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.. EDITORIAL ...

W. D. POWELL Editor

THE GREATEST IN OUR HISTORY.

Such, beyond doubt, was the recent meeting of the General Association in this city, which closed on the night of November 16th. Dr. A. Gatliff was re-elected Moderator, Hon. W. A. Frost and Dr. W. E. Hunter were elected Assistant Moderators. Prof. John L. Hill was elected Secretary, and Mr. A. E. Wohlbold, Assistant Secretary.

The following were made members of the Executive Board: W. M. Stallings, W. W. Landrum, C. W. Elsey, E. C. Farmer, H. L. Winburn, B. H. Lovelace, G. E. Hays, W. S. Farmer, T. J. Barksdale, H. S. Summers, Arthur Fox, S. P. Martin, W. E. Hunter, A. Gatliff, J. A. Booth, J. W. Porter, N. C. Shouse, M. E. Staley, E. A. Cottrell, O. M. Huey, R. G. Bowers, W. C. Pierce, E. C. Stevens, L. C. Kelly, M. D. Early, H. B. Taylor, Thos. D. Osborne, R. L. Carter, C. M. Thompson, W. M. Wood, N. F. Jones, J. G. Caldwell, F. D. Perkins, W. D. Wakefield.

Tuesday night Rev. W. M. Stallings preached a great sermon that thrilled the vast audience. Wednesday night there was a discussion of the Budget Plan, presented by Eld. H. B. Taylor. Thursday noon, Dr. Frederick A. Agar spoke at a Men's banquet, which was held in the Louisville Hotel. More than 200 men were present and it was a great occasion.

Thursday night was State Mission night, and a great report was presented by J. W. Porter. He made a great address on the subject of State Missions, and held his audience spell-bound. He was followed by Dr. Frederick A. Agar, formerly a State Secretary in the Northwest, and now Methods Secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention. Then addresses were made by different workers of the State Board, giving a bird's-eye view of the opportunities on their

respective fields and the conquests of the past year.

The report of the Budget Committee was presented by Chairman H. B. Taylor. The following amounts were recommended for the ensuing year:

State Missions, \$60,000; Home Missions, \$40,000; Foreign Missions, \$55,000; Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, \$18,000; Education, \$22,000; Ministers' Aid, \$4,000; Administration, \$12,000; Deficit, \$14,000. Total, \$225,000.

This shows that there must be increased giving all along the lines. These amounts are to be paid monthly. Pastors and workers must put plenty of spirit into the campaign for the Budget from this date until October 31, 1917. The work must be stressed in every community in our state.

Local situations must not absorb the gifts and energies of our people to the neglect of our great denominational enterprises. The fact that splendid houses of worship have been erected does not excuse a church from giving generously to the different phases supported by our Budget. Serious and terrible will be the consequences if we slacken the traces at any time during the year.

Money paid for interest is money wasted when our people are amply able to settle these amounts and make no necessity for a recourse to the banks. Active laymen in each District Association must assist the pastors in securing an every-member canvass and putting on the Budget Plan. There should be a committee of laymen who would work at this matter through the entire year to see that every church is reached, and that the amounts given will be an increase, if possible, over the amounts given last year.

Our women have wrought gloriously the past year. They have proven themselves overcomers. They are adepts in the matter of gleaning. We have reason to congratulate ourselves that great things have come from the co-operation of our Baptist women, under the leadership of Mrs. Kate C. Hinkle and the other leaders.

It is enough to make one shudder when we think of the amount that must be remitted each month for the various denominational interests. We crave the co-operation of all our people. We ask to be remembered at a throne of grace, and that many prayermeetings will be given to praying for the various items that we have set to support, and asking God to make His people a willing people and give us that faith, courage and sacrificial spirit that brings victory. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

TAKING OUR TASK SERIOUSLY.

We have made a decided forward move in the program which has been outlined as our task for 1916-1917. There is not a moment to be lost if we are to reach the splendid goal we have set. All of our forces must be set to work at once and remain steadfastly at the post of duty until our efforts It would be are crowned with victory. splendid if every church would put on an every-member canvass within the next thirty days. The moneys are to be sent to us monthly. It is nothing unusual for Treasurers of some of the best churches, as well as smaller ones, to send us a remittance saying "I have had this on hand for a month or two, but just overlooked sending it." All the while we had been paying interest on the amount. Pastors by their vigilence can help to remind Treasurers in regard to the matter of remitting until they are so thoroughly established in the custom that it will be considered a vital part of their monthly transactions.

At Christmas times, when gifts are being bestowed, what spiritual benefits would be reaped if a godly family would send the main body of their funds as a gift to the Budget, while members of the household present to each other inexpensive gifts that would be expressive of love and affection!

