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... EDITORIAL ...

W. D. POWELLEditor

O. E. BRYAN.....Associate Editor

LET US GO FORWARD.

The time has come when our Foreign Board should lengthen its cords. We should open work formally in Chile. \$1,350 was raised for this purpose at Murray after a special appeal by Missionary J. L. Hart. There are several churches and an aged missionary. The work has been supported for years by the Baptists in Brazil and Argentina. The Foreign Board possibly pays \$600 yearly to the work.

A missionary and his wife should be sent without further delay.

Murray Church, in addition to her Budget, will pay the salary, and others will pay the travelling expenses. Let the Foreign Board get busy and follow the leadings of Providence.

Energy, efficiency and devoutness should characterize Kentucky Baptists during the next few weeks. We have adopted a unified and aggressive policy and our giving should be in heroic terms. Our task is sufficiently great to harmonize us and create that momentum that will lead us to a signal victory. What will you do to help us to support our Budget and meet our obligations to Home and Foreign Missions?

Russia expects to dominate Turkey, and a Russian ambassador has announced that when this occurs, not a single evangelical missionary will be tolerated in all the territory.

For bigotry and intolerance, Russia exceeds Turkey. The latter is one of the meanest governments on earth. We will look to our government to safeguard our missionaries.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION CAMPAIGN IN KENTUCKY.

O. E. Bryan.

Kentucky Baptists are facing a colossal task. Our apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions is One Hundred Thousand Dollars. Forty-five per cent of our annual Budget goes to these two worthy interests. It must be remembered that the State Treasurer has been borrowing money to meet the monthly payments to these interests. Not enough churches are using the Budget System to give a regular flow of money to these interests sufficiently large to care for our apportionment. If every Church in the State had reached the standard of the highest possible development under the Budget system a campaign would not be necessary. We face facts, not theories. The facts are, we are in the period of transition. Many Churches are not using the Budget at all, and others have applied the System so imperfectly that we can not depend alone on the Budget System for our apportionment for this year.

INVESTING THE BUDGET.

O. E. Bryan.

The Kentucky Baptist Budget of \$225,000 is the Lord's treasury. Out of this comes the amount we pay annually to State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Ministers' Aid, Ministerial Education and Christian Education. We are the Lord's stewards and must render an account for the way we invest His money.

State Missions.

The Baptists of Kentucky are investing thirty per cent of their annual Budget in Missions. The State Board employs one General Secretary and his Assistant; five General Evangelists; two Sunday School Secretaries; one B. Y. P. U. Secretary and two W. M. U. Secretaries. They pay part of the salary of more than one hundred

MISSION MONTHLY.

Missionary Pastors. They employ several workers among the Negroes and are conducting a Church Building campaign among struggling churches. The workers under the State Board reported 2,980 baptisms last year.

Home Missions.

Kentucky Baptists are investing eighteen per cent of their annual Budget in Home Missions. The Home Board is doing work in Cuba, Panama and among the foreigners and Negroes of the South. They employ eighteen enlistment field workers and twenty-five evangelists. They conduct a Church Building Department and help several State Boards with their annual Budgets. The Home Board workers reported 20,709 baptisms last year. Kentucky Baptists had a large part in this work. We are giving about nine per cent of all the contributions to Home Missions.

Foreign Missions.

Kentucky Baptists are investing twenty-seven per cent of their annual Budget in Foreign Missions. The Foreign Board is supporting Missions in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Mexico and China. In these countries the Missionaries do personal evangelistic work, maintain hospitals, printing presses, schools and train churches in denominational work. There were 6,471 baptisms reported through the instrumentality of the Foreign Board last year. Kentucky contributes about nine per cent of all the money given to Foreign Missions in the South.

Christian Education.

Kentucky Baptists are investing nine per cent of their annual Budget in Christian Education. The State Board is helping Georgetown College, Cumberland College, Bethel Female College, Russell Creek Academy, Hazard Institute and Oneida Institute. Hundreds of young lives are trained each year for future service in these schools. No one can compute the good that will come from such training in this age when the Bible is barred from the public schools.

Ministerial Education.

Kentucky Baptists are investing two per cent of their annual Budget in the support of the struggling preacher boys in our colleges and in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. As go the preachers of the State, so will go the people. Money invest-

ed in Ministerial Education will bear fruit in all parts of denominational work in years to come.

Ministers' Aid.

