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# Association Apportionments

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Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Allen .....	\$ 715	Lynn .....	1,128
Baptist .....	935	Long Run .....	33,060
Barren River .....	440	Lynn Camp .....	55
Bell County .....	751	Mt. Zion .....	8,800
Bethel .....	13,200	Muhlenberg .....	3,850
Blackford .....	1,500	Nelson .....	5,500
Blood River .....	8,256	North Bend .....	4,620
Boone's Creek .....	<b>3,960</b>	North Concord .....	440
Booneville .....	55	Ohio County .....	2,750
Bracken .....	3,300	Ohio River .....	2,970
Breckenridge .....	1,650	Ohio Valley .....	7,260
Campbell County .....	2,976	Owen .....	1,100
Central .....	2,976	Pulaski .....	4,000
Concord .....	5,600	Rockcastle .....	715
Crittenden .....	1,100	Russell County .....	363
Cumberland River .....	110	Russell's Creek .....	3,300
Daviess County .....	18,000	Salem .....	2,435
East Lynn .....	660	Severn's Valley .....	4,950
East Union .....	4,400	Shelby County .....	5,885
Edmonson .....	440	Simpson .....	5,500
Elkhorn .....	18,150	South Concord .....	44
Enterprise .....	1,650	South District .....	6,380
Franklin .....	4,153	South Kentucky .....	880
Freedom .....	286	South Union .....	66
Gasper River .....	908	Sulphur Fork .....	2,750
Goose Creek .....	275	Tate's Creek .....	2,479
Goshen .....	1,155	Ten Mile .....	2,750
Graves County .....	5,308	Three Forks .....	1,100
Green River .....	55	Union .....	2,750
Greenup .....	1,894	Upper Cumberland .....	473
Greenville .....	55	Warren .....	5,170
Henry County .....	2,200	West Kentucky .....	2,393
Landmark .....	6	Wayne County .....	1,370
Laurel River .....	600	West Union .....	6,600
Liberty .....	3,300	White's Run .....	1,980
Little Bethel .....	1,870		
Little River .....	4,840		
Logan County .....	1,635		
		Total .....	\$255,164

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## ... EDITORIAL ...

O. E. BRYAN ..... Editor  
 MISS LATTA GREER..... Bus. Mgr.

### Guaranteed Budget for 1919, as Prescribed By the Budget Committee.

The following table is a ten per cent. increase over the Budget which was guaranteed in 1918, with the exception of State Missions. We have taken as a basis for State Missions what was actually spent for this interest last year instead of the recommendation of the Budget Committee. We have figured 10 per cent. on what we actually spent for State Missions last year. This Budget is guaranteed, and one-twelfth of it must be paid each month to the various interests:

Foreign Missions .....	\$57,750
Home Missions .....	38,225
State Missions .....	74,800
Christian Education .....	16,500
Ky. Baptist Children's Home.....	18,700
Ministerial Education .....	2,200
Ministers' Aid .....	3,850
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Total .....	\$212,025

The following Budget is the one suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention as Kentucky's part in the \$2,500,000 Home and Foreign Mission program for the South. This is not guaranteed by Kentucky Baptists, but we should do our best to raise it:

Foreign Missions .....	\$150,000
Home Missions .....	100,000
State Missions .....	74,800
Christian Education .....	16,500
Ky. Baptist Children's Home.....	18,700
Ministerial Education .....	2,200
Ministers' Aid .....	3,850
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Total .....	\$366,050

The Education Society voted at the General Association to launch a unified Campaign for Christian Education, the total

amount of endowment being \$1,400,000. Georgetown is to receive 50 per cent. of this money and the remainder is to be divided between the other Schools in our unified System.

A false standard of State Education prepared the way for the world war. The reconstruction of the world is largely a task of Christian Education. Baptist responsibility is tremendous in this transitional epoch. This \$1,400,000 is just a beginning of what we ought to do for our Schools in Kentucky. We ought to endow our Schools and then we ought to put our children in our Schools. If the Baptists of Kentucky will endow their Schools and put their own children in Baptist Schools and see to it that the Schools are kept spiritual and evangelistic, there would be a new day for our people in this State. This is a task large enough to command the unified attention of us all.

### DON'T FORGET

- That 100 children must be fed and clothed each month;
- That 56 infirm Ministers and their families must be provided for;
- That more than 100 preacher boys in our colleges and Seminary must have help each month;
- That our five unified Baptist Schools must have assistance in their running expenses each month;

### DON'T FORGET

- That we make our payments every month to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards—more than \$4,000 to the Foreign Board each month and nearly \$3,000 to the Home Board.
- The monthly pay-days come mighty regular.

The first of the calendar year is the best time, perhaps, for making an Every Member Canvass and the new Church Budget. Literature for an Every Member Canvass may be had by applying to the State Board office.

