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Letters from the Field

Dear Bro. Bow—

The work at Middlesboro is moving forward. The interest on the part of the church people is greater than it has been for some time. The attendance at all of our services is on the increase, and altogether the outlook is most encouraging. The Sunday School is growing faster than we can find teachers to properly care for it. Our young people have taken on new life, and are now holding most enjoyable meetings. We have a Junior Union of thirty or forty members, under the leadership of the pastor's wife, that promises great things for the future. Our ladies, as usual, are always in the lead in every good word and work. Our meeting, in which we had the help of Bro. Huey, of Stanford, was a great blessing to the church, besides the twenty who were brought in through its influence. We feel very much encouraged and feel sure the Lord will yet give us the victory.

Since the coming of Bro. E. L. Andrews, as pastor, the work at Pineville has been very much revived and is moving nobly on. The new pastor is fast endearing himself to the hearts of his people, and winning the respect of the whole town. About twenty have been added to the church since his coming among them, and more are confidently expected.

C. M. REID.

Pineville, Ky.

Kentucky Mission Monthly—

Our membership at Liberty numbers 32. There are seven of that number males and twenty-five females. There is not a member who owns a thousand dollars worth of property, and at least twenty of them all put together do not own a thousand dollars worth of property. We have more than held our own during the little less than four years of our existence. We have gained some in number, though we have sustained some severe losses by death and removal. Our church work is in a fair condition, so far as prayer meeting and Sunday School is concerned, keeping it up regularly all the time. I preach for them one Saturday morning and two Sunday afternoons each month. A lady of culture and influence and of considerable means promised me to-day that she would place her membership with us right away. Several others living near by in the country will, I think, come to us. A number of Campbellites would long since have come to us if we had consented to alien immersion, but I could not and never will agree to it. When I leave the field I want to leave a sound Baptist church.

I can only conscientiously see from a "Baptist standpoint."

I trust that the work is in a far better condition, on a sounder, firmer and more intelligent basis than ever before. I am negotiating with Bro. W. H. Smith, of Bowling Green, to aid me in a meeting, beginning on 7th of December. If I succeed in getting him, I feel sure of several additions to the church and other much needed work.

I have had to build on the nearest nothing, financially and otherwise, perhaps, of any other point within the State, and only by a steady hand and a firm faith have I succeeded so far.

There is a great outlook here for the Baptist cause, and we will ultimately succeed. We simply have to plant only pure seed and the harvest is sure to come. Let all hearts and prayers be turned this way for a season.

Fraternally,

J. B. FERRELL.

Middleburg, Nov. 23, 1903.

P. S.—I am trying to arrange for preaching here on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night each month beginning with the new year.

J. B. F.

Dr. J. G. Bow—

In spite of the fact that we have a small church—not fifty members, a small congregation and a great big debt on our Institute, and miscarried in a principal for our Institute this fall, being now without a principal, I must say that the outlook is hopeful. True, there are discouraging features, to wit: there are a number of Baptists in town who cannot be induced to take membership with us, still I am determined not to let up, D. V., till I move them in or make them feel—well—that they ought to. Again, the boom and other co-ordinate influences brought to this people a religious apathy or indifference to the claims of religion upon them, such as I have never seen in any place. The masses do not care to go to the house of God, except under influences extra the simple preaching of the Gospel. But God still lives, has ordained to save men by, and through the telling of the old, old story of Jesus and His love, and the maintenance of divine worship in a plain, simple and unpretentious way.

By His grace we are going to fight it out on this line, and the victory is ours in the near by and by. Fidelity to our trust and trust in God will bring the blessing in due time. We are in great need of a true, live, evangelical preacher to aid us in a series of meetings. Can't you send him to us? Under God I am going to succeed in raising the four thou-

