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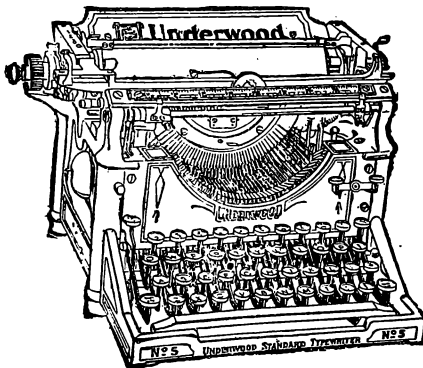
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... EDITORIAL ...

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A WORD TO THE BUDGET CHURCHES.

During the First Quarter of this year, our Budget increased twenty-five per cent. In April the Budget offerings were one hundred per cent more than during April last year. The Kentucky work is in splendid condition, notwithstanding the fact that we still have a Budget Debt brought over from last year. We believe that Kentucky Baptists are going to pay this debt of \$36,000 before the books close in November.

We call special attention of the Budget churches to the necessity of sending the money month by month. We are paying to the Home and Foreign Boards our apportionment. While we emphasized the necessity of special offerings in the Home and Foreign campaign, we never, for a moment, thought to relinquish our system of regular and systematic giving. We verily believe that Kentucky has the best system of any state in the South. It was more clearly demonstrated at the Southern Baptist Convention in the committee meetings this year, it seems to us, than it has even been before. The time will come, we think, when the whole South will come to our plan. It, perhaps, will be gradual, but they are surely headed that way.

Let every Pastor, Associational Missionary and Evangelist, with our Enlistment Men, press the battle for larger enlistment in the Budget System so that our development may be constructive, normal and permanent. Let us not forget to pray God's blessings on our work. Any system without the Spirit of the Master is a failure. Let us pray that God's Spirit may lead and strengthen our great hosts.

TWO FINE STATE BOARD MEETINGS.

Brethren E. W. Coakley and J. E. Baird have both closed good meetings for the State Board under the plan of the Pastor giving one meeting to the State Board this year. These brethren have reported good results and have sent into the office the offerings from the meetings after expenses were paid. Both offerings and additions to the churches are highly satisfactory.

Would it not be great if every pastor in Kentucky should do the same thing this year? These two brethren arranged their own meetings. We had nothing to do but to receive their gracious contributions to the work.

Surely in this time of extreme need when our Budget debt is so heavy and when every department of the world's work is calling for heroism, Kentucky Baptists should prove faithful in their own state interests. We believe that they are going to do it.

God grant us a spiritual victory is our prayer.

THE REVIVAL SEASON.

The time is on us for revivals in many of our country and village churches. There is an evangelistic spirit throughout the country that is unusual. Our people are more prayerful and spiritual than in many years before. The time is ripe for concerted action throughout this state and the country at large for soul-winning.

The State Board of Missions is asking pastors everywhere to conduct at least one meeting through the year and report the results of the same to the Secretary, giving the contributions, after expenses have been paid, for State Work.

Many more pastors have volunteered to help than churches have asked for meetings. We urge churches throughout the state, whether large or small, to extend to these volunteer pastors an invitation to help in

the revival meetings. We are carefully filing the names of both pastors and churches who are willing to help in this way. The records will be kept in the State Board office and special effort made to send a good man to every open field.

Let us go forward in this movement in a way that will honor the Lord and will be a credit to Kentucky.

Any church desiring a meeting is specially requested to confer with the Secretary of State Missions in Louisville. We especially ask all praying people to spend much time in prayer, meditation and Bible study, as we invoke God's blessings upon our state at this time.

Rev. O. E. Bryan,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Sometime ago I read a letter in the Kentucky Mission Monthly, regarding "fasting and praying". Since then I have been studying the Bible teaching on that subject. I find that fasting and praying have a very important part in the Christian life. God blesses and urges that means to help mold the Christian's life.

When Queen Esther realized the condition

of her people, she proclaimed a fast throughout her nation. God blessed her and delivered her people.

