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The field is the world.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:

If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him.

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

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THE MIDDLESBORO MEETING.

The city of Middlesboro is without doubt the metropolis of the mountains. With the rich deposits of coal surrounding the place there can be no doubt that the town is to one day be the center of a great mining population. The coal lands lying four miles from the railroad are valued now at \$250 per acre. Where the railroads have reached it I don't think it is for sale at any price. We, as Baptists, certainly have a great responsibility and opportunity there. The mountain people are mostly of Baptist faith. Though there are thousands in and around the town that are nothing religiously. Not that they are beyond reach. They are easy to reach, if you can once get at them. One of the ripest harvests on earth, in my opinion, is right there.

The obstacles are many; the greatest of which is indifference on the part of people who claim to love God. Nearly everybody is there to make money and seem to be but little concerned about the spiritual welfare of their neighbors.

There are more than 600 pupils in the public school; of that 600 I don't think 75 can be found who claim any sort of religious hope. To make the picture still darker, the parents of the children are apparently indifferent as to their spiritual condition. This is not quite universal; there are a few mothers and fathers who are deeply concerned for their children,

but they are sadly in the minority.

The condition of the young men is simply heart rending. Many of them are boarding there away from their homes and home influences. Very, very few of them attend church. The saloons, gambling rooms, club house and skating rink are simply robbing the church of the young men and gradually ruining them. Many young men who were active church workers at home are fast going to the bad in Middlesboro. These boys are not hardened criminals, nor beyond reach. Many of them noble fellows, drifting fast to ruin. O! that we might do something to stop it, and that right away.

One of them, an Indiana boy, was so convicted, the last night I preached, that he could not sleep, so he got up, put on his clothes and rushed to the depot to find us preachers to talk and pray with him. He came just before my train blew for the station. I talked with him what time I could, and then sent Bro. Reid back to his room in the hotel to continue working with him.

You may form some idea of the condition of things by our first service. Though I had written Bro. Reid and had him advertise the meeting, the Methodists dismissed their service and worshipped with us. The combined congregations were only a few above fifty people—this is a town of 5,000 people. I felt like I had run into ice, but not so, the quality of my crowd was good if the quantity was not large. We had a good meeting from the very beginning. Gradual-

ly the people came, until our house was soon comfortably filled, the people got interested sinners convicted and the work moved on with increasing interest. The Christians in Middlesboro, who are trying to serve God, are not of the back-biting, fussy kind. There is a beautiful spirit of union and brotherly love among them. Nearly every pastor in town came right into my meeting and went to work. They did great service, and without their aid we could never have had this great meeting. Especially was this true of the Southern and Northern Methodist brethren. They were true and faithful. The good sisters hit upon a new and novel idea of entertaining us. They would invite all the pastors of town to dinner with them, including the Episcopal Rector. After dinner we would read a chapter, and then have prayers, every preacher praying. These were real spiritual feasts and did us all good. The meeting continued through four weeks with severe weather, a real bad la grippe epidemic, and a big skating rink right near us. We could hear the music of the rink during church services, and nearly everybody had to pass right by the rink coming to church. Many pleasure-lovers would stop in the rink. I am sorry to say some of our own church members would do this. In spite of it all God gave us a great meeting. The best the town has ever known. There were 100 professions, including the back-sliders reclaimed there were seventy additions to our church alone. While others will join other Baptist churches, and still others will join the other churches. We raised a burdensome church debt of \$600. We asked for \$600, and they subscribed in a few minutes \$616. At

the close of the meeting they gave us for our State work \$171, with more to come later. Among those claiming a hope was the brother of the man Ball, who has caused so much trouble around Middlesboro. He came forward for prayer and was deeply penitent, but did not get satisfied that night. I went to his home the next day and labored with him about an hour, after which he became satisfied. He had been in the whiskey business, and I dealt plainly with him about that. Telling him I did not believe he could be forgiven and remain in such business. He then told me that he had already thrown up his interest in the business, though he had \$5,000 invested. He told his partners to pay the bills they owed and take it, that he would have no further connection with it. I feel confident that he has been forgiven. He prayed as earnestly as any man I ever heard. I feel sure that if he is properly handled in church work he will make a useful church worker and a useful Christian citizen, and will no more be mixed up with the feud troubles. It is my honest opinion that the final cure for all of those troubles will be the Gospel. It will cure when pistols and law fail.

