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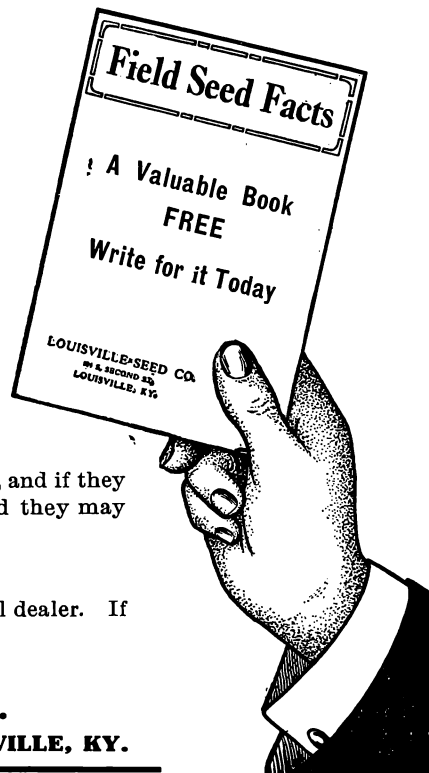
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TITHING.

The Lord's Purse.

You would like to do something for the cause of God, but—do you want to? Well, prepare a place to keep the Lord's portion. You may not have a penny nevertheless promise God you will give to him of all that comes to you—one-tenth. God demands one-tenth, and to withhold it is to steal from Him. Place the tithe in the Lord's purse. It will multiply on your hands. We feel sure you will have something on hand continually to help the cause of God. Try it! "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth and it tendeth to poverty." God will put the money in your hands, and as you lay aside his portion—one-tenth—you will have divine direction as to where it is needed to spread the gospel.

The Man's Key.

Did you ever hear a man remind the Lord of his promise in Mal. 3:10? I have, many a time. I have heard men ready to yell to the Lord to open those windows of Heaven and pour out the blessing, and they felt a little hard toward the Lord for the failure. But all the time they had the key in their pockets, and didn't use it.

How does that passage read? Look sharp: "Bring ye all the tithes (tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in My house, and prove Me now herewith (that is) with the tenth, saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room

enough to receive it." The "tenth" is the key to the window. Apply the key.

The Possible Results.

Surely, for the sake of brief, unsatisfying earthly pleasures and honors, you would not sell your birthright—you would not force God to take away your talent because you had buried or prostituted it—you would not become a castaway! Oh! to hear Him say when He comes, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

ARE YOU WITH MEROZ?

Question—Who was commanded to curse Meroz?

Answer—The angel of the Lord.

Question—What had Meroz done?

Answer—Nothing.

Question—How, Why, then, is Meroz cursed?

Answer—Because she has done nothing.

Question—What should Meroz have done?

Answer—Come to the help of the Lord.

Question—Could not the Lord, then, have succeeded without Meroz?

Answer—The Lord did succeed without Meroz.

Question—Then, has the Lord met with a loss thereby?

Answer—No, but Meroz has!

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J. H. Osborne

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... EDITORIAL ...

W. D. POWELLEditor

Happy New Year to all the Baptists of Kentucky, and of the South, and of America, and of the World. Every Baptist heart is twenty-five thousand miles in circumference.

Sir John Lubback declares: "Let us remember not only the happiness of duty, but the duty of happiness." To be unhappy is a sin. "Rejoice in the law. Rejoice everywhere." Our Lord "for the joy that we set before him endured the cross."

The humorist is sometimes the sage. This waggish motto hangs up in a business office: "He is a benefactor who makes two grains to grow where only one grain grew before." Beecher carved a new beatitude: "Blessed are the saccharine."

New Year's Resolutions: Are they orthodox? State Baptist indulge them? Evidently our fathers thought so.

At every Annual Meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky we follow their example. That is just what we do when we write, pass, second and publish resolutions concerning as other year's work for Christ. Fewer than five hundred individual Baptist pass these resolutions. What of the more than two hundred thousand brethren who are absent? Do they endorse and are they willing to carry out these New Year's Resolutions?

