

March a  
Month for  
Home Missions

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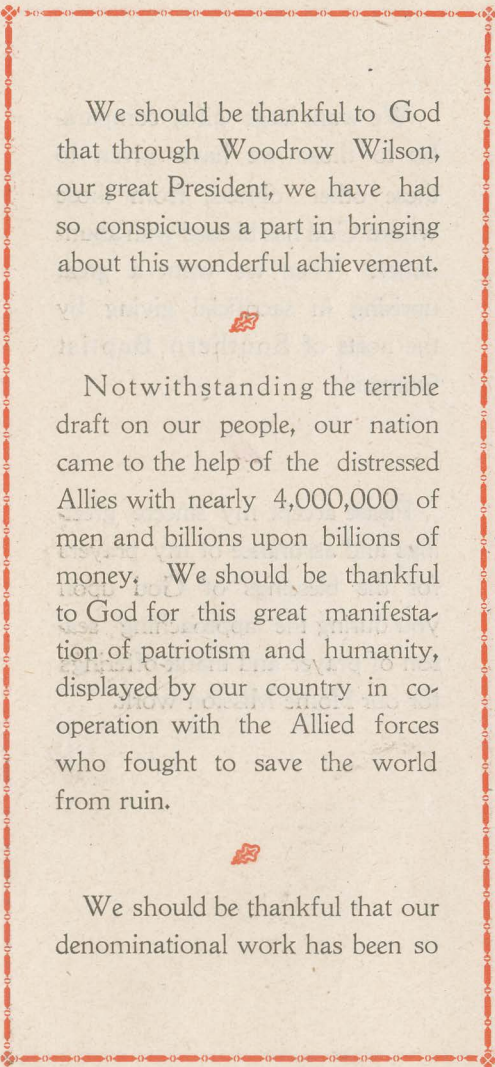
*It is suggested that the President read this before the Society at one of the first meetings in the March Week of Prayer.*



AM moved to send a special message to our Women as the March Thanksgiving season approaches. It is an occasion for double thanksgiving. Usually we have given thanks for the mercies of a whole year. Now we have reason for extra thanksgiving because the World War has ended, the bloody strife is over and the slaughter of men has ceased. How can we ever thank the Lord enough for these great blessings.



Our hearts swell with thanksgiving at the prospect of universal and unbroken peace in the years to come. The great Peace Council at Paris has about completed a scheme for the League of Nations.



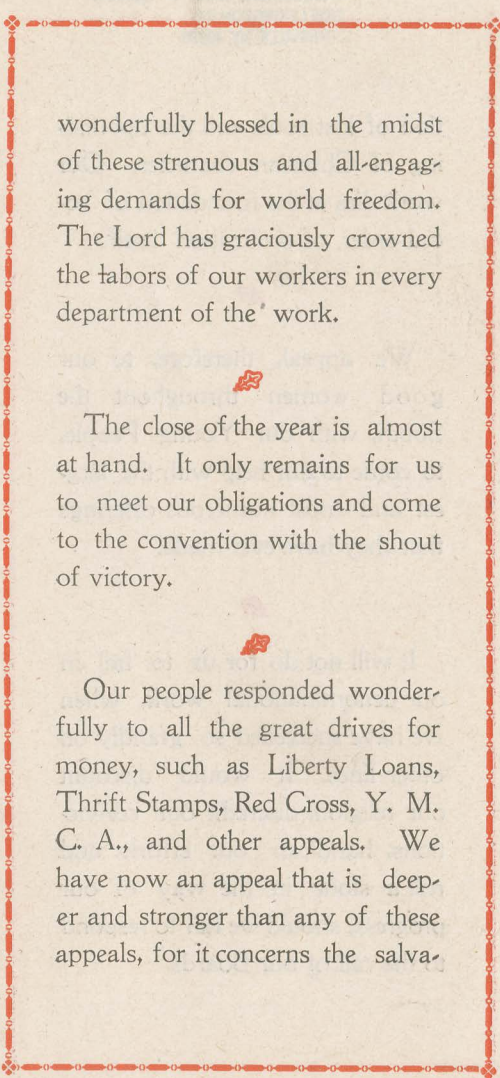
We should be thankful to God that through Woodrow Wilson, our great President, we have had so conspicuous a part in bringing about this wonderful achievement.




Notwithstanding the terrible draft on our people, our nation came to the help of the distressed Allies with nearly 4,000,000 of men and billions upon billions of money. We should be thankful to God for this great manifestation of patriotism and humanity, displayed by our country in cooperation with the Allied forces who fought to save the world from ruin.




We should be thankful that our denominational work has been so



wonderfully blessed in the midst of these strenuous and all-engaging demands for world freedom. The Lord has graciously crowned the labors of our workers in every department of the work.



The close of the year is almost at hand. It only remains for us to meet our obligations and come to the convention with the shout of victory.



Our people responded wonderfully to all the great drives for money, such as Liberty Loans, Thrift Stamps, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and other appeals. We have now an appeal that is deeper and stronger than any of these appeals, for it concerns the salva-

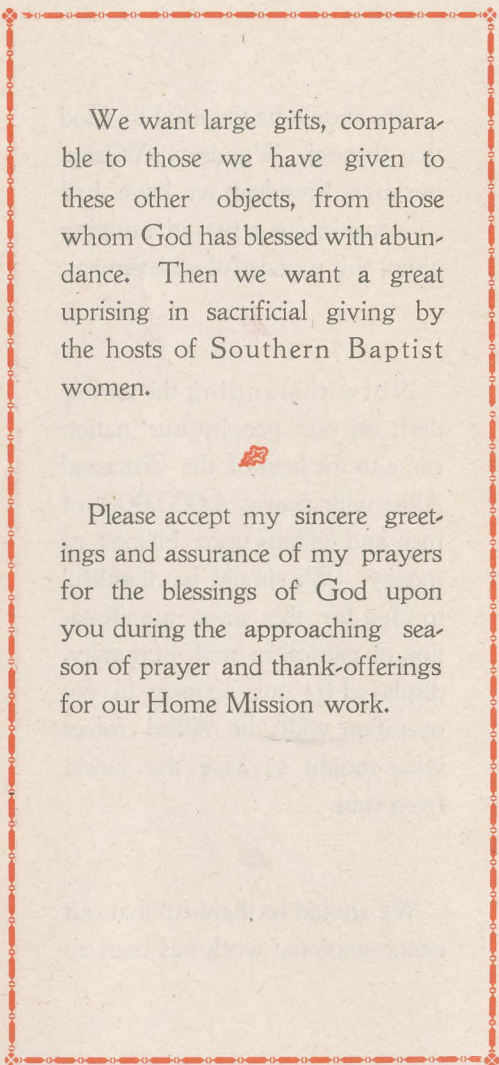
tion of lost souls and the upbuilding of Christian character. Our work lies at the foundation of social order, of civilization itself.



We appeal, therefore, to our good women throughout the South, with our Young People, to come to our help with the largest and most numerous offerings that they have ever made.



It will not do for us to fail in our denominational work, when we have succeeded so grandly on other lines. It would discount our religion, discredit our convictions, handicap our efforts and roll a stone in the way of our progress, should we fail to respond to the call of our Boards.



We want large gifts, comparable to those we have given to these other objects, from those whom God has blessed with abundance. Then we want a great uprising in sacrificial giving by the hosts of Southern Baptist women.



Please accept my sincere greetings and assurance of my prayers for the blessings of God upon you during the approaching season of prayer and thank-offerings for our Home Mission work.