

M. E. Hatch
1897

THE MISSION MESSENGER.

"Speak Unto the Children of Israel, that They Go Forward."

Entered at the Post-office as second-class matter.

VOLUME 3.

ATLANTA, GA., FEBRUARY, 1897.

NUMBER 2.

NOTICE.

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

NOTES FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

What workers those Marietta sisters be. A cheering, loving letter from Sister Hudson, among other good things, says: "We are still at work on our new church, putting in the windows now. The ladies of our church work together so well. We have a Woman's Building Fund Society and have raised over twelve hundred dollars since we organized, and we have given just as much for Missions as we did before we had this on hand. I think we have given more." Rev. S. R. C. Adams is their pastor.

Here comes a letter from Sister J. D. Alexander, representing the ladies of the Summerhill and Omaha churches and sending in their Christmas offering. What a power for good this good sister is! But the space allotted to me in our dear little MESSENGER would not hold the names of the consecrated women workers in Georgia. But their names are written in the Lamb's book of life, and some sweet day by and by we shall meet and rest and praise in the city where there is no more sin and death.

The work of the young women in the Baptist churches of Atlanta is one of the most cheering "Signs of the times." Recently, at a woman's meeting I noted the number of fresh young faces. It is glorious to think of how far better prepared they will be for efficient service than have been we, older ones.

Now beloved, suffer a word about our own little paper, THE MESSENGER. Do

you not think it is worth the subscription price? Nobody is making any money out of it. The work is all gratuitous; the Board pays for the printing and a self-denying sister pays the postage. You, my Sister, do not want a few to bear all the burdens, do you? Will you help by getting every member of your Society to subscribe for it and send the money with the subscription to the Business Manager. Do not wait; do this at once, please.

Only two months till the meeting of the Convention and the meeting of our W. B. M. U.! How busy we must be in the intervening time! I do beg that every Associational Vice-President will stir up the Societies of her Association and be prepared to give an account of the spiritual condition of her fields, or rather the spiritual status of her working force.

Mcduff, the saintly, said: "Not to enjoy life, but to employ life, ought to be our aim and aspiration."

Distressing news comes from India. The country is plague-stricken, cholera is raging and there is also a great famine. In spite of the government's boast that the progress of the famine might easily be arrested, the scourge continues to sweep over India until it now covers an area as large as the British Isles and France together, and affects approximately 93,500,000 of population. The distress is described as pitiable in the extreme. To make matters worse, staple products, like grain and rice, are held at double their ordinary prices. And to increase the gravity of the situation, it is now rumored that the natives are showing signs of unrest, and a tendency to prepare for an uprising against English authority.

Read that paragraph and think how seldom we thank God for our health-blessed country, for our good government, for bountiful harvests and

luscious fruits. All these good gifts and, best of all, *absolute religious liberty*.

If we had a "great passion for souls," we should not find it hard to look always to our marching orders "go ye into all the world." etc.

We are too much "at ease in Zion," satisfied if we have a comfortable church and pay our little stipend to pastor's salary and current expenses. If we could always bear in mind the eternalness of the things unseen and spiritual, the transitoriness of things seen and temporal we would be more earnest in quest of souls. God give us through this year a greater "passion for souls."

I have spent much of January on a sick-bed and more of it watching by sick ones of my household. The sisters are asked to remember this if they do not receive prompt replies to their letters.

Please note the change in the address of the W. M. U. Rooms from No. 9 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, Md. to No. 304 North Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.

The Societies holding letters from Frontier Missions will please let me hear from them at once. I want to make my report to the W. M. U. auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sisters: If you want to help the young people of your church write to Rev. John D. Jordan, Birmingham, Ala., for cards and leaflets.

NOTICE.

New societies have been organized and some have sent in the names and post-office address of the officers. Please, sisters, do not forget this important duty.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

DEAR SISTERS: If I did not bear in mind the busy cares of home-makers at Christmas time, I should feel somewhat discouraged over the few reports from societies. I know that many societies are waiting to get "full returns" from the Christmas envelopes before sending in their reports.

I have distributed 6000 Christmas Envelopes, 2000 Programmes, written 200 letters and one hundred postal cards.

I have placed 41 letters of Frontier missionaries with societies; twenty-seven of those letters have been answered with boxes.

Some of the societies still hold letters and some societies have returned the letters to your Corresponding Secretary, declining to send anything to the Frontier.

It is my duty to call your attention to the subject for January on our Mission Card—the colored people. This is always a difficult subject for us. The darkness of the situation, the difficulties thrust into the work by evil and designing persons, prove almost insurmountable obstacles to the study of that subject in a broad, loving spirit of Christliness. Any suggestions, any instructions as to the best way to bring this question home to the hearts of the Baptist women of Georgia, I shall most gladly receive.

Another item deserving consideration is the request of the Home Mission Board for \$2,800 from the women of Georgia, before May 1st. One half of the amount in boxes sent to the Frontier and one half *in money* to be sent to the Home Mission Board.

The cash contributions have been, up to now, very small. A special appeal in behalf of this Board is made to all the Women's and Children's Societies.

The following is a report of the Societies.

