Christmas offering for China was inaugurated by Miss Lottie Moon, who was the first woman missionary sent out by the Foreign Mission Board, having labored in China from 1893-1912. The time had come for Miss Moon to return to the U. S. for a much-needed rest. When she told the people of Pingtu, China that she was going to the U. S. to rest, the women and children clung to her and wept so bitterly, because she was going to leave them, that she decided to re-

main in China, and wrote to the Foreign Board asking that they send \$2,000.00 and two more women at once to help her carry on the work. Her cry was heard, and \$3,000.00 and three more women were sent to help among the Chinese. It was at Christmas time that this money was given by the women of our Southland. 3. It was during this period that the custom of sending boxes of supplies to home missionaries was established. 4. The W. M. U. began to edit a page in the Sunday School paper known as "Kind Words". 5. Work among the immigrants was established during this period, and Miss Buhlman was placed at the head of this work at the Baltimore Pier. An effort was made to deepen the interest among the Negroes. 6. The Union now began to feel the influence of the Carey Centennial of Foreign Missions which was sweeping over the land. The S. B. C. asked that the Union help in raising \$250,000 to be equally divided between the two Boards as a Centennial Offering. Also to secure one hundred new missionaries to go out into the fields already white unto harvest. 7. Feeling deeply the need of divine aid, in this, the greatest united effort undertaken, the Week of Prayer in January was inaugurated and has continued as a source of strength and blessing. The Foundation Period closed in 1893, with a Jubilee amid great rejoicing, and with much enthusiasm, reporting \$62,226.00, an advance of \$18,000 over the previous year.

III. Period of Expansion.

1. A Band Department was published in the Foreign Mission Journal. The Sunbeam work, which had begun some years previous to this, by Dr. George Braxton Taylor (son of our Dr. Geo. Taylor, missionary to Italy) was handed over the care of the Union. 2. A Sunday School Missionary Day was inaugurated, programs being prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union. 3. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary set apart one of its regular missionary days, to observe the work of the W. M. U. 4. The Sunday School Board at this time became a co-ordinate branch of the work of the S. B. C., and sent recommendations to the Union for adoption, and assumed its share of the expense of the work. 5. The increasing needs of the Home Mission Board led to the adoption of the Week of Prayer and Self Denial observed in March, which each year has claimed a wider and deeper attention. Sixteen States, through the W. M. U. now unite as one in carrying out the recommendations of the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Thus the tenth anniversary of the W. M. U. was celebrated with devout thanksgiving at Norfolk, Va., in 1898.

IV. Period of Achievements.

1. Early in this period, the W. M. U. gave to the Foreign, Home, and S. S. Boards, each \$1,000.00, thus laying the foundation for the well-known annuity plan. 2. The needs of the thousands of homeless Baptist churches aroused the sympathy of the W. M. U. and a gift of \$3,500.00 to the S. B. C. to inaugurate a much-needed Church Building and Loan Fund, was made. 3. At this time an educational campaign was entered upon, with much enthusiasm. Large amounts of literature were prepared and sent out, which resulted in the organization of more than 500 new missionary societies. The Maryland Union Association gave the W. M. U. \$1,402.00 for the beginning of a Literature Department, which was greatly appreciated. 4. A gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. F. R. Chambers, to establish a home for missionaries' children, and a temporary resting place for missionaries, was tendered the Union, and the "Home" was located at Greenville, S. C., and known as the "Margaret Home", in honor of Mrs. Margaret A. Waller, mother of Mrs. Chambers. 5. At this time "Our Mission Fields", a periodical, published quarterly, and containing a complete missionary program for each month, came into use and so popular was this magazine that it was difficult to supply the demand. 6. The name "Young Woman's Auxiliary" was adopted for young women societies. 7. The W. M.

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FIRST CENTURY FAITH EXEMPLIFIED IN A TWENTIETH CENTURY ACHIEVEMENT.

Mrs. P. E. Burroughs,
Trustee for Tennessee.

"I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know: God answers prayer.

"I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.
"I know it cometh soon or late;
Therefore we need to pray and wait."

"The House Beautiful" stands yonder in Louisville complete and glorious. The faith of our faithful women has called it into being. Thus is apostolic or first century faith exemplified in this twentieth century achievement. How beautiful and substantial is this noble building erected by Southern women for their younger sisters may be seen by a glance at the picture which is presented in these pages. As our women have walked along the way to this achievement, they have singly and collectively prayed:

"Teach me, my God and King,
In all things, Thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee."

Worthy and inspiring as is the exterior of our great new building, the interior is even more pleasing and beautiful. The Frost Memorial Hall and Stairway, so named in memory of the man of God who was ever our friend and counselor, constitutes an impressive entry into the building. The Heck Memorial Chapel, chaste and classic in design, inspires a feeling of reverence and restfulness. The bedrooms for the students are marvels of comfort and convenience. Each room has two single beds, two clothes closets, a lavatory with hot and cold water, book-shelves, and a large flat-top desk on which there is a drop light. So carefully and thoroughly were the plans wrought out in advance, each part of the building seems perfect in itself, and our hearts are singing praises to God for it continually.

Loving hearts in the various States are contributing to make the building more beautiful by thoughtful donations. Kentucky societies are filling the empty pantry shelves with canned fruits and vegetables, preserves and pickles, while quilts, tea towels, table napkins and crocheted mats for the tables are continually coming in. One of our own societies, the Woman's Missionary Society of Mount Zion Church, Bledsoe Association, has had part in this noble giving.

Glad and grateful as our hearts are for this beautiful building, we feel far more pride in the choice company of devoted students who fill the halls of the great structure. The total enrollment has reached seventy-seven, while fifty-seven young women enjoy the equipment and advantages of the building.

Already Tennessee women are looking forward to the February campaign when we will put the capstone on our efforts by raising the last part

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of our State's apportionment. Ordinarily this task would be small for our Tennessee women. With the multitudes of calls and cares which now press upon us, we must plan carefully for this coming effort in February to the end that there may be no chance for failure and disappointments.

Our Vice-Presidents must see to it that their several sections of the State come up in good order. Our Associational Superintendents must look well to their Associations. There must be no slack and no slackers anywhere. The Presidents of the local societies must, above all, pave the way with inspiring information and careful preparation.

"What can I spare?" we say:
'Ah, this and this
From mine array
I am not like to miss;
And here are crumbs to some hungry one,
They do but grow a cumbrance on my shelf—
And yet one reads, our Father gave
His Son,
Our Master gave Himself."
Nashville, Tenn.

our "House Beautiful" and see for yourselves that it is truly "a little bit of heaven." But my most earnest prayer is that many of you may be permitted to come here to spend one or more years. I earnestly pray that the Heavenly Father will call many apart this year who are willing to make His work their work.

We need more girls from Tennessee. Our dear State is very poorly represented—only two girls from that mass of people! We have always thought of our State, with a great deal of pride, in having won the title "Volunteer" during the war. Now, would we have it less true, when the Great Captain of Hosts, the King of Kings calls for volunteers? The joy that comes by giving all is surely a taste of the "peace that passeth all understanding."

May God richly bless you, who made it possible for me to be here. I thank God for such lives.

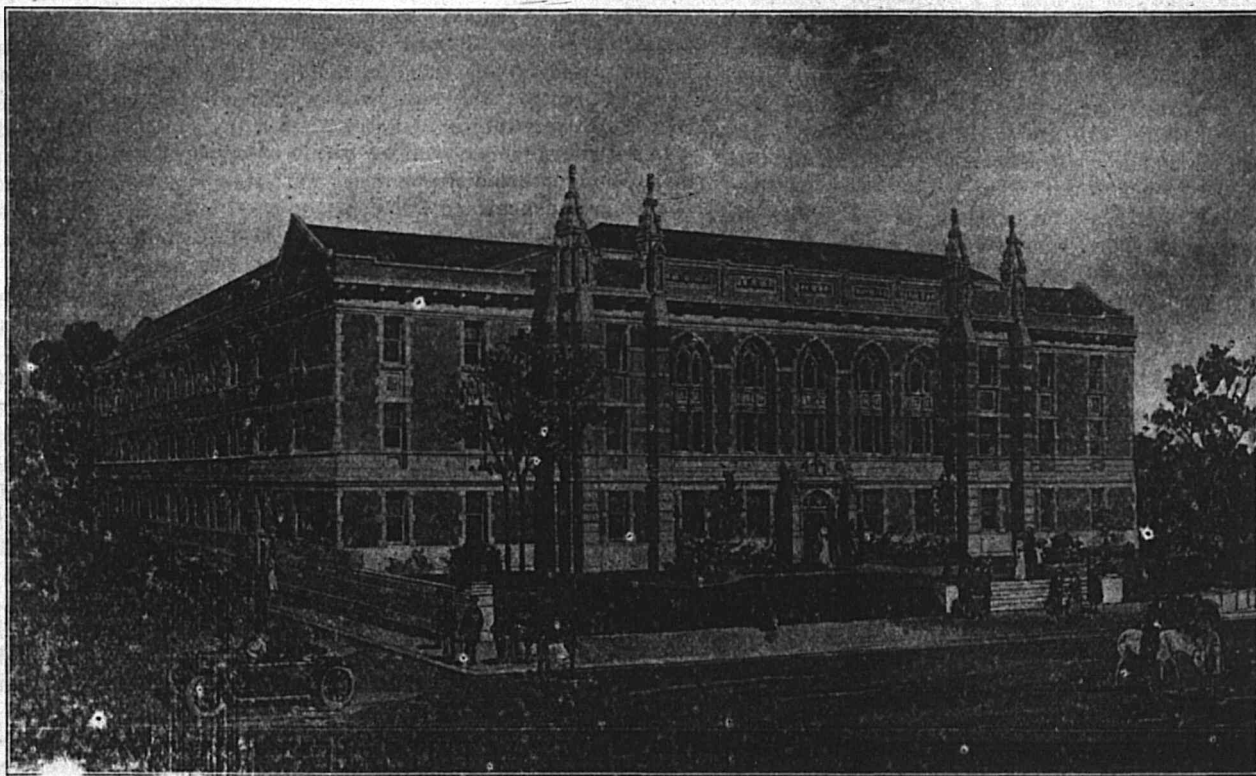
If I can serve you at any time, I'll be glad to do so.

