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NOTICE.

If this notice is marked with a blue pencil it shows your yearly subscription has expired. A prompt renewal will be highly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS.

The quiet day in winter beauty closes
And sunset clouds are tinged with
crimson dye,
As if the blushes of our faded roses
Came back to tint this somber Christ-
mas sky.

A lonely crow floats o'er the upland
ranges,
A robin carols from the chestnut tree;
The voice that changes not amid our
changes
Sounds faintly from the melancholy
sea.

We sit and watch the twilight darken
slowly;
Dies the last gleam upon the lone
hillside,
And in the stillness, growing deep and
holy,
Our Christmas guests come in this
eventide.

They enter softly; some with baby
faces,
Whose sweet blue eyes have scarcely
looked on life;
We bid them welcome to their vacant
places;
They won the peace and never knew
the strife.

And some with steadfast glances meet
us gravely
Their hands point backward to the
paths they trod
Dear ones, we know how long ye strug-
gled bravely
And died upon the battlefield of God.

And some are here whose patient souls
were riven
By our hard words, and looks of cold
disdain;
Ah, loving hearts, to speak of wrong
forgiven

Ye come to visit our dark world
again!

But One there is, more kind than any
other,
Whose presence fills the silent house
with light;
The Prince of Peace, our gracious
Elder Brother,
Comes to his birthday feast with us
to-night.

Thou who wast born and cradled in a
manger
Hast gladdened our poor earth with
hope and rest;
O best beloved, come not as a stranger,
But tarry, Lord, our Friend and
Christmas Guest.

NOTES FROM THE CORRES- PONDING SECRETARY.

Mrs. D. M. Cason, vice-president of
Woman's Work in Washington Associ-
ation, has my thanks for a pleasant let-
ter. She is planning to do more work
than ever in her association.

Several new societies have been or-
ganized and the work among the chil-
dren is taking on new strength every
day.

Mrs. Fannie Adams Brown, the other
vice-president of Woman's Work in
Washington Association, has been
spending some time in Wadley.

She attended the last session of the
Hephzibah Association and reports a
pleasant woman's meeting.

The time for the distribution of the
Christmas envelopes is here. I am
sending them out with the hope that
each one receiving envelopes will lay
by in store an offering. Surely in
preparing gifts for your own loved ones
you will gladly give to Him who gave
himself for us and hallowed, by the
sacrifice of himself, every human tie.
The Foreign Mission Board is in sore
need of liberal gifts from every South-
ern Baptist.

"It has taken your people so long to
get to our country with the news of sal-

vation. Do tell them how fast our peo-
ple are dying and ask them to send
more missionaries." This was what a
Chinese woman said to an American
missionary.

Chin Lum Wong, who was, during
last session, a student in Mercer Uni-
versity, is now in Colgate Academy,
Hamilton, N. Y. Under date Nov. 9,
he writes: "I can not say whether I
will stay this land or not. In my pur-
pose and idea I would get an education
from this American better than my
country, because I expect to study for
ministry, also I want to learn more
about Jesus Christ in order to return
for China to work for our God among
my people. My country is very dark
land, and my people, who are educated
and noble people in China, never went
to visit any foreign missionaries in
China; so good many of those educated
people have never heard anything about
our Lord Jesus. I wish I could make
my country to be strong and religious
land in the world of God; but I hope
God will give me a high spirit to learn
more about him, and to servant him in
my future I wish you will pray for me
and ask God to give me his blessings
and spirit. I am am really poor and
weak person in my life."

To many the coming of Christmas
brings up memories overwhelmingly
sad. Loved ones, for whom we were
wont to spread the Christmas feast, for
whom we planned sweet surprises, and
to whom the best gifts we could find
were all too poor an expression of the
love we bore them, have passed into
the land whence there is no returning.
But beloved, let us not forget that he,
whose advent we celebrate, robbed the
grave of victory and took the sting from
death.

To all the happy-hearted ones with
unbroken circle of friends around them
a merry Christmas. To those who
must look in hope to a reunion only in
the New Jerusalem, grace, mercy and
peace from God our Father abide with
you, and give you rich foretastes of the
joy when done with partings, sin and
sorrow we shall worthily sing, "Glory
to God in the Highest."

BROTHER COVA'S LETTER.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong,
Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Sister: I am in receipt of the box of clothes sent to us by the Raleigh, N. C., Woman's Missionary Society. It has surpassed our expectations, as the supply is so vast and good that it will serve my family and myself for a year or more.

As I know we owe it to your interferences and recommendations, we pray you to accept our united and fervent thanks.

In the time of severe trials for the Cubans, it is a heavenly comfort to think that in this land of refuge and peace, our noble Baptist people are doing their best to sweeten the trials of persecution and banishment.

I thank you most heartily, my dear sister, for your ever faithful and unwearied interest in me and my work.

Your brother in the labor,
J. V. COVA.
Tampa, Fla., Sept. 18, 1896.

One of the missionaries of the Home Board, writing to Miss Annie Armstrong from Devers, Texas, says:

"The good Lord has wonderfully blessed my labors in the mission field this year. Among all other blessings He has blessed me in the conversion of my only daughter, Fannie. I baptized her with three other converts the 23d of August. My work is in a prosperous condition. I have baptized fifty-three converts in the last eleven months.

"We have finished our church house here at Devers except painting, and the contractor is at work on another very nice church building at Sweet Home Church, a church that I organized last April.