Centennial Association.

Vice-President, Mrs. C. N. Pixley, Woman's Mission Society, Barnesville Church; Pastor, J. M. Brittain.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 00
Home Missions.....	2 00
State Missions.....	2 00
Church Work.....	8 00
Aged Ministers.....	1 00

Orphans' Home.....	16 50
Box to Frontier.....	60 00
Total.....	\$91 50

Chattooga Association.

Vice-President, Miss Ellen Pitts; Woman's Missionary Society, Trion Church; Pastor, Jesse Hunt; 21 members.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 3 00
Home Missions.....	3 00
State Missions.....	3 00
Indigent Ministers.....	3 00
Orphans' Home.....	3 00

Total.....	\$ 15 10
------------	----------

Woman's Missionary Society, Pleasant Grove Church; Pastor, B. F. Hunt; 18 members.

General Benevolence.....\$ 4 30

Woman's Missionary Society, Menlo Church; Pastor, C. T. Starkey; 11 members.

Home Missions.....	\$ 1 20
Church Work.....	4 00

Total.....	\$ 5 20
------------	---------

Woman's Missionary Society, Summerville Church; Pastor, J. G. Hunt; 25 members.

Christmas offering.....	\$ 9 60
Home Missions.....	2 00
State Missions.....	1 50
Pastor's Salary.....	2 72
Sunday-school Work.....	1 80
Ministerial Education.....	1 00
Box to Frontier.....	12 45
Mission Literature.....	75
General Benevolence.....	4 10

Total.....	\$ 35 92
------------	----------

Woman's Missionary Society, Ebenezer Church; Pastor, B. F. Hunt; (new society) 15 members.

Christmas Offering.....	\$ 3 00
Foreign Missions.....	97
Church Work.....	5 00
Mission Literature.....	50
General Benevolence.....	1 80

Total.....	\$ 11 27
Total Chattooga Association.....	71 79

Georgia Association.

Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Pope; Woman's Missionary Society, Washington Church.

Christmas Offering.....	\$ 5 25
Orphans' Home.....	29 50
Thanksgiving Offering for Foreign Mission Board Debt.....	33 00

Total.....	\$67 75
------------	---------

Young People's Mission Union, Greensboro Church; Pastor, J. H. Gambrell.

Home Missions.....	\$ 2 95
State Missions.....	2 50
Free-will Offerings to Foreign Missions.....	2 83
Foreign Missions.....	3 00

Total.....	\$ 11 28
------------	----------

Ladies of Greensboro Church, Mrs. L. H. Bowen, Com.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 6 45
Home Missions.....	6 20
State.....	5 60

Total.....	\$ 18 25
Total for Georgia Association.....	97 28

Houston Association.

Vice-President, Mrs. M. C. Pate; Woman's Missionary Society; Arabi Church; Pastor, J. J. Hyman; 36 members.

Expended for Church Work.....	\$ 10 00
Indigent Ministers.....	4 00
Orphans' Home.....	1 00
On Hand for Church Work.....	13 71

Total.....	\$ 25 71
------------	----------

Woman's Missionary Society, Hawkinsville Church; Pastor, A. M. Vandeventer.

Ministerial Education.....	\$ 4 00
Foreign Missions.....	19 10
Orphans'.....	10 00
Box to Frontier.....	45 00
Missions.....	3 25

Total.....	\$ 81 35
Total for Houston Association.....	107 06

Hephzibah Association.

Woman's Missionary Society, Vice-President, Mrs. I. S. Jordan; First Church, Augusta; Pastor, Lansing Burroughs.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 21 75
Box to Frontier.....	85 00

Total.....	\$106 75
------------	----------

Middle Association.

Vice-President, Mrs. John H. Ash; Woman's Missionary Society, Millen Church; Pastor, — Rogers.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 25
Home Missions.....	2 25
State Missions.....	2 25
Indigent Ministers.....	1 65
Orphans' Home.....	7 50
Literature.....	1 50

Total.....	\$ 17 40
------------	----------

Woman's Missionary Society, Turkey Branch Church; Pastor, R. G. Cartin; 12 members. Amount of money not given; the entry on report was, "Funds Unappropriated."

Woman's Missionary Society, Little Ogeechee Church; Pastor, J. H. Arnett; 20 members:

Church Work.....\$ 15 55
Pastor's Salary..... 1 06

Total.....\$ 16 61

Woman's Missionary Society, New Providence Church; Pastor, P. B. Grant; 30 members:

Foreign Missions.....\$ 5 00

Woman's Missionary Society, Elam Church; Pastor, R. G. Cartin; 15 members:

Church Work.....\$ 44 15

Total for Middle Association. 83 16

Mercer Association.

Woman's Missionary Society, Cairo Church; Pastor, D. H. Parker; 20 members:

Foreign Missions.....\$ 2 50

Home Missions..... 5 00

State Missions..... 5 00

Mercer University..... 5 00

Missionary Literature..... 1 50

Total.....\$ 19 00

Piedmont Association.

Woman's Missionary Society, Jesup Church; Pastor, E. R. Osborne; 20 members:

Church Work.....\$ 6 50

General Benevolence..... 6 05

Total.....\$ 12 55

Rehoboth Association.