People often ask what is the best way to send funds to us. The very best way is to send it marked for the Budget and let it be divided to the various objects according to the ratio established by the General Association. The receipt that will be returned will show how much is given to each object.

THE PERIL OF PROSPERITY.

J. B. Gambrell.

"The sin which threatens us is the sin of covetousness, not merely the spirit which grasps that it may hold, but the spirit that seeks that it may dissipate. Blessed is the man that is the master of wealth and uses it for the glory of God, but woe unto him who, like the foolish rich man, thinks only of himself and is not rich toward God.

"Prosperity may be a greater curse to the nation than war. Our Saviour said, 'Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.' What greater disaster could befall us than for the American people to be separated from God by prosperity?

"Many men and women who, hitherto, with meager income have given God first place, are now so absorbed with the abundance of their possessions that they have little time for Him. In the hour of prosperity they do not feel their need of Him, and forget that He alone is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

"On the other hand, wealth may be used, and should be used, to advance the Kingdom of God. The good news is to be preached to the lost at home and in other lands, converted men and women are to be trained for service, orphans are to be fed and clothed, the sick must have the ministration of skillful and sympathetic hands. What a call for men and women to be liberal to God, and to be co-workers with Him in the biggest task earth has ever known!

"How good God has been to us! In adversity His grace was sufficient, and His strength was made perfect in our weakness. What an opportunity now to express our gratitude to our Father!

"We are summoned now as we have not been for many a day, to convince a gain-saying world that Christianity is real, that the claims of our Lord have first place with us, that we have the proper appreciation of the true meaning of life—not to be interpreted as selfishness, but as service.

"May we read again and interpret aright in our living and giving the words of Jesus. 'A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth....so is every one that is not rich toward God."

If Kentucky Baptists will pay earnest heed to these wise words of Dr. Gambrell, we will not fail to meet our apportionments for Missions, Education, Baptist Children's Home, Aged Ministers and each item of our State Budget—Editor.

It was our privilege to have two conferences with the State workers during the session of the General Association, which were greatly enjoyed. At one of these, Dr. Frederick A. Agar delivered a most helpful address. We had luncheon together in the basement of the church. Our Missionaries are men who are not afraid of hard work, and we feel sure that they will give good account of themselves during the next twelve months. Earnest prayer was made that God would fill us with the Spirit and inspire us to expect greater things.

CAMPAIGN IN GREENVILLE ASSOCIA-TION.

Missionary A. Owen Allison, of New Liberty, has just made a campaign through Greenville Association, at our suggestion and their invitation, and these are the conditions that he found. They show that the need an active worker in that Association:

"Philadelphia, in the lower edge of this county, has almost no house of worship, a small membership, who know nothing whatever about Mission principles. Quicksand in Breathitt County really ought to belong to the Three Forks Association. In a town of 1,500 inhabitants they meet once a month in the school-house, have no Sunday School or Prayer Meeting, and have about seven members in the village. The Methodists and Holy Rollers are making considerable inroads on them. Union has a house of worship, but is sadly lacking for leadership and development.

"Spencer meets in a school-house and is well-nigh dead. Rebekah meets in a school-house, but has some better prospects. Campton is a very prospective field if there was some one to lead the work. Providence has a house of worship and could be developed into a good church. Shiloh meets in a school-house. It is capable of great development. Laurel Spring has a building but they are more or less mixed up with

unionism. They need teaching and are capable of good things.

"Ingram Chapel is a big church for this county, but is woefully divided, and is doing nothing whatever. Bethel meets in a school-house. They are taking some steps, however, to build. Goshen, in Montgomery County, meets in a dwelling house. They need a good revival meeting, and then some teaching and organization.

"There is surely no needier field in the state. Unless there is a good missionary located among them, I don't see any chance for them ever to amount to much."

Rev. W. D. Powell, D.D.
Louisville, Ky.
My Dear Dr. Powell:—

The financial conditions of the two Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention as brought out at the annual meeting, last spring, must have brought home to everyone at all interested in the work of the convention the unsatisfactory and dangerous financial methods under which the Convention is working; and, while as far as the Foreign Board is concerned, they managed almost by a miracle to extricate themselves from their burdensome debt as then existing, it goes without saying that this could not be repeated, and further, that unless conditions under which this debt was created are radically changed, both Boards do stand together in danger of a repetition of what was so lamentably true last spring.

The action of your Kentucky Association in making regular monthly contributions cannot be too highly praised, and has attracted favorable notice in many quarters. For some years I have been deeply impressed with the folly, not to say actual wrong, of the present methods, but felt, like nearly all others, more or less helpless in bringing about any changes. However, at the last session of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, I introduced some resolutions, copy of which I enclose you, which speak for themselves.

