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The Heathen Children's Plea.
O children of Christians beyond the
blue sea
Your poor little brothers and sisters
are we;
'Tis not much affection or pity we find,
But we hear you are loving and gentle
and kind,
So will you not listen, a minute or
two,
While we tell you a tale that is all of
it true?

There's no one to teach us poor chil-
dren to read;
There's no one to help us, and no one
to lead;
There's no one at all, who will tell us
the way
To be happy or safe, or teach us to
pray.
To the bright place above us, we all
want to go,
But we cannot—for how to get there
we don't know.

Oh, will you not help us and send us
a ray
Of the light of the gospel, to brighten
our way?
Oh, will you not tell us the beautiful
story
Of Jesus, who came from His dwelling
of glory
To save little children, and not only
you,
But even the poor, wretched heathen
ones too.

F. R. Havergal.

The Christian Child's Reply.

We have heard the call from your
darkened land,
Our hearts have wept at your sad-
dening tale;
And we long to lend a helping hand
By a story of love which shall never
fail.

We should like you to come to our
Bible land,
And share our comforts and bless-
ings too;
We would take you all with a sister's
hand,
And try to teach and gladden you.

But you are so far off that it cannot
be,
And we have no wings, or to you
we'd fly;
So we'll try to send o'er the foaming
sea
Sweet words to brighten every eye—
Sweet words of Him, who was once so
poor
That He had not where to lay His
head;
But hath opened now the gleaming
door
To the palace of light, where the
feast is spread.
There you may enter; He calls each
one—
You're as welcome there as the
greatest king;
Come to Him then, for He casts out
none,
And nothing at all do you need to
bring.
We will gladly save from our little
store
Our pennies, our nickels, from day
to day,
And only wish we could do far more;
But for heathen children, we'll al-
ways pray.

F. R. Havergal.

Review of the Work of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE EIGHTH.

At our last meeting the Correspond-
ing Secretary asked for suggestions as
to the best method of arousing interest
in our work. One successful worker
said experience had taught her that
she must write frequently asking con-
tributions or special objects; another
sister said obey Peter's advice, "stir
up their pure minds by way of re-
membrance." These remarks brought
to mind a meeting of the Central
Committee held in December, 1885. The
president then appointed members of
the Committee, one on each branch
of our mission work, viz.:

1. Church Benevolent Work, with
special reference to the sick and des-
titute in our own city.
2. State Mis-
sions.
3. African Missions.
4. New
Orleans Mission.
5. Cuban Missions.
6. Mexico.
7. Central China.
8.
North China.
9. South China.
10.
Brazil.
11. Italy.
12. Indians.

Each person thus appointed was to

acquaint herself as far as possible
with the needs in that branch of work,
write an article on the subject, to be
read at the missionary meeting in her
own church, and thus seek to arouse
interest and enlist aid from those with
whom she came in contact. The plan
worked well, resulted in great good.

We pick up a paper, read an article,
receiving some benefit from its per-
usal; if we read the article to another,
the benefit to us is more than
doubled, but if called upon to write
on any given subject we are forced to
read, meditate, deliberate, so our
minds become saturated, as it were,
with these thoughts, and thus they
unconsciously shape our lives. These
sisters became interested themselves
in the subjects they were called upon
to investigate, and by impressing their
feelings and views on others they gave
an impetus to the work which was
soon manifest. So I have been think-
ing if the president of each society in
the State would appoint one at each
meeting to prepare an article on the
subject indicated in our mission cards,
and read at the next meeting, it would
prove beneficial in many ways. Then
another thought arises, why not en-
courage the young girls to meet with
us instead of quietly remanding them
to organizations composed of those of
their own age. We need the inspira-
tion and cheer which the young would
give us, and they need the experience
of maturer years. I recall now the
rich blessings which the presence of
two young girls shed in the society of
the First Baptist Church of this place.
They never dreamed of their value to
us. One has passed into the blissful
life beyond, while the other is a suc-
cessful teacher, beloved and honored
by her pupils. And now, as I close
these articles, before I say good-bye, I
wish to crave charity for any mistakes
I have made. I have tried to benefit
others while I have enjoyed this re-
view of our early work.

The Lord has been very good to us
in the past, and I feel that He will
continue to bless us as we labor for
the good of humanity and the honor
and glory of His name. May every
child of God be moved often to repeat
the words of David, Psalm, 107 "Oh
that men would praise the Lord for
His goodness, and for His wonderful
works to the children of men."

L. "H. Kicklighter.

Address by Dar Hing, a Converted Chinaman, Delivered Sunday Afternoon, at W. M. U., Held in Washington.

