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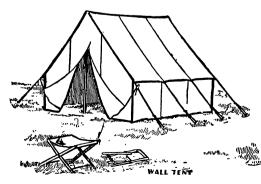
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... EDITORIAL ...

THE CAMPAIGN FOR STATE MISSIONS.

We have just closed one of the most successful campaigns for State Missions in the history of Kentucky Baptists. We would be glad to give definite figures to the public, but our books have been in the hands of the auditors for several days at the close of Dr. Powell's administration and the beginning of the writer's administration. This has confused the bookkeepers so that they have not been able to give a definite statement as early as we had expected. The prospects are, so far, that we will have a splendid report at the General Association

We appreciate the splendid response from our constituency. This victory is largely due to system and order in the Budget Plan and the special offerings given by churches not using the Budget and the churches which had already paid their apportionments. Some of our best Budget churches gave the largest special offerings in this campaign for State Missions. This is like it should be. The Budget is a minimum of our responsibilities which should certainly be met by systematic and regular giving. The Budget System receives special offerings when they are necessary as at this present time.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The General Association meets with the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., November 13, at 7 P. M. Dr. R. G. Bowers is the Pastor of this great church. He is a royal spirit and all who attend the Association will doubtless be made to feel at home. Those planning to go should write Mr. W. E. Covington, Chairman of the Entertain-

ment Committee. He will see that entertainment is provided for all messengers. We hope to see a large delegation present.

THE GOING OF Dr. W. D. POWELL.

Dr. W. D. Powell has just closed his tenth year as Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist State Board of Missions. This has been a historic decade in the Mission work in our state. Dr. Powell goes with the Foreign Mission Board as their special representative in the South. The Baptists of Kentucky will follow him in their prayers. He has many warm friends in this state. We expect to hear great things of his work within the coming year. May the Lord lead him to a great victory!

FACTS ABOUT THE KENTUCKY BUDGET.

O. E. Bryan.

The problems of Kentucky Baptists are the problems of progress, not failure. We have raised more money this year than in any year in our history. More churches have given through the Budget Plan this year than gave through this System last year. The District Associations are organizing for still larger co-operation along Budget lines.

Our debt is the result of improper adjustment, not retrenchment on the part of the churches. As we have advanced one-twelfth of our annual Budget each month, the amount between what we have actually raised and the amount of our Budget has become actual debt. The trouble has been that the Budget has been made larger than what we have ever actualy raised. In this way, there has been more debt each year. We are now asking that annual Budget be kept within what we have actually raised the year before with a normal increase.

This is not detrenchment, it is a sound business upon which we hope to advance in a righteous and permanent way. If our Board did not guarantee the apportionments accepted, we could go on by faith and leave all unpaid which does not really come in, but while we advance the money, we think it is sane to advance only such amounts as we have reasonable right to expect that we will receive through the year. through strenuous effort which we pledge ourselves to put forth, our offerings should be more than our annual Budget, every dollar will go to the interest to which it is designated. We think that to keep the guarantee within reasonable expectancy and go beyond the Budget each year is far better than to range the Budget so high that it compels a debt each year. We are not going backward. We are moving forward. We are only adjusting our methods.

We earnestly appeal to every loyal Kentucky Baptist that you do your dead level best to bring us to the General Association, at Paducah, out of debt.

RAILROAD RATES TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The Southeastern Passenger Association has granted special rates from all parts of the State to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky which meets in Paducah, November 13th.

The following are a few of the stations. If your station is not mentioned here, ask your ticket agent for rates.

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A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLANS.

O. E. Bryan.

With a firm conviction that the principles and policies of our Kentucky Baptist State Board of Missions should be clearly stated and strictly applied, we venture to set forth the ideas which we conceive to be most imperative:

Article I. We advocate the principle of unification. According to our judgment, concord, harmony and co-operation can be conserved best by the application of this principle. As the strings of a piano are tuned to the tone of a given key, so our different denominational interests must be harmonized before concord is possible. The principle of unification has worked splendidly in Kentucky, yet there are some interests which still need harmonizing. To the application of this principle we frankly commit ourselves.

Article II. We advocate the Budget System for church and denominational finances. Our Master said count the cost before building. The Budget is the total cost of all our denominational interests for a given period. This year in Kentucky it is \$225,000. This Budget was apportioned to the District Associations and the churches by the authority of the General Association which was composed of messengers from the District Associations and the churches.