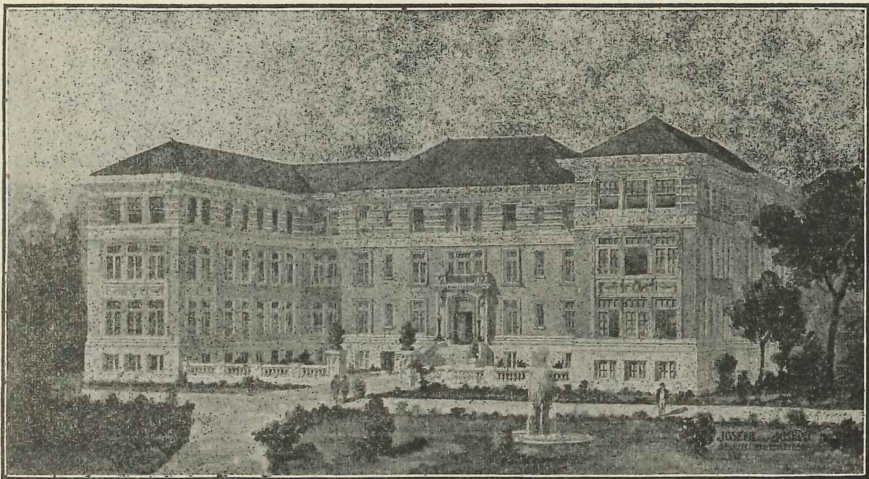
Before Jesus began His public ministry He fasted forty days. Surely He must have had a great purpose in that act of self-denial!

The disciples fasted. They must have been following the example of their Lord and Master.

If Jesus and His disciples fasted and prayed, is that not enough to teach us that His followers should fast and pray? I do not refer to the formality in fasting, far be it from that; I refer to the Bible teaching, in Matt. 6:16-18.

Fasting without earnest, persevering prayer is worse than not to fast. In our weakness, Satan can easily overcome us if we are not in close communion with our Lord and filled with His Spirit. In these awful days we need to be filled with the Spirit if we would be conquerers. If we desire to be filled with the Spirit we must be willing to pay the cost.

After a three-days' fast, I have found that I am better prepared to serve my country. In having control of my appetite, it is not only easier, but a pleasure to abstain from the use of food that my Government wants



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to conserve for our soldiers and our allies.

I find that fasting and praying helps me to bear my burdens better. "When I am weak, then I am strong." The Lord can use us better when we realize our own weakness, and really depend on Him for our strength, physical as well as spiritual.

Through fasting and praying, I have been better able to appreciate my Savior as the "Bread of Life". When our hearts are burdened for lost souls, as they should be, there will be a time when we are more concerned about winning the lost than we are about our bread and meat. We can then enter into the Spirit with Jesus when He said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of."

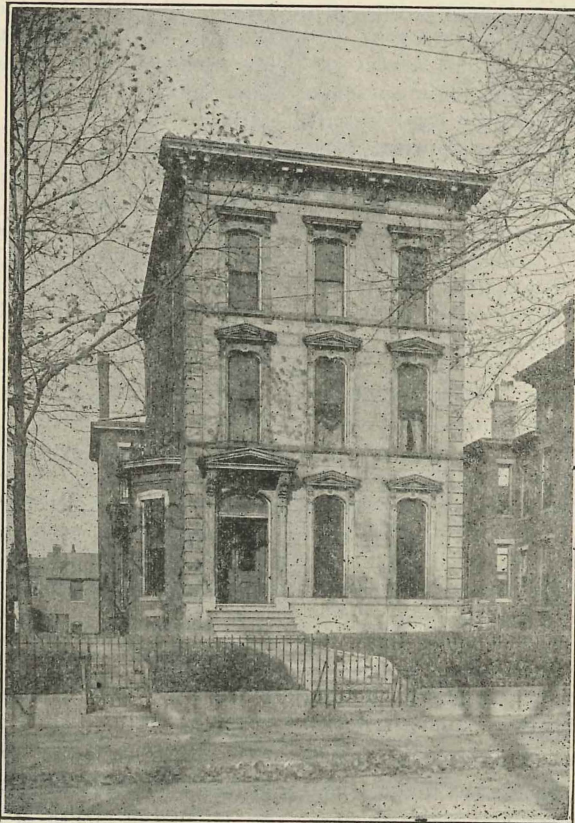
After living three days without the refreshing that comes from a drink of pure

water, I can better appreciate my Master as the "Water of Life". It is easier now to realize the condition of a lost soul, who is thirsting for salvation, and to help him to grasp the true meaning of the Scripture. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," and "Let him that is athirst come."

"More like the Master, I would ever be."

Please accept the enclosed offering as a thank-offering to Him who has done so much for me. Apply this amount on the "Debt" on the State Board. May God help His people to get a greater vision of His work, and arise in His strength and wipe out this awful debt that is hindering the advancement of the cause of the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Yours for a greater work in Kentucky,
"A reader of the Mission Monthly."