I have been asked to tell you here something about my own country, the great empire of China, but in doing so I must say that in many things which make a great country, and human life in it, China is just like this country. You in this country have large cities so has China; Pekin is the second largest city in the world and Pekin and Canton are both larger than New York. You have smaller villages, cities, and towns and a farming country, so has China, only China has about five times as many as this country. China has a long sea coast and an "out West." It has about as long a sea coast as America and it is just about as far "out West" there as it is in this country. China has great rivers running all the way through it. China has homes where fathers and mothers live happily with their children. China has a government and the people pay taxes just as they do here.

But one thing is different—China does not have the Sabbath, the one day in seven when work is stopped and rest and religious worship come in. But one day in every five is market day. On that day the farmers and makers of anything to sell go into the market town or city to offer what they have to sell, and great crowds of people gather there to buy. But the people who do not go to market stay at home to work just the same as on any other day. The people in China have resting days. They have merry holidays; on these they stop work and go many to the Joss houses, and worship gods. The gods they worship are the images of great men who lived hundreds of years ago—men who were great generals, or great officers or rulers. One way of worshipping them is to burn sticks of incense before them. Before the image there is a long, narrow table, and on this stand several large brass jars, and in these jars is the ashes of incense sticks which have been burned in them a long time. The incense sticks are little strips of bamboo not thicker than a parlor match, but almost two feet long, and they are covered all over with dry paste made of fragrant spices and when the top of it is lit it burns not with a flame but smolders very slowly, and sends up a sweet smelling smoke. The people buy these incense sticks in market or can buy them at the Joss house. After lighting them they stick them up straight in these brass jars which stand on the

table before the idol. Then they bow down, touching their foreheads to the floor, and pray to the images. Some of the Joss houses are small where only a few people can worship at a time, but others are very large and will hold thousands of people at once. The priests of the Joss houses get money for themselves by selling the incense and idols, money, and many other things to the worshippers. The idol money is made of round bits of card covered over with thin lead or tin and stamped like money and it looks very much like money. The priests will sell you this money for good silver money and then you can offer it to the idol as a part of your worship.

I think idols are senseless things, but it is better for a man to have an idol than no God at all. And when men have left their idols and will have no more to do with them, it is very necessary that they should learn rightly of the one true God, the Creator of all things, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and should worship Him with true hearts. In China children are taught to be very obedient and respectful to their parents, and when they are grown up they do not forget it, as a great many young men and women in America do. In China, women always remember to reverence their parents, and when their parents are dead they worship their spirits or ghosts, and teach their children to do the same. This is going further than the fifth commandment which only says "Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

I hope some of you will get rich enough to be able to visit China some time, so as to see what a beautiful country it is and how many good, noble people it has.

Mrs. W. J. Northen,
Washington, Ga.

Dear Sister:—I inclose you a report of the organization of our missionary union. I should have sent it much earlier but my time is so fully occupied that I am often compelled to postpone my pleasant duties. Will you do me the kindness to put my report in proper form for publication.

I have written at the request of our president, Mrs. King. I will be leaving Trion soon, and my greatest regret is, that I will not be here to help our society. Please pray for us.

If it would not be asking too much I would be so pleased to have a letter from you. I remain,

Most respectfully yours,
Minnie K. Johnston.

Sunday-School Missionary Day.

The time is drawing near for the observance of Missionary Day in the Sunday-schools and the question will be asked in many schools, "shall we observe the day?" As you love the children in your school and would give them an intelligent understanding of missions and a desire to help in the work, let your answer be in the affirmative. Remember that the reason more grown people are not interested in missions is because they know so little of the claim upon them of the heathen world or the destitute portions of their own land. The fact that many parents receive their first missionary impetus from their children is a strong argument in favor of educating the children.

A speaker at the recent B. Y. P. U. meeting in Baltimore, made this pointed remark: "The Scriptural injunction is to 'go into all the world and preach the Gospel,' but if you do not go into the world of childhood you fail to carry out that injunction." If missions are made attractive to childhood, in the not distant future we shall have a corps of intelligent, enthusiastic, generous young people, not only able but willing, to press forward in carrying out the great commission.

That the young people and children are already a recognized factor in mission work, the continued observance of Missionary Day is adequate proof.

The secretary of the Sunday-school Board received \$4,495.36 as a result of last year's collection, but not less than \$5,800 was raised, the remainder being sent direct to the Home and Foreign Boards. It is probable that more was collected of which no report was made. In forwarding, it is important to designate that it is the Missionary Day collection, in order that an accurate account of the monetary outcome of the celebration be obtained. Its result in education and inspiration cannot be measured by human standards.

We would call the attention of the members of the W. B. M. U., of Georgia, to the first recommendation of the Sunday-school Board adopted at the annual meeting of the W. M. U., in Washington, and urge their co-operation.

The recommendation is, "That the Missionary Day in the Sunday-schools, which proved so successful last year and which brought into the treasuries of the Home and Foreign Boards so large a sum of money, be made a subject of special attention on the part of the W. M. Societies this year."