sand dollars to pay the debt on the Barbourville Baptist Institute. Over one-half has already been secured in good subscriptions and the remainder must and will be raised. Of course the work is slow, but under God's blessing, it is certain. The great need of this mountain region is not the sending of more men here to preach, but help to the men now on the field. Send whom you will, they can do but little without the hearty co-operation of these mountain preachers. In my humble judgment, if we would lift these people, we must lift their preachers. As to the best way to do that, is a grave problem, and one the proper solution of which will demand a great mind and a great heart, and is, in my judgment, indissolubly associated with the salvation of our mountain Baptists. To lift the preachers is to lift the people. To degrade them will be the ruin of the people. That God wants us to help these dear men is quite evident from the fact that God has called them to preach the Gospel, uneducated and untrained as they are, and put it into their hearts to stay among this people. Here they

are with little or no education, no books, no religious papers (as a rule), no helps to their work, and no salary. As a rule, they receive nothing for their preaching, and the words "pay," "hire," or "salary" are very offensive. One can hardly imagine how offensive the money question is to the greater part, without being among them and hearing them talk. Than whom a nobler set of men I have never seen and men of remarkable native ability. Some few of the young men receive an education, and such of this number as are called and give themselves up to the ministry go out of the mountains to preach, and such as are called and get no education remain here, and not only remain, but do so with more or less jealousy of their more favored brethren. Others who receive training in our institutes and schools remain here to sit under the instruction of untrained men. This has already done us hurt in provoking some to go into other denominations, and will, in the end, do us still greater hurt if we fail to meet the demands in giving these mountain men an opportunity to come or go to their people with more and better knowledge of the Bible, and greater preparation for delivery of the truths of the Bible unto their people.

These men, in order to give themselves fully to the ministry and the uplift of the people, must be fed and their families cared for. They must have books and time to study them, and they very greatly need a Philip to come and

sit with them and help them in the study of the Book.

Our Board has not enough money to do all this, even were it practicable. Who will undertake the solution of this great problem? May the dear Lord put the solution in some heart and mind, and that in the near future. I believe the bread and meat that God has ordained for these men of God is right here in these mountains and in the hands of these mountain Baptists, and that, that bread found and delivered to God's servants will not only be the loosing and setting at liberty God's ministers, but under God it will bring a great spiritual uplift to the people and, at the same time, their barns shall be filled with plenty and their presses burst out with new wine. May the Lord send deliverance.

Affectionately your brother in Jesus,

A. F. BAKER.

P. S.—Elder George Smith has bought the large new hotel here with the intention of using it for the keeping of the students of the Barbourville Baptist Institute. Any one wishing to correspond with him may address Elder Geo. Smith, Barbourville, Ky.

HARDINSBURG.

Dear Bro. Bow—

Our work at Hardinsburg is moving on about as usual. The history of our cause here has been one of struggle. There is a noble little band of faithful women and only a few men. The Baptists around the town ought to unite and strengthen our cause, but from custom or sentiment decline to do so. We need a settled pastor. If two or three of the neighboring churches would co-operate, this would be entirely feasible. There is weekly prayer meeting, Sunday School and Ladies' Aid. Our house needs some additional repairs. We have given about \$27 to missions during this last year. Our congregations are the largest in town, and indifference is our only obstacle.

W. H. FITZGERALD, Pastor.

BLACKFORD, KY.

Began preaching here Sept., 1901. Usually preach three sermons per month. Have been preaching for this church 27 months. Held two protracted meetings; received 31 into the church, 23 by baptism, 8 by letter. The board began supplementing my salary March, 1902. The church agrees to pay me \$60 per year. We have a good Sunday School and a prayer meeting. The outlook is very good.

Yours truly,

V. J. FOX.

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SYSTEM.

O when will our people learn
wisdom concerning the Lord's
work. If we used as little wis-
dom in our business as many do
in their work for Christ's king-
dom, we would soon be bankrupt.
Spasmodic efforts, high pressure
methods, special appeals, do not
tend to develop Christians in the
grace of liberality.

Then God's method is the only
right method: "Upon the first day
of the week let every one of you
lay by him in store, as God hath
prospered him."

Then we are to learn that God's
work is one. Missions are mis-
sions, whether at home or abroad.
There is nothing in God's Word
which authorizes you to emphasize
Foreign Missions, or Home Mis-
sions, or State Missions to the ex-
clusion of any or all of the others.

We shall never do our best work
for God and humanity until we
recognize that all lost people need
the gospel, and God requires us
to send it, and a lost soul in Amer-
ica is worth just as much as a lost
soul in Africa or China.

