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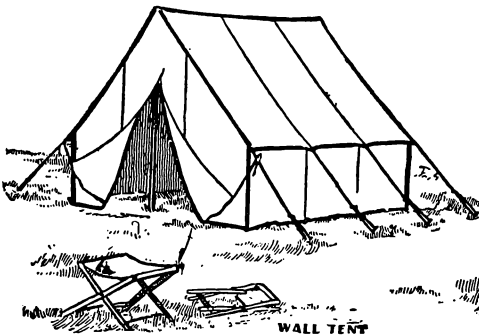
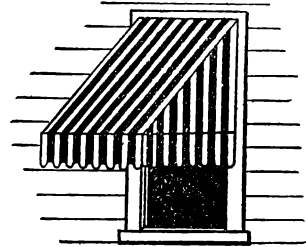
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... EDITORIAL ...

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LENGTHENING CORDS.

Great missionary advances have been made in time of war. The French Revolution was shaking the world some 125 years ago when Carey preached in an obscure Baptist meeting house a great sermon. His text was Isa. 54:2: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." There was a world crisis similar to that of today when this noted Baptist preacher threw out the challenge: "Ask great things of God; expect great things from God." Today, inheriting the fruits of Carey's missionary endeavor, we are in the throes of a greater tragedy.

Baptists are on trial before the world. Shall we plan for large or small things? Shall we take Kentucky, America, Russia and the world? Truly, it is a denominational crisis. Our churches are the greatest constructive, aggressive forces in the world. Our churches are anaemic. They need food, not stimulants.

This food is knowing what God is doing in the world. Much of the preaching today is as tasteless as boiled tulips. We are as unprepared for the world conquest, which Christ has assigned us, as America was for the present world war. We must mobilize our forces and our resources in this world issue. "Be thou faithful unto death" is the watchword.

Let our slogan for the next two weeks be: "We cannot fail, and we will not fail."

Rally to the aid of State Missions and our unified budget with good nature, appreciation, enthusiasm, and a fixed resolve in the heart of each Baptist to meet with courage whatever challenge confronts us.

There must be large and hilarious giving. Crops are fine, prices unprecedented and money is plentiful. Pay your vows unto the Lord. Consecration and loyalty must be emblazoned on every banner.

We must receive large sums of money, or we will suffer the sting of reporting a deficit.

POSSESSING THE LAND.

The day is ripe to possess Kentucky and the world for Christ if God's people will only make prayer their weapon and faith their ammunition.

We have no place in our ranks for hyphenated Christians. Some preaching today is as tasteless as a boiled strawberry.

Out of a glorious history of eighty years God is calling in a distinct voice, "Arise! Kentucky is your promised land. Go over the Jordan of despondency, of vacillation, of withholding. Possess the land for me."

Will you surround the mining camps and cities with a spiritual tread until the walls of ignorance, indifference and worldliness shall fall and bugle blasts of freedom and an exalted Christ shall be heard through our Promised Land.

Three Urgent Needs from the Baptists of Kentucky.

1. Their Prayers.—We must have a new realization of Christ—"Without me ye can do nothing," "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save the people from their sins." "Go, preach!" "Lo, I am with you alway."

2. Their Gold.—The pastor leaning over a coffin, said tenderly: "This corpse has been a member of this church for twenty years." Are you a corpse? Are we giving our grave clothes to our Lord?

3. Their Time.—We must have during the remainder of October Selective conscription.

Every member must be enrolled where he or she is best fitted to serve. We must mobilize all our forces for a great conquest campaign. We must possess Kentucky, and

we must meet our obligations to each phase of our organized work.

Pastors, lead your militant forces and make one Herculean effort to close this year of marvelous prosperity reporting all obligations met.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS' SUPREME TASK.

We must mobilize our full spiritual and financial strength in behalf of our Lord's work. Nothing short of this will save us from an inglorious defeat. We must concentrate and consecrate our utmost resources to meet the demands of our unusual Budget. This is no time to count the cost. You have given already—well, give again and in larger sums.

We must work and we must pray. You must meet your individual responsibility in this supreme hour.

Who would dare to shirk, or be a slacker? Do your duty now!

CHURCH BUILDING.