A petition, from the W. M. Society to the superintendent, will have its

effect. Suggest that one or more of the members will be glad to assist in arranging the program. If the Sunday-school connected with your church has decided to observe the day, bend your energies toward helping to make it a success. If your children are to take part in the program, see that they are well prepared and that they are saving or earning their pennies to put in the collection.

Each one of you knows better than anyone else can tell you just how you can render most efficient service.

Let the women interest themselves in the movement and it will be a success.

We are already pledged to help, let us not fall behind our sister States in earnest effort and as we work let us pray.

Pray that God will bless the day and make its influence abiding in the hearts of the children, continuing to bear fruit through all their future lives.

Mary E. Wright.

Send promptly to the Baptist Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn., for Missionary Day programs.

Summer Reading.

To those seeking interesting and profitable reading for the long summer days we would recommend, "In Editha's Days, a Story of Religious Liberty." It may be obtained from the American Baptist Publication Society, 93 Whitehall street.

This book will be a revelation to those unfamiliar with the struggle of Baptists for religious liberty. It is full of thrilling incidents and historic facts and will make the reader appreciate fully the proud distinction of being a Baptist, a member of the only great religious body which never persecuted nor oppressed but always contended for the freedom of every man to worship God in his own way. Don't let the summer pass without reading "In Editha's Days."

Another book well worth reading is, "Mercedes," written by our missionary in Mexico, Miss Sarah Hale. It is a faithful portrayal of life in Mexico and, while a charming thread of romance runs through it, there is a deeper purpose, that of acquainting the reader with the history, religion and social life of the country. It contains accurate descriptions of Mexican scenery and points of historic interest and paints in truest colors Romanism as it is in Mexico. Miss Hale's six years' residence in Mexico well fitted her for this task, which she has accomplished in a pleasant and profitable way. We commend it to the general reader as well as to those specially interested in Mexican missions.

Notes from the Corresponding Secretary.

Sister J. P. Copeland, of McDonough has my thanks for a kind letter—sent promptly in reply to one about the society in her church. Minutes sent by return mail.

Sister Fitzgerald has suffered the loss of her mother. Those who have had a similar sorrow will know how to sympathize with her.

Sister Cody, of Jewells, also mourns the departure to the better land of her mother. The Lord be gracious to her.

During my recent illness a dear sister sent me a kind sympathizing letter. A letter so full of thoughts about love, rest, and the home eternal in the Heavens, that for a time the fevered, pain-racked body was no longer burdensome. She will have her reward, for it was far more than "a cup of cold water" to thirsty lips.

Here is a precious morsel, from the "Independent," which carries with it comfort and help:

Walking with patience where the way is rough,

Resting in quiet when the storm is nigh,

Knowing that love divine is strong enough

To bear me up, as weary days go by; Trusting that sorrow is but love's disguise,

And all withholding, yet another way

Of making richer by what love denies—

So grows the soul a little, day by day.

Brother C. A. DeLoach, Missionary for Indian Territory, writes:

"Oh, what noble work the dear ladies have done for the Master in the past year, to Him be all praise, and may He spare them to do even more, and bless their efforts again this year, I pray. The good Lord has blessed me with health. I have given all my time to His cause since the first of January, '95, and my labors have been greatly blessed. My wife's health is never good, yet she has been able to see after home affairs while I am away, indeed she is a true missionary.

"My field lies on the Southern border of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations. I preach to both white people and Indians, which makes the work very hard. The white people cannot own their homes here and the missionaries are often deprived of the main comforts of life."

Sister D. V. Coleman, assisted by her husband and a few friends expressed a box to Rev. G. M. Lamkin, Oklahoma Territory, valued at \$15.00. Rev. W. L. Geiger, pastor of the church at that place, took an active part in getting up the box. Thank God, among the Georgia ministry there are "noble names, not a few" who help and encourage the women in their efforts to "labor in the gospel."

Tifton, Ga., May 20, '95.

As Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, of Tifton, it is my privilege to write to the Messenger. While there is nothing of unusual importance to communicate—we are perhaps making no great strides in our work—still, we would be of great usefulness. We are anxious to do our part in the great work of woman. Our last effort was in the editing of the Woman's Edition of Tifton Gazette, which proved a success.

I attended on last Sabbath a child's missionary entertainment, given by ladies of the Methodist church, of Baconton, Mitchell county. "The Building of the Cable," was given as a dialogue, with songs and recitations. Thus the great use of the "littles" in missions was illustrated by the welding of little cords until a great chain was formed. I was struck by a recitation in which was given a probable greeting in heaven of one soul to another who had been the means of bringing her there.

The object lessons of these entertainments leave a lasting impression.

No doubt the Messenger will be of great help to us all. When heart speaks to heart through this medium greater love for each other, and for our Savior will grow and may blossom into rich fruit for Him.