As you know, Maryland stands at the top of the list in this matter of regular and dependable contributions, but there is room even for improvement in our state. My object, therefore, in writing to ask that you will kindly give me as full particulars as possible regarding the Kentucky plan,

whether it is working satisfactorily to the members of the denomination throughout the state, and whether it is likely to become permanent, and further, any information you may have as to the probabilities of the other states falling in along a similar line. I am obtaining data from the two Boards as to what the figures show, so that upon the receipt of your letter, I hope to be able to formulate some plan for crystallizing a general movement toward betterment of conditions, at least involving a plan that will point in that direction, whether immediately practicable or not. Any and all information you can give bearing on this all-important subject I shall greatly appreciate.

Yours very truly,

Eugene Levering.

It would be well at Thanksgiving time for individuals, Churches or Sunday Schools, who are so impressed, to send us an offering to feed and clothe and care for the ninety-seven helpless children at the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home.

Old newspapers, magazines and wastepaper gathered about the home could be sold for a goodly sum and would give material help in this time of need.

Shall we continue borrowing to feed and clothe the orphans at Glendale? Shall we borrow for Education, Missions and the other items of our Budget, and thus waste money in paying interest? We have no money for these objects except what the churches send us. Let funds for the Budget be raised and sent to us without delay, that at the end of the first month we may be enabled to meet our obligations.

Let earnest prayer be offered for the members of our State Board, which will hold its first session in Walnut Street Baptist Church on December 5th. There are thirty-four men who must think through the various features of our work and plan wisely for the year to come. There must needs be discussion, but let us pray that it shall be considerate and constructive, forward-looking and wholesome. It should be a deep religious meeting in which peace, harmony and a fraternal spirit shall pre-

We are brought under deep gratitude to the Baptists of our State who responded so nobly to our appeal as we were closing the fiscal year. There was no debt on the item of State Missions, which is a part of our Budget. When we strengthen the stake of State Missions, then we shall have strength to compass world-wide needs. State Missions is the most fundamental of all our enterprises. Our State workers not only evangelize, set up Baptist churches in the destitute parts of our State and foster them until they become self-supporting and independent, but they also indoctrinate and strengthen the cause where it is weak. There are portions of Kentucky where the Gospel is not preached. We must plan to give the Word of Life to these.

Tennessee Baptists closed the year with a debt of some \$4,000 on State Missions.

Dr. Victor I. Masters has published a very interesting book on the Rural Church. It ought to have a large circulation. The author shows conclusively that country churches should cease the once-a-month preaching and ought to have preaching every Sunday and, if not, at least twice each month. Dr. Masters wields a facile pen and treats interestingly and informingly a subject that is of vital interest to our Baptist cause throughout the South.

Texas Baptists are making strenuous efforts to secure funds for State Missions. They need \$150,000.

The annual meeting of the Baptist State Board of Missions will be held in Walnut Street Church, this city, on the first Monday in December. The Committees will meet on Monday night.

The reports read at the General Association, in the main, bore marks of careful and thoughtful preparation.

There were one or two regrettable affairs over insignificant trifles. The Baptists are getting together. No arithmetic can compute our constructive power, when once we are thoroughly unified. A glorious day is ahead of us. Believe it and proclaim it.

There must be due regard each for the

other. Our actions must be brotherly and our motives pure. We must bear and forvail.

REDEEMING KENTUCKY.

The State Board of Missions has a stupendous task in undertaking to provide for the needy fields in our beloved State. We would have many more workers if the funds could only be provided. Rev. J. B. Housley is doing fine work at West Hickman, the extreme western part of our State. He reports thirty conversions and thirty addi-Elder B. F. Stamps is missionary and colporter in West Kentucky Association. Rev. W. T. Dennington labors also in this Association and reports twelve conversions and sixteen additions. Rev. Allie Long has been working in West Union Association, but has gone to college to prepare for greater usefulness and Rev. C. S. Gregston has been elected to do missionary and evangelistic work in that Association. Evangelist O. E. Bryan has done some splendid work in West Union Association as well as in other parts of our State. He reports 215 conversions and 200 additions. Rev. W. H. Jones has been employed as colporter in Blood River Association. Rev. L. L. Spurlin is employed to labor in Bethel Association. He reports 30 conversions and 38 additions. Rev. W. R. Goodman is aided at the Second Church, Hopkinsville; he reports 21 conversions and 20 additions. Rev. Don Q. Smith is co-operative evangelist in Ohio Valley Associaton. He reports 42 conversons and 76 additions. Rev. Z. T. Connaway is aided at Earlington, Little Bethel Association. He reports 13 conversions and 25 additions. Rev. W. W. Payne is co-operative evangelst in Logan County Associaton. He reports 58 conversions and 48 additions. Rev. O. E. Bryan has held a great meeting with Seven Hill Church in Owensboro. Rev. F. R. Walters has spent much of his time in associational campaigns west of Louisville, which have resulted in great good. He does both evangelistic and enlstment work and reports 52 conversions and 67 additions. Rev. W. W. Williams is aided at Eaton Memorial Church, Owensboro, and some aid has been given the church at McHenry.