Our Church Building Fund is lagging behind our receipts of last year at this date by some \$5,000. We urge the friends to make liberal offering for this worthy enterprise. We are aiding in building Baptist churches at needy points. Last year we had received at this time \$8,962.89. This year our receipts have only been \$3,690.48. You can readily see that we are in dire need of over \$5,000 and we must meet it by October 31st.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Last year we had received by October 1st for State Missions, counting all items, \$50,203. This year, we have received \$46,308. The falling off has been in Sunday School work which last year was \$2,208, and this year we received only 1,352. Colportage was \$1,351, and this year it has been \$1,083 and on Church Building \$8,962 and this year we have received only \$3,690. Our friends will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

We had last year for the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home \$5,056, this year we have received \$11,564; for Education we had received last year \$4,811, this year \$8,108. On Ministers' Aid we had received \$1,420,

this year \$2,752. On Students' Fund we had received \$1,610 and this year \$2,161. For all purposes in our State work there has been a gain of \$7,793, but we must do better than that in this our final drive. Let our slogan be, "Give the maximum for the Master."

VALEDICTORY.

I wish to thank the Baptists of Kentucky for their hearty co-operation during the past ten years and to say "Good-bye," as my services as Editor of this paper and Corresponding Secretary of the State Board will terminate with this month. I want every Baptist to rally to our aid during the remaining days of this month and see that we close reporting no debt.

After October 31st, address all communications to the State Board to Rev. O. E. Bryan, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Brother Bryan will also be Editor of this paper.

The State Board has been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of one who has had such fine preparation and who is so thoroughly capable to discharge the responsible duties placed upon him. He deserves the love, confidence and heartiest co-operation of all our Baptist forces.

W. D. Powell.

OUR DUTY AS BAPTISTS IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.

Our denominational ideals demand that we should, by sacrificial giving, interpret love in its highest terms. There must be unswerving loyalty and devotion manifested to all the objects fostered by our unified Budget; there must be earnest prayer for increased faith and for our Pastors and leaders that they may discharge their full duty. We must especially remember men and women whose financial conditions and prosperity is such that they could give, if disposed, by hundreds and thousands. They could immortalize their money by making wise investments for Missions, Education, Children's Home, our aged and infirm ministers and the Students' Fund.

Because we have given largely toward the demands of the nation does not mean that there should be a contraction of duty to-

Christian duty in this emergency is unmistakable. Enlargement, not contraction, is what our cause demands.

We planned the work of the current year ward the cause of Christ. As Baptists, our in the confidence that the denomination would loyally stand by us. We publish the most recent statistics which show that large sums are needed before the close of this fiscal year. This bloody war struggle should inspire increased giving on the part of our Baptist hosts.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

When we recall the blessings of the past nine years, it ought to stimulate us to attempt greater things. We have raised during that period for State, Home and Foreign Missions, \$1,228,879.14 and for all purposes, \$1,268,074.98. This ought to stimulate us for greater effort. During the same years, our State workers reported 22,179 baptisms and 34,824 additions to our Baptist Churches. What an army of recruits! This year we must raise for our Budget more than \$225,000, making nearly a billion and a half dollars in ten years. Let our men and women rally to our aid. Our work has been conducted not on a sight-walking policy, but in abiding faith on the basis of the Great Commission and divine promise, "Lo, I am with you."

Why not give us your liberty bonds to help in church building and other features of our Lord's work. Let us take charge of your money and pay you a dividend during your natural life. This relieves you of worry and taxes. No bank in Louisville is more reliable than the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Write to us about the matter.

A DECADE OF STATE MISSION HARVESTS.

We were at a low ebb in Sunday School work ten years ago. Today we lead all the Southern States, save Texas.

We have forged to the front in church building. Thousands have been converted and baptized. Our annual offerings have about trebled. But we are far from our goal. One-third of our population are un-

saved. We need hundreds of new churches. Help State Missions. Send a check today.

This is a fine time to renew your subscription to the Mission Journals, only 60 cents a year.

Here is a pastor in a small town who sends us a check for \$792 for the budget. Others could do likewise if they would only make the effort. What do you say, Brother Pastor?

AMAZING PROSPERITY.

Farm products in the South will realize over \$6,000,000,000 this year. This is a gain of \$1,450,000,000. The entire country produced only \$5,000,000,000 seventeen years ago.

Kentucky shares in this marvelous growth and we must give as prospered. Our old standards of giving must be enlarged.

The vast wealth which is being accumulated will be a curse instead of a blessing unless we use it to the glory of God and the betterment of mankind.

