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The field is the world.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

And He said unto them, 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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.

If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him.

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

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## A HELPING PLAN FOR SOUL-WINNING.

After years of earnest prayer the Lord has given us this plan, by which many pastors and other workers are being helped to lead their lost ones to the Savior, both here and in other states.

The letter which I send to these lost ones is an earnest gospel message coming through a heart that is greatly burdened for their souls and telling them of their sin, sin's fearful penalty and of the precious blood of Jesus which alone can cleanse from all sin.

Below is the covenant which is being entered into by many who are entering definitely into the work of soul-winning:

### *Soul-Winners' Covenant for the Mission Fields of Kentucky:*

"We hereby covenant with our pastor and brethren J. G. Bow and Geo. C. Cates to pray the Lord to use us through the instruction and encouragement of our pastor and these brethren, in winning souls for Jesus. We covenant to pray for all who enter this covenant here and elsewhere and to pray for all lost ones whose names are handed in here and elsewhere, and we request Bro. Cates to send a letter to each of these lost ones whose names we send him, thus helping us to lead them to Jesus. We will pray the Lord to greatly burden our hearts for these lost souls and help us to make an earnest effort for their salvation."

I have just received a kind letter from Bro. F. P. Gates, the

faithful pastor at Livingston, Ky., enclosing a list of the names of his members who have entered this covenant with him, with the names of the lost ones for whom each of these covenants to pray for and work. I will help the pastor train his Soul-Winners and to encourage them in doing the work. I will try under God to help each pastor who requests it, if he will get his church or all who will to enter this covenant and send me the names of the workers with the names of the lost ones for whom each worker is specially interested, indicated. I crave your earnest prayers that I may be used of God in helping to bring the lost to the Lord.

Yours in Him,

Geo. C. Cates.

LANCASTER.

Dear Dr. Bow: A word from the heart of Kentucky. The reputed center of the state is only a few miles from Lancaster and in this county. We are glad to say our cause here is not dead though not what it ought to be. We have adopted the quarterly mission collection, using envelopes. Our first quarterly collection was as much or more than church gave all last year—over \$20; have elected two more deacons and work seems more encouraging. Our church out of debt almost and over \$700 in treasury as fund for pastorium. Come by some time soon and cheer us with a good mission sermon. Yours,

C. S. ELLIS.



### MOREHEAD.

Dear. Bro. Bow: The town has about fifteen hundred inhabitants and is therefore the largest place on the C. & O. railroad between Mt. Sterling and Ashland. And there is a great deal more business done here than any place I ever knew of the same size.

Our church was organized about nineteen years ago and has had some seasons of marked prosperity. But we have been passing through a period of dearth and languishing for a few years. This is due in part to the fact that many of our members have moved away—like all railroad towns Morehead has a large number of transient citizens and the removals have been to our hurt.

I moved on to the field in Aug., since which time I have baptized two, and three have been added by letter. The congregations have increased very greatly. I had often heard of the eagerness of the people in the mountains to hear the gospel. Judging by this I do not live in the mountains; though many of my friends insist on calling me a mountaineer—N. B. This gives no offense. Here as elsewhere the unrenewed heart loves darkness rather than light and their condemnation therefore is just.

Bracken Academy, located here, has had a prosperous session, and there are more applicants for next sessions than we can possibly accommodate. We expect at least fifty of those who have been teaching this fall to attend our normal department, beginning after the holidays, and we could have two or three times as many if we could accommodate them. Bro. A. E. Brown, of the Home Mission

Board, has been on the field and feels that we have every reason to press this department of our work. We hope he will soon be on the field in an effort to raise a debt that is now very burdensome.

May the Lord give light and guidance is my earnest prayer.

AMOS STOUT.

### GREENVILLE ASSOCIATION.

Since I have been employed I have baptized about 100 persons. Began work as colporter about 3 years ago.

This is a vast field. Wolfe, Morgan and Menifee counties. There is not a missionary Baptist church in Morgan county.