"My old church at Houston City wants me back, and has extended me a call. But I feel that I ought to remain in this field for Christ's sake.

"It does me so much good to know that while we are undergoing many privations and disappointments in this life the dear sisters are mindful of us in their prayers. It would do my heart good to see the dear sisters who have so kindly and faithfully assisted us, and talk with them, yet if I never meet them on earth, I will meet them in heaven.

"Remember us in your prayers, and pray the good Lord to direct me in my work to his glory, not for my ease.

"Your brother in Christ."

Dear Mrs. Easterlin: Your little Messenger reached me to-day; it was forwarded from Atlanta. I found on my arrival that our society had not met

regularly, our treasurer had been quite sick, (secretary off for her health) president not well and quite busy.

In September our money to Italy was \$4.15; in October, we sent to Mexico, \$2.15. This month we packed a barrel of useful, nice things valued at \$47.75; the freight was \$2.00.

My stay in Atlanta enlarged my desires after usefulness and I was so glad of the privileges to attend so many good meetings, that nothing but a sense of duty brought me home.

Our church is still without a pastor; we have a good Sunday-school, and have Wednesday night and Sunday night meetings, also church services once a month, but this does not satisfy a hungry heart. Your little "Busy Bees" keep humming, our "Sunbeams" have been for a time concealed by a cloudy mist of indifference, but I trust better times are coming soon.

Our young folks must be taught in the school of missions.

May God bless you in your work in your own church and society, in the Chinese school and your paper.

Truly,
M. R.
Sec. H. W. M. S.
Hephzibah, Ga., Nov. 17, 1896.

Dear Sister Easterlin: May I give your readers a piece of my mind? It is a woman's privilege to occasionally give to those she loves "a piece of her mind." My text will be found in last clause, second verse, Rom. 16: "She hath been a helper of many and of myself, also." Phœbe, a woman, was granted the privilege of helping Paul, the greatest, most successful preacher of righteousness that ever traveled, preached and wrote in the new dispensation. Moreover, he said to the saints, "I commend to you Phœbe, our sister, a servant of the church, that ye receive her in the Lord, in a way worthy of saints, and assist her, in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself, also, has been a helper of many, and of myself," (new version). It is worded so plainly that there can be no mistake about the meaning—a woman helped Paul in his great work for the Lord and he appreciated it and commended her for it.

Helping preachers is my subject. Preaching the gospel of Christ is the highest calling and the grandest work committed to mortal man. God calls the preachers and qualifies them; he also calls helpers to hold up his hands, as was Moses' hand upheld when he gained the victory over God's enemies. God has never yet called a preacher and made him so independent that he could convert the whole world by himself. He is dependent upon God, first, only a

chosen vessel to bear his name; and secondly, dependent upon the church of the living God, whose head is in heaven. Strange that it should be forgotten by some, that the church is composed of men and women redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, "heir and joint heir with the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ"; and that the gospel is committed to the church as the highest authority. Who says that the helpers must all be men? Not the Bible—not Christ. He received the help of women, time and again; they "ministered unto him and his disciples" of their substance. They followed him as friends, and not one ever witnessed against him. Not a woman aided in his crucifixion. It was a woman who plead for his life. While Pilate was upon the judgment seat, his wife, a heathen woman, sent word to her husband, a pleading message: "Have thou nothing to do with that just man." After the ascension of Christ—after he had conquered death, hell, and the grave, his first message was put into the mouth of a woman: "Go tell my disciples." The Bible is authority enough to prove that the Saviour, in his earthly pilgrimage, needed human sympathy as a help to his humanity; and while on the cross he provided for his own mother, whose human sympathy and love he remembered.

Helping preachers. Now, while there may be some preachers so constituted and so situated that they do not appreciate help to spread the gospel unless it comes through their own, peculiar, chosen way and plan, still there are plenty of preachers who do need help, and it is a real pleasure to help those who need help. We do not have to look far to find the Lord's representatives, poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith. A kind word, an encouraging word, a helping hand, a motherly solicitude, an earnest "God bless you," a book loaned, a letter written, an influence used, and many other ways, besides contributions of value, that any Christian woman can do for Christ's sake, and in his name. It is "the cup of cold water." "In so much as ye did it to the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

Oh, the privilege of helping in this great work of the salvation of the world! It is a joyous, glorious privilege to live in the light of this, the Holy Ghost dispensation. The spirit opens the door, leads the way, and we have only to follow. "At evening time it shall be light." The way grows brighter and brighter, and opportunities multiply. The Lord's workers are in every field, home and foreign, and the call for helpers is multiplying. There is no excuse for idleness; there is a

work for all, if we are not too choicé and let God select the work and the way. Be willing to be a helper. Be glad of the privilege of being a helper to those who need your help in the work of the Lord. Don't be satisfied with helping one preacher and imagine he is all the one in the world; help a dozen, if you can, in some way. Among others, help the converted tramp if he comes your way with no home, no father or mother, brother or sister. To somebody it will be said "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

In Christian love,

MRS. LAURA RICHARDS.

Canton, Ga.

Extract from a letter to Miss Annie Armstrong from Mrs. Greene, of Macao, China:

"Mr. and Mrs. Simmons having spent four weeks there, have just returned to Canton. Dr. Graves is in Hong-kong, busy with his committee, revising the Scriptures, and Mrs. Graves is there with him taking some needed rest. Miss Whilden has gone to North China to visit the workers there. This is a step in the right direction—we know too little of the work at the other stations. Going to North China from Canton is very much like taking a trip from New Orleans to Boston if there were no railroads.