Yours in Christ,
MARY C. SMITH.

be less need now of the making of bullets. As a nation we need to go back to Bethel, as women we must lead the way. In the stress of the hour it is well to remember that it is still ours to serve the gospel calls, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions stand like rocks on our leader's command: "Go ye". God's call rings out for men and women, to show them loyalty as never before. Are we going to be less loyal to Christ than we are to our land? Back to the Cross of Calvary.

Wide open stands the gates of National Service. The occupations offered women are numerous. The claims of the Red Cross, that expression of world's tenderness to the soldier, are especially binding on those who still must be "keepers at home."

"A message to the women of America? I give it in two words—Knit Sweaters." Surgical dressings are the little white wings that are to bear our wounded boys home. No matter if your Liberty Bond pin shows the purchase of many bonds, you are not freed from this personal service.



THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL—W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 25, 1917.

To the W. M. U. and Y. W. A. of Tennessee:

I cannot express to you, in words, the feeling of gratitude that is in my heart toward the women of Tennessee for the great blessing that has come to me in being permitted to attend the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville. First, I want to thank God for putting into your hearts the idea of a scholarship for dependent girls who wish to attend this school. Then I want to thank you women for standing so nobly by the girls and the Training School. But there is one thing that makes me feel just a little sad, and that is this: there are only two girls in this school from the State of Tennessee. That should not be. Now we two girls have a State prayer meeting once a week and the object of this prayer meeting is that God will send more girls to this school from Tennessee. May I ask that the Baptist women of our State join us in this prayer?

Yours sincerely,
HATTIE MORTON.

"The House Beautiful,"
Louisville, Ky.

To the Y. W. A.'s of Tennessee—
Greetings:

My dear young women, I just wish each one of you—you who are so interested in the Master's work, especially this phase of it—the Training School—might be permitted to visit

THE GATES OF SERVICE.

Mary Noel Moody.

John, the Beloved, in his vision of the New Jerusalem, surrounded by a wall "great and high"; with "on the east three gates, on the north three gates; on the south three gates, and on the west three gates", and "every several gate was of one pearl", and "shall not be shut at all."

I should like to bring to you a vision of America surrounded by the wall of difficulty, to be entered by the Gates of Service.

As never before our land is demanding service. Wide open stand the gates. Writing for women I would label these gates—Home Service, Church Service, National Service, and Community Service.

Home Service—As long as the citizen is given to the land through motherhood the cry of the child is woman's imperative call. Sending into the life's battle "four square" men and women her first service. Next in her hands is Food Conservation. President, Congressmen, Soldiers, Mr. Hoover, may do many things, but the fundamental in Food Conservation is the housewife. As she stands on her firing line she is as important as any soldier in khaki. To her, "service" is no new word. "Would you be served? I too, would serve, and the joy that comes to you in being served can never equal mine in serving you."

Wide open stands the Gate of Church Service. Had America spent more time in prayer, there would

Community Service—The great community asset is a smiling face. "There are lonely hearts to cherish as the days go by." One great harm that comes to the soldier in the making is the "sob letters from mothers." You serve the boy on the front as you serve his mother. His mother, whether in silk or in calico. School and civic conditions still present their claims in the making of a good America.

"America, my own!
Great mother with the hill flower in your breast,
'Tis thine mighty one to shape the mighty deed."

With "strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands"—we must enter the Gates of Service.

"One thing I know,
As thro' the world I go
That gates are open."

"Gates of pearl that shall not be shut."

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Editorial

FAMOUS WOMEN HYMN WRITERS.

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deep emotions are stirred and the soul longs for closer fellowship with God, "Nearer My God To Thee" is sung.

The most perfect hymn prayer written by a woman is Mrs. Elizabeth Prentiss's "More Love to Thee O Christ." The author was born in Portland, Maine, in 1818. Her most famous prose writing was "Stepping Heavenward," widely circulated and extensively read in many foreign lands. The hymn was written hastily in a period of great sorrow. She kept it 14 years before showing it to her husband.

Tenderness is an especial characteristic of women. This especially appears in Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander's hymn, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away." The author was born in Straham, Ireland, in 1823. She has published a number of volumes of poems, but her fame rests upon this hymn. It is said that Mrs. Alexander was deaf to applause, but when someone wrote to her to tell of the great change in heart and life that had come to a man by her "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," she sprang from her chair and exclaimed, "Thank God. I do like to hear that." Those who knew her best have said that beautiful as many of her hymns are her life was more beautiful still.

On a little quiet farm near Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1824, Phoebe Carey was born. She and her Sister Alice both published many poems, but she will be remembered chiefly as the author of "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." "Despite the fact that the rhythm of the hymn is faulty and that its author never designed that it should be sung, it has become a universal favorite, particularly as a solo, and has charmed more composers than any other American sacred song." Many beautiful incidents have been associated with it.

During the Moody-Sankey tour of evangelism in Great Britain in 1874, Mr. Sankey bought a London paper and found in the poet's corner, "The Lost Sheep." He was so stirred with it that he placed it in his scrap book for future reference. Shortly afterwards in Edinburgh, Mr. Moody preached to a great gathering in Free Assembly Hall on the subject of the "Good Shepherd," and at the close of his discourse asked Mr. Sankey for a solo. There flashed over him the words of this poem and he sat down to the organ and sang to an impromptu tune, "The Lost Sheep." The vast congregation was moved to tears. A woman sat in one of the back galleries and was deeply affected by this song. She could not at that time meet Mr. Sankey, but a few days later he had a letter from her saying: "I thank you for having sung the other day my sister's words. She wrote them five years ago." Until then Mr. Sankey did not know the author.

"The Ninety and Nine" was written by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Clibborne at Melrose, Scotland, about 1868. She was born in Edinburgh in 1830, and died in 1869. An evidence of the bitter sweet of life is found in the fact that she never heard her hymns, of which she had written a number, sung or saw them printed in permanent form. This hymn became a great favorite with Mr. Sankey for solos.

Out of the frail life which ended shortly after the 40th year had been reached and five years before its close, Miss Francis Ridley Havergal wrote the best consecration hymn in existence, "Take My Life and Let It Be." England, America, Africa, Asia, all lend their tongues to sing this great hymn. From her consecrated girlhood to the hour of her departure her prayer was that her life might be one anthem unto her Redeemer.

"Those who know her best will freely and unreservedly admit her to the list of uncanonized women of great love." These words were spoken of Miss Mary Artemisia Lathbury, who was born at Manchester, N. Y., in 1841. She was the author of many books and a frequent contributor to the Youth's Companion, St. Nicholas, Harper's Young People, and the Outlook. She is known to larger people

through her evening song, to which there is no superior as an evening song: "Day Is Dying In the West." Exquisite tenderness, poetic beauty and deep spirituality may easily be detected in the poem. All of the four stanzas were not written at once.

The dean of all woman hymn writers is Mrs. Francis Jane Crosby Van Alstyne, best known by the name of Fanny J. Crosby. Made totally blind by the ignorant application of a poultice to her eyes when an infant, she has looked in upon a beautiful world of poetry and spirituality and has sung of the beauties that she has seen. She came to her life's close as a shock of wheat ripened for the garner. Most of her hymns should be classed as gospel songs, but occasionally she has risen to great heights. Her best known song is "Safe In the Arms of Jesus." A large part of her popularity is due to the happy combination of the tunes with the songs. Dr. W. H. Doane, the eminent Baptist tune writer, has set to music a large number of Fanny Crosby's songs. Verse and tune have thus often been happily wedded. Her ten best known hymns are the following: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," "Rescue the Perishing," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," "'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer," "Safe In the Arms of Jesus," "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord," "Great Is Jehovah, King of Kings," "Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break."

Christian worship would be bereft of much of its inspiration, pathos and sweetness were it to lose the gift from the hearts of women.

CHRIST'S EXALTATION OF WOMAN.

Christ gives to woman her true place. In no other country in the world does woman attain her worthy place except where the religion of Jesus Christ dominates. In India woman occupies her ancient place as a prisoner—the zenanas (the Indian homes) her prison house. In Japan she is now and has always been merely a housekeeper, holding the keys for her husband. In China she is the slave of her mother-in-law, husband and father. In the glory of ancient Rome she was but a chattel, a possession, and article of furniture. In Greece she rose to some distinction, but most often as a courtesan rather than the rightful mistress of the home. Jesus Christ has taken her from her degraded place assigned by the masculine sons of lordship and given to her an exaltation adequate to her character and equal to men.

A New Ideal of Strength—the Force of Silent Endurance.

In ancient days the type of strength was that of the strong arm. Physical force was coveted and praised. But Jesus has given a new perspective to strength. In His own quiet life He endured the wrath of foes, the misunderstanding of friends and the abuse of His tormentors. He could easily have brought down unnumbered angels to do battle for him, but He preferred to endure. It has been woman's law always to endure. Jesus has given a new name to such endurance. The old mark of heroism was to crush a foe and keep him crushed, but the brave man now does not resort to such cruelty and oppression. We have begun to feel that the feminine trait of physical endurance is a great gift of Christianity. The rejected stone is now preferred. "That stone is the feminine ideal of the power of passive endurance, forces of silent fortitude, the strength of self-restraint, patience in burdens, the willingness to wait and make no sign."

A New Ideal of Service.

The universality of grace carries with it the doctrine of universal democracy. If men everywhere may come to the privileges of salvation upon the same basis of equality it follows that they have the right to everything that will develop them so that they may make the most of their salvation. A necessary correlary is the right of universal education. One may not fulfill the highest tasks in the kingdom of God unless every talent is brought into obedience to Jesus Christ. God does not put a premium upon ignorance as such nor specially reward wisdom for itself. But Jesus Christ brings a message that stirs men to fit themselves to realize upon their committed talents. Out of this teaching comes the right to woman to become educated upon the

same basis of fitness as men. It has not always been thought that women needed to be educated, but the democracy of grace obligates us to the democracy of education.

