"Let Him That Heareth Say Come."

Letters from the Field

FROM R. R, NOEL.

Dear bro. Bow-
In compliance with your re, quest, I will try and give a synopsis of my field work, but am a poor letter writer:

## Retrospection.

Reflection is a God-given privilege. It points out the errors and mistakes of the past and enables us to avoid and correct them in the future. I thank God the dear Father for finding so few, for this year has indeed been the best one of my life, yet there have been errors and mistakes. Taking it all in all, however, I rejoice. I have been under the Divine guidance of the Holy Spirit, pastor of four churches, all of which have made progress in the right direction, ret we have not near done what we ought to have done-so many are groping in spiritual darkness, yet many have been awakened by the blessed Spirit, and are coming up to the "help of the Lord." Silve Creek,
county, Tate's
Madison county, Tate's Creek Association, have taken on new life during the year. They have painted, papered and beautified their house of worship, have an evergreen Sunday School, have added to their number about 25 , have called me for the incoming year, adding expenses to my former sal-
ary ( $\$ 6$ per month), and have ary ( $\$ 6$ per month), and have
agreed to try and raise $\$ 60$ for missions for the next year, onehalf of it in sight. The future is bright, if we follow the Lord's Spirit.

## Broadhead Church,

Rockcastel Association, at Broadhead, a station on the L. \& N. R.R., 142 miles from Louisville. They are a band of true disciples, about one-half in the front rank, the oth-ers-well, I don't know-in the rear rank, I suppose - non-contributors, asleep-yet my second year expires with next trip, perfect harmony prevails, several added, evergreen Sunday School, and have agreed to give $\$ 60$ next sear for missions, with $\$ 35$ in sight. Pastor paid promptly every month. Two, other churches there. but Baptists in the lead. Some of my best workers have Hinoved to Livingston-our loss, Bro. Gates's gain. The future, sonder Divine guidance, very encouraging. Eighty added in two years.

## Olive Churoh,

Cumberland River Association, 4 miles from Waynesburg, a station on the Cincinnati Southern R.R. i was called and took charge of
this church in June last. They this ehorch in June last. They
had not had friv regular pastor for over a year, and during the tme time had torn down the old house another man sixty-eight. I have
and built a new one. The last baptized 24 this year. Fourteen
were grown men. The church seens to be in better shape than
any other church near by I exany other church near by I expected ministerial hel $p$ in the
meeting, but failed to get it; but the members worked earnestly, and the Lord blessed us. Every one that professed joined, and some from other churches joined also. They are having prayer meeting once a week. I am trying to teach them to be missionaries.

I baptized one young man who expects to preach. If he can get ready he will enter Bethel College next spring.
Bro. Evans and I held a meet ing at a school house four miles from Plum spring. Seven professed faith in Christ. There might have been a score if it had not been for whiskey. We could not reach the mein who came to church full of whiskey, and the whiskey men disturbed others that wanted to do right. Bowling Green is whiskey headquarters for several dry counties. Whiskey leaves Bowling Greep on nearly every train, boat, hack and many other ways also. Very few whisley Baptists in Plum Spring, but there are several in Warren counfy. I am hoping and praying for an agitation over the whiskey
question in Warren county. When I say whiskey Baptist, I refer to The dram-drinking Baptist and the man that says it is no harm to take a drink if you don't get drunk.

The members of Plum Spring are very poor, but I think if they continue to grow and are properly taught, they will in a few years become self-supporting and also give liberally to mission work, They gave some this year, and I expect them to do more next.

Your brother,
J. R. Huna.

## Dear Dr. Bow-

Onr work here is growing rapidly since the organization of the chureh. Our Sunday School averages 72, our prayer-meetings double and congregations more than double. We have now the largest Sunday School in town. We have some opposition, but it is increasing the work and courage of our people. I would be pleased for you to pay us a visit soonif you oant and come to stay some days,
want you to visit the people i want you to visit the people in Paintsville, and also at Denver, six miles from here, where I am
also pastor, the largest church also pastor, the largest church
membership in Big Sandy Valley. Pray for me and the church.

I am as ever,
Charles Martin.
P. S. We have had four addi. tions to the church since our organization. Will administer the erdinance of baptism next Sunday. I also have two letters to-night Irom Denver church to present to
the parties to-morrow.