Evangelist J. W. Beagle has had splendid success in his work in Ohio County Association.

Fordsville Church goes to full time. \$1,000 has been raised for the pastor and they have a beautiful pastor's home. They have also raised a full Budget for our denominational work

Hartford, the county seat, also goes to full time. Rev. Russell Walker is the pastor.

In the past twenty-five days, under the leadership of Brother Beagle, \$2,000 has been raised in Ohio County for the Kentucky Budget. He has visited twenty-two churches since September 1st, and has raised money for the Kentucky Budget in all save one. He is now in a meeting at Buck Creek Church with that man of God, Rev. J. A. Bennett. The work of Brother Beagle illustrates the fact that first there must be evangelism to warm the hearts of God's people ere they will fully realize their financial obligations and debt to our Lord's work.

These are strenuous times. Kentucky Baptists will be making history during the remaining days of October. Let the words, "Fear God and work hard," ring out all along the firing line. Henry Martyn was

unable to see any business in life but the work of Christ. We are in this world not on a furlough, but for orders.

What we owe the Lord should be regarded as more sacred than our ordinary indebtedness. Every true Christian should be willing to make sacrifices in order to discharge his spiritual indebtedness just as every honest man will faithfully endeavor to meet his obligations. A man is in disgrace who, while able, is unwilling to take care of his commercial paper. The same treatment should be accorded him in spiritual matters. Our missionaries have toiled faithfully. Because of the high cost of living, there has been great difficulty in making ends meet. There is every reason why those who have been so blessed in this world's goods should generously remember them at this time.

LET US HAVE FINE TEAM WORK.

We can meet our apportionment by close co-operation. One-half our church members do not know anything of team work. We must change their indifference into zeal and ardor. We need the help of the Holy Spirit. We must think together, plan together and pray together and then give together for our common interests.

Hear Kipling:

"It ain't the guns, nor armament, nor funds
that they can pay,
but close co-operation that makes them win
the day.
It ain't the individuals, nor the army as a
whole,
But the everlasting team-work of every liv-
ing soul.

Rev. N. F. Jones has just closed a fine meeting with Missionary S. P. Stapp at Fleming, an extensive mining camp in Eastern Kentucky. He reports that Miss Wotford's influence for good is felt throughout the camp and that in the school work it is almost beyond belief what she is doing. Miss Sorrell at Haymond is using her splendid talents and Christian influence in the Master's service. The officials at the camp were exceedingly kind to our brother. He is now with Brother Pfening in a meeting at Seco.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES.

"Just today we chanced to meet
Down upon the busy street;
And I wondered whence he came
And what was once his nation's name.

"So I asked him, 'Tell me true,
Are you Pole or Russian Jew,
English, Irish, German, Prussian,
French, Italian, Scotch or Russian,
Belgian, Spanish, Swiss, Moravian,
Dutch or Greek or Scandinavian?'
Then he held his head up high
As he made me this reply:
'What I was is naught to me
In this land of liberty—
On my soul as man to man,
I am just American.'"

State Missions looks after these strangers in our gates. We covet your prayers, your service and your gold.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST STATE MISSIONS.

O. E. Bryan.

Kentucky is a rich mission field for Baptists. In order that we may be more efficient abroad, we must take care of the home base in a larger way.

Kentucky.

Located as we are, Kentucky gets the extreme of most everything. She gets the extreme lapover of weather, she gets the extreme lapover of party politics. Wilson and Hughes both started their campaigns here. She gets the extreme lapover of heresy. Campbellism and the Holiness Movement have prospered most here. Kentucky is in a constant storm belt of conflict. This explains why she gave Lincoln to the North and Davis to the South. This explains why she gave nearly an equal number of soldiers to the Blue and the Gray. This explains why Henry Clay, the son of a Baptist preacher, became so famous as a peacemaker between the North and the South. This constant religious and political conflict explains why we are called feudalists. It also explains why Kentucky has given the world so many great leaders in all lines of life. God has always developed the character of His leaders in the fires of conflict. Because of this fact Kentucky Baptists

should be awake to their Mission duty within their State.

Baptist.