Jesus exalts woman in creating a new ideal of service. His own life was filled with heroic unselfishness in behalf of others. He sought not His own glory, but the benefit of the unfortunate. He brought His life to a close in a sacrificial death. The age-long method by which women have served has been that of sacrifice. Her own ambitions have been lost sight of in the success of her loved ones. Her own sufferings have been forgotten in a ministry of relief for others. She has given herself to charity, nursing and all sorts of benevolence. She has gone down into the valley of the shadow of death that out of her suffering might be born a new generation. All these types of work have been dignified and glorified by the approval of Jesus. They have brought a new ideal of competent service and in this woman has found her specialty.

Freedom in Christ has brought freedom with Christ. Jesus has made it appear that the privileges of religion are not peculiar to men. With the exception of certain ecclesiastical restrictions the church presents an equal opportunity to women and men. Indeed it may be said that the larger part of influence of women.

In civic matters woman has come to have a more important part. The days of slavery industrial and civil are in the past. When men are filled with the spirit of Christ they are opposed to oppression. They find in every person a real or possible friend of Jesus, hence there is now room for slavery. Woman has come to have a large economic value throughout Christendom and in America is rapidly attaining civil equality.

A New Ideal of Regal Reign—the Strength of Womanhood.

The ancient king with his various methods of sovereignty does not now appeal as a type of royalty. The Kingdom of God as brought to light by Jesus is one in which obedience is secured through love and loyalty is one of fellowship rather than of hardship. Jesus secures obedience through Him and appeals to our souls to be conformed to his. Every woman, and especially mother, knows how to secure action through the gentler methods rather than through harsh treatment.

Jesus also taught that the one who serves is the one who rules. This has been the method of woman always and yet it receives from Jesus a dignity never before associated with it.

New Ideal of the Sermon on the Mount.

The Sermon on the Mount is the Magna Charta of woman's spiritual and civic liberties.

WOMANHOOD—BIBLICAL AND PRESENT DAY.

The Bible presents a small, but select number of representative women. It does not undertake to give a complete history of men or women, but only certain sketches that contribute to its central purpose of presenting an adequate revelation of God and His providences. We select for a brief study six women, who not only fill an important place in their own day, but who present to womanhood of the present a strong message.

Miriam, the Gifted.

When Pharaoh issued a decree to kill the male babies of the Israelites it was the quick intelligence of Miriam that saved Moses and led to his being reared in the royal palace with his own mother as the nurse. Thus as a young girl she showed quick appreciation and foresight of the future and a loyal love for her people.

When Israel had crossed the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army had been lost in the turbulent waters, Miriam broke forth into a song of praise and rejoicing. She was the first woman in the Bible record to show poetic genius. We do not know her training, but the poem shows strong intellectual ability and real artistic grace. She knew that the people of Israel were facing the difficulties of the wilderness. She did not sing of the dangers to be braved and the hardships to be borne and the enemies to be overcome, nor even of the unfailing presence of Jehovah amid those strange environments. She drew her inspiration from the past. Out of the storehouse of memory she brought a message that would

quicken the energies for the future and base hope for coming days upon the fact of past glories. We can well imagine that many times during that period of 38 years of wandering she sang oft to her distressed people of God's sustaining grace exhibited in His wonderful deliverance from the land of bondage. We do not have her wilderness songs preserved, but her poetic gift would not remain unused.

Moses had taken a wife from among an alien people. Miriam, whose life plan had been that of protection for her younger brother, saw in this marriage a menace to the welfare of her people. She desired that Moses might not be weaned away from the Israelites. She thought that the prosperity of her people might be advanced if she too might serve as a channel of God's message to His people, hence she spoke against Moses and for her rebellion she was cursed with leprosy.

There is a three-fold message to womanhood of the present day which comes from this gifted singer: 1. God may speak through the poetic talent of woman. He desires that they might use the gifts that they have. Song has always been a potent factor in the life of a nation. 2. Woman may serve the best interests of the future by her unfailing memory of the past. Women do not forget as easily as men. She may remind us that as God has dealt kindly with us in the past so will He provide for the future. 3. Though the position of political leadership may not always be open to women, the work to be done through her is none the less important. Miriam could not lead the hosts of Israel as Moses had done, but leadership does not exhaust the lines of service.

Deborah, the Drastic.

Heroic times call for heroic measures. Israel had suffered through the aggressions of surrounding nations. In the day of Deborah there was no man of strong personality, who would be followed as a leader against the enemy. The people turned to Deborah for relief. She consented to be their real leader while Barak occupied the official generalship of the army. Clear-sighted and dauntless, Deborah gains our appreciation in that she showed great genius for leadership without lowering the standard of her feminine graces.

She sounds two notes to the women of today: 1. She shows that God uses women as the medium of religious truths. Before she became judge she served as prophetess and counsellor to large numbers of the people who resorted to her home. Women have a sensitive, but deep sense of religious truths. Though they may express their message differently from men it may be as truly God's message as that which comes through a man. We are not here speaking of any official ministry, but rather of the quiet service of ordinary life. 2. The spirit of woman must sometimes burst forth in scathing indignation against injustice, inefficiency and wrongs. Deborah rebuked in drastic terms the men of her day for their weakness and failure. The tense voice of a woman must sometimes be raised against vices and injustice. Mrs. Browning uttered such denunciation in her "Cry of the Children." If women were more insistent in their requirements for personal work in their men friends, the standard of business would be elevated. What women condemn must finally end.

Ruth, the Decided.

One may not at first think of Ruth as having great decision, but a closer study of her life narrative will show that she quietly, but unalterably was firm and quick in her decision. Her readiness to leave her own land and follow her mother-in-law shows depths of character and a keen perspective of right action. She bears two messages for the women of today: 1. There may be great dramatic interests without external show. Indeed this is an outstanding trait of the entire Bible. Great dramas of the soul may be based upon Biblical characters that have no large element of show and excitement as the external setting. Ruth's choice to follow Naomi is quietly made and yet in it was a great drama—home forsaken, gods renounced, selection of a future that attained immortal record, because she became an ancestor of Jesus. Women need not yearn for the external shows of life in order to realize greatness. In the quiet decisions she may live a noble life. 2. She presents the glorious re-

ward of unselfish love. Here is love of a woman for a woman in the relation that has always presented a strained situation. Simple-hearted, quiet, Ruth was but a domestic girl clinging to a domestic affection, but her life story is told with such simplicity as to become a beautiful illustration of the reward of loyal, unselfish love. Woman is far more unselfish than man.

Esther, the Strategic.

Called to the kingdom at a time when her people were in jeopardy for their very existence, Esther showed a real genius for strategy. The king had dismissed Vashti because she refused to appear at the drunken feast of the king. Esther as her successor did not violate the laws of good judgment and behaviour, but she gained such favor with the king that through a brilliant stroke of strategy she rescued her people from death. Her life story need not here be told, it being well known.

Esther bears a great message to women today. Woman may gain by finesse what she might not otherwise secure by open plans. We do not mean that she should be under-handed, but she can gain things that ought to be accomplished by a fine art of strategy.

Mary, the Teachable.

The home at Bethany was a favorite resort of Jesus. The two sisters and the brother gave him a cordial welcome and in the quiet retreat of this home he got rest from the stress of the great crowds. Mary chose the better part because she had a quick gift of reading the thoughts of Jesus and an open heart for his teaching. Martha was equally as devoted to her Lord, but her specialty concerned the industrial and economic side of life. Jesus needed someone who might understand his spiritual message and the difficulties which beset his path to the cross. In her teachableness Mary illustrates the wonderful privilege of women today. By nature women are more susceptible to the power of the truth than men and more responsive to its calls.

Dorcas, the Benevolent.

It is wonderful that in the list of Bible women there should be such a symmetry of characters. Over against the teachableness of Mary is reflected the benevolence of Dorcas. Her whole village had felt her ministry of service and at her death the garments that she had made were exhibited as tokens of her goodness and of their appreciation. Women today are engaged in all sorts of benevolent occupations. She is behind every movement which seeks to alleviate suffering and to bring a better order to society.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION.

To My Dear Friends, the Baptist Women of Tennessee:

Well, how do you like it? Aren't you proud you are a Tennessee Baptist woman? I am proud of every one of you. I hope you are pleased with the "Woman's Special," and that you will receive as much joy and benefit from reading it as I have had in helping to plan it. To me it is the realization of a long cherished hope, and I count myself honored to have had a little part in it. During the four years I have been connected with the Baptist and Reflector you have been my constant helpers, always ready and glad to co-operate with me in anything I might undertake. Whatever I have been able to accomplish has been largely due to your sympathy and encouragement. I wish I might know each of you personally and tell you how much you have meant to me. Your sweet letters have often cheered me when I was discouraged and your timely financial aid has many times pulled us "out of the hole." In short, I just could not get along without you.

To each of you who contributed in any way to the success of this special issue I want to assure of my grateful appreciation. No matter how small your contribution, I did not fail to take note of it, and I thank you for it. Your response has proved to me the unlimited possibilities of the Baptist women of Tennessee, and I look into the future and see a bigger and better Baptist and Reflector. I have long dreamed of a subscription list of 10,000, and today it seems almost a reality.

In this note of appreciation I would not forget to express my gratitude to Dr. Bond for so graciously

turning the paper over to us for this issue, as well as for his splendid articles. You see we are the whole cheese this week. Dr. Bond not only gave us



MISS MATTIE STRAUGHAN

Assistant Business Manager, Baptist and Reflector

the space, but has had the type set in such a way that the paper this week contains one-third more reading matter than usual. We are indebted to him also for our nice NEW dress. It was made specially for the "Woman's Special" and cost the stupendous sum of \$54—but you'll hear something about its cost later, for we are to have another PAPER bill in December. Our hats are off to you, Dr. Bond, for your generosity and we promise you that thousand new subscribers real soon.

Gratefully yours,

MATTIE STRAUGHAN.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES

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Individual and national worth are indicated by the type of womanhood held.

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Mrs. Hetty Green demonstrated that a woman could be a master of the science of money-making.

