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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 always, 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 Judea, 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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REV. JOHN ADAM AND THE
CHESTNUT RIDGE CHURCH.

By Henry Alford Porter.

The Reverend James Green was called to the pastorate of the Chestnut Ridge Baptist church. Now Chestnut Ridge meeting-house, with its tiny parsonage, was miles away from a railway station, and farther still from a town. The salary offered was ridiculously small and Mr. Green felt a little indignant that a church should expect to get a "Seminary man" at any such figure. He had just been graduated from the Seminary, and expected a call to some field worthy of his talent and culture, and wide enough to furnish scope for his gifts. Friends had "mentioned" him to a number of desirable churches and he would doubtless hear from some of them soon. His first impulse was abruptly to decline the Chestnut Ridge call, but instead he took ample time to "consider" it. No other call came, however, and his wife reminded him of the empty purse and the debt that would fall due all too soon, and advised him to accept this call, believing that "something better" would come their way before long. And Mr. Green was constrained to accept.

He moved his wife and baby into the little parsonage and at once began the endeavor to adjust things to his ideas. He spent much time in his study and preached very able sermons. He suggested to the officers, the need of new front steps at the church, and of a back porch and fresh coat of paint at the parsonage. He met the people graciously, but omitted no opportunity to remind them that he could not call upon them, as he had no horse. He daily watched the mail for the summons to "something better,"

and in the secret counsels of his own heart told himself that it was not worth while for him to attempt any systematic, aggressive work with this church, as he should not be there long enough to carry any large plans to completion.

And it came to pass that six months from the beginning of his pastorate the Reverend James accepted a call to another church, but alas! to another country church, and one in no way more attractive than Chestnut Ridge. The call to "something better" had not come.

At Chestnut Ridge there was great unhappiness. Some said that "they" had not used Mr. Green rightly. "They" had not been prompt in paying his salary, small as it was, and "they" had never appreciated his beautiful sermons. "They" could not expect to keep a pastor that way. Others said that he had not made himself one with his people. He had made no effort to visit them or to enter into the life of the community; he seemed to feel himself above them. He preached well enough, but his hand was cold and limp when you shook it. Altogether, the church was in a most uncomfortable state, and it was many months before they could get together enough to consider a "candidate" for the vacant pulpit.

At length, however, in a stormy business meeting, it was decided to extend a call to the Reverend John Adam to supply their pulpit six months. It was matter of keen regret that they were unable to offer a salary that would secure a man of more experience and reputation, and they heartily wished there was some man available who was not fresh from the Seminary. But their financial condition and the absence of more desirable "candidates" seemed to shut them up to Bro. Adam.

The new minister came, bringing his wife and babies. He was pleased with the cozy parsonage, and thought the situation of the church ideal. He intended to see them all in their homes as soon as he could get around, and would be glad if any of them could sometimes lend him a horse to enable him to reach the most distant families. A homely trellis sprang up over the back door of the parsonage, and before the heat of summer had arrived a dense shade of morning glories covered it. A fine vegetable garden, guiltless of weeds, and artistic beds of bright-hued flowers awakened the admiration of the thrifty farmers and went far toward establishing intimate relations between pastor and people. The pastor was not accessible to all who called at the parsonage, but an early morning walk or an unexpected chance to ride often brought him to their doors with his hearty greetings. It was a positive joy to have him happen along just as the churning was finished and to give him a drink of fresh buttermilk, or to see him coming up the lane as the men washed for dinner and have him come in and share the noonday meal. His people were not quite sure when he studied, but they knew his sermons throbbed with love and sympathy and understanding of their lives and needs, and though his hand was softer than their own there was strength and magnetism in its grip. When he had been among them a month people said, "He seems as much at home as though he had lived here all his life." When he had been there two months they said, "Strange that when he was called for only six months he should be making such plans and undertaking such heavy work. One would think he expected to stay here the rest of his life." Quietly, almost imperceptibly, there began to grow up in the church new interests and new activities, and new methods and organization were introduced to fit them. There was no revolution, but a steady evolution. At the end of six months the

church said, "We couldn't get along without him."