BURNSIDE AND VICINITY.
We have our house enclosed and
the roof on. It is a beautiful pattern, and when completed will he-
the most heantiful honse of wors. the most beautiful house of wor:
ship in Pulaski county. The total ship in Pulaski county. The total cost will not be less than $\$ 2,350$. We we are greatly in need of the house, not having any place to bold Sunday School, and no place to preach, except the Preshyterian. church two Sunday mornings per month, we have had to stop work on account of funds. We have raised something over $\$ 1,100$, of Which Somerset church gave $\$ 189$. 25 ; Monticello, $\$ 54$; Middleburg, 846 , and others fro $\$ 2$ to \$38. The largest individual gift outside of Burnside being from Hon. John H. Shearer, of Monticello- $\$ 25$. Our people being very poor, have given every cent they can this year. If we had the house now, so we could worship in it, I am fully confident the chureh would be self-supporting for half time within one year. I am visiting the churches wherever their pastors invite me, and taking collections for the work. I believe if some of our brethren knew just what it is to go over the mountains and across rivers, through heat and cold, rain, snow and mud, to build up our cause on these needy mission fields, they would throw their doors, pulpits and purses wide open to us. On this particular field we must be aided largely by our churches out, side or fail. Last associational year I tried to pastor five churehps and supply two missions, and raise money for this house. I also conducted four Bible Institutes, I got the South Cumberland River Association to adopt a system of giving every month to our denominational work. The spirit of giving is much more in evidence than two years ago. The churches of which I am. pastor weer two years ago giving only $\$ 90$ for pastoral support. This last year they have given $\$ 275$. The field is full of promise, and I trust our brethren in the State will soon relieve me of the work of begging money for The building, and let me put in my whole time in pastoral, evangelistic and Bible Institute work on the field. Fraternall|l
Geo. E. Bikw

We forbear at present to eall the names, but there are quite a number of associations in the State which make large demands of the State Board for State Mission funds to be appropriated in their bounds, and yet give very little to the State Missions, while they boast of their liberality in other directions, but want the State Mission fund to supply the destitution intheir association. This ought not to be, Look into the matter and see if your aspon ciation is one of this number.

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## J. G. Bow,

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THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS Meete at Norton Hall. Tuesday, February $2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{at} 2 \mathrm{p}$. m .
J. M. Weaver,. .....................Pecording Secretary J. A. Bow, ..........Corresponding Secretary

Brother E. L. Craig, Colporter in Nelson Association, is making a success of his work. Besides preaching almost constantly, visiting and talking religion, praying and instructing the people; he is averaging about $\$ 3$ per day in book sales.

A short time ago Jellico church was one of the mission stations nuder the State Board. Now they have all time service and have just sent me $\$ 118.60$ for missions. Bro. E. W. Barnett is the lishop of that church. Bro. W. B. Mcfarity wrought here most efficiently.
Rev. R. L. Baker, goes to Jackson, and will divide his time beson, and will divide his Beatyville. These are both county seats, very important fields and we expect
Bro. Baker to bring things to pass Bro. Baker to bring things to pass
under the guidance and blessing of Ged.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Geo. E. Baker, our mission pasfor at Burnside, has lost his eyesight. His eyes have troubled him for some time. He is one of comfort him in his affliction and speeatily restore him.

There are only four more months till the books close for the year. Shall we reach the amount asked of Kentucky Baptists for missions? We can if each of us will fo the duty God has laid upon us. Our total receipts are more than $\$ 2000$ ahead of receipts this tiline last year, but oh! so far below uur ability, yea, below what may rightly expected of us.

Many subscribers are behind; we earnestly ask them all the renew. If you will not renew, please do not order your paper stopped without paying up all arrearages.
Several of our clubs are now behind on subscriptions to the Mission Monthly. We hope they have interest enough in the great work represented by this paper to renew. Remember in clubs of ten or more the paper is only 15 cents a year.

When application is made to the Board for aid, so many of the applicants present the case as the most needy in the State. No donbt there are hundreds of just such cases. They think the only reason the appropriation is not made is on acconnt of, the Secretary and
the Board being ignorant of the facts in the case the needs and facts in the case-the needs and
importance of the field. They for-
get the scores of other places needing aid, and most frequently entirely forget the necessity of helping the great mission work in order that the Board may be able to help the needy fields.