Article III. We advocate the principle of apportionment as applied by the most of the Southern States and the Southern Baptist Convention. We believe that the Church, the Association or Convention has the right to modify, accept or reject the apportion.

ment. We believe, further, that when a Church, Association or Convention accepts an apportionment that they are under obligation to pay every dollar of that apportionment, conserving Baptist honor and honesty.

Article IV. We advocate the every-member canvass as the best way to raise the apportionment or the church Budget. Many do not give because they are never asked to give. This method distributes the obligations of the church among the entire membership and when thoroughly applied increases the gifts of the church in a marked way. This canvass should be made by the deacons in company with other consecrated members of the church. No one should be neglected in the grace of giving. The deacons should look after new members coming into the church throughout the year.

Article V. We advocate regular and systematic giving on the first day of the week, or on every regular meeting day if the church does not meet every week. This plan is in harmony with the Scriptural method of giving—I. Cor. 16:2. This plan makes giving easy for the average Baptist by distributing the payments. It keeps one in constant touch with the Lord in giving. It provides a constant flow of money for all the different interests. Churches that have applied this system are delighted with it. The duplex envelope is the best method of keeping Missions and Benevolence and the local church expenses separated.

"Article VI. We advocate special offerings, if the church fails to raise its apportionment by the every-member canvass and the regular Budget Plan of giving. Certainly every member who fails to co-operate with the regular system should be asked to give according to his own wishes. The church which has not adopted the Budget System should ask for a special offering for each of the several interests fostered by the denomination. Our convictions are that every church should do its best to enlist every member in the Budget Plan, but if it fails to raise its apportionment by this method, special offerings should be made before the ^{end} of the year. The apportionment, strictly ^{8peaking}, is the Budget for each church. T_0 get the apportionment is the main thing. The Kentucky plan does not forbid special offerings. The brethren who drafted the first Budget Plan for Kentucky made ample provision for special offerings. The fact is our Executive Board has received special offerings from the churches in every month of our history. Our strongest Budget churches have made some of the largest special offerings.

We advocate Enlistment Article VII. Evangelism. Revivals of spiritual Christianity are the hope of the world. The Master's Commission was to make, baptize and teach disciples. That evangelism which makes disciples and leaves them unbaptized or unenlisted, is not after the New Testament type. The office of the Evangelist differs from that of the pastor only in relation, the one is temporary, the other is permanent; their commission, their spirit and their message is the same. We advocate evangelism that enlists and trains the convert. We believe that our State Evangelists should give their time to soul-winning and enlistment work in the churches. We believe that the District Association affords the best field for the application of Our convictions are that one this work. District Association should be worked at a time by a State Evangelist, not stopping until the field is thoroughly evangelized and enlisted. We advocate District Association Evangelism. Every Association, in our judgment, should have an Evangelist for at least three months of the year. We advocate 'Pastor Evangelism. Each pastor in Kentucky should be asked to conduct not less than one meeting each year for the State Board, turning over the offerings of the meeting to the State Board after the expenses are paid. A campaign of this character would mean much, both in the winning of lost souls and in providing for the Budget.

Article VIII. We advocate the thorough organization of our work. Our District Associations should, we believe, be asked to adopt a uniform method of co-operation with the State Board. Uniform blanks should be sent to each District Board each month, asking a report from the Association so that the State Board can know every delinquent church in the state and keep in touch with the same through the Association Boards. We believe that the work should be so or-

ganized that both the District and the State Boards could be in direct and constant contact with every church in the State.

Article IX. We advocate the constant agitation of our denominational plans throughout the state. The Budget will not work itself. Many churches have stopped after they have voted to adopt the System. This plan will no more run by itself than an auto will keep in the road without a chauffeur. Constant agitation is the price of success in this System.

Article X. We advocate the principles of elimination. Churches that can at all meet their own expenses should be dropped from State Board supplement. State Board workers who do not prove to be efficient should be removed. We advocate the elimination of all unnecessary running expenses in the office and on the field.

Article XI. We advocate constant and patient education along the lines of denominational work. We can advance as Baptists only as we inform our people. The religious press is indispensable in this department of our work. It will take time to grow a financial system in Kentucky.