Kentucky Baptists are investing two per cent of their annual Budget in the support of aged and infirm Ministers. Last year our people helped more than fifty of these worthy brethren who have worn out their lives for the Master's cause in Kentucky. The Budget will not allow the old worn-out preacher to be cast out.

Kentucky Baptist Children's Home.

Kentucky Baptists are investing nine per cent of their annual Budget in the support of the orphans at the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale. The State Board pays the running expenses of the Home every month out of the Budget. In this way, the Budget cares for the daily needs of nearly one hundred children. No greater work than this can be done by our Baptist brotherhood.

The above figures briefly show how the Kentucky Baptist Budget is invested. Would you like to have a part in this good work? If so, send your contribution to

W. D. POWELL, Cor. Sec'y,

Baptist State Board of Missions
205 East Chestnut Louisville, Kentucky.

HELP THE HELPLESS.

The State Board of Missions is charged with raising \$1,500 each month for the maintenance of the Baptist Children's Home at Lynnland.

This sum must come from churches, Sunday Schools, Societies and individuals. We have no paid agents, as that would consume thirty or forty cents of every dollar collected.

When the full amount is not received, we borrow it in bank. We prefer that money should be given on the Budget Plan—thus supporting fairly, all our Baptist work, but when an amount is designated for these orphans, every cent goes to that purpose. It is never divided among the other items supported by the Budget. We appeal to the generosity of our pastors and Baptist people. The account is heavily overdrawn. The situation is serious. This worthy institution belongs to the General Association and deserves your liberal support. We are receiving only one-third of the amount

required for its support. The one hundred inmates offer as many reasons why you should make generous gifts to help the helpless.

The children, among other things, are taught industry and economy. After some wholesome advice by the matron, a little tot, scarcely three years old, found a small piece of soap where the dish water had been thrown out and, holding it up, said: "This will help some, these hard times."

Help us right now. We are relying upon you! Will you help?

DO FOREIGN MISSIONS PAY?

The United States give forty-six per cent of the fund contributed for foreign missions.

128 of the 412 societies engaged in foreign mission work are located in the United States. There are 24,039 foreign missionaries who report 26,210 churches and 2,408,000 communicants and 1,443,314 adherents who are under instruction. There are 36,610 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1,777,433 pupils. The converts, who are usually poor, but not lazy in giving, contribute \$4,515,984.

The educational work is immense, pupils 1,973,816 who pay for tuition \$1,565,207. Medical missionaries have treated during the year 8,833,759 patients. These items are full of encouragement. Foreign Missions do pay, and Kentucky Baptists must give us \$27,594 for this object by April 30th. May we count on you as an asset?

Our work in Kentucky has been so organized as to eliminate duplication and promote economy and co-operation.

We need a more energetic and constructive State Mission program. The needs of humanity are great.

Subscribe for the Kentucky Mission Monthly. It is a clearing house for information and inspirational ideas regarding our work and workers.

CHEERING NEWS.

The Christians in the United States gave \$24,688,728 to foreign missions last year. This was a banner year and is four times the sum given fifteen years ago. Latin-America is our greatest field for immediate results. Africa appeals to us pathetically. One hundred million inhabitants have not

been reached by the missionaries. Reinforcements should be hurried to those two countries by our Foreign Board. We must enlarge our territory. We have enlarged our gifts. The work appeals to large-hearted and far-seeing Baptists. Brethren, send to this office \$27,500 for Foreign Missions by April 30th. It can be done.

Do not knock. You will be stealing the woodpecker's job.

NOTICE!

We still furnish the Kentucky Mission Monthly and Home and Foreign Fields for 60 cents per year.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION APPORTIONMENTS.

The following is the suggested District Association Apportionments as taken from the State Budget of \$225,000 and apportioned to each Association in the State. The District Boards are asked in turn to apportion to each Church its proportionate share:

Allen County, \$600; Baptist, \$675; Barren River, \$400; Bell County, \$720; Bethel, \$14,300; Blackford, \$950; Blood River, \$7,225; Boone's Creek, \$3,275; Booneville, \$85; Bracken, \$3,550; Breckenridge, \$1,725; Campbell County, \$3,030; Central, \$2,160; Concord, \$4,625; Crittenden, \$925; Cumberland River, \$130; Daviess County, \$7,950; East Lynn, \$550; East Union, \$3,600; Elkhorn, \$18,750; Enterprise, \$1,730; Frinklin, \$3,775; Freedom, \$260; Gasper River, \$825; Goose Creek, \$45; Goshen, \$960; Graves County, \$4,825; Green River, \$55; Greenup, \$1,705; Greenville, \$55; Henry, \$2,000; Irvine, \$45; Laurel River, \$415; Liberty, \$3,175; Little Bethel, \$1,415; Little River, \$2,910; Logan County, \$880; Long Run, \$32,300; Lynn, \$1,125; Lynn Camp, \$200; Mt. Zion, \$5,925; Muhlenberg, \$3,235; Nelson, \$4,830; North Bend, \$4,000; North Concord, \$520; Ohio County, \$1,225; Ohio River, \$2,425; Ohio Valley, \$6,600; Oneida, \$80; Owen, \$625; Pulaski County, \$3,260; Rockcastle, \$430; Russell County, \$122; Russel's Creek, \$2,970; Salem, \$1,860; Severn's Valley, \$4,260; Shelby County, \$5,350; Simpson, \$4,980; South Concord, \$60; South District, \$5,800; South Kentucky, \$675; South Union, \$60; Stockton's Valley, \$32; Sulphur Fork, \$3,275; Tate's Creek, \$1,650; Ten Mile, \$1,450;

Three Forks, \$1,075; Union, \$2,865; Upper Cumberland, \$300; Warren, \$4,550; Wayne County, \$1,245; West Kentucky, \$2,150; West Union, \$5,950; White's Run, \$2,355.

This list was mailed to the chairman of the District Associations in December, 1916. Several chairmen failed to get the list because some of the clerks were late in printing the minutes.

WORKING YOUR PLAN.

By W. P. Meroney.

It will not work itself. Somebody must get behind it and make it go. We have many church financial plans of varied elements and degrees of perfection. But no matter how perfect the plan, it will fail unless somebody works it. Some plans fail because they are not of practicable application, but many more are counted failures because of the failures of those whose duty it was to promote them.

The present "Budget System" of the State Mission Board and State Baptists appeals to the writer as being sane in theory, Scriptural in basis, and of practicable application, and as to the latter we would venture a few remarks.

1.—Know the plan. You can't make it go in your church unless you do know it. Let the pastors and leaders in the local churches be sure they know all there is to know about the plan. Then make the people know it. Explain it over and over again. It is painful how dull some of our people really are. The Saviour's first disciples were thus. When you think everybody understands it thoroughly, then explain it a few dozen more times for good measure. After that is done, you will be surprised to still find some that either do not understand it or will not do it right.

2.—Work the whole plan. Do not do it by piecemeal. Carry it out to its last details if you want the best results. Do not just use it in the work of raising funds for local consumption, but make the world-wide appeal. Put the main emphasis on the side for the other fellow and not that for home. Most canvassing committees simply make their appeal for the current expense and have nothing to say about the mission side. Put self last and missions first in your ap-

peal and both will be cared for.

3.—Keep on working it. Follow it up all the time. Be thorough in the gleanings. Gather up all the fragments. Let nothing go to waste. To stop short of this is to stop short of success. Most failures come here. If the Budget plan means anything it means the enlistment of ALL the people in ALL the work. Therefore if the plan is to do what it should do for the church and the State, this principle must ever be kept in mind and somebody kept on the job all the time. After all if the plan is not a success in your church, think twice before you charge it up to the plan. In it all seek the will of the Master and his blessings and guidance and ever needed help.

THE VALUE OF SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

By W. F. Yarborough.

There is no doubt in the world that the budget plan with regular weekly giving should be the basis for financing the kingdom of God, but the time has not come and likely never will come when there will be no place for the special offering. We quote Paul's plan, I. Cor. 16:2, as if it precluded special offerings, and he plainly gives as his reason "that no collections be made when I come"; but a closer view shows that it is a special offering about which he is giving directions, an offering for the poor saints, in which he desired the Church at Corinth to have part. He wanted this special offering taken in a systematic way. The principle involved is the correct one for all offerings, whether according to the budget plan for current expenses or an emergency collection to buy a stove for a country meeting house. System is a sine qua non of all successful effort.

Special offerings may be for special objects in contradistinction to the budget system or extra offerings over and above the budget plan. In any event, we can hardly conceive of a condition in which occasional special offerings would become unnecessary. That pastor makes a great mistake who promises his church to take no more special offerings if his church will only adopt the budget plan, make the every-member canvass and use the duplex envelopes. He simply ties his hands and cripples his work. The Bible is full of special offer-

ings, and, although I am earnestly advocating the budget plan in my State, I am sure the special offering has not served its day. If all the churches in any State should adopt the budget plan (and the State which does that in our day is a veritable Utopia), still there will be a place and a value for the special offering.