Vice-President, Mrs. J. G. Daughtry; Ladies' Aid Society, Thomaston Church; Pastor, T. H. Stout; 22 members:

Church Work.....\$ 35

Ministerial Education..... 5 00

Indigent Ministers..... 2 50

Box to Frontier..... 95 50

Total.....\$ 103 35

Woman's Missionary Society, Fort Valley Church; Pastor, G. W. Gardner; 18 members:

Christmas Offering.....\$ 4 63

Orphans' Home..... 8 01

Missionary Literature..... 30

Total.....\$ 12 94

Woman's Social Missionary Society, First Church, Macon; Pastor, J. L. White; 66 members.

Foreign Missions.....\$ 17 00

Ministerial Education..... 2 00

Indigent Ministers..... 5 50

Box to Frontier..... 128 15

General Benevolence..... 5 00

Total.....\$ 157 65

Woman's Benevolent Missionary Union, Tatnall Square Church, Macon; Pastor, M. A. Jenkins; 20 members.

Foreign Missions.....\$ 2 65

Home Missions..... 2 65

State Missions..... 2 65

Church Work..... 125 00

Sunday-school Work..... 7 00

Mercer..... 1 00

Indigent Ministers..... 2 00

Box to Frontier..... 56 00

Mission Literature..... 3 30

General Benevolence..... 7 00

Total.....\$ 209 25

Woman's Missionary Society, First Church, (Macon); Pastor, J. L. White.

Church Work.....\$ 10 00

Mercer..... 10 00

Box to Frontier..... 161 40

General Benevolence..... 10 00

Total.....\$ 191 40

Total for Rehoboth Association \$674 59

Stone Mountain Association.

Vice-President, Mrs. L. M. Landrum; Woman's Missionary Society, Decatur Church; Pastor, B. W. Collier; 20 members:

Box to Frontier.....\$ 52 25

Mercer..... 3 00

Total.....\$ 55 20

Woman's Aid Society, Central Church, Atlanta; Pastor, R. L. Motley; 20 members:

Foreign Missions.....\$ 1 67

Home Missions..... 1 66

State Missions..... 1 67

Church Work..... 76 95

Christmas Offerings..... 2 00

Indigent Ministers..... 5 00

Total.....\$ 88 95

Ladies' Aid Society, Capitol Avenue Church, (Atlanta); Pastor, A. T. Spalding; 36 members:

Foreign Missions.....\$ 9 55

Christmas Offering..... 5 86

Home Missions..... 3 80

Church Work..... 6 00

Pastor's Salary..... 50 00

Orphans' Home..... 5 00

Box to Frontier..... 79 00

General Benevolence..... 4 50

Total.....\$ 163 71

Pastor's Aid Society Fifth Church Atlanta; Pastor A. W. Bealer.

North Georgia Missions.....\$ 1 45

Church Work..... 75

Sunday-school Work..... 1 45

Ministerial Education..... 85

Orphans' Home..... 7 25

General Benevolence..... 5 15

Total.....\$ 19 73

Mission Workers, Second Church, Atlanta; Pastor, H. McDonald; twenty-nine members.

Home Missions.....\$ 6 00

State and Foreign Missions..... 61 40

Orphans' Home..... 11 15

Box to Frontier..... 120 29

General Benevolence..... 14 45

Total.....\$ 213 29

Woman's Missionary Society, West End Church, Atlanta; Pastor, S. Y. Jameson; fifty-two members.

Home Missions.....\$ 7 50

State Missions..... 3 00

Church Work..... 24 85

Ministerial Education (Sem-

inary)..... 19 00

Mercer..... 4 70

Orphans' Home..... 5 68

Box to Frontier..... 178 03

General Benevolence..... 2 00

Total.....\$ 244 76

Little Workers, West End Church; Pastor, S. Y. Jameson; fifty members.

Home Missions.....\$ 2 15

Box to Frontier..... 56 20

Total.....\$ 58 35

Woman's Missionary Union, First Church (Atlanta); Pastor, W. W. Landrum, thirty-four members.

Foreign Missions.....\$ 5 00

Home Missions..... 5 00

State Missions..... 5 00

Ministerial Education..... 6 00

Indigent Ministers..... 1 50

Orphans' Home..... 49 50

Box to Frontier..... 50 00

General Benevolence..... 29 60

Total.....\$ 151 60

Carey Clan, First Church, Atlanta; Pastor, W. W. Landrum.

Box to Frontier.....\$ 26 00

[Continued on Page 6.]

THE MISSION MESSENGER.

A Monthly,

Published at 16 E. Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Ga.

TERMS—Twenty-Five Cents Per Year.

Mrs. R. M. SEYMOUR, President W. B. M. U.
Macon, Ga.

Mrs. J. B. GAMBRELL, Cor. Sec.
Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. JOHN D. EASTERLIN, Treasurer.
Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. JOHN D. EASTERLIN,
Business Manager MISSION MESSENGER,
ATLANTA, GA.

Issued first Tuesday of each month. No copy
received after 25th.

Send money and names to Mrs. J. D. Easterlin.