"One of our most faithful Bible women has just died, also an excellent teacher of a girls' school. Brother Li Tsai Loung, a good preacher and most excellent business man, left two months ago to seek work in America where he could educate his children; and just now Brother Fung Chak, pastor of the Shiw Hing Church, is getting ready to go to Canada to take charge of work there. It is hard to see the best workers leaving China, but they seem to think that God wants them over there.

"I watch with great interest the progress of the Union, and feel that the great advance during these eight years is only a beginning of what our women can do by regular, systematic, united effort. I still claim a little part in the work on that side, and if it is the Lord's will that I shall spend the next two years at home, I hope to do more. Mr. Greene has asked the Board to allow me and the children to go home next spring, so that they may have two years in school. The experiences of these last two months seem to indicate that it will not be safe for me to try to spend another summer here in South China without a change to a cooler climate.

"We always greatly enjoy letters from the home land, and if you can find time

to send us an occasional one, we shall be glad. When I have time and the material, I will send you a letter for the press.

With Christian greetings, Yours,
VALLIE P. GREENE.

GERMAN WORK IN BALTIMORE.

In a recent letter from Miss Annie W. Armstrong she writes:

"The outlook for the German Industrial Schools in Baltimore is very bright. We had not purposed re-organizing these schools until the weather was a little cooler, but one will have to be opened next week, as for several weeks past the children have been assembling, thinking they could gain admittance. One of the teachers happening to be in the neighborhood at the accustomed hour, saw the children and counted forty-five waiting for the door to be opened. She was told that a number had left, and some one said there had been eighty of the little ones there that day. We expect in the near future to also organize a German school in Washington. I am now making an effort to secure more efficient help for Miss Buhlmaier from the English churches in order that she may be free to do pioneer work, for which she is rarely fitted."

Miss Annie W. Armstrong,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sister in Jesus: A thousand thanks for your kind letter of July 31, '96, and for the twenty leaflets duly received. Your kind and cheering remarks were a great blessing to us, for truly one of the best gifts of our Heavenly Father is "fearlessness in the midst of danger." We have been surrounded by the terrible plague of smallpox; around and about us many have fallen, and, unhappily two of our church members, two sweet young ladies who had given full proofs of their faith and love for Jesus, were removed from us, but we have not been "afraid." The Lord has given us courage and strength, praised be his holy name.

Often while visiting these poor sufferers trying to draw their attention to the only Lord and Saviour, I have felt my heart break at the sight of misery before me, and how dreadful it is to see them die without the knowledge of Him who could give them life and salvation. Oh, how terrible! I feel it more than ever before, and pray the Almighty to help me do my duty faithfully.

Thank God, at home the Lord has kept us and watched over us. It is true the girls' school diminished in

numbers, but I believe that as soon as the epidemic ceases the pupils will return gladly.

The Lord's cause, as you can imagine, is at a standstill. The people are afraid to come together in numbers. Our hall also is not in good hygienical condition and I, myself, am rather afraid to invite the people to our meetings. Still the believers continue firm and faithful, working hard for a more decent house of worship.

Oh, this house of prayer, how I am longing for it! You can not imagine, dear sister, how the lack of it hinders our work. But the Lord knows and to him I present my need. Help us, dear sister, with your prayers.

You complain of the bad times in the States, but I can assure you Brazil is passing through a great financial crisis. I do not know, and there are very few who can tell, what to-morrow will bring forth. Exchange is at the lowest. The Brazilian milreis is worth only a fourth of its real value. Living is dear and the poor suffer. And yet Congress is adding duties upon duties. We are passing through a critical time. Great events are expected daily and all true republicans fear for the young republic.

But we trust in the Almighty. He will do all things right. Come what may, our lives belong to Brazil, the dark and neglected continent. Oh, for more consecrated lives! What a change would come over Brazil! We need men to go and take possession of the many open doors and open hearts. And it will only be when Brazil will be full of the gospel of Jesus—when thousands and tens of thousands of villages will hear the truth of the Lord—when the love of Christ will have filled the hearts of the people, then the land will be in peace and prosperity. Tell these things to our sisters at home and ask them to pray for Brazil and for their missionaries in Brazil.

Yours in the Master's service,
SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.

Campos Baptist Mission, Campos,
Brazil, Sept. 17, 1896.

It is necessary to have here at home a good base of operation for foreign missions. Dr. Yates, of China, has well said: "The conversion of the world to Christ, depends on well organized churches at home." As a rule, the churches that have been gathered through the efforts of the missionaries of State and Home Boards, are among the most liberal in their gifts to the cause of foreign missions.

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DECEMBER.

Missions in Southern States. State Missions.—"They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good cheer." Missionaries, 304; churches and stations, 1,300; baptisms, 4,432; Sunday-schools organized, 255; teachers and pupils, 8,480; tracts distributed, 716,196.

Study Topics.—Names, location and officers of Home Board; of your own State Board. Income of each compared with need to be supplied. Cost of collection decreased by enlarged contributions. The strong churches of to-day once aided by the Board. Towns of over 1,000 inhabitants without a Baptist church. (Note.—Write your State Secretary for information.)

Home department of Sunday-school.

SUBJECTS: MISSIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES. STATE MISSIONS.

"God's promises are the fulcrum and prayer is the lever by which faith lifts the interests of God's cause into success."

Seed Thought: Prayer.

