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TITHING.

Testimony.

Can there be a simpler test of Christian sincerity?—Max Muller.

Councils of the early Church all proclaimed to Christians the obligation of paying tithes, resting the duty not on the authority of ecclesiastical law but on the sure basis of the Word of God: Ancyra, A. D. 314; Gangra, A. D. 324; Orleans, A. D. 511; Tours, A. D. 567; Toledo, A. D. 663; Rouen, A. D. 650; Fimli, A. D. 791; London. A. D. 1425.

Our Lord, speaking of tithes, saith: "These ought ye to have done."—John Knox.

The law of the tithe is binding upon the Christian Church.—Dr. Miller.

"Pay tithes and be rich."—Jewish Proverb.

Iranaeus, the disciple of that Polycarp who was the friend of the Apostle John, says: "We ought to offer to God the first fruits of His creatures. As Moses says: 'Thou shalt not appear before the Lord empty. Christ came not to diminish but to increase our obligations.'"

Cyprian, the leader of the Church in the third century, who was a man of wealth and at his baptism devoted a large part of his fortune to the poor, says: 'Now, we do not even give tithes of our patrimony, and when God commands us to sell, we purchase and amass.'"

Chrysostom, "the golden mouthed" orator and perhaps the greatest preacher of the Gospel since the Apostle Paul, says: "O what a shame! that what was not great matter among the Jews should be pretend-

ed to be such among Christians! If there was danger then in omitting tithes, think how great must be the danger now!"

Ambrose, the saintly bishop of the fourth century, who, though a rich and noble Roman, at the outset of his ministry devoted his whole fortune to the Church, says: "The Lord commands our tithes to be paid every year. He has given you nine parts, but he has reserved the tenth for himself; and if you give not the tenth part to Him, He will take from you the nine parts. Who-soever is not willing to give those tithes to God which he has kept back, fears not God and knows not what true repentance and confession means."

Augustine, the greatest uninspired theologian in all the ages of the Church and whose views of Scripture are largely accepted by nearly three-fourths of Christendom, says: "Tithes ought to be paid from whatever may be your occupation, whether war, merchandise or some handicraft. Tithes are required as a debt. He who would procure either pardon, or reward, let him pay tithes and out of the nine parts give alms. God who has given us the whole has thought it meet to ask the tenth from us, not for His benefit, but for our own."

**First fruits for God—He gives us all:
The sun to shine, the rain to fall;
He safely guides this rolling ball—
The first and best for God!**

**First fruits for God—He loved us first;
Gave the best unto the worst,
His only Son for men accursed—
The first and best for God!**

**First fruits for God—He is the first
To Father, Son and Spirit—burst
Praise from the whole great universe—
The first and best for God!**

THOS. D. OSBORNE.

... EDITORIAL ...

W. D. POWELL Editor

STATE LOYALTY.

Are you patriotic? Do you love Kentucky? Then you are interested in our State Mission work. We are caring for the weak and destitute points in our Commonwealth. The work is both intensive and extensive. Extensively, there are many sections where the Gospel is never preached and into which we must carry it and make it indigenious. The intensive work consists in the development and enrichment of the backward, non-producing churches. The development and enlargement of the sense of responsibility for the spread of the Kingdom at home and abroad, in all of our churches. A better quality will bring about a greater quantity.

Since the writer has been Secretary he has collected \$900,895.17 for State, Home and Foreign Missions. The State workers have reported 20,000 conversions, 16,000 baptisms and 9,000 added by letter; a total increase of 25,000.

Last year our missionaries reported: 2,881 conversions, 2,320 baptisms and 1,377 added by letter. Total increase, 3,697. They organized thirty churches and fifty-six Sunday Schools.

Our gifts to Home and Foreign Missions last year exceeded our apportionment by \$5,000. The present year we lead all the States in the proportion we have paid on our apportionment.

We strive faithfully to develop our people symmetrically. Unfortunately, we have some people who care little for State Missions. The Secretaries in several States complain that the pastors of the larger churches encourage their churches, Sunday Schools and Missionary Societies to give largely to Home and Foreign Missions and meagerly to the State work.

