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NOTICE.

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Treasurer's Report for July, or from 26th June to 31st July.

W. M. S., Central ch., Atlanta, Home missions, \$4.00; W. M. S., Providence ch., Foreign missions, \$2.66; Home missions, \$1.14; State missions, \$2.66; W. M. S., Elam ch., Foreign missions, \$5.70; Home missions, \$3.30; W. M. S., Raccoon Mills ch., Foreign missions, \$1.10; W. M. S., Trion ch., Foreign missions, \$4.50; Home missions, \$4.50; State missions, \$4.50; India sufferers, \$4.01; Frontier missions (Rev. R. P. Glenn, Powell, Indian Territory), \$5.00; W. M. S., 1st ch., Macon, Foreign missions, \$4.65 (of which \$2.35 for Brazil and \$2.30 for Mexico); W. M. S., Adairsville ch., Foreign missions, \$1.50; Home missions, \$1.50; State missions, \$1.71; W. M. S., 2nd ch., Macon, Foreign missions, \$2.50; Home missions, \$2.50; W. M. S., Eatonton ch., India sufferers, \$2.70; W. M. S., Millen ch., Foreign missions, 29c; Home missions, 57c; State missions, 29c; W. M. S., Hephzibah ch., Foreign missions (Mexico and Brazil), \$2.10; W. M. S., Statesboro ch., Foreign missions, \$2.00; Home missions, \$2.00; State missions, \$1.25; W. M. S., Mt. Airy ch., State missions, 86c; W. M. S., Kirkwood ch., Foreign missions, \$4.00; Home missions, \$4.00; State missions, \$4.00; W. M. S., Jackson Hill ch., Atlanta, State missions, 65c; W. M. S., Lyons ch., Foreign missions, \$8.30; W. M. S., 1st ch., Rome, Foreign missions (Miss Wilcox, Brazil), \$25.00; Home missions (Cuba), 90c; W. M. S., New Prospect ch., Home missions (Cuba), \$3.00; W. M. S., Pleasant Hope ch., Home missions

(Cuba), \$6.00; W. M. S., Cedar Creek ch., Home missions (Cuba), \$1.00; W. M. S., Enon ch., Home missions (Cuba), \$3.00; W. M. S., 2nd ch., Rome, Home Mis. (Cuba), \$6.25; W. M. S., Hartwell ch., Foreign missions, \$7.50; Home missions, \$7.50; State missions, \$8.00; W. M. S., Bethlehem ch., Foreign missions, 40c; Home missions, 20c; W. M. S., Greensboro ch., State missions, \$4.60; W. M. S., Barnesville ch., Foreign missions, \$2.40; State missions, \$5.00; Woodlawn Sunbeam Society, 1st ch., Augusta, Foreign missions (Mrs. Sears, Bible Woman), \$9.00; Home missions (Frontier), \$1.00; Carey Sunbeams, North Atlanta ch., Foreign missions, 52c; Home missions, 52c; W. M. S., Elberton ch., Foreign missions, \$3.50; Home missions, \$3.50; State missions, \$3.00; W. M. and Aid Society, Vineville ch., Macon, Foreign missions, \$8.75; Home missions, \$5.40; W. M. S., Carrollton ch., Foreign missions, \$1.00; Home missions, \$1.00; State missions, 43c; Sunbeam Society, Sandersville ch., Foreign missions (India sufferers) \$10.19; W. M. S., Antioch ch., Foreign missions, \$3.05; W. M. S., Lyerly ch., Home missions, 70c; State missions, 69c; W. M. S., McDonough ch., Foreign missions, \$2.00; W. M. S., Sandersville ch., Foreign missions (India sufferers), \$5.10; Sunbeam Society, Waynesboro ch., Foreign missions, 50c; Home missions, 50c; State missions, 85c; W. M. S., Sylvester ch., Foreign missions, \$2.40; State missions, \$2.40; S. S. class, No. 2, Sylvester ch., Foreign missions, 10c; State missions, 18c; W. M. S., Monticello ch., Foreign missions (India sufferers), \$1.00; W. M. S., 2nd ch., Atlanta, Foreign missions, \$7.50; Home missions, \$5.50; State missions, \$3.50; Sunbeam Society, Carrollton ch., Foreign missions, 50c; Home missions, 50c; State missions, 66c; W. M. S., Capitol Ave. ch., Atlanta, Foreign missions, \$2.10; W. M. S., Jewells ch., Foreign missions, \$2.80; Home missions, \$2.80; Sunbeam Society,

