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Vitalizing Force in Christianity.

If there is any vitalizing force in Christianity, that force is mission work. The last command of our adorable Redeemer was that we should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This command was for all the waiting disciples, whose tear-dimmed eyes beheld the ascending form of Jesus. It was not only for them—it was for every generation of Christians that should come into the world.

Our Christianity is measured in its height and depth and strength by what we do to send the Gospel to the lost of the world.

Would to God that all our people everywhere could have borne in upon their hearts the value of just one human soul. Christ showed his estimate of the value of the lost world by leaving His home with His father and the angels in heaven and becoming a man in order that the lost world might be saved. If there had been but one lost soul in all the universe of God, Jesus would have come and would have died for him. Jesus died for men; He also died for every man. It is our duty as Christians to pray that we may have the divine conception of the value of souls, and if this conception ever enters into our hearts we will count it a blessing beyond words to tell that it is ours to contribute to missions and thus to send the glad news of Christ's redeeming love to every dark corner of our dark and suffering world.

Brethren, by the heart-rending cries of the lost millions of the earth who have never heard of our Redeemer, we appeal to you to do your very best. By your own redemption, purchased for you by the blood of Christ and made known to you by the Holy Spirit, we appeal to you to send the good news of salvation to those who have it not. By the love you have for God, whose is this cause, and by the love God has for you, who has tenderly held you in His keeping ever since you saw the light of day, we plead with you to acquit yourselves like men in this great cause.

Soon our lives will be done, and our hands will be folded across our pulseless breast. Soon we will not be here to do anything for God. May He give it to us to do for Him all that we ought to do while time and light and life and opportunity abide. Take your collections, broth-

er. Give your contributions, brother. Sister, help in this great work. All together, let the offerings rain mightily down upon God's altar.

"The function of every church is the salvation of the world."

Selected from a tract written by Rev. J. B. Cranfill.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the Hot Springs convention there were present a missionary from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and a negro missionary from South Africa, who made speeches before the convention. The brother from the mountains said: "Brethren, our mountains are full of Baptists who are doing nothing for the cause of Christ. They are wholly undeveloped along lines which are perfectly familiar with your churches in more favored sections. I am persuaded there is no way in the world to bring them forward on other lines until we get them interested in giving the Gospel to the heathen world. I appeal to you to help us get the great foreign mission idea on their hearts and minds, then they will become interested about other things."

When the negro's time came to speak he said: "Ah, brethren, I don't want this money," turning to the money which his enthusiastic audience had piled there after his wonderful soul-thrilling speech, "give it into the hands of your Home Mission Board, with instructions that they use it to send strong men among my poor, ignorant race, most of whom are Baptists, and lay upon their hearts and conscience the great obligation they are under to give the Gospel to the heathen. Nothing on earth will arouse them like that. I look for them to go on as they are in their folly and their ignorance until that great duty comes with a crushing power upon their poor souls, then they will rise from their sloth to do that and will awaken to the doing of other neglected duties."

Here were two appeals almost alike. Each one felt that the weight of the condition of the lost world was the remedy for all the sloth and idleness and selfishness. Not long since in Alabama, I related this at a preachers' meeting, and said I believed those men were right, and this was the thing to save our churches in town and city from the flood of worldliness which now seems to be sweeping over them.

A city pastor who was present, out of the fullness of his heart, shouted "Amen."

You may make rules against dancing, theater-going, card-playing and the like, but those rules by themselves, will never save your members from such scandalous living unless you make them see that life is real and earnest living for the promotion of the Gospel. They can be brought to this if they are truly regenerated people.

CHINA.

The reports from China show a wonderful change for the better. Many are turning to the Lord in that country. The missionaries are encouraged and feel that they enjoy such opportunities as never before. They report 484 baptisms for the year. They beg for more laborers.

AFRICA.

Nearly three times as many baptisms were reported as for the previous year. Several new missionaries sent out gave new hope to the mission.

JAPAN.

This country seems again to be listening to the Gospel message. For several years, elated with victory, she turned a deaf ear. The messengers called in vain, but now a change has come. The people gladly hear, and some are turning to the Lord. Our missionaries reported twice as many baptisms as for the previous year. We trust that this is only the beginning of a glorious harvest after years of sowing.

MEXICO.

Our work in Mexico is moving on smoothly. The missionaries are in full sympathy and harmony. One hundred and fifty baptisms were reported for the year. The Theological Training School has been under the charge of Rev. A. C. Watkins, at Torreón. He has been ably assisted by two native brethren.