One of the finest Secretaries in the South wrote as follows the other day, when speaking of our annual meeting in Memphis on February 16th and 17th: "One of the chief services that these Conferences render is the dignifying of our State Mission work. We State Secretaries need

ourselves to feel that the work in which we are engaged is supremely important. Our little book, *The Primacy of State Missions*, teaches that doctrine. We need to let the brethren of the South see that we magnify our office. There is a disposition in some quarters to shove State Missions into a corner and give pre-eminence to Home and Foreign Missions. That is the position into which our larger churches have pushed State Missions. I suppose there is not a State Secretary but feels the frosty atmosphere when he goes into one of our large city churches to present State Missions. It is a matter altogether too small and insignificant to have the earnest support of a city church. There are rare exceptions, but this is the rule. There must never be an acknowledgment on our part of the minor importance of our great work."

These are the deep convictions and honest sentiments of one of our great leaders.

The Work Yet To Be Done.

We have made great progress in Kentucky, in some lines. There is greater liberality in the co-operating churches. We have moved forward notably in occupying and developing new fields but we have hundreds of churches doing little or nothing in the matter of Kingdom building. It is often difficult to reach them.

The Lord has promised to be with us. Our workers have shown that they are of good mettle.

Here is an illuminating report: "I have been in Lily four days and five nights. We have received six for baptism and one by letter. When we consider the conditions, this is one of the best revivals I ever saw. The church was about dead. I could find only one male and two female members. The Reformers and the Holy Rollers had about taken the country. But good Bible doctrine is well received. The best way to keep a boy from eating green apples is to give him ripe ones. I am trying to organize a Baptist Sunday School. I send two dollars for State Missions. I wish I could do more for Christ's dear cause. I gave two-fifths of my income for January. Times are hard, and the churches are sluggish."

This reveals consecration and a Christ-

like spirit. That man has a wife and several children. He works in a section where the people are poor but he is bringing things to pass. One hundred such men deserve the generous support of all our churches.

Our denominational objective is the increased efficiency of each local church, which shall manifest itself by increased spirituality and enlarged gifts for the support of our toiling workers. The funds should be sent month by month so that we would save the interest.

Pastors pray for our work and our workers, preach about it and set a stimulating example to your people by giving liberally to support our State work.

Two and a half billion dollars are spent annually for liquor. One and a fourth billion dollars are spent for tobacco. One billion are spent for automobiles. Jewelry and candy cost another billion dollars, while three-fourths of a billion are spent on theatres. These items foot up six and one-half billion dollars. This extravagance hinders people from doing for the Lord's cause.

A Call to Our Laymen.

Our laymen are more and more appreciating the fact that it is vitally important to evangelize our State as a necessary condition to evangelizing the region beyond. If the business men will only get under the task of raising \$50,000 for our State work, with the energy and push which usually characterizes them, it will certainly be done. The work is so vital to the progress of the Kingdom that it should appeal to the laymen. Let the laymen all over the State rise up in their churches and Associations and push forward the work of saving Kentucky.

A Sad State.

Here is a letter from a fellow Secretary which distresses me.

The Baptists in his State failed to meet their obligations to State Missions by several thousand dollars. The banks could not be paid and now refuse further loans. The missionaries have not been paid their December salaries and but little money is coming in, and the poor Secretary is discouraged and sick at heart.

The plight of several States is disquieting.

Thank God for the prompt and loyal support of our Kentucky pastors which has enabled us for more than seven years to meet our obligations to the banks promptly and to pay our missionaries on the first day of each month. Let us keep the pot boiling.

Good For Kentucky.

We have given more to Foreign Missions to date than Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Florida, District of Columbia, Arkansas, New Mexico and Illinois.

Our coal mines have closed down, tobacco is dull, and we are feeding hundreds of the unemployed, still our people give. This they ought to do. We can economize in dress and many unnecessary expenditures, but God's cause must be maintained, if we would prosper. Our barns are well filled, and the banks never had as much money on deposit.

We needed a lesson in economy and industry and we must profit by our present experience.

While sustaining worthily all other interests of our Lord's work, do not forget our self-denying State missionaries and their deserving families.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MT. STERLING.

The Associational Campaign at Mount Sterling on February 9th was a splendid success. Bracken Association is very extensive in its territory and some of the representatives came one hundred miles. Pastor Eastes, of Morehead, was there and had six of his people with him.

Dr. Graves led the Conference in a most satisfactory manner. Much useful information was imparted and plans were formulated to reach every church in the Association in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions before April 30th.

