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LETTERS FROM THE FIELD.

A Presbyterian Scheme.

THE SOUL-WINNERS' SOCIETY.

A masked Presbyterian institution (especially out in these parts), has adopted a plan for out-rivaling Baptists. They have a number of missionaries who locate in the fertile valleys in the best portions of our mountains, organize Sunday-schools, claim to be non-sectarian, teach the children, administer physic to the sick until some one will give enough land for a building. Then they proceed to raise funds and the deficit is supplied by wealthy people of the North. They then proceed to get the property deeded to the so-called non-sectarian Soul-winners' Society, and soon Dr. Guerant comes and establishes a Presbyterian church.

The writer not long since found one of the Soul-winners preparing to build a house, and as it was in a Baptist community, he took pains to see that the deed was regularly made to the State Board. Now the building is finished, one of the best country church buildings in Breathitt county, with an organization of twenty-eight members.

Let the Baptists be admonished against the so-called non-sectarian Soul-winners' Society, and if they do not wish to build a Presbyterian church, be particularly cautious to know to whom they are deeding property.

R. L. BAKER.

Eddyville.

Under the auspices of the Mission Board of the Little River Association and the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, R. W. Morehead began to preach in Eddyville, in November, 1900, with the hope of enlisting the Baptists residing there, so as to have them organized into a church. After one year's labor, at the beginning of the second year, a protracted meeting was held, at which Elder Boyce Taylor preached eleven days, giving general satisfaction and resulting in the organization of the First Baptist Church, of Eddyville, with fifteen members and one addition to these by baptism. Last September the pastor, R. W. Morehead, was assisted in a meeting by Elder E. W. Coakley, who succeeded in enlisting other Baptists

of the town, who have since united with the church and are heartily co-operating in an effort to build a house of worship. During this last meeting one more was added to the church by baptism and two by letter. After dismissing six by letter the church has twenty-two members. Besides the regular preaching by the pastor on the second Sunday in each month, Elder J. D. Woodson, the prison chaplain, will preach the fourth Sundays free of charge. So the outlook is now very bright.

R. W. M.

PRINCETON, KY.

Some Needs.

It is with great interest that I receive at my home the Mission Monthly. I wish that every family in Kentucky could be induced to take it. It exactly supplies a great need of the people. May its circulation be greatly increased.

My labors as Colporter and Sunday-school Missionary for the past six or seven years have been within the bounds of Freedom, Stockton's Valley, Edmonson and Green River Associations. The first two are located in Wayne, Clinton, Cumberland and Monroe Counties; the other two are located in Butler, Ohio, Edmonson and Grayson counties. It is fifty miles from my home to the first two associations, with Little Barren and Cumberland rivers lying between us, and Green River flows between me and the other two. The greatest need of these two great fields is for the first two associations to unite and, become one, as they principally occupy the same territory. The same is true of the last two, these being disunited, causes both to lose a great deal of power. The next great need of both of these fields is a colporter living within the bounds of each field. The present colporter lives too far from his work. It takes too much time to go and come.

THE RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

Portions of these two great fields are at a very low ebb. The people, most of them, are only in moderate circumstances, and many of them are very poor and cannot even read, hence they do not buy books and so are not informed. For this cause the colporter can sell but few books, and if he is depending on his living by the number of books he sells, he cannot do good work, for

he must put in most of his time in book selling, and he can do but little religious work. No colporter can live on less than \$35 or \$40 per month and do good solid work.

There is a great excitement in these fields in regard to oil, minerals, etc., and a great many speculators are going there. They are educated, many of them men of the world, and they have a great influence over these people, hence there is great need of strong men of God to labor among them. These people are naturally inclined to be Baptists if our doctrines were taught them. They can do but little financially, yet if they were well instructed as regards their duty, and could see that it was required of them by God, they would gladly do what they could. May the Lord help and bless them.

B. W. GARR.

A New Field Opened.