Just a word about that faithful Bro. Reid, and I will close. He was too much for me; soon had me walked down. I don't think Middlesboro will ever know what Reid has been worth to them. During the worst of the troubles, when almost everybody was afraid to stand for law and order, he it was that boldly and publicly declared for law and order and the punishment of the law-breakers. Through his stand a law and order league was formed, and the law enforced and respected.

This has brought a great change to Middlesboro, and it is now a far better town than formerly. I found him ready to aid me in every way possible. It was truly a joy to work with such a man. He has surely gone through fiery trials. His wife for some time was sorely afflicted, and it was very uncertain whether she could live. But God has spared her, and she is gradually coming back to her former self again. During the months of Sister Reid's afflictions much of the time Bro. Reid was not able to get help, and had to do his own work and nurse. At the very time of his greatest need the church grew careless about keeping up his salary, and were soon more than \$300 behind with him. His heavy expenses forced Bro. Reid, with his already heavy church work and care of the sick, to keep books at spare times for one of the firms in order to pay his necessary expenses. It is my honest opinion that we people living in the flat country know little of the hardships of our mountain preachers.

Reader when you read this I will likely be with Bro. Huey, at Somerseset, Ky., in a meeting. If you can pray, please pray for us there.

Yours for the work,

E. B. FARRAR.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Men of Israel help! My soul is troubled and I am heart-sick over the condition of things in our midst. Oh! I wish my brethren knew and would come to our aid. Help us build church houses.

The needs are great. The condition is really distressing. Appeal after appeal comes for help. It is impossible for the man on each field to see the needs of the other

fields. He thinks he absolutely knows that his field and claim is the most important. He verily believes the only reason the board does not make the appropriation asked for is simply because they are ignorant of the needs of his field. I think I could find you five hundred such cases.

Other denominations have their church extension fund. We have none. We never take money contributed for missions for this work. The Baptist Building Band is small. Many of the members are not paying. Some of them are withdrawing. It seems impossible to open the eyes of our Baptist people to the importance of this work.

Under promise of a good gift from a good brother (whom I dearly love, and who I think intends to make it good in another way), we made conditional promises to some of these fields, and now this gift does not materialize, and I am unable to help these brethren, and the censure falls on me.

Brother, sister, friend won't you come to my relief now? I have written to hundreds of our pastors and people, and it seems of no avail. Stop, think, pray. The judgment is coming. The account must be rendered. Please help now. Send check to J. G. Bow, Louisville, Ky.

J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec.

THE RECORDS.

In the past we have attempted to report in the minutes of the General Association the totals given by each association to the several objects sustained by our people. Beginning with May 1, 1907, we hope to be able to report accurately the exact amount given by

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each church. Let all who send funds state the amounts given by each church so that every one may receive due credit.

BARBOURVILLE.

The church house here is undergoing repairs. The roof was threatening to fall in and the people had to remedy this condition. The appeal was made to the State Board and some aid was given the church promising to repair the church house and build a parsonage.

We are very sorry to record the fact that the pastor, Bro. Thos. S. Hubert, has resigned and gone South with his family.

BEREA.

Dear Bro. Bow—We are still pounding away here at Berea. It is difficult to form a correct estimate of the condition of the work here, owing to the ebb and flow in the student body of Berea College. Many of them attend our morning services, but it is only a small number of them upon whom we can rely. As is well known none of the college students, not even our own members who attend college, are permitted to go anywhere on Sunday night except to the college chapel. When it is remembered that Berea is largely made up of people who have come here to educate their children one can readily see how hard it is to have a Sunday night congregation.

But despite these adverse circumstances, together with bad weather, and the worst streets and sidewalks I ever saw, we have much to encourage us.

Our Sunday school has reached an attendance of 164 and the aver-

age attendance (leaving out one Sunday that was so rainy that it is a wonder we had any one) for the past month has been 130.

Bro. C. S. Ellis, of Lancaster, just left us this morning, having held a week's meeting. Four were received for baptism. It was a great pleasure to have Bro. Ellis with us. He is a faithful and able expounder of the word. A very forceful preacher of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though the time of service was short, the good done will be as enduring as eternity. Pray for the work at Berea.