It was also agreed to bring before the District Board at its next meeting the putting on this Summer of an Evangelistic Campaign which will reach every part of the territory. At night Missionary Benson and the writer made inspirational ad-

dressess.

Pastor J. S. Wilson is having great success in his work at Mt. Sterling. More than fifty people have been received into the church. A parsonage has been bought and about paid for and at their next church meeting they expect to launch an effort to raise \$20,000 for a new house of worship. Things are getting better in that section. In the early days of Kentucky, the Baptists were very strong in that city and county, but one Brother Smith deserted the Baptist ranks and espoused the cause of Alexander Campbell and carried all the churches with him. The present church was organized by Rev. J. Pike Powers about 1871.

The new house of worship of the First Baptist church, Lexington, nears completion. It is very complete in all of its appointments and I presume will be the costliest Baptist meeting house in the South.

Dr. J. W. Porter, the eloquent and learned pastor, is one of the ablest men in the South. He has the courage of his convictions and the vicious and vacillating quail before him. He is abundant in labors and yet he is ever ready to do a friendly favor. His liberality knows no bounds. At the conference in Lexington on Monday, February 8th, a splendid luncheon had been prepared for some fifty people at thirty-five cents each. At the table, Dr. Porter generously announced his intention of paying the bill for all.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

There is an imperative demand for facilities either at Georgetown or Cumberland College that will enable our Baptists to do a work similar to that which is done at Berea. Baptist boys and girls must be provided with additional means for self-help while undertaking to secure an education. Our wealthy Baptists should furnish either or both Institutions with ample funds so that in addition to the present curriculum they might have a farm and such shops as would be necessary to give training for those who may wish to study scientific farming or mining and electrical engineering. Kentucky Baptists have the means, and they should gladly furnish

it for so laudable a purpose. Beyond doubt, Berea College is used for proselyting purposes to lead our Baptist boys and girls astray. But hot air will never remedy the case. It is useless to scold at Berea. We have been too derelict in providing our institutions or learning with necessary equipment.

Texas has taken the crown from Iowa in grain production the last year. She now leads the South in nearly all farm products. The soil is rich and in territory she is an empire. They claim 600,000 Baptists.

We will watch with interest the experiment she is making in combining all of her interests under one Board. Dr. Gambrell wisely says that even if it succeeds there, it would be doubtful if it should be carried across State lines. The Home Field shows that all Texas gave the past month to Home Missions under the new scheme \$10.60 and from May 1st to January 15th she has given \$2,344.50. The Foreign Mission Journal shows that Texas has given to January 15th only \$5,015.35, a drop of \$6,600 from what had been given to the same time last year.

Arkansas is also trying the combined plan. The Home Field shows that from December 15th to January 15th not one cent was given to Home Missions, though the Home Board aids liberally in the support of the work in that State. From May 1st to January 15th, Arkansas gave \$83.66 to Foreign Missions and from May 1st to January 15th she has given \$204.65. These figures are significant.

Farmers tell us that when they change the feed box for the milk cows from one side of the barn lot to the other, they note a decrease in the amount of milk received from the cows. We must move cautiously and carefully when we undertake to change plans which are giving good and satisfactory results.

Gratifying news comes to us of the responses made to the three teams who are working in the interest of the Judson Centennial. These men would love to have a parlor conference with the leading members of each church where they go. They depend on private solicitation for the raising of funds.

Foreign Mission Board Finances.

The following table shows what the Foreign Mission Board has received from the various States up to the 15th of January, as compared with the same date last year:

State.	Apportionment.	1915	1914
Virginia	\$ 87,000	\$ 23,502 95	\$ 23,444 19
Kentucky	50,000	18,798 95	12,372 26
Georgia	90,000	15,320 74	25,721 59
South Carolina	57,000	14,937 56	19,348 49
Missouri	24,000	11,940 99	13,144 40
North Carolina	60,000	11,792 78	17,177 37
Alabama	40,000	8,629 45	10,607 87
Mississippi	42,000	7,869 08	4,063 01
Maryland	13,000	6,979 17	6,366 01
Texas	100,000	5,015 35	11,607 60
Tennessee	36,000	4,656 93	5,432 78
Louisiana	12,000	3,009 16	2,469 80
Oklahoma	6,500	1,392 22	1,079 62
Florida	11,000	1,211 13	2,015 22
District of Columbia	5,000	837 18	1,759 35
Arkansas	12,000	83 66	205 65
New Mexico	1,750	75 49	47 10
Illinois	500	70 49	128 37
Other sources	10,000	830 00	8,443 32
	\$658,250	\$136,953 08	\$115,435 10

This table shows a distressing decline of \$28,482.