In Lousville, we have the following mis-

sionaries: Rev. W. M. Bruce, Rev. Harvey Burns, Rev. W. E. Davidson, J. C. Greenoe, J. F. Hawkins, B. T. Kimbrough, Rev. August Rhode, who is a missionary among the Germans, and Rev. H. L. Thornton. The latter has just resigned and taken charge of the church at London.

Rev. R. A. Barnes is co-operative Missionary Evangelist in Ohio River Associaton. His labors have been blessed with 49 additions. He has labored with many weak churches. Rev. J. W. Crow labors at Jenkins and Burdine. This is the finest coal field in America. It is in sight of the Virginia line. Brother Crow has built two churches and a pastor's home. He reports 6 conversons and 24 additions. come and go, and but few are permanent. The work has its discouragements, these miners must have the Gospel preached to them. Many new mining towns must be occupied this year. We are now building a house of worship at Fleming. While this is being read, the writer will be there supervising the work. Rev. R. F. Doll after spending a year there, resigned to take the care of Walnut Street Church, Owensboro.

Rv. A. C. Hutson is pastor in Whitesburg. He also works some in the country. He reports 37 conversions and 11 additions.

Rev. B. M. Lucas is another worker in Letcher County. He reports 17 conversions and 13 additions.

Rev. A. S. Petrey at Hazard reports 25 conversions and 63 additions. It is believed that this church will go to self-support.

Rev. W. Thos. Hamlin is at Hindman, Knot County. He supplies three churches and reports 11 conversions and 27 additions.

Rev. S. B. Richie is at Dwarf in Perry County. He reports an unusually fine Sunday School, and one conversion. He preaches at three points.

Rev. John Cunningham labors in Leslie County. He has had 54 conversions and 76 additions.

Rev. J. Francis Wilson, colored, one of our workers, has recently organized a church in Leslie County. He seems to have been the first Negro preacher who has visited that sections. He reports for the year

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... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

Walter L. Brock, 205 E. Chestnut Street Louisville, Ky. Sunday School Secretary

A SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR A COUNTRY CHURCH.

Rev. O. P. Bush.

It is an acknowledged fact by practically all religious leaders that the country church is a problem. One of its most serious problems is a lack of an adequate Sunday School house, but this is not a problem without a solution.

The most hopeful and helpful sign for the country church problem is the attention it is receiving in the hearts and minds of God's people.

After a hard fought battle, which shall result in a glorious victory, there await splendid possibilities for the country church.

1. The need of a country church Sunday School house. It is no longer argued that the city or town Sunday School does not need this equipment, yet the same conditions confront the assembled country Sunday School that confront the assembled town Sunday School.

The "blab" Sunday School is no better in the country than in the city or town.

The Standard of Excellence, as issued by the Baptist Sunday School Board and adopted by the denomination, cannot be attained in the country Sunday School without an adequate Sunday School house. With an adequate house, the country church can attain this standard.

The best approved methods in Sunday School pedagogy cannot be adopted and practiced in a one-room country church house. With an adequate house, the country church can adopt and practice these methods.

For these good and sufficient reasons we conclude that the country church needs a Sunday School house.

2. The ability of the country church to build a Sunday School house.

When the spiritual condition of man creates a need, the love and power of God provides a plan to meet that need; yea, God

from all eternity has anticipated every need of man.

The factors which determine the ability to build are the material for construction and the money with which to buy the material and pay for construction. In building, the country church has the advantage of both for it is in the country that the timber grows and may be contributed with little or no expenditure of money.

Then, again, since the tide of prosperity has turned to the farmer, he has a surplus of money, as evidenced by the increasing rapidity with which automobiles and other luxuries are entering the rural districts.

Therefore, we conclude that the country church is able to build a Sunday School house.

3. The obligation of the country church to build a Sunday School house.

This obligation may be argued from the first two points considered in this article.

God has laid upon the church the obligation to teach the truths of His kingdom and to teach them in the best possible way. The country church needs a Sunday School house in order to meet its obligation to God to teach His truths in the best possible way. The country church is able to build a Sunday School house to meet this obligation; therefore, the country church ought to build a Sunday School house.

4. The determination of the country church to build a Sunday School house.

The determination, the "will" of the country church to build a Sunday School house is to be the seal of victory in this worthy task.

The task, in this undertaking, is to arouse the country churches to a recognition of their need and their ability to meet the need. Their obligation is to be aroused by a development of conscience in this matter. The submission of their wills is to be obtained in this, as in regeneration. "Not... of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

If pastor will join hearts and hands with our Sunday School Secretary in this effort, they shall rejoice together when the final response comes up from the country churches; "we need it; we can build it; by the grace of God, we will build a Sunday School house."