Baptist Headquarters

THE APRIL CAMPAIGN IN ELKHORN ASSOCIATION.

J. W. Beagle

The month of April brought the writer into thirty churches in the above association where he had the opportunity of seeing the new day dawning in Kentucky.

One afternoon the enlistment man and his co-workers came to Davids Fork Church, some eight miles from Lexington, where he met some thirty people, the workers paved the way for "The enlisting of all our people in being and becoming more like Jesus," their hearts were gripped and, while they were doing what they were asked to do, they felt they were not asked to do enough, hence they proceeded to give more and when they completed their gift it was \$1,200. The spirit of this meeting spread from church to church, the enlisting of more of our hearts, lives and money seemed to possess the people every where in this campaign. Some twenty-one people gave one hundred dollars and more, the largest gift being two hundred dollars; nineteen gave fifty dollars or more, and the smaller gifts made possible the glorious showing, from this association, in the month of April, of some \$11,000 to save the day. What can I say about the co-operation of all these pastors? They are God's men, the last one of them, and stood with me in this campaign, and to God and these noble pastors we give all the praise.

A new day in Kentucky! Well, let us look at this in closing. When individuals give more than the entire church is asked for, it looks to the writer that a new day is upon us. This was true in many instances in the April campaign in Elkhorn Association.

The Effect of State Mission Work in McCreary County.

May 11th, I came to Whitley City, the county seat of McCreary County, where pastor G. C. Sandusky has been the faithful representative of the State Mission Board. Here he has built a neat church building of four Sunday School rooms, has a live school with some one hundred and thirty in average attendance. He has also built a neat

little church building, at Stearns, a mining town some two miles south of Whitley City, where he has a Sunday School of almost the same attendance. His work in other places in the county is of the same type, and the field is open to him and they all believe in him.

The faithful work of this man of God proves the wisdom of mission work in Kentucky mountains. For two and a half years there was a small church here that gave nothing to pastor or to missions. In this ten-day enlistment campaign we have raised nearly \$720, (one family giving over one hundred dollars), so the church could have service three Sundays a month and give the other Sunday to extension work in the county; hence, he can reach the destitute or needy places where work is so badly needed. This spirit will win in Whitley City, and also in the county. We also organized a Woman's Missionary Society of sixteen members, which has a bright future before them with their consecrated leader. We also organized a society, at Stearns, on last Sunday, with thirteen members, and their future is as bright as the promises of God.

God has been with us in great power in this meeting. There were twenty-eight happy converts, two by letter, the most of whom will unite with the church here, some will unite with churches in the country. Bro. Sandusky is a man that oft troubles the baptismal waters, baptizing last Sunday, at Stearns, and will baptize again next Sunday.

I will add, in closing, this church gave a handsome cash offering to the Kentucky Budget. It has been a blessed experience to be with pastor and people.

Reaping From Enlistment Work Done One Year Ago.

Last summer the writer campaigned Blackford Association. This association gave something like \$700 to all purposes in 1916; in 1917 they came near doubling this amount as a result of the campaign. This year the writer has been too busy to fill near all the calls that are made him, hence he wrote to the Hawesville Church and W. M. U., in the month of April, asking them to get on their knees and let God direct

their gifts for this crucial hour. It must also be said that the W. M. U. had met their apportionment of one hundred dollars. What was the feeling of the writer when a letter, a few days later, brought \$328? This added to what the church and W. M. U. had already accomplished makes this church give almost as much as the entire association of twenty churches gave in 1916. Pastor Barker is a great leader, and we know he is a happy man over this victory.

SPLENDID REPORT

Of Work Done by Camp Pastor H. L. Winburn and His Eight Assistants at Camp Zachary Taylor.

	March	April	Total
Hours Spent in Camp....	918	427	1345
Sermons, addresses, etc..	20	8	28
Classes, Group Meetings, etc.	52	28	80
Hospital Work, Personal Interviews	468	227	695
Visits to Y.M.C.A. Bldgs.	164	106	270
*War Roll Card (number of calls)	504	125	629
*Pastoral visits not counted elsewhere	582	428	1010
Soldier's Travelling Letters	107	103	210
Reconsecrations	30	25	55
Letters to Home Folk or Church	198	46	244
Professions of Faith	85	23	108
Inquirers dealt with	187	179	366
Baptisms	10	6	16
Tracts distributed	1760	1417	3177
New Testaments and portions of the Scriptures distributed	161	258	419

*The Y. M. C. A. requires signing War Roll in order to get Testament. Pastoral visits are especially to Baptist men not signing War Roll.