Kentucky has increased her gifts \$6,426; Mississippi, \$3,806; Maryland, \$613; Louisiana, \$540; Oklahoma, \$313; and Virginia, \$58. Only six States have increased their gifts over last year. The increase in Kentucky, you will note, is \$1,096 more than that of the five other States. Kentucky has given more in proportion to her apportionment than our mother State, Virginia. But we have not exerted ourselves to the utmost. We have no other thought than paying every cent we have promised. There must be but one mind, one spirit and one purpose in our forces.

Our Gifts to Home Missions.

Virginia and Georgia have outstripped us in gifts to the Home Board. Kentucky stands third and has given about one-seventh of all the Home Board has received to date.

The condition of both Boards demands our fullest sympathy and our generous aid.

FIXING GRANDMOTHER'S CLOCK.

When I was a small boy, nothing was more enjoyable than a visit to Grandmother Powell or Grandmother Rankin. Both lived to be very old women.

Once when I was spending a week with Grandmother Powell, two men came along in a spring wagon. They said their business was mending clocks. Grandmother had a fine eight-day clock that sat on the mantle. It was run by weights and was noted for furnishing the correct time.

Grandmother informed them that she did not need their services, that her clock had kept good time for more than twenty years.

One of them looked within and got some dust of metal on the tip of his finger and said that if something was not done that that good clock would soon be ruined. He said that for fifty cents he could fix it.

The money was paid, and he placed a

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... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

J. M. Price, 205 E. Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.
Acting Sunday School Secretary

A-1 Schools in Kentucky.

Greenville Baptist Sunday School—Rev. R. H. Tandy, Pastor; Mr. John X. Taylor, Superintendent.

Murray Baptist Sunday School, Murray—Rev. H. B. Taylor, Pastor; Mr. Barber McElrath, Superintendent.

Benton Baptist Sunday School, Benton—Rev. N. S. Castleberry, Pastor; Judge Joe L. Price, Superintendent.

Fifth Street Baptist Sunday School, Lexington—Rev. Walter L. Brock, Pastor; Mr. Frank L. Smith, Superintendent.

First Baptist Sunday School, Louisa—Rev. Olus Hamilton, Pastor; Mr. C. C. Hill, Superintendent.

First Baptist Sunday School, Mayfield—Dr. W. M. Wood, Pastor; Mr. E. S. Lowe, Superintendent.

Teacher Training Items.

The standing to date of the five leading States, January 31st, 1915:

Normal Diplomas—Texas, 4,412; Kentucky, 4,151; Georgia, 3,064; North Carolina, 2,689; Mississippi, 2,264.

Red Awards—Kentucky, 726; Texas, 594; Georgia, 324; Tennessee, 299; Alabama, 293.

Blue Awards—Kentucky, 447; Texas, 320; Georgia, 181; Alabama, 157; Tennessee, 148.

Blue Seal Graduates during the month of January, 1915—Mrs. J. W. Pugh, Warren Ass'n; Miss Nora D. Lea, Long Run Ass'n; Mrs. L. L. Spurlin, Little River Ass'n.

Red Seals issued during the month of January, 1915: Mrs. Bettie Key, Blood River Ass'n; Mrs. Sula Key, Blood River Ass'n; Miss Maud Clark, Bracken Ass'n; Miss Lenna Clark, Bracken Ass'n; Mrs. Burcote Stephenson, Freedom Ass'n; Mrs. H. G. Webb, Long Run Ass'n; Mrs. Ethel B. Manning, Long Run Ass'n; Miss Martha Harris, Enterprise Ass'n; Miss Ella Harris, Enterprise Ass'n; Miss Anna Martin, Enterprise Ass'n; Miss Anna Harris, Enterprise Ass'n; Mrs. George Lee Elliott, Pulaski Ass'n; Mrs. C. D. Chick, Salem Ass'n; Mrs. Z. P.