Article XII. We advocate a clear and frank statement of the conditions of all matters pertaining to the work of the State Board. We believe that all designated money should be properly applied to the interest to which it is designated, conserving the freedom of the individual Baptist conscience in the matter of stewardship. We also believe that the books should be kept open to the denomination at all times concerning this matter. We further believe that the churches should co-operate with the State Board in system and order. the General Association has adopted the Budget System and has authorized State Board to apply the same, we think it would be best for the churches to send money to the State Board undesignated. Again, we think that each interest fostered by the denomination should be kept constantly before the people to awaken interest and develop the souls of men.

Article XIII. We advocate a sound financial basis for our denominational work. We confidently expect to see them go forward with a normal increase each year. We are asking for a sound business basis upon which we may advance in a righteous and

permanent way. The spirit of the Budget System is to avoid debt. If we accumulate more debt under this System than under the old system, our people will discard the new plan. To assume apportionments mak. ing our State Budget larger than the actual amount guaranteed by the churches co-oper. ating with the Budget System, plus the total amount of the annual offerings of the churches not using this plan, is unsound business. All of the amount between what we are actually giving for all interests f_{08} , tered by the State Board and the amount of our State Budget becomes actual debt because we advance one-twelfth of the an. nual Budget each month, notwithstanding the fact that much of the money must be borrowed at the banks.

Our problems are problems of progress, not defeat. We have raised more money this year than in any year in our history. The debt is the result of improper adjustment ,not retrenchment on the part of the churches.

We, therefore, recommend that the annual State Budget be kept within the amount which all of the churches have given to our several State Board interests the year before with a normal increase.

Article XIV. We advocate uncompromising fidelity to Baptist doctrines and principles. Our Baptist fathers died for principles that are to-day being lightly sacrificed for the good will of Pedo-Baptists and for popularity among men. Fixed principles and doctrines, but flexible, workable methods, is the position for Baptists. We are under obligation to give Baptist principles to the world, regardless of the cost. We need the martyr spirit in the promulgation of Baptist ideas to-day, not the fraternal spirit of the compromising world.

With confidence in our brethren and faith in God, we face the future with hope. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

The Grace of giving has so obsessed the Christian girls in Ceylon that they have asked the privilege of denying themselves of their dinner each day that they might add in this way to the amount.

[&]quot;Spirit and character go further than money and equipment in education."

WHAT OUGHT A MISSIONARY PASTOR

W. B. Crumpton.

First: He ought to study this tract;

Of course he will not accept work as a Missionary under the Board, unless he is thoroughly in sympathy with the Board. Should he do so, knowing himself not to be in sympathy with the Board, he could not represent the Board before the people. His position would be damaging to it and ruinous to himself; for it would soon leak out that he was receiving pay from the Board, while in his heart he was against it and its methods. The object of every Missionary is primarily:

To Lead Souls To Christ

"making disciples" as our Lord puts it. Those who are Christ's ought to be developed, or as the Lord puts it, "taught to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded."

The Mission Board is entrusted by the churches with money to help carry on the Lord's work. It is a solemn trust and it should be dealt out most carefully. The money should be put where most needed and only the best men possible should be employed. The Missionary pastor ought to earnestly desire to bring the church as speedily as possible to

A Self-sustaining Basis.

To this end he should teach the members to regard it as a duty and a blessed privilege to give of their means to support the Gospel and to send it where it is not. He will not be afraid to talk to his people about Missions and to introduce among them such methods as will lead them to give their means regularly. Collections taken in a reverent worshipful way is a means of grace to those who give and to those who receive. Flippantly taken, amid roars of laughter or unduly pressed upon unwilling givers, they do great harm.

The wise Missionary will exercise his good sense in this as well as in everything else. The Board expects him to take collections regularly, Scripturally, and in the right spirit. The promise was made by all the beneficiary churches that monthly col-

lections would be taken in both the church and the Sunday School according to the plan recommended by the Convention.

The Board Requires This,

because it is right. The non-giving churches among the Baptists are a dangerous force. They feel free to criticise and find fault, but do not propose to share in the work we are attempting. We ought to resolve not to encourage the organization of any more churches of this kind. Especially should such churches not be aided with Missionary money.

A wise Missionary will find out the religious condition of the whole community. He should take steps to

Have a Religious Census Taken.