Printed by The Foote & Davies Company.

FEBRUARY.

FRONTIER MISSIONS.—“And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” Statistics for Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Western Arkansas: Missionaries, 83; churches and stations, 321; baptisms, 1,110; Sunday-schools organized, 117; teachers and pupils, 4,115; tracts distributed, 10,479.

STUDY TOPICS.—*Changing population, immigration bringing the unevangelized. Importance of the foundation work of to-day. Bible distribution by Sunday-school Board. Frontier box work of Woman's Missionary Union.*

Subject, . . . *Frontier Missions.*

“Purpose is character crystalized.”

1. Short sentence prayers.
2. Hymn—“Onward, Christian Soldiers.”
3. Seed Thought—“Christ, the same yesterday and to-day,” would still seek the lost, but He must now do it on our feet; He would still minister, but He must do it with our hands.
4. Scripture—Matt. 19: 16-30.
5. Prayer for all the Home Board Missionaries, with special petitions for the family aided by a box from this society.
6. Hymn—“He that goeth forth with weeping.”
7. Study Topics—Changing population. Immigration bringing the unevangelized. Importance of foundation work to-day. Bible distribution by S. S. Board. Frontier box work by W. M. U.
8. Song.
9. Leaflet—(to be read in selections)—“Frontier Missions,” by Rev. Byron H. Dement.

10. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.

11. Appoint a “Lookout Committee” on Absentees and New Members.

12. Collection. Hymn—“Watchman, what of the night?”

FRONTIER MISSIONS.

Nearly half the missionaries of the Board are working on the frontier of Texas, in the Indian Territory and in Oklahoma.

Boxes for Frontier Missionaries.

The work of supplying boxes to frontier missionaries has been more successfully cultivated during the last Conventional year than ever before. This is an important work and the extent to which it promotes the success of our frontier mission work can scarcely be estimated.

All such boxes should be reported to Miss Annie W. Armstrong, 304 N. Howard St., Baltimore, who will give the names of needy missionaries and information in regard to their families upon application.

General Statement.

The labors of our missionaries this year have been attended by all the influence of the Divine Spirit, so that only once before in all its history has the Board been able to report such results. The number of missionaries has been a small decrease from the number reported the previous year, but larger than any other year in the Board's history.

The baptisms have been 5,617, only 304 less than last year.

The receipts have been \$75,927.54, against \$76,770.91 last year.

The estimated value of the Board's property last year was \$99,430. The increase during the present year has been \$5,150, making the present total value \$104,580.

THE FIELD.

Western North Carolina.

“Western North Carolina is one of our new grounds in spiritual agriculture. There the mountains tower high in Heaven's blue, the rivers roll in splendor through the valleys, and all nature presents a charming scene like the garden of the Lord. In marked contrast with the natural environment is the spiritual condition

of many honest, sturdy, patriotic sons of Western North Carolina. Greater than the wealth of her mountains and valleys are the treasures of mind and heart possessed by her people; but these are to bless the world only as they are willingly laid at Jesus' feet in loving response to the Gospel call.”

Florida.

“Florida, beautiful Florida, ‘the Land of Flowers’ and of tropic fruits and ocean breezes, is drawing on various States for its inhabitants, many of whom are hungering for the Bread of Life, while its native population needs to hear from shore to shore ‘the old, old story of Jesus and His love.’”

Texas.

“Texas, ‘the Empire State of the South,’ where thousands gather from every State to crowd her cities and settle her plains, is the field of many a religious battle fought and won for God, and presents a vast territory, a great necessity and marvelous opportunity for frontier work.”

Louisiana.

“Louisiana, the State of Frenchmen and English, with her fertile river bottoms and wide extent, is a field of trying difficulties and of saddening destitution.”

Western Arkansas.

“Western Arkansas. Here among the mountains, foot-hills and plains we behold a field already white unto harvest, and where the sickle of truth has gathered many sheaves into the garner of the Lord.”

Indian Territory.

“Indian Territory, the new home of the red man of the forest, is the Christian nursery of that wonderful race found upon these shores when the white man from across the Atlantic first planted his foot upon the Western continent.”

Oklahoma.

“Oklahoma, the magnet of the West, has opened wide its arms and received vast colonies in search of earthly homes, and within its borders the frontier missionary blows the gospel trumpet to warn the inhabitants of the wrath to come and, with persuasive notes, to entreat them to lay up treasures on high, and seek a heavenly home.”

Woman's Work.

"Our Woman's Missionary Societies sent out 353 of these boxes during the past year. Read Matt. 25: 31-46 and then prepare a "Missionary Box" to supplement the inadequate salary of one of our Frontier missionaries. No work done for Christ is lost. He gives a rich reward to all his laborers."

The Character of Our Frontier Missionaries.

"The character of our Frontier missionaries is so unimpeachable as to inspire confidence in their enterprise and increase faith in their continued success. They are *converted*, they have been turned from darkness to light, have known the weight of sin and felt the joy of pardon.