The strength of the denomination of this State as an agency for extending the Kingdom of our Lord is the strength, physical, financial, moral and spiritual of the individuals who compose it. What is your New Year promise and pledge?

No life amounts to much till it has a program, something definite, something particular, something personal. "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

Nothing can take the place of individual duty, your's and mine. Educators can not, genius can not, nor decrees, nor hopes,

nor work itself outside the path of duty. Until there is a definite aim, your energies will go to waste, ability be squandered and time and money lost. All our faculties deteriorate and our spirits become ineffective when working without a definite aim.

The Board of Missions, in obedience to the instructions of the General Association, has an aim, high, broad, alluring, but what, as we front 1914, are the aims of the individual Baptists of the State? Let our form our New Year resolutions after searching self-examination and earnest prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A Little Sermon to Myself.

"My church is not a club, organized for the welfare of the members only. It is a body of baptized believers, banded together for the extension of Christ's kingdom. Its spirit is unselfish, and its purpose spiritual. My church being founded by the Son of God and purchased with his own blood, I regard the humblest place in it as the highest honor and privilege. My membership, I firmly hold, involves the following points:

1. "It Means Praying." Jesus prayed habitually. "God soon fades out of the life of the man who ceases to pray." The early church was a powerful church because it was a prayerful church. "Humaneness plus prayer equals mighty achievements." I will pray daily.

2. "It Means Paying." God gave his only begotten Son, Christ gave his life. My church needs my gifts. I need to give. It is one of the Christian graces in which I should grow (2. Cor. 8:7). It being more blessed to give than to receive, I want to know the greater blessedness (Acts 20:35). My church covenant binds me to help spread the gospel. Therefore my giving shall be cheerful, regular, and proportionate to my ability (2. Cor. 9:7, 1. Cor. 16:2). I will pay.

3. "It means Plodding." William Carey, my Baptist forerunner and the father of modern missions, said: "I can plod; to this I owe everything." He plodded his way to immortality. I do not ask an easy or a conspicuous place. I am willing to toil wherever my Lord may need

me. I may not have unusual talent, but I do possess the kind of genius that plods, and that counts. I will plod in my study of the Scriptures, learning a little each day. I will plod to the house of God and in the house of God. I will labor with unrelenting industry and with the enthusiasm of patience. I will plod.

4. 'It Means Persevering.' I will hold fast and keep sweet. I will not take offense, climb the miff-tree, and quit. I will not imitate Bunyan's character, Mr. Shortwind, who began earnestly, but quickly ran out of breath. I have enlisted for life. I recall my Lord's solemn words: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt.10:22). Through his grace I will persevere.—John Jeter Hurt.

"To Promote Lying."

An intelligent Baptist, always a liberal giver to all good causes, was talking to his pastor in regard to the new income tax law recently passed by Congress. "Do you know," he said, "while that bill is just and equitable and ought to have been a law long ago, it will have a bad moral effect, I feel sure. I call it a bill for the promotion of universal lying. You see, too many Christians falsify in making their tax returns already. Here comes another and greater temptation to swear to a great big lie."

The pastor suggested that the bill might help church treasuries and mission committees. "If everybody who is a Christian; not in name only but in fact, tell his true income, it ought to make tithing easier. It ought to help us to obtain larger offerings when everybody knows just what everybody else gets a year. May it not be a law for the promotion of tithing among all generous disciples of Jesus Christ?"

Let the saints ponder this question: Shall the income tax promote an epidemic of lying, or foster tithing? He who does not purpose to do better, practically consents to grow none.

What Is Your Vision?

"Two men looked out their prison bars; The one saw mud; the other, stars."

We see, alas, too often what we look for

in this life. We get, as a usual thing, what we plan and work for. The millionaire thinks in big terms, the pauper in little ones. The calling of the world's needs and the call of the times demand big things. Manly tasks, big undertakings, loom up before Kentucky Baptists. God save us from pettiness and parsimony. There is no room among us in these days of militancy and optimism for souls that that are as small and as hard as bullets and as dry as chips.

Our Secretary.