Time went by and Brother Adam and his people grew together. The membership doubled and trebled. The church and parsonage became the center of the social, as well as the spiritual, life of the community. Both were early enlarged and beautified. Missionary offerings increased by multiplication, the church became self-supporting, and more than once voluntarily and generously increased the pastor's salary. People coming from neighboring communities observed that the roads radiating from Chestnut Ridge church were the best in the county, and the district school half a mile away soon became noted as the best school in all the region, and after a few years it was discovered that the very place for the new County High School was Chestnut Ridge. "The most progressive and intelligent community in the State," was the comment of visitors whom business or pleasure brought to "the Ridge."

By and by the wave of unrest and change broke over Chestnut Ridge. A leading member of the church sold his farm and moved away. The purchaser was a German and a Lutheran, but the Reverend John and his people, by their genuine friendliness, quickly won the family to attendance upon the Baptist services, and when a few months later the transaction was repeated and another German family came in it was easy to win them also. Then a man of large fortune from a distant city bought a number of farms. The former owners moved away and tenants, some of them "desirable citizens," some of them not so desirable, few of them Christians, and many of them foreigners, came to take their places. The church felt the blow seriously. Most of its "pillars" were now gone, and to some of the remaining members it seemed as if the whole structure were tottering to its fall.

But their strong-hearted pastor knew how to meet reverses and to turn defeat

into victory. He had trained his people to be missionaries in heart. They not only gave liberally to send the Gospel to pagan lands and to supply the frontier with missionaries, but they thankfully embraced the opportunity for service which came to their door. They loved the tenants and their children into the church and Sunday School. In view of the loss of so many of their most liberal givers, those who remained increased their subscriptions and redoubled their efforts to sustain the work of their beloved church. The wealthy landlord became impressed with the worth of the work the church was doing in the community, recognizing that it added thousands of dollars to the value of his property, and gave generously to its treasury. That country church, with its far-seeing pastor, by dint of consecrated common sense and faithfulness, remained the center and light of the community, and the waters of the beautiful hillside pool were often troubled by those who thus testified their faith in a risen Lord.

Now Brother Adam was human. He had his times of—well, if not discouragement, at least depression. There were times when the cause seemed to be losing ground, and the labor of years appeared to be well-nigh fruitless. There were moonless nights when, out under the beech tree beyond the graveyard, he groaned out his sense of failure and unworthiness and told his Lord he would go away and leave this glorious opportunity to some one who was great enough and good enough to use it. There were times, too, when he hungered for privileges and associations which the country did not furnish him; when he seriously considered some unexpected call from a distant city. But somehow he remained at Chestnut Ridge.

Brother Adam was a progressive pastor; therefore his were a progressive people. They believed in vacations, even for country preachers, and the pastor made many little journeys out into the world

of men and things. And it was some of the things he learned in these journeys that kept him in heart and courage when the days were darkest. He went down to Louisville and found one of his young men superintendent of a prominent Sunday School, and another deacon in a large church. He found two Chestnut Ridge boys in the Seminary preparing for the ministry, one of them under appointment as a missionary to the foreign field. He found one of the Chestnut Ridge girls in the Missionary Training School, and another of them teaching a great Philathea class. He went West, and in one of the wonderful young cities of the prairies he found one of his boys a leading banker, superintendent of the Sunday School of the largest church in the State, a deacon in the church and the best-loved man in the city. In various parts of the great West he found many Chestnut Ridge boys and girls in banks, offices, schools, stores, factories and homes, and everywhere they "rose up to call him blessed" and to thank him for his faithful teaching in the Gospel and training in Christian service. He went back content to go on training men and women to become pillars in the churches of this wide land and light-bearers to the ends of the earth, believing that his was an enviable opportunity in the kingdom of God.

Louisville, Ky.