In support of this, note the following reasons:

1. It is a characteristic of spiritual life that it cannot run on the dead level. It must express itself in spontaneous outbursts on occasion. Sunshine is desirable, but no life is without its storms. It would not do for the world to be one vast plain. There must be mountains. This earth would indeed be a waste wilderness if it were not for winter and summer, and these must be of a variable temperature. So the spiritual thermometer, whether in the individual life or in the church, varies. Thus we can understand how giving, which is the law of love expressing itself, must have special opportunities of expression when the tide of love runs strong. Provision must be made for the overflow of soul.

It is a poor Christian and a poor church which never makes a thank-offering, and how can a man make a thank-offering if he never gets beyond the cold, calculating business viewpoint of even the high standard of a tither? On the principle that religion must have opportunity for spontaneous expression we must make provision for the special offering. May the good Lord deliver us from that type of religion which expresses itself even in its giving as "Icily regular, faultily faultless, splendidly null."

2. Special needs call for special offerings. We can never formulate into a budget or shape according to a program the special needs which may come to us during the year, any more than a family can say whether a surgeon's fee or a hospital bill will be part of the year's expenditure. A fire, a flood, a scourge or other disaster may place upon us unexpected obligations of a benevolent nature. There also come times when our regular work faces emergencies which call for special offerings, as repairs and additional equipment on buildings, debts on our mission boards, crises in our educational institutions, etc. These special occasions of need sometimes may be regarded as special calls of Providence

to develop the heroic in our Christianity.

People never do their best in anything unless they are occasionally called upon to go beyond their strength and do the seemingly impossible. The Macedonian Christians went "beyond their ability" in giving, but it required a special emergency to lead them to it. As long as there are emergency needs in the kingdom, so long will we need the special offerings to meet these needs.

3. This leads us to speak of the educational value of the special offering. Men who make money do not give it even for religious purposes without being interested in the object to which they are asked to give. They cannot be expected to have an interest in that about which they know nothing. Knowledge is the electric button, interest is the wire, and love is the electric current which draws the money out of the pocket of the Lord's steward. Now, of course, every pastor and religious leader ought to inform his people in every possible way, in sermons stated and unstated, in season and out of season, in line upon line and precept upon precept, about the work which the special offering affords. The calendar or schedule plan has decided advantages as an educational agency in undeveloped churches. The object coming up for a specific month naturally opens the way for the pastor to inform his people as to the conditions of that special cause and its immediate needs. The educational element in a large measure offsets the objection so often urged against the special offering, that its appeal is purely emotional and tends to make succeeding appeals more difficult and less fruitful. Somehow, Baptists, with their voluntary principle, can be best reached by specializing the appeal.

4. In this way the special offering sometimes discovers and develops unenlisted individuals with great potential power in them for service. It was a special offering at the Southern Baptist Convention, so the story goes, which led M. H. Wolfe to discover himself. He got a vision through this appeal of kingdom needs and when he responded, he awoke to realize that there

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NOTICE!

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... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

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THE COURSE OF STUDY.

The sentiment expressed in various parts of the State indicates a positive dissatisfaction with our lesson system for advanced classes. Literature for the Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments is not included in this discussion. Reference is made exclusively to the Senior and Adult departments. A young man who has come up through the lower departments ought to be in a position to undertake an intelligent study of the Bible. The Sunday School must not only evangelize, but it must also teach that the convert may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; hence, the need of real Bible study. Relying upon our present lesson system, it is very unlikely that the average man will ever acquire an adequate knowledge of the Bible. I will go further and say this is a practical impossibility. If there is doubt in your mind as to the justice of this statement, I reply by asking how many of our Sunday School pupils can pass a creditable examination on the Bible? But how are we to improve our lesson system? I refer you to our theological institutions, to those institutions which are specialists in the matter of teaching the Bible. Their reply is this: Study the Bible by books. One of the greatest addresses Dr. Broadus ever made was on "Studying the Bible by Books." Who teaches history by assigning first a lesson in Greek history, then one in Roman, then one in English, then one in German, etc.? Can we ever teach the sixty-six books of the Bible by taking a paragraph from one book, then a paragraph from another and then a lesson from another, etc.? If the present system gives anything like adequate attention to one particular book, it is the exception and not the rule. Think of a class of men studying Matthew for a whole year or for a half year. The book is divided into lessons. The Scripture text is the basis of study. On each page are helpful foot notes. This work, however, is not a commentary in the ordinary sense—its comments are brief

and adjusted to the average adult class. The doctrines of our faith are clearly stated as page after page is studied. This class of men will have our distinctive doctrines stated in black and white. Think what it would mean to study book after book of the Bible in this manner! Some books would be studied for a year, others for six months and still others for three months or less time, according to necessity.