Hamilton, Freedom Ass'n; Miss Mollie V. Judy, Union Ass'n; Miss Latta Greer, Long Run

The following is a list of Normal Diplomas by Associations ending January 31st, 1915:

Long Run, 661; Blood River, 447; Elickhorn, 314; North Bend, 264; West Union, 192; Daviess Co., 154; Bethel, 136; Pulaski, 130; Campbell Co., 128; Bell Co., 80; Nelson, 80; West Kentucky, 77; Graves Co., 72; Wayne Co., 70; Bracken, 70; S. District, 65; Ohio River, 65; Little River, 61; Union, 58; North Concord, 57; Ohio Co., 56; Baptist, 53; Muhlenberg, 50; Concord, 46; Enterprise, 46; White's Run, 45; Shelby County, 43; Mount Zion, 42; Tate's Creek, 41; Greenup, 39; Breckenridge, 39; East Union, 37; Ohio Valley, 37; Franklin, 37; Liberty, 35; Crittenden, 35; Severn's Valley, 29; Russell's Creek, 28; Salem, 24; Little Bethel, 24; Three Forks, 24; Sulphur Fork, 23; Warren, 22; Boone's Creek, 19; Freedom, 17; Goshen, 15; Oneida, 13; Laurel River, 12; Simpson, 12; Lynn, 11; Central, 11; Ten Mile, 6; East Lynn, 5; Rockcastle, 5; Allen, 2; Upper Cumberland, 2; South Kentucky, 2; Gasper River, 1; Logan Co., 1; Owen Co., 1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

Progress during the month has been good, in fact, the best all around for some time. The response to the letters sent out, urging more teacher training work has been encouraging. A number of new classes have been organized and others are pressing forward with the work. Several have received the Normal Diploma, whose names came in too late for this month's report.

The outlook for the Post Graduate work is bright indeed. Many have enrolled for that work. Expressions like the following one from Rev. J. T. Bowden, of Versailles, are coming in. "I have practically completed the 'School of the Church' by Dr. J. M. Frost, and find the work fascinating and very helpful. I wish all our Blue Sealers would take this Post Graduate Course." Rev. W. G. Everson, pastor of Fourth Avenue, Louisville, completed the whole Post Graduate course in about two weeks' time and

received the first complete Post Graduate diploma issued in Kentucky, and the second in the South. It is all encouraging.

The number of schools re-enrolling for the A-1 Standard is not so encouraging, though we tied Texas for first place among the States. There are only six as the list elsewhere printed will show. Many more should join the list this month.

All in all, Kentucky ranks well among the States in the work accomplished the past month, in spite of the fact that she has no Sunday School man in the field. "Things are getting better."

Let all the Sunday Schools take note of Sunday School Missionary Day for Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday, March 28th, and work and pray for a liberal contribution that day.

J. M. Price.

THE VALUE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At a rally of Heidelberg Reformed church in Philadelphia, communications from prominent men on the value of Sunday Schools were read. Requests for the views had been made by Superintendent T. B. Wirebeck of the church Sunday School. Some of the expressions are given below:

Ex-President Cleveland: "My observation has convinced me of the extraordinary value of the influences that grow out of Sunday school teaching. I assure every Sabbath school scholar in the land that nothing contributes more to the building of good character and to living helpful and useful lives. The influences of the Sabbath school, if the life is open to receive it, is one of the strongest and most constant guides and helps in the severe struggles which await every one in the journey of life."

Edward Everett Hale: "The Sunday school service should be a simple service of worship, prayer and song. It should not be hurried, but should be distinguished for its solemnity, earnestness and order."

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania: "Many a man owes his success in life and his happiness to the influence on his life and character exerted by his early training in the Sunday school."

"The world owes much to the Sunday school teachers for their disinterested work."

Vice-President Fairbanks:

"The Sunday School is a powerful influence for good. It uplifts young men and young women, and as a mighty agency for good deserves universal encouragement and support."

Lieut. Gov. Bruce of New York:

"The Sunday school is as essential to the child's knowledge of God as the day school is to the child's proper education. It would be as unwise to close our Sabbath schools as to close our public schools and leave the education of our children to their fathers and mothers."

Gov. Herrick of Ohio: "The value of the Sunday school can scarcely be estimated; certainly it cannot be overestimated. All the knowledge of the Bible possessed by many men and women is what they learned during their early years in the Sunday school."

FIXING GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK.

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wooden wedge in some portion that controlled the striking apparatus and at the next hour when the clock began to strike it did not stop until all the strikes for the next week had been delivered in a job lot. It was great fun for me and some other members of the family, but my good Presbyterian Grandmother lost her patience and threatened dire vengeance on those yankee tinkers if they ever passed that way again.