Down amid the pines on the shores of Bayou Le Batre in Southern Alabama, our Secretary is seeking recuperation and sound health. Thousands appreciate, admire, love him, pray for him and eagerly await his return to his expert leadership among us. Upon his old comrade of forty years, affection and co-operation he placed the responsibility for the Editorial Notes of this issue. This nameless scribe is to be condemned for whatever may not entirely accord with the sentiments of Kentucky saints, if any such disharmonies appear. Otherwise, give Dr. Powell all the credit. What one does by another, is as if done by himself.

My Duty.

To use what gifts I have as best I may;
To help some weaker brother where I can;
To be as blameless at the close of day
As when the duties of the day began;
To do without complaint what must be done
To grant my rival all that may be just;
To win through kindness all that may be won;
To fight with knightly valor when I must.
—S. E. Kiser.

Progress and Preachers' Sons.

The last edition of "Who's Who in America," gives 26,885 names of noted Americans, stating their parentage, training, and achievements. Of these notables 3,413 are clergymen and (at least) 1,185 are ministers' sons, a total of 4,598, or 17 per cent. These lead in every trade and profession from infidels, socialists, miners,

manufacturers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, bankers, and educators, up to president of the United States. A fair proportion of ministers' families to other families would be one in 225. Taking this as a standard, of the 26,885 notables, 119 ought to be minister's sons; but there are 1,185 or nearly ten times the proper proportion.

Of 416 colleges, including state universities and technical schools, 222 have clergymen, and 46 clergymen's sons as presidents, a total of 268, being 64 per cent. of all schools of higher learning under direction of Christian ministers' families.

Of the 51 names in the National Hall of Fame, 12 are from ministers' homes: Roger Williams, Jonathan Edwards, Wm. Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Henry Clay, Louis Agassiz, George Bancroft, Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet B. Stowe, James R. Lowell, Phillips Brooks; being fifty times more than a proper proportion, if other families measured up to the standard.

The Supreme Need.

As we front the year of grace 1914, we do well to remember the supreme need of our Baptist people. Is it more men, or more money, or more machinery, or more information, or exhortation, or more aggressiveness, or more unity, or more hope or more courage? Is it not something without which these things are in vain? Is it not something which is the truly real and efficient promoter of these things? Rather, is it not some One "in whom we live and move and have our being?"

Alas, we too often add up our treasures and leave God out. "Be filled with the Spirit." This means, if you will study the context for a moment, be intoxicated, be exhilarated and lifted into a new consciousness of power as men are who drink wine. "Be not drunk with wine; therein is excess, but ye be filled with the Spirit," which will become in reality a flaming enthusiasm such as the ungodly get from wine.

To be "filled with the Spirit" is a phrase, indeed, which fanatics have perverted to the undoing of many, but it expresses a great privilege which we all

should enjoy in all Scriptural and rational ways. Our ascended and reigning Lord works through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. To fail to rely upon the Holy Spirit, as a blunt the disciple expressed it, 'is to put God out of business.'

By whom and in what way over God is business in this dispensation except by the Holy Spirit? Whence our regeneration? Our sanctification? Our interpretation of providence? Our call to service? Our power in pleading with sinners? Our energy, enthusiasm which means our "in-God-ness"? What we need is separation from the world and steadfastness and saving power and sacrifice. These necessities only the Holy Spirit can bestow.

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

The main point in our Lord's word is this: Do not cease to pray because of a delay in the answer. Our Heavenly Father is not deaf nor forgetful. He "knows how" to give good gifts to them that ask him. Mark the words, "knows how," and when. The delay is often part of the answer. All things are possible with God, but God will not be hurried. His trains of providence arrive on time, not a minute after time. All that touches a good man in the long run turns out good. "Lord, teach us how to pray."