#### Some Facts From the Mission Rooms.

First. We are starting on our enlarged program. The General Association voted an increase of 10 per cent. on all of our Budget interests. This is guaranteed. Our payroll is nearly \$20,000 a month.

Second. We had a surplus of more than \$26,000 the first of November.

Third. But little money has come to the Budget during November and December. Influenza conditions have interfered with Church meetings and the money has not been collected.

Fourth. We pay the Missionaries and the Benevolent interests every month whether it is sent in or not, so it does not take much figuring to see that we have already used up our surplus and we are now facing the necessity of either reviving our Budget interests or borrowing money.

Fifth. The Education Campaign will soon be on and we should have our Budget paid up and out of the way and should keep it out of the way so that the Education forces may go afield.

Sixth. After such glorious Budget victory, Kentucky Baptists should not relinquish their enthusiasm for this System. The guarantee will soon have us in debt again unless there is heroic effort.

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Kentucky Baptists should comply with the suggestion made by our Home and Foreign Mission Boards for a week of prayer beginning January Fifth and ending January Eleventh.

All great victories for the Lord have been won through prayer. Many a victory has been prayed through to assurance long before it was given in reality. Let us enlarge our vision and ask for more faith that we may be large enough to fit into God's great program now in the readjustment of the world's affairs.

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When the vision appeared to Paul in the night calling him into Macedonia and when Paul responded to this mission call, it was the entering wedge of Missions into North Europe. At that time our ancestors were semi-civilized. They were roving the jungles of Europe without God and without Christ. It is Christian Missions that has made the Anglo Saxon race the world's predominant race. We should be last to close our doors to the world's cry.

There is another Macedonian call. The door again is open in all Europe. The call is coming as never before for help. The tide of Missions for nineteen centuries has flowed westward. It has reached its crest in America. The ebb has started and America must take the Gospel back to the land that gave it. This call is pathetic. It is as distressing as the call of a feverish child at night, for water; it is as distressing as the call of a man on a sinking ship; it is as distressing as the call of one in a burning building. We sent Europe our money, our provisions and our men, let us now send them the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To add Europe to our Mission program, we ought to double our gifts to Missions this year.

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#### What a Little Prayer Did.

There is a touching story told of a little girl who was to undergo an operation. The physician said to her as he was about to place her on the operating table: "Before we can make you well, we must put you to sleep." The little girl looked up and smilingly said: "Oh, if you are going to put me to sleep, I must say my prayers first." Then she knelt down beside the table and said:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take."

The surgeon said afterward that he prayed that night for the first time for thirty years. This little girl was only about her Father's business, as Christ was when he was listening and asking questions. No one is so small but he can attend to the business of prayer. Thank God that there are little prayers, little burdens, little words, deeds and songs adapted to little children; for shall they not lead us?—Selected.

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"The Gospel is for one race as well as another, but there may be recognized territorial limitations for convenience, and for the better working out of the one great problem of evangelizing the human race."

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"In the churches the individual has free play and yet co-operates under the law of the Master with his fellow members."

## OUR AIM — 2,000 New Subscriptions and Renewals to Kentucky Mission Monthly, Home & Foreign Fields.

### Report of Treasurer of Baptist Ministers' Aid Society of Kentucky, October 31, 1918.

#### Permanent Fund.

Amount per last report.	\$46,825.29	
Increased this year by		
gifts .....	1,330.09	\$48,155.38
Old Ministers Home....		
Fund deducted .....	1,500.00	
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Balance October 31,		
1918.....		\$46,655.38

#### Immediate Use Fund.

Cash on hand, per last report .....	\$1,817.19	
Invested, per last report	1,886.10	
Additional amount invested, but by mistake shown in last report as Old Ministers Home Fund .....	1,500.00	\$5,203.29
Received this year from interest .....	3,107.03	
Received from Budget this year .....	3,500.00	6,607.03
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		\$11,810.32
Paid beneficiaries this year .....	6,274.30	
Paid postage this year, \$24.06; paid Secretary and Treasurer, \$300.00; paid Attorney's fees this year, \$20.00; paid for printing this year, \$29.50 .....	379.90	
Paid interest on Old Ministers Home Fund	500.00	
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Total paid out this year .....	\$7,154.20	
Cash on hand October 31st, 1918.....	1,751.35	
Immediate use fund invested .....	2,904.77	\$11,810.32

### Report of the Trustees of the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society of Kentucky, Owensboro, Ky.

To the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, Greetings:—

With deep gratitude to God and sincere appreciation of the co-operation of our brethren, we are glad to report that during

the past year we have been able to do the work for which the Ministers' Aid Society of Kentucky was organized better than during any year in its history. Our appropriations to the beneficiaries have been larger and percentage of expenses smaller than at any time since our connection with this work.

