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The KENTUCKY MISSION MONTHLY, as its name indicates, will be published monthly in the interest of the mission work in Kentucky. We will embody in it extracts from the reports from our missionaries month by month, will try to keep before you the work of the State Board.

Will some one—the pastor, S. S. Superintendent or some brother or sister in each church send us a good club of subscribers. The price in clubs of ten or more is only 10 cents a year. Raise \$1.00 and we will send you ten copies to be distributed to the subscribers; \$2.00 twenty copies. Please attend to this at once. We have to pay regular postage on every package until we get the subscribers. Will not every missionary and colporter of the State Board send us at least ten from each church. If anything above expenses is made on the publication it will go into the mission fund.

Another year of our work has closed. God's blessings have been upon our churches and the labors of our missionaries. There has been hopeful advancement on all lines of our work.

During the year ninety-nine missionaries and colporters have been employed in the State. These report 10,116 days of labor, 31,167 miles traveled, 5,497 sermons, 1843 prayer meetings, 1228 professions of faith, 610 baptized, 431 received by letter, 134 by relation, a total of 1793 additions on mission fields, 66 Sunday schools organized, 11 churches organized, made 18,189 religious visits. Several church houses are being built and new fields entered.

Kentucky has contributed during the year to Foreign Missions \$21,791.96, increase over last year of \$6,411.78, to Home Missions \$16,960.00, increase over last year of \$4,911.10, to State Missions \$12,571.37 increase over last year \$5,365.39, Colportage cash receipts \$2,181.42, books \$360.00, profits on books \$190.00; total \$2,721.44. Church Building Fund \$290.50, Theodore Harris Inst. \$276.87, Miscellaneous \$647.99. Total passing through hands of the Corresponding Secretary \$33,510.99. Total for State outside District Missions \$58,848.52.

April receipts by Corresponding Secretary \$8,843.19.

In April contributions were received from forty-one associations. During the year sixty associations sent contributions.

The Foreign Board asks Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia and Texas each to give \$25,000 this year to Foreign Missions. We can and ought to do it.

State Missions and Sunday School and Colportage are in better condition than ever before. The Home Mission Board is doing a

great work. About \$3,000 of the Home Mission fund is spent in Kentucky. We ought to stand by the Home Board.

The State Mission Board will be appointed at the General Association at London. The board will organize and make appropriations to the State work. It is the policy of the board to work in co-operation with the District boards, hence they ask that all applications for appropriations, or continuance of appropriations be made through the District boards. Now if you want any appropriation please take the proper steps to secure it.

A few of associations of great wealth are doing very little for State Missions and are asking for large appropriations. Perhaps they apply that scripture here, "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given."

Some of our people have been confused about Home Missions, this is the work of the Home Board at Atlanta. If you designate your money to Home Missions it goes to Atlanta. If you want the money expended in Kentucky then say State Missions.

The work in the mountains of Kentucky is very promising indeed, but we need our best men for this field. You say the work is hard, yes, but not as hard as the work Jesus undertook for you.

Mission means sent. A man's mission is that upon which he is sent. The mission of Christ was to save sinners. The Christian's mission is to bring sinners to Christ that they may be saved. A church's mission is to preach the Gospel. A church or individual who is not doing this is recreant to the most sacred trust ever committed to mortals.

The Gospel is free—yes free as the water, but we need vessels in which to carry the water, and the vessels to which God has entrusted the Gospel are saved men and women, the heavenly treasure in earthen vessels.

Most of us can not go with the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth, but some others are ready to go and you can help pay their expenses.

Mission receipts for May and June are always meager. If any of the District treasurers have money please forward it at once, if the church has mission money on hand send it to your District Treasurer.

Bro. R. L. Baker is proving to be eminently efficient as General Missionary in the Sunday School work in Eastern Kentucky.

The work is moving hopefully at Jackson.

The new Church at Burkesville will be dedicated the first Sunday in July.

In May the Secretary preached three sermons at Croppers, in Shelby County Association, three at Cedar Creek, in Long Run, two at Port Royal June 1st.

Kentucky and Virginia stood at the head of all the States, each was entitled to 145 delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention,

and we had more than enough to fill our quota.

Kentucky is able to hold first place in mission contributions and we ought to do it. Let every member of every church give systematically and regularly something to carry out the command of Christ and the thing is accomplished.

A Deacon said to his pastor, "We can't give anything to Missions, it is all we can do to live, and we MUST live." The pastor replied, "I see no use in your living," what need of living if you do nothing to carry out the work.

Some of our Missionaries are very careless about their reports. Some of them will not report the miles traveled, others the visits made, others the amount received from field and others even fail to sign their names. Brethren please fill out every item, make plain figures, if the item is blank make a 0, put all figures at the end of the lines, and please do not write notes, &c., on report.

Brethren, Deacons and Pastors, what about the Church Building Fund, are you going to help us?

In addition to our Sunday School Missionaries and Colporters, we now have a General Sunday School Missionary, giving all his time to this work. Will every Sunday School in Kentucky send me a contribution for this important work? Why not attend to it at once.

The following Associations made contributions during the month of May. We name them in the order of their contributions: Long Run, \$167.42; Little Bethel, \$165.00; Salem, \$125.00; Union, 100.00; South District, \$37.50; Greenup, \$24.00; Bracken, \$7.00; Central, \$3.80; Elkhorn, \$3.00; Tates' Creek, \$1.80; Mt. Zion, \$1.53; Three Forks, \$1.25; Book Fund, \$13.65. Total \$650.95.

At the board meeting June 3rd, an appropriation was made to the Second Church, Bowling Green, to help them sustain their new pastor, Rev. E. G. Vick, also to the Second Church Paducah, to help them sustain their pastor-elect, Rev. W. H. Robinson on condition the District board approves and recommends the same. On same conditions an appropriation was made to Audubon, which church has called Rev. W. H. Bell.

The church at Corbin deserves the palm. They have called Rev. R. C. Kimble for full time and pay most of his salary. They are regular contributors to our Mission work. Only a short time ago they only raised a few dollars per month for pastor.

An excellent statistical letter has been prepared by the State Secretaries, published by the Sunday School Board, and is for free distribution, to the churches. The Corresponding Secretary will send these out to clerks of the associations and ask them to put a copy in each church. We hope the churches will use them, as uniformity is very desirable.

Ye captains of the Lord's hosts, and soldiers of Jesus Christ, listen to the marching orders, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always," "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "Let him that hearketh say, Come."

We want two or three dozen of our best pastors and evangelists to give us one or two meetings during the summer and fall. What a contribution to our mission work if we can hold forty or fifty good meetings, of at least twelve days, at needy, destitute places. Write the corresponding Secretary about it. When can you go? Brethren and Sisters, do you want us to publish this Mission Monthly? See proposition on first page. Let us hear from you at once.

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