"May their devotion to the cause of Christ help to kindle a brighter flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. Their *self-sacrifice* is wonderful. Many give up good homes and fields to live in huts and dug-outs, and preach in sheds, barns, shops and groves, that they may give the Gospel to the destitute. Some preach on half the salary and a smaller proportion of the comforts offered elsewhere. Their fields often embrace several counties, while their nearest ministerial neighbor may live one hundred miles away. Many of the settlements are twenty-five or thirty miles apart, and sometimes there is only one preacher for eight or ten colonies."

Their Families.

"Most of our missionaries have large families who are often scantily supplied with the necessaries of life, and still more frequently deprived of the advantages of day-schools, Sunday-schools and regular religious services, and yet they must make the sacrifice of spending most of their time away from home amid dangers, toils and cares, that man may hear and heed the Gospel's joyful sound. And who can depict the sufferings and hardships of their Christian wives? If we could only read the inner tablet of their lives, how our hearts would respond in sympathy and our purses open in generous contributions. Unknown to the world, but well known to Heaven, they are martyrs of the home and heroines of the faith."

The Sympathizers.

Those who feel that God has ordained a different field of labor for them should at least consider themselves as members of that great body of *sympathizers* with those who do go as their "substitutes" to work for Christ and souls in our Frontier vineyard. To *sympathize* literally means to *suffer with*, and surely our hearts should experience a feeling akin to that of the Missionaries as we read and think about them and their work, and breathe a prayer to God for Heaven's benediction upo the ripened harvest and the faithful laborers. That sympathy may be practical rather than sentimental we should first *inform ourselves* about Frontier missions. Read about the work, the field—it's nature, extent, difficulties and needs—the laborers (their trials, devotion, and success). It is to be feared that against some Christians the ancient charge may be brought: "Israel doth not know; my people doth not consider."

REV. BYRON H. DEMENT.

The Permanent Basis of Missions.

1. A habit of *knowing* about missions. Familiarity with the great facts of a world's need and the endeavor to meet it, with missionary history and biography, and constant, watchful interest in every movement in the worldwide campaign is a fundamental need. Facts are like fuel to the fire of true missionary zeal. The map of the world is the map of God's war, and the campaign should be traced and followed as any great conflict of one's own country with the foes of its peace and prosperity would be watched by a true patriot.

2. A habit of *giving*. We must get a new conception of stewardship, learn to recognize all we have as God's, because we are His, and our giving must be as habitual as our praying, and as natural and necessary to true, holy living. "Mammon" has been worshipped, and it suggests Divine attributes; omnipotence, by what money can accomplish; omnipresence, by the fact that wherever our consecrated gifts go they represent us and multiply our personality in our activities; and eternity, because the good our money does for God long survives us. Money is earth-born, but may be lifted to a divine level by the holy "altar which

sanctifies the gift," and the holy motive and spirit which separate it from God's use.

3. We need a habit of *praying*. No motive power in church machinery is so neglected. It slumbers like an unused engine, which has only to be set running and connected with thousands of spindles to keep them all in motion. Prayer has turned every crisis of the kingdom. How long will it take us to learn that the shortest way to reach our fellow man next door is by way of the throne of grace? The whole history of missions is an argument and an illustration of the need and the power of unted, believing prayer.

4. We need a habit of *loving*. Unselfish benevolence is a lesson to be learned only at the cross. To love men as Christ loved, not for any beauty in them, but despite all their wickedness and hatred, to love them if so be we may develop in them lovely qualities by bringing them into contact with the God of Love! Ah! that is the soul of missions, and makes all labor light.

—Missionary Review.

CAMPOS, ESTADO DO RIO, BRAZIL,
Nov. 30, 1896.

Miss A. W. Armstrong,
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SISTER IN JESUS: Yours of Oct. 16th to hand, and again I must thank you for your kind and cheering words of comfort. God bless you abundantly and enable you to cheer thousands of laborers in the "*Religious Beyond*" as you have cheered me.

Thank God, the terrible plague has diminished considerably. Though there may be some more cases of small-pox, yet not much is seen or heard of both the isolating hospitals being closed for lack of patients.

But now the hot season has set in with its usual force of heat. However, we praise the Lord for having kept us all in good health. Now and again a little fever, or a little cold, comes and goes. But otherwise we are enjoying splendid health. Praised be our Lord.

Now that the small-pox is disappearing, our work—rather the Lord's work—is cheering up wonderfully. I wish you could have a look at our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings. Our hall will hold about 100 persons, yet you could count 150 very easily. Imagine 150 persons crammed into a hall without any windows. I was very

grieved to see many persons turn away from our hall for lack of room. Oh, when shall we have our sorely needed chapel! Please do not forget to pray for it.

Seven candidates stand approved for baptism, all tried and proved believers in our Lord Jesus. It is not an easy matter to follow the Lord Jesus in this country. One has to forsake all—as the Bible says. Friends and relatives become bitter enemies. But still the power of our blessed Lord is greater than all. He conquers, saves and keeps all that trust in Him.