Boonville, the county seat of Owsley county, was recently opened by the Sunday-school Missionary. Thirteen members are ready to go into an organization.

Boonville is ten miles from Beattyville, and this puts one of our strongest country churches on the way about one-half the way between the two towns. This opens a great field for the Baptists, and a good man located in Beattyville could look after the three points. Beattyville is one of our coming towns, a new railroad just completed putting it in connection with Richmond and other towns. Beattyville has an excellent house, also Hall's Chapel, the country church. Boonville has no house of worship. The writer made a neat approximation on such a building as would well serve our Baptist people. With one thousand dollars we could get a building turned over to us adequate for our needs. Of this amount we could raise a good per cent. on the field, and if our Baptists of the State would supply our church building fund so as to encourage these people, we would have enough work to justify the Board to locate a man in Beattyville. Beattyville has had no pastor for a long time, owing to the fact that there is not enough work to justify the Board to place a man in the field. This matter is now adjusted and we need a missionary to come to this field and begin operations at once.

R. L. BAKER.

Glenwood.

DEAR BRO. BOW:

Our work at Glenwood seems to be somewhat progressive; we have a very good Sunday-school and prayer-meeting. We are hoping that we have gained one point in this extensive field of destitution. There is great lack of Bible knowledge all over this country. There have been no permanent Sunday-schools here. Many have been started to run for only a few weeks and then die. There has been very little organized work of any kind, and it seems very little Bible study. We have many intelligent, well-to-do people that know almost nothing about the Bible. The history of the country will soon convince you that what has been done has been in a very scattering way without much thought of organized work anywhere. This being true for years and years in the past, has brought about customs that are hard to change. You can start many things sooner than make one live after it is begun. But while we have many discouragements we also have much to encourage us. The people are kind and courteous and most of them permanently situated; where you find them this year you can find them next. They will go to "big" meetings for miles. I am of the opinion that tent meetings followed up by some good organizer, would pay more to the amount invested than anything else.

D. WOOD.

Lone Oak, Ky.

DEAR BRO. BOW:

I give you a short history of our Mission Church at Norton. It is situated eight miles south-east of Paducah, and is some six or seven miles from any other Baptist church. We have a membership of 26. We are worshiping in a school house. We have three and one-half acres of land given to us for a building lot and burial ground, by one who is not a Baptist. We aim to try to build soon. Two of our members own a saw mill and they have promised enough rough lumber to build us a house. We can't hope to accomplish much until we get a house. Our progress is likely to be slow for a while yet, but I think in the course of a few years we will have a good church. There are other Baptists in the neighborhood that I think will join us soon. "Pray for us." T. B. ROUSE.

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J. G. BOW, Corresponding Secretary

Church Building Fund.

In behalf of this fund I have said
and done about all I know to do.
Why is it our pastors, churches and
people will not respond? It can not
be the lack of information. It can
not be that the necessity of such a
fund is not recognized.

A Baptist pastor with a strong
church of well-to-do people never
preached missions or the duty of
giving to his people, said the pulpit
was not the place to do that. A strong
man of another denomination which
had, perhaps, a half dozen mem-
bers in the community, came in
and did preach upon the grace of
liberality, and the Baptists who
gave nothing before gave their
money to build a church house for
these people.

That is the way they are doing
all through the mountains while
our people are asleep. The Bap-
tists have yet possession of the
mountain country, but to hold it we
must build more and better houses.
A little help, in most cases encour-
ages and enables them to build.
Brother, won't you attend to this
matter?

Let every church give something
to the Building Fund and we will
hold our territory for the truth.
The Corresponding Secretary will
gladly come and aid any pastor or
church that wants his aid in secur-
ing a contribution for this work.

Franklin Street Church.

The Corresponding Secretary vis-
ited Franklin St. Church on Sunday
night, November 9th, and that
church gave over \$50 to the Build-
ing Fund.