We rejoice to tell you the steeple of our new church is reared and far surmounts the loftiest pine. May our church indeed point upward and lead to Him.

Your sister, Ella C. Bacon.

Boxes to Frontier.

The W. M. S., of Milledgeville, sent a box valued at \$20.00.

The W. M. Society and Sunbeams, of the Union Point church, sent a box to Rev. J. J. Tale, Blue Ball, Ark., valued at \$71.25.

Many W. M. societies are already beginning to prepare boxes for the frontier, so that the early fall weather may find the families of the missionaries armed against the cold.

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Dr. Ashmore and The War.

Dr. William Ashmore, who will soon start for the Pacific coast on his way home to China, has no doubt that the war will help on missions. He divides the history of missions in China into periods marked by wars, and is satisfied that God has overruled the wars, brought about usually by the iniquities of men, so as to contribute to advancing missions in China, and thence in all Asia. That China is badly beaten, he recognizes; but he believes it is rather the old conservative, anti-foreign element that is beaten. He thinks that Confucianism has become confusionism. Guaging their merit by what Chinamen have wrought as colonists, Dr. Ashmore concludes that there is a great deal of latent power in the Chinese, and that, when the burden of stupid, stolid conservatism is flung off, the real Chinaman will prove to be a noteworthy man. He concludes that, since the Emperor has publicly confessed his own and the sins of his people with marvelous frankness, and since the Empress Dowager has set the palace people to reading the Bible, and since China has received such a raking and harrowing from the war, there never was a more glorious chance for China. Dr. Ashmore is a veteran, but he is not old, for he still lives in the future. Added to this is the now well-proved fact that the Emperor of China bought, on an order written with his own hand, a copy of the New Testament; and good evidence has been presented to show that he is really reading the book. For example, he detected a bit of defective printing in the first copy he got, and he thereupon sent it to be exchanged for another copy free from the imperfection.

You Never Can Tell.

You never can tell when you send a word—

Like an arrow shot from a bow
By an archer blind—be it cruel or kind,
Just where it will chance to go.

It may pierce the breast of your dearest friend,

Tipped with its poison or balm;
To a stranger's heart in life's great mart

It may carry its pain or its calm.

You never can tell when you do an act
Just where the result will be;

But with every deed you are sowing a seed,

Though its harvest you may not see.
Each kindly act is an acorn dropped

In God's productive soil;
Though you may not know, yet the tree shall grow

And shelter the brows that toil.

You never can tell what your thoughts will do

In bringing you hate or love;
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings

Are swifter than carrier dove.
They follow the law of the universe—

Each thing must create its kind;
And they speed o'er the track to bring you back

Whatever went out from your mind.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in *Munsey's Magazine*.

Our Obligation to the State Board.

I wish, my dear sisters, to call your attention to the fact that all the expenses (postage, printing, etc.) necessary to the prosecution of the work of our Woman's Baptist Missionary Union are paid by our State Board. This ought to call forth more than gratitude; it ought to provoke us to love and good work and *generous giving* to our State Board. To half way appreciate the great work which this board is doing in Georgia, one must follow the consecrated missionaries on their weary rounds through sections where church privileges are almost unknown. Not long since one of these missionaries said to me: "My field is nearly sixty miles long by forty miles broad, and I stop at houses that have few comforts, houses whose inmates never see inside of a church." Sisters! ask yourselves this question: "What are my church privileges worth to me?" And then regulate your gifts to the State Board by what would be equita-

ble usury on what is loaned of heaven to you.

I would not have you abate one jot or tittle of your gifts to Foreign Missions or Home Missions, but I would have you double, treble, yes, quadruple your offerings to our State Board. Will not every Woman's Mission Society, Children's Band, or Sunbeam Society give something this month to State Missions? Do this for Christ's sake, and help to make the cause of missions in our State "keep pace" with the immigration industry, improvement and material developments. This is a good time and opportunity to "prove God," for he says: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." M. T. G.

We Shall Know Each Other There.

"Are they not all ministeringspirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Heb. 1:14.

When the evening shadows gather,
And the long day's work is done;
When we reach that unknown country
Out beyond the setting sun;
After all the weary waiting,
In their peaceful rest to share,
No more need of anguished parting—
We shall know each other there.

Cherished forms who walked beside us
Down the aisles of bygone years,
How we watched them fade and vanish,
Through a mist of falling tears;
Loving voices hushed in silence,
Joining now the angel band,
Singing glory, hallelujah,
Over in the Beulah land.

But if Jesus bids us enter
Through the pearly portals wide,
They will be the first to meet us,
Over on the other side;
Safe within our Father's mansion,
Clad in robes so bright and fair,
Hymning out a joyous welcome,
We shall know each other there.