Baptists have an enviable history in Kentucky. Some of her pioneers were among those who suffered most under the persecution of our colonial government. Her sons have been noted for orthodoxy and she has given many of the best preachers to our denomination. Kentucky Baptists are strong in numbers. There are more than 250,000 white Baptists, 85,000 colored Baptists and 50,000 unaffiliated Baptists in our State. If these were all enlisted, they would be a mighty force in the Master's work. Not more than ten per cent of the white Baptists of this State are helping to bear the financial burden. If the other ninety per cent could be awakened, the earth would feel our onward march. With the proper leadership and spirit, most of these could be enlisted. The greatest need of our State is old-time revivals of spiritual Christianity accompanied by true enlistment evangelism where each saved soul is left enlisted for service. Kentucky Baptists have an abundance of wealth. Perhaps in no other State do so many Baptists own their own farms. Our cities, factories and mines are full of Baptists who are living well. If the 250,000 white Baptists should lay on God's altar one tithe of their increase, our financial problems would be solved. According to standard statistics, the average earning capacity of an individual is \$300 per year. Since Baptists do not count the babies, surely we will average this same accumulation. If so, the annual income of Kentucky Baptists is \$75,000,000. One-fourth of this is \$7,500,000. If Kentucky Baptists should do no more than their reasonable duty, they could easily finance the whole world Mission enterprise as it is at the present time. When will our people awake to their possibilities? We need more pioneers, enlistment evangelists preaching the Gospel, baptizing believers and enlisting saved souls to carry out the Master's Great Commission.

State.

Each State has a spirit all its own. The people of a given State are bound together by common ties of blood, of business, of education and of politics. Christianity seeks to influence all of these for good. The State

is therefore the logical division for denominational work. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Here the Master seems to justify the geographical division of our work. Our State has a spirit of patriotism linked with its history not surpassed, if equaled, by any State in the Union. Our people love their homes and their Commonwealth. Stevens Collins Foster, in his matchless melody, "The Old Kentucky Home," caught his immortal strains from the Kentucky spirit. Sons and daughters of this State, far away in strange lands, have been charmed by this melody. Through the tear-mist in their eyes, one has seen the cabin on the mountain, another has seen the cottage in the pennyroyal, while another has seen a mansion in the Bluegrass. Whether cabin, cottage or mansion, it is the Old Kentucky Home. There is no place like home and certainly to the Kentuckian, no place like the old Kentucky Home. This State spirit is a tie that should be wisely utilized by our leaders in denominational work.

Missions.

Our State Mission task in Kentucky at present consists in raising our apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions in this State without help or pay from the Home and Foreign Boards. In this way, we are working beyond our borders, to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our work consists in preaching the Gospel through our State Evangelists and Missionary Pastors to the destitute portions of our own State. Our work consists in building church houses for homeless churches, in sending out Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. workers and in City Mission work among the foreigners and Negroes. Our work consists in the support of denominational schools and in helping to pay the expenses of our student preacher boys and in helping to care for the infirm ministers of our State. And our work consists in supporting the homeless children in the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale. Surely every Baptist should have a part in this glorious work. Let us take up the cross of State Missions in Kentucky and move forward with faith in the Lord and determination to do His will for His sake and for the good of the whole world.

... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

WALTER L. BROCK, General Secretary.
PAUL POWELL, Field Secretary.
205 E. Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDITION AT LIVINGSTON, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. O. E. Bryan, our new Corresponding Secretary. The offerings taken were sufficient to cover all indebtedness. This was a red-letter day in the history of the church. It marks the beginning of a larger life.

The Livingston brethren have been all along aggressive in teacher-training work. They are ready now to put on a thorough-going programme. Our slogan is: Trained Teachers, Adequate Equipment, Effective Organization. Large attention has been given to the first two points. They are ready now for first-class organization. With the leadership of such men as Fred Jones, Peter Drummond and Ben Hillard, we may expect something worth while.

BURGIN DEDICATES.

On Sunday, September 30th, the Burgin Church dedicated what is practically a new house of worship. Dr. W. M. Stallings, former pastor, but now the efficient pastor of the Greenville Church, preached the sermon and raised all the indebtedness. A. L. Voris is superintendent of the Sunday School. He is both progressive and aggressive.

Burgin looms up now as one of our great fields. The church has a workshop and plenty of material to work on. It has a capable and consecrated band of men and women and they are Baptists through and through. The work that Dr. Stallings did there is hardly less than phenomenal.

CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION.

This involves a programme of making disciples, then baptizing them and then teaching them to observe what Jesus commanded. The Great Commission can not be carried out without teaching the Bible. Hither-

to our emphasis has been on evangelizing and baptizing. Baptists have placed a splendid emphasis on evangelism. They have also made a heroic fight for Bible baptism, and they have won.