The Baptists in Kentucky gave this last year to our State work, missions, Sunday School and colportage work and church building, \$48,664.23. We spent for these purposes \$47,196.01, leaving a balance on hand, all in church building fund, of \$1,468.22. Some amounts from other funds are due to State Missions, but the amount for missionaries and colportage is overdrawn and our friends will please send forward promptly funds for our State work. The churches of Kentucky put into Home Missions last year \$23,641.39 and in the Foreign Missions \$37,527.54. The total of all our gifts

to missions the past year, was \$109,358.45 an increase of \$23,412.51 over the previous year. This speaks volumes for our faithful pastors and mission workers and the women who "labor with us in the gospel." Our very success demands that we plan for greater things the present year. We must plan and pray that our people may increase at least \$25,000. Kentucky has been increasing her offerings in a commendable way for ten years. We received in this office during the month of April \$36,278.50 for missions. That is \$6,039.78 more than was given during the entire year in 1899. We are forging to the front at a commendable rate. Let us all remember our marching orders and think, act and go forward. We are far from the goal.

An Evangelist should be grave, sincere, earnest, enthusiastic and free from affectation and eccentricity. He should prayerfully avoid hobbies and fads. He must preach the strong doctrines of grace, if the hearts of sinners are to be broken. He should enjoy the full confidence of the banker and butcher, and must not make too much of the financial side of his work.

The Convention week was home-coming week for hundreds of bright Kentucky women, who had married theologues. Many of these exiles will return to our loved State to locate.

Missionary J. T. Stamper and W. P. Taylor held a meeting recently at Cumberland mines and arranged for the organization of a church. They will locate Bro. Taylor as pastor.

It is not the duty of a State Secretary to collect money but to induce the churches to give it. When we teach a church to contribute, we establish conditions that make it a self-propagating and self-perpetuating force in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

WHEELBARROW BAPTISTS.

These are Baptists who have to be pushed along if you get any service from them for the cause of Christ.

Reader, are you that kind of a member or preacher? Do you pay on pastor's salary, missions, etc., when you are pushed, or do you keep everlastingly at it because you are not your own, but belong to Him who said, "Freely ye have received, freely give"?

Do you attend church services, prayer-meeting and Sunday School because you are pushed or because you love the sanctuary and all its blessed services?

Do you have to be pushed to secure your attendance at committee meetings and denominational gatherings or do you go impelled by an enthusiastic interest in all phases of the Lord's work? The Bible pronounces fearful denunciations and curses upon wheel-barrow Baptists, who, like Meroz, come not up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

You ought to be like an aeroplane of which we hear so much at present; it moves itself, and do not be like a balloon that must be moved by external influences. If you are regenerated there is power within that always move you to action. "If any one have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

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There is no end to the work of a State Secretary. He needs and craves the prayers of all. It is highly possible that his work neither satisfies himself nor his constituency. His work has to be planned and as far as possible systematized.

Letters must be answered and filed; missionaries must be paid; receipts must be sent to contributing churches and individuals promptly, etc., but if he stay at the seat of custom all the while he is classed with "publicans and sinners." He has enough calls to hold protracted meetings and to dedicate houses of worship to keep him busy all the while. He must go among the churches and the people if he is to succeed. He must attend Associations and Conventions. Brethren, be patient with the Secretary.

OUR BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

These are receiving special attention as never before. Mission study classes are being formed, more vitality is being shown in our B. Y. P. U. work. Our great principles and our noble heritage must be taught to our young people if we are to create a denominational spirit among them. The increase in our mission force and in our treasury receipts is no doubt traceable to the increasing activity among our young people under the direction of wise and sympathetic pastors. The enthusiasm one detects in many congregations is to be accounted for by the growing interest in our Baptist work, Baptist principles and Baptist history.

Brother Sledge is now in Prestonsburg, but does not know when he may be recalled to the bedside of his sick mother.

The pay-roll of the State Board requires more than \$2,500 monthly for State Missions. After July 1st it will no doubt be \$3,000 per month. Pastors and churches will please remember this and

take collections for State Missions and remit promptly.

VICTORY OR DEFEAT.

Through the year our difficulties and anxieties and possibly our want of faith have often led us to ask: "Lord, shall we have victory or defeat in our great work in Kentucky. God has graciously given us a mighty victory. We have had some five thousand additions to our churches, through the labors of our faithful State workers. There has been on their part activity, consecration and enlargement which have produced tremendous results for all departments of our work. It has grown, spread and deepened. Let there be but one aim, one motive and one purpose before us and let that be for a mighty victory through Christ Jesus our glorious Head. Fellow-worker, look up and cheer up—the kingdom is coming!