THE enlarging of the paper will
necessarily increase the cost, per-
haps four times the original amount,
and we will be compelled to ad-
vance the rate of subscription, but
for a limited time the price will re-
main as it is. Now is the time to
subscribe and send in your clubs.

Blood River Association made a
handsome increase in missions due
almost entirely to the church at
Murray, of which H. Boyce Taylor
is pastor. This church, though
not strong financially, gave \$600,
about three-fourths of all the con-
tribution of the Association. I am
sure the three banner churches in

the State are Murray, \$600; Leb-
anon Junction, \$790; Twenty-sixth
and Market, \$851. There are
plenty of churches in the State
that could buy out all three, that
gave almost nothing.

Our editor, while assisting at a
meeting at Morehead, was stricken
with typhoid fever, and at this
writing is nearing the crisis of the
disease. His many warm-hearted
friends are praying the Great Physi-
cian to bring him safely through
and spare him for many more years
of successful labor for God and our
great work of missions.

We are thankful to God for the
hopeful condition of the editor.
His physicians think that the symp-
toms are favorable to a sure, but
slow recovery. At this writing all
indications are most favorable.

If you notice that this issue is
not up to the usual standard of ex-
cellence, throw the mantle of char-
ity over its faults, and remember
that the able editor is necessarily
absent from the helm.

We want brief, crisp articles on
any phase of the mission work from
pastors, district boards, societies,
women's missionary societies, re-
ports, notes from our missionaries
and colporters on the field, and
practical suggestions from friends
in regard to the work.

Mrs. Luda E. Kaye Treasurer
of the Ladies' Missionary Society
of Highland Baptist Church, sends
\$5 00 for Church Building Fund.
Will not other societies help us
swell this Fund?

For some reason quite a number
of reports failed to reach this office,
so the following is only a partial
report for the month of November.
Sermons preached 430, conversions
157, baptisms 96 received by letter
69 and by relation 22.

We want to send this paper every
month into every Baptist home in
Kentucky telling you the progress,
conditions and needs of the mission
work in Kentucky.

Several most excellent letters are
crowded out this month for lack of
space, but will be published later on.

Our Missionary Bro., W. H.
Robinson, pastor of Second Church,
Paducah, reports encouragement in
his work.

Missionary R. C. Kimble, at
Corbin, reports that Bro. B. F.
Hagan is assisting him in a meet-
ing. They have good prospects.
He also sends a check for a club of
fifty subscribers to the Monthly.

We will accept 1,000 more sub-
scribers to this paper—if sent in by
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of 10 copies, one year to one ad-
dress, \$1.00, or 50 copies or more
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these rates.

Bro. A. S. Petrey, at Hazard,
Ky., writes:

DEAR BROTHER BOW—I am well
pleased with the Mission Monthly.
It certainly meets the demand
among our people for information in
regard to our State mission work.
I am very glad you have seen your
way clear to enlarge it. I predict
for it a career of great usefulness
in its line.

Our work here was never better.
This year seems to be the beginning
of the harvest for us. The churches
of which we are pastor and those
we have helped have increased con-
siderably in membership this fall.
In a meeting held for our Hazard
church by Bro. R. L. Baker, there
were 22 accessions to the church,
and the church greatly revived and
strengthened. The meeting in
which we assisted Pastor Wm.
Baker, at Buck Grove, in Leslie
Co., has not closed yet. They
keep on coming. Thirty-four ac-
cessions so far. Valuable accessions
have been received into our other
mission churches. Our church at
Dwarf will now be able to finish
its house. We hope to dedicate in
1903. This will be the third
house built and dedicated since
coming to this field. Of course
this has been made possible by
the building fund. It helped
us at Hazard, it came to our assist-
ance at Beech Grove, and has
failed us not at Dwarf. I say hurrah
for the building fund! Let it in-
crease in size and in the estimation
of our people.

