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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

A story is told of an old Fijian chief and an English earl (an infidel) who visited the islands. The Englishman said, in a sarcastic manner to the chief: "You are a great chief, and have such an intelligent mind it is really a pity that you and your people have been so foolish to listen to the missionaries, who only want to get rich among you. No one now-a-days would believe any more in that old book, which is called the Bible; neither do men listen to that story about Jesus Christ, only women do; men know better now, and I am sorry for you, that you are so foolish."

When he said this the old chief's eyes flashed, and he conclusively clenched his hands as he answered:

"Do you see that big stone over there? On that stone we smashed the heads of our victims to death. Do you see that oven over yonder? In that oven we roasted the bodies of men for our feasts. Now you! you!—Sir-r-r, had better—sir, if it had not been for these good missionaries, for that old book, and the great love of Jesus, which has changed us from savages into God's dear children, you would never leave this spot alive. You have to thank the God for the Gospel you have so bitterly spurned, else you never would leave this island; we would kill and roast you in that oven, and now be feasting on your body."

The above story, in a measure, sets forth that which the missionaries of this State have to contend with, as they are called "Hirelings, getting rich off of the people," and other things equally as erroneous; but the true missionary makes no reply, but goes right on enlightening the people with the Gospel, and some of these days, in the near future, the people of Kentucky will awake to the vital issues of the hour and leave these croakers to thank God that they are not roasted. Read 1 Sam. 10:6-9.

The church at Russell Springs has decided to rise and build. Bro. Daniel Wilson gives a good lot well located, other brethren give material, labor or money. We see no reason why the church building should not be completed by January. I promised \$75 from the Board for the building. Of course, we cannot use the money given to missions for this purpose. Will some church or some brother agree to furnish the Board with this amount for Russell Springs? There is not a church building in the town.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Place and time.—1903.

OCTOBER.

Laurel River—New Hope church, October 2.
South Concord—Canada Creek church, October 2.
Davies County—Sugar Grove church, October 6.
North Concord—Big Brush Creek ch., October 8.
White's Run—Carrollton, October 6.
Little Bethel—Harmony church, October 7.
Little River—Kuttawa, October 7.
North Bend—Bellevue, October 7.
Union—Cynthiana, October 7.
West Kentucky—Zoar church, Oct. 7.
Enterprise—Fairview church, Johnson county, October 9.
Mt. Zion—Williamsburg, October 9.
Upper Cumberland—Slater's Fork, October 9.
West Union—Bandana church, Oct. 14.
Ohio Valley—Grave Creek church, October 20.
Blood River—Pleasant Valley church, October 21.
Crittenden—Crittenden church, Oct. 28.
Graves County—Oak Grove church, October 28.

APPORTIONMENT.

The apportionment made by the committee, as explained in July *Monthly*, is not an assessment, it is not dictation, it is simply a suggestion. The apportionment is not always according to numbers or wealth, but rather according to the grace of liberality as manifested in the past. Neither the census-taker nor sheriff would have so listed you.

Please see what is the amount asked of your Association, then when your Association meets, have a committee appointed to apportion the whole amount among your churches, and let us try to do at least this much. It is not as much as \$2.00 per member for all missions in any Association, and in most of them very much less; in many it is not even 10 cts. per member.

Daviess County is asked for Foreign Missions, \$15.00, Home \$1,000, State \$750, District \$750, Colportage \$375. North Bend, Foreign \$600, Home \$400, State \$300, District \$300, Colportage \$150. Blood River and Ohio Valley, Foreign \$500, Home \$335, State \$250, District \$250, Colportage \$125. West Union, Foreign \$400, Home \$267, State \$200, District \$200, Colportage \$100. Union, Foreign \$350, Home \$235, State \$175, District \$175, Colportage \$88. Graves County, Foreign \$300, Home \$200, State \$150, District \$150, Colportage \$75. Little Bethel, Little River, West Kentucky, Whites Run and Mt. Zion each, Foreign \$250, Home \$167, State \$125, District \$125, Colportage \$65. Laurel River, Foreign \$50, Home \$35, State \$25, District \$25, Colportage \$15. North Concord, South

Concord, Foreign, \$30, Home \$20, State \$15, District \$15, Colportage \$10. Enterprise, Foreign, \$15, Home \$10, State \$8, District \$8, Colportage \$4.