The clock was carried to a jeweler at Murfreesboro and the wedge removed and it continued to keep correct time as before.

Our Missionary work in Kentucky has been developing along all lines in a very satisfactory manner. Our pastors and churches, in the main, are training their people to give with fairness to each interest. It would be dangerous and detrimental to undertake to uproot that plan which has placed us in the van of sister States and introduce a new scheme which is purely theoretical and experimental.

... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ...**Central Committee.**

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Baltimore, Md., Feb. 5, 1915.

Dear Council Friend:

Once more we are called upon to mourn the loss of one of our honored members, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, W. M. U. organizer in Alabama. You doubtless know that she was the daughter of the late Dr. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. In her very life-blood, therefore, coursed the warmest love for missions, and she did truly pour it forth in many years of unflinching, strenuous service as a field worker.

Serving at different times as State President, W. M. U. Vice-President, Sunbeam leader and W. M. U. organizer, Mrs. Hamilton taught me many lessons, but two of them stand out now most prominently in my memory. First, there was her prompt and constant follow-up work after she had been out in the field. She knew that the new societies must be nurtured very carefully, and by personal letters and appropriate literature she gave her best to this end. In the second place, she was a veritable advance and rear-guard to the W. M. U. Annual Meeting. All during February, March and April she would speak and write about the approaching great event and would direct the plans of many accordingly. After the annual meeting, she ceased not to explain its great policies to the end that each society might be a part of them.

As we think of our work, can we not make these two characteristics of her life more distinctly a part of ours? It will mean much for the permanency of our work.

You have doubtless heard that Sunday, March 28th, has been set aside as Missionary Day in the Sunday schools. Splendid charts have been prepared by the Sunday School Board, and I feel very sure that the

other helps will be equally as valuable. As Council members, we can do much in advertising the day, in encouraging the Sunday School pupils and officers to observe it, in lending all possible aid personally in carrying out the program and in showing ways and means toward a universal and abundant offering. I am,

Yours in loving appreciation,
 Kathleen Mallory.

Dear Sisters:—

God in His mercy and goodness has again permitted us to have the opportunity to observe a week of prayer and thanksgiving for Home Missions.

Have we not many things for which to thank Him: the blessings of a Christian country, that those who are "high in authority" are Christian men and are safely steering the "Ship of State" around the whirl-pool of war, and that while famine and earthquakes are causing people of other nations to suffer, we have enough and to spare?

Under such conditions, should we not gladly lay aside everything and observe this "Week of Prayer" with truly thankful hearts asking His richest blessings upon our work and workers?

If we would continue to receive such blessings, we must continue the evangelization of the frontier and mountain people and the foreigners in our Homeland.

Kentucky women are asked for \$7,900* for Home Missions before April 30th. As yet, we have only given about \$1,400, leaving \$6,500 to be raised.

Shall we fail? Can we not really make this a self-denial offering? How would it do to ask each woman to really deny herself of something, that she may give more and report it when making her offering? It might stimulate others to give more largely.

Pray earnestly and give as God has prospered.

Yours in service,
 (Mrs.) Kate C. Hinkle.
 Cor. Sec. W. M. U. of Ky.

P. S.—Please read to the Society.

Dear Girls:—

The time has again arrived for the observance of the week of prayer and self-denial offering for Home Missions.

Of course you have noticed the change in the objects for which our Auxiliaries are to give this Convention year. We have been making our Home Mission offerings for the Mountain Schools, but this year we are asked to give for the evangelization of the foreigners in our own country and the frontier. As for our gifts for the foreigners, it has been truly said, "If we do not Christianize them they may heathenize us."

This has been called our "self-denial offering." May we not urge each girl to make a real self-denial?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Thomas Rodman,

State Y. W. A. Leader

P. S.—Please read to the Society.

Mayfield, Ky., Jan. 27, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Hinkle:

The women of the First Baptist church give to missions in a very easy and simple way.

Several years ago our church adopted the envelope system. The first of the year every member of the church is asked to subscribe a certain amount to be paid weekly both to missions and current expenses.

The women of the Missionary Society have W. M. U. printed on their envelopes and when the envelopes are collected each Sunday, those marked W. M. U. are turned over to the Treasurer of the Society.

Also through the year there are special offerings made by the Society for various purposes as Christmas offering to China, Judson Memorial, Christian Education, etc.