All the way they've walked beside us,
Ever near us though unseen,
Hidden from our blinded vision
By the veil that fell between;
All the while their tender accents
Whispered words of love and cheer,
But life's battle raged so fiercely
That our ears were dull to hear.

Hush then, each rebellious murmur,
For we, too, are going home;
Going to find our household treasures,
When these tired feet cease to roam.
On the resurrection morning,
Free from toil and free from care,
With our tear-dimmed eyes made perfect,
We shall know each other there.

—C. E. B.

Report of Sunbeam Bands from April 1st to July 1st.

Carrollton Sunbeams report through Miss Robinson,	
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 1 50
Home Missions.....	1 00
State Missions.....	4 50
Indigent Ministers.....	1 30
Total.....	\$ 8 30
Washington Sunbeams report through Miss Nusen,	
Home Missions.....	\$ 3 88
Foreign Missions.....	8 33
Total.....	\$12 21
Canton Sunbeams through Mrs. Richard's report,	
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 15
Sunbeams of Sardis Church report through Mrs. McMullen,	
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 00
Little Helpers of Central Church, of Atlanta, report through Beryl Lyndon,	
Orphans' Home.....	\$ 50
Aged Ministers.....	50
Total.....	\$ 1 00
Willing Workers of Augusta report through Mrs. Vaughn,	
Aged Ministers.....	\$ 75
Home Missions.....	1 35
Foreign Missions.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 3 10
Sunbeams of Greensboro report through Mrs. Monerief,	
For Mr. Stevens, Sunbeam Missionary.....	\$16 00
Thomaston Sunbeams report through Rev. T. H. Stout,	
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 7 94
Cheerful Workers of Cairo report through I. L. Mauldin, Sec'y..	\$21 47
(No mention of how used.)	
Covington Sunbeams report through Miss Swanson,	
Home Missions.....	\$ 1 70
State Missions.....	1 00
Foreign Missions.....	1 00
Indigent Ministers.....	1 50
Total.....	\$ 5 20
Sunbeams of Conyers through Mrs. Lee report,	
Mr. Stevens, Sunbeam Missionary.....	\$ 2 00
Home Missions.....	5 93
Total.....	\$ 7 93

The Sunbeams of Eastman are helping to buy a missionary map for the Church and Sunday-school.

The Sunbeams of Dawson, Ga., make their contributions to Rev. I. L. Morrow, missionary to Indian Territory.

The Jackson Hill Sunbeams, of Atlanta, are trying to buy a piano for their Sunday-school—they have raised \$63.34 towards it.

Sunbeams of Second Baptist church of Atlanta, composed of children under ten years of age, have been working hard. In three months they have, by their own efforts made in pennies \$5.00, which they have sent to "Sunbeam Missionary" Mr. Stevens, now in China.

Letters written.....	15
Postal cards.....	75
Packages of literature.....	4
Expenses.	
Postal cards.....	75
Stamps.....	30
Postage on packages.....	8
Stationery.....	25

Total expenses for this month, \$1.38

MACON, GEORGIA, July 10th, 1895.

DEAR MRS. SELKIRK:—Let me tell you about the First Baptist Sunbeams.

We organized the 31st of March with fifty-nine members, now we have eighty-four.

We meet twice a month and bring our contributions with us, dues being from a penny to five cents.

Last Sunday, Mr. Jet, a real Chinaman, entertained us by reading and singing to us in Chinese, and telling us of himself and his people.

Some things he told us made us feel very sorry for his people, and more anxious than ever to help send them the Gospel of Christ.

Mr. Jet is studying so as to be able to go back and tell them about our dear Saviour.

Our contributions for the last three months past have been \$8.75 (quite a number of our members make their own money); of the amount collected, \$5.00 have been given to Foreign Missions, \$2.25 to help Mr. Jet, and \$1.50 for literature.

Our officers are Mrs. Sidney Bronson, president; Rogers Stratton and Ira Chambers, vice presidents; Roberta Pat-tison, treasurer; Ida Cherry, pianist; Nellie Newman, assistant pianist.

Pray that God will bless our work and give us willing hearts and ready hands to do His work.

LULA ELLIS RANDALL, Sec'y.

Report.

The Band of Cheerful Workers was organized Sunday, July 1st, 1894, for the purpose of gaining information and educating the young people on the subject of missions and to raise money to aid in sending the gospel to the heathen.

In November the Band collected gifts consisting of cloth, clothing and other things necessary to the comfort of a missionary and forwarded same direct to one of the frontier missionaries. The contents of box was valued at \$35.00.

At our regular meeting in February a division was made in the Band, all the children from the age of seven to ten forming an independent missionary society under the name of "Little Stars," and all from ten years and up remaining members of the Band of Cheerful Workers.

While this weakened our society, to some extent, we occasionally added new names to the list.