Visitors say there could not be any greater destitution than they find in this country. Children 10 to 15 years old who never were at Sunday school, and some have never heard a sermon. The Master said, "Go ye into all the world." That means Foreign and Home and State Missions. There are a number of anti-mission people in our association yet, but the churches are doing more for their missionary now than ever before.

Most of the natives are Baptist in sentiment. There are all kinds of Baptists in the mountains except the paying kind, not many of them. Some men will preach on feet washing and claim that it is one of the great commandments and say nothing about mission work, when the Savior said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

BARNEY BLANKENSHIP, Col'pr.

## TO THE WORKERS ON MISSION FIELDS.

Dr. J. G. Bow, Secretary of our State Mission Board, seems completely absorbed in his 'gerat work. As it has been my privilege to pray for him and his work during these years of earnest labor, and while I have noted with much joy his intense interest in the work, these words have often recurred to me: "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Surely his visits must bring great inspiration to you, as he hastens from one point of the fierce battle with Satan and sin, on to the next to help direct and encourage you in fighting back the enemy and winning the lost ones for Jesus.

I often think of the officer, who, when asked by his general to undertake a very difficult task, replied: "Sir, I will, but before I go I give me a grip of your conquering hand;" and I rejoice with you the soldiers of our King, when Dr. Bow comes among you, and in his earnest, helpful manner takes you by the hand and says, "The Lord bless you, my brother, we are praying for you and will stand with you until under God we gain the victory for 'Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.'"

Yours prayerfully,  
GEO. C. CATES.

### KNOB CREEK.

Dear Bro. Bow: One of the greatest problems in this field is, how to get people to realize that "one church" is not "just as good as another. But that the best church is the one which is a pattern of the apostolic churches. We are much in need of a house of

worship. The house we are now worshipping in belongs to the three denominations; needs repair, but do not like to put money into it.

We have been trying to get started to building, but have had opposition from two denominations, besides considerable opposition from within our own church. Some feel closer bound to the ties of blood than they do to Baptist principles. Notwithstanding these difficulties, we bought a lot on which to build a house of worship, and were preparing to start the work, when trouble arose over the title. This has put a stop to the work of building for the present, but we have not consented to abandon it. The field is hard, doubly hard, on this account; but one that ought not to be given up.

C. J. BOLTON.

### A REVIEW.

Dear Brother: I thought as 'New Year was upon us I would give you a sort of review of my last year's work. During the year I witnessed about one hundred conversions, completed two church houses with nearly all indebtedness covered. I have received a unanimous call to all my churches to which I have been preaching, also another call to a church to preach on Saturday and Sunday night as I go to and from Russell Springs, my time being occupied on Sunday.

My work is in a more prosperous condition that it has been since I have been in this part of the country. I feel more encouraged. I desire the prayers of God's people that the Divine Hand may so control and direct my efforts this year that his cause may be glori-



fied, many sinners made to rejoice, and myself made a more earnest and zealous worker in the harvest field.

Yours truly,  
J. LESLIE ADKINS.

FROM BROTHER NOEL.

I have accepted the care of Pleasant Point church, near Kingston, on the Q. & C. R. R. A good church but needs development. It is in the Cumberland River Association. They have just remodelled and papered their house and I think will move forward in the work of soul-winning and missions. All my other churches have asked me to continue with them.

R. NOEL.

FARMERS.

Dear Dr. Bow: I enclose you subscriptions for 4 Mission Monthlys. I am arranging for a meeting with my church at Farmers. I preached for them fourth Sunday morning and night. Our congregations were larger and more attentive than usual. The church is united and a brotherly spirit prevails. Enclosed find \$2 for State Missions for Farmer church.

LUKE P. V. WILLIAMS.

ONEIDA.

Dear Bro: Our church is more prosperous than ever before. The interest in religious work of all kinds on the part of the people is in general more wide-spread and greater than heretofore.

Bro. J. A. Burns is pastor and H. L. McMurray assistant pastor of our church.

