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A. C. Dorris, missionary pastor at Jackson, has been engaged in a meeting at East Jackson. Last account there had been sixteen additions. Another denomination had been running a mission there for years, but four-fifths of the people are Baptists, and in spite of the pre-emption we practically possess the field after ten day's labor.

We are trying to build a first-class house at Jackson; this done we shall be in the lead in this important town. Dorris pleads for help. Why won't our people heed the call for this building fund? In many places like Jackson our success, depends, humanly speaking, upon having a church building.

The gospel was prompted by love, and love is manifested by giving. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This gospel was purchased and procured by love, which love led to the "unspeakable gift." "Christ loved us and gave Himself for us." This same gospel is promoted and propagated upon the principles of love, also manifested by giving. Jesus commands us, "Go ye, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He says, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

The doctrine of missions is just as plainly taught in the word of God as the doctrine of repentance or the doctrine of baptism. Only the willfully blind fail to find it.

Christian missions are simply the propagation of the gospel by the churches of Jesus Christ.

The bride loves and gives herself to the groom. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend," but "God commendeth his love to us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." All of God's children love God and all first gave themselves to God, and then to one another by the will of God. When

we gave ourselves that included all that God had given to us. The true spirit of a Christian is:

“What is my being but for thee,
Its sure support, its noblest end;
’Tis my delight thy face to see,
And serve the cause of such a friend.”

Paul says, “The love of Christ constraineth us.” First we are to give ourselves unto the Lord and to one another, then prompted by love to God and to souls we should give our means and labor to carry this gospel to the perishing of earth.

If the conscience is quickened without enlightening the intellect you make fanatics of men, if the intellect is enlightened without the conscience being quickened you make of men simply rationalists.

Do you love God? Have you done anything or given anything to show that love? Remember you are God’s steward. He has simply entrusted to you all you have, your mental and physical powers, your means, influence and position. He has greatly honored you by your appointment in His service. You must give account to Him. Will it be rendered with joy or grief?

Two things are necessary to make a real missionary, viz.: religion and information, a conscience quickened by the Holy Spirit and a knowledge of God’s will and Christian work.

Since last report the secretary has attended the following associations: Ohio County, Baptist, Long Run, East Concord, Central, Lynn, Sulphur Fork, Booneville, Boone’s Creek, Nelson, Russell’s Creek, Irvine, East Lynn and Salem. Twenty-four this year.

I think every one reports larger contributions than last year to missions some of them much larger.

Nelson Association gave in 1897 \$982.48, in 1898 \$1029, in 1899 \$1228, in 1900 \$1670, in 1901 \$2265, in 1902 \$2660.

Lebanon Junction church gave her first contribution to missions about eight years ago, this year she gave \$730, an increase of more than \$200 over last year. Rev. Geo. C. Cates is pastor. Missionary pastor J. T. Turpin subscribes for 10 copies of the KENTUCKY MISSION MONTHLY for his people, Dr. B. B. Bailey 20 copies. Pastor U. S. Thomas leads all taking 175 copies for his three churches.

A hundred pastors in the State could easily raise \$5.00 in their churches for the MONTHLY. For \$5.00 we will send 100 copies, for \$2 50 50 copies.

Pastors you can’t develop your people in the grace of liberality by annual or quarterly collections. Giving is a grace, and giving is worship. How would it do to have prayer in your church once a year or once a quarter? When will God’s people learn to honor God with their substance and worship him with their gifts?

The greatest honor God ever conferred upon mortals was to call them to his service, laborers together with him.

Giving is an expression of love, giving self the highest expression of love. What is the measure of your love?

"Freely ye have received, freely give."—Matthew 10: 8.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 20: 35.

"Give! as the morning that flows out of Heaven;

Give! as the waves when their channel is riven,

Give! as the free air and sunshine are given;

Lavishly, utterly, joyfully give—

Not the waste drops of thy cup, overflowing,

Not the faint sparks of thy heart, ever glowing;

Not a pale bud from the June roses blowing;

Give, as He gave thee, who gave thee to live."

J. R. Johnson, pastor at Cox's Creek, preached a most excellent mission sermon at Nelson Association.

Bro. W. H. Smith, editor of Liberty Baptist at Horse Cave has aided the secretary, materially in various ways in our associational work for which he has our sincere thanks.

The calls are urgent for appropriations at Paintsville, Barbourville, Manchester, Beattyville and numerous other points in the mountains. The board has already paid out more than they have received for state missions. Brethren shall we expand or contract our work? That must depend upon your contributions. What will you do?

Our missionaries report for the month of August Sermons 588, professions 218, baptisms 90, received by letter 52, by relation 11.

Bro. Paul Price of Urbana, Ohio, the Singing Evangelist, has arranged to give the board three meetings at mission points in the state. He gives his services without charge to the board. Taking simply what the people may give him. We hope they will be liberal with their means for this work. He is now with the Second church Paducah, goes to the Second church Bowling Green, the 28th, then to Clifton Baptist church, Louisville, about Oct. 12th. Bro. Price and the Secretary held several meetings together in 1892-93. He aided pastor Swope in a very successful meeting at Springfield last June. We owe him many thanks for his generous contribution to Kentucky State Missions. We bespeak the hearty co-operation of the brethren in these meetings.

Dr. Blackburn writes that the meeting at Burkesville conducted by H. Boyce Taylor has closed. Only a few additions. He says of Bro. Taylor: "He preached well and sowed good seed. I feel much encouraged and think we are doing wonders in this little field."

The receipts for August at this office were: State Missions \$1195.60 Sunday School and Colportage \$269.63, Foreign Missions \$1015.62, Home Missions \$1038.04, Church Building Fund \$14.00, Theodore Harris Inst. \$23.07, Miscellaneous \$81.47, Total \$3637.43.

Kentucky stands second in contributions to Home Missions, and yet we are doing so little. May the Lord arouse us to a sense of our duty, our responsibility, our ability and our opportunity.

At one association a preacher was chairman of the committee on Home Missions. He thought "Home Missions" meant District and State Missions. Remember brethren Home Missions is the work of the Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., which work is intended to supplement the work of State Boards, also on the frontier and in Cuba. We want to raise \$20,000 in Kentucky for Home Missions this year.

The Mission Monthly is ten cents a year. Please send us a club from your church.

Rev. R. L. Baker, our Sunday School Missionary, reports for August 8 baptisms, W. J. Bolin 12, Geo. E. Baker 1, C. A. Dugger 1, G. W. Hill 1, W. C. Pierce 1, C. M. Reid 3, W. L. Shearer 13, M. E. Staley 1, J. T. Turpin 9, H. E. Tralle 28, L. P. V. Williams 1, W. B. McGarity 1, W. H. Bell 8, D. Wood 1, U. J. Fox 1.

Bro. W. B. McGarity, so long pastor at London, and who has been one of our most efficient missionaries has resigned to take work in Texas. W. H. Brüfler, missionary pastor at Pitt's Point has resigned. S. A. Owens at Fifth St., Lexington, has resigned on account of ill health.

We are anxious to enter the Monthly as second class matter. Please help us by sending a nice club from your church. One dollar pays for ten copies one year. At present we pay regular book postage on each issue.

All Baptists in Kentucky ought to take the "Kentucky Mission Monthly," published at Louisville, in the interest of State Missions. This will give you information about the State Missionaries and their work, and only 10 cents per year.—Liberty Baptist.

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