We beg to call attention to the fact shown by report of our Treasurer that investments, collecting of Interest and of Invested Funds of \$51,560.15, together with administering Immediate Use Fund amounting to \$6,607.00 has been done at a cost of \$379.90, being a fraction over 6 per cent. of the money paid to Beneficiaries.

By reference to the last year's report it will be seen that on October 1st, 1917, an increase of 20 per cent. was given to all our beneficiaries who were receiving \$10.00 per month or less except three who were otherwise provided for. That increase was continued; and on October 1st, 1918, another increase of 20 per cent. was made to them all. Yet, notwithstanding this increase of aid for which many have expressed deep gratitude, it is the opinion of your Board more should be given to these faithful servants of our Lord who, having generously given life's labors to Christ and His churches, are now largely and some of them wholly dependent on us for the necessities of life. Even after these additions have been made we gave them during the past year on an average of only \$9.20 each per month.

The number of beneficiaries is now fifty-five. Thirty-one old ministers and twenty-four widows of ministers, with three other applications out to be filled.

Will Kentucky Baptists support this cause so that no decrease will have to be made, but rather an increase in proportion to the increased cost of living? One bequest and the generosity of Daviess County, Breckenridge County and McCreary County Associations, has increased by voluntary offering the permanent fund.

Why will not others kindly see to it that our permanent fund comes up to the fifty thousand dollars which the Constitution indicated as our purpose? Fraternaly,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**Old Ministers' Home Fund.**

Amount of Donations to Old Ministers' Home Fund.....	\$1,500
Net interest accumulated on same....	500
Total in Old Ministers' Home Fund,	
October 31st, 1918.....	2,000

By mistake the last report treated the Old Ministers' Home Fund as included in the immediate use fund, when in fact this \$1,500 was in the permanent fund and the interest had gone to the immediate use fund. After deducting its fair share of expenses, it is estimated that the net interest received on said fund is \$500. As indicated above in statement of the Society, said principal sum has been deducted from the immediate use fund and placed in the Old Ministers' Home Fund and will hereafter be kept separate.

A. N. COUCH, Treasurer.

Examined, November 6, 1918, and found correct.—C. L. Field, Auditor.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST SANATORIUM.

1. Tuberculosis is more prevalent in the South than in any other part of America. In three of the States in the Southern Baptist Convention, a larger percentage of the people die of tuberculosis than in any other part of the civilized world with the possible exception of China.

2. In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention each day more than 150 people die from tuberculosis. There are in this territory more than 275,000 people actively infected with the disease, while about an equal number have inactive infection.

3. To say nothing of the homes desolated and hearts broken by the ravages of the white plague, the money loss to the South each year caused by this disease is estimated to be about \$175,000,000.

(The above facts with many others of startling interest are found in a report of Rev. E. P. Alldredge published in the 1918 Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, pp. 115-128. Please read that report.)

4. In 1916 in Ashville, N. C., H. F. Vermillion introduced a resolution which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention calling for the appointment of a committee to study for a year the advisability

of the Convention establishing a sanatorium in the Southwest for the care of tubercular patients. The committee appointed consisted of H. F. Vermillion, Rev. S. H. Campbell, Rev. E. C. Routh, Rev. R. P. Mahon, and Rev. Joe P. Jacobs.

5. This committee, through its Chairman, gathered a vast amount of information showing the need of such an institution, but felt that a further study of it should be made by Southern Baptists before they should begin the work. They reported to the Convention at New Orleans in 1917, recommending further study and some steps preparatory to founding the institution.

6. When the above report was read, Dr. F. M. McConnell moved that the matter of establishing the Sanatorium be committed to the Home Mission Board with instructions to proceed. This motion prevailed, and the Home Board appointed a commission consisting of H. F. Vermillion, B. D. Gray, Geo. W. Truett, E. P. Alldredge, and A. L. Maddox, with instructions to plan for founding the Sanatorium and to report to the Home Mission Board and to the Southern Baptist Convention.

This commission had a number of meetings, some of them lengthy sessions. At most of these sessions, F. M. McConnell, Chairman of a Committee on Location appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to pass on all sites offered for the Sanatorium, was present and gave valuable counsel.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, A. L. Maddox and H. F. Vermillion visited many places in the Southwest and secured offers of valuable properties at several places, any one of which would be well suited for a sanatorium.

The Commission and the Southern Baptist Convention, at the 1918 session, after mature consideration, unanimously decided to accept the offer made by the people of El Paso, Texas, through their Chamber of Commerce. The Home Mission Board was advised to accept the property offered at El Paso and to go forward with the founding of the institution.