Brethren, I say again from my
experience in mountain work, that
there is nothing, materially speak-
ing, that will do so much to make
our church organizations solid and
permanent as good church houses.
These can be had when and where
needed by the help of the building
fund. Friends helped us, but I do
not believe we could have succeeded
half so well without this help from
the fund. Dear brethren, help this
fund! Hear the plea of your Sec-
retary, who is close to this work
and knows its needs.

We are very grateful for two val-
uable boxes sent us for our work
by the Woman's Missionary Soci-
ety of the Mt. Sterling Baptist
Church, Miss Lucy C. Smith, Pres-
ident. These good friends also
gave us \$20 to help seat our house
at Dwarf. This latter gift was a
great blessing to a faithful, strug-
gling little church and to me.

Monticello.

DEAR BRO. BOW:

You card is before me announcing
the enlargement of "The Mission
Monthly" and requesting me to
write you the condition, needs and
outlook from our Association, "The
South Cumberland River." This
Association was organized from the
South Concord Association. The
reason for doing so was the anti-
missionary spirit in this Associa-
tion. I have attended but one
meeting of my Association. I was
well pleased with the condition I
found; indeed, I was agreeably sur-
prised to see and hear the mission-
ary spirit and enthusiasm exhibited
in this meeting. While the condi-
tions are not as good as we want,
we are growing. If I am rightly
informed, five or six years ago this
Association gave about five or six
dollars to the very worthy cause of
missions. This year it gave over
\$100.00. Our needs are many.
We need more education, and that
means more preaching and better
preaching. We need some wise
missionaries, some preachers who
are in sympathy with all of our
great denominational interests. We
have a great people, people who
have plenty and are willing to give
when called upon in the right spirit.
My people here in Monticello gave
last year \$63.42 to missions, and
my church at Otter Creek gave
\$7.50 for missions. These amounts
are more than they had given any
one year in their history. So you
see when they are called upon they
are willing to respond. We do not
need any more organizing, but we
do need development along all lines,
especially in missions. The out-
look is very hopeful, indeed. We
are thankful for the growing con-
ditions and we are hopeful for all
of our needs, and when we have
the Lord on our side and the power
of the Holy Spirit as a helper and
comforter the outlook is bright and
hopeful.

We hope to have a railroad
through here before long, and while
that may bring more sin, it is to be
hoped that we may have more work-
ers for the Lord. May God's
blessings rest on you and the Mis-
sion Monthly. Pray for us.

Fraternally,

S. A. COOPER.

Middlesboro.

Rev. C. M. Reid, writes: The
work at Middlesboro is moving for-
ward. For some time the outlook
has been discouraging, but of late
the church has taken on new life
and there is an improvement all
along the line. One of our dea-
cons remarked a few days ago that
we were in a better condition than
we had been for five years.
Our debt has all been paid off but
\$350 and an effort is being made to

pay that. Our Thanksgiving service was of more than ordinary interest, as at it we were permitted to burn the mortgage which has been such a burden to us for so long.

Bro. F. G. Jones writes: The Drakesboro Baptist Church is still advancing numerically, but not financially. Many of her number are poor, but hard working people. We are looking forward to more prosperous times for our little band. We are the most conveniently located on the L. and N. R. R., between Central City and Dunmore. Drakesboro is on a boom at present as another coal mine is in process of opening and will be in full operation soon. This means more men will be needed to do the work. The new company will in the near future begin to build homes for its men. It is rumored that they want to engage eighty-four lots for their houses. As our church is in the midst of this people, it will prove to be a great power for God and the Baptists. A Nashville company has put in operation a new saw mill. Thus our country is opening up all around us and people are coming in among us from all sections of the country, so Drakesboro Baptists and their pastor are to have a broad field for their mission work. In behalf of my people I desire to thank the Board for the assistance given the church in support of their pastor, without which the demands of the field could not be met. There is a great deal of opposition here to the Baptists among other sects, but the truth will prevail. The Baptist church will, and must be the church of this place. Brethren pray that God may help us in contending for the faith, once for all delivered to the saints.