Let Down Your Buckets.

Here is an old story that has a lesson in it for God's people as well as the millions of perishing souls all around us.

In the year 1837 a small South American coasting vessel—the *Eleanora*—driven by a furious tempest far out of her course, after two weeks of battling with wind and wave, found herself floating almost helpless, reckoning lost, and at what seemed like the South Atlantic

ocean. The small stock of drinking water was gone, and the little crew was famishing of thirst. The captain's wife and baby was aboard, and any one of the crew would cheerfully have gone without his own share of water for the sake of the suffering woman and her baby. As they looked out over the broad expanse of ocean, it was "water, water," every where, but not a drop to drink.

The pangs of thirst are many times worse than hunger, and grow fiercer and fiercer until the victim is driven to madness. It was on a morning when the crew seemed as near the verge of insanity as sane men can be, that they "sighted" another vessel. They immediately set flying the signal of distress, and were promptly answered by the other vessel wanting to know the cause of their distress. In reply they made a piteous appeal for water. The other captain, framing his mouth with his hands, shouted back sharply: "It's fresh water all about you; let down your buckets."

The storm had driven the distressed vessel into the mouth of the Amazon river, that mighty stream one hundred and fifty miles broad at its mouth, and which overlying the ocean nearly fifty leagues from shore, is fresh water almost to the coast.

This story is a striking allegory of the thousands who are wretched and perishing in sin in our State and throughout all the world. They are hopeless, helpless, and despairing for the "Water of Life," when it is so close at hand, and so many of God's dear children are famishing for want of it. My brother, my sister; "let down your buckets" into the well of God's promise, draw from its depths for yourself and give it to those around you. The Spirit says: "Let him that is athirst come; and whomsoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely."

Let us then launch out freely into the ocean of God's love and "let down our buckets."

Our missionaries report for the months of December, 1902, 4,557 miles traveled, 340 sermons preached, 52 conversions, 54 by letter, and 9 by relation.

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Our Colporter, Bro. W. C. Baxley, writes from Union Association that New Zion, North Fork, Belmont, Palestine, Catawba, Fair View, Lenoxburg, and Forest Hill are in need of financial aid, but thinks the thing most needed by the association is that a mission pastor be employed in its bounds. We would suggest to the association that an investigation be made, and steps be taken to carry out the plan suggested by Bro. Baxley, if deemed advisable.

The editor's office force are in the editorial chair again this month, but we are happy to announce, under the blessings of God, the editor will be able to take up the work again next month. At this writing he is convalescent, consequently, in the nature of the case, is in need of more cooks than doctors. We praise God for his recovery.

If you notice that this issue is not up to the usual standard of excellence, throw the mantle of charity over its faults, and remember that the able editor is necessarily absent from the helm.

The enlarging of this paper has increased the cost nearly four times, necessarily we are compelled to increase the subscription price. Hereafter our club rates will be fifteen cents each per year in clubs of ten or more.

In behalf of Dr. Bow we want to express the thanks of grateful hearts to his multitude of friends who have been so kind and solicitous for his recovery. May God bless one and all.

Brethren, we want brief, crisp articles on any phase of mission work. Please "boil down" as much as possible all items for publication.

Thanks to the many noble friends that have helped to increase our subscription list. Many new subscribers have been received in the last two months. Many thanks.

If your letter does not appear in this issue, look for it later, as space forbids giving them all in one issue.

Contributions for December.

Amount contributed by the following associations for December:

Baptist	\$225.90
Boonville	6.00
East Concord	12.00
East Union	107.61
Goshen	67.50
Long Run	547.87
Mt. Zion	58.63
Severns Valley	283.75
Shelby County	89.33
Three Forks	12.00
Book Fund	23.00
W. M. U.	36.56

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Distributed as follows; State Missions, \$393.33; S. S. and Colportage, \$110.05; Foreign Missions, \$530.73; Home Missions, \$317.83; Church Building Fund, \$67.50; Miscellaneous, \$41.41.