SUPPOSE.

(Copied from a Tract).

Suppose some one were to offer me a thousand dollars for every soul that I might

earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavor to lead any more souls to Him than I am endeavoring to do now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders of ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love of God or of souls? How feeble then my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner.

Suppose.

Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body, which might have been (but was not) prevented, is a terrible thing, but how about the preventable death of a human soul—perchance of many souls—for which God may hold me responsible? If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul?

Suppose.

Suppose that "when the roll is called up yonder", I am there myself, but that all through the eternal ages I am unable to find a single person who is there because of my having led him to Christ—how much will heaven mean to me?

Suppose.

Suppose that, as an employe, I were spasmodic in the kind of service I rendered—zealous one week, lukewarm the second, and utterly indifferent the third; then zealous, and lukewarm and indifferent again, and so on—how long would my employer stand such service as that? But is not this the kind of soul-winning service I am giving God? Or it may not be even as good as this. If God's love for me were to be as spasmodically manifested as my love for Him, how would I fare?

Suppose.

Suppose that when the final reckoning comes, I should be found not with ten talents, or even five, but with only one, and that one "hid in the earth," (Matt. 25:14-30)

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... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

OUR A-1 HONOR ROLL

Sunday Schools.

First Church Mentor, Ky.
Walnut Street Church Louisville, Ky.
First Church Jellico, Tenn.

Organized Classes.

Ladies' Wide Awake, Deer Park Church,
Louisville.
Philathea, Walnut Street, Louisville.

In the number of A-1 schools, Kentucky ties with Oklahoma and Virginia for fifth place.

Try to make your school A-1 next month. The Standard of Excellence is not hard to reach.

There were eighty-five diplomas, eight red seals, one blue seal and two Post Graduate diplomas issued in Kentucky in May. This makes a total of 5,257 diplomas, 1040 red seals, 612 blue seals, 62 Post Graduate diplomas, and 30 gold seals that are held by Kentucky teachers and officers.

Kentucky is still second in the number of diplomas, with Texas ahead of us by a little over 3,000, and North Carolina behind us by only 465.

Kentuckians, it's up to us to work this summer!

Are you a member or teacher of an organized class? Then, why not register with the Organized Class Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn.

Write to the Sunday School Department of the State Board of Missions, 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, for literature and information concerning the organized class work.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. PERENNIAL.

A session of the school every month in the year.

II. BAPTIST LITERATURE.

Use of only Baptist Literature by pupils of

the school, same including instruction in Missions, Temperance and Giving.

III. CHURCH CONTROL.

School under control of the church and making stated reports to the church. The Church electing the officers and teachers. School contributing to at least two causes fostered by the Church.

IV. BIBLES USED.

Bibles used in the school above the Primary Department. The use of both Bibles and Quarterlies discouraged while teachers are testing pupils' lesson study.

V. TEACHERS' MEETING OR WORKERS' COUNCIL.

A regular Teachers' Meeting, or Workers' Council, attended by at least fifty per cent. of the officers and teachers.

VI. NORMAL DIPLOMAS.

Our Normal Course diploma, or Reading Course Certificate, held by at least fifty per cent of the officers and teachers.

VII. CHURCH MEMBERS ENROLLED.

There shall be enrolled in the school, including the Home Department, seventy-five per cent of the resident members of the church to which the school belongs.

VIII. DEPARTMENTS SEPARATED.

Primary and Junior Departments occupying their own quarters, separated from the rest of the school by walls or movable partitions, or at least by curtains. Class rooms or curtained space for fifty per cent of remaining classes.

IX. SCHOOL GRADED.

The school graded, using our Supplemental Studies; or, our Graded Lessons.

Graded on the following basis: Primary: 0-8 (Cradle Roll, 0-3; Beginners, 4-5; Main Primary, 6-8). Junior: 9-12. Intermediate: 13-16. Senior: 17-20. Adult: 21-up. In a small school, the Adult may be included in the Senior.

A Teacher Training or Normal Class.

At least one organized class for men and women.

X. EVANGELISM.

The school emphasizing Evangelism; making special appeals to the unconverted to accept Christ.

How To Attain the A-1 Standard.

1. Send for the large chart. This will be sent free on request. Place this chart

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prominently before the school.