So far, this method has met with success.

Very truly,

Mrs. Mary D. Landrum

Week of Prayer Literature has been mailed. We trust the program committees may go to work at once.

Some Suggested Preparation.

1.—Begin a Mission Study Class at once, using a Home Mission text book. ("Baptist Home Missions" by V. I. Masters, or "New Home Missions," by H. Paul Douglass Order from Educational Department of Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va.)

2.—Ask the pastor to preach a sermon on Home Missions on February 28th, the first

day of the Week of Prayer. (Ask him now that he may have ample time for preparation.)

3.—Send to the W. M. U. office, 205 East Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky., for as many envelopes as you will use wisely. Give one to every woman in your church, asking her to bring it back with an offering even if it be small. Number the envelopes and keep a list of those to whom given that you may know when all are in and remind those who may have forgotten or neglected.

4.—Observe every day, making much of Prayer. Give an opportunity for each one to pray audibly by having a chain of prayer. Those who do not take part in this may have an opportunity by having silent prayer, special objects being suggested as on first page of program. When prayer for a special object is called for, let the leader be sure to read the notes which accompany the request on program.

5.—A plan some societies have tried that others might like, is: Have the W. M. S. attend the Y. W. A. prayer service on Wednesday afternoon, and have the men of the church carry out the program for Wednesday at the Prayer meeting. Consult the pastor at once, asking him to notify the laymen, that they might have ample time to study up on Home Missions. (The special offering may be taken that night or the day following, or on both. In fact, a wise plan is to gather up the envelopes every day lest some may not be able to come but the one day.)

6.—In some small churches where several organizations exist, it might be wise to encourage the juniors to meet with the W. M. S. and their program carried out in connection with the W. M. S. program. However, the collection should be kept separate, as each society would desire to receive credit for its own offering.

(Mrs.) Kate C. Hinkle.

Receipts for January, 1915.

W. M. S.—Foreign Missions, \$1,077.41; Christmas Offering to China, \$1,643.84; Home Missions, \$663.09; S. S. B. Bible Fd., \$16; State Missions, \$394.82; Colored Worker, \$25.25; Training School Expense, \$53.30; Training School Enlargement, \$599.28; Judson Centennial, \$50.75; Home Church Build-

ing Fund, \$17.50; Education Society, \$73.90; Miscellaneous, \$25.15. Total, \$4,640.29.

Y. W. A.—Foreign Missions, \$201.81; Christmas Offering to China, \$177.35; Home Missions, \$51.66; S. S. B. Bible Fund, \$1; State Missions, \$63.41; Colored Worker, \$2; Training School Expense, \$14; Training School Enlargement, \$24.09; Education Society, \$29; Miscellaneous, \$12. Total, \$576.32.

S. B.—Foreign Missions, \$44.82; Christmas Offering to China, \$49.71; Home Missions, \$12; State Missions, \$6.50; Colored Worker, 25c; Training School Expense, \$1.25; Training School Enlargement, \$3.70; Judson Centennial, \$2; Education Society, \$4.32. Total, \$124.55.

R. A.—Foreign Missions, \$14.80; Home Missions, 25c; State Missions, 40c; Training School Enlargement, 20c. Total, \$15.65.

Foreign Missions, \$1,338.84; Christmas Offering to China, \$1,870.90; Home Missions, \$727; S. S. B. Bible Fund, \$17; State Missions, \$465.13; Colored Worker, \$27.50; Training School Expense, \$68.55; Training School Enlargement, \$627.27; Judson Centennial, \$52.75; Home Church Building Fd., \$17.50; Education Society, \$107.22; Miscellaneous, \$37.15. Total, \$5,356.81.

Total for January, 1914, \$4,581.96.

J. C. B.

A Motto Which Hangs in the W. M. U. Office.

“To smile at trials which fret and fag
And not to murmur or to lag;
The test of greatness is the way
One meets the eternal Everyday.”

Pass it on.

A Fine Plan.

One of the members of the Harrodsburg church was in the W. M. U. office recently and she told us that their church had begun using the duplex envelopes this year. The church treasurer has the roll of members of the Woman's Missionary Society, and when the collection is taken on Sunday he gives each woman credit for the amount given to missions on his book, then

turns their mission money over to the W. M. U. treasurer and she sends it in to headquarters, 205 East Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky.