Columbia, Ky.

Teacher Training Items.

Standing to date of five leading States, October 31, 1916:

Normal Diplomas—Texas, 6,512; Kentucky, 4,680; Georgia, 3,812; North Carolina, 3,810; Mississippi, 3,080.

Red Seals—Texas, 937; Kentucky, 920; Alabama, 532; Tennessee, 446; North Carolina, 440.

Blue Seals—Kentucky, 529; Texas, 511; Alabama, 273; Georgia, 242; Tennessee, 206. Normal Diplomas issued in Kentucky during October, 1916:

Bracken: Mrs. A. T. Moffett, Mrs. J. J. Reed, Mrs. W. G. Leer, Mrs. Ora Collier.

Greenup: Rev. W. C. Reeves.

Warren: Rev. J. W. Wheeler.

Red Seals issued in KeKntucky during October, 1916:

South District: Mrs. Lee Sims.

Campbell County: Mrs. Clara Tignor, Zelia Clift.

Greenup: Rev. W. C. Reeves.

Graves Co.: Lottie Nall.

Blue Seals issued in Kentucky during October, 1916:

Ten Mile: Mrs. Claraettie Kuhn.

Bethel: Etta Trabue.

Long Runs: Mrs. Ruby Carlin Furnish.

The following is a list of Normal Diplomas by Associations ending October 31, 1916:

Long Run, 735; Blood River, 456; Elkhorn, 344; North Bend, 269; West Union, 194; Pulaski County, 174; Bethel, 163; Daviess County, 155; Campbell County, 140; Three Forks, 95; Graves County, 93; Bell County, 89; Wayne County, 81; Nelson, 80; West Kentucky, 77; Bracken, 76; South District, 70; Little River, 67; Union, 07; Ohio River, 65; Muhlenberg, 63; Ohio Valley, 59; North Concord, 58; Ohio County, 56; Baptist, 56; Shelby County, 56; Concord, 53; Tate's Creek, 51; East Union, 49; Greenup, 47; Enterprise, 46; White's Run, 46; Breckenridge, 44; Mt. Zion, 43; Franklin, 39; Russell's Creek, 38; Salem, 37; Liberty, 35; Crittenden, 35; Sulphur Fork, 34; Severn's Valley, 31; Warren, 25; Little Bethel, 24; Boone's Creek, 21; Central, 19; Freedom, 17; Allen, 16; Goshen, 16; Oneida, 13; Laurel River, 12; Simpson, 12; Lynn, 11; Russell County, 10; South Kentucky, 8; Ten Mile, 6; Rockcastle, 6; East Lynn, 5; Logan County, 3; Upper Cumberland, 2;

Barren River, 2; Henry County, 2; Gasper River, 1; Owen County, 1; Blackford, 1; Colored, 10. Total, 4,719. Transfers and duplicates, 39. Total 4,680.

A1 Schools in Kentucky.

Mentor Baptist Sunday School—Rev. A. R. Abernathy, Pastor; Mr. D. B. Jolly, Superintendent.

First Baptist Sunday School, Mayfield—Rev. W. M. Wood, Pastor; Mr. C. L. Albritton, Superintendent.

Calvert City Sunday School—Rev. I. E. Wallace, Pastor; Mr. J. M. Tichenor, Superintendent.

Greenville Sunday School—Rev. J. W. T. Givens, Pastor; Mr. T. O. Jones, Superintendent.

Kosmosdale Baptist Sunday School—Rev. Marcellus Watkins, Pastor; Mr. J. D. Robison, Superintendent

Murray Baptist S. S., Murray—H. B. Tayfor, Pastor; Barber McElrath, Superintendent

Mt. Tabor S. S., Paint Lick—Rev. C. S. Ellis, Pastor; Mr. R. A. Ralston, Superintendent.

Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School, Louisville—Rev. J. J. Cloar, Pastor; Mrs. W. E. Florer, Superintendent.

Morehead Baptist Sunday School, Morehead; Rev. H. M. Estees, Pastor.

First Baptist Sunday School, Jellico, Tenn., Rev. J. E. Martin, Pastor; Mr. Z. D. Baird, Superintendent.

Glasgow Baptist Sunday School, Glasgow, Ky., Rev. Ira. D. S. Knight, Pastor; Mr. Elisha Dickey, Superintendent.

Our denominational papers have greatly contributed to our success the past year. They have gladly carried our messages into the homes of our people.

Strong editorials have been written placing the work on the hearts of our constituency. These invariably brought us blessed results.

Our Baptist people must rally to the support of our Baptist papers. Every pastor is urged to promote their circulation since they assist him in every part of his work.