2. Direct attention to this chart and check up the points already attained; send for seals thus due.

3. Go to work on points not yet attained, sending for additional seals as they are due.

4. For the large chart and all seals except the final Blue Seal, address 205 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky. Application for the A-1 award, indicated by the Blue Seal, should be sent to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Sunday, June 30th, has been set aside as Christian Education Day in the Sunday School. Programs have been sent out and special attention called to this day. Let's make it one of the greatest days we have ever had.

The West Kentucky Baptist Assembly meets June 20-27, at Russellville, Ky.

A special feature of this Assembly will be the class in Organized Class work, conducted by Mr. Harry L. Strickland, Secretary in charge of that line of work of the Sunday School Board.

We wish to urge every teacher, officer and member of Senior and Adult Sunday School classes to attend this Assembly and hear Mr. Strickland.

Mr. Strickland is a "live-wire" in Sunday School work, and we feel that the time you spend there will be both enjoyable and beneficial.

ABOUT THE B. Y. P. U.

We heard some one state the other day that the B. Y. P. U. was a splendid organization, but that there was no Scripture to authorize it. In answer we quote an article that Miss Ida McQuady, of Owensboro, wrote some time ago. Miss McQuady says:

"As a member of a B. Y. P. U., the writer begs permission to try to prove that we, who follow the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, do have Scriptural authority for the B. Y. P. U.

"The B. Y. P. U. Manual defines the B.

Y. P. U. as 'A Baptist church at work in, for and among its young people', or as 'The training service of a Baptist church'.

"Just as the United States Government trains young soldiers for service in the army, so does the B. Y. P. U. train young Christians for service in Christ's army.

"Any passage that impresses the idea of training for Christian service is authority for the B. Y. P. U. For instance, that part of the Great Commission which says, 'Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.'

"The aim of the B. Y. P. U. is 'Training in Church Membership.' To quote Article II. of our Constitution, 'The object of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union shall be the increased spirituality of the young Christians; their training in essential church activities; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations.'

"Paul, in writing to Timothy, urged him to 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' II. Tim. 2:15. If Paul's injunction to Timothy to study that he might be a workman approved of God and who needed not to be ashamed, applied to him it applies to others also; and if it is applicable to them in their individual capacity, it is applicable to them in their organized group capacity.

"The B. Y. P. U. strives to turn out workmen that need not to be ashamed.

"Other Scriptures to which I might call your attention are: I. Tim. 4:12, 'Let no man despise thy youth.' I. Tim. 4:13, 'Give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching.' I. Tim. 4:14, 'Neglect not the gift that is in thee.'

"At conversion, every Christian has some desire to serve his Lord, but many do not know how. The B. Y. P. U. takes the young Christian and trains him to use the gifts God has given him."

.. 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 New Watchword: "That I May Know Him." (Phil. 3:10.)

Our Hymn of the Year: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

W. M. U. Annual Meeting.

Our thirtieth anniversary was a most joyful occasion because there was no shadow of debt on any Board or interest of our Union. The Training School Building Fund lacked \$8,500 of what the building cost, but that is covered by more than enough good pledges.

The W. M. U. total for 1917-18 is \$515,821.73, of which the Judson Centennial and Church Building is \$51,824.22. In thirty years we have given \$5,085,877.77.

Thirteen State Unions reported all apportionments met and many had a share in the extra gifts to Home and Foreign Missions. The Church Building Loan Fund is making good progress: in Kentucky we have 37 Memorials promised, and others in contemplation. We must now remember to pay up each year one-fifth of the pledge until each \$500 is paid in full. The Eliza S. Broadus Memorial has helped one church in New Mexico—at Roswell, an important place, and it will aid more and more churches as the years go by. The Margaret Fund reported that 26 young people had been helped towards an education, and these sons and daughters of our missionaries did fine work in their schools. The three who expect to graduate have offered for missionary service. We are asked to give \$135 this year to this fund, and \$750 to the Training School Expense Fund. Our \$150 for the Sunday School Board will again be used to buy Testaments for our soldiers. \$21,000 for Foreign Missions and \$14,000 for the Home Board make up our apportionments. And we must begin at once to collect and

send on our money, month by month.

This was a very patriotic meeting, and many tender prayers were offered for the soldiers and for their mothers and other friends. The work of Camp Pastors was presented to us appealingly, and it was voted to make our Thank offering next March for this object. On our way home, we shared seats with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Soloman from Camp Shelby and learned how much a Camp Pastor's wife can do to help in this good work. Her little children are most heartily welcomed when they visit the Camp.