1. Hymn—"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire."
2. Chain of prayer for our country, that it may be wholly the Lord's.
3. Item—From 1790-1890 the population in U. S. increased from 4,000,000 to 64,000,000; Baptists increased from 65,000 to 3,700,000. The nation increased sixteen-fold; the Baptists, fifty-six-fold. A hundred years ago we were only one to sixty-one of the population; now we are one seventeen. With growing numbers and increasing ability, are we growing in liberality and consecration? Pray for it.
4. Scripture—Luke 11: 1-10; Luke 18: 1-8.
5. Business reports, etc.
6. Music arranged by Committee.
7. Leaflet—"Preservation and Propagation," by Dr. O. F. Gregory. To be read in sections.
8. Discussion of leaflet.
9. State Missions. For information, let the officers of the society correspond with the individual State Secretary.
10. Topic—"The importance of training young people in mission work as the foundation for future success of the churches."

11. Arrange for "The Christmas Offering."

12. Closing hymn—"From every stormy wind that blows."

LOVE FOR OUR OWN STATE.

Love for our own State ought to lead us to plant Baptist churches at every point in our own State which presents a prospect of becoming self-supporting; for if we are true Baptists, we believe that the truth we hold will do the greatest good to the greatest number of our own people in making them better citizens.

"WHAT SAYS THE BOOK?"

Never before was there a time when the Christian world was asking as it does to-day, "What says the Book?" This is our opportunity to lead them to know the Book and our Lord. Our opportunity is the signal of our responsibility. Perhaps, as never before, the duty is laid upon us of maintaining and disseminating these principles, for the good of the cause and glory of Christ. In this work of preservation and propagation we need men of heroic souls to enter upon this foundation work, to give themselves to it as honestly and prayerfully as others do to the foreign field; we need more interest in the churches in the work of preaching Christ "at home"; we need more money to carry on this work, for the field is the whole broad land, and the work is only limited by the meagre contributions of the churches. The time has come to be up and doing, to win our own State, our whole Southland for our Master, and to bring to the knowledge of his truth the people who must either be foes or friends of his cause, and with whom our children must live and labor.

REV. O. F. GREGORY.

SOME DRY READING.

In the South we have 20,000,000 people, 2,500,000 Baptist members, 25,000 Baptist churches. We have 1,232,000 white Baptists, 16,654 white Baptist churches that ought to be working hard and giving liberally through the agency of this Convention. It is reckoned that, at the very lowest estimate, the income of Southern Baptists amounts to \$500,000,000. At least \$50,000,000—one-tenth of the income—should be contributed to Christ's cause. It is maintained by good statisticians that the incomes of Southern Baptists are so great in the aggregate that ten per cent. of them would amount to \$115,000,000. But take the

lowest estimate, \$50,000,000, as the amount annually due from Southern Baptists to the treasury of the Lord. About \$10,000,000 of this sum is used for current church expenses of all kinds. Perhaps nearly \$1,000,000 more is contributed to religiously educational and to charitable objects. What becomes of the remaining \$39,000,000? Reduce that amount nearly one-half if you will, and still \$20,000,000 of the Lord's money is unrighteously withheld from the Lord's treasury and service. More than two-thirds of the Lord's share of our means are misappropriated and misapplied.

REV. MALCOLM MCGREGOR.

WHAT THE PASTOR CAN DO.

Some pastors are timid upon the subject of preaching about money. Some Christians have a curiously mistaken idea that there is something antagonistic between the "gospel" and "money." A gospel which leaves out the obligation to give our money to God is no gospel at all. Bible abounds in teachings about giving. The pastor who preaches about giving has the Bible on his side; the Holy Spirit and Christ on his side; he has the conscience of his converted hearers on his side—everything on his side except the selfishness of the man who thinks preaching about money is not preaching the gospel.

REV. E. Y. MULLINS.

Dear Sister Gambrell: I failed to get in our report for the associational year, but send for the year 1896, as to-day ended our society year. We organized in November, 1891. We will do all we can in December and I'll report again in January.

Floyd County Association.

Woman's M. S., of Enon Baptist Church, Pastor P. J. Deason, twenty members; president, Mrs. S. J. Whatley; secretary; Mrs. W. E. Walters; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Orr; vice-president, Mrs. C. C. Everette.

Foreign Missions, \$4.00.

Home Missions, \$2.50.

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MRS. S. J. WHATLEY, Pres.

NOTICE.

Societies receiving envelopes for Christmas offerings will please send contributions for same direct to Mrs. John D. Easterlin, Treasurer of the Union, and oblige.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The object of this department is to encourage the work for missions among children and young people.

I earnestly solicit communications from all who are interested in children's work.

Address, MRS. J. W. WILLS,
Atlanta, Ga.

Box 53.

TO THE BAND LEADERS.

Do!

Begin promptly; close promptly.
Plan your work; work your plan.
Prepare your programme before hand.
Conduct your meetings in a business way.

Insist on good order and observe parliamentary rules.

Use maps, curiosities and object lessons freely.

Make the members feel that the business of the band is important.

Teach the children that Jesus was a missionary and that all Christians should be interested in mission work at home and abroad.

Remember that a story is far more interesting when well told than when read.

Encourage the children to earn or save their money rather than beg it.

Don't!

Don't get discouraged.

Don't forget to pray for your band.

Don't hold your meeting too long.

Don't have long dry pieces read.

Don't think you can prepare a programme after you get to the meeting.

Don't fail to have the money sent at the proper time and in the proper way.