The material for the Woman's Special has been more than enough for this issue and crowds out the Pastors' Conference notes and the Honor Roll. We will publish this excellent material later. We appreciate your help.

RELIGIOUS ADVANTAGES OFFERED YOUNG WOMEN AT CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE.

Mrs. I. W. Wingo.

The religious life of a Christian College should be the center around which all the school machinery revolves. Few children are naturally religious. Even with the influence of a Christian home, many of our young people are swept into the current of worldliness about them. They enter college sadly in need of having their moral and religious standards elevated. The chief task of a Christian College is made the most imperative when students come from homes where no religious training has been received. A college does not merit the name Christian if it does not offer sufficient advantages to develop a student into a well-rounded Christian character. This we are trying to do at Carson-Newman College.

The first advantage to be mentioned is that of having near by a beautiful Baptist church, an object lesson in the arrangement of Sunday School class rooms. Our president is a deacon in this church and other members of the faculty with some of the students are members. Regular attendance at Sunday School and church services is required of the students.

Our B. Y. P. U., composed entirely of students, offers many opportunities for development in Christian activity. There are two sections which meet for an hour Sunday evenings just before church service. Each section is working with the determination to maintain the standard, A-1. After their programs and special business, the two sections met with the general president presiding. Reports are given and any matters of general purport discussed. Some of us attend with interest these meetings, but the work is managed by the students.

Our denominational schools should, as far as possible, be linked to our denominational interests. We are giving our girls the advantage of being trained through our W. M. U. organization for them, the Y. W. A. or Hasseltine Circle. While the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. may accomplish much good, we are grateful for all they are doing for our soldier boys in the camps, these organizations are not needed in a denominational school. Our girls may gain all and far more from a properly governed Hasseltine Circle than from a Y. W. C. A. All the beautiful agencies employed by the college Y. W. C. A. to make college life more attractive may be as effectively employed by the Hasseltine Circle. Our Baptist girls should be intelligent about our Baptist work and should be given in college the advantage of reading our Baptist literature and of studying our Baptist mission fields. Every Christian girl should go out from one of our Christian colleges ready to be a leader in her home church. This we are trying to accomplish at Carson-Newman partly through our Hasseltine Circle.

Another great advantage is the privileges offered in our chapel exercises. The students listen most attentively to the splendid, helpful talks of our earnest Christian president, who usually conducts these exercises. His heart keeps young in sympathy and love for the young people he is trying to develop, and he knows just how to reach them through his chapel talks. We trust that telling effects for good may result in the lives of both young men and young women. In Prof. Gentry's absence Dr. White takes his place, and this is another advantage. Carson-Newman College is very fortunate to have secured on her faculty such a consecrated, refined Christian gentleman as Dr. White. Not only is he helpful in conducting chapel exercises,

but his wholesome influence is felt in the class room and in all his contact with the students. Mrs. White shares in this helpfulness. She teaches a class of college girls in Sunday School and is always an inspiration when she mingles among them. Occasionally we have a visitor to speak in chapel. Some of the Y. M. C. A. workers have brought to us the urgent need of equipping our army Y. M. C. A.'s. Recently Dr. Purser gave us a forceful presentation of Foreign Missions.

For a Christian college to exert the Christian influence it should, the religious spirit must undoubtedly permeate the home life. In our girls' homes jointly worship is held in the dining room just before breakfast is served. A number of the girls may be depended on to lead the morning prayer. Sometimes they read the Bible passage, or we may have verses recited. Just after supper we meet for a vesper service. These are conducted by the girls, a number of them taking part in the short, definite prayers. Such a joy it is to hear their sweet voices lifted in prayer to our Heavenly Father. The schedule of leaders for the week is posted with the W. M. U. prayer calendar which hangs in our dining room. Besides the objects mentioned on the calendar, we remember various other objects. We are trying to have these dear girls realize that God will control and bless every detail of our lives when we are trusting Him. We bring to Him studies, examinations, social affairs, etc. How we long to see every girl taking advantage of thus developing her prayer life.

If the religious advantages offered our young women at Carson-Newman College are generally appropriated, we believe our ideal may be at least partly reached, — that is, graduation from Carson-Newman being a synonym for young woman equipped to fill successfully the sphere of service awaiting her in this great needy world.

Jefferson City, Tenn.

WOMAN IN COLLEGE.

By Grace Everett, of Union University

Across our college campus, crowds of children pass on their way to the grammar school. These small tots, some of them whom seem hardly able to sustain the weight of their books, are making footprints on our campus. These footprints seem to point to that not far distant day when they too will reach the airy heights of college paths. It is for these children, these college students now in the making, that we must bear the torch. As we think so, in a large measure, they will think. College means something more than the receiving of the gift of knowledge; it means leaving, in a certain definite manner, the imprint of our personalities upon our Alma Mater. We go forth imbued with the ideals of our college; the returning students come, receiving inspiration from our toll.

College represents a little world in itself. It has its own code of laws, its own system of labor, its devices for apportioning rewards. It is set in motion by its own laws of attraction. It is a small planet revolving around the sun of truth. A college is a little empire with its Czar; and "Thousands at his bidding speed and post o'er land and ocean without rest."

A new star has shown out upon this college world,—woman has come to be a fixed constellation in this mighty firmament of college activities. Time was when the mystic door of university course was guarded by a flaming sword; and no woman's foot might enter its sacred precincts. Even Milton declared that, "One tongue was enough for a woman." A new era has dawned, however, and woman finds the key of knowledge responsive to her touch.

The gauntlet is thus flung down, and the gray old world, looking on with its skeptic eyes, is challenging her use of college training. Increased ability always entails increased responsibility,

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ty. Woman in college must mean something to the vast outside world which compares with the college world, as Jupiter to our Earth.

A well-modeled college presents a four square aspect to the world, furnishing physical, mental, social, and spiritual culture. All are important; but I have chosen the last as the phase of college life which touches us all most nearly.

Ever since creation's morn, when the Maker, God, saw fit to fashion in this—human clay His own image, woman has been a counselor. Down the ages she has borne the torch. Whether as "Elaine, the lily maid of Astolat", climbing to her eastern tower; or as the Maid of France, whose counsel kings obeyed; whether as the Swedish nightingale; or as the "Lady with the Lamp"; or as some unsung madonna, fit model for Raphael's brush, woman has counseled and lead up to the heights. This high destiny was not simply hers by choice; it was a gracious gift.

The poet has dreamed of her:
"A perfect woman, nobly planned
To warn, to comfort, and command;
And yet a spirit still, and bright
With something of an Angel light."

The artist has painted her; sculptors have modeled her; voices have sung of her; and now comes college to complete the picture.

It is to the college woman that the world of today looks for counsel. Beyond college walls, strange voices are heard; new demands are being made. Thousands of high school girls are being rushed through some commercial mill. It is the college woman who must catch a vision that she may guide aright those under her care.

Atingle with the delight of new conquests, aflame with the glory of bright careers, where shall she turn for guidance? The true counselor ever seems to point above. Thus, to follow Ruskin to his own "Queen's Gardens", I should say, One ever waits to counsel these counselors. Small glory theirs if they forget this mighty sword of the spirit. This truth in its scabbard of Y. W. C. A. or some similar organization is ready to fight the forces of doubt.

It will not be the same world, which the college woman enters, as that she so blithely left when a high school graduate. It will have changed and she will have changed. It will not be a world of mere pleasure, but a world of service. College spells co-operation. Co-operation on this high plane of service will hew a new path for the small feet which now cross our college campus, leaving their imprint there.
Jackson, Tenn.

THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR A BUSINESS WOMAN.

Miss Ina Smith, Tennessee College.

In our desire to be efficient, to be practical, to be modern, we are in danger of sacrificing a greater good that is remote by striving too eagerly after a lesser good that seems near. Of late years vocational education in this country has become a fad. When a young woman has chosen a business career, is it worth while to spend four years in college when in a few months she may get the so-called business training which will enable her to take a position at once?

This question may best be answered by weighing the value of these two kinds of training. "A purely vocational education provides a definite something which may be marketed for a limited wage, while college training develops the mind to the end that one may have an instrument capable of solving the problems of business life."

It is true that the average business woman seldom uses the Latin, Science, History, etc., to which she devoted her time in college. Because these branches are of no direct value some call them useless. Is it fair to assert that because one cannot remember the particular food he ate a week ago that his body was any the less nourished and strengthened by this food? Just so, one is not justified in believing that because facts are forgotten and unused, the mind has not been trained by the daily discipline of the college branches. Psychology proves the contrary

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MISS ANN WHITE FOLK
Editor Young South Department

Dear Young South:

I'm sure you have all been waiting eagerly for our woman's special issue of the paper. Here it is, and I hope you will enjoy this feast of nice letters. And at last we have a picture of the Young South room! I have wanted to show you that, because you worked so diligently to make it a success, and since very few have had the opportunity of seeing it in reality, I know you will be glad to see a picture of "our room." Last, and not least, there is a picture of myself, which the editor requested. Don't think I am vain; I give you my word it is the first picture I ever had in a paper, and I'm quite excited over it.

There are not many of us who had the opportunity of knowing "Aunt Nora" and writing to her. But that name has always been familiar to me, and I have felt that she belonged to the "Young South", though I wrote my first letter to Mrs. Eakin. Mrs. Halley has wandered far away from us since she gave up the Young South, but I am so glad to know that she still remembers us and is interested in our work. Dr. Halley is pastor of the Evray Street Baptist church in Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Halley is his right-hand helper. Hers has been a noble work, the rearing of five splendid young men, whom she now gives to her country. She must be very, very proud of the banner with five stars which hangs at her window. I wish we might hear from our "Aunt Nora" again some time, because we do not intend to give her up, and we want to feel that she still claims us.

My Dear Young Friends:

I cannot resist the kind invitation or your dear young editor to send you a greeting with love and best wishes for this "Special Issue", when my heart is so full of it all and it has always been my intention to some day tell you so.

She asks that I tell of myself and what I have been doing all these years since I was "Aunt Nora" to the "Young South".