Several Kentucky women took part in the program. Miss Louise Tucker, our missionary from China, said, "It is not what we do in China that breaks down our health, it is the things we see that ought to be done, and cannot possibly be attempted." Mrs. Janie Cree Bose read beautifully the Literature Report prepared by Mrs. W. R. Nimmo; Mrs. Clarence Finn spoke clearly and forcibly on the need of Sunbeam Bands in every church, and Mrs. Andrews, of Elizabethtown, gave the Kentucky report on Church Building. The two minutes allowed each State Vice-President to speak on Red Cross and other Personal Service work was all too short a time to tell about the Sunshine Center and East End Settlement for Colored children.

The Convention voted to admit women as messengers from the churches, but that is a matter for each church to decide. Certainly, no one woman should try to be both a delegate to the W. M. U. and a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, since attendance on one will involve absence from the other.

Our Motto for the year is "That I May Know Him," and the hymn is "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult." Let us seek to heed the call and follow him more closely as we learn to know him better.—(E. S. B.)

Apportionments Late.

Owing to a delay by the printer, apportionments are not likely to reach the societies quite as soon as we contemplated, but we hope to send them now very soon.

After the big program adopted at the Convention for the Home and Foreign Boards, the Kentucky delegation felt they must accept an apportionment equal to the amounts contributed for these Boards last

year. Hence the apportionments are necessarily based on the gifts of last year (including the extra gifts) and Kentucky societies will stand loyally by the Boards from the very first months of the Convention Year.

Journal Honor Roll.

We are happy to begin another Honor Roll—this time for those societies who reach that point of the Standard of Excellence regarding one of the Journals being subscribed for in at least one-half of the homes represented in the Society. The following societies have reported subscriptions sufficient to place them on this Roll:

Pollard Y. W. A. (Greenup).

Pollard W. M. S. (Greenup).

Covington 1st, W. M. S. (North Bend).

Beaver Lick W. M. S. (North Bend).

Winchester 1st, W. M. S. (Boone's Creek).

Winchester Central, W. M. S. (Boone's Creek).

Bethlehem W. M. S. (Henry County).

Summer Assemblies.

At Russellville, Ky., June 20-27 is the Western Assembly, and at Georgetown, June 26-July 3rd, is the other "Summer Training School and Social Feast." At both places you will find courses in Bible Study and Sunday School work, or in the B. Y. P. U. Manual, or in our W. M. U. Manual, while the children have their Story Hour, and all can share in the evening addresses or sermons. In these days, everybody is expected to learn something in the summer vacation that will help on their winter's work, and just as the school teacher thinks it necessary to spend time and money in taking in information and suggestions, that she may have more to give out so our Sunday School teachers and leaders of church activities will find it greatly worth while to come to these rallying points for study and conference.

At Russellville, our W. M. U. will be represented by Mrs. Janie Cree Bose and Mrs. Clarence Finn, while Dr. Warren, Dr. Love, and Secretary Bryan will speak on Missions, and Dr. Len Broughton will give popular lectures, with Messrs. Hill, Strickland, and Flake for specialists in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. classes.

At Georgetown, Mrs. A. T. Robertson will teach Primary Sunday School Methods, with Mrs. Elsey for Junior work, and Miss Dixon

and Mrs. Bose having charge of W. M. U. interests. Drs. Carver and Truett will again be among the attractive speakers.

For board and room at \$1.00 a day, write to Dr. R. H. Tandy, Russellville. At Georgetown, the rate is \$1.50 a day. Send one dollar in advance to George M. Newell, Georgetown, which will be accredited on your room.—(E. S. B.)

The Training School Dedication.

The thirtieth anniversary of our Woman's Missionary Union was most beautifully celebrated by the dedication of our Training School. The building has been occupied during the session with great comfort and enjoyment, but this solemn dedication was deferred until it was more nearly paid for, and that the officers of the Union might be present as they were returning from the Annual Meeting.

Many State Vice-Presidents and Trustees responded to the invitation and were enthusiastic in their praises of all they saw and heard. The \$8,200 still unpaid of building expenses was borrowed from funds belonging to the Union, and interest is being paid on this amount, but no mortgage was necessary. Reliable pledges and subscriptions are in hand for more than this amount. Kentucky is one of five States which have paid in full, except that some of the "Louisville Campaign" subscriptions are yet to be collected.

The Commencement on June 3rd again filled our handsome Chapel, and was planned and carried out with the usual good taste of our Principal and Chairman of Local Board. The address was made by Mrs. W. C. James, President of the W. M. U., who spoke to the interest and profit of all present. Mrs. McLure's words to the graduates, in presenting their diplomas, were gracious and loving, and the Juniors "took up the mantle" of the Seniors as the latter placed garlands of roses around their shoulders. The singing was very beautiful, but we had only a piano accompaniment. Some good day, perhaps, kind friends will provide an organ.—(E. S. B.)