Bro. R. L. Baker aided our missionary pastor, Chas. Martin, in a meeting in Paintsville. Results. nearly fifty conversions, the or-
ganization of a Baptist church, ganization of a Baptist church, and putting Baptists in the lead in the town. Baptist principles and doctrine are at par now in Paintsville.
Some of our Pedobaptists friends are thoroughly disgusted because they had to immerse some of their members to keep them from joining the Baptist church.
We have a good house there, paid for, and the outlook is very hopeful. Paintsville is the capital of Johnson county.
The Corresponding Secretary is engaged to hold a meeting at Audubon, a suburb of Henderson, where we have had a mission for many years. Bro. W. H. Bell is pastor. The meeting to begin January 10th. He also hopes to hold a meeting with Pastor E. G Vick, at the Second church in Bowling Green, beginning February the 7 th. These are among our very important missionary stations. Pray for the abundant blessing of God upon the meet- re ings.
Bro. P. Leavell, one of the Feld Secretaries of the S. S. Board, made quite a favorable imression in his recent tour through the State. He spoke at Owensboro, Trenton, Fairview, Pembroke, Elkton, Russellville, Franklin, Bowling Green, and Louisville. At Louisville, he spoke at Clifton, Highland, MeFerran, Walnut Street, and at Hope Res. cue Mission.
We hope to have him in the State for two months or more beginning about the first of February,
isville.

## OLR ASSOCIATIONS.

There are about seventy Disrict Associations which claim affiliation with the General Association of Kentucky.
Greater efficiency can be reached by a closer affiliation and o-operation of our Baptist forces in the State.
With a view of bringing this to pass we want one man in each association to look after the inrerests of missions, the work assigned by the General Association to the State Board of Missions. (Now don't be allarmed, that man can have no authority over the churches-wants none). This man, when practicable, will be a member of the State Board, and in all other cases, approved by the Board. We want him to iook after the destitution in his
association, also to make recommendations to the District Board and through them to the State Board, of work to be done in the bounds of the association. We
want him also to represent the want him also to represent the
interests of all the boards among

The Foreign Board asks for a firmity prevented his usefulness. man to represent Foreign Mis-He leaves a wife, three sons and sions, the Home Board wants a two daughters to mourn his loss. man to see after Home Missions, and we suggest that we only have one to look after the interests of all missions, since the work is one, and missions are missions, that is simply sending the Gospel to lost souls.
We hope in the next issue to publish the names of brethren who have been appointed and have accepted this work.

## ASSOCIATIONAL MINUTES.

It has been over two months since the last association met and yet we have not received half the minutes. Look, and if the minutes of your association are not in this list please secure and mail me a copy at once and greatIy oblige Your brother,
J. G. Bow.

Ip to date we have only the following:
Baptist, Bays Fork, Bethel, Blackford, Blood River, Boone's Creeek, Campbell County, Daviess County, Elkhorn, Goshen, Green up, Green River, Greenville, Little Bethel, Little River, Long Run, Ohio Valley, Owen, Rockcastle, Second North Concord, Shelby County, Simpson, Ten Mile, Three Forks, Upper Cumberland, West Kentucky, and War. ren.
I should be glad to have minntes of all the associations of United Baptists and all others.

## Lettere from the Field

## Dear Bro. Bow-

Our work here, in general, is doing very well. The outlook is very good indeed. Hazard seems destined to become one of our strong mission points. It will be a great center of Christian influcnce in the near future. Here many boys and girls, young men and young women, will come to letter prepare themselves for the work of life. Our school will elevate and develop our community much beyond what the most sanguine of us expect.
We are making the effort of our lives to get our house ready for Jan. 4, 1904. Our people are work ing and giving herocially. Friends away have helped us. Dallasburg, Shelbyville and Upper Street churches have rallied to our help. These are noble churches, and have noble pastors. The Lord bless them. We want you to come to see us when we are in full blast. When you come, you will regret that you had not visited us sooner. Fraternally,
A. S. Petrey.

Hazard, Nov. 24, 1903.
AUDUBON, KY.
Our work is moving along here
nicely. At nearly every prayer meeting one or more are asking for prayer. Our people seem to be in harmony and are looking for great things from the Lord in the near future. Old Brother W. W. inst. Funeral sed this life the 19th inst. Funeral services at the home
this afternoon. He was a good man, and had acted in the office of deacon for several years, and did his work well until age and in

We are making an effort to put a baptistry in our church, but are meeting some opposition that I trust will be overcome soon.
Bro. John Williams, one of our bright young men, preached his first sermon last Sunday. He is doing colportage and mission work for our District Association. He is doing a fine work by which our denomination will be benefted. We do not have all slear sky and sunshine here, but we have Christ. What need we more?
If this don't find its way to the waste basket I will try to do better next time. W. H. Ball.