If the church is in a village or in the country, a radius of five miles is not too far. If in a large town it ought to embrace the whole place. If in the city, as many blocks as would be likely reached by the influence of his church. This census ought to embrace the following points: The number of families; number of males and number of females, with the respective ages of the children in each family; number who attend church; number who attend Sunday Schools: to what denomination they belong, what denomination they prefer. This information is absolutely essential if the preacher is going to work intelligently. The wise Missionary will try to get into every one of these hames. Of course, if the family is of a different denomination from his own, the visit will be more social than otherwise. In the home the Missionary's effort should be to impress the inmates with the importance of the religious life, the value of the Word of God, religious books and papers, the importance of observing Sunday as a day of religious worship in God's house. The prayers and heart-to-heart talks in the homes will furnish fresh themes for our Missionary in

A wise Missionary will see that a Sunday School is maintained

his preaching.

Every Sunday In The Year.

If there is no stove in the church, and it has been the habit to suspend the school in the winter, he will see to it before the cold of winter is on, that a stove is pro-

... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

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

A NEW YEAR.

Everyone likes the thrill of turning to a clean page, of facing a new year with its unlimited opportunities for service, looking forward to joyful experiences and tasks worth while. We have just closed a great year in the history of Kentucky Baptists and it is becoming that we have lofty aims for the future. Believing that God is with us, we are made bold in laying our plans for the new fiscal year.

One Hundred Sunday School Buildings and Five Hundred Teacher Training Classes—that is our goal. Let us gird ourselves with fresh courage and renewed energy for the race. Be sure that a Training Class is held in your church. Your Pastor or Superintendent can lead the class. Drop a postcard to this office, and we will give you any information and help needed.

Every month we will publish the names of churches in which Training Classes are held. Be sure and send us an account of the Teacher Training Class in your church—giving name of church, pastor, teacher of class, book studied and number of pupils enrolled. The first two to report are:

Earlington.
Fordsville.

Central City has one of the most lively Sunday Schools which the Field Secretary has recently visited and the pastor, Rev. E. L. Howerton, has reason to rejoice in the splendid work being done. Lacking an adequate building, classes are meeting each Sunday in adjoining cottages. One of the most notable features is the daily Bible reading kept up by the classes.

We need more churches that actually use the Bible as a text book, leaving all lesson helps at home.

Central City has a Red Seal on the Standard of Excellence and will be on the Honor Roll when two more points shall have been complied with.

NEWPORT TRAINING SCHOOL

From the mass meeting on Sunday after. noon until the close on Friday night, our first annual Training School was a success. We were unusually blessed in having with us Dr. P. E. Burroughs, of the Sunday School Board, who taught a large class in "Winning to Christ." It may be expected that many shall be brought to a personal knowledge of Jesus through the training of these soul winners.

One of the notable features of the school was the regular attendance of pastors and superintendents and the ever-increasing number of workers in attendance at the classes.

Mrs. Louise Oliver, of Lexington, in her practical and interesting manner, conducted a conference for Elementary workers. We cannot imagine a good Sunday School (in the modern sense) that does not provide adequate training and instruction for children from four to five and six to eight years of age. The more we see of Mrs. Oliver's work, the better we like it. She goes from Newport to Franklin Street Church, Louisville.

Paul Powell conducted a class in the New Normal Manual. Pastor J. P. Jenkins presided over the meetings, and he is to be commended for the excellent preparations made for the work. Lunch was served each evening at 7:00 by the ladies from the following churches: Dayton, Latonia, Newport, South Side, Ft. Thomas, Bellevue and Immanuel.

We cannot hope for a better school next year except in point of numbers. God was indeed present with us in our week of study and inspiration.

THAT BIG BOY.

I have just read Mr. Leavell's new book, "The Intermediate Department," and must hasten to tell you that it is good. You should take a copy and study it carefully if you are interested in boys and girls.

There are comparatively few of our Sunday Schools that have succeeded in holding the pupils through this age of thirteen to sixteen, and yet these years are vital to the character development and spiritual growth of our young people.

If parents and teachers are to be of the greatest usefulness to those who stand on the threshold of manhood and womanhood, they must clearly understand their needs and know how to meet them. This book fills a long-felt want in the home and in the teacher's library, has been adopted as a text book in our Normal Course and those completing its study will be awarded Seal No. 5.

A BETTER DAY'S WORK.