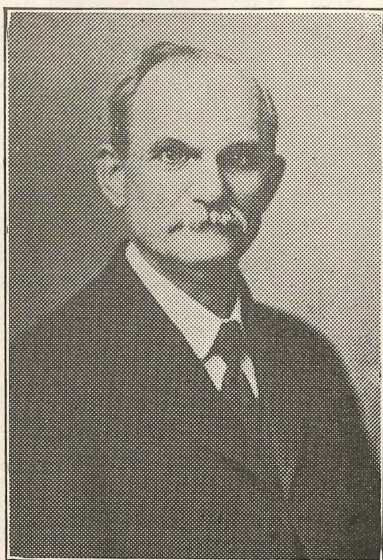
The Foreign Mission Societies of the United States received during the year 1912, \$30,404,001; \$7,902,256 was contributed on the respective fields; total number of protestant missionaries on the foreign field, 24,092; total number of native workers, 111,982; number of communicants, 2,644,170; total adherents, including the communicants, 6,055,45; added the past year, 212,635.

The missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention laboring in South Brazil have seventy-seven churches; forty-one of which are self-supporting. They have twenty-eight houses of worship which cost \$63,894. They contributed during the past year, \$51,211 to Missions and report 1,127 baptisms; 513 additions by letter; 111 restorations, making a total increase of 1,751.

FORTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY.

Forty years ago today I was ordained in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

I was just from the seminary in Greenville, S. C., and left at once for my first pastorate, in Greenville, Miss. The overflow came and in a few months the swamp fever drove me back to Tennessee. I organized two churches in Tennessee. The first was called Powell's Chapel, over my protest, and is a strong country church today.



W. D. Powell.

I had 100 conversions the first year of my ministry and baptized 98 of them. The Lord has been good to me and blessed my labors far beyond my deserts. He is my witness that I have always tried to go where duty called.

I have spent seven years in Texas, sixteen years in Mexico, ten years in Tennessee and seven years in Kentucky. I have planted and watered, but God alone has given the increase. To Him let all the praise be given. There have been some 3,000 conversions and more than 2,500 baptisms in connection with my ministry.

I have organized 450 Sunday Schools and 50 churches. I have helped to build some 300 houses of worship and have dedicated about 200.

I never enjoyed better health than during the past year. I hope to do the best work of my life during the next ten years.

I have a warm fraternal regard for all of God's children, yet I have never engaged in a union meeting. No one has ever been received for membership except on Baptist baptism.

When I have been in the pastorate my relations with the other pastors of the town were cordial and fraternal. When they had protracted meetings I attended as circumstances would permit.

The years are passing rapidly. I am happy in my work and in the love of my work and in the love of my brethren. The passing of the years brings increased weight and importance to the lessening opportunities that are to be given me, I earnestly desire to increase my zeal and enlarge my efforts for the saving of souls and the growth of my Master's kingdom.

Bayou La Batre, Ala.

A WORD FROM DR. H. A. PORTER.

Dr. W. D. Powell, 205 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.:

Beloved Fellow:—I have received reports of your sickness, and am glad to know that the tide is turning upward, and that you are coming back to us with new strength. All the brotherhood is rejoicing, and you know how high my heart beats.

I am sure that in the quietude you caught new glimpses of life and of duty and of your Saviour's face, and will be able to go along with added serenity and peace and joy because of this experience.

Every stroke of your hammer yonder finds an echo within me, and there is one over here who will listen to your conquests with intent ear.

We are having happy days here, but I have only got my weapons ready by this time. The big battle will be coming later. But with God o'erhead, and such a battalion at my back as is rarely given to any man, I have no fears or trembling.

This is just a hasty word to express my thanksgiving to God and to send you my love.

Ever devotedly yours,

H. A. PORTER.

Dallas, Texas.

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Teacher Training Work—December 31, 1913

The standing to date of the five leading States:

Normal Diplomas—Kentucky, 3,476; Texas, 3,173; Georgia, 2,776; North Carolina, 2,286; Mississippi, 1,923.

Red Awards—Kentucky, 569; Texas, 328; Georgia, 254; Tennessee, 231; Alabama, 205.

Blue Awards—Kentucky, 335; Texas, 165; Alabama, 127; Georgia, 125; Tennessee, 102.

Blue Seal Graduates During the Month of December, 1913.

Rev. E. W. Foster, North Bend Association.

Mrs. C. W. Elsey, Union Association.

Mrs. J. L. McDonald, Union Association.

Mrs. George C. Burton, Long Run Association.