The Home Mission Board has received the property which has already been deeded and is now in its possession.

The property consists of 14 acres of land and a splendid administration building well

suiting to our work. The land is said to be worth at least \$20,000 and the building cost \$65,000. Thus the property is well worth \$85,000.

8. H. F. Vermillion has been placed in charge as Superintendent and will open the institution as soon as the administration building can be furnished and quarters for patients erected and furnished. No charity patients can then be taken unless a fund for that purpose is provided by donations. Some very pathetic appeals have come from applicants for admission already.

Funds for this work should be sent to H. F. Vermillion, El Paso, Texas. We want to raise the first \$250,000 for the Sanatorium as quickly as possible.

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### THE BUDGET.

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By J. G. Bow.

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You may have in your church a single Budget, that means one Budget which is to include all your home expenses, and all your appropriations to benevolence, missions, education, etc. You may have a double Budget, separating your home expenses from all other gifts.

The modified Budget, as now operated by the State Board, allows special appeals for any object the church may wish to foster, special collections for any of these objects, and allows individuals or churches to designate their gifts as they may choose.

The committee on apportionment, whether for the associations or churches, is governed largely as to the amount asked by what you have previously given. This is often very far below what ought to be given. For instance, a church in a rich farming community, undeveloped in stewardship, was apportioned a little more than one hundred dollars for all general work. There were numbers of members of that church who ought to have given more than that amount.

A pastor was anxious to put on the Budget in his church. He wanted them to reach the apportionment, which I am sure was not more than one-tenth of what the church should have given. He announced that he would give fifty cents per month, and that pastor received more than an average salary, and was in good circumstances.

Many churches and pastors are not sufficiently interested in the work of the denomination to try to learn the plans and means of co-operation among our churches.

I remember a letter to the association in which the church reported a small amount each to State, Home and Foreign Missions, and fifteen dollars to the Budget, not knowing that the Budget should include all their contributions to all missions and benevolences.

Don't flatter and deceive yourselves by thinking you have met all your obligations and discharged all your duties when you have reached the amount of your apportionment. The amount of apportionment ought always to be the minimum.

Honestly, you being the judge, do you not believe that such dealing as above related is a mockery, an insult to Him who gave Himself for us, and gave His life for the cause we profess to represent, and has honored us by calling us to be "workers together with Him," and has committed to us the interests of His Kingdom?

There are certain inalienable principles, essential fundamentals, set forth in God's work without which Baptist policy is impossible.

The first we will call **Individualism**. No one can repent for you, believe for you, love God for you, obey God's commandments for you, nor do your work in the Kingdom. Hence the invitations, the exhortations, the commands, the promises and the rewards are to individuals, so of the account, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." "My reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be."

Closely allied to this inalienable principle of Individualism is what we shall call **Voluntariness**. The will of man in absolute submission to the will of God chooses to do God's will, in accord with His word, without coercion or dictation of human authority. God said, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life." He said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord." Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor

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**... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...**

Rev. J. R. Black . . . . .General Secretary  
Mrs. J. R. Black . . . . .Elementary Worker  
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**IS YOUR SCHOOL A-1?**

**The General Association Through the Eyes of the Sunday School Secretary.**

We were happy indeed to have the privilege of attending our first meeting of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists. There were so many outstanding features that appealed to the eyes of a Sunday School man, that mention cannot be made of all of them.

First of all before Campbellville was reached, the meeting of friends on the train and the making of many new acquaintances was a great joy. We realize that the best Sunday School work cannot be done until we know our brethren. Upon arriving, the cordial welcome given us made us feel at once that we were at the right place for such a meeting.

During the meeting of the General Association, it was our privilege to be given one of the most suitable rooms for our Sunday School exhibit and we were delighted to have as many as 150 to visit our exhibition, get free literature, and all the information that we could give. Many questions were asked in regard to plans for new Church buildings and as said there, we are more than glad to announce that Dr. Burroughs is giving us the very best help along the line of Church architecture.

**The Secretary's Report.**

The hour for the report of your Secretary was placed at a time that we considered the best of all during the session. It was in brief as follows:

"In the educational world there is no one book which has a greater influence over the thinking of people than the Bible. Few institutions, if any, have a greater place in the training of growing people to function in this life than the teaching service of the Church.

"Today, thinking, as we do, we firmly believe that the Sunday School must not be sidetracked or merely made to mark time

until times are normal again. For the past three months your Sunday School Secretary and Elementary Worker of the Sunday School Department have been trying with unabating zeal to do our part to keep God's work open and taught in our Sunday Schools. The question is frequently confronting us since so many of our pastors and men are gone, 'Must the Sunday School be continued?' In every instance we have tried to emphatically answer yes. We cannot tell what the coming days may mean, but we are certain of one thing just now, and it is that we must be faithful to the task confronting us today.