But we have failed somehow to realize that teaching is a part of the Commission, and our neglect of this part of the Commission is the cause of our troubles. It accounts for our anti-missionism. It made possible the spread of Holy Rollerism and every other sort of ism with which we have to contend.

The only salvation is to come back to the Bible. It says that we must teach. Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, we must actually teach the word of God to our people. If we fail to do this, we fail to carry out the Commission.

Real teaching calls for three things: Trained Teachers, Adequate Equipment, Effective Organization.

THE CRITERION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL EFFICIENCY.

Many Sunday School matters with which we are much engaged are but a means to an end. It is natural and proper that most of our energies should be expended in the processes. It comes about naturally that the chief emphasis is on the machinery. This is perfectly right on one condition, and that is that we keep the real objective before us—the net product.

How, then, may we measure our success? With the standard of attendance. Certainly that is one way and, it must be said that, this is the usual way. It ought to be our purpose to reach our entire constituency. Let the striving for attendance go on unabated.

However, the real criterion is this: Bible knowledge and Bible living. Are the pupils in our schools becoming acquainted with the Bible and incorporating its precepts in their lives? That is the real question. The reputation of a college or university is made on the career of its alumni. Is the Bible so taught that the lost are won to Christ and the saved caused to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? This is the real criterion.

Brother Paul Powell was at Oak Island Church in Campbell County Association, September 16th to 21st. Unfortunately, Pastor L. A. Byrd could not be present and as might be supposed, the attendance was limited; however, interest was good. Oak Island is a country church with great possibilities. Before his departure, the secretary was given an old fashioned pounding and he returned home laden with good things to eat.

Pastor O. R. Mangum, though in a new field, had his forces so well organized that the Henderson Training School opened with a splendid attendance, September 23rd. Brother W. D. Hudgins, the Tennessee State Sunday School Secretary, taught the Bible Section of the Manual. It is always a joy to have Brother Hudgins in our State. We anticipate a city-wide Training School for Henderson next year.

TEACHER TRAINING ITEMS.

Standing to date of five leading States, September 30, 1917:

Normal Diplomas—Texas, 7,633; Kentucky, 5,053; North Carolina, 4,472; Georgia, 4,183; Mississippi, 3,639.

Red Seals—Texas, 1,185; Kentucky, 1,010; Alabama, 632; Mississippi, 588; Georgia, 587.

Blue Seals—Texas, 621; Kentucky, 588; Alabama, 333; Georgia, 279; Mississippi, 268.

Normal Diplomas issued in Kentucky during September, 1917:

Bethel—Bessie Lee Mason.

East Union—Pema Archer.

Pulaski County—Pearl Burton, Zerno Matthew Ford, Mary Owens, Martha Sutton.

Daviess County—Mary Lucy Burton.

Red Seals issued in Kentucky during September, 1917:

Pulaski County—H. S. Measel.

Russell County—L. V. Christman, D. C. Hopper, J. M. Hopper, Leslie Wilson.

Elkhorn—Mrs. W. L. Shearer.

The following is a list of Normal Diplomas by Associations ending September 30, 1917:

Long Run, 831; Blood River, 456; Elkhorn, 403; North Bend, 274; West Union, 224; Pulaski County, 183; Bethel, 179; Daviess Co., 158; Campbell Co., 141; Three Forks, 97; Graves County, 93; Bell County, 90; Nelson,

89; Wayne County, 88; Union, 87; West Kentucky, 79; Bracken, 77; Little River, 71; South District, 70; Ohio River, 65; Muhlenberg, 63; Enterprise, 63; Mt. Zion, 62; Ohio Valley, 59; North Concord, 58; Ohio County, 56; Baptist, 56; Shelby County, 56; Concord, 54; Greenup, 53; Tate's Creek, 51; East Union, 51; Russell's Creek, 49; White's Run, 47; Breckenridge, 44; Franklin, 39; Sulphur Fork, 39; Salem, 37; Liberty, 36; Severn's Valley, 36; Crittenden, 35; Warren, 26; Little Bethel, 24; Boone's Creek, 21; Central, 19; Freedom, 17; Goshen, 17; Allen, 16; Lynn Camp, 14; Russel County, 14; Oneida, 13; Rockcastle, 13; Laurel River, 12; Simpson, 12; Lynn, 11; South Kentucky, 8; Upper Cumberland, 8; Ten Mile, 6; East Lynn, 5; Logan County, 3; Barren River, 2; Henry County, 2; Gasper River, 1; Owen County, 1. Colored, 22. Total, 5,095. Transfers and Duplicates, 42. Leaving a balance of 5,055.