Now, understand, we do not even wish to dictate the division of your funds. Some give equally to all objects, some give only to one. But we do beg you to give according to the Saviour's command. In some Associations there are no District Missions; in that case, or where there is more than is needed for the District work, the General Association asks that such funds be given to State Missions.

You say, perhaps, that is a large increase. Yes; but we must increase, and we are compelled to look very largely to the better developed Associations and the aggressive pastors for the example in leading and the advancement in the work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF STOCKTON VALLEY AND FREEDOM ASSOCIATIONS.

Whereas the two bodies occupy the same territory and are one in doctrine, practice and belief, and we believe the interest of truth and righteousness will be best conserved by the united efforts of all our people against the encroachments of the world and the propagation of the errors and false doctrines of others in the name of religion.

Furthermore, our ministers are ready to, and do serve the churches of each association indiscriminately, and whereas the constitution of both are the same, and whereas the cause or causes requiring our separation, if such ever existed, exists no longer.

Therefore we recommend

1. That the two bodies be united into one association, with the same purposes in view as are expressed in the constitutions of the two bodies.
2. That the body retain the name of the Stocktons Valley Association, it being the older name and so interwoven with the history of our denomination as to entitle it to this claim.
3. That we fully endorse and pronounce as Scriptural the voluntary maintenance of the Christian ministry and the propagation of the gospel of Christ.
4. That the body regularly represent itself in the General Association of Kentucky Baptists.
5. That we recommend the full recognition of the ministers of both associations by all our churches.
6. That the matter of consolidation of the two associations be immediately referred to the

churches of this body with request to report at their next meeting at the Clear Fork church house the second Saturday in September, 1904.

7. That we appoint a committee of five from this body to bear this message to the Freedom Association that meets at Stony Point on September 25th for their consideration.

BOARDS.

Some of our brethren say they are opposed to boards, will have nothing to do with boards, &c. The excuse is, the New Testament says nothing about boards. These same brethren are very zealous about their Associations, but does the New Testament say anything about Associations? They also are willing to have committees appointed to look after the destitution in their bounds. The State Board is simply a committee, appointed by the General Association of Kentucky, to look after the destitution in the bounds of the Association. All boards are simply and only committees appointed to look after certain interests, without any authority whatever over the churches.

COLPORTAGE IN EAST UNION ASSOCIATION.

I have just returned from the East Union Association where I have spent four months in the colportage work.

The results of my efforts, God alone knows. The field is needy, but the people were eager for good books, and I had the pleasure of leaving nearly one thousand Bibles and other religious books in those mountain homes.

I organized four Sunday schools and helped organize one church.

I walked nearly one thousand miles and gave away more than twenty thousand pages of tracts. Preached sixty-five sermons and delivered about thirty other addresses.

Prospects for developing along the line of missions are good.

I sold nearly six dozen copies of the Life of Yates—sold one dozen and a half one day and a half.

Some noble men are at work in that section of country, but they are not sufficient for the work. In a distance of thirty miles along the line of the L. and N. railroad there are about eight mining towns, with twenty thousand people, with only a very few men and women interested in their souls.

More good men should go in that field where I feel that God will bless their labors.

M. L. BLANKENSHIP.

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THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

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ber 3rd, at 2 p. m.

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If you know nothing about a
matter, then say nothing. Men
frequently make themselves ridic-
ulous talking.

Bro. Chas. Martin seems to be
doing well in his work at Paints
ville. He is also reaching out
into the region round about.

If you do not find credit for
your contribution in receipts
published in Monthly, write us.

Again we ask our colporters
and missionaries and the Women's
Mission Societies for brief arti-
cles about their work.

The Kentucky Mission Monthly
is 25c per copy per year, but in
clubs of ten or more we will send
it for 15c per year.

The church at Burkesville has
called W. M. Kuykendall, of Bow-
ling Green. We hope we may be
able to secure him for that impor-
tant work.

Bro. J. L. Adkins is doing well
in his work at Russell Springs
and Hopewell churches. He is
teaching all his churches the duty
of giving to missions.

Bracken Academy, at More-
head, opens with bright prospects.

Bro. M. L. Blankenship has
proven himself the banner col-
porter in the state. He returns
to Louisville to re-enter the Sem-
inary.

At the last meeting of the State
Board Bro. S. O. Christian, of
Ashland, was employed as mis-
sionary in Ashland, Ky. He is
the joint missionary of the Ash-
land church the District Board
of Greenup Association and the
State Board. We know of his
work in other days, when he was
missionary colporter in Campbell
County Association.