(Quoted from the Resolutions adopted at the W. M. U. meeting.)

Bible and Mission Study.—That societies of all grades as well as individual members carry on a systematic study of the missionary teachings of the Bible, using especially

the book prepared for the Union by Dr. W. O. Carver, to be bought from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. That as far as possible they use other Bible studies published by the same Board and those further recommended by their W. M. U. State Executive Committees. That every society work toward the reaching of clause 7 of the standard and that to this end a list of approved mission study books be published in the October issue of Royal Service. That in the same issue there be recommended for study one or more books on stewardship and missions. That every W. M. S. or Y. W. A. that has not previously done so be urged to study the Union's history "In Royal Service," and the "Manual of W. M. U. Methods," price 60c postpaid, from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. That the study of Dr. Carver's Bible Lessons, the books on stewardship and missions, In Royal Service and the Manual count toward the reaching of clause 7 of the uniform standards as in the case of regular mission study books and that certificates be awarded by the Union for such study.

Contributions—"...That in the spirit of the times and after the example of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, we endeavor to secure "Emergency Women", our ideal for the year being at least one emergency woman in each W. M. S. and Y. W. A.; that such women sign the following pledge and send it to their state W. M. U. corresponding secretary; that the offerings thus secured during the coming year be for the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial in the Church Building Loan Fund, but with the understanding that such emergency gifts shall be over and above any other gifts by the women or her society to the said memorial or to any other memorial, but that they shall be duly credited on the state W. M. U. apportionment for the Church Building Loan Fund. That each W. M. S. and Y. W. A. shall, early in June, if possible, appoint one of its members as "Recruiter of Emergency Women", who shall endeavor to get as many as possible of the emergency cards signed. That early in February, which is the month set aside for the Church Building Loan Fund program, the state W. M. U. Corresponding Secretary shall write to each of these "Emergency Women" asking her to send in her \$5.00.

"Emergency Pledge."

"Since I am deeply interested in the work fostered by our denomination and recognize that crises sometimes call for unusual and even sacrificial support, I hereby pledge myself, until further notice, to pay at least five dollars in response to any appeal made by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the understanding that there shall never be more than one such emergency call during the year."

Special Objects—"...That the Sunday School Board be again requested to use the Union's contributions to the Current Bible Fund for the distribution of Bibles or Testaments to soldiers and sailors. That the publications recommended by them be accorded as hearty support as possible. That the offering made by the women's societies during the January Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions be this year and hereafter called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offered that Christmas Offering, the ideal for offering, in memory of Miss Moon, who originated this year being at least \$50,000 as befitting the Union's 30th anniversary. That the offering made by the women's societies during the March Week of Prayer and Thank Offering for Home Missions, shall be for the camp work of the Home Mission Board, the ideal for the offering being at least \$35,000."

System—"...That increasing emphasis be laid upon tithing and stewardship, and since systematic and proportionate giving is a fundamental principle of the Union, that, early in June and throughout the year, each society endeavor to get as many as possible of its members to sign the following "Stewardship Covenant". That to this end, a Stewardship Chairman be appointed by each society who shall receive the cards and send them in to the state W. M. U. Corresponding Secretary, who shall, from time to time, publish the number of such names in the state paper. That such cards, as well as those to be used by the Emergency Women, be prepared and furnished free to the states by the Union.

"Emergency Covenant."

Recognizing, first, that I am God's steward, that He has the rightful and supreme claim upon me and my possessions; second, that God said to ancient Israel: "The tithe

is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord"; third, that Paul says concerning giving: "See that ye abound in this grace also"; and fourth, that the results of thus honoring God have always been most gratifying, enriching both the giver and the kingdom.

I, therefore, promise, as a recognition of my stewardship and an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause. "First they gave their own selves unto the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5) "Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Gen. 28:22).

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—what then? Has not the one soul-winning talent which God has given me fallen into disuse that I even doubt its existence? And therefore have I not already "hid it in the earth?" Must I not beware lest the fate of the unprofitable servant be my fate?

Suppose.

Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I ever spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others even to have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?

Suppose.