A revival recently held with our church resulted in 19 additions to the church.

At each monthly meeting each member of the church makes a free-will offering to missions. This money is sent direct to you by our treasurer, Bro. James Roberts. The interest and membership of our B. Y. P. U. is increasing steadily. Our records show a membership of more than a hundred.

L. P. SANDLIN.

Dear Dr. Bow: You will find enclosed a check for ten dollars from the Clayvillage Missionary Society, for Rev. J. L. Adkins, of Russell Springs. Our society has never been so prosperous and successful as in the last year. We have no trouble in raising the money for Bro. Adkins, and have, besides, given very liberally to Home Missions. We were glad of the information you gave us about the work of Bro. Adkins, and would like to know something of the new churches he has built. I feel sure the society will want to retain him as our missionary.

MRS. T. R. SMITH.

Sec. and Treas.

Dear Bro. Bow: Our work at Ludlow starts out well with New Year. Our congregations uniformly good, and S. S. well attended. We are getting a larger subscription for missions than last year, and all departments of the work so far are encouraging. We have paid \$96 on our debt since my last report to you. By the way, I like the new dress of Mission Monthly, but in my card published therein there is an error in money per capita of Ludlow. It should read "Missions,

\$2.11. and other work, \$9.60." Not \$6.60.

Yours fraternally,  
A. LOGAN VICKERS.

W. H. Smith, Rochester, writes: "The Mission cause demands that The Mission Monthly be in every Baptist home in the state. Every real missionary pastor will help to circulate it"

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### SALEM, KY.

Dear Bro. Bow: I received your letter, also sample copy of your little paper, and will take pleasure in doing all I can for you. My work is progressing nicely at Panhandle, Ohio Valley. Bro. Gibbs assisted me in holding an eight days' meeting in December. Had 3 or 4 professions. Four received for baptism. Sister Kittie Anderson, of Kuttawa, a Presbyterian, gave the church a lot of three acres, for which we feel very grateful. I have been called to the pastorate of Lola church.

E. M. EATON.

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### LITTLE CYPRESS.

We have just organized a church at this point which is about three miles from where we have been holding our services. Most of our members were there and we decided to build at this place. We aim to build a house in the next few months. Prospects good.

T. B. ROUSE.

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### HINDMAN.

Dear Bro. Bow: The work here on my field is encouraging. When we get our house of worship completed I believe a new era will begin in Hindman. We need and

must have one hundred dollars from outside sources to finish the work. Dear brethren send liberal contributions to Dr. Bow for the Church Building Fund, that we may be able to relieve and help those important points on our great mission fields in Eastern Kentucky.

Yours in Christ,  
J. G. PARSONS.

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### BURNSIDE.

Our new house at Salem will soon be completed. It is a handsome brick and will be one of the best in southeastern Kentucky. The work at Burnside is progressing slowly. It seems that we are unable to get the funds needed to finish our house. We are to organize a church at Greenwood, Ky., next week. On the whole the work in this section is very promising. I hope soon to send you a good list of subscribers.

Fraternally,  
GEO. E. BAKER.

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### MISSION ENVELOPES FREE.

To any church which will use them we will furnish the pledge cards and envelopes free.

The pledge card is to be presented to each member, on that card the amount to be given weekly or monthly is indicated. Then envelopes are furnished in which the weekly offering is placed. This is like Paul's plan. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him."

No pastor ever has or can properly develop the membership of a church by having quarterly collections.



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State Missions? If not, are you  
and they properly informed about  
our State work? If not, why not  
take and read the Kentucky Mis-  
sion Monthly that you and they  
may know about the needs and  
progress of this work?

**COLLECTIONS.**

Instead of having dozens of  
men running over the state and  
taking little collections for  
churches and schools, would it  
not be better to have the pastors  
and churches take all collections  
and send funds to the State  
Board, so that each church would  
get proper credit, and all funds  
contributed would be accounted  
for? You can designate your  
gifts to any object you desire.