Is it not possible to have a more adequate adult lesson system? Is it necessary for us to cling to a system that seemed best to our fathers at the time it was adopted, but now is found to be insufficient for present needs? It is no reflection on any man or set of men to seek to adjust ourselves to new conditions. Originally the Sunday School pupil was a child and the lesson system was wisely adapted to a child. Today we are seeking to enlist the adult and find it difficult to fit him into a child's programme. No matter what may be the obstacles to be overcome, is it not worth our while to seek such an improvement in our methods as will enable us to accomplish more effectively the purpose which we have in view? It is recommended that there be appointed a commission composed of five members of this body who shall be charged with the obligation to study this question and to make a report at the next session of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. It is further recommended that the commission publish its findings from time to time in our denominational press in order that we may be prepared to take action at the 1917 session.

Standing to date of five leading States, February 28, 1917:

Normal Diplomas—Texas, 6,874; Kentucky, 4,748; Georgia, 3,905; North Carolina, 3,884; Mississippi, 3,307.

Red Seals—Texas, 1,010; Kentucky, 939; Alabama, 577; Tennessee, 472; Georgia, 462.

Blue Seals—Kentucky, 547; Texas, 536; Alabama, 301; Georgia, 250; Tennessee, 229.

Normal Diplomas issued in Kentucky during February, 1917:

Long Run—Lydia May Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Rev. T. J. Barksdale, Samuel D. Boden, Lizzie Cooper, Sarah Gray, J. H. In-

gram, Kathleen Kent, Mrs. Willie D. Landrum, Essie Dortch Mack, Florence Raymer, Charlesetta Whitehead, Bettie Withers, Hattie Wren.

Warren—Mrs. Finley F. Gibson.

Little River—Mallie Guier.

Rockcastle—Mrs. W. E. Grey, B. H. Hilard, Mrs. D. H. Owens.

Red Seals issued in Kentucky during February, 1917:

Long Run—Clara G. Jewell, Mrs. H. T. Larrimore, Mattie Morris, Mrs. Haidee Robert, Metta Tucker, Mrs. C. T. White.

Logan County—Stella C. Davis.

Bell County—Orie P. Gruelle.

Greenup—Goldie Baker, Mrs. Eva J. Fearing, Cora B. Robbins, Mrs. W. L. Watson.

East Union—Mrs. J. E. Martin.

Blue Seals issued in Kentucky during February, 1917:

Long Run—Mrs. E. M. Banta, Elizabeth J. Garnett, Mrs. M. Cottell Gregory, Pearl M. O'Leary, Mrs. Grace Atherton Scales, Mrs. H. L. Ramsey, Doris Snider, Mrs. D. L. Walker.

Blood River—Kino Baucum.

Post Graduate Diplomas issued in Kentucky during February, 1917:

Long Run—Mrs. J. J. Fields.

Graves County—Mrs. Whitfield Lockridge.

The following is a list of Normal Diplomas by Associations ending February 28, 1917:

Long Run, 759; Blood River, 456; Elkhorn, 351; North Bend, 274; West Union, 194; Pulaski County, 174; Bethel, 165; 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, 70; Union, 67; Ohio River, 65; Muhlenberg, 63; Mt. Zion, 62; Ohio Valley, 59; North Concord, 58; Ohio County, 56; Baptist, 56; Shelby County, 56; Concord, 53; Tate's Creek, 51; East Union, 50; Greenup, 48; Enterprise, 46; White's Run, 46; Breckenridge, 44; Russell's Creek, 44; Franklin, 39; Salem, 37; Liberty, 35; Crittenden, 35; Sulphur Fork, 34; Severn's Valley, 31; Warren, 26; 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;

Rockcastle, 9; South Kentucky, 8; Ten Mile, 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, 4,789. Transfers and Duplicates, 41. Grand total, 4,748.

A GREAT NEED AND ITS SUPPLY.

H. L. Winburn, D.D.

If the distinction between teaching and training be well made, it is clear to me that the one great need of Baptists is that our preachers and other workers shall be trained. I think the ordinary reaction of the mass of our people to the educational stimuli of the times will guarantee the proper teaching, or learning rather, of our leaders. What we need is two-fold: to know how to apply our knowledge to our tasks, and an adequate inspiration or impulse for the doing of the tasks. These two are very closely related.