We are utilizing in our propaganda 235 county and city papers.

W. D. POWELL

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W. M. U. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting held in Louisville, November 13-15, was memorable for the large attendance and enthusiastic interest shown. We were favored with the presence of Mrs. W. C. James, of Richmond, Va., President W. M. U. of Southern Baptists, who made a fine address at the opening session, and won the hearts of all whom she met. Fortunate the women over whom she presides. The most notable session was on Monday evening when the Pageant of Darkness and Light, given by the Young Women's Auxiliaries was followed by pictures of the Training School and a performance by the students called Lasting Foundations. The crowded house attested the interest aroused, and it is hoped that many received unforgettable impressions of the value of the training given our young women, and the importance of bringing many under the influence of missionary instruction. Mrs. G. W. Perryman and Mrs. O. M. Huey, of the Personal Service Committee, were the leading spirits in preparing these demonstrations.

Miss Mary Lyne, State Sunbeam Leader, made a beautiful report on this most important branch of our work, in which she brought out the fact that only a small proportion of the societies enrolled have sent in reports. Will not pastors, parents, Sunday School teachers and leaders encourage the children to give regularly to the various missionary objects, thus forming habits for a life-time, and aiding in bringng other children to a knowledge of Christ. To our regret, Mrs. Thos. W. Rodman laid down the Y. W. A. leadership, after a report which showed gratifying progress. Miss Ora Scottow, of Frankfort, was chosen in her place.

Mrs. I. C. James, of Harrodsburg, is

building up interest among the boys in the Royal Ambassador chapters. The numerous clubs and organizations of various kinds for boys seem to be in the way of enlisting large numbers in the distinctive missionary body; but cannot the old people recognize the need of this particular training for our boys, and help to smooth the way for more effective work? "As the twig is bent, the tree inclines."

Mrs. Hinkle's report as College Correspondent was full of encouragement, and we were glad to hear from representatives of our Mountain Schools concerning the formations of Y. W. A.'s therein.

A new feature was Mrs. Matlack's report on Press Work, with the giving of banners beautifully made by herself to societies that had done most effective work in the publishing missionary news in their local papers. "The pen is mightier than the sword" is the sentiment upon the banners, one being bestowed in each of the five districts.

Mrs. Janie Cree Bose reported only \$700 given towards the \$3,000 Church Building Fund and urged a speedy completion of it. A new plan has been devised by Mrs. Hinkle for collecting small gifts for this fund, a card with a picture of a church, each brick representing ten cents.

Look out for the Minutes, which will give fuller accounts of all these reports, and of the one on the Margaret Fund, with names of the missionaries' children now having scholarships from it; Mrs. Lizzie F. Smith, the trustee for Kentucky, making the report.

The Training School report was read by Mrs. B. E. Garvey, Trustee, and spoken to by Mrs. Eager, who reminded us that the buildings were being torn down, and rent must be paid for temporary quarters, while it is imperative that large amounts be in hand to pay for the work on the new building as it proceeds. "No debt" is our slogan, and if every friend will secure dollar clubs and larger gifts from every possible source, we need have no debt.

Mrs. Perryman presented ocular demonstration of Personal Service, from the Settlements and the Orphans' Home, which touched us all with feelings of joy at the little ones who are thus learning lessons of love and helpfulness.

Some new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lizzie F. Smith, Owensboro; Recording Secretary, Miss May Gardner, Louisville; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss Mattie Collins, Elizabethtown, and Mrs. Rodman is retained on the Central Committee.

While a strain of hopefulness ran through all these meetings, there was every incentive to put forth fresh endeavor for yet greater success. Bracken won the banner for the most new societies—thirty-three—and five Associations reached the Standard of Excellence: Bethel, Breckinridge, Elkhorn, Franklin and Henry County.—E. S. B.

Aims.

The emphasis upon enlistment this month has brought very prominently mind the aims of the Union as set forth on page 19 of the Union Year Book. In the light of these thoughts, I have made certain calculations, and I feel sure that you will be interested in those pertaining to your State. Those for the other States, you will find in Union Notes of the December Royal Service. By dividing the total number of organizations reported at Asheville by the number reported from your State, I found that your State has one-fourteenth of the total. Then by dividing the total gifts reported at Asheville by those reported from your State, I found that your gifts were one-fifteenth of the whole. Of course, we have to remember that societies differ in membership and means, but on the whole, I believe this statement will help.

Then taking the organization ratio as a basis, I found that your State's part of some of the aims referred to in the Year Book will be about as follows: New women's societies, 100; new young people's societies, 145; mission study classes, 245; Homemakers' Clubs, 70; and organizations reporting the reaching of at least four points of the uniform Standard of Excellence, 285. Doubtless, in several instances your State exceeded these ideals last year and so the victory is all the more truly assured.