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**ROCHESTER.**

Until about a year and a half  
ago Rochester was one of our mis-  
sion points. Now they have Eld.  
W. H. Smith as pastor. He  
preaches two Sunday mornings  
and every Sunday night at Roch-  
ester. He preaches at Huntsville  
and one or two other points reg-  
ularly every month. He has fif-  
teen regular appointments each  
month. They have recently com-  
pleted an excellent parsonage  
costing \$1,200, improved the  
church building and gave last  
year about \$125 to missions. The  
secretary visited them the third  
Sunday.

The church pledged \$25 to the  
Building Fund.

**BUILDING FUND.**

Well, one good Baptist provides  
the first \$1,000 for the permanent  
fund, and another agrees to give  
\$100 to be used as we need it.  
Let the responses come. We must  
have money to build church  
houses. No investment pays bet-  
ter.



## A TITHE.

God required his people under the law to give one-tenth. See Deut. 14:22; Lev. 27:30, &c.

True there is no positive statement that every Christian ought to put one-tenth of all his income into the Lord's treasury.

Jesus commended the poor widow who cast in the two mites, "All her living," and he said to the Jews, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, Judgment, Mercy and Faith. These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." He says here they ought to have done this, to have given the tithe. If God under the law required his people to give the tenth outright, and then to give free-will and thank offerings besides, surely under grace we should do no less. The city, county and state require us to pay taxes, but certainly duty, conscience, inclination, love and God no less require me to give to the support of loved ones depend upon me.

There is a law to collect taxes. Shall I rejoice in the fact that the law does not absolutely require me to furnish wholesome food and necessary comforts for my loved ones, and because I am not compelled by law I neglect this? So in giving to the support of the gospel "The love of Christ constraineth us."

Besides God can make nine dollars go farther than he can make ten go without him. I had rather take him into the account. For many years I have had great pleasure in setting aside one-tenth of my income for the Lord's work. You will find a sweet enjoyment in doing that also.

There are more than 200,000

white Baptists in Kentucky. I wish every one of them who is willing to give into the Lord's treasury at least one-tenth of the income, be it small or great, would write me a postal card stating that fact. I want to enter their names in a book as *Kentucky Tithe Givers*.

Of course in addition to the tithe you can give your thank offerings to the Lord.

Bro. Amos Stout, our missionary at Morehead, writes: "West Liberty and Sandy Hook, both need work done, but it is questionable whether it is wise to begin the work in mid-winter." The former is the county seat of Morgan county, the latter of Elliott, both without a Baptist church.

## COLPORTERS.

Some of these employed jointly by our state board and the district board do not seem to realize their obligation in business. Brethren, let us hear from you. We want a settlement. Yes, we mean you, if you have not accounted for all the books furnished you.

## JANUARY TRIPS.

The first Sunday at Twenty-sixth and Market. Work is prospering under Pastor R. E. Reed.

## CYNTHIANA AND FALMOUTH

The Secretary spent the second Sunday with Pastor Plemmons in Cynthiana, preached in the morning, addressed the missionary society in the afternoon, went to Falmouth and preached for Pastor Tolle and his people. These brethren and their churches will make the mission contributions

of Union Association look better than in the past.

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### LIVINGSTON.

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January 20th I preached at Livingston. Pastor F. P. Gates has wrought well and a great work has been done. Sunday 22nd preached at Beattyville for Pastor R. L. Baker. Good congregations and signs of prosperity.

The 27th I speak at Shelbyville.

The 28th at Salvisa.

The 29th at Russellville.

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Dear Bro.: The work at Latonia is moving along very nicely. Our S. S. has been very largely attended this month—attendance reaching over 100. On the night of the 15th we burned up the old mortgage and notes and the little Baptist church of Latonia is free from debt. We hope to repair our building by early spring and seat it with pews. Our work is encouraging. Four by letter this month. J. W. BEAGLE.