One of the most promising movements among Kentucky Baptists is the movement to have Training Schools for pastors and workers so generously distributed over the State that all can reach them. If we can succeed in a worthy way in our training work (promotion of facility in doing the tasks) we will have taken a tremendous step forward. Our pastors are neither ignorant nor untaught. They measure up well with the average of our times in regard to education. So, with our people. If there is a dearth of results it can not be said to come from ignorance. It more properly belongs under the head of lack of training than lack of teaching. When our men and women know, as they no doubt do, what is the substance of their mission and commission, and then know how to do the thing they are commissioned to do, we will have a mighty and conquering host—or the Gospel impulse is a failure.

Let us, by all means, give attention to these Schools of Methods. Let pastors and workers attend. Go with the view of staying through and getting all possible help from them. It will be a good investment for churches to send their leading workers. This movement will help to supply the greatest need we have, namely, facility in doing the things we are sent to do.

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS AND THE BUDGET.

March 4-10 was the week appointed for special prayer and thankofferings for the work of our Home Mission Board. But if any society failed to observe it, any week in March can be set aside for this purpose. The question is often asked, "How can we make these special offerings for our Boards if our church has adopted the Budget plan?" One main feature of this plan is the weekly offering, and if we give week by week to cover all our apportionments, there will no longer be needed such large gifts at special times. But in most cases, the apportionments are not entirely provided for by weekly offerings, and Christmas gifts and Thankofferings will help to fill the Budget, being counted in as part of the apportionment. Again, many of our people may be induced to give something in these collections who do not or cannot share in the regular weekly giving. But, after all, our great considerations should be that we have such love for our Lord's cause as will cause us to make a joyful offering for its furtherance. One of our Superintendents, whose own society sends in our largest Christmas offering almost every year was asked how this is done. She writes that she reminded the women how every week and all during the year they are spending for the good of their loved ones at home, yet when Christmas comes, they desire to make them special presents; and so it should be with gifts for our Lord and Master.

The Home Board counts on us this year for a twenty per cent larger offering than before to help pay off all the debt caused by too small contributions last year.

E. S. B.

OUR OBLIGATIONS.

Generous and even heroic giving will be needed if we meet our apportionments by April 30th, and go up to our Annual Meeting with glad hearts. On March 1st, we lacked for the Foreign Board \$3,720.43, and for the Home Board \$4,650.41, with \$119.64 for Current Expenses of the Training School. Let us keep these items steadily in mind, and seek in every way for those whom we may enlist as new contributors, besides looking to it that every single pledge is paid in good season.

NEW ORLEANS, MAY 16.

Who will be our Kentucky delegates to the Woman's Missionary Union, which meets in May at New Orleans? Each State is entitled to twenty-five women delegates, who must be appointed by the Central Committee. It is greatly desired that our Superintendents of Associations and Vice-Presidents of the five Districts be among these delegates. At our State Annual Meeting in November it was resolved that each society be asked to send one dollar for expenses of Superintendent and fifty cents for the Vice-President, both amounts to be sent to the Superintendent of your Associations. Promptness in making these payments will keep them in paying expenses to this meeting, which gives these officers information and inspiration; fitting them to be useful as leaders, and helpful counsellors.

All our society members who expect to attend are asked to send their names to the Chairman of Central Committee, and appointments will be made so as to secure fair representatives from the several Districts.

The Grunewald Hotel will be Headquarters, and single rooms without bath may be had for one dollar a day up, in the Main. In the New Building, or Annex, a double room without bath (two in a room) will be \$2.50 a day. For other rates, apply to the Hotel.

M. S. Broadus,

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HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS.

1917 Convention City.

Over a hundred years ago, this quaint old city was founded and many of the original buildings, churches, markets, theatres, etc., are in use today. Visitors especially enjoy sightseeing through this portion of the city, which is known as "French town."

The old French market, which is world renowned, is still doing business in the same old stand.

"Place de Arms," which is now called "Jackson Square," was a place to congregate. Women would stop to and from market to gossip while business men would spend a portion of their noon hour in the shade of the luxuriant palms. This square is still one of the picturesque spots in New Orleans.

Nearby is the French Opera House where today we still have opera in that tongue. This historic theatre plays a prominent part in our Mardi Gras festivities, as it is there the Carnival tabuleaux are given.