## HINDMAN, KY.

We are having a very hard time with our work at this place. The weather is bad and the typhoid fever is raging in our neighborlood, and it seems that people are dilatory about showiag interest in spiritual work. We have our lot secured with deed and it recorded; have about six thousand feet of lumber on ground in stacks, and shingles nearly enough for our roof, and we have eighteen logs on mill yard, about 100 yards from church lot and 50 more to haul. We have a good Sunday school, about forty this winter in regular attendance. We had a Thanksgiving service and the children of the W. C. T. U. school brought offerings for the Orphans' Home; we received $\$ 1.85$ in cash and a nice barrel well packed for the children, which will be shipped at once to the Home. Waiting with patience, trusting in the Lord, we hope to have a house of worship. We are now using the court room.

Yours in Christ,
Lewis Lytitis.
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, PADUCAH, KY.
The Second church is well located in a growing section of the city. Twelve years ago there were but twelve residents in this section, where there are now upwards of six thousand people. While the larger portion of this population are renters, many are buying their homes and becoming permanent settlers. Many of them are in some department of railway service, consequently are constantly shifting.
Among these are many Baptists coming from our best country churches. There are also a large number who are unaffiliated with any denomination. Many of these are of Baptist persuasion. These are a laboring people and do not handle large amounts of money.

The whiskey interest, with already about eighty-five saloons in the city, is almost every month making encroachments upon this territory, bringing all the temptations, sins and vices that accompany this pernicions business.
Thus you see something of our field and its need. There are almost unlimited possibilities here and all work cannot be accomplished in a few months.

The Campbellites and the Methodists are each supporting a mission in the vicinity of our church.

Thene are many difficulties to be the disciples came together to met on this field. For the most break bread, Paul preached unto part the people have never been ihem, ready to depart on the morpart the people in regular church attend- row," (Acts $20: 6,7$ ). ance or in giving to the support Undoubtedly this coming toof Christ's cause. There are also gether was for the purpose of pubmany attractions, Sunday excur- lic worship and to celebrate the many attraday baseball, and the Lord's Supper. If Paul's example ike, that appeal to this class of is worth anything as a precedent, feople, which takes both their it is certain that the first day of time and money. Then the peo- the week was, in Paul's day, and ple are poor and those who would, is at the present time, the suitable pre not able to contribute very day for public Christian worship, largely to the suppert of the work. and for the celebration of the There is further a disposition up- Lord's Supper.
on the part of those who might be Does Paul say anything more of financial and influential sup- on this subject? Yes; he gives port to the work to go to the First some specific directions to the hurch. In this particular, the church at Corinth. He says: Campbellites have the advantage "Now concerning the collections of us, for some of their strongest for the saints, as I have given ormembers, financially and other- der to the charches of Galatia, wise, have identified themselves even so do ye. Upon the first day with their mission church in thig of the week, let every one of you locality, and give it their ner this attention. If some of the Bapists were willing to make a life sacrifice they might be of inestimable value to the cause here.
There is yet one other difficulty, and that is the disposition, upon the part of the country churches and their pastors to dissuade their members when coming to the city from bringing their memberhip with them. True there seems to be a kind of superstitious fear of the city church, and there is a disposition on the part of many to leave their membership at the old home church. They fall readily enough in with the city's frivolities and vices, but are inclined to hold themselves aloof from its religious life.
Our little church, in the face of all difficulties, has made good progress. Sixteen months ago they had become scattered and very much discouraged, besides being in debt. We have received into the fellowship, by letter and laptism, fifty-five members and have contributed for all purposes $\$ 700$. While the attendance on the prayer meeting and Sunday morning service is not large, our house is well filled at the Sunday evening service and the congregation, while having a fair representation of the older people, is most largely composed of young men and young women.
Our Sabbath school is in a very prosperous condition. We have an earnest and efficient superintendent, who is getting the school well organized and is building up a fine interest. We have, at present, about 150 enrolled. What we need here most is more faithful and consecrated teachers. There are many signs of growth and increasing interest.
W. H. Robinson

THERE ANY PROOF FROM THE SORIPTURE THAT THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK WAS OBSERVED BY THE EARLY OHRISTIANS? Paul, who had more to do with stablishing Christianity among he Gentiles than perhaps all the ther apostles together, most unloubtedly regarded the first day if the week as the proper time for Hristians to meet for public worhip. Note this carefully: "And
ight on this earth; but John on ly saw that day in vision.-A. S. Worrell, in "The First and Sev enth day Controversy."