Bro. J. M. Jones, who has been
our missionary supply at Jack-
son during the summer, has about
finished the building of the Jack-
son Baptist church. But we are
not near through paying for it.
Brethren won't you please help
us at once on this debt? We have
the best church in Jackson.

Pastor U. S. Thomas last
year placed 175 copies of the
Monthly in his churches. They
have greatly advanced in their
gifts to missions.

Brethren S. O. Christian and
J. M. Jones have just closed a
meeting in Jackson, with five ad-
ditions to the membership.

Five months of the convention
year has already past and only a
little over one tenth the amount
asked from Kentucky for Foreign
Missions has been received.
Brethren we plead in the Master's
name for an onward move. Let's
not wait till the very last to do
some of our best work. God says
every week.

Boonville and Irvine Associa-
tion report their abiding interest
in the mission work and agree
to raise at least as much as we
ask of them.

Preached at Albany, county
seat of Clinton county, on Thurs-
day night, September 24th, to a
good congregation. Bro. Smith
Grider is the pastor here. On
Friday, 25th, went on to Stony
Point to Freedom Association, re-
mained until Saturday noon.

Hon. J. W. Catron was re-elec-
ted Moderator, and Bro. Cole,
Clerk.

This body passed resolutions
looking to the consolidation with
Stocktons Valley. Freedom has
only about 800 members. All the
Tennessee churches withdrew
from Freedom and formed River-
side Association in Tennessee.
The brethren were very kind to
the Secretary and gave us many
subscribers to the *Mission Month-*
ly.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We wish to thank all who have
taken the paper in the past, and
especially all who have secured
subscribers for us.

If your name is marked with a
blue pencil that means your time
is up and we hope you will renew.
If you do not desire to continue
the paper pay all arrears and
drop us a card and notify us to
discontinue the paper.

Many are learning more about
missions and mission work
through the Kentucky Mission
Monthly and we hope you will
continue and get others to sub-
scribe.

SEPTEMBER NOTES.

September 1 was Board meet-
ing. September 2 went to Ten
Mile Association. Took the L. &
N. train to Sparta, thence by
buggy about 15 miles to Macedon-
ia church. There was a great
crowd of people and many preach-
ers. Pastor L. Johnson was re-
elected Moderator. Other preach-
ers present that I now recall. W.
E. Mitchell, J. W. Waldrop, Wm.
McMillan, G. W. Argabrite, J. A.
Lee, E. L. Morgan, H. E. Cleaton
and others. They were kind to
the Secretary, gave him time to
present the work of missions and
take a \$100 subscription for the
Jackson church building. This
last was at the suggestion of Bro.
J. A. Lee, who agreed to see that
his church paid half of it. The
collection was engineered by Bro.
J. W. Waldrop, an efficient mem-
ber of the State Board. Return-

ing to Louisville on the 2nd, we
went to Long Run Association on
3rd. The big centennial speeches
of Drs. Harvey, McGlothlin, Mul-
lins and Powers were still vibrat-
ing in the air. Spoke here on 3rd
and returned to Louisville that
night. Preached at Walnut St.
church on night of 6th; went to
Bowling Green on 8th and preach-
ed at Second church. In company
with Bro. Eben G. Vick, our popu-
lar missionary pastor of Second
church, Bowling Green, went to
Bay's Fork Association on 9th,
about 14 miles in the country.
Large crowd, good attention,
marked kindness shown the Sec-
retary. Returned and preached
at Bowling Green again on Wed-
nesday night. Left next morning
at 6:10 for Glasgow, and same
day went to Burkesville, 40 miles
over a dirt road on stage coach.
Friday crossed over on south side
of Cumberland river. Saturday
started at sunrise to Stockton
Valley Association. This body is
99 years old, has 29 churches and
about 2,000 members; 19 of the
churches are in Tennessee. The
meeting was in Tennessee with
Wolf River church. It is about 20
miles from Burkesville, across
two rivers. I did not count the
hills nor try to estimate their
height. Stockton's Valley passed
resolutions recommending the
consolidation of this and Free-
dom Association, which is a small
er Association, and included in
same territory.

Returned to Burkesville on 15th
and preached for the saints there
at night. They have been pastor-
less since the death of Dr. J. W.
Blackburn last March. I think,
however, arrangements are nearly
perfected for the settling of a
pastor.