That was sweet of her, but let me first assure you that in all these years I have had an unabated interest in your work and never fail—I may say, I think, weekly—to turn to the "Young South" to see what you were doing and

to catch sight of some familiar name and a message from some one of "our cousins".

As to what I have been doing, I suppose I may say my principal work has been raising boys—"Quite a job", I think I hear you say,—but with God's help we have raised five strong Christian young men. The oldest, now twenty-eight and the youngest eighteen years old. Raised them, it now seems, for our country and to fight for righteousness and freedom, for one by one they are entering the camps, and before another Christmas I fear all five will be in the service. All my extra time and strength I have most heartily given to leading and training the young people of my church. For I still love young people and for this reason, although I am not a white-haired spectacled little woman of sixty years, I feel about as young as I did when I gave up the "Young South" in 1894.

I notice your work is principally for the orphans. Before I close let me make a plea for them. In these trying days when there are so many appeals made to our hearts and upon our purses, do not forget your orphans, for no one else will care for them if you do not. They are yours and we are going to need them badly as Christian citizens some some day.

One of the sweetest joys I have experienced these past years has been meeting and looking into the faces of the "Cousins" who once wrote to "Aunt Nora". I find them filling the honored and important places of their communities. May God bless them every one and you, my dear readers of today. The "Young South" work is really worth while and I ask God's blessing on its new leader. Try to do whatever she asks you to do.

Lovingly,

"AUNT NORA."

2807 Holmes st.,
Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Eakin needs no introduction to most of the Young South members. We have loved her and known her for a long, long time. When she first decided to give up the work, and my father asked me to continue what she and "Aunt Nora" had so ably begun, it seemed too big an undertaking, and I started with fear and trembling. You have been so good to me, and responded to all my appeals so graciously, that all my doubts and fears have been cast aside, and enthusiasm has taken their place.

I wanted so much to have a letter from our beloved Mrs. Eakin for you, because I know most of you have loved her and known her all your lives. I can not express my deep sorrow and regret to learn that Mrs. Eakin is ill, and that she cannot write to us again. We want her to know that all of the Young South members extend their heartfelt love and sympathy. Since I was a tiny tot Mrs. Eakin has been an idol in my shrine of loved images, and I remember many hours I toiled and labored to make money for the Young South because she asked me to. I wonder if she remembers the time when I planted what I intended to be cantaloupes, but which turned out to be just ordinary old gourds. I was in black despair until Mrs. Eakin came to my rescue and suggested that I paint them in the Young South colors and sell them for darning gourds. I wish there was some way in which we might repay our dear Mrs. Eakin for all that she has done for us, but if love and tender thoughts and prayers could help she would soon be well again. We appreciate this letter which Mrs. Kannon writes to us for Mrs. Eakin, and I know you want to read it now.

Dear Miss Annie White:

Sister received your letter to her relative to a special letter for the great edition, and she regrets so much she cannot comply with your request, writing you a letter herself, but for many, many months she has been almost an invalid. She is able to sit up the greater portion of the day in a Morris chair, but must sit with folded hands. I am her general care-taker

as well as her house-keeper and her sister, and so I will write for her. She says to tell you no work she ever engaged her time with gave such intense satisfaction as did her work for "The Young South". She reads all of that page, or, if it is a day when she feels too feeble for the effort I read it to her. She is so glad that you have such a place of trust, and rejoices over your success. We have said several times of late how we must write and send you a wee offering for the orphanage, so I am sending you \$1.00 as a wee remembrance for this time. Hoping this issue of the paper will far exceed all expectations we are, yours truly,

MRS. L. D. EAKIN,

MRS. W. KANNON.

Chattanooga, Tenn.,
The Virginia Apts. 5.
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A CORNER OF THE YOUNG SOUTH
ROOM

Little tots ready for bed

Eads, Tenn. — Dear Miss Annie White: As I enjoy reading the letters of the Young South I will write one. A long time has elapsed since I wrote the last one. I am attending school, and it keeps me very busy. I wanted to tell you something about the fund our Sunday School raised for the Y. M. C. A. work. I attended our Sunday School when I went home, and five of the Sunday School workers were appointed on the committee to drive around in a car on Sunday afternoon and obtain subscriptions for the soldiers. We started about two o'clock and worked nearly two hours in our own community; the result turned out fine as we collected twenty-five dollars. The Lord certainly was with us, and I know He will always be with the Christians in their work. I surely feel good over the result, because it will help the soldier boys so much. They have so many trials and temptations to stand up to. If the noble boys go out on the battle-field of France to fight for our liberty, why can't we help them by doing these things? I think it is the duty of every Christian boy and girl to work for the soldiers. If we can make them remember that we are interested in them, proud of them because they are in service, they will make better soldiers. Now is the time for every Christian person in America to work and pray; we want to keep the boys who are already Christians in the right path, and want to convert those who are not Christians. Don't neglect to keep them in touch with home by writing cheerful letters. May God's blessings rest upon the Young South, and all the efforts made by the great Baptist men and women of Tennessee.

Yours truly,

BURNIE BRYAN.

Fisherville Baptist church.

We surely haven't heard from you in a long time, Miss Burnie, and this nice long letter is greatly appreciated. I wondered where you were. I am so glad you told us about your campaign for the Y. M. C. A. It was a success, and every bit helps. I feel as you do about the work for the soldiers. It is not our privilege to give ourselves to our country, as all of our young men have done, therefore it is our duty to give our efforts and money to helping the best way we can. There is a place for every single person to help,—man, woman or child, and we are betraying a sacred trust if we fail in doing our duty. You won't wait so long to write to us again, will you?

This letter from Mrs. Horn is one of the most interesting we have had,

so I'm just going to give it to you without any comment, and let you enjoy reading it. But first I want to thank her for the offering she sends for the Orphans' Home, and the gift which wee little Marshall sends and, too, for the new subscriber to the paper.

Narene, Tenn.

Dear Miss Annie White: Here we are with our bit for the woman's special. Fine enclosed check for \$3.45 thank offering—\$1.45 for Baby Building; 5 cents was given in name of Marshall Carroll, age 4 months, for babies in Home; \$2.00 for which please send Baptist and Reflector and Foreign Field to W. E. Garrett, Narene, Tenn., R. No. 1; as a thanksgiving, in appreciation of him and his services as sexton and Secretary of Sunday School. We are this week sending to Orphans' Home our offering of canned goods and sorghum, collected by our church committee—Mrs. Evie Lammond, Mrs. Calie Nelson, both frail little women, but very energetic. A very sad incident in the filling of those jars was—the first one that promised to fill 2 was in bed sick when the jars were carried to her and she said: "Well, if I get well I will fill them; if not, I put up several jars of beans last week; we take 2 of these." She was only on bed of pain 2 weeks when she passed away. The jars were sent from home to us last summer with the understanding we were to fill and send them for this offering. The names of those filling jars: Mr. W. D. Williams and family, 6; Mr. Dock Jones and family, 6; Miss Nancy Chick, 2; Mrs. I. B. Vaughter, 1; Miss Annie Alexander, 1; Mrs. Sallie Warf, 1; Mrs. Kate Carroll (deceased), 2 jars beans; Mrs. Flora Carroll, 1; in the name of her baby Marshall, thinking he may soon be an orphan, as his father is registered for the war. Sorghum sent — J. B. Black, 1 gallon; J. C. William, 1; W. E. Garrett, 1-2; Walter Garrett, 1-2; Isabella R. Horn, 1-2. I have taken the paper regular since 1881 when I was a girl. I am now a widow and can truly sympathize with you in the loss you sustained. Thank-giving greetings to ye editors and all.

MRS. ISABELLA HORN.

R. 1., Union church.

Stanton, Tenn.

Dear Miss Annie White: I am sending you \$5.00 for those dear orphan children from our Married Ladies' Bible Class again. You know a mother knows what it means to those children to be without their dear mother and father, to care for them, so our class was anxious to send them collection of the 18th, third Sunday. We can't send as much this time as we would like. You know women in the country don't have money except from their chickens and eggs of their own, so I think my class did real well, as it is small. But we are all anxious to help all we can, and I feel sure our Heavenly Father will help them see how to do more and more for Him and His cause. May God's richest blessings rest up on those dear children and the ones who care for them. With best wishes to all, your friend,

MRS. H. H. WILLIAMS.

Shall we call this class of Mrs. Williams the "Godmothers of the Orphans"? Surely they deserve the name, for not only their gift, but for the perfect love and understanding which they express. I believe if those chickens knew how much depended upon them and their eggs, Mrs. Williams, they would prove their importance more. Thank each of those dear ladies for us, and tell them we expect to hear from them again.

Such an interesting letter I have for you from a newly organized Sunbeam Band, right here in my own city. By the way, what became of the Sunbeams this time? Did they feel that this was strictly an issue for the women, and that they had no place in it? Surely not, and I miss those Sunbeams' letter, let me tell you.

This band at Shelby Avenue church deserves to be congratulated upon the splendid beginning they have made, and at the same time let us wish them much success in their work. If any of

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FROM THE HEARTS OF
WOMEN

(Continued from page 5)

Springfield, Tenn.

I have been taking the paper for 25 years. It is such a comfort to me in my old age. I am the widow of an old soldier. MRS. MARY MADDOX.

Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

After some delay I am sending in one new subscriber. I must say that I am not now doing any personal work but I learn from the Baptist and Reflector of the work that is being done by others. My interest has increased in Christian work and I contribute of my means to the different causes. I am now 81 years of age, and the paper having come into our home for more than 60 years is an evident fact of its appreciation.

MRS. A. SPERRY.

I send you two dollars to send the paper to my son in Arkansas. My own time is not up yet. I do not know how I could do without the paper, as I have taken it so long. It has been a great help to me.

MRS. PENELOPE HUGHES.

Gordonsville Tenn.

Your letter received and read with interest. I would be glad to write you a nice letter and say lots of good things about the Baptist and Reflector of which I have been a subscriber a number of years, and hope to continue so on and on. I am interested in the paper and think every Baptist should be. I am sending you \$10.00 for new subscribers, so that you can swell your Honor Roll. I hope they will prove a blessing and the paper a blessing to them. I am looking forward to the issue of the 29th with much interest.