Let us give systematically and
constantly to the Lord's work, as
God commands us to do. Then if
your church or association or
board does not divide the
funds as you desire, you can des-
ignate your gifts as you choose.

"Man's Importance as a Being,"
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ing tracts that has come into
our hands. Send him ten cents
and procure a copy and read it.

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their monthly reports. Repeatedly
we have called attention to the
importance of filling this blank;
every item should be marked.
Many of the missionaries make
only a partial report, giving only
a few items on note paper. If you
do this in the future do not be sur-
prised if your check fails to come
—just waits till your report comes
to us. Once more we say, Please
do not write on report anything
except the report.

STATE EVANGELISTS.

Some people have been criticis-
ing the State Board of Missions
because they do not have one or
more State evangelists, and point
to Missouri and Virginia as ex-
amples of this work.

Well, in these States men come
forward and agree to stand good
for any deficit in the salaries of
the evangelists, and each quarter
they pay up all that may be lack-
ing. Now if some of our brethren
or sisters will do this (plenty of
them are able, and wouldn't it be
grand to be thus preaching the
gospel?) we shall be glad to do
this work. The board has a com-
mittee now to look after this mat-
ter. We have the men, where is
the money?

Read the letters from the field
and decide what you ought to do
about helping build houses for
the preaching of the gospel.

Letters from the Field

Dear Bro. Bow—

Livingstone is a wide-awake and
up-to-date railroad town of about
1,000 people, 140 miles southeast
of Louisville on the L. & N. R.R.,
running into Jellico, and is the
terminal of the K. C. division of
the same system. We have five
large hotels and a large number of
"stores" of various kinds, two
large lumber plants, and it is said
one blind tiger and three churches,
a number of the best people on
earth and some that are not
best. The writer began work
here as your missionary last Feb-
ruary. He found a little half-dis-
couraged but resolute band of 16
Baptist Christians. They were so
nearly discouraged that they were
practically helpless; but upon
learning "they were to have preach-
ing every Sunday," they revived
and felt so gratefully jubilant
they at once organized a Sun-
day School and a weekly prayer
meeting, also an apostolic cottage
prayer service, on which the Holy
Ghost came with power, the re-
sult has been a continuous revi-

val and many precious souls have
been saved and baptized into the
fellowship of the church, and
God's people led to higher ground
than they thought possible.

There have been 61 added to
the membership during this time.
We have learned a valuable les-
son, that there is no power other
than the Holy Spirit to bring the
people to the service and to the
Saviour.

I must say that on the Fourth
of last July our beloved Secretary,
Dr. Bow, made us a "flying visit"
of three or four days, at which
time he "set on foot" our build-
ing fund with such a momentum
that we have been able to put on
the finishing cap of \$100, a gift
of that prince of givers, Theodore
Harris. Our building, after many
delays, is nearly enclosed, and
when completed will be the best
and nicest church building in this
part of the State, at a cost of
about \$1,500.

As this is decidedly a railroad
town, our work is decidedly
among railroad people, whom the
writer has found to be congenial
and big hearted; many of them,
especially J. E. Woodall, have
hearts in them as big as the hills
that surround the town, and you
know the hills are immense. In
my next I will try to tell you
about our two missions at Pine
Hill and Hazel Patch.

Hoping your subscription list
will grow as big as the hearts of
these people, I remain

Lovingly your brother,

F. P. GATES.

BURKESVILLE, KY.

Dear Bro. Bow—

I will send you a brief account
of my labors. I am now starting
on a new year and my work seems
to be in a prosperous condition.
I am going to try to get my
churches to give their part of the
amount wanted by the Board for
their work.

I began my work at Russell's
Springs last December with only
15 members. We have taken in 12
and the prospects are flattering
for more. I am very much pleased
with the way the work for our
new house is progressing. They
were going to finish cutting the
timber the next day after I left
there at my last meeting. Brother
Wilson gave timber that was
close to the mill so that it will be
little trouble to get it out.