My Dear Children: For four months, we have been studying about our foreign missionaries, and their fields. I trust we have learned to know many of our missionaries by name, and have prayed for them that their labors might be blessed to the salvation of many souls. I know a missionary band in which all the boys and girls have chosen a missionary to pray for, and to become acquainted with, by correspondence. One bright young girl chose Miss Ida Hayes, of Mexico, whose picture was in the October "Kind Words." After writing to Miss Hayes she received an answer, I believe, by return mail. This letter is very highly prized by the child, and you may be sure Miss Hayes will often be remembered in her prayers. Others are awaiting replies from their letters which were sent to China, Japan, Italy, Africa and Brazil.

This month we are to take up Home Mission Work, or Missions in South-

ern States. Let us not be less anxious to see the gospel preached in our own Southland, than we are to send missionaries to heathen and Roman Catholic countries. Quite a number of bands are preparing boxes from our Home Missionaries on the frontier. Are you doing the work cheerfully and enthusiastically? Children can often do as well as grown-up folks, when they are really in earnest. I wish all bands who send boxes to report the fact to me, so that it can be published in our department of the Messenger.

As this is the December paper, I can not close my letter without mentioning the Christmas offering for China. The children of Georgia love to have a part in every good work. Are you not willing to deny yourselves of some pleasure in order that Chinese children may know, as you do, of the wonderful love of Christ?

Write, dear little friends, and tell me the latest news from your band.

Lovingly yours,
MRS. J. W. WILLS.

"Let each of you lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him." 1 Cor. xvi. 2.

In these times of financial depression, the contributions of Southern Baptists have not kept pace with the necessary expenditures of our mission boards. Some may say—even the best of us—this is not only a natural, but an inevitable result. In passing, allow me to quote from a recent leaflet by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, in which he says: "Empty missionary treasuries are not the result of hard times. They are the cause of hard times. Among the Jews, the blasting and the mildew never struck the grain-field until they first struck the treasury of the Lord." This quotation suggests that calamity is evidently sent in fatherly love and wisdom, for the purpose of reminding God's chosen people of neglected duty. Hard times have of late made a deep impression upon the rich and the poor alike. Oh! that present conditions might persuade us to stop and consider "wherein have we robbed God?"

Reflections on this subject have not created a hope that the niggardly and indifferent can be influenced by the thoughts here offered. My mind has been upon real friends of missions, who have little or nothing to give when, from time to time, the needs of the work are brought to their notice. For example, the needs of each of our mission boards are presented—or, at least, should be—at least once a year in all of our churches. The results lead one to fear that the majority of the members have not borne in mind from week to

week, and from month to month, their personal obligation to meet bravely their share of the responsibility.

I wish here to emphasize the Pauline plan for carrying on Christ's work. I mean "laying by in store as the Lord prospers us." Much has been said, and much more might be said, about religious principles being carried into business; but the obligation to carry business principles into religious affairs is scarcely less binding. A man of worldly wisdom and discretion, in providing for his family, sits down and carefully considers what his income for the year will probably be, and, acting on a reasonable probability, he determines what vote to the rent or purchase of a home, what proportion to household expenses, and what proportion to recreation. As the Lord prospers such a man financially, he in just proportion provides for each demand of his family. He does not wait until the day the note in bank is due or until the claims of the landlord or merchant are presented before he has planned to meet these obligations. Why shall we not, as children of light, make some such provision for the Lord's cause, and resolve that we shall never fail to give God his proportion.

This is not meant to advocate the tithing system, though that plan has helped many towards a fuller realization of duty. My plea is for a definite proportion of our income laid by in store as the Lord shall prosper us, making sure that the proportion shall increase, rather than diminish, as the income increases. "A definite proportion" laid by in store—some may say, "That is very indefinite; shall it be one-half, one-third, one-fifth, one-tenth, or one-twentieth?" Let no one decide this important question for you. Do not even attempt to decide it for yourself. In either case you are in danger of making a great blunder. Earnestly, conscientiously, with no thought of self, inquire of Him who has promised to guide you into all truth. The definite proportion having been thus decided upon, we have but to lay by in store, so that we may be able to respond promptly as each demand arises. If this course were pursued by Southern Baptists, who could doubt that the windows of heaven would be opened and there would be such an outpouring from above that we should not have room to receive the blessing?

MRS. J. W. WILLS.

Mrs. J. W. Wills.

Dear Sister: After selecting quite a number of leaflets I return your catalogue with many thanks. Wish you had

been with us last Sunday. Mr. Marshall, by special request, preached to the "Busy Bees." The little people were out in full force and certainly enjoyed the sermon. They sang two songs by themselves, having one of the "Bees" to play for them on the piano; it was just as sweet as it could be. Jackson Hill church is blessed in having such a dear little band of workers.

Yours in Christian love,

MRS. ZACK DOBBS.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 13, '96.

Mrs. J. W. Wills.

Dear Sister: Miss Head having severed her connection with us, I was appointed to be her successor.

I will be glad to make reports as you have suggested.

Thank you for the interest you have manifested. Our society is now in a very prosperous condition, having forty members, and thirty average attendance. We call ourselves "Willing Workers," and our motto is: "What Would Jesus do?"

We generally send our money to Foreign Missions. Pray for our society that our efforts may not be in vain.

Your sister in Christ,

MELLIE HARRELL.

Cochran, Ga., Oct. 3, 1896.