Besides these seven in Campos, in San Fidelis there are many who are waiting for an opportunity to be baptized. Six candidates were baptized here not long ago, and six more will be baptized soon. The Lord is blessing abundantly that little field. Pastor A. Campos, who returned from there to-day, brought me the good news that they are already provided with a chapel there. It came about in this way: An old farmer who has many of his children members of our church, offered himself to build the chapel, we only paying him 6 per cent. on the capital spent, until he dies. After that the chapel will be ours, as a legacy he is going to make to us in his testament. He has already employed the men necessary to put the chapel up. What do you say to this? Here is a man who loves the gospel, tho' himself not a believer, ready to sacrifice a lot to the cause of Jesus. Pray for this man, that he may see his way to follow Jesus fully.

Here in Campos the believers are not rallying, but working hard to raise means to build their much needed chapel. The church has resolved to issue 1,000 redeemable shares at 10 milreis each. With this money they hope to begin the building. The whole cost of the chapel is calculated (the lowest) at 25,000 milreis (about \$5,000). You can see that we lack yet much. We have already bought the bricks necessary; now for the other things necessary.

Please do not forget us in your prayers. God bless you abundantly.

Yours for Brazil,
SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

[Continued from Page 3.]

Woman's Missionary Society, Rutledge Church; Pastor, T. H. Burruss; twenty-one members.
Foreign Missions.....\$ 4 20
Young Ladies' Society, First Church, Atlanta; Pastor, W. W. Landrum.
Foreign Missions....\$ 1 50
Christmas offering..... 5 00
Home Missions..... 2 00
State Missions..... 2 00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.	STATE MISSIONS.	INDIGENT MINISTERS.	MINIST'R'L EDUCATION.	ORPHANS' HOME.	MISSION MESSENGER.
Little Workers, West End Ch....		3 00	3 32				
W. M. S., West End Church.....	10 55						
W. M. S., Watkinsville Church....		2 00					
W. M. S., Summerville Church....			1 50				
W. M. S., Tennesse Church.....	7 50		2 50				
W. M. S., Hapeville Church.....			9 00				
W. M. S., Decatur Church.....					3 00		
W. M. S., Carrollton Church....					2 50		
W. M. S., Cedartown Church....	2 00	2 20	2 20	3 00	2 50	2 50	
Sunbeams, Carrollton Church....		2 50	2 75				
Birthday offering, Jackson Hill							
Sunday-school.....						2 04	
Advertisement.....							10 00
Subscription.....							1 75
W. M. S., Ashburn Church.....		1 25				25	
W. M. S., West End Church.....					4 70		
W. M. S., 2d Baptist Church.....	5 00	5 00	5 00				
W. M. S., Pleasant Grove Church	2 00						
W. M. S., Summerville Church....		2 00					
W. M. S., Ebenezer, Zula, Ga....	45						
W. M. S., 5th Baptist Church....			5 78				
Missionary Rally.....	6 00	3 21	3 21				
W. M. S., Carrollton Church.....	3 50						
W. M. S., West End, for Students							
Fund, Louisville, Ky.....					19.00		
Birthday Offering, Jackson Hill							
Sunday-school.....						66	
Subscription.....							6 33
Sunday-school, 2d Baptist Church,							
Augusta.....		4 62					
Young Men's Prayer-meeting, 2d							
Baptist Church, Augusta.....		3 59					
Sunbeams, Carrollton.....		5 00	6 00				
W. M. S., New Providence Church							
Middle Association.....	2 50		2 50				
Mrs. Mack Brown, Carrollton....			2 35				
Birthday Offering, Jackson Hill							
Sunday-school.....						84	
W. M. S., Jackson Hill Church....					1 00		
Subscribers.....							1 50

TOTAL, \$181.53.

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

Provisions and Clothing given
in Atlanta..... 76 38
Mission Literature..... 25
General Benevolence (in
money) 31 60
Total.....\$118 73

Woman's Missionary Society, Stone
Mountain Church, sent to Rev. W. J.
Pinkston in money.....\$18 00
Orphans' Home..... 5 50
Total.....\$23 50
Woman's Missionary Society, Second
Church, Atlanta; Pastor H. McDonald.
Box to Frontier.....\$ 123 50
Total for Stone Mountain As-
sociation..... 1273 54

Summerhill Association.

Woman's Missionary Society, Summerhill and Omaha Churches; Pastor, W. W. Arnold; twenty-five members.
Foreign Missions.....\$ 4 00
Box to Frontier..... 72 00
Expense fund..... 76 40
Total.....\$76 40
Sunbeams of Summerhill and Omaha Churches.
Box to Frontier.....\$ 90 67
Total for Summerhill Association.....\$167 07
Grand total.....\$2,704,29
I received in cash and paid out, as evidence, by receipts submitted to Mrs. J. H. Goldsmith, auditor, as follows:

From Mrs. B. E. Barksdale, Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 00
From Miss Ellen Pitts ;State Missions.....	2 00
From Woman's Missionary So- ciety, Gainsville; Ministerial Education.....	2 00
From Woman's Mission Society, Second Church, Augusta; for Mission Union, \$2.50, For- ign Missions \$5.00.....	7 50
From Woman's Missionary So- ciety, Third Church, Atlanta; Ministerial Education.....	3 00
From Woman's Missionary Society Hawkinsville; Minis- terial Education.....	2 00
From Mrs. B. E. Barksdale (China).....	6 00
From Young Ladies' Society, First Church, Atlanta; Home Missions.....	2 00
From Woman's Missionary So- ciety Rutledge Church, Foreign Missions.....	4 20
Young Ladies' Society, First Church Atlanta; State Missions	2 00
From Woman's Missionary So- ciety, Marietta Church;	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
State Missions.....	3.75
From Woman's Missionary So- ciety, Stone Mountain Church; Orphans' Home.....	5 50
From Christmas offerings, Mrs. B. E. Barksdale.....	10 00
From Christmas "Young Ladies' Society," First Church Atlanta	5 00
Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. J. B. GAMBRELL, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee.	