Covington ch., Foreign missions, \$4.37; Medical missions, W. M. S., Providence ch., \$1.00; W. M. S., 1st ch., Macon, \$2.00; W. M. S., Jackson Hill ch., Atlanta, \$2.00; W. M. S., Duffy Street ch., Savannah, \$1.00; W. M. S., Hartwell ch., \$2.00; W. M. S., Stone Mountain ch., \$4.75; Carey Sunbeams, N. Atlanta ch., 50c; W. M. S., 1st ch., Macon, \$1.00; W. M. S., Monticello ch., \$5.00; Mission Messenger, through Mrs. Easterlin, 75c; Typewriter for Sec'y; W. M. S., Elam ch., \$1.00; W. M. S., Monroe ch., 60c; W. M. S., Trion ch., \$1.25; W. M. S., West End ch., \$1.00; W. M. S., 1st ch., Atlanta, 50c; Miss Mary Wright, Augusta, \$1.00; W. M. S., Thomasville ch., \$1.10; W. M. S., Central ch., Atlanta, \$1.00; W. M. S., Hawkinsville ch., \$1.00; W. M. S., Wadley ch., \$1.00; Ministerial Education, W. M. S., Ebenezer ch., 40c; W. M. S., Bethel ch., 84c; W. M. S., Double Branches ch., 49c; W. M. S., Tifton ch., \$10.00; W. M. S., Monticello ch., \$2.65; W. M. S., Jackson Hill ch., Atlanta, \$1.30; W. M. and Aid Society, Vineville ch., Macon, \$3.85; Sunbeam Society, Monticello ch., \$2.04; Orphan's Home, W. M. S. Bethel ch., \$1.00; W. M. S. 1st ch., Macon (Building fund) \$5.00; W. M. S., Hartwell ch., \$3.00; W. M. S. Summerville ch., \$6.70 (of which \$5.00 was pledged at State Con. for Building fund); W. M. S. Bethlehem ch., 20 cents; W. M. S., Eatonton ch., (pledged at State Con. for Building Fund), \$5.00; Ministerial Relief, W. M. S., Raccoon Mills ch., \$1.00; W. M. S., Trion ch., \$2.00; W. M. S. 1st ch., Rome, \$2.00; W. M. S. Barnesville ch., \$2.50; W. M. S., Lyerly ch., \$1.00; Miss Whiter Boat, W. M. S. Jackson Hill ch., Atl. \$2.00; W. M. S. 2nd ch. Atl., 50 cts; Sunday School Board W. M. S., Hephzibah \$1.45; W. M. S. Waynesboro ch., \$3.65; W. M. S. Perry ch \$5.00; W. M. S., 1st ch., Macon, \$14.40; W. M. S. Monroe ch., \$2.77. Total for each object For. Miss., \$145.69. Home Mis. \$77.78. State Mis. \$45.15. Medical Mis.

\$19.25. Mis. Mes. 75 cts. Typewriter \$9.45. Min. Educ. \$21.57. Orphans Home \$20.90. Min. Relief, \$8.50. Miss White's Boat, \$2.50. Sunday-school Board, \$27.27. Total for all objects, \$378.81.

Mrs. E. G. WILLINGHAM,
Treas. W. M. U. of Ga.
56 Highland Ave.

Letter from State Organizer.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:—I went out to the Orphans' Home on the first of June, was invited to have a meeting with the children on the next day, spent the night with my girlhood friend, Mrs. Cleveland, and together we came back the next day.

Two Sunbeam Bands were organized, with Mrs. Chapman as leader of the first division, and Miss Waldine Harris, president; Lillie Devaney, secretary; Helen Sudduth, treasurer. The Juniors have Miss Ada Daniel as leader; Devoe Osborn, president; Carlisle Hall, secretary, and James Keith, treasurer. I asked them all to memorize the 119th Psalm. Dr. Tucker's Psalm, I call it, because he taught me so much of the beauty and worth of that Psalm while he was editor of the Christian Index.

On returning to the Home on the 6th instant I was gratified to learn that the following girls were memorizing it. Helen Sudduth, Mary and Lula Mathis, Belle Howell, Bertha Peppers, Nellie Hart, Lillie, Laura, and Cenev Devaney, Lucile Robinson. This was encouraging. I only asked them to memorize one division in the week—8 verses—then it will take them 22 weeks to learn it. By that time they will have acquired the habit of learning some scripture each day, and we trust they will continue to practice this useful habit. This Psalm contains so many proofs of David's love for the word of God that every one who studies it will be forced to behold the beauty and value of the inspired Book and to say, like the Shepherd P. et, "Oh, how I love thy law, it is my meditation all the day."

I made my second visit in company with Mrs. Lindsay. She was anxious to see the children of Brother Stanley, to whom she was related. We found the older children well and happy in their new home. The babe has not been well for several weeks.

He was in Mrs. Chapman's arms, clinging to her as though he were her very own, showing in every way that he had received a mother's loving care from her. She told us that while he required much of her time and attention both day and night, she had found a faithful assistant in one of the larger girls, Mattie Martin. She not only kept his clothes in order, and aided her during the day, but if she heard her up during the night, would come and help her with him. God bless her, and enable her to appropriate these words of the Savior, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me."

And now, the inmates of the home authorized me to invite the Sunbeams out to see them, especially during vacation. You will be amply repaid. A pleasant ride, delicious water, and the pleasure of seeing 70 orphans, bright, and happy, hear them recite God's word, and sing His praise. You will exclaim, "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, b'less His holy name." I hope to see a report from these societies soon.

L. H. KICKLIGHTER.

Reports

That belong to the corresponding secretary's Quarterly Report ending June, 1900, but could not be published then as they were not in time.

APPALACHE ASSOCIATION.