AMOS STOUT.

R. R. Noel writes: "I am just in from a twelve days' trip, nine of them at Grove church, with my overalls on and paint brush in hand. Our church is a 'thing of beauty,' and I hope will be 'a joy forever.' I finished inside before I left (two coats), and left the brethren awaiting sunshine to finish roof and outside. And all paid for, save fifty dollars, lights and paints, and our money exhausted. However I believe it will come in before dedication, and on that day (third Sunday in April) I hope for a thank offering for missions. I came in from Grove and remained over at Pleasant Point church to assist in ordaining to the Gospel ministry Bro. J. A. Singleton, a good man. Everything passed off nicely and we had two valuable additions to the church."

HINDMAN.

Dear Dr. Bow: I have just closed a ten days' meeting with my little church at Vest, which resulted in thirteen accessions into our membership, making our present membership 32. This church

is located in a fine section of country surrounded by some of the best people of the mountains. One man gave us a very desirable lot and others have shown their faith by their work in giving of their money to help build a house of worship. May God open hearts and pocketbooks in this work.

The work at Hindman is doing well. We have paid \$135 on an old debt and have made something like \$100 improvements on property. The ladies have recently organized a W. M. U. and is doing good work for the Master. We have a very large Sunday school; its average has been 105 this last quarter, and the Lord has blessed us with 23 accessions into our membership. The future outlook for this work is very promising.

I speak of Whitesburg with regret, because I have not been able to give more of my time to that work, because of the condition of the work at Hindman and the importance of the work at Vest. Whitesburg is a great Baptist field; most of the leading men of the town are Baptist in belief and would give of their means to build a Baptist house. What we need is for these people to be converted unto God. We need a strong man to hold a meeting—a good reaper—for the harvest is truly ripe. Let us pray the Lord of the Harvest to send us a laborer into this vineyard. We are praying to this end and looking forward with hope of having a meeting and organizing a strong church and building a house of worship. Pray for this work.

J. M. OSBORNE.

FROM E. W. COAKLEY.

Our meeting at Millwood was a good one for the little church. It numbers only 42. We had fifteen to profess a hope, but only five were approved for baptism when I left.

Some hard-feelings among some of the members have long held the church down. O, why is it that some otherwise good people will see the cause of their dear Lord bleed at every pore while they pet their feelings. Far better not have any feelings than to let them get in the way of the Master's work.

I am now with the Immanuel church in Covington. Rev. J. T. Bowdax, the new pastor, is taking fast hold of his people and will attend his pastorate. Indications for a good meeting are seen, though the field was very closely reaped last year under the leadership of Dr. Powell. I go from here to Brooksville. Pray for us.

Fraternally,

E. W. COAKLEY.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The following figures ought to encourage us because of the growth of interest in our mission work. Our contributions from Kentucky Baptists in 1896 were:

State Missions	\$ 4,806.12
S. S. and Colportage...	1,980.16
Foreign Missions	10,585.52
Home Missions	8,198.02

In 1906 the contributions to the same objects were:

State Missions	\$14,585.16
S. S. and Colportage ..	3,058.05
Foreign Missions	26,620.36
Home Missions	15,821.86

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OUR EVANGELISTS.

Dr. W. D. Powell is in a good
meeting at Walnut Street church,
Louisville.

Bro. E. B. Farrar has just closed
a fine meeting at Somerset. Was
greatly hindered by the strike. He
goes next to aid Bro. E. W. Barnett
at Corbin.

Bro. J. M. McFarland is aiding
Pastor T. C. Carter in a meeting
at Salem, Ohio River Association.

Bro. E. W. Coakley is in a meet-
ing with Bro. Bowden at Immanuel
church in Covington. He goes
from there to Brooksville to aid
our missionary, Bro. J. A. Davis.

Bro. G. W. Argabrite is again in
the evangelistic work. He will be-
gin a meeting in the near future
with Dr. C. G. Skillman.

Bro. M. L. Blankinship is doing
good work up in the Mt. Zion and
East Union Associations. There
is more to be done than he can
compass.