On 17th started for Russell
Springs, 30 miles distant, another
mission station, where Bro. J. L.
Adkins preaches; reached the
beautiful little village about night
and was greeted with a good con-
gregation, to whom I preached.
On 18th and 19th attended Sec-
ond North Concord Association,
and made an address on missions,
returning each night to Russell
Springs and preaching till Sun-
day night; also preached Satur-
day evening and Sunday morn-
ing. Pastor Adkins is highly es-
teemed here and is doing a fine
work. We secured a good lot,
donated by Bro. Dan Wilson, for
a church building, also material
and money sufficient to build a
good house. I pledged the State
Board for \$75.00. What church
or individual will send me that
amount? They propose to build
now before winter comes. Re-
turned to Burkesville and am now
en route to Freedom Association.
Will return and preach at Burkes-
ville the 27th, then on to Severn's
Valley Association and home af-
ter a three weeks' tour.

J. G. Bow Cor. Sec.
Bow, Ky., Sept. 23.

SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS.

North Bend Association, per
B. F. Swindler, for Church Build-
ing Fund, \$14.75; White's Run
Association, from Woman's Mis-

sionary Society of Ghent church,
per H. F. Searcy, for Church
Building Fund, \$5.00; Little
River Association, per R. W.
Morehead, \$14.00; Cumberland
River Association, per R. R. Noel,
from Olive church, \$8.00; Long
Run Association, per J. P. Jenk-
ins, from Franklin St. church,
Louisville, \$133.00; Long Run
Association, per J. P. Jenkins,
from Franklin Street church, for
Church Building Fund, \$25.00;
Long Run Association, per Mrs.
Belle Moremen, from Beechland
church, for Minister's Aid Soci-
ety, \$10.50; Long Run Association
per Mrs. Belle Moremen, from
Beechland church, \$3.00; Long
Run Association, per W. J. Bell,
from Little Flock church, for
Minister's Aid Society, \$2.00;
Blood River Association, per H.
B. Taylor, from Murray church
State Missions, \$2.00, Church
Building Fund, \$18.27; Mt. Zion
Association, per E. B. White,
from Corbin church, for Home
Missions, \$2.27; Long Run Asso-
ciation, per T. B. Hamilton, from
Parkland church, Louisville, \$40.
00; Crittenden Association, per
J. L. Presser, from Gardnersville
church, \$3.45; North Concord
Association, per A. F. Baker,
from Barbourville church, \$10.
45; Book Sales, per J. L. Adkins,
5.56; South Cumberland River
River Association, per Geo. E.
Baker, from Zion church, \$4.70;
South District Association, per
T. H. Coleman, \$373.82; Long
Run Association, per I. T. Wood-
son, from Pewee Valley church,
for Church Building Fund, \$50.
00; Long Run Association, per
I. T. Woodson, \$207.02; Long
Run Association, per C. J. Bol-
ton, from Knob Creek church,
\$2.50; Book Sales, per R. L. Ba-
ker, \$6.25; Long Run Association,
per P. Zanone, for Church Build-
ing Fund, \$1.00; Long Run Asso-
ciation, per J. G. Dobbins, from
Eight Mile church, \$2.00; Long
Run Association, per J. A. Hen-
dry, from Logan Street church,
\$48.00; Laurel River Association,
per S. A. Lovelace, from London
church, \$4.25; Lynn Association,
per L. C. Highbaugh, \$25.00;
Blood River Association, per H.
B. Taylor, from Murray church,
\$7.50, of this amount \$2.50 for
church Building Fund; East Con-
cord Association, per H. H. Fu-
son, from Old Yellow Creek
church, \$2.30; Nelson Associa-
tion, per T. P. Samuels, \$162.54;
Barren River Association, per H.
C. Franklin, \$86.91, of this
amount \$3.56 for Orphan's Home
and \$1.15 for Minister's Aid So-
ciety; Boons Creek Association,
per W. P. Heatt, \$119.82, of this
amount \$14.57 for Minister's Aid
Society; Owen Association, per F.
M. Goddard, from Caney Fork
church, \$2.00; Long Run Asso-
ciation, per Chas. M. Haddaway,
from 26th and Market Street
church, \$52.00; Irvine Associa-
tion, per D. S. Smith, \$4.90; Sale
of Books, per W. A. M. Wood,
\$4.20; Per S. C. Sherley, from
Bethel church, for Minister's Aid
Society, \$2.83; Owen Association,
per F. M. Goddard, \$93.39, of this
amount \$3.00 was from Caney

THE BASIS OF MISSIONS.