Sunbeams, Rutledge ch.
Foreign missions.....\$ 2 00
Total.....\$ 2 00
Total, Appalache Ass'n.....\$ 2 00

BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S., Fort Gaines ch.
Foreign missions.....\$ 9 98½
Home missions.....9 98½
Orphans' Home.....25 66
Total.....\$45 63
Total, Bethel Ass'n.....\$45 63.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S., Providence ch.
Foreign missions.....\$ 2 56
Home Missions.....2 66
Incidentals.....04
Orphans' Home.....15 00
Medical Mis. Fund.....1 00
Total.....\$21 36

W. M. S., Blountsville ch.
Home missions.....\$ 3 56
Medical Mis. Fund.....1 00
Total.....\$ 4 56

W. M. S., Hillsboro ch.
Foreign missions.....\$ 40
Home missions.....25
Orphans' Home.....1 00
Total.....\$ 1 65

W. M. S., Antioch ch., Godfrey Ga.
Fore'gn missions.....\$ 6 70
Home missions.....60
State missions.....1 60
Total.....\$ 8 90

W. M. S., Monticello ch.
India Relief Fund.....\$ 1 00
Medical Mis. Fund.....5 00
Ministerial Education.....2 65
Total.....\$ 8 65
Total Central Ass'n.....\$45 12.

CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S., Barnesville ch.
Foreign missions.....\$ 2 40
State missions.....5 00
Indigent Ministers.....2 50
Orphans' Home.....25 33
Incidentals.....14
Total.....\$35 37
Total, Centennial Ass'n.....\$85 37

CHATTOOGA ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S., Lyster ch.
Home missions.....\$ 70
State missions.....69
Indigent Ministers.....1 00
Total.....\$ 2 39
Total Chattooga Ass'n.....\$2 39

FLINT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S., Conyers ch.
Orphans' Home.....\$ 8 35
Missionary Literature.....40
Total.....\$ 8 75
Total, Flint River Ass'n.....\$8 75

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION.

W. M. U., Antioch ch.
Foreign missions.....\$ 3 05
Total.....\$ 3 05
Total, Georgia Ass'n.....\$3 05

HOUSTON ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. S., Hawkinsville ch.
 Foreign missions\$13 30
 Home missions 18 00
 Total\$31 30
 Total, Houston Ass'n.....\$31 30

HEPHZIBAH ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. S., Barlow ch.
 Home Missions.....\$ 8 00
 Total\$ 8 00
 Total, Hepzibah Ass'n.....\$8 00

MIDDLE ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. U., Corinth ch.
 Home missions.....\$ 3 00
 Total\$ 3 00

L. A. & M. S., Little Ogeechee ch.
 Home missions.....\$ 1 96
 Church work..... 3 50
 Total\$ 5 46
 Total, Middle Ass'n.....\$8 46

MALLORY ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. S., Sylvester ch.
 Foreign missions.....\$ 2 50
 State missions..... 2 50
 Total\$ 5 00
 Total Mallory Ass'n.....\$5 00

NEW SUNBERRY ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. S., Duffy Street ch.
 Home missions .. \$ 3 68
 State missions..... 7 23
 Med. Missionary..... 25
 Church work..... 4 30
 India Relief..... 2 10
 Total\$17 56
 Total, New Sunberry Ass'n..\$17 56

REHOBOTH ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. & A. S., Vineville ch.
 Foreign missions.....\$18 60
 State missions 3 00
 Orphans' Home..... 7 00
 Box to Orphans..... 9 85
 Total\$38 45
 Total, Rehoboth Ass'n.....\$38 45

STONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. S., Social Circle ch.
 Foreign missions.....\$ 5 75
 Home missions..... 5 70
 State missions..... 6 50
 Orphans' Home..... 10 00
 Total\$27 95

W. M. S., Lithonia ch.
 Foreign missions.....\$ 3 00
 Mercer University..... 3 00
 General Benevolence..... 55
 Total\$ 6 55

W. M. & A. S., Jackson Hill ch.
 Foreign missions.....\$ 69
 Home missions 9 40
 State missions..... 1 40
 Medical Mis. Fund 3 91
 Church work 22 80
 Ministerial Education..... 95
 Orphans' Home..... 6 25
 Total\$45 40

Total, Stone Mt'n Ass'n.....\$79 90

SAREPTA ASSOCIATION.
 W. M. S., Athens, First ch.
 Foreign missions.....\$20 42
 Mercer University..... 5 00
 General Benevolence..... 40 50
 Total\$65 92
 Total, Sarepta Ass'n.....\$65 92
 Total for all Associations....\$396 90

Recommendations of the Foreign Mission Board as Adopted by Woman's Missionary Union at Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 12, 1900.

1. Our Board appreciates the noble help which our sisters are rendering, not only in raising funds, but disseminating information and awakening interest. For the coming year we ask that they raise \$35,000 for the work of the Foreign Mission Board.
2. We suggest that the "Christmas Offerings" be made again this year, for the great work in China, which is opening up in such a marvelous manner. Our sisters could well double their gifts for this great work.
3. We believe great good has been done through the "Missionary Day" exercises, by training the children of the Sabbath Schools in the knowledge of our Mission work, and also in the grace of giving. We again ask the sisters to assist our Sunday School Board in preparing the programs for that day, and also in getting the same before our people.