Corbin's New Plan.

(Given by Mrs. F. R. Walters by request.)

An enlistment campaign for pastors' salary, church expenses, missions, benevolences, membership and greater service was held with the Corbin Baptist church, January 11th to 17th, 1915.

Our missionary society entered the campaign with much interest for enlistment of new members, weekly offering to missions and greater service.

Each afternoon service was given to the women. Addresses were made by Rev. H. C. Combs of London, F. W. Walters and Mrs. Kate C. Hinkle. In general, the meetings were attended with much interest regardless of the bad weather.

The church selected four enlistment teams, two men in each team, and the W. M. U. a corresponding number to accompany the men, usually the husbands and their wives.

The workers met at the church Sunday at 1:30 p. m. The town was divided into four sections and the names of the church members in each section given to the team in charge. Instruction was given as to the distribution of envelopes and pledge cards, and each worker headed the list of the section in which they lived. Then prayer was offered for divine aid and each team went to the section assigned them.

There was a hearty response to both church and society. The women seemed more ready to enlist as members when we explained to them that giving weekly offerings to missions through the society entitled them to membership instead of paying so much as dues each month. The amount subscribed by the women through the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. (the Y. W. A. was just organized that morning at Sunday school) was \$121 for the year. Most all hoped to give more than they signed and there remains some who are to be enlisted. As the W. M. U. had no separate envelopes for their use, our church treasurer, E. W. Roach, agreed to furnish them and the fol-

lowing form is his design: :

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Amount.....

The same for the Y. W. A's, with Y. W. A. on them instead of W. M. U. The Y. W. A's and the W. M. U's are to bring in their offering at each meeting. (Societies meeting each week.)

We feel that this plan was a success, and when in thorough operation will prove a blessing to both church and society.

Corbin, Ky. Mrs. F. R. Walters.

Societies that send their money direct to the W. M. U. headquarters give their receipts to the church treasurer and he gives the church credit for the amount to missions.

The Country Church.


The people widen and deepen acquaintance when they make the Country Church a social center. The young people should be brought together frequently. The minister should study to make himself helpful to the farmer. He should encourage the people to make home attractive. There should be a good library kept open to the community at the Country Church.

The minister must inform himself on the problems of agriculture. The farm is a place of business as well as a home. Crop production and utilization must interest the preacher as well as theology. He must make a study of the social forces that are at work under rural conditions. He should be a good mixer.

The strength of the Baptists has ever been in rural communities.

RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY.

- Barren River Ass'n—Rev. T. F. G., \$10.21.
- Bell Co. Ass'n—Varilla ch., Rev. W. T. R., \$2.
- Bethel Ass'n—Hopkinsville B. Y. P. U., \$30; H. H. A., \$577.32.
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Central Ass'n—Bethlehem ch., \$5.12; Mackville ch., J. A. B., \$7.30.

Elkhorn Ass'n—1st ch. Lexington, Dr. J. W. P., \$40; Hillsboro ch., \$33.09; Bryant's Sta., \$10; Clover Bottom, \$5; Mt. Pleasant, \$14.30; Nicholasville, \$16.61; 5th st., Lexington, \$140; Porter Memorial, \$6 Georgetown, M. T., \$100; Mt. Freedom ch., C. W., \$10.

Enterprise Ass'n—Inez ch., J. S. C., \$10.61; Van Lear ch., Rev. T. U. F., \$5.44.

Franklin Ass'n—North Fork S. S., Mrs. N. L., \$5; 1st ch., Frankfort, J. W. H., \$96.

Gaspar River Ass'n—W. A. K., \$174.69; Morgantown S. S., W. A. K., \$3.75

Goshen Ass'n—Caneyville ch., W. B. M., \$25.

Greenup Ass'n—Pollard ch., Rev. W. C. P., \$5.

Liberty Ass'n—Horse Cave ch., W. A. McG., \$10; Horse Cave ch., Dr. M. D. E., \$5.

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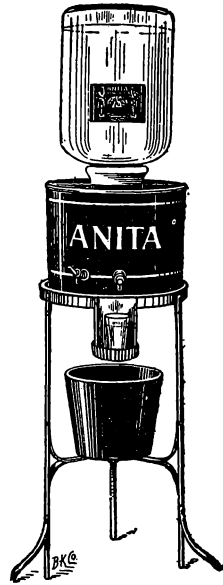
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