Bro. E. W. Summers has been
employed by Boone's Creek Asso-
ciation to do evangelistic work in
connection with the State Board.
Bro. Summers has made a splen-
did record as an evangelist.

Bro. A. S. Petrey, our mission-
ary pastor at Hazard, will run out
and help the boys. He recently
held a good meeting with Bro.
Lewis Lyttle at Hyden, the county
seat of Leslie county. They hope
to build a house here in the near
future.

Bro. W. H. Smith is in a meet-
ing at Brownsville, county seat of
Edmonson county. The Baptists
there will at once "arise and
build." He is to hold a meeting
in the near future at Munford-
ville. The people here, aided by
the State Board have bought the
house formerly belonging to the
Disciples and will now have their
own Sunday school and prayer
meeting, and their own building in
which to "keep house for the Lord.

TO THE RESCUE.

Who will come? Some big-hearted, whole-souled brother or sister with some of the Lord's money is sorely needed *right now*.

Promises are out for aid in church building to the amount of at least \$1,500, and not \$200 in the treasury. We need a large endowment to furnish us a gift and loan fund, and unless we have it the cause of truth, as we believe and hold it must continue to suffer. Others have their Church Extension fund, and thus obtain great advantage over us, often entering and capturing and holding fields for which we as Baptists are responsible.

We have hopes and promises of future endowment, and yet it is not sure, for it is marvelous how easily wills are broken, especially wills leaving funds to religious work.

But we need right now a few hundred dollars to meet present demands, to tide over a crisis, to hold what we already possess.

How many will send me at once \$100, more or less. If you desire to designate where your money shall go, I will gladly give you a list of our specially needy fields.

We plead with you in the Master's name to help us to meet present obligations. The account of our stewardship is coming. Shall the record be found wanting?

J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec.

MESSENGERS TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

At the April meeting of the State Board the usual committee was appointed to enroll the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention—J. M. Weaver, B. A. Dawes and J. G. Bow.

Let all who desire to go send their names to the committee. Where churches are entitled to appoint messengers please report the names.

The same committee is authorized to enroll messengers to the General Convention of the Baptists of North America.

J. G. Bow, Sec.

SEVEN YEARS.

This year is the seventh of our service as Corresponding Secretary of the State Board. April, 1901, we received at this office \$6,909.56; 1902, \$8,843.19; 1903, \$11,379.17; 1904, \$13,333.08; 1905, \$16,650.22; 1906, \$17,965.38. We hope this April the receipts will not fall below \$20,000.00.

THE LAST CALL.

Two more weeks remain till the books close, and record is made for our year's contributions to all our mission work. What shall it be? Let every Baptist make some offering and put it in the treasury this month. Let all treasurers of churches and District Associations see that all monies are promptly forwarded. All money that reaches this office by 3 p. m. Tuesday, April 30th, will be duly reported at Atlanta and Richmond, and counted in the year's contributions and duly credited to the givers.

BALANCE OF MARCH RECEIPTS.

Blood River Ass'n., per H. B. Taylor \$76.95; East Concord Ass'n., per E. B. Farrar \$42, per J. M. McFarland \$175. Total \$217. Baptist Bldg. Band \$5, from R. R. Noel \$1, Dr. Acton \$1, Garland Singleton \$1, Jackson S. S., per Miss Cora B. Combs, \$1, W. M. Soc. Mt. Vernon ch., per Mrs. F. P. Drake, \$1; Nelson Ass'n., Vine Hill ch., per C. B. Glaize, \$5; Bethel Ass'n., per J. F. Garnett, \$92.95. Total \$320.32 from the following churches: Bethel ch. \$10.85, Pembroke \$227.95, Salem \$45, apportioned \$3.10; Bracken Ass'n., Olive Hill ch. per E. L. Howerton \$25, for Permanent Bld.