We consider our Foreign Mission Journal a great factor for giving informa-

tion and awakening interest in Foreign Mission work. The women of our churches have added very much in getting subscribers for the Journal. We ask that they make special efforts this year to get the people to take the Journal. We also ask that they distribute tracts in reference to our Foreign work.

5. We are glad to see the disposition on the part of some societies to raise enough funds to support one native preacher or teacher in foreign lands. We are pleased with this. While we do not think it necessary for the society contributing to select one special worker, it is well to raise enough to support one. We would be glad to have one hundred such societies in our bounds.

Our Mountain Region.

The need of the mountain region is now seen to be, not so much evangelization, as Christian education. The mountain people have perhaps preachers enough who can tell them what they must do to be saved; and these preachers illiterate as many of them are, have a power and a way of getting the ear and the hearts of their people as few missionaries whom we could send among them could do. Hence the people are comparatively well evangelized. And not only so, but they are largely Baptists. In one section of North Carolina, in a population of 300,000, fully 75,000 are members of Baptist churches. But these people literally perish for the lack of knowledge. Many of them are "souls born for universe, and dwarfed to a potato patch." And this from mere lack of education. There is no better material on earth from which to take great Christian men and women than some of this material in the mountains. They must have schools, and there must be schools put within the reach of their at present scanty purses. The opening up of our mountain region and its wonderful development has brought this matter to the attention of God's people. If the Baptists of the South are to hold this great host of Baptists, with all their splendid possibilities, they will have to help them provide themselves with Christian schools. The Presbyterians of the North spent last year \$75,000. In the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina; \$66,000 of it in schools, right among all these children of Baptists. They say, if you Baptists will not, we feel before God, that we must. And we should honor them for it. North Carolina is now being aroused on this subject. Her State Board has resolved to take up the work of establishing Christian schools for these people in her mountain section, in addition to the work of evangelization, and has earnestly appealed to our Board to co-operate in this work. Shall we do it.

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[Notes from the Wayside.

SUBJECT, - - - The Foreign Board
Every opportunity is an obligation.

A TRIP TO HARTWELL, ROYSTON AND
ELBERTON.

Foreign Board.—“All things whatsoever
ye would that men should do to you, do ye
even so to them.” Missionaries, 94; native
assistants, 133; churches, 113; out-stations,
155; baptisms, 1,341; membership, 6,537;
day-schools, 43; scholars, 1,278; Sunday-
school scholars, 2,408. Receipts of Foreign
Board, \$140,102. Contributions from na-
tive churches, \$7,094.

Study Topics.—Report of Board to S. B.
C. Increase of workers and added respon-
sibility. The new missionaries and their
stations. Personal responsibility versus
church responsibility. What have you
done?

1. Two hymns, one devotional; one
missionary.

2. Roll call, each responding with a
promise.

3. Selected Scripture. Nation study—
Acts 17: 24-26; Gen. 22: 18; 1 Chron. 16:
22-31; Micah 4: 1-2; Matt. 8: 11; John 12:
32; Rev. 21: 23-26.

4. Reasons for Praise. 1,341 were bap-
tized on foreign fields last year as against
845 the previous year. In three years
2,887 have been baptized by S. B. C. mis-
sionaries. 16 new missionaries have been
sent out, others have returned. Total re-

ceipts of Foreign Board, \$140,102, a decided
advance—of which W. M. U. contributed
\$31,175.

5. Echoes from the fields: To be found
in the Convention report and the Foreign
Mission Journal.

6. Prayer of Thanksgiving for results.

7. Leaflet: “Foreign Missions and the
Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C;” by Rev.
Curtis Lee Laws.

8. Proposed Topic for Short Paper:
“Responsibilities of True Helpers.”

9. Discuss recommendations of For-
eign Board.

10. Secretary's Report. Other business.

11. Divide names of those who do not
contribute to missions among those who
will try to interest them.

12. Doxology.

Returning to Hartwell we were driven
to Brother Collier's to tea, Brother and
Sister Richardson going with us. Here a
delightful surprise awaited us. Mr. Hatcher
had incidentally in a Sunday-school talk
mentioned that he would reach another
mile-stone on Monday, and so in honor of
Mr. Hatcher's birthday Brother and Sister
Collier lit candles the number of years he
measured. I never saw so many lit at one
time nor so pretty a sight. May these dear
young people who are just starting in life's
journey together always be so honored by
such people and their kind remembrance
be returned to them four fold.

Tuesday we dined at Brother Bobo's and
met his wife who is a worker in the M. E.
church. In the evening we met the Pres-
ident and members of the W. M. S. and
talked of mission work and our Orphans'
Home. They have a live B. Y. P. U., pre-
sided over by Mr. MacThornton. He mar-
ried a Miss Boman, and it was a delight
to visit them in their charming home, espe-
cially as my husband had know and loved
her father in dear old Missouri.