Dear Mrs. Wills: It has been quite a while since I wrote to your nice little paper, but I have read and kept up with every number. We have a thriving society which meets every first Sunday. We always have an interesting programme, and we generally collect about one or two dollars.

Our president, Mrs. Traylor, gave us a missionary supper, from which we collected fifteen dollars and fifty cents. This was of course a great help. We have also made a quilt for the Orphan's Home—we have just quilted it. We have sent twenty dollars to home and foreign missions.

The name of our society is the "Helpers."

I will close with best wishes for the Mission Messenger.

LEILA G. STINSON.

Long Cane, Ga., Nov. 1, 1896.

Dear Mrs. Wills: Will you please give me instructions for managing a Sunteam Society. We organized one at our church recently and we would like to have a programme, and all information that you will give us on the subject will be gratefully received. Please suggest to us the name of an instructive paper. Hope to hear from you real soon.

Most respectfully,

(Miss) BERTA DAVIS.

Greshamville, Ga.

BOXES SENT.

From W. M. S., Barnesville Church, to Rev. D. R. Warren, valued at \$60.00.

From W. M. S., Union Church, to Sunday-school Proctor, valued at \$16.38.

From Mission Workers, 2d Church, Atlanta, to Rev. W. A. Ingle, valued at \$150.00.

From W. M. S., Washington, Ga., to Rev. Mr. Ridling, valued at \$51.00.

From W. M. S., Covington Church, to Rev. John McIntosh, valued at \$54.00.

From W. M. S. and Sunbeams, of Carrollton, to Rev. W. T. Kilpatrick, valued at \$97.50.

From Y. P. U., Greensboro Church, sent to Mr. Windham, valued at \$82.35.

From W. M. S., Griffin Church, to Henry K. Johnston, valued at \$85.25.

From L. A. S., Zebulon Church, to J. J. Holland, box, valued at \$35.00.

From W. M. S., Warrenton Church, to S. H. Huntsberry, a box valued at \$62.87.

From W. M. S., First Church, Athens, sent to J. L. Nelson, Moral, Oklahoma Territory, valued at \$126.07.

W. M. S., Omaha and Summerhill churches, sent to A. L. Lyon, box valued at \$72.70.

Sunbeams of same church, sent to Rev. J. M. Setzer, box valued at \$90.42.

Woman's Social Union, of First Church, Atlanta, sent to H. J. Davis, valued at \$75.00.

W. M. S., Hephzibah Church, sent a box to Rev. G. M. Daniels, valued at \$50.00.

Other boxes have been reported, but the money valuation was omitted. Last year Georgia societies sent fifty-three boxes. Surely they will do as well this year.

The W. M. S., of Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta, sent a box in October last to I. D. Hill, of Rising Star, Tex., valued at \$50.00.

The missionary rally, under the auspices of the Central Committee, was held at the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15th, and was enjoyed by quite a large crowd. The speakers were Drs. W. W. Landrum, A. A. Marshall, T. P. Bell, J. G. Gibson and S. G. Jameson, all of whom spoke enthusiastically and encouragingly of woman's work for the Master. The beautiful hymn, "If I Were a Voice," very appropriate for the occasion, was sung by Mrs. Hill, the sweet-voiced soprano of Grace church (Methodist), and touched the hearts of all present. Then there was the roll-call, by Miss Allah Armstrong, superintendent of the Chinese Sunday-school, and answered by the

Chinamen with a verse from the Bible, after which the hymn, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," was sung by them. The old and soul-inspiring hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung in the old style by lining which seemed to make it more impressive. A collection was taken and the meeting closed. Let us hope that this is the first of many more meetings of the same kind, and that great good to the cause of missions may result therefrom.

Carrollton, Ga., October 19th, 1896.

Dear Sister Gambrell:—We shipped on the 15th a box to Rev. W. T. Kilpatrick, Shawnee, Oklahoma Territory, value, \$97.50. I wrote to him at Tecumseh and received a reply before we sent box so there would be no mistake. We meet this afternoon to send Maud Carey (the ophan we clothe at "Home" (her winter clothes. So sorry we have not sent them before, for I am sure the dear child has needed them.

We go to our association Wednesday. Wish some of you dear sisters could be with us; feel sure you could do us good.

We have only thirty members in our society. If we could get all the ladies of our church to join us, oh, the good we could do. Pray for us and if ever in your power visit us.

Lovingly,

MRS. J. A. RHUDY, Sec.

BRO. McCOMBS—INDIAN MISSIONARY.

Dear Bro. Tichenor:—I have just returned from the meeting of the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, where I heard them talking and consulting together about their work. I judge for them a great future. A nobler and more consecrated set of men can not be found anywhere in this broad land. Their whole work is full of the spirit of the Master. The Lord could not withhold His blessing from such devoted men as compose this association.

This territory will in the near future be a Baptist State, as we outnumber all other denominations more than two-thirds now in the Creek Nation, and God giving us such men as A. G. Washburn, John Hulsey, Lin Patterson, H. H. Mouser, L. W. Wright, and many others whose names I can not call, we will succeed. I was also very much pleased and encouraged with their soundness in the doctrine of the Bible as it has always been held by the Baptists in all ages. Another fact I find among them is that neither worldly honor, nor money, nor anything else can separate them from their sympathies and strong attachment to the Baptists of the South.

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in the minutes.
Your Brother,
W. M. McCOMBS.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th.

GERMAN WORK IN MISSOURI.