Fund; Goshen Ass'n., Millwood ch. per E. W. Coakley \$25; Long Run Ass'n. \$321.55 from the following churches: Walnut St., per W. D. Major, \$64, Hazelwood, per C. B. Althoff, \$2.55, Chestnut St., per Dr. J. M. Weaver, \$125; Broadway, per T. J. Humphreys, \$60, 26th and Market St., per Jas. McDavitt, \$30, East, per Herbert Loughridge, \$25; Freedom, per J. Leslie Adkins, \$20.25, from Albany ch. \$15, Salem ch. \$5; Church Bldg. Fund, per J. W. Ford, \$3; Enterprise Ass'n., Paintsville ch., per Chas. Martin, \$2.20; Goose Creek Ass'n., per Dr. H. R. McLendon, Manchester ch. 40 cts. and S. S. 45 cts.; West Union Ass'n., 1st ch. Paducah, per J. R. Puryear, \$41.67; Riverside ch., per James Roberts, \$4.75; Little Bethel Ass'n., Madisonville ch., per W. H. Smith, \$105; Greenup Ass'n., Pollard ch., per D. Wood, \$13; Booneville Ass'n., Crain Creek ch., per Thomas Murrell, \$1; Ohio County Ass'n., per J. N. Jarnigan, \$75; South Kentucky Ass'n., Liberty ch., per J. L. Owens, \$5; W. M. Soc. Monticello ch., per Mrs. R. C. Kimble, \$29; Book Sales, per Barney Blanship, \$105.

Total for March, \$3,255.43.

APRIL RECEIPTS.

Long Run Ass'n., Oakdale ch., per S. N. Mohler, \$37.12; per S. E. Reed from Eight Mile, \$2.30; Beechland ch., per Mrs. Belle Moremen, \$4.35; per W. J. McGlothlin, Tr. Long Run Ass'n., \$69.92, as follows: Third Ave. \$20, 22nd and Walnut \$49.92; Hazelwood, per Russell Hollis, \$5.80; East ch., per S. P. Loughridge, \$10; Kosmosdale, per Mrs. T. L. Lewis, \$11; Clifton ch., per N. C. Shouse, \$50; McFerran ch., per Jas. K. Jarvis, \$249; W. M. Soc. of Louisville for Miss Leachman, per Miss Bess Felix, \$20; Pleasant

Grove ch. in Jefferson county, per J. O. Fullright, \$14.50; Meadow Home ch., per J. E. Wills, \$5; Walnut St., per W. D. Major, \$21.50. Bethel Ass'n., Pembroke, per W. D. Powell, \$10; W. M. Soc. Lexington First ch., per Mrs. Walker, \$5; Baptist Building Band, per Mrs. J. E. Woodall, \$2; W. M. Soc. Smith's Grove, per Mrs. G. C. Garman, \$1; Miss Maggie Kuhnhein's class, per Miss Leora Wood, \$1; B. B. Vandyke and family, per Miss Mollie Frazer, \$5; Rockcastle Ass'n., Mt. Vernon ch., per W. R. Briscoe, \$6; Livingston ch., per Mrs. Geo. Pope, \$12.50; Warren Ass'n., Martinsville ch., per J. H. Souther, \$8; Elkhorn Ass'n., David's Fork ch., per Dr. W. H. Felix, \$200; Greenup Ass'n., Russell ch., per F. Eugene May, \$15; Union Ass'n., Falmouth S. S. \$30; Three Forks Ass'n., Hazard ch., per A. S. Petrey, \$22.55; Daviess County Ass'n., Third ch. Owensboro, per M. M. Parrish, \$40.10; Bethel Ass'n., per J. F. Garnett, \$167.68, Locust Grove \$50; West Union Ass'n., Spring Bayou ch., per L. R. Wren, \$20.58; Book sales, per M. L. Blankinship, \$12.95; Lynn Ass'n., per B. F. Hutcherson, \$51.24; Liberty Ass'n., per J. L. Bryan, \$79.63; Goshen Ass'n., per Lewis M. Bratcher, \$43.55; Rev. E. B. Glaize and wife for China Famine Sufferers \$2; Russell's Creek Ass'n., Gradyville ch., per Mrs. Ella Y. Robertson, \$10; Ohio Valley Ass'n., Spottsville ch., per W. W. Williams, \$16; North Bend Ass'n., per A. Logan Vickers, \$508.29; Stockton's Valley Ass'n., Seventy Six ch., per J. L. Adkins, \$3.21; Freedom Ass'n., per J. L. Adkins, \$6.30; Warren Ass'n., Smith's Grove ch., per J. G. Bow, \$4.75; Muhlenburg County Ass'n., Central City, per J. G. Bow, \$1.30; Nelson Ass'n., per T. P. Samuels,

S. S. and Colportage, \$87.50; Little River Ass'n., Princeton ch., per W. H. Rich, \$20.47; Harmony ch. per T. E. Martin, \$18.10; Liberty Ass'n., Glasgow ch., per J. L. Bryman, \$92.98; South Kentucky Ass'n., per D. S. Riffe, \$95.49; Warren Ass'n., First ch. Bowling Green, per B. P. Eubanks, \$54.20; Edmonson Ass'n., Brownsville ch., per W. H. Smith, \$12.50.