On Wednesday we drove fifteen miles to
Royston to Sunday-school Convention, of
which Brother M. Richardson is President.
The only thing to mar the meeting was
the call of Mr. Richardson home by the
death of his sister. At the request of the
Vice-president of Mt. Hebron also a call
meeting of women was held after the Sun-
day-school Convention, and Mr. Strickland
gave an interesting talk urging the women
to be at their association gathering, and I
was asked also to tell of our mission work
and Orphans' Home.

Thursday night found us in Elberton
with Mr. and Mrs. Hurd as our genial host
and hostess. It was a double pleasure to
be in their home and know them, for they
are the parents of our loved friend and
wife of Brother Y. E. Carlton, of Missouri.
They are doing such a grand work in old
St. Louis, and their church is moving for-
ward in rapid strides spiritually. It was
through this friend that I was in Elberton.
She always puts the *Master's work first*, so
she had planned for me to meet the Pres-
ident and W. M. S. of Elberton Friday
p. m. They have a large, well organized
W. M. S., of which Mrs. J. C. Brown is
President. It was a pleasure to speak to
them of our State work and our Georgia
Baptist Orphans' Home. They have one

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of the prettiest and most convenient churches for work in the state. Brother Williams, the loved pastor, and wife are very busy and much beloved by their people. It was a pleasure to speak to these dear sisters, but a double joy to be with my dear co-worker from St. Louis. Mrs. Y. C. Carleton is a real inspiration in all gatherings where the church work is being carried on. We are sure Mrs. John D. Moss, the Vice-president of that Association, will soon find out the ability of this society and put them in greater service.

We spent a pleasant evening with Bro. and Sister Brewer and their lovely family, and turned our faces homeward after a day and night spent with the President, Mrs. J. C. Brown and husband.

This visit will long be remembered for the Christ-life revealed in His children.

May God bless and prosper these and all of our missionary societies.

MARY E. HATCHER.

Encouragement from an Outsider.

The changes and improvements that are made from year to year on the old home place grow into the life of the family without surprises and without exciting comment; but a member of the family who has been absent for a score or more of years notes all the changes and the general air of improvement, prosperity and growth even to the increased size of the trees and the better taste displayed in the flower garden.

This pleasure, too, has a reflex effect on the home-staying members of the family, and they receive new enjoyment from the interest roused in the long absent brother or sister and take up their work with renewed vigor because of his appreciative and encouraging words.

So it has been with me in returning to Georgia after an absence of twelve years I have found many changes. The children I knew have grown to be men and women, many of my old friends, after long lives of usefulness, have gone to their reward, and the friends of my youth are now gray-haired men and women faithfully bearing the burden and heat of the day in church and State.

Among the changes that have especially attracted my attention, nothing has been

more surprising and at the same time more gratifying than the growth of interest in mission work among our Baptist women.

When I left Georgia, in 1887, the women in the Baptist churches in the State were doing work for missions as they had done for many years, and it was good work, as far as it went; but it was carried on in local societies and was almost entirely devoted to Foreign Missions. The elements of co-operation and organization were entirely lacking, and, in studying the growth of the work, I find that it has increased in proportion as it has been effectively organized. The amount of the contributions illustrate this fact. In 1787 the Woman's Societies are reported as having given \$17,000 in all to missions. In 1900 they gave \$83,265.73.

The history of the Woman's Missionary Union coincides with the years of my absence from Georgia. I returned last October, and one of the first meetings I attended was the Floyd County Woman's Conference in the First Baptist Church at Rome. It was a large and enthusiastic gathering of intelligent, devoted Christian women, and the reports from the various churches in Floyd county were inspiring to the highest degree. After a morning session, mostly given up to addresses, the ladies of the church invited all the delegates and friends to a bountiful and delicious dinner, such a dinner as you will never find surpassed anywhere in the world. After dinner the letters and reports of delegates were read, and I listened with joy to the accounts of the word being done in Floyd county.

I at once joined the Circle in the First Baptist Church of Rome, and, as I told the ladies in the society, was proud to belong to such a band of workers. Last year they gave \$585 for Home and Foreign Missions, besides a great dinner to the worthy poor at Christmas. That, with true Southern hospitality, they did not add to the sum reported from the Society.

During the year I have visited some of the country churches, and have been greatly interested in the work being done in the country districts. I find that the work has not only grown in the amount donated to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, but the benefit to the people themselves has been proportionately large. Formerly they met at church only, and that at long intervals. Now their interest

in the Mission Circle brings the women together often for social as well as religious meetings. They consult together in devising ways and means to raise the money to pay their dues, and are drawn into closer sympathy by sharing each other's sacrifices. At first many declared they had no money to give, but now the nickels and dimes are forthcoming, if with effort, yet with gladness.

Literature, missionary, religious and secular is being passed about from house to house, and the boys and girls are introduced to a larger life and a wider outlook than their fathers and mothers have enjoyed.

Some educated and highly cultured ladies live on farms in remote parts of Floyd county and they are doing real mission work among the poor and ignorant people in their neighborhoods. They establish Sunday-schools and Mission Bands, distribute Bibles, Testaments, Sunday-school papers and all the other good reading matter that comes into their hands, and from their flower gardens give plants and cuttings, which they encourage the children to plant around their humble homes. They thus cultivate a love for cleanliness and beauty, and in a measure relieve the monotony of their lives.