"As to report of actual work done on the field the past twelve weeks, we beg to say that information and acquaintance were considered the first great need, and much of the time spent so far has been used in this way. A State plan of work has been inaugurated, contemplating twelve Associational Superintendents of helpers in each of the Associations of the State. In figures the following information can be given:

Miles . . . . .	4,813
Sermons . . . . .	7
Addresses . . . . .	31
Letters . . . . .	1,728
Awards . . . . .	58
Classes . . . . .	20
Associations visited . . . . .	14
Churches visited . . . . .	7
Assemblies . . . . .	2
Sunday School Conventions..	2
Conversions . . . . .	2
Jail services . . . . .	1
Conferences . . . . .	10

"As to what has been accomplished, we do not feel that these or any other figures could be the test, but we believe that the seed which has been sown will bring forth the right kind of harvest in the proper time. Realizing the immensity of the task and the burden on our shoulders to rightly guide, teach and train this host of the Baptist brotherhood, we beseech your co-operation and prayers in the work."

**"The New Standards of Excellence."**

Through the Associational Superintendent of Sunday School Standardization it is our aim this year to get one of these new Standards of Excellence on the wall of every Sunday School in Kentucky.

Remember that the Standard you had last



year is out of date now, and if your Sunday School desires to reach the "A-1" Standard this year it must have the new Standard of Excellence to go by. It needs no explanation from headquarters. All that is needed is to secure one and follow its instructions. If you want this Standard of Excellence right away, write to this office and you will receive it promptly.

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The new Standard is as easily reached as the old one.

Be sure and tack the new Standard of Excellence on the wall of the Sunday School room.

Have you been asked to be one of the twelve Associational Superintendents of your Association? Get acquainted with the twelve Associational Superintendents of your Association.

Information from this office will be given any who ask us who the twelve Associational Superintendents of your Association are.

Cynthiana Sunday School is the first to qualify under the new Standard of Excellence for an "A-1" award from Kentucky. It meets all of the requirements too. Can't you do what Cynthiana has been doing for several years? Try and see.

#### "The Flu and the Sunday School."

Some suggestions as to what to do if the ban is on and you cannot go to Sunday School: It will not disqualify Sunday Schools for applying for the "A-1" Award.

By all means, see that the Secretary orders the literature for next quarter even if it seems the Churches will not be open. This is the opportunity for the Home Department Superintendent to have the biggest record and showing in her work of any time yet.

If the Local Board of Health has not made a ruling that will conflict, let us suggest that while Sunday School cannot be held in the Church, that the teacher have the pupils meet himself or herself at the home. The class work can be carried on in this way and the class will be held together.

The Superintendent can keep his teachers from growing despondent by having a Teachers Training Class. The Pastor who does not get to preach, and wonders what

to do with all his idle time, can spend part of it in helping his Superintendent with a Teachers Training Class.

It is true that the "Flu" has the Sunday School forces guessing in one way, but the teacher and class officer that will faithfully perform the duty which is connected with the office will see that there is plenty of work to do now. We would suggest also, that the teacher outline a plan of visitation whereby on each Sunday every member of the class receives a visit from one or more pupils. The sick especially need sympathy and a visit or flowers from members of the class. If you are afraid to enter the sick room, a call at the door will never be forgotten.

#### Mackville Sunday School.

If space permitted, we would be glad to have given the entire writeup of the Sunday School of Mackville, and then it could not have been given all the credit that is due some workers there. Your State Secretary had the privilege of teaching the first division of the New Convention Normal Manual to the largest class ever assembled in his presence since he has been trying to teach this course. Thirty-three took the examination on the last night, and they each determined that they would finish the book and get the Diploma within the near future.

Rev. T. E. Ennis is the Pastor, and has led this Church in a marvelous way. Mr. D. F. Hall has been an efficient Superintendent for a number of years, and is anxious that his School shall have the best in all things. This Sunday School is truly a giant oak yet in the kernel. If the future can be foreseen, we believe that within a short time this Sunday School will be leading some of our largest Sunday Schools of the city.

When the next visit is made we will be able to give a definite statement of what has been accomplished, and how it was done. The so-called country Sunday School at Mackville will set a pace for Sunday Schools that have been the leaders for years.

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"Education is the virtue of self-restraint and grace of self-forgetfulness.—Woodrow Wilson.

## ... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ...

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#### Who Will Buy a Pearl?