Up to this time we met only once a month, but on account of increase of interest in missionary work, the Band decided to meet twice a month—one business meeting, and one to consist of literary exercises—reading leaflets and tracts concerning the different mission fields, the needs of our missionaries, etc.

Easter Sunday, April 14, was selected by the Band as a time to make an extra effort to raise money to help relieve the Home Mission Board. In the morning we were favored by a sermon on missions by Rev. L. J. Crutcher. The meeting of the Band in the afternoon consisted of interesting literary exercises, and an address by Rev. L. J. Crutcher. After the address the collection followed and the congregation responded very liberally, the collection amounting to \$21.47 which, with a special gift of \$6.00 from the Ladies' Missionary Society, made a total of \$27.47.

During the past year the Band of Cheerful Workers have collected and forwarded about \$40.00 in cash, and this with \$55.00, the value of missionary box, makes a total of about \$75.00 as a result of our first year's work.

And now, entering upon a new year, let us do so with renewed energy and united effort to make it a year of great success in the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Mauldin,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Cairo, Ga.

REPORT

*Of Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Cor. Sec'y
of the Central Committee of
Woman's Baptist Mission-
ary Union.*

DEAR SISTERS:—I am unable to report the success in our work for which I hoped, but when I remember that the Master's plaudit was "well done" for faithfulness, not for success, I am content to leave all our efforts in his pierced hands to give whatever of success shall most glorify Him. Since meeting you I have written four hundred letters; sent out blank forms for quarterly reports, and have distributed among the associations two hundred copies of the Regulation Schedule, adopted at the last State Convention. During this quarter three societies have sent boxes to ministerial students in Mercer University. Three societies have sent boxes to Frontier Missionaries, and many other societies are preparing to send boxes in the early autumn.

It is my duty to call your attention first, to our indebtedness to our own State Board. The generosity of this Board in furnishing postage and stationery for your corresponding secretary, in publishing the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union meetings at Waycross, and bearing the burden of the MISSION MESSENGER, puts a double obligation upon the societies to be liberal in their support of the Board. Second, to the recommendations of the Foreign, Home and Sunday-school Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, and of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary thereto.

These recommendations have been published and are found in the minutes of the Washington meeting. I submit herewith the reports from societies:

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, MRS. M. C. WARE.

Woman's Missionary and Aid Society of Eatonton Church—25 members—paid

To Church Work.....\$ 9 00
" Package to Frontier.... 5 00
" General Benevolence.... 6 96

Total.....\$ 20 95

Woman's Missionary Society of Antioch Church—23 members—paid

For Foreign Missions.....\$ 5 80

Woman's Missionary Society of Madison Church—18 members—paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 15 55
" Home Board Debt..... 6 50
" Church Work..... 20 00
" Sunday-school Work... 2 25
" Support of Mr. Jet..... 1 00
" Missionary Literature.. 3 00
" General Benevolence... 25

Total.....\$ 48 55

CHATTOOGA ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, MISS ELLEN PITTS.

Woman's Missionary Society of Trion Church—61 members—paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 6 32
" Home Missions..... 6 00
" State Missions..... 6 00
" Orphans' Home..... 3 00

Total.....\$ 21 32

Woman's Missionary Society of Summerville Church—20 members—paid

To Support of W. D. King...\$ 5 00
" Home Missions..... 25
" Pastor's Salary..... 3 30
" Sunday-school Work... 1 00
" Indigent Ministers..... 1 00
" Orphans' Home..... 1 00
" Missionary Literature.. 2 50
" General Benevolence... 4 35

Total.....\$ 20 40

Woman's Missionary Society of Mento Church,

To Church Work.....\$ 30 00

CARROLLTON ASSOCIATION,

Vice Presidents, MRS. J. A. RHODY,
MRS. S. R. C. ADAMS, Carrollton.

Woman's Missionary Society of Carrollton Church—15 members—paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 7 00
" Church Work..... 4 05
" Indigent Ministers..... 65

Total.....\$ 11 70

Sunbeams of Carrollton Church paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 1 50
" State Missions..... 1 50
" Home Missions..... 1 00
" Indigent Ministers..... 85

Total.....\$ 4 85

FLOYD COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, MISS HEADDEN.

Woman's Missionary Society of First Baptist Church of Rome—368 members—paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 75 00
" Home Missions..... 5 00
" State Missions..... 81 00
" Indigent Ministers..... 12 00

Total.....\$173 00

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, MRS. W. A. POPE.

Woman's Missionary Society of Sweetwater Church.

To State Missions.....\$ 2 70

Woman's Missionary Society of Kiokee Church, gave

To State Missions.....\$ 1 00
" Ministerial Education.. 4 00

Total.....\$ 5 00

HOUSTON ASSOCIATION.

Vice President, MRS. McC. PATE,
Hawkinsville, Ga.