All this is done in addition to their donations to the Society, thus carrying on a distinct and much needed department of our Home Mission work.

It has been my privilege lately to meet with the ladies of the Cedar Creek Church, Floyd county. It is a country church twelve miles from Rome. They have preaching once a month only, but they have fifty-four members in their Woman's Mission Circle. The circle is about six years old and the good done in the neighborhood during that time is beyond estimate. Stories of the Foreign Mission field are no more interesting than many incidents these ladies tell me of their work right here among the natives of Floyd county.

I do not know how far this sort of work has extended outside of Floyd county, but it is certainly worthy of emulation, and I hope my home-staying sisters may be a little encouraged by this testimony from one of their number who has wandered the world over and has seen mission work in many lands.

HATTIE A. BROWN HICKS.

Mrs Hicks, Missionary to India under Northern B. Bd. - She was friend of Mrs Paul Cooper, Rome & named a daughter "Alice" for Mrs C. Alice was student at Shorter Mrs H. came on Suwanee to Rome

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. W. P. Anderson,
23 Bailey Street. Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA, GA., July 10, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:—I once again try to write something interesting to you about our band at North Atlanta Baptist Church, but I can not think of anything that will interest the readers of our *MESSENGER*, which always contains so much news about our little Sunbeam Bands.

Now Mrs. Anderson I will endeavor to write to you to let you know that we dismissed our Band for vacation of the little sunbeam works on May 27 with regret to do so, for we were working in the name of our blessed Master and doing all that we could to send the gospel to every one in this broad, sinful world, especially to the Foreign Fields where the people do not have the advantage of listening to and reading the news of our dear Savior left for us before He went above. When we dismissed our society of workers we had on roll one hundred and fifty (150) members.

Now Mrs. Anderson the little Sunbeam workers are talking everywhere for the society and we hope in the future, about September, we shall take up our work for the Master and grow stronger in the spirit of the Lord every day.

I will ask (as I am writing for our society, I know the society will agree with me) for you and all of the sunbeams wherever they may be to send your prayers up to our Master that we may grow stronger in His cause and also all must come and visit our society to help encourage the children to work more in the name of Master.

I will close by asking you to pray that every one may hold out successfully to the end.

Your friend,

FANNIE BURTON, Sec.

Report of work by the Cary Sunbeam Society of the North Atlanta Baptist ch., Stone Mountain Association, Rev. W. H. Bell, pastor. Quarter ending June 24th,

1900. Foreign missions, 52c; Home missions, 52c; Medical missions, 50c. Total, \$1.54. Treasurer, Miss Rosa Crowley; No. of members, 180; President, L. A. Witherspoon, Jr.; Secretary, Miss Fannie Burton; Manager, Mrs. F. O. Witherspoon.

Report of work done by Sunbeams of First Baptist church of the Association for the quarter ending December to July. S. W. Melton, pastor. Foreign missions, \$9.00; Home missions, \$1.00; General Benevolence, \$10.00. Mrs. W. N. Benton, treasurer; Twenty-four members Miss M. J. Bothwell, president; Miss Claude Pearce, secretary.

From Mrs. Pruitt.

The following letter from Mrs. Pruitt gives some interesting information in regard to the boxers. The quilt, for which she sends thanks, was sent by the Sunbeam Society of the Curtis Church, Augusta. We hope the letter will be read by many who were specially interested in the quilt.

Hwanghsien, Shantung, China,

June 1, 1900.

My Dear Friends:—Some time since I received from Mrs. Tatum, of Shanghai, a beautiful quilt. There was no letter with it and I was in doubt about it being meant for me. Inside I found beautiful picture cards, and on the quilt itself the names of many friends. Then I knew it had come from Augusta, and it seemed to us likely that it had been made and sent by the Sunbeams. I hope you will let me know if our surmise was correct. I feel very grateful indeed to some one, but who that some one or ones might be I was at a loss to know. I wanted to thank somebody, but no candidate for my gratitude presented himself. Now, like drawing a bow at a venture, I am writing to Augusta Sunbeams to tell how much we appreciate the quilt, and most of all the names on it.

The quilt was in Shanghai more than a year before Mrs. Tatum had a chance to send it to me, and then there was so much delay before I dared open it, that it had been out of your hands a long time before I saw it. Many changes have taken place in that time, and some of those whom I would wish to thank are out of reach, I

fear. The two dear pastors have gone to new fields, the then Sunbeams have, many of them, "grown up", let us hope to shine brighter than ever in good work for Christ's kingdom. Some of the young ladies whose names I read on the quilt have doubtless changed those names for others that I don't know. Some have perhaps gone from earth to heaven.

I do not know how to atone for the tardiness of my thanks. The quilt itself is just as bright and beautiful as the day it left the hands of those who made it, and if thanks could keep fresh the same way the delay would not be so bad.

One thing that Mr. Pruitt and I appreciated very much was that the quilt bore the names of the Chinese Sunday-school scholars. They are pilgrims and strangers in America as we are here in their land. A "fellow feeling" ought to make us kind and sympathetic. May they come to accept God's best gift in the land of their sojourn, and be real sunbeams when they return to this dark land.