The minutes of the Kentucky General Association gives the following for the year ending June, 1902:

No. of associations	72
No. of churches	1,671
No. of baptisms	9,321
No. of members	190,994
No. of Sunday-schools	978
No. of scholars	53,655
No. of officers and teachers	5,866
Value of church property	\$2,284,560.00
Foreign Missions	15,613.00
Home Missions	11,862.00
State and District Missions	21,143.00
Ministerial education	3,260.00
Ministers Aid Society	6,563.00
Orphans' Home	7,175.00

Total \$436,841.00

S. S. contributions for all purposes, \$13,967.03.

Below we give the names and address of our missionaries. Those marked * are assisted by the Home Mission Board:

- Chas. G. Althoff, Jacobs' Addition
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- J. W. Blackburn, Burksville, Ky.
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- *J. G. Parsons, Whitesburg, Ky.
- W. H. Robinson, Paducah, Ky.

- T. B. Rouse, Lone Oak, Ky.
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- M. E. Staley, Morganfield, Ky.
- J. R. Stewart, Lone Oak, Ky.
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- J. T. Turpen, Rice's Station, Ky.
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- A. Logan Vickers, Ludlow, Ky.
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- J. E. Wolford, Lancaster, Ky.
- R. C. Kimble, Corbin, Ky.
- U. J. Fox, Clay, Ky.
- H. R. McLendon, Burning Springs, Ky.
- D. Wood, Glenwood, Ky.
- Lewis Lytle, Hindman, Ky.

What a Book Can Do.

In a retired valley of Joshua, in India, there is a little hamlet of charcoal burners. A few years ago their manner of life was the rudest possible. There seemed no glimmer of hope for better things.

A missionary, passing through the village, spoke to the people. Two men became interested and purchased copies of the New Testament. Their employers soon noticed a change in the grade of charcoal from these two men—it was more carefully burned, was better packed and free from stones and grass. This charcoal was looked upon as a special brand and brought a special price. On Sunday work was suspended, and these men and their families gathered for religious worship and the study of the Bible.

Shortly after they began to reclaim the mountain land about them, to plant wheat and garden stuff, and recently one of them had succeeded in building a neat house in place of his old hut. His employers say he is the most trustworthy man in the mountain. He himself says he owes his new vigor to his weekly day of rest and to his New Testament—*Selected.*

Oneida News,

Three years ago the public school at Oneida had an enrollment of forty; this year it has reached one hundred and fifty. Some of our trained teachers have been teaching the public schools during the past three years. One hour during each day is devoted to the study of the Bible and vocal music.

Three years ago Oneida had three families where it now stands; now there are twenty-three mountain families—that means children. Eight new houses are going up. These will be occupied during our winter term.

Our church has grown in number from six to fifty-odd members. We take a monthly collection for missions. Our Sunday-school has about one hundred members. The B. Y. P. U. about fifty, counting associate members. We pledge one cent per month each for missions.

LETTERS FROM THE FIELD.

JACKSON, KY.

DEAR BRO. BOW—I will endeavor to furnish you a few items relative to our work in this mountain field. The outlook, we think, is brightening. Our Sunday-school is simply splendid. Our average attendance is 45, but the most interesting feature is the proficiency of many of our pupils. The expressions of appreciation are frequent. Not only have we had the uprising of some of the women mentioned in your last issue (which, by the way, you made us call a resurrection instead of sensation), but we have had several well filled baskets since that time, and the end seems not to be reached yet from the threatenings we hear, and other manifestations of increased interest in the work are apparent. We thank God and take courage; and right here let me say the importance of this mountain work is not half appreciated by our brethren and churches in more highly favored localities. If you could see the efforts that are being made, and the tactics employed by other denominations to take this, which was once solidly a Baptist country, totally out of Baptist hands, we think there would be an awakening among us such as we have not seen lately. Their missionaries are going all through the country with money enough behind them to build churches whenever they feel that need calls, and schools wherever they think their interest will be benefited. We need a good training school in every county; let us have them. Let us multiply and strengthen our schools in the mountains. Another great need in our work here is houses of worship adequate to the demand, the efficiency of our laborers would be more than quadrupled. Give us the church building fund, nothing is of more importance just now. Let us have the building fund. What kind of people have we up here? Why, some of God's very best people are here in the mountains; they are full of great big-hearted people, and they are glad to have you come to them with the Gospel.

A. C. DORRIS.

P. S.—Errata:

In my card of thanks which appeared in your last issue, you made me say "Another Resurrection," it should read sensation, "dear women of our church, read churches. "We tender them and all our contributors hearty thanks," read them and all contributors.

A. C. D.

Bowling Green.