No matter what your vocation is, you must keep abreast of the times, informed as to the latest improved methods and gathering from the experience of others all that may be applied to your work for greater efficiency.

In carrying on our Lord's work, we must be cautious and conservative in order that we may adopt only those methods which will make for permanent good.

Dr. P. E. Burroughs, Educational Secretary of the Sunday School Board, equipped with years of experience and observation in every phase of Sunday School development, has written a splendid volume, "The Present-Day Sunday School," into which he has put some splendid thought on the organization and management of the Sunday School.

We feel no hesitancy in saying that every pastor and superintendent should have this book—it will make a splendid volume for reference.

Kentucky Sunday School workers must have the very best. They can hardly go wrong when listening to the counsel of our beloved Dr. Burroughs on matters of the pupil, teacher-training, architecture and missions as related to the Bible-teaching service of the church.

GUIDE FOR TEACHERS.

From time to time the Sunday School Board prints valuable helps for those directly interested in Sunday School work. We have just received a supply of "Guide for Teachers of Classes in The New Convention Normal Manual," gotten out in very 800d form and arranged especially for pastors, superintendents, or others, who are to teach classes in the first book in our Normal Course. We will be glad to mail a

copy free, postage paid, to any who will send in their request to this office.

We give below a list of miscellaneous pamphlets and leaflets which may be had by request at this office. Drop us a card and we will gladly supply your needs in any quantities:

How to Organize and Conduct a Teacher-Training Class.

The How of Teacher-Training.

Why Not Take the Convention Normal Course?

The Post Graduate Course.

Four Questions Concerning the Normal Course.

The Sunday School Teacher's Certificate. Six Suggested Plans for Teacher-Training. Standard of Excellence.

Grading a Sunday School.

Cradle Roll Literature.

Home Department Literature.

Organized Classes in Baptist Sunday Schools.

Adult Bible Classes in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention Bible Class.

The Fidelis Bible Class for Young Women.
The Berean Bible Class for Young Men.
T. E. L. Class for Married Women.

Why Not Have a Sunday School House? How to Plan a Sunday School House.

We wish to call your especial attention to the last named booklet in the above list which has been carefully prepared by an able architect under the direction of our Secretary, Bro. Walter L. Brock. The drawings and plans contained therein suggest the most efficient way of adapting our church houses to the needs of a modern Sunday School.

If your superintendent is not a subscriber to the Superintendent's Quarterly, give us his name and address and we will mail him a sample copy by return mail. We will also send you on request a sample copy of the Organized Class Magazine which is a manual of methods and contains lesson helps.

Five thousand native Christians recently gathered in Manilla at a Sunday School Rally.

Christians, Catholics and Moslems are making vigorous protest against this movement.

... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

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205 East Chestnut, Louisville, Kv.	

EXCEEDED APPORTIONMENT.

We are happy to tell the women that Kentucky W. M. U. responded so nobly to the cause of State Missions that we exceeded our apportionment about \$500.

Again we bow with grateful hearts of thanksgiving to the Father who has so graciously blessed the efforts put forth and express to the women our appreciation of their loyalty.

Manual of W. M. U. Methods.

"This small book, of 259 pages, is a wonderful treasure house of information for all engaged in conducting societies or circles among our women or children. Published by the Woman's Missionary Union and printed by the Sunday School Board, it is a tribute to the good judgment and excellent taste of both organizations. The foreword is signed by Mrs. W. C. James, President of the W. M. U., and the book is largely the work of Miss Kathleen Mallory, our Corresponding Secretary, whose name is modestly withheld, but to whom we owe all praise and thanks. Wisely, she availed herself of suggestions from all the state secretaries and field workers at their council, in New Orleans, but it was no light task to revise, co-ordinate and bring into one harmonious whole the separate contributions of the many. We venture the opinion that in any reprint of the book Miss Mallory's name should be given as the presiding genius of the whole.

Every president of a society, every superintendent of associations or other officers of a state union will find it useful and even invaluable in the prosecution of her work, and it will be especially the text book for institutes and assemblies. Send 60 cents to the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Tenn., for each copy desired.—E. S. B.

Church Building and Loan Fund.

Remember, we are still continuing the Church Building and Loan Fund Campaign during November. We hope the societies will take this matter up and if they cannot pledge a memorial, do what they can in cash and pledges.

Memorials.