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Dear Dr. Bow: The Lord gave us the crowning day in Jackson. Three additions, packed houses, and the most powerful services I have witnessed in Jackson.

People are all aglow. Things move. Beattyville is ripe and just waiting. Glad you can favor me 4th Sunday. Yours in the work,  
R. L. BAKER.

It is easy to trust—when there is no occasion to. It is not difficult to understand the need and the gain of chastisement—except while we are undergoing it. But it takes tempered steel to stand the strain while the strain is on, and to spring back into position when the release comes. A man who was passing through a time when things did not look the brightest, wrote hopefully to a friend: "I am very far from taking up a permanent residence in the Slough of Despond. I prefer the uplands, and know that I belong there. Also I hope for 'better days,' and for grace to learn this lesson which I am conning, through to the end." There was a declaration of independence, for no man is so free as he who trusts while he cannot see, and no slave is so wretched as he who cannot look beyond his present sight.

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We are blind with regard to the future; it is as if we had no vision at all; we may not boast of tomorrow, because we know not what one day may bring forth. We know the history of the day that is gone, but what is coming in the morning not the wisest man can tell. God keeps tomorrow in his own hand, but this we know, that we shall be led and upheld and comforted; our perplexity shall be relieved, the crooked places shall be made straight, the rough places plain, and even the valleys shall be exalted; a new song will be in our mouth at the close of the day; if we have to sing of judgment, we shall also have to sing of mercy, for God's way towards us is one of judgment and love. — Joseph Parker.



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## DESIRING ONE THING.

What a multitude of desires struggle within us! Sometimes they conflict with each other, but the clamor increases more and more. No doubt the psalmist had a multitude of desires—desires for the prosperity of his kingdom, for the happiness of his family, for the health of his kindred—but one desire overtopped them all and swallowed them up. His one desire was for communion and fellowship with God. "One thing have I desired, and that will I seek after, that I might dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." In another place it is expressed in this language, "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the living God."

It is a good thing not only to think of God occasionally, but to

long for and desire Him intensely and continually. This is a good test of our relation to Him. It shows clearly that the heart is in the right place. One man may truly say, "My one desire is to be rich." Another might say as truly, "It is my one aim to be a great scholar." This proves conclusively that these men are of the earth earthy. But if we can truly say, "It is the supreme desire of my heart to draw near to God, to know more of him, to enter into more intimate fellowship with him in thought, word, deed and sacrifice," then we may know assuredly that our heart is right with God.

"Nearer, my God to Thee!

Nearer to Thee,

E'en though it be a cross,

That raiseth me;

Still all my song shall be,

Nearer, my God to Thee,

Nearer to Thee!"



The causes of the Welsh revival are three: first and infinitely the greatest is the sovereignty of the Spirit; secondly, the Welsh people are saturated with the knowledge of Scriptures, and thirdly, for two years they have been praying earnestly all through the land for a revival. They did not say, "Go to." We will have a great revival and proceed to organize an evangelistic convention. They prayed in their closets, they have no machinery and the Sovereign Holy Spirit is answering their prayers. Revivals cannot be worked up.

Subscribe now for the *Kentucky Mission Monthly*. Send 25 cents in stamps and get the paper one year.

#### BALANCE OF DECEMBER RECEIPTS.

W. M. Society, First church, Lexington, per Miss Sallie E. Adams, \$10; Long Run Ass'n, Clifton ch., per H. O. Weiland, \$123.94; Blood River Ass'n, per H. B. Taylor, \$50; Campbell Co., Newport ch., per Leslie R. Clark, \$37; Wayne Co. Ass'n, Steubenville ch., per Thomas Dodson, \$1.40; Long Run Ass'n, Glenview ch., per M. P. Edwards, \$5; Book Sales, per J. W. Bodine, \$14.10; Long Run Association, Broadway ch., per T. J. Humphreys, \$270; Long Run Association, German ch., per A. Janzen, \$14; total for December, \$1,766.32.

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