HARMONY GROVE, GA., Dec. 21, 1896.

DEAR SISTER: I've been instructed by our "Woman's Missionary Society" to write and ask if you could name for us a missionary family who is needy. We wish to send a box to such a family and prefer a family in the "home field." Our Society is growing, had several new members at last meeting. I have not been a member here very long, but I find the ladies here need much to be aroused. I belonged to the Society in Greensboro Ga., until in September I married and came to this place.

I am now working very hard to organize a Sunbeam Society; the children are neglected shamefully. I will write you soon for some leaflets on mission work, etc., and try very hard to stir up some interest in the children.

Hope to hear from you real soon in regard to the family.

Yours Truly,
Mrs. K. N. SHARP.
Harmsny Grove, Jackson Co., Ga.

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.

WEST END, Dec. 20, 1896.

DEAR MRS. WILLS: As you are interested in the children, I have been asked to write about our Mission Band. We have fifty members enrolled, but about only forty can be counted on, as the others are so often absent. We open our meetings with reading the Scriptures, songs and repeating the "Lord's Prayer" in concert; then the business is transacted, after that, recitations from the band; then some one reads an article containing information in regard to our missionaries, or something about missions, so that we may feel a deeper interest in the cause so dear to the Saviour's heart.

We meet every other Friday afternoon. Mrs. Abernathy is our leader, assisted by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Mattie Kicklighter; the latter is also our organist. I have been secretary for the past nine months, but we elected new officers at the last meeting. They are now: President, Grace Norcross; Secretary, Charley Wells; Treasurer, Grace Abernathy. We have the same leaders.

We have just sent a box to a missionary in Florida, valued at \$55. The box contained, besides the presents for the minister's family, some articles of clothing for a destitute family near him.

Our contributions for the preceding quarter were \$6.32. We enjoy our meetings, and are grateful to the kind ladies who try to teach us these things which will help us to be wiser and better.

Wishing you success in your efforts to organize Bands all over the State, in order that many children may reap the benefit of these meetings, I am,

Your young friend,
SUSIE H. KICKLIGHTER.

302 East Huntingdon St.
SAVANNAH, GA.

DEAR SISTER: We are trying to organize a "Children's Mission Band" in our church—the First Baptist Church

of Savannah—and we not only want to teach them to make money, but want them to learn about missions.

Will you be kind enough to give us some advice about the work? I know very little myself, but am anxious to learn. I hope to be able to do more in that line this year than I've ever done before.

Hoping to hear from you very soon,
I am,
Yours sincerely,

MRS. C. D. BALDWIN.

Dec. 12, 1896.

OMAHA, GA., Dec. 15, 1896.

Mrs. J. D. Wills.

DEAR SISTER: I send you report of Sunbeam's work in my band—the Omaha and Summerhill band, for present year. Box to Frontier, Miss Halded, at \$90.67.

We have only a small band—not more than a dozen members. I can assure you they have worked faithfully. I am much encouraged, and hope to make as good a report the next year.

Very truly yours,
MRS. J. D. ALEXANDER.

MISSION MESSENGER: Our W. M. S. had a very pleasant meeting Saturday, 2d inst. We gave our collection to indigent ministers. Our pastor, Rev. J. W. R. Jenkins, preached two fine sermons on Sunday. Sunday evening began "our week of prayer," which we observed, with pleasure and benefit every night except Wednesday—our pastor kindly took China for his subject that night at the prayer-meeting, and nobly did he handle it; several brethren used the topics suggested, and we had a good meeting.

I believe I wrote you that we ordained our pastor on the night of Dec. 30. He is young, learned, social and very pious. We have been much pleased with his work so far, and predict a bright future for our church under his pastoral care.

Our society has lost several members recently. Some have married and gone and some have joined societies elsewhere and severed their connection with us.

I am truly glad Mrs. Gambrell will remain with us. Wishing you a prosperous New Year,

I am yours in the work,
Sec. H. W. M. S.
Hephzibah, Ga., Jan. 11, 1897.

ORPHANS' HOME DEPARTMENT

MRS. A. D. ADAIR, - - - PRESIDENT.
MRS. SAM LUMPKIN, COR. SEC. (Sup. Court).
MRS. A. J. MOORE, TREAS'ER, 247 Capitol Ave.

"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.

Doubt about the propriety of occupying the allotted space in the *MISSION MESSENGER* this month has almost had the supremacy, in the negative, as I have been so far separated from the work of our Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home. But orphans anywhere on this broad earth are objects of pity and tender compassion to our Heavenly Father.