Not far distant, we find the Spanish Cabildo. Jotted here and there are many curio shops that visitors find so interesting. Many of the residences in this section are built right on the sidewalk or "banquet," but if you are fortunate enough to get a peep into the rear yards, you will find in most instances beautiful flower gardens "courts" as they are called.

Historic cemeteries play a large part in making New Orleans quaint. It has been truly said "There is no other place on the globe like New Orleans."

Come and see for yourself the many, many places that are impossible to mention in this article.

Come to the great Convention city in May, and see how greatly the Lord has blessed this great Southern city.

(Signed) Mrs. Cicero A. Ramsey,
2414 Octavia st. Publicity Chairman.

We have only two months now before our Convention Year closes, and are beginning to feel very anxious for fear we are not going to meet our apportionments for Foreign and Home Missions. Our greatest needs at the present time are:

Foreign Missions.....\$3,720.43
Home Missions 4,650.41
Training School Expense Fund 119.64

These amounts must be sent to the W. M. U. Office within the next two months if we are to reach our apportionments. Besides these, we are anxious to take in as much as possible for the Training School Building, in order to help avoid a debt when we move into the new building next summer.

Remember that Dr. Gray has asked us to increase our Home Mission offering twenty per cent this Spring to relieve the debt on our Home Mission Board, and we feel sure that our Kentucky women will put forth a big effort to help at this time. Last year we fell below our apportionments, both for Foreign and Home Missions, and we would be very happy to come up with the full amount for both apportionments this year and, in fact, go beyond the apportionment twenty per cent for Home Missions.

Let us work, let us pray, let us give with all our hearts, during the next two months that Kentucky W. M. U. will have a cheerful report to present in New Orleans, and that our Boards will take in the full amounts necessary to carry on the great work planned by Southern Baptists.

J. C. B.

Prayer Calendars.


We still have a number of Prayer Calendars in the W. M. U. Office. This calendar will the better help you to use that talent of prayer, uniting your prayers with other Southern Baptist women in praying for the ongoing of the kingdom. Friend, do not wrap this one talent in a napkin and hide it in the earth, but use it for the glory of God. The calendars are 20c each from W. M. U. Headquarters, 205 East Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

Arlington.

Mrs. W. Z. Jackson, from Arlington W. M. S., writes: I am glad to tell you our W. M. S. were already giving their Sunday eggs. I am also giving my Sunday milk money.

First W. M. S. in Kentucky.

It has been reported that the Russellville W. M. S. was the first society organized in Kentucky; this was organized in 1874, but Dr. Powell has discovered from some old minutes that the W. M. S. at Hender-



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son First Church was organized in 1859, and that that same year they gave \$48 to missions, while the money given by the church aside from this (for missions) was \$6.

Schools of Theology and Methods.
The W. M. U. will have an instructor in

W. M. U. Methods at each of the Schools of Theology and Methods which are to be held, one in each of the five Districts. These Schools will be held from April 23rd to May 4th.

Spring Conferences.

The Spring Conferences, or "all day meetings," to be held in fifty-four Associations in Kentucky, will begin on March 19th at Arlington, Ky. Miss Mattie Wilson, field-worker for the W. M. U. of Kentucky, will attend most of the meetings and will show stereopticon pictures of the W. M. U. Training School and the work of our Foreign Mission Board in other countries, at night, where the local society can furnish a stereopticon machine with the operator.

Either Brother J. L. Hart or his wife will attend the meetings until April 1st. They are missionaries from Argentina, South America, and we are delighted to have them give us a view of the work there.

Mrs. E. A. Jackson, from Bahia, Brazil, found that she could not be with us before April 1st. We have the promise of Mrs. Jackson and Miss Annie Sandlin from China after April 1st.

The following is the itinery up to April 3rd:

West Kentucky Association, Arlington, Monday, March 19th.

West Union Association, Friendship Church, Wednesday, March 21.

Blood River Association, Benton, Thursday, March 22.

Ohio River Association, Smithland, Saturday, March 24.

Little River Association, White Sulphur, Monday, March 26.

Little Bethel Association, Earlington, Tuesday, March 27.

Ohio Valley Association, Corydon, Wednesday, March 28.

Muhlenburg Association, Powderly, Thursday, March 29.

Ohio County Association, Friday, March 30.

Goshen Association, Saturday, March 31.

Severn's Valley Association, Elizabethtown, Monday, April 2.

Lynn Association, Munfordville, Tuesday, April 3.

The women of all the churches in each Association are cordially invited to the meeting of their associational W. M. U. at

this time, and each society should be certain to have their own representatives.