Suppose that every member of the church to which I belong were to dedicate himself or herself to-day to a life of full surrender to the will of God according to His Word (Rom. 12:1, 2) and were to become henceforth a soul-winner as exemplified in the life of Paul (1 Cor. 9:20-22), would not such a revival follow as this church and community have never seen? And am I not willing to say that by His grace I will give myself from this day forward to the definite business of saving the lost, that I will have a daily prayer list and will do what I can under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help accomplish the supreme work for which my Lord and Master came into the world?

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Finance is the most practical and the most pressing problem that confronts Baptists now. We must have a solution of it else the tension among Southern Baptists is going to stretch to the breaking point. We are done growing if we do not soon learn how to give Baptist vitality and more continuous cash value.

There is a New Testament solution, 1 Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as He may prosper." This is distinctly the New Testament plan of finance. Interpreted and applied among us, it would be stated, "Each member of every Baptist church giving every Sunday to all the causes of our Convention according to what he has earned the week before."

In our day, we are to enlarge this plan of Paul for taking care of the poor at Jerusalem into a deeper laid system for financing our task of caring for the poor and lost and untrained of the whole world. To do this, this plan must be heated to a glow in the spiritual fervor of our churches and wrought into the very life habit of our members.

The New Testament Plan at Work.

What is said here is largely by way of prophecy. We have no history to govern us in discussing the case, but we can safely prophesy that certain things will be true when the plan is once at work.

1. This plan applied will reduce all our denominational activities to unity. Church Building Fund, Judson Centennial, Mountain Schools, City Missions, Foreign Missions, Cotton Mill Villages, Country Churches, Christian Academies and Colleges, Negroes, Indians, Dagoes, Seminary, Orphanage, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Relief, Hospitals sorely needed, Home Missions, Sunday School Missions, State Missions, Social Service, and what not. All these are tangled together in the mind of the average Southern Baptist. We have at last gotten these items classified into eight or ten groups in our associational minutes, but these are so complicated and fragmentary that it would take one study running through a whole year in one of our schools for the average Baptist to master them all.

Many of our people can see but one thing at a time and hence discriminate by opposing some among many objects. The division of our work into departments is necessary in administration, but when we divide them into so many appeals we vivisect the one living appeal of the kingdom.

There is an unhealthy rivalry among these appeals all trying to be special appeals. Only the courtesy of their representatives avoids a scramble for the floor in every association and convention.

In order to live, these appeals must have a place on our annual schedule of spasms. Our present plan of appeals and collections is developing among us a few multi-specialists on all lines of our work, many lop-sides on a few lines of our work, and an army of do-nothings on all lines of our work.

Churches Must Be Trusted.

We must become willing for our churches to administer the regular contributions of their members, leaving each one free to give anything at any time to any object he may choose. This weaves at once into one appeal in our churches all the regular work of our Convention. Wise, good, big souled men chosen each year by our Conventions could then suggest the proportion of the regular offerings of our churches to be given to each object that we foster, the apportionment between the objects which they suggest to be voted on by each church. This would emphasize local church integrity and at the same time strengthen the total appeal of our work. We should then have a cable by which to pull steadily with our people once a year. When all our regular work is twilled into one appeal, we shall be able to pay more attention to that which is irregular. We are not now free to attend to real emergencies.

Yet new appeals must ever be on the increase. They come with growth, with the increasing complexity of our needy world, with every new opportunity, they call to us out of every new condition that confronts us. Our ability to respond to them is the test of our capacity to live and grow under modern conditions.

Only temporary objects should have the right of appeal, and most of them even should be classed with their kindred regular causes and given a place in the consolidated appeal of our regular work. With all our normal activities simplified, unified and

cared for by the regular offerings of our churches, new appeals will not have to wrestle with old entrenched appeals nor will the old appeals be crowded out by questionable new appeals. We must have a unity of old appeals that furnishes centre and room for new appeals.

This Plan Will Put a New Business Spirit Into Our Denominational Work.

2. There is a business spirit. It applies system to everything. It prizes economy. It sees only big things. It all but worships efficiency. It demands punctuality and directness. It knows the advantage of working by installments in doing things. It is tuned to the ring of cash. This is the business tone—it is the keynote of our time.

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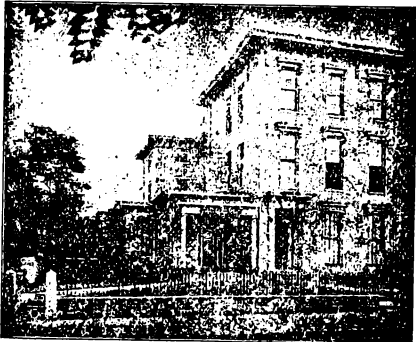
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