A-1 Schools in Kentucky.

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

First Baptist Sunday School, Cynthiana—C. W. Elsey, Pastor.

First Baptist Sunday School, Russellville—Homer Felts, Superintendent.

First Baptist Sunday School, Williamsburg—E. F. Wright, Pastor.

Whitesville Baptist Sunday School—A. C. Hutson, Pastor.

Latonía Baptist Sunday School—Rev. T. C. Crume, Pastor; H. G. Rardin, Supt.

Walnut Street Baptist Sunday School—Rev. H. L. Winburn, Pastor; C. S. Leavell, Supt.

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

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.

Gov. P. Elias Callis, of Sonora, Mexico, does not allow the inhabitants of that State to buy, sell or have in their possession intoxicating liquors. He recently confiscated forty car loads of liquor and dumped it in the bay at Guaymas.

... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ...

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Miss E. S. Broadus.....Chairman
 Mrs. B. G. Rees.....Treasurer
 Mrs. Janie Cree Bose.....Cor. Sec.
 205 East Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.

OUR NEED.

Kentucky W. M. U. at this writing is still \$2,867 short of her apportionment for State Missions. It behooves every society to have a special season of prayer and study of our State Mission program, and send us before October 31st the best offering they possibly can, if they earnestly desire with us that this apportionment be met. We are counting, dear women, on you; Dr. Powell is counting on you; but above all our Master is counting on us all. Let us not fail Him above all else.

STATE MISSIONS.

It is not too late to send in contributions for the special State Mission offering, in fact, up to the close of October such gifts will be received.

The budget plan put into the hands of the State Board the administration of various departments heretofore separately conducted, and it must be remembered that these comprise Sunday Schools, colportage, education, children's home and helping the negroes, besides the usual missionary operations in our own state. The most cordial relations exist between the State Board and our Woman's Missionary Union, and our progress of late years is quite largely due to this fact. So on every account, we must seek to do great things for this collection. Yet let none fail to send something because it is only a little. Every dollar kept back helps to make debt.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

October and November are the months for pledging Memorials and other gifts to the Home Mission Board Loan Building Fund. Many societies can well arrange to

have a \$500 memorial in this way. Get twenty women to promise \$5.00 a year for five years, and if this is not possible, make up some of the amounts by smaller gifts. Let every society give something this year at least, if only a few dollars.

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

In all our activities for the help of our armies and for the public welfare in this time of stress, let us not fail to be instant in prayer, especially for our men in training camps, on the sea, or in France. In North Carolina, several W. M. S. have agreed to meet every Monday for special prayer. At least we can all meet in spirit around one common mercy-seat, and never forget petitions for this object at our gatherings, and in our homes. Let us pray particularly for a blessing upon the testaments given to the soldiers. An English officer wrote while waiting quietly for the end, that he began to read his Testament for want of something to do, and coming to John 17:3, the words made such an impression that they never left him until he had learned to know Christ as the one sent by the only true God, and through this knowledge to have eternal life. His only regret was that he could not live to serve Him, to make Him known to others, and he left to Foreign Missions all his possessions.

A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS IN INDIA.

Mrs. Henry W. Peabody writes in the Missionary Review of the beginning of the United Girls' College at Madras, a long-cherished desire. The grounds and principal building were bought with part of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller's bequest to Foreign Missions, a commodious house, formerly used by government officials, built of stone, and with large, airy rooms for library and dining room. Madras is a city of trees, and beautiful views are to be seen from the windows. High grade teaching will fit these Hindu girls to become instructors of other girls, and help to put an end to the curse of ignorance that heathenism entails. As it is a Christian college, they will be fitted to become Christian workers.

ANNUAL MEETING OF KENTUCKY W. M. U.