Woman's Missionary Society of Arabi Church—27 members—gave

To Home Missions.....\$ 3 00
Church work..... 4 00

Total.....\$ 7 00

Woman's Missionary Society of Hawkinsville Church—50 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 10 95
" Ministerial Education.. 2 00
" Orphan's Home..... 2 00
" Mission Literature..... 2 25

Total.....\$ 17 20

Woman's Missionary Society of Red Oak Church—12 members.

To Home Missions.....\$ 3 00
" Associational..... 3 00

Total.....\$ 6 00

Woman's Missionary Society of Pinehurst Church—60 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 50
" Home Missions..... 50
" State Missions..... 50
" Ministerial Education.. 50
" Indigent Ministers..... 50

Total.....\$ 250 00

Theophilus Society of Unadilla Church—20 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 2 60
" Home Missions..... 2 40
" State Missions..... 7 25
" Church Work..... 2 00

Total.....\$ 14 35

HEBRON ASSOCIATION.

Woman's Missionary Society of Bow-ersville Church—16 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 1 00
" Home missions..... 75
" State Missions..... 3 65

Total.....\$ 6 07

HEPHZIBAH ASSOCIATION.
 Vice Presidents, Mrs. I. S. JORDAN,
 Miss A. P. VERDERY, Miss MOLLIE
 RHODES.

Woman's Missionary Society of Hephzi-
 bah Church—26 members.
 To Foreign Missions.....\$ 6 75
 Holmes' Woman's Missionary Society
 of Barlow Church—22 members.
 To Foreign Missions.....\$ 1 00
 " Home Missions..... 4 00
 Box to Orphans' Home.... 10 00
 Cash to Orphans' Home.... 1 00

Total.....\$ 16 00

Foreign Missionary Society of First
 Church, Augusta—50 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 37 65

Woman's Missionary Society of Second
 Church, Augusta—60 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 14 50

" Home Missions..... 2 00

" State Missions..... 2 00

" Church Work..... 11 05

" Mercer University..... 4 50

" Orphans' Home..... 2 50

" General benevolence.... 3 00

Total.....\$ 39 55

MIDDLE ASSOCIATION.

Vice President, Mrs. G. A. ARNETT,
 Dover, Ga.

Woman's Missionary Society of Cedar
 Creek Church.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 75

" Home Missions..... 70

" State Missions..... 70

" Church Work..... 5 50

" General benevolence.... 2 50

Total.....\$ 10 15

Woman's Missionary Society of New
 Providence Church—30 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 12 00

Woman's Missionary Society of Elam
 Church.

To Church Work.....\$ 4 80

**MIDDLE CHEROKEE ASSOCIA-
 TION.**

Woman's Missionary Society of Cedar
 Creek Church.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 75

" Home Missions..... 70

" State Missions..... 70

" Church Work..... 5 50

" General benevolence.... 2 50

Total.....\$ 10 15

NOONDAY ASSOCIATION.

Pruitt Missionary Society of Canton
 Church—12 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 3 00
 " State Missions..... 10 00
 " Church Work..... 2 00
 Total.....\$ 15 00

REHOBOTH ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, Mrs. J. G. DAUGHTRY,
 Macon.

Woman's Missionary Society of First
 Church, Macon—45 members—paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 25 00

" Home Missions..... 10 00

" State Missions..... 22 25

" Support of Indigent Min-
 isters..... 5 50

Total.....\$ 62 75

Woman's Missionary Society of Belle-
 vue (Mission) Church—12 members—
 paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 2 50

" Home Missions..... 25

" Sunday-school Work.... 3 00

Total.....\$ 5 75

Woman's Missionary Union of Tatnall
 Square Church—40 members—paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 2 36

" Home Missions..... 2 36

" State Missions..... 2 36

" Church Work, Pastor's

Salary..... 250 00

" Sunday-school Work.... 7 50

" Ministerial Education.. 3 25

" Missionary Literature.. 2 50

" General Benevolence... 5 00

Total.....\$275 33

Woman's Social Mission Society of
 First Church, Macon—56 members—
 paid

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 25 00

" Mercer University..... 10 00

" Indigent Ministers..... 4 50

" Baptist Orphans' Home. 1 00

Total.....\$ 40 50

Sumbeams of First Church, Macon—
 84 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 5 00

" Missionary Literature.. 1 50

" Min. Ed. Mr. Jet..... 2 25

Total.....\$ 8 75

ROSWELL ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, Miss OLLIE JOHNSON.
 Woman's Missionary Society of Corinth
 Church—13 members.

To Home Missions.....\$ 6 25

" Church Work..... 2 00

Total.....\$ 8 65

Children's Band of Corinth Church.
 To Sunday-school Work....\$ 50
 " General Benevolence... 50
 Total.....\$ 1 00

SMYRNA ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, Miss ABIGAIL MEEKS.
 Woman's Missionary Society of Union
 Church—25 members.