DEAR BRO. BOW:

I came to this field the first of June of last year, and found the church with a beautiful little build-

ing a little more than a block from the depot, and a few faithful Christians laboring at a great disadvantage. They had been without a pastor for months, and the first few weeks I was not able to get out to the Sunday morning service more than twenty-five or thirty people. We had a little better congregation at night, but still it was small.

There were not men enough in the church to fill the offices, and for Superintendent of the Sunday-school and for some of the teachers and for our church clerk, we were dependant on the First Baptist Church. We had only two teachers in the Sunday-school who were members of our church. But we were indeed blessed in having men and women come to our help. There are, indeed, those in Bowling Green who are willing not only to put their hands in their pockets to help on the Lord's work, but they are willing to put their shoulders to the wheel.

We have received into the church since I came here, quite a number who are a help to us. Dr. Wm. Lunsford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Procter, Mr. F. N. Downer, Mrs. W. H. Dulaney and Mrs. Motley, have shown special interest in our work.

It seems to me our prospects are bright, though not strong in number or in wealth, our people seem to be growing stronger and more devoted to the work, our congregations are increasing, and on Sunday nights our house is well filled. Our prayer meetings are well attended, a good index to the spiritual condition of the church.

As to our needs, they are great. I find a very poor church—financially—with a debt of more than fourteen hundred dollars. This is seriously crippling us. By God's help, I feel that we shall find a way to remove this obstruction. Then our greatest need is more workers. There is so much to do, it is impossible even to tell our needs. I feel confident of our success. I can not believe He will let this work come to naught. It was well said "that our prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

Fraternally,
EBEN G. VICK.

Burkesville.

MY DEAR BRO.—Freedom Association is composed of Cumberland and Clinton counties. In Cumberland the land on the Cumberland river and creek bottoms is very fine and there is a great deal of it. It is as rich as the Nile. The uplands are comparatively poor, but furnish a good living for thousands. Clinton county is nearly all uplands, some of it very good and much of

it poor. Here the creek and river bottoms are rich. Then the mountain section is full of coal—enough to furnish Kentucky for a century. Alas, it is forty miles to the nearest railroad.

There are 16 churches, with a membership of about 1,000. Burkesville has a good church house, as good as can be found in all this section of Kentucky. Albany, Salem and Gap Creek each have excellent houses of worship, Cartwright is about ready to build one, and the other churches have log houses, but they are good ones.

Most of the membership is comparatively poor. The best thing about Freedom Association is this: Every preacher is loyal and true to all the boards—district, State, home and foreign, and the members, so far as I know, are as loyal as the preachers. At most, only two preachers give all their time to the work. If we had preachers who would give all their time, Freedom would do all in her power to support them and uphold all the boards. One thing is true, and to me very full of comfort and hope for the future—Freedom is raising missionary Baptists. I never ask for funds for any church purpose, but I get all I ask for.

WHAT FREEDOM NEEDS.

Two missionaries sent by the State Board. One in charge of Gap Creek Church, and three fourths of his time given to the section lying between there and Albany. Not where a church has a minister, but anywhere and everywhere that one is needed—real mission work.

Then one at Albany and all the country in the Association south of the river. Now give us two men—real men, God-fearing, God-loving and soul-loving men—Freedom will grow. Now is the time. All we need is help. But mark, we need men—not a novice—men who know the Gospel and will preach it. Men with pulpit fervor. Men whom God has called, and who preach to save souls. Will you send us these two men?

May God, by His Holy Spirit, touch and move every heart in the State Board.

Yours very truly,
J. WENDELL BLACKBURN.

Bro: F. P. Gates has been appointed a missionary for Livingston, a coming town on the K. C. Division of the L. & N. R. R. Recently Bro. Gates held a week's meeting there. Thirteen adults were added to the membership. The Lord was present in power. They will take steps at once towards building a house of worship. The field is one of much promise, and must be held for Christ and the Baptist.

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The Second Church, Paducah.

Missionary pastor W. H. Robinson writes: The Lord has, indeed blessed our labors here. When we came to this field six months ago we found there was need of much work. They had been without a pastor for so long there was but little left of the former work. We went to work in the summer with just a few, and it would seem with the wind and tide against us, but now there is a fine outlook for the work, and we believe as great possibilities as for any mission point in the State.

We have had in the six months of my labor here thirty-seven additions to the church. Of the thirty-seven there are no children. They are men and women, and most of families, representing thirty families, twenty-seven of which were not formerly identified with the church, seven of these came by baptism.