My work at Hopewell has pro-
gressed nicely from the first. The
lumber for that house will soon
be on the ground. It gives me
much pleasure to see the work
for these two new houses going
on. They are no doubt in two as
needy places as we could find. We
had a missionary meeting at the
last named place in August which
did great good.

The Secretary's visit to Rus-
sell's Springs accomplished much
for the cause of missions. I have
heard many anti-missionaries
speak of him as not possessing a
domineering spirit, as they
thought. He was not seeking for
money alone, but that the Master's
work might be carried on and
spread to the uttermost parts of

the world.

I am always glad to receive the
MISSION MONTHLY.

Yours,

J. L. ADKINS.

Burkesville, Nov. 6, 1903.

LATONIA, KY.

After several years of hard and
continued work for the Master,
we are glad that we can reflect
over the past and rejoice.

Three and one-half years ago
we entered the field at Latonia.
At that time the church had a
membership of 27 and a debt of
\$800. The people were greatly
discouraged, yet willing to move
forward at the command. We
at once entered into a two weeks'
revival meeting in which the Lord
greatly blessed us, and added 7
to our number. Shortly after this
we were sorely tried. A number
of the members were living open-
ly sinful. After much prayer and
careful investigation, we were
obliged to exclude nine members.
We felt then, and now are con-
vinced, that it was all the work of
our Master, and therefore for the
best. Prayerful discipline is at
times the only way to save a
church.

From that date on the church
took on new life and new mem-
bers, useful members. The church
has grown to a membership of one
hundred at this writing, having
received fifty members during the
last year.

We have paid \$500 on the debt
and have put over that amount
of improvements on the building
and streets and paid for the im-
provements. We rejoice that the
Lord has led us and given us the
victory for His name's sake.

Latonia is a growing city in
touch with Covington, and we
think in many respects the most
important mission field in the
State. The church is grateful to
the State Board for the help it has
rendered in this work.

The church has again called the
writer to continue his pastoral
work with them for the coming
year. We do not know at this
time whether we will continue in
the work there or not, having
moved to Louisville and entered
the Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary, we feel that the work
would be most too hard, but we
are trusting in the Master to make
plain our duty in this matter.

We should mention that one
reason of our success is due to the
fact that we have a noble band
of women, who work hard and
sacrifice much for the cause of
Christ and their beloved church.

We are praying God's blessing
on all the mission fields in the
State and abroad. May His will
be done.

C. A. EARL.

LUDLOW KY.

Dear Bro. Bow—

It may interest you to know
about matters on this field so I
write a few lines. Our progress
is not very rapid in any depart-
ment of the work, but we are get-
ting ahead slowly. Our congrega-
tions are picking up some, and our
two Sunday Schools well attended.

During the last year nine were added to the church, \$110 was raised for missions in cash, and our ladies sent out a box valued at \$62, and \$45 was given for benevolent work. We also paid on our church building debt \$354, which leaves us now only some \$2,200 to be paid. I say only, for this looks small against about \$5,500 when I came on the field six years ago, when our people were not as united or hopeful as they are now. I trust during the coming year to see our debt materially reduced, and it will be a day of rejoicing when the burden is all lifted, as the church will then be able to have some one on the field all the time, which is important to the work here.

I am glad to report that a number of our young people have developed into good and earnest workers, and are largely bearing the burden of our Sunday School and mission work.

On November 29th we expect to begin a series of meetings, and are praying for the presence of the Lord in convicting and converting power. We feel the need of the prayers of our brethren in our work here. No one unacquainted with the difficulties of the field can appreciate the work to be done. Satan surely has his seat in these parts, for "Rum, Romanism and Ruin," with all that means, is much in evidence. Our membership is small, but many of them, praise God, are true as steel, and with their limited means there is no burden too heavy for them, nor sacrifices too great to make; and as they have opportunity are seeking to win souls to the Master. The struggles our people have had here during the past twelve years to exist and save their property, and still carry on their work, has called for soldiers that could endure hardness.

The Executive Board of the North Bend Association meets with us on Jan. 8, 1904, at 10 a. m. Can't you be with us?

Yours fraternally,
A. LOGAN VICKERS.

HARLAN NOTES.