To State Missions.....\$ 5 00

SAREPTA ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, Miss LAURA LOFTON.
 Woman's Missionary Society of Elber-
 ton Church—40 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 10 20

" Church Work..... 22 90

" Sunday-school Work.... 5 20

" Mission Literature..... 4 00

" General Benevolence.... 5 96

Total.....\$ 48 26

SUMMERHILL ASSOCIATION,

Vice President, Mrs. J. D. ALEXANDER.
 Woman's Missionary Society of Sum-
 merhill Church—20 members.

To Home Missions... \$ 3 65

" Church Work, etc..... 4 00

" Support of Indigent

Ministers..... 3 55

Total.....\$ 11 20

STONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION,
 Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. D. EASTERLIN,
 Miss JULIA SWANSON.

Woman's Missionary Society of First
 Church, Atlanta.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 26 00

" Home Missions..... 37 00

" Box, etc..... 34 40

" Support old Ministers.. 3 00

" Orphans' home..... 36 45

" General Benevolence.... 13 60

Total.....\$177 45

Woman's Missionary Society Stone
 Mountain Church—25 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 1 00

" Home Missions..... 3 00

" Indigent Ministers..... 1 00

Total.....\$ 5 00

Woman's Aid Society of Central
 Church, Atlanta—24 members.

To Foreign Missions.....\$ 2 00

" Home Missions..... 2 00

" State Missions..... 2 00

" Church Work..... 15 00

" Indigent Ministers..... 2 00

Total.....\$ 23 00

Woman's Missionary Society of Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta.
 To State Missions.....\$ 1 85
 " Church Work..... 55 45
 " Ministerial Education.. 2 00
 " Mercer University..... 5 00
 Total.....\$ 64 00

Woman's Missionary Society, Second Church, Atlanta.
 To Foreign Missions.....\$ 8 50
 " Home Missions..... 41 15
 " State Missions..... 2 00
 " Ministers' Fund..... 10 60
 " Orphans' Home..... 13 25
 " General Benevolence... 79 44
 Total.....\$ 156 94

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.
 Vice Presidents, MRS. BOOKHAUB and MRS. LANGLEY.
 Southern Female College Society, LaGrange.
 To Foreign Missions.....\$ 237 05
 " Ministerial Education. 10 50
 Box to Orphans' Home.... 15 00
 General Benevolence..... 13 00
 Total.....\$ 275 55

Woman's Missionary Society of LaGrange Church.
 To Foreign Missions.....\$ 8 30
 " Home Missions..... 17 00
 " General Benevolence... 1 80
 Total.....\$ 27 10

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.
 Vice President, MRS. D. M. CASON MAYFIELD.
 Woman's Missionary Society, Union Church—20 members.
 Home Missions.....\$ 4 15
 Woman's Missionary Society, Jewells Church.
 To Foreign Missions.....\$ 4 50
 " State Missions..... 1 50
 " Missionary Literature.. 40
 Total.....\$ 6 40

Woman's Missionary Society Pleasant Grove (name of Association not given), reports
 To Home Missions.....\$ 12 35

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On the afternoon of March 3d, '95, some of the members of Trion Baptist Church, with their pastor, Rev. D. T. Espey, met and under the direction of Miss Ellen Pitts, of Summerville, Ga., organized a Woman's Missionary Union.

After devotional exercises Mrs. Espey stated as concisely as possible the object of the meeting, then made a very earnest and forcible appeal to the ladies that they would at once enlist in this great work for the Master. She extended a courteous and pressing invitation to the gentlemen to lend their aid in every way possible.

Miss Pitts gave a beautiful missionary talk, and then superintended to the work of electing officers, having appointed Miss Minnie Johnston to act as recording secretary, pro tem. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. Maud King; Vice-President, Miss Mattie Espey; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Henderson. Four young ladies were elected as assistants to the Treasurer: Misses Anna Allen, Mary Massey, Sallie Dedmon and Zenie Hogue. A committee was then appointed to solicit and enroll names; 28 were taken. After loving words of encouragement and instruction from Miss Pitts the society adjourned.

DIRECTORY FOR THE USE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Central Committee of Missions located at Atlanta. President, Mrs. R. M. Seymour, 517 Adams St., Macon, Ga. Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Barnes, Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Ga. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Macon, Ga. Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Northen, 606 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Ga. Band Superintendent, Mrs. S. E. Selkirk, 286 Washington Street, Atlanta, Ga.

MEETINGS.—Central Committee meets monthly the last Tuesday.
 Annual meeting same time and place as the State Convention.

Literature recommended to Societies: MISSION MESSENGER, one copy free to each society in correspondence with the Central Committee. Other copies 10 cents each per annum. Address Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Macon, Ga.

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