MRS. DONIE BRUCE.

Jacksboro, Tenn.

In thinking over the ways in which the paper has helped me, one sermon stands out most distinctly. The text was: "Without Shedding of Blood is No"—

How sternly that principle is being pressed home to us now when we are beginning to feel something of the stern realities of war. It is being made evident to us that the world is not to have liberty and democracy without shedding of blood—much shedding of blood. The question is, are we willing to shed our blood—are we willing to spend and be spent? Let us pray that we may meet this demand with right spirit. MISS REBECCA A. REID.



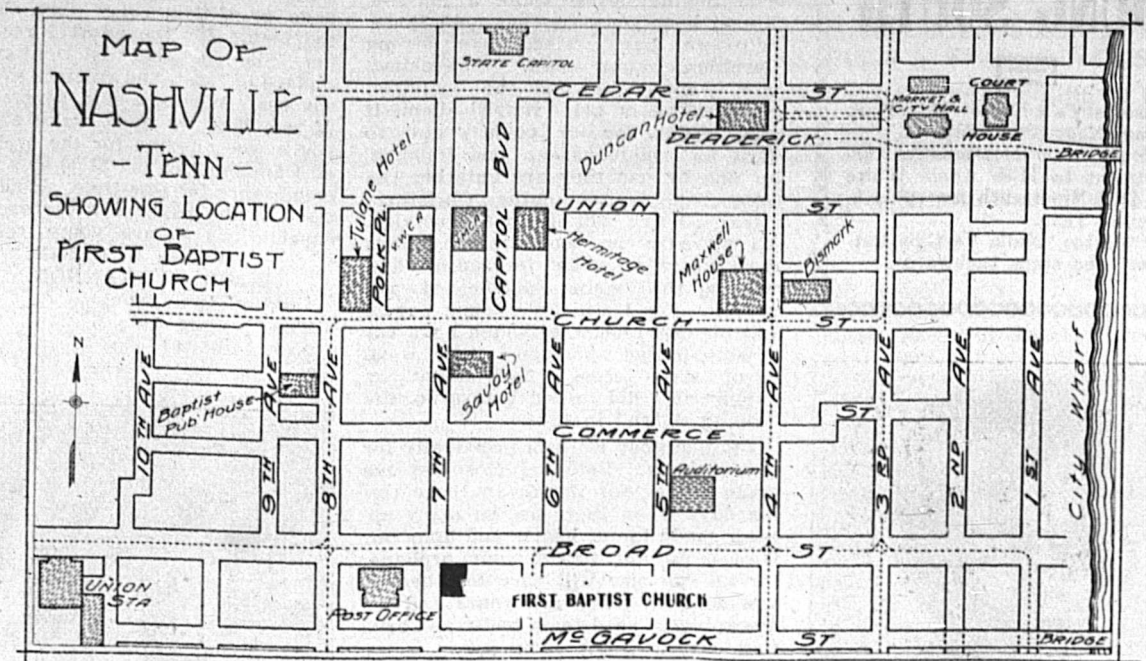
MISS HAZEL ANDREWS
Tennessee's gift to China

Stanton, Tenn.

I enclose two dollars for the subscription of the Baptist and Reflector for another year. I have neglected sending it about two weeks. I am sorry, but I thank God the Reflector came just the same and not a word said about your pay for another year. I thank God that we have such a paper, to tell the good news of His servants and what they are doing for

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Him all over the State. Without this paper we would not know how much good they were doing for Him. May God bless the Reflector and all of its readers, and help them to do more for our Lord.

MRS. H. H. WILLIAMS.

Knoxville, Tenn.

Enclosed you will find P. O. order for my renewal. I feel like every year I will have to give up the paper, but some one sends me the money. This came from a dear niece in the Philippines. She sent me an interesting letter about San Ramon, the penal farm. Her husband, Mr. Cooley, is the Superintendent of it, and she teaches the convicts' children. They are allowed to move to the farm and live, and their wives and children cared for. I would like to see the Baptist and Reflector in a more prosperous state and not even have to ask people to send in their renewals. A friend of mine sends me the "Home and Foreign Fields" for which I am very grateful. May the Lord bless you in your work.

MRS. M. A. MOSS.

Nashville, Tenn.

I am sending two dollars to be added to the "Old Ministers' Fund." I makes me sad to think of any minister having to do without the Baptist and Reflector. I know how hard it would have been for my father to have been without it. Wishing you the greatest success,

OLIVE PARDUE.
1313 Lisceie Ave.

Milton, Tenn., 9-28, 1917.

Yours to hand. Am glad I have on hand \$2.00 in order to help you that much by renewing my subscription for another year. How glad I would be if I was able to get many subscribers for the paper, to help you out of distress, but I cannot. I am a widow 74 years old, have no income except the proceeds of a few hens. Am supported by the generosity of my son. You see my means are limited, but I have always made sacrifices in order to renew my subscription, for I just cannot live without the Baptist and Reflector. Have read it almost all the years since Bro. Graves first edited the Baptist, and hope to read it as long as I live. You certainly have my sympathy and prayers in this time of stress. May God be with and bless you. Lovingly, your sister in Christ.

MRS. JULIA HOOD.

Brush Creek, Tenn.

I am interested in the Baptist and

Reflector and taink all Christians should be. I have been a subscriber for almost two years and hope to continue so. It has been of much help and interest to me. I think every Baptist home should take the Reflector. Hoping your work will be of much success and the Reflector of great help to the new subscribers. I am sending you one new subscriber, for which send the 52 issues and Home and Foreign Fields for one year.

MRS. MARY PARIS.

Mosheim, Tenn.

I am enclosing you my husband's check for four dollars to extend my subscription to the Baptist and Reflector for one year; also one new subscriber for one year, and I must say that my church paper is a great comfort to me and helps me in many ways. I would miss it very badly if it was not to come to my home every week. I will endeavor to send in more new subscribers when I can. Yours for lots of Baptist success,

MRS. G. D. EASTERLY.

Blaneville, Tenn.

Find enclosed two dollars and twenty-five cents, for which have my subscription extended; 25 cents for the Missionary Journal. I have tried to get subscribers, but the people would rather read war news, so I thought I would have my subscription extended would help a little, for I feel that I can't get along without it. When I am blue I always find something that cheers my soul and strengthens me, but the war does make me feel sad. We can not tell what the end will be. My subscription will not be up until February. Will send money order for \$2.25; please have it extended.

MRS. JOE PATTERSON.

Baileyton, Tenn.

I am glad to send you two new subscribers to the Baptist and Reflector and Foreign Fields. We have been taking the Baptist and Reflector for several years and feel that we could not do without. I would be glad to see the day when every Baptist home in Tennessee would take our State paper. Wishing you success in the Lord's work, Yours respectfully,

MRS. G. R. WALTERS.

Iron City, Tenn.

On the date of the Woman's Special, November 29th, I will be seventy years old; so it appears especially to me. Before the war my father took this paper, then called the "Ten-

nessee Baptist," I think. After the war, the editor, J. R. Graves sent out statements of amounts due him on old subscriptions. He stated he would remit interest. My father answered, enclosing principal and interest. The letter was published with his name attached. Another letter was published with name withheld, the writer saying that he thought he had receipt but could not look through wagon load of receipts to find it. My father's name was Rev. Robt. Rennold.

MRS. JENNIE S. MARTIN.

It may strike terror to the Thanksgiving turkeys and it may make the wheat field, the frying pan and the sugar-bowl feel neglected by us, but it certainly behooves each of us to urge our constituency to save the beef, wheat, fats and sugar for the soldiers and sailors. It is not only patriotic, but righteous to do so.

KATHLEEN MALLORY.

I am very anxious indeed to get the W. M. U. Secial. I think the Baptist and Reflector should be in every Baptist home in the South. I could not get along without our State paper; it keeps us informed of all the work that our great denomination is doing, and I think every leader in our W. M. U. work should take the Baptist and Reflector. I close, wishing you success in the great cause for which you are working.

MRS. GEO. W. TREVENA.
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Hartsville, Tenn.

In response to an appeal from the assistant editor of the Baptist and Reflector, will write a few lines. I haven't ceased to grieve over the home going of Dr. Folk. Felt like it was a calamity to the Baptist cause, but am so thankful when our leaders fall that the Lord does not permit the work to cease, but raises up another to take the place. This, our new editor, Dr. Bond, is doing so nobly and efficiently. May the Lord's blessings continue on his efforts. Our W. M. M. here is succeeding very nicely and we are trying to respond to all the calls made by our President and Corresponding Secretary for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. We have some choice spirits here that the word "slacker" does not apply to. "I love thy church, oh God,

For her my prayers ascend."

I am sending out Home and Foreign fields.

MRS. J. M. OGLESBY.

Franklin, Tenn.

I have adopted that annual slogan: "Do your Christmas shopping early"—and today making first holiday purchase. I can think of no bigger, better gift I could make for \$2.00 than a year's subscription to the Baptist and Reflector. It is an ideal gift because it lasts a whole year, and is more valuable to the recipient at the year's end than at its beginning, in that time making itself so indispensable to the up-to-date Baptist that a renewal will follow as a matter of course. I do not know that this is a new idea, but whether new or old it is a good one and suggest that you do as I do, recommend it to your friends. The nature of the gift prohibits the use of the tag—"Do not open until Christmas"—and while I realize my friend is the loser by not receiving the very next copy, I beg, if it does not conflict with rules, that this subscription begin with the Christmas week issue.

MRS. E. E. HILL.

I am greatly interested in the Woman's Special issue of the Baptist and Reflector, as I am in anything leading to the best for the world's good. My earnest prayer is that the issue may be a success. I am willing to do what I can always for the best, though I am an old lady of 87 years. Would have written to you sooner, but for suffering with my eyes. I appreciate the Baptist and Reflector. The paper has been in my home ever since it was called the Baptist, and received several copies of it under that name in 1880 when it was edited by Dr. J. R. Graves, of Memphis. I love the cause, the paper and all pertaining to it that is right.

MRS. GEORGE L. BRANTLY.