Miss Ethel Brelsford, Blood River Association.

The following is a list of Normal Diplomas by Associations, ending December 31, 1913:

Long Run, 578; Blood River, 396; Elkhorn, 271; North Bend, 188; West Union, 183; Daviess Co., 150; Campbell Co., 126; Bethel, 101; Pulaski, 80; Wayne Co., 69; Nelson, 76; Bell Co., 65; West Kentucky, 65; South District, 64; Union, 58; North Concord, 57; Graves Co., 55; Ohio Co., 53; Little River, 47; Muhlenberg, 47; Ohio River, 47; Concord, 46; Baptist, 44; Bracken, 42; Shelby Co., 42; Breckinridge, 38; Enterprise, 37; Ohio Valley, 37; Crittenden, 33; Tate's Creek, 28; Russell's Creek, 27; Liberty, 26; Franklin, 25; Severn's Valley, 25; Greenup, 23; Salem, 23; Warren, 22; Mt. Zion, 21; White's Run, 20; Little Bethel, 20; Sulphur Fork, 19; Boone's Creek, 15; Laurel River, 12; Oneida, 12; Three Forks, 12; Lynn, 11; Central, 10;

Goshen, 9; Simpson, 8; East Lynn, 5; Ten Mile, 4; Bay's Fork (Allen), 2; East Union, 2; Cumberland River, 1; Freedom, 1; Gasper River, 1; Owen Co., 1; South Kentucky, 1; Logan, 1. Total, 3,487, less 11 transfers, 3,476.

The names of the Sunday Schools which contributed to State Missions (Sunday School Missions) during the past fiscal year, November 1, 1912, to November 1, 1913, appear below. We are compelled to omit a great many schools, which really belong to the list, because the associational treasurers in remitting amounts received from the various schools in their respective associations failed to send in the names of the schools along with the funds.

Baptist Ass'n—Lawrenceburg, Salvisa.

Bell Co. Ass'n—New Liberty, Pineville.

Bethel Ass'n—Adairville, Auburn, First, Hopkinsville; Pembroke, Spring Valley, Walnut Grove; undesignated amounts received from Associational Treasurer.

Blackford Ass'n—Panther Creek, Hawesville, New Hope.

Blood River Ass'n—Birmingham, Gilbertsville, Murray, Oak Grove.

Boone's Creek Ass'n—First, Winchester, Allensville.

Bracken Ass'n—Augusta, Berry, Carlisle, Ewing, Lewisburg, Mt. Olivet, Pleasant Valley.

Breckinridge Ass'n—Bewleyville, Raymond, Garfield, Goshen, Hardinsburg, Cloverport.

Campbell Co. Ass'n—Licking, Bellevue, Alexandria, Little Union.

Central Ass'n—Springfield, Bethlehem, Willisburg.

Crittenden Ass'n—Short Creek.

Concorn Ass'n—Owenton, Greenup Fork.

Daviess Co. Ass'n—Bethabara, Dawson, Livermore, Third, Owensboro; Panther Creek, Pleasant Grove, Whiteville, Yellow Creek.

East Lynn Ass'n—Good Hope.

East Union Ass'n—Jellico, Tenn.

Edmonson Ass'n—Hill Grove.

Elkhorn Ass'n—Bryan's Station, Cane Run, East Hickman, Glenn's Creek, Hillsboro, First, Lexington; Midway, Millville, Mt. Vernon, Woodford Co.; Nicholasville, Providence, Paris, Versailles.

Entenprise Ass'n—Liberty, Prestonsburg, undesignated amounts received from Association Treasurer.

Freedom Ass'n—Stony Point.

Franklin Ass'n—First, Frankfort; Pleasant Ridge, North Fork.

Gasper River Ass'n—Monticello, Pleasant Grove.

Graves Co. Ass'n—Mt. Olivet.

Greenup—Graves' Shoals, Oak Grove, Pollard.

Liberty Ass'n—Cave City, Beech Grove, Liberty.

Little Bethel Ass'n—Sharon, Dalton, New Hope.

Little River Ass'n—Cerulean.