In every package of literature for the Week of Prayer there is a leaflet called *Ai Su and Her Gift of Pearls*, written by Miss Anna Hartwell, to whose care the pearls were entrusted by the Chinese woman who so loved the Lord's cause and longed to help pay the debt of the Foreign Mission Board. Miss Hartwell herself sent the Board the fifteen dollars which was the estimated value of the pearls, and still has them in her possession and on sale. The Kentucky Central Committee would like to help on the good cause, and will take charge of them, hoping to dispose of them to any of our women who are interested. This is a happy thought on the part of Mrs. Bose. The money coming from the sale of the pearls will go to support a native worker in *Ai Su's* field. The price varies with the size, one dollar for the largest, then fifty or ten cents. Send in your orders to our W. M. U. office, 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky., and you will receive a souvenir, a reminder of a woman of great faith and prayer, and of the Missionary, Mrs. Glass, who may rejoice to count this woman among her sheaves.

#### A Fine Piece of Personal Service.

Miss Pearl Johnson writes from Shanghai of two girls' societies, Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s in the North Gate Church, who conduct and teach a Sunday School for poor children, with an average attendance of one hundred and fifty (150). They make their own plans and are very enthusiastic. Last Christmas they gave and collected \$25, to give the children a treat. Besides this, these girls and the Sunbeams gave a treat to one hundred children of the ricksha coolies. She says: "There is such a sweet

spirit among my girls that I can't help being happy all the time."

Dr. R. V. Taylor and Miss Grace Mc. Bride have left their stations in China to help on Red Cross work in Siberia. This is done by permission of the Board.

Miss Sophie Lanneau tells of a W. M. U. meeting in Shanghai: "Mrs. Bryan has developed the work of the women and girls and children remarkably. Their contributions for the year amounted to \$662. They passed a resolution which we trust will be of far reaching import, inviting Miss Constance Kyung, now a student in Ginling College, to become the evangelistic missionary of our W. M. U. when she is ready to enter on her work. After nine years of faithful teaching in our Soochow Girls' School, she went to College for the express purpose of fitting herself to be a more efficient Christian worker.

Miss Nancy Lee Swan, of the Interior China Mission, gives an interesting account of work among the women and girls, and pleads for another foreign teacher and a \$5,000 new building for the Girls' Boarding School, now overcrowded with pupils, and needing especially equipment for Normal School Training. If teachers could be trained here, they would be ready to take charge of Day Schools for girls throughout the Mission. There is also need of more women Missionaries for visiting in the homes and teaching Christians and inquirers along a definite course for grace and knowledge. In all places the determination to learn to read the Scriptures and hymns is good, even the old blind sisters learning to repeat simple hymns and texts with shining faces. An encouraging feature is the great readiness on the part of the women of China to hear the Gospel, but thousands have never yet heard of Him whom to know is to live.

In Kaifeng, the capital of a province, Rev. Gordon Poteet says there are electric lights, macadamized streets and tall smokestacks of factories, schools of law, of mines and agriculture, high schools and a normal school. Streams of traffic flow back and forth on country roads and on the railroad, so that the influence of mission work in this center flows out to all corners of the province. Yet we go along from year

to year in ramshackle remains of an old Chinese inn and theater, while the three other missions have new church buildings. Ours is the best location, however, the compound fronting on the city's busiest street for a hundred feet. It seems nothing less than folly to fail to provide equipment that would make possible fruitful service from missionaries already on the ground.

For these items of news we are indebted to a copy of *The New East*, published by the China Baptist Publication Society, Canton, China.

The Week of Prayer, January 5th to 11th, will be observed by W. M. U. all over the Southland, but many will be unable to attend services. Will they not remember to pray at their homes for these special objects: Brazil, Japan, China, Africa, Italy, and the Young People of our Foreign Fields, the Sunday subject having been Praise and Prayer?—E. B. S.

#### A Letter From China.

I had a good trip from Charleston to this place. The same Hand that led me to come dealt graciously with me all the way. I kept well and made good friends at every stage of the journey.

Ada and Florence met me in Yokohama. It took all their living and more to do so, but was their expression of joy over my coming. I left the China and Dr. Pruett and came here with them by rail to Kobe, from there to Dalny through the Inland and Yellow Seas, from Dalny to Chefoo in a little boat, and from there here in a still smaller one.

Our experiences were many and varied, but my girls proved themselves skilled travelers and worked their way successfully even where only Japanese was spoken.

I did not come any too soon, and find my hands full to overflowing mending and making warm clothes for the freezing days ahead. Had I not come I am afraid they would have suffered; so much work—so little forethought for themselves.

I have not for a moment regretted my decision to come nor doubted the wisdom of it. Wherever I am there must always be an aloneness in life to me, and I want it to be here where I can be of real

service to the child who was always such a joy to her father.

Ada's kindergartners have adopted me, and I am told call me "Grandmother." I get much pleasure and entertainment out of them.