J. W. EDWARDS, MISSIONARY

Dear Bro. Bow: I thought I would write you in regard to my work. I am getting along very well. The weather has been so bad and so much sickness we have to abandon the Sunday schools for a while. I have been kept too busy to write. I never have been so busy in my life before. I have put in every day for weeks visiting the sick and preaching funeral sermons. I preached one Monday, one Tuesday and am on my way to preach one this evening. Last week I walked fourteen miles to the bedside of a dying man without God and without hope, in great distress, and I pointed him the way to Christ, and he accepted Him, and I baptized Him in a trough Tuesday morning. Wednesday he died. It seemed as a bran snatched from the burning. Sunday morning I went to see another sick man; he asked me to read and pray for him, and while I was finishing up the 5th chapter of 2 Corinthians, he died, and went to meet God. He told his brother he had accepted Christ a few days before under my exhortation. That evening I went to see a dear old brother I had lived by 25 years, and who had asked me to preach his funeral five years ago, and the request I fulfilled yesterday, and am going to preach a dear old sis-

ter's funeral this evening. I have another urgent request to go to see a very sick man to-morrow, who wants to know the way of life.

Pray for me that I may be able to hold up.

NORTH CONCORD ASSOCIATION.

Good meetings are being held in many of the churches in this part of the State. I closed a good meeting at Pleasant Ridge church with 30 additions. We baptized some out of Methodist families, also one Presbyterian. Brethren Burch and Coburn closed a great meeting with Liberty church. I do not know how many additions, but have heard it said that it was the greatest meeting ever held in that part of Knox county.

Brethren Cheek and Calebs are in a good meeting at Sinking Valley church. Bro. Johnson at Emmanuel and Bro. Peck at Indian Creek.

The Lord is most graciously blessing our churches. The outlook for North Concord Association is very promising. We took an advance step at the last meeting, promising something over three hundred dollars for all missions. This may look small, and is far less than ought to be given by our people, but when we remember that twenty years ago a preacher would have been debarred from our pulpits for preaching a mission sermon. In fact twenty years ago we had but one or two preachers who had any thought of missions. At this time a preacher that would oppose missions in this association would be considered a moss-back, etc.

With the material development going on in this section of the State, and a few good men to press

home to the people the idea of a world-wide evangelization, great things may be expected.

Wishing Bro. Bow and the brethren connected with the Board many, many blessing, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,
J. T. STAMPER.

BROWNSVILLE.

Dear Bro. Bow: I am just in from Brownsville. When I got there I found the little church very much disorganized. They had had but one sermon during this year. For years they have been holding their services in an old school house, with a hall over it. In fact they never had a church house, though they have a choice lot. So I began the effort to get them to build, drew up the plan and specifications and had them, in church capacity, to resolve to build. We found about \$400 worth of building material to start on, and the estimate for the building desired required about \$800 more to complete it. So at it we went and succeeded in getting over \$600 in gilt-edge subscriptions, with more than enough brethren who are off on the river that we could not get to see to assure us the \$800 needed, and so a committee was appointed to build was organized and will proceed to build at once, with the understanding that the new house is to be ready for dedication the fifth Sunday in June. Baptists have the only organization in the town, and Baptist sentiment is large in the majority, though there are a few Campbellites, Methodists, Mormons, etc., in the town. Now they propose to get a first class pastor for all his time and take the town while they have the opportunity. They are after one of

the best pastors in the State, and if they can get him (and I have strong hope that they will), with the amount they will raise, I feel sure that our State Board will gladly help them to locate him in their midst. That will mean, virtually, Edmonson county for us. There were several professions of faith and one very promising young man approved for baptism. I know of no more promising field than Brownsville. All that is needed is the right man to lead out and soon it will be ours. I begin at Second church, Bowling Green, next Sunday. Pray for us.