Unexpansive, insular, omissions churches are doomed to fail, just as Victor Hugo says of Napoleon's downfall at Waterloo, "Was it because of Wellington? No. Because of Blucher? No. Because of God." Likewise churches wanting the Shepherd heart and the obedient spirit will fail because God will place a curse upon them.

The day of destructive criticism is waning.

Coveteousness is as much idolatry today as it was when Paul defined it to be such.

The preacher who wins souls is a man of convictions. Negative preaching is never effective.

The Holy Spirit is the great dynamic power in God's kingdom. Well did David pray, "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me."

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A MESSAGE TO STATE SECRETARIES.

By M. P. Hunt.

Brethren, you have at once my congratulations and my sympathy. In the eyes of the many, yours in a sinecure. The few that do know and understand, see the reverse side of the picture. They are wont to tell us that amid all the varying shifts of life there runs a law of compensation. It is a matter of congratulation that losses and gains do often mutually offset each other. However, the temperament, habits, likes and dislikes of the individual are factors of the first moment in reckonings of this character.

As I see it, the real, the God-called and God-anointed peacher, the man who has the shepherd heart, the student habit and who is withal a lover of home (and only such furnish the material for great secretaries) is called upon to make sacrifices in becoming a secretary that are by no means compensated for by the advantages peculiar to his office. It is my deliberate judgment that no secretary will ever prove an eminent success who is not in his office out of a conviction of duty, and at a conscious sacrifice. Only men thus thoroughly imbued will sufficiently

die to self for God to get their ears and lay upon their hearts the real needs and possibilities of the Kingdom.

I once fancied that I was fore-ordained and predestinated to secretarial service. My brethren were slower than myself in making the discovery; but eventually my day came, and with visions of which I am now ashamed, I said good-by to the prosaic and unappreciated life of a pastor. Six weeks were enough to open my eyes. The hunger of the Israelites for the fleshpots of Egypt was as naught compared with my longings to again share the privileges of a pastor. In the pastorate I had worried over the small and irregular attendance at prayer meeting, the unfaithfulness of teachers in the Sunday School, the lack of hearty and sustained support on the regular preaching services, and the frailties of the members in general. As a secretary I congratulated myself that I was done with such worries, and that now it would be mine at least to visit some of the truly great churches of which I had often read, with an all but envious eye; but the like of which it had never been mine to be pastor of.

Having long desired to see my ideal, I arranged for my first six weeks among those churches whose fame had gone out over the land. Imagine my chagrin to find that somehow, without exception, every church I visited, it just happened to be an off-day with them. Haven't you noticed, brethren, how that somehow or other things are never just at normal the day you visit a church? Congregations are off, and things are not just what you had been led to expect, and the pastor feels impelled to apologize and explain. The conviction soon dawned on me that the only place to look for a perfect church is in the news columns of our religious press. Some of them do show up grandly there, and if you do not want to be disillusionized, you had better stay off the field.

Returning after an absence of six

weeks, for a Sunday with my old charge they were more than gracious to me. They turned out well, the deacons had me meet with them for counsels, the people in general were kind and sympathetic, and I tell you frankly that I was made to wonder that I had ever found it in my heart to think meanly of them, or to leave them, for now they did by far outshine anything I had come in touch with in my tour among the supposedly great churches of the land.

I am confident that you, every one, understand what I am talking about. Oh, if all but understood the problems and difficulties of the other, how changed would be the situation.

One crying evil with us today is that the average pastor does not know when he is well situated. This is largely due to the fulsome reports that appear from time to time. Secretaries, in going about can and doubtless do, do much to dispel the illusion as to the better place just over the way. Pastors need to be made to feel that they merit no better place than they themselves can make. Instead of itching for a change, to escape some long-horned deacon or long-tongued sister, or to get away from a hard and difficult field, let a pastor consecrate his splendid gifts to the bringing of his charge up to a state of prosperity commensurate with his ability.