Your friend,

Kathleen Mallory.

ECHOES FROM STATE MEETING.

The much debated question of a different

time and place for the Annual Meeting from the General Association was passed over until another year. The statement was made that the men were considering putting the General Association representation on a money basis, which might change their representation, so the women had better wait until that matter was settled.

Crowds.

The largest representation ever, is the report of the registration committee. 235 regular authorized delegates and 372 visitors, the majority of whom were members of the societies. Each session the house was well filled. We had no complaint to make this time that the women ran away from their meeting to attend the men's meeting. If they did so, there were so many that remained that we could not miss them.

Other Pleasing Features.

All seemed interested in our literature display and took tracts and helps for organizing home with them. Many subscriptions were taken for the W. M. U. Magazine, "Royal Service," and the "Home and Foreign Fields." Many Calendars were sold.

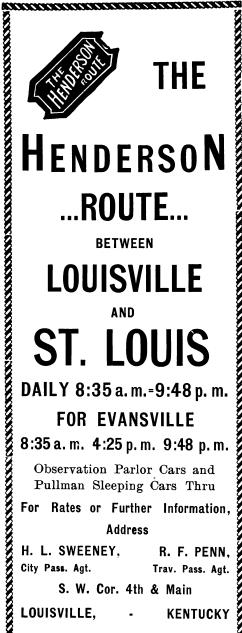
Demonstrations.

Mrs. G. W. Perryman asked the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home children to help her in illustrating the first kind of Personal Service rendered by the Kentucky women, the kind that was done before we secured the name of Personal Service for that kind of work.

The Good Will Center Blue Bird Club, with the four Training School Girls and their story hour, showed beautifully some of the work conducted by "Our Girls" at the Settlement House. We certainly were proud of them.

Miss Agnes Osbeorne, who for so many years has served as a member of Central Committee, brought her children from the James P. Boyce Settlement which she was instrumental in starting. They showed fine training in Bible.

Mrs. Blair, one of our own Training School girls, demonstrated the work that can be done by one of our missionaries after leaving the School. The negro children of Sunshine Center, which Settlement is supported by our State Board, have the impress of Christian training, which we trust may be carried with them through life.



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The cause and history of foreign missions is intricately involved with prayer. Our own foreign mission work has been benefit. ed by prayer during the present Convention year. We should not have paid the large debt on the Foreign Mission Board, imme. diately following the Southern Baptist and W. M. U. Conventions in Asheville last May had the movement not started with and been attended by prayer. There was much prayer before the great hour in the W. M. U. Convention, when impulses and exam. ples were inspired which made possible this greatest swift achievement in the history of Southern Baptist foreign missions. The effectiveness of prayer was so demonstrat. ed in this debt-raising campaign that I, for one, have been led to see more clearly the necessity and desirablenss of it and to have a stronger craving for it on behalf of this great work. The women had large participation in this holy exercise and, conse. quently, took their full share of the giving and furnished a large measure of the inspiration to giving which spread so rapidly among our people.

Thousands of my sisters and members of the young people's missionary organizations will be praying for foreign missions, in particular, during this special week in January. My heart leeps wth joy at the thought! There are such possibilities in this Week of Prayer! I know that this week will mean much for the work, for the immediate future of which we are so deeply concerned at this time. Suffer a few suggestions.

- 1. Seek preparation for this season of prayer. Endeavor to go into it with calmness of soul. Seek emancipation from engrossing and distracting things for this season of communion. Prepare to come into His Presence and to abide there for awhile. Do not rush flurriedly into the sacred precinct and then hasten away.
- 2. Think on the present foreign mission situation. The imperative need, the challenging opportunities, the importunate and overworked missionaries, the impatient volunteers. Pray for individuals and special objects. Some of your sisters who represent you on the foreign field are tired and their strength is failing, but they cannot leave the work until re-inforcements arrive. Ask God for the heathen for His inheritance and that your indifferent and halfhearted brothers and sisters may receive

the Holy Ghost and put their hearts, their lives and their money into this holy enterprise.

Get your offering ready. Save out of your luxuries, your pleasures, your Christmas gifts and even your necessities. Fix the standard for your own gifts in conformity with your prayers and the vision of need and duty which prayer shall bring you. The needs of the work are very great. If I may freely open my heart to those who pray and would like their prayers to be effectual where the need and the burden are greatest, I will say to you that there is danger of another debt on the Foreign Mission In prayer the old debt has been paid; in prayer the Board must be kept out of debt. Pray definitely that such wisdom may be given for the conduct of the work and such liberality practiced in the support of it that a debt shall be averted.

The goal which the women have set for themselves is a worthy one and if they reach it, they will have done an heroic part to prevent a debt. Pray that victory may crown the efforts of the W. M. S. and associated organizations and that the entire \$188,400 fixed as the aim for the year may J. F. Love, Cor .Sec. be secured.