Logan Co. Ass'n—Elk Lick.

Long Run Ass'n—Beechland, Beechmont, Clifton, Deer Park, East, Louisville; Eight Mile, Elk Creek, Fourth Ave., Fisherville, German, Hazelwood, Highland, Highland Park, Immanuel, Little Flock, Meadow Home, Onmsby Ave., Parkland, Portland Ave., Salem, Shepherdsville, Taylorsville, Walnut St., Weaver Memorial, West Broadway.

Lynn Ass'n—Bonnieville, Munfordsville.

Mt. Zion Ass'n—First, Corbin.

Muhlenberg Ass'n—Powderly, Dunmor.

Nelson Ass'n—Lebanon Junction, Little Union, Belmont.

North Bend Ass'n—First, Covington; Madison Ave., Covington; Southside, Covington; Erlanger, Sand Run.

Ohio Co. Ass'n—Cool Springs, Centertown, Woodward Valley, Hartford.

Ohio River Ass'n—Caldwell Spring.

Ohio Valley Ass'n—Audubon, Clay, DeKoven, Grove Creek, Highland, Little Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Sebree.

Pulaski Ass'n—Burnside, Bronston.

Russell's Creek Ass'n—Friendship, Gradyville.

Salem Ass'n—By Treasurer of Association.

Severn's Valley—White Mills, Younger's Creek.

Shelby Co. Ass'n—Bethlehem, Burke's Branch, Christiansburg, Dover, Simpsonville.

Simpson Ass'n—Sulphur Spring.

South Cumberland Ass'n—Russell Springs.

South District Ass'n—Bruner's Chapel, Clem's Chapel, Mt. Hebron, North Rolling Fork, Perryville.

South Kentucky Ass'n—Elubanks, New Salem, Rocky Ford, Double Springs.

Sulphur Fork Ass'n—Covington, Smithfield.

Three Forks Ass'n—Barrett's Creek.

Ten Mile Ass'n—Macedonia, Mt. Zion, Napoleon, Stewartsville, Ten Mile.

Tate's Creek Ass'n—Beech Grove, Crab Orchard, Red House, Richmond.

Union Ass'n—Beaver, Falmouth, Fairview, Union.

Upper Cumberland Ass'n—Harlan.

Warren Ass'n—Woodland, Oak Forest, Rock Hill, Oakland.

West Kentucky Ass'n—Columbus, Clinton.

West Union Ass'n—12th St., Paducah; Harmony, Spring Bayou.

White's Run Ass'n—Ghent, First, Carrollton.

Louisville Training School.

The fourth annual Training School will be held in the Twenty-second and Walnut Street church, February 1st to 6th, inclusive. Our aim is to matriculate one thousand at this school. All Sunday School superintendents, officers, teachers and workers are urged to be present and take advantage of the rare opportunity of hearing some of the very best Sunday School experts in the land. There will be daily sessions, beginning February 2nd, at 4:15, and continuing until 9:15 each evening, with intermission for lunch from 6:00 to 6:45, for those who enroll for Study Classes. A mammoth mass meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, February 1st, at 3:00 p. m.

The Southern Railway, whose advertisement will be found on another page, is sending out a beautiful folder that will be valuable to winter tourists.

The Mexicans are invading the Southwest seeking employment and greater security for life and property. This opens new problems for our Home Board.

... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ...

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"Ours is the seed-time, God alone
Beholds the end of what is sown,
Beyond our vision, weak and dim,
The harvest time is hid with Him."

Our Royal Ambassador Leader for the State reports new organizations at Mayslick and Highland church, Louisville, and one reorganized at Eminence.

During the past month, W. M. Societies were organized at Pollard, Greenup Association, Kiddville, Perryville and Jenkins.

The recommendations of the State Mission Board to Kentucky W. M. U. for the year ending October 31st, 1914.