Have you heard that the Empress Dowager of China has made up her mind to get rid of all the foreigners in her land? She is making a brave beginning in this province by giving her encouragement to a band of cut-throats calling themselves Boxers. On one side she is sending out to foreign consuls very beautiful proclamations of protection to us all, calling the Boxers outlaws and ruffians, but on the other side she is writing letters of encouragement to those same "outlaws," promising protection, honor and power if they rid the land of barbarians.

Our minister in Peking, fearing trouble to us, has asked us all to stay in our homes, which means the suspension of all our itinerating work. This request came to us early in the year, and we hoped would be soon taken back. But instead, the orders to stay at home have become more strict than ever, and no prospect of any change for the better, save as we take our own risks and disregard the request. There is at present no danger in this region, for the Boxers have not been able to propagate their doctrines here.

The Boxers claim some queer things for themselves. They say they are invulnerable to any gunshot. They prove it by making public exhibitions. One of them is said to fire a pistol repeatedly close to his

own bare breast. Sometimes one of them fires at another of the society without injury. I have not seen their hocus pocus myself. Indeed they are a secret society and would not allow us in their meetings. I have never heard of their inviting any *outsider* to hold the gun to prove their invulnerability. It would doubtless destroy the charm to have an American or English soldier at the other end of the pistol. But the Chinese are, many of them, very easily fooled and ready to believe foolish things rather than the truth. So they are greatly attracted to this plan for going to war without any danger to themselves. I hear that they are making many converts in Shanghai.

It is time for me to go to my school boys now. One class are having quite a time with English grammar. They do pretty well in learning and understanding it, but when it comes to practicing correct forms of speech, they do not do so well.

Affectionately,

ANNIE S. PRUITT.

I have asked permission to insert this letter not only because of the cheering and comforting words to our Cor. Secretary, but for the desire expressed in the italicised words to assist her in her arduous work by giving correct and prompt reports. Shall not other Societies who have had it in their heart, but have not expressed it, go and do likewise?

Unadilla, Ga., Aug. 9, 1900.

Mrs. J. D. Easterlin,

Marietta, Ga.

Dear Sister: I have been instructed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Unadilla Baptist church to write you a letter and express our sympathy for you in your hard and arduous work as corresponding secretary of the W. B. M. U., and assure you of our earnest and sincere prayer for you. We know the faithful work done in the past, and feel sure that no one can fill the place better than you have done.

I have just lately been made secretary of our Society, and am new to the work but will try to give you a correct report of the work done. I wish to do my work right and any suggestions will be gladly received and appreciated.

Yours truly,

(Miss) ELLA BRIDGES.

Concerning Boxes.

The season is at hand when the societies begin the preparation of missionary boxes and a word in regard to them may be timely. Let me urge the societies to write the missionaries assigned to them and find out very definitely their needs. In conversation with some of our brethren from the frontier at Hot Springs, I gained the impression that our boxes do not always meet the need as entirely as we would like, owing to a lack of understanding of their circumstances and wants. This understanding can only be gained by a very free conference between the Society and the missionary. Do not think this impression was made by any information volunteered me but by determined questioning on my part.

On every hand there was the most gratifying expression of appreciation, such as would delight the souls of those who contribute to the boxes. But I would put in a plea for a special effort this year to learn the needs of our missionaries more carefully and meet them more successfully.

MARY E. WRIGHT.

A Voyage to Japan.

If the train had not been fifteen minutes late "the Lamplighters" would certainly have been left. But as it was, when the conductor shouted "all aboard" a jolly party with wraps and light valises were awaiting him. We were all fortunate enough to get good seats. Edward at once made friends with a fat passenger who occupied two seats on the opposite side of the car. A basket of fruit was the attraction. The trip was not supposed not to commence until New York was reached. Here is where we got off. Taking it upon myself to chaperon the party, this being my third trip to New York, I thought myself fully capable. The big iron railings at the ends of the depot kept the crowd from getting into the space where the trains were standing. But the gates were open and the crowds of passengers just arrived were passing out. "This way to the hotel" Busses, "Have a carriage?" "Cab, Miss?" "What house do you wish to go to?" were a few of the questions we heard. But Mrs. Carmichael was our experienced traveler,

and the whole party was soon safely at the wharf. On reaching the wharf we found the mammoth steamer, "The City of Liverpool" lying quietly, the flag of England proudly floating in the breeze, unconscious of the load being placed upon her. The gangway room was placed and we were soon embarking. We started at eight o'clock and everything was so new and strange that we had lots of fun looking around the boat. Some folks were reading, others talking and walking around. You see some of the funniest folks. One couple walking around, Annie May said must be on their wedding trip, at any rate she hung on to him as if she was afraid he might get loose. One man had on the funniest ulster, all were poking fun at him. Annie said he was a dude. I think he wanted to be sweet on Annie, but she would not have it. You never saw a jollier party than that night, but next morning strange to say we found our state rooms more comfortable than the chairs on deck. In about ten days we passed the city of Gibraltar through the Mediterranean Sea, and Suez Canal and Red Sea, and Indian Ocean and landed on the 24th day at Yedo tired but full of Missionary work.