In Paducah, November 13-14, will be held an annual meeting in connection with the General Association. Here we must decide the question whether to continue this plan, or begin to meet at a separate time and place. The latter is the plan in several States, and all testify that much larger attendance and greater enthusiasm are the result. Some new officers are also to be chosen, and the campaign for the Church Building Fund will culminate with an evening service devoted to its presentation. Pictures will be shown to illustrate its great need and its happy results, and an address will be made by one of our preacher friends. Let every society send delegates, one for every twenty-five members. Vice presidents and superintendents of associations and members of Central Committee are delegates ex officio. Send names to our office, and badges and credential cards will be returned, the latter to be filled in by president or secretary of the society. Due notice will be found in our Denominational Weeklies of railroad rates and entertainment.

E. S. B.

THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Dr. Warren is allowing us to publish the following letters in order to show the need of Church Building. He writes:

"I feel that no appeal can be formulated which will have the strength contained in extracts from two letters which are on my desk at this time."

The first letter is from a pastor whose heart is breaking because a building proposition in which he has put his all is about to fail. He has mortgaged his home in order to secure funds for the carrying on of the work, and in his letter he gives the following instances of sacrifices by his devoted people:

"One old man who has saved up enough money to bury him, drew it from the bank and turned it over to the building committee. He said as he did it, 'I had rather be buried in a plain wooden box than see my Lord without a decent house in this place.'

A poor woman who launders curtains for

a meager living and supports a child and aged mother pledged \$200 and is paying it, one dollar a week.

One woman sold the ring of a dead child, her only child, and gave the money to the church.

Two others turned over the insurance of dead children to the building committee. They did this after making liberal personal subscriptions.

The story of our church is the story of sacrifice written in human blood. My whole life has been changed as I have seen these dear people live the sacrificial life.

A young husband with a wife and mother to support on a \$75 salary pledged \$500 and is paying it every week.

Every young man in the Baraca Class gave from \$100 to \$500. Not one gave less than \$100.

Young women, working girls, making from \$5 to \$10 a week gave from \$50 to \$250.

If you had time to read it I could write a book on the sacrifices of our people.

You know already of my own personal sacrifices. All that I have hangs in the balance. I am glad to give it all if it takes that to save the Baptist cause in this place. I have nothing too good for my Master.

The time has now come when we must have outside help or all that we have done is lost. Our application is in your hands. The decision of the Home Board will either save us or wreck us.'

This is a typical letter, a sample letter. Over sixty such were considered with applications by the Church Building Fund Committee yesterday, the majority of the applications had to be denied because of lack of funds.

In the heart of every member of the Home Board there is reflected the soul agony of these men and women of God who are so valiently seeking to do the Master's work against overwhelming odds. And I believe if you think and pray over the matter until the Spirit gives you a vision of these modern martyrs of the Cross your heart will ache and your soul will agonize until your purse strings will open and the golden treasure, be it great or small, which has been entrusted to you by your Master, will be divided with these little ones of His who are seeking to do His work.



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Now read this extract from another letter which presents the other side of the situation. It is from a woman:

"I am enclosing my check for \$1,300. A vision of those 4,000 homeless churches meeting in buildings that leak when it rains, in houses which are poorly heated when it is cold, or in no building at all, rises before me in the darkness of the night. The work of God cannot be done in a school house, a saloon, in an ill or poorly ventilated building, or in a grove. Such pictures as these come before me and I realize that, however earnest they may be, they cannot do adequate work for good under such conditions. I want to help some of these places.

I believe that this contribution gives me the right to a Memorial in the Hall of Fame. It is easy enough to build a monument of stone, but that in my judgment is inadequate and inappropriate. The best memorial to those I love is a new church building where a dilapidated one once stood, of a church house where none before existed, because this means one redeemed standing where one lived in sin before."

This is the second letter which has been received from this same woman. The other letter also enclosed a substantial contribution to the work.

The women of Kentucky have assumed a generous portion of the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund. Your Central Committee is laying plans for a great campaign. It is not only the hope, but it is the belief of those who know the spirit of Kentucky Baptist women that every dollar of the accepted apportionment will be met.

The need is great, the opportunity is greater. The Master who said, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these" stands waiting and watching. He who was homeless for our sakes asks of us homes for His little ones today.

"And what may that be, my little maid?"
"A study of Missions, my friend," she said.