Rev. Wm. Kroesch, our German Missionary at California, Mo., writes from Bay, Mo.:

"I am here at present helping Brother Umbach in a protracted meeting which the Lord has crowned with His richest blessing. Five souls are converted, and seven are deeply concerned about their souls' salvation.

"In our own mission field at California, Mo., the outlook is hopeful. Our regular meetings and Sunday-school are well attended. I am glad that our young people take a personal interest in the monthly missionary meetings, and so are educated in the cause of missions."

HOME MISSIONS.

Mrs. W. M. Jordan, in The Messenger.

"Our hearts are filled with thankfulness when we remember how God has taken us as his chosen instruments and so enabled us to move forward into providential openings and to seize the golden opportunities; that we have not spent our strength for naught, but are a part of a great organization that is to-day a powerful agency in the salvation of our beloved land.

"We would reflect on no other benevolent enterprise; we would say nothing to dishearten anyone who with good motives seeks good ends, but our convictions, our faith, is that the surest hope of mankind is in America. We have pouring into our shores daily, yes, I should say hourly, representatives of all the races of mankind. If our eyes are to be gladdened by the sight of heathen lands rapidly becoming Christian, we must direct our efforts and strain every nerve to protect from heathenism our own land. If by reason of our neglect of home work, the stream of unchristian tendencies from abroad and the flood of indifference and vice of our own country shall overwhelm the institutions of our fathers, the missions of every Christian church, both home and foreign, will suffer alike by the common calamity."

Mrs. J. D. Alexander, Omaha, reports the formation of a new society in Pleasant Grove church; Miss Alma Jones, president; Mrs. Jennie Chestnut, secretary.

	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.	STATE MISSIONS.	AGED MINISTERS.	MINIST'R'L EDUCATION.	ORPHANS' HOME.	MISSION MESSENGER.
W. M. S., 2d Church, Atlanta....	25 25	9.25	4 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., West End Church.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Workers, West End Ch....	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Zebulon Church.....	.....	1 10	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Manlio Church.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Pleasant Grove Church	3 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Cedar Creek Church....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Summerville Church....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., 2d Church, Atlanta....	7 75	2 00	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Carrollton Church....	80	80	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. I. S. Compton (Temperance, 60)	60	60	60	.....	.....	60	.....
W. M. S., Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta.....	.....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., 5th Baptist Church, Atlanta.....	.....	8 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Busy Bees, Jackson Hill Church	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Carrollton Church.....	.....	.....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Tatnall Square Church	.....	5 40	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., Zebulon Church.....	45	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
W. M. S., New Providence Church	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunbeams Society, LaGrange....	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Subscription.....	70 62	33 80	33 55	21 00	.....	60	15 25

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOHN D. EASTERLIN,
Treasurer Woman's Missionary Union.

Dear Mrs. Gambrell: In your report in Mission Messenger, I regret to see one W. M. S., not mentioned; this is no fault of yours; our treasurer has been quite sick, our society has not met regularly, and I, as you know, was away.

I will give you our little statement:
September for Italy, \$4.15.
October, for Mexico, \$2.15.
November box to Texas, \$47.75.
Freight, \$2.00.

We had no meeting, but I am so proud to say our box, or barrel, was filled with nice, useful things and I think will cheer the hearts of Rev. G. M. Daniel and family, our representative on the field.

This work is very dear to me, and while in your city my heart thrilled and burned for the prosperity and progress of missions. Dr. Landrum is calculated to arouse one on such work and I trust he will be abundantly blessed.

My visit to Atlanta was a most lovely one, and I thoroughly enjoyed church privileges; oh! how I miss them, we have no pastor, in consequence of which some of our members are growing indifferent.

Pray for your sister in the work.
MOLLIE RHODES.
Hephzibah, Ga., Nov. 17, 1896.

Dear Mrs. Easterlin: As the Ladies' Aid Society, of Central Baptist Church, sent in no report for this last quarter, I decided to write and let you know that we have not been idle. As we were building a new church the ladies all thought it best to use our money at home for this quarter, as that was indeed "home missions." We hope to make a good report for next quarter. We now have a very pretty new church, and our society has taken on new life. We are now in better condition than we have been in some time and hope to accomplish a great deal of good in the future. All are well pleased with our new pastor, Rev. R. L. Motley. I receive the Mission Messenger regular every month and am very much pleased with it. I hope to get every member of our society to subscribe for it.

Hoping to send you some new names real soon, I am very truly yours,
MRS. W. P. ANDERSON,
Atlanta, Ga.

A letter from Miss Ellen Pitts tells of a new society organized in Ebenezer Church, Chattooga Association. A glad welcome to Georgia's Woman's Baptist Missionary Union is accorded these sisters.

ORPHANS' HOME DEPARTMENT

MRS. A. D. ADAIR, - - - PRESIDENT.
MRS. SAM LUMPKIN, COR. SEC. (Sup. Court).
MRS. A. J. MOORE, TREASURER, 114 Crew St.

"Suffer Little Children to Come unto Me."