It seems to me that the sun and stars shine more brightly here than in America. The view from my window is lovely. I look over the city to the South wall and beyond the wall into the rolling country. The walks around the wall and outside of it are very beautiful. The sea is only two miles from our house and within walking distance. Its beauty was a surprise to me, although Ada has written much about it.

(These are extracts from a personal letter, written by Mrs. T. P. Bell (Miss M. E. McIntosh), who has gone to make a home for her daughter, Ada, and Miss Florence Lide, who are doing such fine work in kindergarten and school in Teng Chow. It is cheering to know of some beauty in their surroundings, and to realize how fortunate these young missionaries are in having Motherlove to watch over them).

"To the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union:

"I have this month received an appointment for work in France in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association. I realize the great importance of our work for the young people in the homeland, and am proud and happy to have had a share in it during the two years I have been with the Union. I feel that the work overseas offers an opportunity not only for a year's service in France, but for a year that will make me able to do a better work here on my return. I, therefore, feel that I must offer my resignation as Secretary of the Young People's Department to take effect January 1st, 1919. The past two years have been full of joy to me in this work and I have a deep desire to express to all my appreciation for the help and the friendship that have been to beautifully given to me. Respectfully yours,

"MARY FAISON DIXON."

Much appreciation of Miss Dixon's rare service, her valuable contribution to our work, her cultured mind, was expressed by the committee. In releasing her for work in France the hope that, when this service is rendered, we may renew our happy rela-

tions with her could not but find expression, although, not to hamper her or the Union, her resignation was accepted.

Mrs. Grady moved that the work of the Young People's Department be arranged for by the Young People's Committee in consultation with Miss Dixon before she leaves.

The above quoted from report of Southern W. M. U. Executive Committee.

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and are heavy laden." He said, "Whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely." So it must be a willing, voluntary service.

Then with the recognition that there is no ecclesiastical authority above the New Testament Church, and but "One Lawgiver" in Zion, and all our associations, conventions, institutes and assemblies are only advisory and suggestive, without any authority over the churches of Jesus Christ, we invariably insert in every constitution of each association an article similar to that in the constitution of the General Association, namely—"This body has no jurisdiction of the local churches, and shall exercise no authority over them."

In view of all this, we believe the Budget as now recommended by the State Board, should be taken up by each local church. Then let the pastor or some competent enlistment man show plainly from the word of God the responsibility of stewardship. Then see every member of that church, and secure, if possible, a promise to give regularly and systematically, "As God has prospered him." This gift should not be less than a tithe of his income. His income after actual cost of production is deducted, not after his living is taken out. In cases where individuals receive salaries there is no room for mistakes. If anyone receive \$50 per week he should put \$5 of that amount in the Lord's treasury; if \$10 per week his proportion should be one dollar. Then he or she ought to give free will offerings and thank offerings beyond that.

Some may say: "My income is small, and I cannot afford to do that." Far better to say, "I cannot afford not to do that." God can make nine dollars go farther than you can make ten dollars go, if you leave God out and attempt to run your business without Him and in violation of His require-

ments. "Fear God and keep His commandments." Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Do you love Jesus?

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#### SOME ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EFFICIENT MINISTRY.

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Some one has said that "the office of the lawyer is important, because it watches over our property; and the office of the physician much more so because it watches over our health, 'For the life is more than meat, and the body more than raiment.'" But even these are nothing to the soul and eternity, and to these, our office is appropriated, by these it is infinitely dignified. Nothing can equal the mission we have received of the Lord, "to testify the gospel of the grace of God," and to "show unto men the way of salvation." No angel ever came from heaven to earth on so mighty a mission as ours.

To be efficient ministers of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God," we must be divinely called. The illustrious Paul, on this subject with reference to his own call, says: "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man, neither was I taught it but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." I mean no disparagement to ministerial training when I insist upon and contend for a still higher fitness—the divine call and the induemnt of the Spirit's power. This I believe to be the first and most essential qualification of ministerial efficiency. There are men in the pulpit who not only disclaim the divine call for themselves, but deny that there is such a thing. They look upon the ministry as a "profession" and are preaching to "hold down a job." May their tribe decrease.

Another qualification for ministerial efficiency is piety. The piety of some ministers has serious blemishes in it, against which we would do well sacredly to guard ourselves. If every minister would do his best to live every day what he preaches on Sundays, the great good that his preaching would accomplish could not be known until it is published in heaven. We should endeavor to feel more ourselves of all that is involved in genuine religion. If we would feel more, we would speak better. All men are orators when they feel. The language of the heart has an unction and an energy

—especially a heart that borrows its feelings from all that is eternal—which no elegance or sublimity of composition can reach and which is more resistless than the thunders of Demosthenes, or the vivid lightnings which flashed from the genius of Cicero.