Circumstances, or I might say better, Divine guidance has brought it about for me to live for a month, more or less, in a hospital for children in the great city of New York. Whilst my heart and time has been greatly occupied with a little invalid who is very dear to me, I have had some slight opportunity each morning since we have been here of seeing these children, who, in many instances, were more than orphans when they were brought here. I judge from sight that there are nearly one hundred here now, but there is a capacity for eighty-nine in each ward—one for boys and another for girls. Every one is crippled in some form—limb or spine.

The school room on the fourth floor is divided from the room which we are occupying by a narrow hall way. Thus it is that I have been able to visit these little children daily.

At half-past eight each morning the buzzing begins. The elevator turns out load after load of this human freight with their appendages as they rise up from their sleeping apartments after having breakfasted on little tables spread in the aisles of the wards. Some have rolling chairs, others crutches, and others are able to hobble about, by the aid of braces, thick-soled shoes, or high heels. Every one goes for suitable chairs, which are piled up in one end of the hall. They are carried by them to places assigned. By this time the six lady teachers have arrived; one takes her place at the organ. Quickly little hands are clasped, heads bowed, those on chairs turn in their places. Jew and Gentile alike. A paraphrase of the Lord's prayer is sung.

This sound of the voices of little children in unison of prayer, I know, is quickly wafted to the ears of Jesus, who blest and loved them while on earth.

The pathetic patience of these dear children is indeed touching. But when one thinks of the faithful and tender ministrations which are bestowed upon them we can but rejoice and thank God for the philanthropy that inspired the noble heart of Dr. Knight to found and establish such an institution for the amelioration of unfortunate children. I feel like the privilege of having been with these trusting babes has been better for my heart than much prayer. Even thus may they ever pray: "Give us this day our daily bread" and may God answer it in the same gracious way. Amen! I say. So may it be.

MRS. E. H. THORNTON.

Though long delayed, yet I would love to tell the readers of the *MESSENGER* that the children of the Baptist Orphans' Home were not forgotten by Santa Claus, by any means. They had a glorious Christmas. They saw the bustle and stir and ladies coming and going and packages arriving beforehand, and expectancy robbed them of sleep and made them come down at two o'clock at night. But the matron made them go back to bed and wait until they had finished their morning work, and then she handed them out each present one by one as marked. All of the children had not one, but several, presents. I will enclose a list to be printed below.

Mrs. Olive, of Lexington,.....	\$4.00
Mrs. Peeples,.....	1.50
Mrs. Wing, Toys	
Mrs. Hobbs, Toys.....	50
Mrs. Rily,.....	50
Mrs. Cooper,.....	10
Unknown giver.....	25
Mrs. Wingfield.....	25
Mrs. Northen, Dolls and.....	25
Social Union.....	1.60
Mrs. Cooledge, Toys.	
Mrs. Dougherty, Toys.	
Mrs. Parker, Toys.	
College at College Park, through Mr. Stanton, Dolls 9, Tea-set 1, 2 sets of cups, saucers, and plates.	

With this money suitable presents were purchased and a chair for a crippled boy to roll about in; the girls had two dolls each.

MRS. W. J. NORTHEN.

Christmas donations through Mrs. Adair for children of Baptist Orphans' Home:

Mrs. Childs.—Two silk-embroidered handkerchiefs, books and toys.

Miss Abbie Calloway.—One hand mirror.

Mrs. J. E. Brown, Sr.—One large doll.

Mrs. Wooley.—Toys.

Mrs. John Moore—Toy.

Mrs. Peeples.—Books and toys.

Mrs. McArty.—Toys.

Miss Ellen Chisholm.—One work-box containing thread, needles, scissors, bodkin and thimble. Also four dozen small iced pound cakes.

Miss Leontine Chisholm.—Three dolls and three embroidered handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Goodwyne.—Three bottles of cologne and one cup, saucer, and plate.

Respectfully submitted through

MRS. GOODWYNE.

THE CHURCH REBUKED.

The Church should not give occasion to such criticism as appeared lately in the *Forum*. A writer, with stinging sarcasm, tells us that the American churches are prolific in novelties; that they have such unheard-of things as "the clambake sociable, the strawberry sociable, the pink tea, and the broom-drill." A Baptist church in New Jersey had a successful "poverty sociable," at which, apparently, its members appeared in cast-off rags. The Baptists of another city had a war concert; the Universalists, a lawn fete; the Free-Will Baptists, a chocolate drill; the Congregationalists, a Jarley wax-work show; the Swedenborgians, a May-pole frolic; the Episcopalians, a cafe *chantant*; and the Zion Church a cake-walk. "Such follies seem incredible, and we feel sure that all lovers of pure and undefiled religion will regard them with horror and contempt. Such innovations as these work incalculable havoc—they disgust the simple-minded, they degrade those who patronize them, they discredit the Church, and they bring Christianity into disrepute. A return to primitive Christianity would make short work of these questionable expedients, would mean the purging of the temple, and that temple would once more become the synonym of simplicity, beauty, and purity."—*Missionary Review*.