Quarterly Report of the Condition of the Societies of the Middle Association.—Extracts of Communication.

Oak Hill. We have received one new member since our last report. We visit the sick and help the needy and do a work of benevolence generally. We take the Mission Messenger. I think the plan you suggested in regard to the colored people a good one. I think much good could be accomplished in that way.

Mrs. L. A. Lightfoot.

Ogeechee. Our society is about the same as when I last wrote you. At some meetings there seems to be more interest manifested than at others, but I suppose that is the way with all societies. We usually have a real good attendance and collect dues regularly. We have a committee for such work as visiting the poor, sick and needy. You spoke of careless, indifferent christians. I am afraid we are all too much that way and do not set the example we should.

Our president usually distributes litera-

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ture among the members and I suppose among outsiders also. I think your plan of distributing literature among colored people a very good one. I shall suggest it to our society at our next meeting as some good might be done, and if not no harm can be.

Miss Annie Brewer.

Brewer. It is with many regrets I have to report our society doing nothing. On account of sickness I have been compelled to give up the work for a while. This is such a hard neighborhood to keep alive to the work. Yct with no encouragement from the people it is a pleasure to know that we can work for our Master.

Mrs. Lueta Dixon.

Sylvania. Miss Rosa Arnett reports that the society has gone down. The people show no interest in the work.

North Newington. Mrs. Laura Bennett reports that this society has re-organized.

Union. We have re-organized and are doing some better work. The officers are, Miss Lizzie Lee, Secretary and treasurer, and Nettie Evans, president.

Elim. Our society is not doing as well as we would like, but we meet and pay our monthly dues. I read your letter in regard to distributing literature among the colored people and they did not discuss the subject. Some said they had given them reading matter, but they did not seem to care for it.

Mrs. E. N. Dutton.

Green Fork. We visit the sick when there are any and help them if they need it. Our society still works with all the zeal it can. We do all we can, we use all the self-denial we can. Some of us take the Mission Messenger. I think it would be a good plan to give literature to the colored people, but there are none close here.

Mrs. Thezissa Reynolds.

Isoloid. Our society is not in a flourishing condition. We have not had a meeting in almost two months. We have only eleven or twelve members and can not get more than four or five of these together at once. We meet once a month after preaching on Saturday. We take the

Foreign Mission Journal, and some the Christian Index. We have never appointed committees to visit the sick or poor. I will put this before the society at our next meeting. I think much good could be accomplished by the plan you mentioned in regard to the negroes.

The members of our church do not seem to believe in Woman's work, and the few who belong with us do not seem to take much interest. Can you not suggest some plan to try in order to interest other women of our church and get them to become members?

My heart has been much troubled about the poor in this community. I know several families who never carry their children to church or Sunday-school. Some of these say they cannot dress their children well enough to carry them to church. I think if we were to get a lot of Sunday-school books and appoint some of our members to take them to these families and have each one to promise to study one lesson a week and then let these same ladies go once a month to see how they are getting on, then report to the society, perhaps some would be led into the fold. Pray that that the Lord may bless our church and society.

Mrs. M. M. Smith,
Isoloid, Ga.

I will again ask you all to excuse delay in getting out this report, but I was waiting on the reports which came in very slowly.

N. E.

Woman's Missionary Union.

Year by year the wisdom of this organization of our Southern women is made clearer and clearer. Never was more disinterested and self-sacrificing work performed. Steadily have they increased every year in efficiency as well as in actual amount of contributions collected. Nor has the limit of ability to help yet been reached. New avenues of usefulness has are even now opening before them. The Corresponding Secretary acknowledges special indebtedness to the main office in Baltimore for invaluable help rendered during the few months that he has been in office.

Industrial School.

Industrial schools for the benefit of the colored people, in charge of the volunteer workers from white Baptist churches, have been carried on in Baltimore for eight years. Those who have given themselves to this unpaid, personal ministry have had the joy, not only of seed sowing, but of knowing, in many cases, that the seed has taken root, bringing forth fruit in acceptance of Christ and higher conceptions of daily living.

The expense to the Home Board during the year for this department of missionary work among the colored people is but \$12.50. Personal service of this character is not popular, but we trust the time is coming when for "Jesus sake," many, many other Baptist women besides those now laboring in Baltimore and other sections, will be willing to overcome all prejudice and minister to the lowliest in our midst.

Work Among The Negroes.

The Negroes are beginning to realize again that Southern Christians are their friends, and the Southern people, with whom they have lived all their lives, understand them better than any others can. They are turning to us for help as never before since the war. Neither can we any longer excuse ourselves from helping on the plea of poverty. We earnestly beg the Convention to take up this problem and, if possible, to formulate some plan for solving it. The existence of nearly ten millions of negroes in our very midst—over one third of entire population—and the condition in which the negroes are is not a problem that a Convention like ours can afford longer to practically ignore, or to remand so largely to brethren who can hardly claim to really know and understand the Negro. Our co-operative work with the Home Mission Society in behalf of the Negroes needs to be supplemented in some way by Southern Baptists.