The list of churches taking a memorial in the Church Building and Loan Fund is growing each week. It gives us pleasure to announce the following as now having definitely pledged a Memorial:

Owensboro, First. Louisville, Broadway, Henderson, First. Lexington, First. Bowling Green, First. Glasgow.

Franklin (Simpson Assn.)-The "Dorinda Dnncan Memorial."

Winchester, Central. Paducah, First.

Leaders' Correspondence Courses.

In her report at New Orleans, Miss Mary F. Dixon said:

"Wishing to come into a more intimate knowledge of the needs of our work, I sent out some questions to state leaders. In answer to the one as to the greatest problems which the young people's work faced, ten states replied 'lack of leaders' or 'lack of trained leaders'. Though there are many helps already offered to the leaders, it seemed to me that if some way could be found to direct their study and help them to think out their problems, it would be possible to increase their efficiency. I felt that a correspondence course could be used in this way. With encouragement from the enthusiasm with which many of the state leaders accepted the suggestion, I have planed such a course. The one for the Y. W. A., G. A., and R. A. leaders is based on our 'Manuals', the 'Year Book', Miss Brain's 'Holding the Ropes' and two booklets, 'The Bible Conception of Missions' and 'Prayer and Missions'. The course for the Sunbeam leaders is based on the 'Manual' and 'Year Book', 'The Unfolding Life' and 'Picture-Work'. Besides this, in both courses the leader will be encouraged to keep es touch with modern missions through nonthly questions based on our current missionary magazines, and there will also be a brief survey of the work on our mission fields. My thought has been to enable the leader to become thoroughly familiar with the organization of our work, to learn the methods of presenting the work in an interesting and telling way and to gain a deeper knowledge of what the Bible teaches of missions and the place of prayer. We have wished that it were possible to offer the course free, but such a policy is not usually wise and it is hoped that, where the leader feels unable to afford the course, the society or association will make it possible for her to take it. There will be twelve sets of questions sent to the leader, one at a time. the next lesson being returned with the corrected lesson. I have endeavored to make the questions suggestive and helpful and as simple as possible. For the Sunbeams the cost of the books is \$1.10; for others, 95c. To this must be added fifty cents to cover the expense of postage, mimeographing, etc. In my vision of our army of the future I see our leaders winning more and more victories for Christ through their increased ability to lead." Write to Miss Mary F. Dixon, 15 Franklin St., Baltimore, Md., for further information. Certificates will be given to those who complete the course and the "Roll of Honor" will be published in ROYAL SERVICE.

Leaders, Awake!

Kentucky has only three enrolled so far for the Correspondence Course. Miss Dixon writes: ". . . You will be interested in the success of the Correspondence Course, for, from present indications, I am sure it can be regarded as a success. So far, as numbers go, there are 91 taking it. Some are slow in answering, but I am hoping that the large majority will be on the Honor Roll, and will receive a certificate. Virginia leads with 23 in the Course. Your state has 3 enrolled. One of the "pupils" writes: 'I want to say that I am getting a great deal of good out of the Course I am taking. $^{
m I}$ am noticing points I know but did not think about and I am going to be a better Y. W. A. Leader for the work.' I hope she

voices the feeling of others that many more will be enrolled.

A number have written asking about the course taken by the group. It has been decided that the fee for this will be 25 cents a piece for each member of the group who receives a set of questions and a certificate after taking a simple examination at the completion of the Course. An extra fee of fifty cents will be charged for the one set of answers which I will correct. After a discussion of the questions of one lesson by the group, the secretary will write the answers which will sum up the opinion of the class. These will be sent me for correction. The course as taken in this way can be arranged to be covered in six lessons. . . ."

Mission Study.

"Have you read the new books on Africa? Miss Mackenzie's African Adventures is splendid for older Sunbeams and for R. A.'s and G. A.'s. Her 'An African Trail' is graphic in style and gives the life in Africa in a wonderful way. It would prove most interesting to the Y. W. A.'s. 'The Moflatts,' by Ethel Hubbard, is the life story of those pioneer missionaries to Africa and is in every way as charming as her 'Ann of Ava.' Then no Sunbeams could fail to be interested in the 'Story of the Little Black Brother.' And our own book, which we should have as a basis for study, using the other as references is (as you know), 'The Romance of Missions in Nigeria.' This is for the older boys and girls and will prove of great interest. I wish that where the girls are gathered for Red Cross work, they might read aloud from one of these books and so deepen their interest in and knowledge of missions." —(Mary Faison Dixon.