Humility is another attribute in the formation of an elevated standard of ministerial efficiency, too essential and important to be overlooked. Where is the minister of the gospel who has not had to struggle against the secret workings of the sin of pride? It is so insidious and powerful a sin, and withal is so freed from the vulgar and unrefined feelings of our nature—is so peculiarly intellectual in its character, and exhilarating in the sensations it produces, that few are more liable to be enamored by its fair exterior, and ensnared by its seductive form, than the minister of the gospel. Pride will insinuate itself into the most spiritual and solemn of our services. It will even make the cross of Christ a pedestal on which to erect its deformed visage. While exalting Jesus, we may be found but exalting ourselves, and while exclaiming, "Behold the Lamb of God," we may be but veiling his true glory behind our insignificant persons, virtually exclaiming, "Behold my talents, my eloquence, my learning, my zeal." We need more of "the mind that was in Christ Jesus"—the spirit of humility—in order that we may be more efficient in our ministrations.

Sympathy is another important ingredient in the character of the man who ministers about holy things. As ministers of the gospel of grace, there should be in our hearts melting affection for lost souls. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Paul warned the people day and night with tears. In a true imitator of Christ and of Paul, there will be no frigid apathy, no listless indifference; but whether the immediate object of his preaching be the conversion of sinners, or the edification of the saved, he will speak from the fullness of a heart melting with compassion, and glowing with love; declaring momentous truth in the language of fervent feeling; uttering "thoughts that breathe" in "words that burn."

Going back to the thought with which I began this article, I want to emphasize the fact that there is no position so high as that

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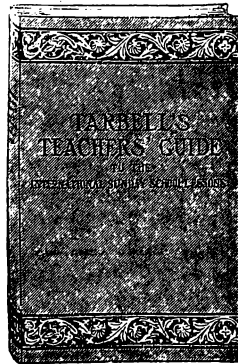
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#### THE EMPTY SEAT.

Somewhere in the church, perhaps ahead of you, is an empty seat, which is silently eloquent of your duty and privilege. It speaks your chance to share with others the inspiration and delight of the Church service. All that the occasion has meant to you it might mean to them—and more. The music, the singing, the association, and the sermon which helped you and sent you out a better man or woman might just as well have thrilled them also. The message which inspires you, or perhaps was but commonplace to you, might have been a veritable revelation to scores with whom you meet and talk during the week.

"If that empty seat were filled it would yield a net gain for all. It would improve the sermon, which can never be better than the congregation. No pulpit minister can 'fill the pulpit' of a half filled church. That empty pew acts as a short-circuit. He cannot throw the current of interest across it.

"Every empty seat could be filled without the expenditure of a single extra cent and with infinite profit. Sermon, music, warmth are all supplied, whatever the audience. As a matter of economics, success here is certainly cheap; failure is expensive. There is nothing in the church so extravagant as that empty seat. It costs as much as yours and pays nothing back. Fill it and you have not only given, but you have gained.

"Now the sole cost to you of making the service more stimulating, the sermon more inspiring, the music more charming, the fellowship wider and more humane, the atmosphere more congenial, is just a little kindly word of invitation, a little breaking down of a mistaken religious reserve, a little extra energy in behalf of your Master and your church.

"How can you possibly face that empty seat?"

#### Shocked!

Some time ago I met on the train a near relative who told me about the illness and death of her little girl. Of course, I sympathized with her very deeply. Presently, I saw a book in her lap and asked:

"What book have you there?"

She answered: "Science and Health."

I was shocked beyond measure and asked: "What are you doing with that thing?"

"Oh," she said, "I have been in Science for more than a year."

I was not only shocked, but hurt, to know that a near relative of mine had become such a crank. I took the book and read this statement: "What is termed disease does not exist," and asked if she indorsed that.

"Certainly I do," she answered.

I asked: "Did you not, a few moments ago, tell me about the illness of your little girl?"

Answer: "Ahem,—\$!—\*@c——.

Question: "You just told me that she died, and that you buried her. Was that the truth, or did you bury her alive?"

Answer: "She just passed out."

If, as this book says, "there is no substance in matter, please tell me what it was you buried?"

Answer: "—?.&——."

Presently she said: "I am doing wrong to argue with you."

I asked: "How can you do wrong if, as this book teaches, 'all is infinite Mind?' and also, 'all in harmony of mortal mind or body is illusion—no such thing as sin.'"

Many other things, "too tedious to mention," were said, and I left the train disgusted as I had never been with so-called "Christian Science."

Louisville, Ky. Don Q. Smith.

Fathers and mothers are the enemies of their children if they do not cause them to be instructed.—Aristotle.

"Character is in the moral world what the bony system is in the physical constitution."

Education can improve nature, but cannot completely change it.—Aristotle.

The understanding must be trained through the heart.—Aristotle.