We recommend:

1. That each Society loyally and liberally support the different features of our State work.
2. That of the amount given by the Women's Missionary Societies, \$1,000.00 be designated to aid in church building at mission points; \$1,000.00 for City Missions, and the remainder to support missionaries.
3. That the Y. W. A.'s give \$300.00 on the salary of Miss Leachman, and \$50.00 to sustain mountain pastors.
4. That the Sunbeam Bands give \$240.00 to be used in furnishing Bibles, Testaments, Gospels and Religious tracts for the destitute.
5. That the amount given by the Royal Ambassadors be designated to place the windows in a mountain church at some needy point.

Apportionment for Woman's Missionary Societies, \$5,000; apportionment for Y. W. A.'s, \$800; apportionment for Sunbeam Bands, \$240; apportionment for Royal Ambassadors, \$25.

W. D. Powell, Cor. Sec.

We wish to place on record our gratitude to the Baptist State Board of Missions for their cordial support and enthusiastic encouragement of the work we are trying to do in informing and enlisting and developing the Baptist women of Kentucky in the great cause of world wide evangelization, for the new office room they have just turned over to us, for the new appropriation just made and the like recommendation to the Foreign and Home Boards for the enlargement of our work, and all other favors shown. The Central Committee at the last meeting unanimously voted that we extend our thanks to the Board. We feel stirred to do our best for State Missions this year as well as Home and Foreign Missions.

(Mrs.) KATE C. HINKLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

The new year with its wonderful opportunities has arrived. What are we women going to do to make it the greatest year in the history of the Kentucky W. M. U. If every society in the State will make the tenth point on the standard of excellence for individual societies, we will double our work in the State this year. Will you do your part? This tenth point reads: "Organization and fostering of a missionary society in a neighboring church or for the younger people of the local church."

There are 1846 Baptist churches in Kentucky today. Only about 425 of these have a W. M. U. organization in them. True there are 384 W. M. S.'s, 90 Y. W. A.'s, 20 R. A.'s, and 129 S. B., making a total of 623 organizations, but often one church has the adult and junior organizations, too. Shall we not do our best to organize the women and children in the other churches?

Get your society at the next meeting to appoint a committee to organize one or more new societies and then help them until they get well started in the work. If there is no church near, suggest that they furnish the means of transportation to the nearest needed point. Make all arrangements with the pastor to have the women there ready to organize when you get there.

Just to think, if every W. M. S. and Y. W. A. would organize three or four so-

cieties in churches where we have no organization this year, we would have a society in every church in Kentucky. Don't you think it worth the effort?

Your Associational superintendents can't do it all, neither can your State Secretary; but all of us putting our shoulder to the wheel, as it were, can do a great part of it.—K. C. H.

W. M. U. PIN.

At the St. Louis annual meeting a design for our official seal was adopted, and the same design is now made into a pin to be used by members only.

The design was made by Miss Emma M. Whitfield, daughter of Mrs. Theodore Whitfield, who presided when the union was organized in 1888, and is beautiful and significant. The shape is of a fish, the early Christians' symbol. The initial letters of their Greek motto spelling the word "Ichthus" (a fish). The open Book and the world emerging from darkness into light proclaim our missionary creed.

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At the executive committee meeting at Baltimore in December the following was adopted: "That a W. M. U. pin shall be worn only by a contributing member of W. M. U. organizations, such a pin to be purchased only through a signed order of the local society president or leader. If unusual circumstances make membership in a local society impossible, that the right to wear such a pin be established through the State W. M. U. Corresponding Secretary. That the pin may also be worn by duly accredited women missionaries connected with the Southern Baptist work."

All our women should have W. M. U. pins and wear them. What a joy it would be to me in my field work to meet women on the trains and at stations when waiting whom I might recognize by the pin as co-workers. This might give me many opportunities of getting in closer touch with

them and their societies. Our Y. W. A.'s, Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors, when out from home and in need of motherly advice or assistance, would feel greatly relieved to see a woman with a W. M. U. pin.

K. C. H.

There are plans on foot for Missionary Conferences (each lasting one day), in the largest town of each Association in Kentucky, during February and March.

Dr. C. D. Graves, of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. A. C. Cree, of the Home Mission Board; Dr. W. D. Powell, of the State Mission Board; and Mrs. Kate C. Hinkle, of Kentucky W. M. U., are arranging for them.