Richmond, Va.

Continued from page 7 198 conversions and 192 accessions. works as B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Missionary.

an evangelist Rev. T. Timberlake is among the colored people in Kentucky. He reports 198 conversions and 192 baptisms.

We aided in the support of Rev. C. D. Stevens at Harlan until the church went to independence and self-support. Rev. Lewis Lyttle labors in Harlan County. He reports 21 conversions and 22 additions.

Rev. J. J. Gentry worked three months in Harlan County. He reports 5 conversions and 6 additions.

Rev. W. T. Robbins is co-operative missionary in Bell County. He has had 140 conversions and 128 additions.

Rev. J. A. McCord at Pineville reports 20 conversions and 20 baptisms.

Rev. J. A. Lowrey in Lynn Camp Association reports no additions or conversions. Rev. J. M. Newport at Fonde reports & conversions and 19 additions.

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We have so many calls for this character of work that we must enlarge our number of Evangelists and give them a certain District in which to labor.

Rev. W. H. Brummett is missionary-pastor at the Second Church, Williamsburg. He reports 15 conversions and 21 additions.

Rev. F. M. Jones is Missionary in Laurel River and Rockcastle Associations. He reports 102 conversions and 130 additions.

Rev. E. B. English, our missionary-pastor at Berea, reports 43 conversions and 52 additions.

Rev. J. L. Dotson has labored in South Kentucky Association. He reports 193 conversions and 168 baptisms, added by letter, 47.

Rev. T. C. Duke, Somerset, Pulaski County Association, reports 70 conversions and 112 additions.

Rev. G. C. Sandusky labors in McCreary and Whitley Counties. He has built two houses of worship and reports 57 conversions and 62 additions.

Rev. G. R. Dodson labors in Wayne County, with 24 conversions and 25 additions to his credit.

Rev. Z. P. Hamilton labors in Russell's Creek Association and Southern Kentucky. He reports 48 conversions and 48 additions.

Rev. Wm. Kirtley in Russell's Creek Association reports 56 conversions and 73 additions.

Rev. T. F. Grider, Barren River Association, reports 63 conversions and 84 additions.

Rev. J. S. Wade, Russell County Association, reports 20 conversions and 28 additions.

We have had part of the year Rev. O. J. Cole west of Louisville and Rev. J. W. Wade in Gasper River Association.

Rev. W. M. Bruce, Louisville, reports 100 conversions and 88 additions.

Rev. W. A. M. Wood is co-operative missionary in Campbell County and North Bend Associations. He reports 48 conversions and 64 additions.

Rev. B. F. Swindler, Elkhorn Association, reports 10 conversions and 15 baptisms. Rev. E. J. Caswell, Lexington, 19 conversions and 24 additions.

Rev. J. T. Dougherty, Lexington, reports 75 conversions and 45 additions.

Rev. J. A. Davis, Bracken Association, reports 28 conversions and 24 additions. One of his churches goes to full-time.

Rev. R. S. Lennon, Charters, Greenup County, reports 9 conversions and 14 additions.

Rev. Owen Williams, Bracken, reports 29 conversions and 30 additions.

Rev. J. W. Black, Montgomery County, 6 conversions and 8 additions.

Rev. H. M. Eastes, Morehead, 20 conversions and 14 additions.

Rev. A. O. Allison, Morgan County, 11 conversions and 7 additions.

Rev. Jesse Kilgore, Morgan County, 36 conversions and 42 additions.

Elder Thomas Murrell, Oneida Association, 30 conversions and 45 additions.

Elder A. J. Murrell, Goose Creek Association, 68 conversions and 57 additions.

Rev. J. H. Broom, Breathitt County, 3 conversions and 4 additions. He has been building a house of worship.

Rev. J. D. Thompson, Campbell County, 14 conversions and 27 additions.

Rev. S. J. Sparks, Greenup Association, 9 conversions and 21 additions.

Rev. J. S. Thompson, Greenup Association, 1 conversion and 6 additions.

Rev. C. C. Daves, Enterprise Association, 28 conversions and 43 additions.

Rev. L. F. Caudill, Enterprise, 33 conversions and 50 additions.

Rev. J. T. Pope, Enterprise, 13 conversions and 19 additions.

Rev. D. Arthur Dailey, Pike County, 4 conversions and 3 additions.

Thus it can be seen that our State workers go into every nook and corner of our Commonwealth and earnestly strive to redeem Kentucky. Reader, make monthly offerings for the support of these men of God.

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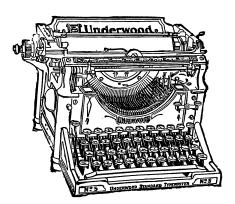
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