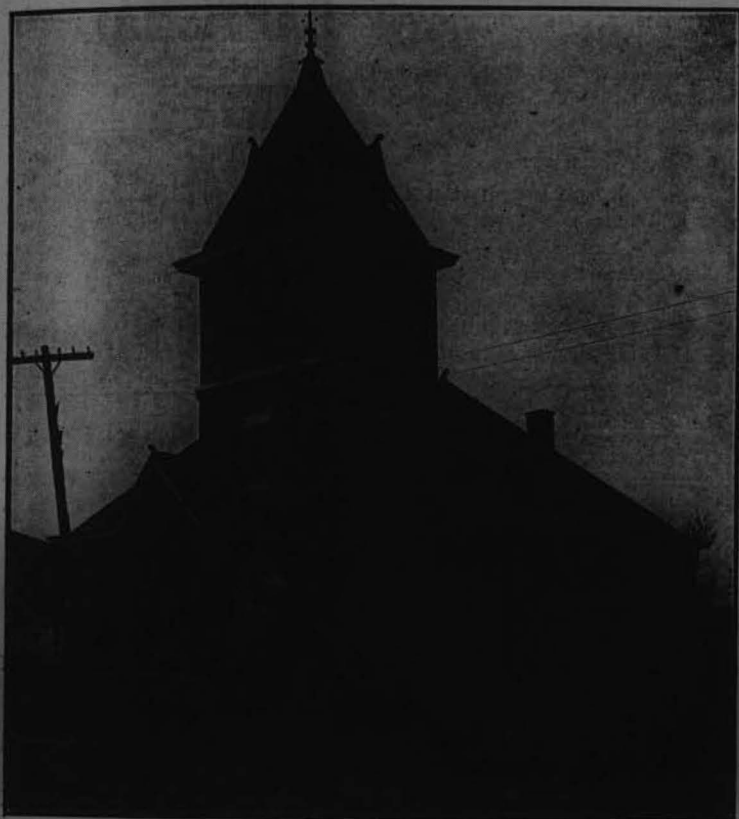
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W. H. SMITH.



PASTOR T. M. MORTON.

The above is a splendid picture of our Missionary Pastor at Dawson Springs. On another page is his new house. Help him to finish paying for it.



OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP AT DAWSON SPRINGS.

Our people all over the state have contributed to the erection of a house of worship at Dawson Springs, and they will be glad to see what has become of their money. To be sure all that was subscribed has not been paid, and this will serve as a notice to those who have not paid that the time has come to pay. There is a debt of \$600 on the lot, and \$300 is needed to finish the house. Hence more than is subscribed is needed and new gifts are in order.

It is a very creditable house and supplies a great lack. Over 80,000 visitors are at Dawson every year, and the Bap-

tists should have good representation there. Pastor T. M. Morton has shown great tact and wisdom, as well as made great sacrifices to carry this enterprise through. Last summer he had an evangelistic campaign in which various brethren assisted, and in which many visitors were blessed, while substantial strength was added to our weak church there. The work is under the auspices of our State Board, and Secretary Bow has rendered efficient personal service in bringing to pass the results reached. Dawson Springs is a very important centre of influence. Evangelist Powell is to aid in a meeting there in April.

The ever alive and alert Pastor H. Boyce Taylor has arranged a Bible Institute at Murray, beginning next Monday. It runs through Wednesday, and it promises to be an occasion of special interest.

Bro. R. C. Kimble has enthusiastically taken hold of the work at Monticello. Mrs. Kimble while awaiting the arrival of their household goods did some missionary work among the sisters. The Week of Prayer was observed, the Thank Offering amounting to \$29.

The new meeting house at Onton will be set apart to the worship of God the 5th Sunday in June. State Secretary Bow preaches the dedication sermon.

Bro. A. S. Petrey closed a meeting at Hyden with 32 additions by experience and baptism and two by letter. Brethren Osborne and Lyttle aided in the meeting which was a success in every sense of the word, and will result in the establishment of a Baptist church at Hyden.

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