Lexington, Tenn.

I take this privilege to write a little for the woman's copy of the paper, hoping you will have room for it. I have been a subscriber 14 years, and could not keep house without it. I can keep up with the woman's work and Baptist work in general. God's richest blessings reward you in the work. MRS. P. H. DENNISON.

Toone, Tenn.

I cannot tell you how much good the Baptist and Reflector has done me, or praise it too highly. My mother and I live together. Mother is almost helpless, and I earn the living for us by attending to the telephone at Toone. So you see with my home cares that I am almost a shut-in, and could not get along without the Baptist and Reflector.

MRS. IDA TATE.

It is very kind of you to give our women a chance to express our appreciations for the valuable assistance we gain by reading the Baptist and Reflector. I am sending one new subscriber for the Baptist and Reflector and Home and Foreign Fields. I am paying subscription myself as a Thanksgiving and Christmas gift. I feel I could not do without the Baptist and Reflector, for it has been a

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great help to me in many ways.

When I attend a Baptist meeting of any kind I feel I know the speakers, even if I have never seen them before. I know what part of the work they are doing by reading the Baptist and Reflector. I don't think any one can be an intelligent Baptist if they do not read our State paper and other periodicals published by our Baptist leaders.

MRS. W. S. CLARK.

Whiteville, Tenn.

Enclosed find post office money order for which please continue our paper. It has been a great source of strength and comfort all these years it has been coming to our home, and we feel that we cannot do without it.

Pray God's richest blessings upon the dear old paper.

MRS. EMILY BLALOCK.

Lenoir City, Tenn.

I received your letter in regard to the "Woman's Issue" of our paper. Was delighted to have an invitation to write you about our work of the W. M. U. in our church and also to tell you the good I have received from reading our dear old paper.

The Baptist Tabernacle was organized about one year ago, with a membership of thirty-five. A few weeks later the W. M. U. was organized with a membership of (12) twelve. We are alive to the Woman's Work, and the work of our Master.

Words cannot express my admiration and love for Dr. Folk. We do not appreciate great men until they have gone from our midst. I love the dear old Baptist and Reflector. I have read it all my life. My grandfather, Rev. J. W. Holden, of Concord, R. I. has taken the paper ever since I can remember, and I have read it and enjoyed it from a child. I shall continue to take it myself as long as the Lord permits, which of course will be as long as I live. May God continue to bless His people everywhere and especially in dear old "Sunny Tennessee."

MISS ARRA MAE HOFFMAN.

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And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly behooves any of us
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"Woman's life is dull and monotonous in this country without Jesus. Men may go out into the world, as they do every day, and they see new sights and hear new sounds; but a woman, for the most part, suffers and toils alone. She needs a rest and inspiration she cannot get from music and needlework. She has affections deep and priceless, and will never be happy until she pours that alabaster-box on the head of Christ."—Talmadge.

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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U. gave \$20,000.00 to the Church Building Loan Fund as a testimonial of the Union's love and appreciation of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, who was for many years the distinguished Secretary of the Home Board. 8. The 20th annual report shows that the Union gave \$9,000 more to Home and Foreign Missions, than did the S. B. C. give the year the Union was organized. 9. The Boards, seeing that it was not wise to send out missionaries who had not been trained, began to look around, to see by what means, our young women could be fitted to work in the Lord's vineyard. This also being distinctively the "young woman's day", they themselves felt the need of training. In the fall of 1904, four young ladies desiring to prepare for work, knocked at the Seminary door, and were admitted. Others came until the fall of 1905, there were fifteen young women ready for training. It was soon recognized, that women needed other than theological training. They needed a home where they could be taught all the domestic arts, along with music and medicine.

Dr. E. Z. Simmons made a strong plea for a home for these young women. The Baptist women of Kentucky secured a suitable house valued at \$20,500.00, and when the S. B. C. met in Richmond in May, 1907, \$10,000.00 was raised to help pay for same. The building was located at 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky., and is known as the Baptist W. M. U. Training School, and was formerly opened October 2nd, 1907, with Mrs. Maude Reynolds McLure as principal. On this opening day, Dr. J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. Board placed in the hands of the president of the Union, a check for \$20,500.00—a gift from the S. S. Board with which to pay for the building. Encouraged by this gift, the Union gave \$20,000.00 as a permanent endowment fund.

The school has grown so rapidly, that in 1913 there were forty pupils. It could contain no more, and the adjoining building was purchased. In 1915-1916 there were sixty pupils, and at the S. B. C. at Asheville, May, 1916, it was decided that the old building be torn down, and a new \$150,000.00 structure take its place, completed by July, 1917. There are several memorials in this building—(a) The Heck Memorial Chapel, in honor of our much-loved president, Miss Fannie Heck, who served us for fifteen years, having died in August, 1915. (b) The infirmary which was fitted up by the Mississippi women, in honor of Dr. E. Z. Simmons, who, while a missionary to far-away China, caught the first vision of this work. (c) Tennessee honors Miss Evie Brown, by fitting up the commodious dining room to her memory. (d) The ladies of the Second church, Richmond, Va., honor the noble R. J. Willingham, by dedicating one of the sun parlors to his memory. (e) Maryland offers two sun parlors. One, in memory of Mrs. Ann Graves, the other in honor of Mrs. Theodore Whitfield, both of whom were identified with the early struggles of the W. M. U. (f) Mrs. G. G. Bush, of Birmingham, presents the library and furnishings in memory of her husband. (g) Judge Carter Wright, of Alabama, gives a class room in honor of his wife. (h) The family of Mrs. John A. Broadus gives a class room and its furnishings to her memory. (i) Kentucky claims the office and reception rooms as their tributes to the chairman and board of the Training School.

At the opening of the term of 1917, there were sixty boarding pupils and more than twenty day students in the school. We have in active service sent out from the school as follows:—1 S. S. worker, 1 church worker for young people, 2 city missionaries, 7 church missionaries, 6 settlement workers, 6 trained nurses, 7 mission teachers, 8 W. M. U. workers, 6 workers among foreigners, 4 mill workers, 2 State workers, 28 foreign missionaries, making a total of 78 having gone out from the school during the

thirteen years of its existence.

10. During this period of achievements the Missionary Calendar came into use, in 1907. 11. Mission Study Classes organized in 1907. 12. Royal Ambassador Bands organized. 13. During this time, Quarterly Institutes were first held. In 1813 the Standard of Excellence was adopted. Many Sunbeam Bands and Girls' Auxiliaries have been organized during these years.

Since the organization of the W. M. U. it had the following presidents:—Miss M. E. McIntosh, South Carolina; Mrs. A. M. Gwathmey, Virginia; Mrs. A. J. Barker, Virginia; Mrs. Chas. A. Stakely, Alabama; Miss Fannie Heck, North Carolina; Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia. The Union has had three Corresponding Secretaries—Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Maryland; Miss Edith Crane, Maryland; Miss Kathleen Mallory, Alabama.

We have now one million women in the Baptist churches of the South, and only one-tenth giving anything to missions. One million young people in Sunday School and less than a tenth interested in the work.

Seeing that the Lord has so abundantly blessed the Union in the years that have gone, let us continue in thanksgiving, and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3-14).

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

(Continued from page three.)

of them lie in unproductive parts of the county, and receive help from the State Board, the work is progressing and each year, at its beginning, sees some worthy work begun, and at the close, it sees it completed.

Much of the progress of this work is due to the fine field work which has been promulgated by the W. M. U.

Mrs. W. H. Vaughn has been the enthusiastic superintendent of the Association since the division two years ago, and for eighteen months Miss Mary Blount Keith, a graduate of the Training School, did such conscientious, efficient work that the contribution to missions was doubled in some churches, and greatly stimulated in others.

Working together, she and Mrs. Vaughn organized societies, Mission study classes, Y. W. A's. and Sunbeam bands where such things had never been heard of before.

The great difficulty they experienced every where was to get leaders for the organizations.

This should be a warning, as well as a great incentive, to us to earnestly foster young people's societies so that this need may be met in the future.

The child of today, is the man of tomorrow, and if we train the children today, we will have efficient leaders in the next generation. And God only knows how much they will be needed!

When this terrible holocaust which is literally burning up the youth of Europe, and reaching out its juggernaut arms for our own sons and daughters, is past, the whole world will be crying for leaders, and, as America leads the world today in following the footsteps of the Great Leader, so will all eyes be turned to her for men and women who can take the initiative in the future.

Cumberland Association is training men and women who will not only be able to "stand in the trenches," but who can "go over the top" and silence the guns of the enemy.

The W. M. U. of Clarksville ably assists Mrs. Vaughn in her labors.

The members attend the Quarterly meetings; take part in the programs; furnish officers for the work of the Association and meet with her in executive council.

In short, they are handmaidens, for while she plans, they help her execute. She is beloved throughout the work.

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heard my voice" expresses the gratitude of devoted lives and loving hearts all over the Cumberland Association for the harmony, unity, prosperity and missionary progress during the past year. We hail with joy a new day in Cumberland Association pregnant with promises of larger and more glorious service for "Him who loves us and gave Himself for us". Missionary education essential to intelligent consecration and service, was directed with success by a committee of efficient and consecrated women. Their work in holding quarterly meetings has been productive of increased missionary interest in the societies.

A wise arrangement secured the services of a training school girl, Miss Keith, who has been doing fine work in the general progress of our societies and country Sunday Schools.

Increased contributions to our work gives us reasons for gratitude. The apportionment we indorse as essential to a basis for larger work. We urge that every member of our societies subscribe for our literature. We heartily recommend all interest of our State Board and pray the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the coming year's work.

MRS. W. H. VAUGHAN,
Supt. Cumberland Association.

YOUNG SOUTH.