W. H. SMITH.

Basis—"The foundation of anything; that on which a thing rests; the ground-work or first principles; that which supports." Hence, by "basis of missions" I mean the foundation of missions; that on which missions rests; the ground-work or first principles of missions; that which supports missions. The word "missions" is derived from the Latin word "mittere," and means, the act of sending; the state of being sent; a being sent or delegated by authority, with certain powers for transacting business; commission. A mission is that with which a messenger, or agent is charged; errand or duty on which one is sent. A missionary is a person appointed by authority to perform any service.

The Greek "Apostolos" (Apostle) means, one sent forth. Hence missions with us, means the sending forth of our brethren to evangelize the world.

I. The bed-rock of missions is the express command of our Lord Jesus Christ, as expressed in Mat. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15.

II. Next to the express command of Jesus Christ lies the great Bible truth. The gospel, the power of God unto salvation. Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 1:21; II Thess. 2:13-15; II. Tim. 1:8-11.

III. The fact that salvation obtained only through Jesus Christ should stir us all up to our duty on missions, see Acts 4:12; Mat. 1:21; Acts 10:43; I. Tim. 2:5-6.

IV. The great need that all the world has for salvation (see Rom. 5:12; Rom. 3:9-23; Rom. 8:7, 8; Gal. 5:15-21; Eph. 2:1-3) coupled with the debt of gratitude we owe to God for having called us out of darkness into light should arouse us at once to a redoubling of our energies in spreading abroad the gospel of light. The early churches were missionary bodies. This is clearly true of the church at Thessalonica. "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad." Thess. 1:8. The book of Acts is an epitome of missions. See Acts 13:1-4; Acts 16:6-10; Acts 10:43; Acts 16:5; Acts 1:8.

The Philadelphia Association, the first association organized in America, organized in 1707, has been from the first engaged earnestly in efforts for the education of its ministry and the spread of the gospel in the world. Through it hundreds of churches have been gathered. That part of this old association located in Pennsylvania, gave last year for State Missions, \$4,617.87; for Home Missions, \$7,521.46; for Foreign Missions, \$11,358.56; for Bible and Publication work, \$2,000.25; Education, \$2,536.21; Sunday School expenses, \$20,774.10; miscellaneous, \$21,631.49, and a grand total of all contributions of \$377,318.57.

The Charleston Association, organized in 1751, the third association in America, was from the first a missionary body. The

minutes for 1755 contain the following: "The Association, taking into consideration the destitute condition of many places in the interior settlements in this and neighboring provinces recommend to the churches to make contributions for the support of a missionary to itinerate in those parts." See Benedict, p. 707. Orchard, vol. 1, p. 195, speaking of the Baptists of about 1183, the darkest period of the Christian era, says: "By the assiduous and unceasing efforts of the elders and teachers to instruct and qualify every member of the community, to inform the ignorant of the way of salvation; and by their system of local itinerancy, while others took more extensive journeys. These united efforts of the whole body were attended with incalculable good, and such organized exertions promised fair to evangelize the world."

Following the bloody path of persecution, even in the darkest days of Papal and Pagan oppression, when he who dared to preach the gospel of Christ, read or keep a copy, or even a part of a copy of the Holy Bible, was subject to exorbitant fines, imprisonment and death by the severest torture that possibly could be invented; missionaries traversed the entire continent of Europe, including Papal Italy, as teachers, peddling on trinkets or articles of dress, as a means of getting access to the people. See Jones' History, p. 340.

Brethren, let us all study this great question anew, from the Bible and History and gather and impart all the light possible. The true light is the great need of our people. Let all the light be turned on, and great will be the results. So far our mission work has accomplished much, and yet we have only been making child's play of missions. If there could be any method adopted that would enlighten all our people, the clarion notes of the glorious gospel would in a very short time be heard all over the world. If our people could only be aroused to that degree of zeal, energy and persistency so characteristic of our fathers during the dark and bloody centuries of bitterest persecution, only a few years would intervene before every creature would hear the gospel.—Western Recorder.

A preacher stated at an Association that the Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Boards had more authority than an Episcopal rector or any officer in the Episcopal church.

I asked publicly why he did not include the Secretary of the State Board, that I had as much authority in the State Board as they had in the other boards, which was simply no authority at all, not a member of the board and not even allowed to vote.


Dr. B. H. Dement, another faithful and efficient member of the State Board, leaves us for Waco, Texas. He succeeds Dr. R. N. Barrett in the Texas School of the Prophets.

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