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

**DONATIONS TO GEORGIA
BAPTIST ORPHANS'
HOME FOR MONTH
OF OCT. 1896.**

1. Vegetables from Mr. Nash; these come every week.
3. One box small dolls from Mr. Forrest High, Atlanta.
5. Beef from Mr. Johnson, and is a regular weekly donation.
5. One croquet set from Mrs. Kate Eddings, Atlanta.
6. One box clothing and toys from Cordele, Ga., by Mr. J. L. Scrandrett.
9. One box of provisions, etc., from The Sunbeams of Richland, Ga.
9. One lot clothing from Mrs. E. H. Thornton, city.
12. Load of old lumber for kindling-wood by Mrs. James, Atlanta.
12. Lot of peas and potatoes from Mrs. Walden, Stockbridge, Ga.
12. One quilt from Ladies' Aid Society, Valley Ford Church.
12. One box of provisions and basket of apples from ladies of Stone Mountain, Ga.
14. One quilt from Miss Dela Stone, Washington, Ga.
17. One box from ladies of The Block House, Rue, Ga.
17. One dozen knives and forks, by Mr. Blasingame, Jersey, Ga.
20. One small cream pitcher and spoon holder, by Mrs. John M. Green, Atlanta.
20. Six small dishes and bunch flowers, by Mrs. Arlie, Atlanta.
21. Lot of old newspapers, Mrs. Hobbs, city.
21. One box clothing from Woman's Missionary Society, of Woodville, Ga.
21. One bundle containing clothing from Millen, Ga.
21. Clothing for girl, from Womans' Missionary Society, West End.
21. Mission Society, Atlanta.
22. One quilt from Ebenezer Church, Washington, Ga.
23. One box clothing from Woman's Missionary Society, Fort Valley, Ga.
23. Knives, forks and plates from Col. B. F. Abbott, Atlanta.
24. From Pastors' Aid Society, Fifth Baptist Church, Atlanta, clothing for one girl.
24. One box clothing for girl from Woman's Missionary Society, Carrollton, Ga.

Shoes and clothing from Mrs. H. Thornton, Atlanta.

24. Clothing for girl from Ladies' Social Union, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

28. Two pairs shoes from Miss Genie Clarke, Atlanta.

28. One box clothing for boy from Tennille, Ga.

28. One box containing sheets and pillow cases and clothing from Woman's Missionary Society, Conyers, Ga.

28. One bundle clothing for boy from Grovetown, Ga., by Mr. W. J. Heggie.

29. Lot of underwear by Mrs. Dr. Jones, Atlanta.

30. Clothing from Mrs. Oslin, Dalton, Ga.

30. One carpet, \$14.00 cash, by Mrs. M. C. Kiser, Atlanta, Ga.

30. One carpet, one set furniture from Mrs. E. H. Thornton, Atlanta, Ga.

30. One basket potatoes, Mrs. John M. Green, city.

30. Clothing from Mrs. Baxter, Atlanta.

30. Clothing from Mrs. Harper, Atlanta.

31. Clothing for one boy from Woman's Missionary Society, Gainesville,

31. Two fire screens, one bath tub from Miss Clarke, city.

31. One package clothing from A. L. Cummings, Warrenton, Ga.

31. One box clothing from Woman's Missionary Society, Boston, Ga.

My Dear Sisters:—Before resuming my duties as correspondent for Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home, I must offer apologies for the delinquencies of the past two months. The depression which overcast my heart after the going away of my precious mother quenched the courage to perform the usual duties of life until my Heavenly Father bids me look aloft and accept this bereavement as a special favor, henceforth to think of her liberated spirit as one of his white-winged throng and dwelling evermore in His Kingdom. How much more keenly can we feel what orphanage means when a sweet mother has departed from the home circle; notwithstanding my childhood is in the retrospection and the dependencies of inexperience are past, it comes to me o'er and o'er what a blessing has been vouchsafed to me to have had her spared so long with her benign and Christian influences extending to even to the fourth generation.

Then, too, my heart goes out in a more extended and deeper sympathy for those who have been deprived of this immeasurable love and watch-care. Oh, ye fortunate parents who can gather

your jewels around nightfall, and when tired eyelids imprudently snugly tuck in your thoughts to scattered abroad, deserveth for, unless we have pitied the need to go to homes where the anguish and neglect can in some degree be alleviated. We would not have the kind benefactors to the various institutions where orphans are being cared for to become discouraged by these frequent appeals for aid in this great undertaking; "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father" is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep unspotted from the world. If you have not tasted the joy of doing something for these dear children in the past, you have now always the privilege of entering into the work with your gifts, but more than all with your prayers for God's blessing upon the work.

MRS. E. K. THORNTON.

From the ladies of the Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home, to the Baptists of Georgia:

We beg to say that when Rev. R. H. Smith, the efficient agent of our Orphans' Home, took charge of the work a little more than two years ago, the home was over \$20,000 in debt. Bro. Smith's energy, zeal and earnest labors of intelligently and scripturally laying upon the hearts of the Baptists of Georgia this long neglected orphanage work we have been enabled to pay our indebtedness. Also to buy the cottage and grounds we so much needed adjoining our home. We have also paid \$2,500 on that property and much various improvements on the premises. In the meantime we have paid all current expenses and have fed and clothed the children.

Some may ask, "Does the Orphans' Home need an agent?" Our experience demonstrates to us beyond a shadow of a doubt that it does. Therefore, we recommend to every Baptist in Georgia our agent, Rev. R. H. Smith, who is doing a grand work for the Master and the Baptist cause in our great State. We also wish to reassure brother Smith that our earnest prayers shall be offered daily to a throne of grace in his behalf, that the Spirit of God may attend him as he still stands before thousands of Georgia Baptists.

Mrs. A. D. Adair, President,
Mrs. M. L. Landrum, Ch. Ex. Board,
Mrs. J. P. Logan, Rec. Sec.,
Mrs. Samuel Lumpkin, Cor. Sec.,
Mrs. A. J. Moore, Treasurer.