I asked to see the head of one of our great business concerns in Louisville the other day. I was carried up to the fourth story and found my man in a small but well-lighted room, surrounded by tables and papers. He was making calculations and dictating to a stenographer. The attendant said very graciously to me, "Please be brief, sir; the boss is very busy." We should all remember that men in important positions are busy men, do not steal their time. One is supposed to be in his office strictly for business. The friendly visit

should either be brief or made in the home.

A father remarked about an overgrown son, the other day: "The boy is chuck full of fine work, but I am unable to get it out of him." So we say of many Sunday Schools and B. Y. U.'s. We must vitalize and energize them. They must be surcharged with the missionary spirit. We will never enlist them until they are informed. Our literature, our mid-summer assemblies, conventions and the legitimate use of gospel means will help us to develop, direct and utilize this great power for the spread of the kingdom.

Evangelist N. F. Jones has gone to Alabama with his wife, who must undergo a serious operation. The Lord be with them and restore the dear wife to wonted health.

There should be a large attendance at our General Association in Ashland. Many important questions will be discussed and the body should be a representative one. Churches should send their pastors and a few representative members. Let prayer be made for God's guidance in all that is done. Bro. H. B. Taylor wisely suggests that the time of meeting be changed to November.

We plead for a collection for missions each month from every Baptist Sunday School in Kentucky.

Several District Boards are arranging to take one of our excellent State Evangelists for three or four months to develop destitution and weak churches in their bounds. We are glad to make such arrangements. If you need a missionary write to us. Churches and pastors desiring the services of one of our evangelists for a meeting this summer or fall should write to them at once. Many have dates far ahead.

“I MUST.”

The life of Jesus was crowded with “doing good.” One Sabbath day in Nazareth, because of their unbelief, there was a change until Christ saw a blind beggar, as he was about to be forced to leave his home town through the willful blindness of the people. The sight stirred the great purpose underlying his life, and instead of answering the idle question, “whose sin,” he announced those burning words, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.” He followed these noble words with the deed. So must we. Evangelist, Missionary and Corporter, your success or failure depends on your possessing or lacking the constraining force which Jesus found in the words, “I must work the works of him that sent me.” Often men will resent the pungent preaching of sound doctrine as they did with him, but do not feel that you must devise something new that will please men’s itching ears; but preach the pure gospel, though men in rage drive you from your home town as they did Jesus. Do not spend your time on vain questions as to “whose sin,” but stick to “I must, etc.”

We have a Master, a Message and a Ministry. Let each one say in his heart I must be a true minister of Jesus Christ and work the works of Him that sent me.” Stick to your job.

The State Board has spent a large sum this year trying to promote the interests of our Sunday School cause. The efficiency of our schools must be increased.

The study of the Bible and the study of missions go hand in hand. Our Sunday School literature must be saturated with mission facts.

A busy Christian is seldom troubled with doubts.

God has given us splendid results the past year, but let us pray for greater achievements during the year upon which we have entered. Let us never be satisfied with ourselves or our work.

If you will walk into one of the great commercial establishments of our magnificent city, you will find that the busiest man in the establishment is not the porter or the head book-keeper or the head of this or that department, or the buyer, or the head of the advertising department, or the collector, whose position depends on faithful and painstaking diligence in their respective spheres, but the busiest of all men you will find to be Mr. Lewis or Mr. Belknap or Mr. Straus. They are compelled to work even after others have gone to their homes, not through fear of losing their position but through realizing their responsibility. So it should be with missionaries and evangelists. The State Board sends you forth believing you to be men of God. No one has any disposition to be “bossy,” but you must work the works of Him that sent you. You are not to loiter; you must not mix in politics or questions foreign to your work.

We want you to win souls to Christ. you must teach young converts to observe to do all things which Christ has commanded and in a discreet way you will help us secure funds to carry on the Lord’s work in Kentucky. Stay close to the pastor, be careful how you criticize him or your fellow workers. The Lord give us all a double portion of His good Spirit.

Brother Hardin has raised \$400 for the building of a Baptist church at Bear Creek, near Prestonsburg.