Wedding Bells Ring at Shanghai. Rogers-Learned.

Many friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Laura Learned on her arrival at Shanghai, China, to Rev. J. M. Rogers of that place. It was an early autumnal wedding, beautifully celebrated at a Baptist church in that far-away city. Midst artistic decorations of golden glow and bamboo, in the presence of many guests who had gathered, eager to witness the nuptial



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scene, they plighted their troth and gave their nuptial vows. Following the ceremony, a delightful informal reception was tendered them at their own home which was in readiness awaiting them. May the bright day of sunshine be symbolical of their future, with every added blessing that marriage bestows upon those whom 'God hath truly joined together," and may each write a record of service and devotion to our Master which will be seen and read of all in that day of rewards to which we are all hastening."—(Miss Wallie Morgan.)

Annual Missionary Report of Colored Work. To the Woman's Missionary Union Board:

Dear Sisters:-

At the close of another year's work, we bring to you our annual report. The field has been broader this year than ever before Our vision has been clearer, and we have realized that there was more land to possess. We have reached more mothers and women than ever before; everywhere wo. men with narrow burdened lives are found -women that have never been taught that the chief beauty in a home is order, whose days afford no respite from toil; into whose lives no spiritual uplift comes. This is also the age of the child. We find that the needs of the childhood are very much the same the world round. What is to be done to meet these needs? Ah, that is a very different question and startling-yes, more than startling, are the contrasts discovered as the thoughtful women study the subject of We have also organized one child life. Girls' Auxiliary and one Young Woman's Auxiliary. It is when girls and young women are grouped together in their own Auxiliary that they discover for themselves and demonstrate to the church that today missionaries are calling for the hand, heart, and mind of the young and strong.

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Bettie Withers.

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work.

Yours for the Master.

vided. He will set his face like a flint against the doors of the church being closed a single Sunday in the year, for he well knows the power of the Devil, once the doors are closed, to keep them closed. If the house is not ceiled, the Missionary should not let the people rest until the place of worship is made comfortable. Inside and out God's house should be made attractive and clean. It will take only a little talk to bring the people to see that a community is judged by the character of the school houses and houses of worship.

A Baptist Rally

of three days, in the winter or spring, with an attractive program arranged for speakers of reputation would stir the people with religious enthusiasm. One whole day of the meeting should be devoted to questions pertaining to the Sunday School and home training of the children.

A wise Missionary will see that a protracted meeting is held some time during the year. The best possible help ought to be obtained. The meeting should not close under ten days or two weeks. One good meeting will often put a Mission church on its feet. Too often meetings are closed just as the interest begins to be manifest. A determined preacher, with faith in God and a few pious souls to help, will not allow a rain, an election, or a circus to close a meeting.

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I pray God to bless these few suggestions to the good of our Missionaries and the pastors who may chance to see them.

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- 4. Too much emphasis upon money, without regard to winning of life.
- 5. Over-emphasis on one Budget at the expense of the other.
- 6. Failure to realize that canvass is to deal with fundamental spiritual conditions.
 - 7. Use of mails to avoid personal work.
- 8. Lack of an all-prevailing prayer spirit. An intercessory prayer program in connection with preparatory work.
- 9. Failure to connect attendance upon services, work and giving in the life of the church.
- 10. Too much "hurry up" in work of preparation.
- 11. A devisive element in church that subordinates the whole to a part.
- 12. A begging habit permeating the church life.
- 13. Attempt to avoid direct giving by money-earning schemes.
- 14. Actual work of visitation spread over too long a period.
- 15. Church authority not invoked. Work done at behest of pastor or deacons.
- 16. Fear that proper emphasis upon giving will create difficulty.

- 17. Badly balanced pairs of $canvas_{Serg}$, such as men and women together. T_{00} much age or youth.
- 18. Improper distribution of names to be visited.
- 19. An incomplete canvass—every mem. ber not seen.
 - 20. The "It-won't-work-here" spirit
- 21. Failure to concentrate the whole life and effort of the church on the canvass
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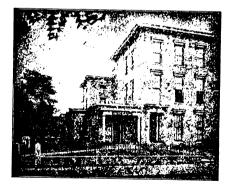
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