The tree that bears the apples is the one to feel the clubs
The man who has opinions is the one to get the rubs;
In life's broad field of duty, if you yearn for perfect 'cam,
Find where the mud is deepest and slumber like a clam."

## RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER.

From Elkhorn Association, pe Malcom Thompson, for Foreign Missions, as follows: First Run , Lexington, $\$ 200.35$; Cane Cin, $\$ 16.37$; Paris, $\$ 25$; Glen'B Creek, \$5i.15; Gien's Creek, pe
Mrs. Williams, $\$ 300$; East Hick es 40 ; total, e654.27. Tong Kan, $\$ 1.40$; total, \$654.27. Long Kun Association, Walnut Street
church, per J. G. Bow, Church

Juilding, \$10; Book Fund, per J W. Bodine, $\$ 4.35$; Severn's Val iey Association, per H. D. Mar riott, State Missions, \$28.40; Foreign Missions, 53.41; Home Missions, 848.40 ; Chureh Building, (Ashland) $\$ 20$; total, $\$ 150$, 21. Long Run Association, Mc Ferran church, per James K. Jarvis, State Missions, $\$ 7.34$; S. S. and Col., \$4.89; Foreign Missions, $\$ 13.67$; Home Missions, $\$ 7.33$ Ninisters' Aid, \$4.89; Students' Fund, \$4.89; District Missions, 8.89; For the Hackka Home in China, $\$ 5$; total, $\$ 52.90$. Tates Creek Association, Tates Oreek church, per J. E. Cosby, State Mis-

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क 4y, Rtate Missions, \$4.11; S. S. and Col., $\$ 22.05$; Foreign Missions \$44.11; Mome Missions, \$44. 11; total, \$154.38. Long Rum Association, Twenty-sixth and Market Street church, per C. M. Haddaway, State Missions, \$11; (retained) S. S. and Col., \$11; (retained) Foreiga; Missions, \$11; Home Missions, \$11; total, \$44. North Bend Association, Latonia church, per C. A. Earl, Orphan's Home, $\$ 2.65$. Long Run Association, Eight Mile church, per J. G. Dobbins, HState Hissions, \$1.31. Book Fund, mer E. . . Craig, $\$ 20$. Boonesville Association, Riverside church, per Jaines Roberts, State Missions, \$1.71. Long Run Association, per
f. T. Woodson, State Missions, \$34.97; S. S. and Col., $\$ 9.50$; Foreign Missions, 38.39; Home Mis. sions, 36.81 ; Chureh Building, सhe in ; total, \$121.79. East Union Association, Jellico church, per ${ }^{2}$ C L. S. Jones, State Missions, \$33.88; S. S. and Col., \$16.94; For eign Missions, 33.89; Home Missions $\$ 33.89$; otal, $\$ 118.60$. Tates Creek Association, per Miss Many F. Todd, State Missions, \$1.71; A. S. and Col., 85 cents, Foreign - Missions, \$1.72; Home Missions, $\$ 1.72$; total, $\$ 6$. Upper Cumberland Association, per J. W. Mahan, State Missions, $\$ 4.50$, S. S. and Col., 84.50 ; Foreign Missions, \$6.90; Home Missions, 84.50 ; Ministers' Aid, 50 cents; total, $\$ 20.90$. Long Run Association, East Mead church, per C. S. Leonard, State
Missions, \$2.38; Foreign Missions, $\$ 1.25$; total, $\$ 3.63$. Book Fund, per W. H. Cornelius, $\$ 5$; Campbell county Association, Newport church, per C. M. Thompson, State Missions, \$15; Foreign Missions, $\$ 15$; Home Missions, $\$ 15$. total, \$45. Fikhorn Association, Cliristmas offering from Ladies' Society of Cane Run church, per Malcom Thompson, \$5. Book I'und, per C. A. Earl, 25 cents. Irvine Association, Pleasant Point church, per D. S. Smith, State Missions, \$1.43; S. S. and Col., 71 cents; Foreign Missions, $\$ 1.43$; Home Missions, $\$ 1.43$; total, \$5. Long Run Association, Broadway church, per T. J. HumThrey State Missions, 70 ; Book Thundyè E. L. Graig, \$2a; Greenup Association, Summit church, per Erigene May, Foreign Missions, $\$ 6.34$; Book Fund, per Geo. W. Clarke, $\$ 1$. Total, $\$ 1,751.22$.


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