I will do all I can to place your noble paper in the hands of all Baptists. I think every Baptist ought to take it.

Bro. J. R. Stewart sends a brief statement of the work at Hazelwood.

The work is in a reasonably fair condition. We held a ten days meeting in November with very good interest, two conversions and four additions to the church. Our greatest need is thorough consecration to the work and financial aid. We are surrounded by Campbellites and Methodists and their prejudice is a barrier in building up a Baptist church. We think the outlook is very encouraging. We are very sure that the new members we have just taken in will be of great help to us. The church has been revived and encouraged and are willing to do what they can for the Master. Will the State Board help us next year? We are very

thankful to you for what you have done for us. Hazelwood is situated in a very fine country, but sin abounds to a very great extent, but we are thankful where "sin abounds grace much more abounds."

Bro. Bow can't you make us a visit some time next year? I think it would be very encouraging to our mission churches.

Bro. S. A. Lovelace, of London, Ky., writes:

Rev. J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec'y., Louisville, Ky., Dear Sir and Bro: I received the remittance from the W. M. U. of \$62.89, and through you desire to thank them for same. The school is progressing nicely. Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Yours truly,
S. A. LOVELACE,
Treas. L. B. S.

Hindman, Ky.

DEAR BROTHER BOW:

I am glad you have enlarged the Mission Monthly to its present size. I think it will be a great help to our cause. We have been getting along quite well this fall. We have had four good Sunday-schools in operation, but they have all gone into winter quarters except ours at Hindman, which is holding up exceedingly well. We have an average attendance of sixty. Several of our church members have moved away, but we are still trying "to hold the fort." I am now having the lumber sawed for our house. Our lot is paid for and think we will be able now to finish our house.

The Anti-Mission Baptists are beginning to realize the importance of Sunday-schools and mission work and are very friendly toward us.

The W. T. C. U. school at this place have rendered valuable assistance to me in my work here.

We had a Thanksgiving service, and each child brought some kind of vegetables, and a barrel of nice vegetables are now ready to send to the Orphans' Home.

Sincerely yours,
LEWIS LITTLE.

Contributions for November.

Bethel.....	\$686.28
Blood River.....	480.42
Boonville.....	2.00
Bracken.....	10.00
Campbell Co.....	29.90
Concord.....	788.89
East Lynn.....	38.37
Edmonson.....	2.76
Elkhorn.....	448.84
Graves Co.....	451.98
Long Run.....	244.19
Mt. Zion.....	4.00
North Bend.....	180.48
Ohio Valley.....	290.36
Russell Creek.....	165.09
Tates Creek.....	33.80
Union.....	175.00
West Kentucky.....	161.35
Book Fund.....	65.86
Total.....	\$4,177.52

Received for State Missions \$989.59; State S. S. and Colportage \$221.07; Foreign Missions \$1,598.15; Home Missions \$1,054.45. Miscellaneous \$139.26.

Jackson, Ky.

Another resurrection in Jackson, Ky. A real uprising of a part of Jackson women. While sitting in our quiet little home here on Thanksgiving day, thinking about many things in general and nothing in particular, while thus in reverie our back door was thrown open and in rushed a group of the women of Jackson, taking possession of as much room as suited their convenience, and staying as long a time as they desired, spreading cheer and scattering sunshine in their merry laughter and pleasant conversation; at their pleasure they departed, leaving fruit, jellies, groceries and such other things as are calculated to make a preacher's family smile and think God bless the dear women of our church. We tender them and all our contributors our hearty thanks. It is indeed pleasant to have such tokens of appreciation and sympathy.

A. C. DORRIS.

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Whitesburg, Ky.