There will be foreign and Home Missionaries along, besides other speakers.

We are asking the superintendents of each Association to assist us in arranging for W. M. U. Conferences in connection with each.


These conferences will only be held in the Associations asking for them, though we are anxious to have them in every Association in the State.

It would be well for the leaders of the different departments of the work in your Association to call for such a conference, asking Dr. Powell that your Association be included in the itinerary which is to be made out for the State of Kentucky. This should be done at once lest you be left out.

We are faithfully expecting that these Conferences will give a great forward impetus to every department of our work in Kentucky. It will certainly mean much to your Association and your church.

We are hoping that they will so stir the hearts of our people that every department of our work will reach their apportionments and Kentucky can go up to the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville with the proud record of not only having done her best but having done all that was expected of her. Also that we may prove a great power in having helped the Foreign Mission Board out of its large indebtedness.

We feel sure you want your Association to keep march with the progress of the times and to keep abreast with the very best Associations of the State. We trust you will co-operate in every way and put



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forth every effort to call such a conference in your Association and then do your best to make it a success in every way.

K. C. H.

It was a great pleasure to the Correspond-

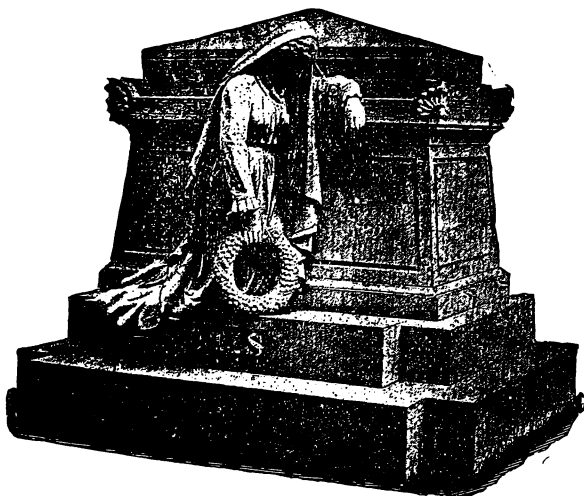
ing Secretary to meet with the W. M. S. of Walnut St. Baptist church (Third and St. Catherine), Louisville, on Tuesday, January 6th, and to talk to them. They have had a very helpful and successful week of prayer. The Christmas Offering for China was \$49.63, with some envelopes that have not as yet been handed in, so we are confidently expecting it to go over the \$50 mark.

Another gracious invitation was accepted on Friday, January 9th, which was extended by the wives of the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. They asked the secretary to talk on "The Needs of a Pastor's Wife." A more cordial welcome has never been extended anywhere, and these admirable matrons I am sure will easily win their way into the hearts of our people as they have into mine.

They have a splendid working W. M. S., and the annual report for the year, which was read was one to be proud of. I am sure. The Christmas offering which was turned into me that day, amounted to \$20.

The Corresponding Secretary has been able to do very little field work this month on account of the heavy office work. Besides the regular routine of work, we have been trying to arrange for the very best W. M. U. work in our summer assemblies at Dawson Springs and Georgetown, for our work in these missionary conferences during February and March, in which we expect to make a **different Association** each day, and for the Associational Missionary Campaigns from church to church, which are to begin about May 1st. Our brethren are offering us great opportunities in asking us to conduct Woman's Missionary Union Conferences in connection with every campaign they plan. In a sense they are planning the work and paving the way and ask us to walk in and share the blessings. As you know our work is a great help to them, too, and we are all co-laborers with God. Women let us all take advantage of our wonderful opportunities for the greatest work of our lives, and each one do her best.

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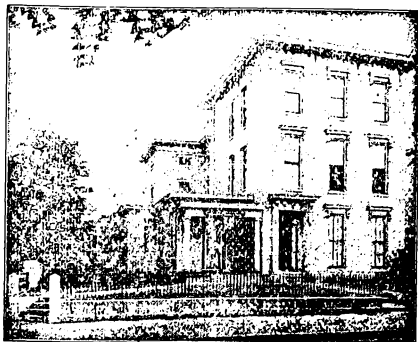
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