We have more interest manifested by our local preachers and leaders than usual. The last session of our Association was by far the best in its history. Our people are becoming better informed on missions, as well as other lines of our work. This was noticed by our visiting brethren, who so expressed themselves at our meeting. Forty-six baptisms were reported. A collection of \$85.25 in cash and reliable pledges were taken for the support of a colporter. Another collection of \$20.50 in cash was taken for Orphans' Home. Eight of the eleven churches represented reported a Sunday School, only two of these schools live through the winter. The others have no homes sufficient for winter service. You will better understand the situation in Harlan county when I tell you that we have only three Baptist church houses in the county, and two of these have been built within the last two years.

We have a new house on Poor Fork; we have been worshipping in it but it is not completed. These people have done nobly in working and giving for this new building. Some of our sisters went into the mountains, dug ginseng, carried it to the merchants and exchanged it for nails for this church building. We lack about \$25 or \$30 having enough money raised to ceil it. In addition to this, we must have seats and pulpit before the house is completed. There is not another Baptist organization within ten miles, and no church of any kind within eight miles of this place. Will not some one or more of God's dear children help us to complete this house?

Our church at Harlan Town has a very poor house. We have decided to build a new one, and have very recently purchased a most desirable lot in the town on which to build. We paid \$400 for the lot, and will build a house of modern design which will cost us something near \$2,000. We have a good Sunday School at town, 62 present last Sabbath, 62c collection.
J. W. MAHAN.
November 23, 1903.

RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER

Long Run Association, per Chas. M. Haddaway, from 26th and Market St. church, State Missions, \$13.00; S. S. Colportage, \$13.00; Foreign Missions, \$13, and Home Missions, \$13; Book Sales, per J. L. Adkins, \$3.08; Graves County Association, per W. M. Wilson, State Missions, \$170.90; Foreign Missions, \$165.40, and Home Missions, \$165.55; Elkhorn Association, per Malcolm Thompson, Foreign Missions, \$166.88; Book Sales, per W. A. M. Wood, \$3.50; Union Association, per Chester M. Jewett, State Missions, \$102.97; S. S. and Colportage, \$51.47; Foreign Missions, \$102.99; and Home Missions, \$102.97; Ohio Valley Assn., per Miss Jennie Martin from Corydon church, State Missions, \$15; S. S. and Colportage, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$28.89, and Home Missions, \$20; Long Run Association, per Isaac T. Woodson, \$178.64; Central Committee, per Mrs. B. G. Rees, State Mis., \$13.12; Hazard School, \$91.21; Pigeon Fork church, \$15; and Ashland church, \$5.00; Bethel Association, per J. H. Moore, from Auburn S. S., for S. S. and Colportage, \$3.45, and Mission Monthly 25c; Long Run Association, per J. G. Dobbins, State Missions, \$1.15; Ohio County Association, per J. N. Jarnigan, State Missions, \$65.35, Foreign Missions, \$67.60, and Home Missions, \$65.35; Greenup Association, per Eugene May, Home Missions, \$12.52, and Ministers' Aid Society, \$2.80; Long Run Association, per J. K. Jarvis, from Mc Ferran church, State Missions, \$8.09, State S. S. and Col., \$5.39, Foreign Missions, \$22.84, Home Missions, \$8.09; District Missions, \$5.39, Ministers' Aid Society, \$5.40, and Students' Fund, \$5.40; Ohio Valley Association, per F. M. Wright, State Missions, \$5.00,

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BROTHER S. P. LEAVELL

Bro. Leavell is one of the Field Secretaries of the S. S. Board of the S. B. C. He is coming to Kentucky for a few days. We hope he may be able to stir up our people on the great Sunday school question.

He is to be in Owensboro, November 29 and 30; Trenton, December 1 and 2; Pembroke, December 3 and 4; (We hope. Have not heard from Pembroke yet, but we know that Pembroke always wants all the good things she can get.) Russellville, December 5 and 6; Franklin, December 7 and 8; Bowling Green, December 9 and 10; Clifton, Louisville, Friday night, December 11; Hope Rescue Mission, Saturday night, December 12; McFarran church, Sunday morning, December 13; Highland church, Sunday night, December 13.

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