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Missions are missions. A man's mission is that upon which he is sent. Christ's mission was to save sinners. The mission of Christ's churches is to preach the gospel. Every Christian's mission is to bring Christ to the people and the people to Christ. All who do nothing in this line live in vain. This is our business. Failure in this is an utter business failure. The mission of the gospel is world-wide. It is to be preached among all nations. God's children are responsible for its proclamation and promulgation. "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." He says: "Preach the gospel to every creature." "Teach all nations." "Let him that heareth say come." Have you heard? Are you obeying? Most of us cannot go in person. We can fulfill the requirement by sending the gospel to the lost. Are you doing this?

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Our Board has on the field about 200 missionaries, Americans and natives. In China 57 Americans and 43 natives. Japan 10 Americans, Africa 7 Americans and 5 natives. Italy 4 Americans and 14 natives, Mexico 16 of our people and 15 natives, Brazil 19 of our people and 7 natives.

The last report credited Kentucky with more than \$15,000.00. We have stood at the head of the list so far and we ought to all the time. Many have done nothing. The time is short. Send us a contribution before April 30th.

HOME MISSIONS.—With the bequests we have also headed this list. Why not always keep that place? The Home Board is doing a grand work in the South, the West, and in Cuba. She is even expending considerable money in Kentucky, helping us do our work. Stand by the Home Board. This year's contribution will surpass that of last year, but falls far short of our ability.

STATE MISSIONS.—With the more than 187,000 white Baptists in Kentucky we can and ought to take the state. We have opportunities and responsibilities which no other people have. Oh, for the consecration of the people and their means. We will more than reach \$10,000 this year but a large part of that comes by bequests and we can not use it all at once without detriment to the work. That is we would lay more foundation than we could successfully build upon. Some of the associations which receive large appropriations from the State Board discriminate against State Missions. This is basal work and to neglect it is to impair all our mission work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE WORK.—This is exceedingly important. Here is a wide and remunerative field of usefulness. The religious book, tract, or paper left in the home is often blessed of God to the salvation of the soul. The organization of Sunday-schools among the destitute often results in the establishing of a church. We have an excellent efficient man in the field all the time, giving his best efforts to this work. The Sunday-schools of the state ought to pay his salary. This is a new effort upon the part of the State Board. This missionary is Rev. R. L. Baker with headquarters at Jackson.

CHURCH BUILDING—Why will not our pastors and people take hold of this? Our success in many places depend upon a little aid in this line. The appeals to our board are really distressing. With \$10,000 I firmly believe we can build \$100,000 worth of churches where we have none.

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION—This is an exceedingly important work. For this we can not use money sent us for missions. The board felt encouraged to undertake this work, accepted one plant of valuable property, the Theodore Harris Inst. at Pineville. The Womans Missionary Societies have in a large measure failed us and we are in debt. Who will help us? If your contribution is for the Pineville School, the only one we control or are in any way responsible for, say so. If your designation is simply to mountain schools it may not help the board any.

At the last General Association a polite request was made to the churches and District Boards to send all moneys to the Corresponding Secretary. Many have refused and some of them are not pleased because their contributions to Home and Foreign Missions will not appear in the minutes of the General Association.

O! if Kentucky Baptists would only wake up, we could do wonders for the Kingdom of Christ. There are more than 187,000 white Baptists in Kentucky, if each would give five cents per week to be divided among all missions we would have for missions more than \$486,000. Thousands could give much more than that, many do give more. With proper cultivation and liberality Kentucky Baptists could easily give a half million of dollars annually to missions. Why not work for that desirable end?

Be sure to send your contribution to missions before the end of the month. The books close April 30th. Money received later will not be published in this year's minutes of the General Association.

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