Our Sunday-school has grown from sixteen to one hundred and thirty in the six months we have labored here.

It was, indeed, a delight to work with Dr. Bow, who assisted us in a meeting the last of October and the first of November. Kentucky has but few men of such spirit. He is a clear, forceful Gospel preacher, one who loves souls and glories in building up the waste places. He is untiring in his efforts. May God continue to bless him in his work as Secretary of State Missions. We do not believe there is a better qualified man in the State for this work.

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The Corbin Baptist Church.

This church was constituted April 8, 1895. It was first an arm of Williamsburg Baptist Church. In November, 1894, Rev. J. N. Prestidge and Rev. R. A. Mahan came and gathered some of the Baptists together and preached to them, and made arrangements for Rev. Mahan to supply for them. They at once set to work to build a house of worship. And after great struggles and heroic efforts, they succeeded in erecting a neat frame house, and dedicated it out of debt. For the success of the work here in all points, the church and community are indebted to that matchless, tireless and faithful christian worker, Mrs. B. A. White. Long after she has gone to her reward, "Grandma" White will live in the hearts and lives that have been blessed and enriched by her faithful word.

Since its organization this church has gathered in a considerable number of members, but many of them have been transient, and soon leaving and going to other fields. Hence while the roll has sometimes shown quite a number of members, the church has been really weak all the while. Rev. R. A. Mahan was pastor until March, 1896. Then followed in succession Brethren E. L. Stephens, L. B. Parker, Ralph Mays, J. E. Watson, R. L. Baker and the present pastor, who has served since July, 1902, and since that date we have service every Sunday. While we have not seen all that we have hoped for, yet our outlook is hopeful. The population of the town is said to approximate 2,500, and is made up of various elements from various sections of the country, with as varied thought and capabilities and training. So it may be seen at once there are, and will continue to be, obstacles which only divine grace, through faithful and persistent efforts, can remove. I do ardently believe that this is one of the coming great fields of labor among our many mountain fields. But let no one think of success without great and unremitting effort. The enemy in every form, from within and without, is on the field and contending for every inch of the ground. I hope that I see a better day in some respects. We have some as true and loyal people as were ever gathered under the banner, and with our hope in the Lord Jehovah, asking the prayer of every christian who feels an interest in this great cause, we await the dawn of the brighter day.

Yours in the Lord,
R. C. KIMBLE.

This paper goes into 70 of the 72 Associations of this State and a part of Indiana and Tennessee.

The Use of Life.

Christ said of his life, "no man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." He was laying it down not only on Calvary but all through his earthly sojourn. He was laying it down day by day, deed by deed. And our lives are placed at our disposal—Day by day, deed by deed, we are laying them down. But for what? Life is a great blessing. We are not justified in laying it down for naught. Christ laid down his life for mankind that they might be saved. It was a great sacrifice, but it was for a great purpose. Many persons are laying down their intelligence, their affection, their life for that which only pleases and does not profit. To lay down one's self for an object which does not justify is sin. For what are you laying down your life, sister? It is God's gift to you. In a little while you must answer to him for the use you have made of it.—Selected.

Oneida News.

The Woman's Missionary Society has eight members. They pledge two cents per week each for missions.

Our fall term of the college have enrolled about forty students. The reason for the small enrollment is that the public schools take our students for teachers. We will have near three hundred in the winter term.

Prof. Burns has accepted the care of the Manchester church for every Sunday in the month.

C. A. DUGGER.

A True Story.

Here is a story that rings out a warning to young men. Several years ago there were fifteen young men boarding at the same house in New York City. Six of them invariably came to the breakfast table on Sunday morning dressed ready for Sunday-school and church services. The others always came down late to breakfast and appeared in slovenly attire, but came to the dinner table ready to go out, and they rarely ever returned before late in the night. The six grew into useful, honored citizens and all but one became wealthy. The others, with one exception, died early in life. Two of them died on the gallows five became inebriates and filled drunkards' graves, the other one yet lives, but is nearing delirium tremens. The moral is plain: "For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also ready."

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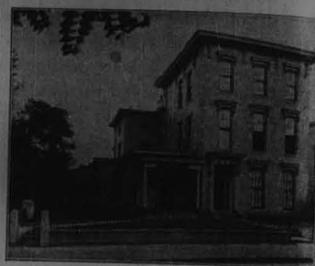
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