(Continued from page 11)

you other Sunbeam leaders know of any points which might help, won't you write to Mrs. Mott, and help her in her work.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Annie White: On Sept. 16th, this year we organized our Sunbeam Band, and meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at our church, Shelby Avenue Baptist. We now have 56 regular and faithful members, and several others who are not quite so regular. Our officers are: Mrs. W. H. Mott, Jr., Leader; Louise Allen, President; Helen Allen, Vice President; Fairy Lee Mahaffey, Treasurer; Camera Alley, Recording Secretary; Lucille Pruitt, Corresponding Secretary; Jewel Price, Pianist; Eleanor Lannon, Edwin Johnson, Elsie Mai Alexander, Personal Service Committee; Helen Allen, Birdie Lee, Angie Price, Program Committee; Mary Organ, Robert Hyde, Hazel Organ, Sick Committee; Harry Mott, Jella Alley, Howard Lee, Membership Committee. We are a very willing little band. We gave a Hallowe'en party at our leader's home for the benefit of our church building fund, and cleared \$3.30, which wasn't so much, but yet every little helped as we are so anxious to get our new church which we already have started, completed. We would be so glad and appreciate so much any suggestions or

literature from any other band or organization that would help us with our Sunbeam work. With best wishes,
Sincerely,
MRS. W. H. MORE, JR.

City.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Annie White: Am sending you one dollar (\$1.00) for the orphans. I will tell you how I came in possession of this money. The first of September my great-grandfather's estate was closed out and when it was handed down to the third generation mine was the small sum of six dollars and fifty cents, so am sending the orphans one dollar of it. While we never met you we have seen your father a number of times at the different Associations. Yours in love,
MRS. M. LLOYD BROWN.

If this isn't being generous what is? From the small legacy she received, Mrs. Brown gives us a part. This is certainly a unique source from which a gift comes, but that does not lessen the appreciation. I rather heightens it. We should be so glad to hear from Mrs. Brown again soon.

Now may I say "thank you" for the success you have made the Young South this special issue? I appreciate it. Lovingly and loyally,
ANNIE WHITE FOLK.

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THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR A BUSINESS WOMAN.

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to be true. The training of the mind produces a greater ability to think and the call of the world today is for men and women who can think. Vocational expertness is not enough. The trained hand must be guided and directed by a trained mind if the business woman is not to become a mere machine in the whirl of the modern business world. Human machines are poorly paid and little sought after. Harry Fogleman, the great business expert declares that he has no use for a stenographer to whom he must dictate every letter. He demands a person who has the mental ability to think for herself and by reason of independent thinking is able to assume responsibility and leadership. The valuable business woman is the self-reliant woman, able to think for herself, quickly and accurately.

College training fosters accuracy, so valuable in the business world. It requires a certain amount of accuracy and attention to detail to master the subjects of the college curriculum. Whether it be true or not, women are charged with being less mathematical and accurate than men in this day when women are being forced into the business world to compete with men, they can afford to suffer because of lack of training along this line. They must be taught to reason logically and to be able to determine an effect from a cause.

Time was when women's brains were considered far too delicate to wrestle with the great problems of business life. But in recent years, women are venturing further and further into the fields of business and are proving their ability to do some of the things of which they were thought incapable. Four years of dealing with the problems of college life and mastering the tasks assigned, can not fail to make women more equal to solving the great problems that are becoming greater as civilization becomes more complex. In the readjustment of affairs after this war is over, women must have a share and the trained, thinking woman will be able to render an invaluable service to humanity in helping to solve the vast difficulties that arise. If our women begin to specialize before they have laid the broad foundation of a literary education we cannot expect them to be well-rounded, efficient workmen in the business world. Vocational education upon a good foundation is excellent, but it can never take the place of the broader college training. The colleges are the mental training camps of the world and any young college woman who is failing to make the most of her opportunities is as much a "slacker" as the man who refuses to fight for his country.

In an address on the value of college training, William Berryman Scott, Professor of Geology at Princeton University says, "The real value of an education is to make a woman, not merely a useful stenographer or teacher but to develop the best that is in her and make her life worth while to herself and to the community in which she lives." The whole existence of a business woman is not confined to the walls of an office. When work is over, she has a life to live, which is necessarily very empty if vocational training measures the extent of her education. William Sloan, of W. & J. Sloan, New York, says: "The business man's day is prosaic, the men he meets as a rule are of little or no schooling. There isn't much poetry in it all and unless he has something to fall back upon, some background to his life and thought, some continual source of quiet comfort and pleasure such as a literary education will afford him, life will be a very empty thing." This is true of a woman even to a greater degree because as a usual thing, the strain is greater.

There is danger in the business world of becoming too practical, of forgetting the ideals that lift humanity above the common place. In order

to lead the rich, full life that is the birthright of every American woman, the materialistic must not have first place. In the words of Horace, the old Latin poet, "When life's pathway is steep, remember to keep the soul at least level." A true college education makes accessible, through literature the best thought of all the ages and the business woman is able to keep her hold on the better things of life. Her vision is broadened and she is able to see beyond the narrow sphere in which she lives.

Tennessee College has for her motto, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," and seeks to impress upon every young woman the value of an ideal in life, of seeing the world in a big way. A college education which does not serve to create a wider interest in mankind and a deeper sympathy for all humanity is not worthy of the name. Money making and business have their place in the world, but the better things that come to a woman through a college education are superior to material values. We can say with Nicholas Murray Butler, "God spare us from the day when a sordid materialism shall leave us no room for or no appreciation of the beauty, the fragrance and the inspiration of the things of the spirit."

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"THE BEST THINGS."

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This is pre-eminently the day of opportunity for young women. There has been no time in the history of our nation when opportunity gathered so richly about us as now. The heart throbs of our country have called forth our young men to do or die in her defense, leaving the door of opportunity open to our young women in almost every occupation of life; and as loyal, patriotic American citizens, we should be glad to fall in line. While it is not ours to answer the call to arms, the glorious privilege is given us to do our part by filling the vacancies left by the boys who have marched to the front. As in every other time of emergency, the success of our girls now depends largely on the preparation they have made in the past and will make in the future.

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To do our best work we must first learn to control ourselves, and that is the object of Hall-Moody discipline. She teaches self-control, which develops the best in one's nature. We must not stay in a narrow circle, if we desire to reach the most people, but our vision of life must broaden and take in the whole world. A broad grasp of life is encouraged in Hall-Moody. The value of time and money is taught, and our students are not spendthrifts of either. Character building is one of the best occupations, and Hall-Moody is proud of her record along this line. She gives direction to aimless feet, and by a congenial atmosphere, the cultivation of a friendly and brotherly feeling among the students inspires them to noble things, helping them to be ladies in the truest, best sense.

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THE WOMEN LEAD THE STATE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS TO EDUCATION

The Woman's Missionary Union at its recent session in Memphis reported larger gifts than ever before in its splendid history to the various causes which the Baptist women of Tennessee support. These consecrated Christian workers have abundant reasons for elation. The organization is stronger, their gifts are larger, and their enthusiasm greater than ever before. Interest in Christian education reached its high tide in the recent sessions of their Convention. The largest subscription made was theirs, \$6,700.06, of which \$3,000.00 is to be given to Christian education within Tennessee. The special effort which the Woman's Missionary Union is making this year is the raising of a generous pledge to the building of the Woman's Training School at Louisville, Ky. For the co-operation, the hearty support and the growing interest of the Baptist women of Tennessee, the Education Board is deeply grateful.

The readers of the Baptist and Reflector will, no doubt, be greatly interested in the other subscriptions which have been secured for the work of Christian Education during the year 1917-18.

The following budget was adopted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention:

THE DEFINITE WORK OF THE EDUCATION BOARD

1. Support of the Board, including all expenses, literature, etc.	\$ 6,000
2. Ministerial Education, including Students' Aid Fund of the Southern Theological Seminary, etc.	6,000
3. Fund to aid the schools of East Tennessee for current expenses of Carson and Newman College and Cosby Academy	6,000
4. Fund to aid the Middle and West Tennessee schools for current expenses	6,000
5. Educational work fostered by the women, including the Training Schools, etc.	6,000
6. The remainder of the \$20,000.00 which is to bind the schools to the Convention	6,000

Total.....\$36,000

The following subscriptions were announced at the session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention on Wednesday afternoon, November 15, 1917, or have been reported since:

	Reported by	Amount
Woman's Missionary Union in Tennessee	Miss Margaret Buchanan	\$ 6,700.00
Laymen, current expenses for Carson and Newman College	Ben A. Morton	5,000.00
Special gifts to Ministerial Education, made at their annual meetings, by	Central Association Friendship Association	
	Little Hatchie Association Beulah Association	
	Big Hatchie Association	3,100.00
East Tennessee Association for Cosby Academy	J. W. O'Hara	1,000.00
Murfreesboro Baptist Church	Austin Crouch	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Knoxville	Len G. Broughton	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Nashville	Allen Fort	1,000.00
A. E. Jennings, Memphis		1,000.00
Chattanooga Baptist Churches	E. B. Wise E. L. Grace W. D. Powell	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Martin	I. N. Penick	1,000.00
Jackson Baptist Churches	Luther Little	1,000.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville	Rufus W. Weaver	600.00
First Baptist Church, Clarksville	Ryland Knight	500.00
Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis	J. W. Lee	500.00
First Baptist Church, Paris	O. C. Barton	500.00
Deaderick Ave. Baptist Church, Knoxville	J. H. Snow	500.00
Rock Hill Baptist Church	R. W. Cooper	500.00
Ripley Baptist Church	J. W. Storer	250.00
Central of Johnson City	Geo. T. Wofford	250.00
Covington Baptist Church	C. E. Wauford	250.00
Ocoee Association	C. E. Sprague	250.00
Nashville Association	W. R. Hill	250.00
Dyersburg Baptist Church	E. L. Atwood	200.00
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J. T. Laten, Fayetteville		100.00
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Indian Creek Association	J. N. Irwin	75.00
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Wm. Gupton, Nashville		100.00
W. M. S., First Church, Knoxville	Rufus W. Weaver	50.00
	Society of Friends of Christian Education	350.00

There were certain subscriptions made which were not put down, owing to the rapidity with which they were announced. The brethren are requested to furnish to the Secretary of Christian Education any corrections which are to be made in the above pledges. Those who do not find their subscriptions given will please write to the Secretary of Christian Education, stating the amount which has been pledged.

RUFUS W. WEAVER,
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