This is a field of peculiar interest. Letcher with several other counties is one great missionary field. Probably ninety per cent of the people claim Baptist sentiments. They are divided into factions. One faction calls itself "Primitive Baptists," another call themselves "Regular Baptists." The primitive are Antinomian in doctrine and are opposed to all efforts to evangelize the world. The Regulars are all right on the doctrines of grace, perseverance, etc., but need the way of the Lord expounded to them more perfectly. They will send their children to Sunday-schools and contribute to the expenses of the Sunday-school work. A great many of them can be reached and brought into line of missionary enterprises. Our hope is mainly in the young people. We have in Whitesburg a good Sunday-school with about sixty enrollment. Fourteen names for a church at Whitesburg, with a prospect of quite a number more in the near future. Prejudice against missionary work seems to be giving way, especially among the "Regulars." I have a great deal to encourage me in my work. Some discouragements, of course. Our present need are more well equipped workers for this great work. I need a little organ for our Sunday-school. "Lots" of literature, especially tracts, both devotional and denominational, and above all, that the brethren pray everywhere for our mountain work, for without God's blessing all will be in vain. Now is our opportunity. I am well pleased with the Kentucky Mission Monthly.

Yours in Christ,
J. G. PARSONS.

REV. J. G. BOW:

Dear Brother—In answer to your request will say that Plum Spring Church is located in a poor part of Warren County, and the members are considerably scattered, some of them living four miles or more from church. They never attend because they have no conveyance; though one man and his wife who live eight miles from church scarcely ever miss a service. They attended the protracted meeting last July, traveling eight miles of rough road nearly every night after service. Others who live near are noble types of christian character. We have near the church Presbyterians, Methodists, Campbellites and Adventists. One who had been raised a Presbyterian joined last Sunday in order, as she said, to secure Bible baptism. We are confident several others will join before the time for baptism. Bro. W. W. Payne assisted me in a meeting last summer, and truly he dug deep and laid a good foundation

for future work. The five baptized were only the first fruits of a harvest to be reaped in the future, the field is properly cultivated. There needs to be a lot of Baptist literature scattered in that neighborhood. A Presbyterian brother has announced that he will preach on Spiritual Baptism, at his church about two miles from Plum Spring, but unfortunately for his cause, some of his members have decided to read and think for themselves. I see no reason why a good church can not be built up at this place.

Your Bro.,
J. R. HUNT.

Upper Big Sandy.

In the garden spot of East Kentucky, rich in timber, coal oil and gas (perhaps more gas than oil), lying dormant, but not long to be so, is a great wealth in variety of religious thought, for we have Methodists, North and South, Presbyterians, Campbellites and Baptists of all kinds, but all kinds of them are missionary, for all are on a mission to advance their belief, although very few of us have any order or system of mission work. We have United Baptists, but not any more united than other Baptists. Also we have a "soft shell faction" of the "hard shell" family, and another faction of Regular Baptists with no shell at all, making three sects of regular Baptists, one of the United, and one that are just Baptists, making five families all occupying the same territory, and have gone to more extremes than there is in the four cardinal points of the compass, each one boasting over his particular hobby.

There is not a Baptist church in Floyd county that has no handle to its name and only three in Pike Co.—a mission field that has been greatly neglected by our Baptist hosts. We need schools, literature, etc, more religion being our greatest need, and next to it is harmony among the different sects of Baptists and the only way to obtain this is for us to go to work among those that have left us, visit their meetings' preach for them, when they will let us, do personal work among their ministers and members, and not try to hold too many meetings apart from them; but to do this requires patience similar to that possessed by Job.

Our mountain people are kind and hospitable, but they have a way of speaking what they believe and just like any other people that believe things, cling tenaciously to their belief.

Let us remember, "United we stand, divided we fall."

J. C. KAZEE.

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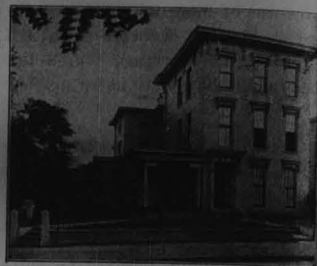
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