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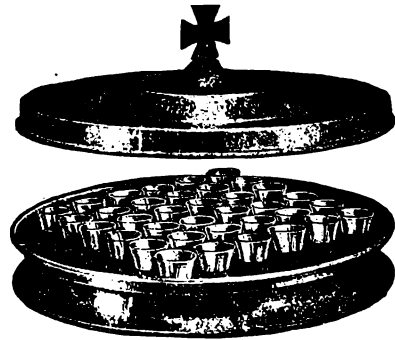
HELP FOR CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

F. M. McConnell.

It should always be understood that no church should be helped by the State Board simply because it is a weak church. No preacher should be helped from State Mission funds because he is poor or has a large family. Churches should be helped solely that they may grow stronger. A church that is content to remain weak should not be helped by the other churches of the State through that mission fund. A church can do nothing without any help.

No preacher should ever receive pay from either a church, Association or the State Board because he is a poor man and has a large family. Money paid to preachers should never be considered charity, but should always be paid for services rendered. Baptist preachers are not objects of charity. Baptist mission funds are not charity funds. The State Board is not a united charities association. A church assisted by other churches of the State should be able to show progress or refuse to receive help. A preacher whose salary is paid in whole, or in part, from State Mission funds should be able to show results or else he should refuse to have his salary paid by the Baptists of the State, many of whom give sacrificially into the State Mission treasury. Associational mission boards should insist always that the missionary should give value received in service, for his funds. Boards, either Associational or State, should be conscientious in the disbursement of such funds. The one solitary reason for asking Baptists of a State to give money to State Missions is in order that the cause may be advanced. The one solitary consideration in the employment of any missionary should be, will we by this means advance the cause of Jesus Christ? If it is not clear that he will advance the cause, he should not be employed, no matter how poor he is or how good he is as a brother.

It ought to be emphasized everywhere that this Board was not organized for the purpose of furnishing positions or fields of labor for the brethren. Every step in the administration of the affairs of this Board should be taken with reference to the wise and conservative appropriation of its funds,



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and it should be understood that we can neither appoint men as missionaries under this Board because we love them, nor because of former service, nor because they need jobs. This rule should apply from the corresponding secretary of the Board to the obscurest and smallest-salaried missionary on the rolls.

LARGER PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

Walter N. Johnson.

This is the need in our churches.

Not necessarily protracted meetings with larger attendance, but of intenser work in the lives of the church members:

Protracted meetings that do not stop with spasmodic, personal consecration, but insist on a vital consecration projected into a daily life of practical stewardship over this world's goods;

Protracted meetings that do not blow off in puffs to pay a preacher for preaching in one community during one meeting, but line up the whole membership of the churches in a simple, far-reaching plan to support preaching throughout the world till the Kingdom comes;

Protracted meetings that do not confine the work of the Spirit to the second chapter of Acts, but let Him free to work in each church the wonder of the fourth chapter (Acts 4:31, 23f) in which the members were 'all filled with the Spirit'; in which the mass meeting of believers were integrated into a living body with "one heart and one soul"; in which stewardship was put in place of ownership in the lives of the church members; for in this revival, "not one of them said that aught of the things he possessed was his own";

Protracted meetings in which the Spirit may work so deeply and practically in the life of the churches that the members will be joyful in pressing an every-member canvass to get the finances of God's work on spiritual foundation. Just as the old "mourenrs' bench" might be made a test of the experience of repentance, so response to the every-member canvass for regular giving is a test of the experience of stewardship.

Repeat it, these larger protracted meetings are a necessity now.

THREE STAGES OF PROGRESS.

Walter N. Johnson.

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1.—The Church must first of all be lifted into a revived state. This is to be brought about as in the ordinary protracted meeting.

2.—Then the doctrine of stewardship must be vitalized. That is, it must be experienced. That is a distinct work of the Spirit.

In this second stage there should be several days of fervent preaching of stewardship and much prayer for a realization of it in the souls of the members of the church.

3.—With the church revived, with the truth of stewardship kindled in the deep emotions of the church, an Every Member Canvass for regular, worshipful giving to God for the work of the Kingdom from all the members of the church should be put on in live earnest.



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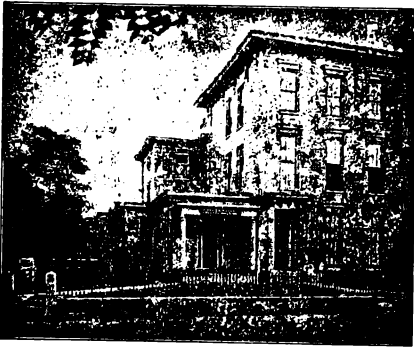
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