Dinner will be served at the church.—K. C. Hinkle.

NOTICE!

Kentucky Mission Monthly and the Home and Foreign Fields at 60 cents per year.

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was a place for him in kingdom service. Had he never come under the spell of this special meeting with its special appeal, he might have gone the way of so many other capable business men who have never felt the touchstone of a great special offering calling them out of themselves into the greatest business enterprise ever started on earth, viz.: Partnership with the King in establishing His kingdom through the mammon of unrighteousness.

Some pastors are exceedingly nervous over admitting any special appeal to come before their churches. They seem to think they are the divinely appointed guardians to protect their unsuspecting, innocent capitalists who had sense enough to make money, but who stand ready, as the pastor sees it, to be victimized by every representative of the Lord's work. In this attitude, he is often unwittingly excluding the means of discovery of some great souls in his congregation who need just this appeal to enlist them as kingdom forces. May the Lord open the eyes of these would-be protectors of His stewards.

Besides, the special offering reaches the mass of untrained and even unresponsive souls who would never be reached even for their small gifts but for the special appeal. No matter how thoroughly a church membership may be worked, there are some who are unreached by the workers, or who could never be enlisted except through the special call and the special offering.

These reasons seem sufficient in themselves to justify the continuance of the special offering, even though it only comes in as an extra appeal when a church supports the regular work according to the budget and divides the contributions on the percentage basis. In the case of the undeveloped, unenlisted church it can serve a large place as an educational agency. It is hardly probable that we will ever reach that stage in our work when any of our church-

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es should say we will never allow a special offering to be taken in our congregation.

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Today is the strategic hour to stress our work in Japan. The first convert was reported in 1864. Jonathan Goble, a Baptist, translated and printed the gospel of Matthew in 1871. The next year the first Japanese Church was organized.

Baptists lead in missionary operations. Protestant and Baptist churches report 11,886 baptisms during the past year and a total of 97,350 communicants.

In 1876 Japan made Sunday an official holiday.

Our Baptist schools teach our young men and women to be physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually strong. Such education makes them willing to sacrifice their lives for a good cause—Christians to minister but not to be ministered unto. When we see such, we know that they have been with Jesus.

West of Manchuria is Mongolia with 5,000,000 ignorant, degraded inhabitants. The Bible has been translated and circulated by the British and Foreign Bible Society. It offers a fine field for Baptist missionaries. There are only two missionaries in its territory, which is six times as large as Germany. Lamaism prevails. The priests are very dissolute in their lives.

Chicago has more saloons than can be found in the entire South.

New York has more saloons than there are in thirty-six States.

Four States contain one-half the wet population. One-half the saloons are in fourteen States. The drink bill amounts to \$2,411,856,678. The entire budget for the United States government was \$1,061,574,919.12. No wonder the sentiment for National Prohibition is on the increase.

The Presbyterians are trying to raise an extra million dollars for foreign missions, to be used largely in Latin-American countries. Baptist, be wise, and enable our own Foreign Board to enlarge its force of workers where their labors are productive of so much good. Conversions and baptisms are

the order of the day. The fields are white, but the laborers are few.

NOTICE!

We still furnish the Kentucky Mission Monthly and Home and Foreign Fields for 60 cents per year.

A-1 Schools in Kentucky.

First Baptist Sunday School, Mayfield—Rev. W. M. Wood, Pastor; Mr. W. H. Wyman, Superintendent.

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

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

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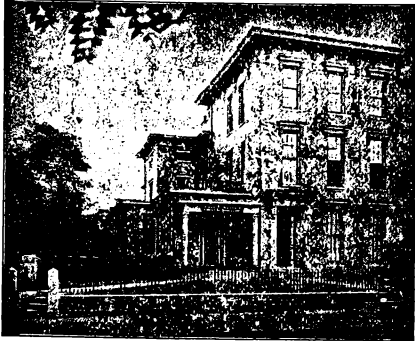
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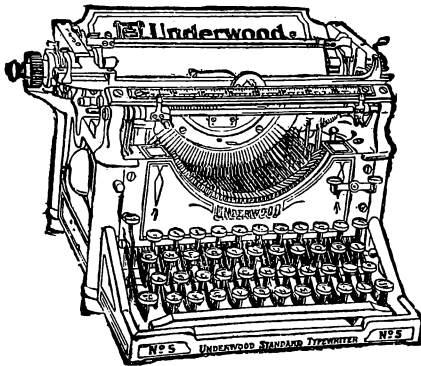
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