Bro. Stamper reports that a Presbyterian minister has joined Pleasant Ridge church. A council has been called to consider the propriety of ordaining him

The Holy Rulers, with headquarters in Wisconsin and Michigan, are disturbing the saints in certain sections of Kentucky. Their chief prophetess is Ann O'Delia Dis de Bar, with a police record extending to and across Europe. They teach a young convert to lie down in a great hall and roll over until he rolls the devil out of himself. Some people love to be duped, for these people are making converts and buying valuable property. This does not argue that the old gospel has run its course but that those who follow these vagaries are often more to be pitied than censured. The remedy is to preach the pure gospel of God's dear Son.

ABOUT OUR BOYS.

The great enterprise of the churches is the Missionary enterprise. It is the "King's business" and too long have we delayed haste in the doing of it. The commission given to Baptists requires all the disciples "to go making other disciples" all at it—always at it—"everywhere." We bless God that so many of our people are praying and working, and giving for the redemption of the world. How fine it is that we are waking up and organizing our forces for a forward movement all along the line. Splendid indeed are our Woman's Missionary Societies, and our Young Women's Auxiliaries, and our Sunbeam Bands, and our Laymen's Movement. These are great agencies in the churches for bringing in the kingdom. In work with the Sunbeams, it has been discovered that boys cannot be held and interested in that sort of work much beyond the age of fourteen. Jesus said as a boy, "I must be about my Father's business." My heart has often ached at the thought of the loss to the Master and His cause, and to the boys themselves, through not having them enlisted in definite work. Boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen have been neglected. Our denominational

scheme provides for the passing of the girl from the Sunbeam Band into the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and from the Young Woman's Auxiliary into the Woman's Missionary Society, thus furnishing definite work and training for her entire life. It is proposed that like attention be given our boys, passing them from the Sunbeam Band, when twelve or fourteen years of age, into a society that shall do for them what the Y. W. A. is doing for our girls.

The organization which has been provided is the "Royal Ambassadors." It is no longer an experiment, having passed that stage. It has made good with the boys in many churches already. It works. New and interesting plans will be given right along, and the boys will find themselves delighted. As one of the especial objects of interest for this year we make mention of what will be known as the "Boys' Building Fund." This will have a place in each "Chapter" and money will be given from time to time. At the next Convention reports will be sent in, and the "Chapter" reporting the largest amount of money, will be presented with a flag bearing the name of "Chapter" and "Church." This money is to be afterward turned over to the "Church Building Fund." With an earnest, consecrated leader, much can be accomplished and our boys trained for service.

Do you love God? Do you love souls? Do you love boys? Do you want to know more about the plan for organizing them in this kind of work? If you do, write to Mrs. S. H. Bennett, 107 East Fourth street, Newport, Ky. She is the State Leader of the Royal Ambassadors and will take great pleasure in sending you full information, model constitution, etc., and if necessary go to your assistance and help you to organize the boys in your church.

Do it now!

Gambling is one of the greatest sins of this age.

Woman's Department.

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OUR WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department has been ably edited by Mrs. Mary E. Tyler and Mrs. Mary Knight Sheley, who have resigned, and we have placed a page at the disposal of the Central Committee of the W. M. U.

We appreciate the work done by Sisters Tyler and Sheley, and we shall be glad to have them contribute to our columns. Our paper is small and we wish to make it useful and instructive, fomenting the cause of missions in the State we love best.

Will our friends kindly help us to circulate it among the people?

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF KENTUCKY.

In taking charge of these pages, the Central Committee wish to thank the editor for giving us this opportunity of spreading the news of the kingdom. We would also express our gratitude to the former editors of the woman's page, who have paved the way for us, and have done good service by enthusiastic and devoted efforts.

What have Kentucky women done in the past year? The reports show for Foreign Missions, \$7,915.67; Home Missions, \$3,948.92; S. S. Board, \$24.67; Margaret Home, \$100; Training School support, \$450 and endorsements, \$905.81; Colored Missionary, \$70; Mountain Schools, \$1125.69; and for the State Mission Board, \$1,305.04, a total with boxes of \$19,144.70. The colored missionary's salary ran through only nine

months of the year, and we fell short \$20, which must be made up.

What are we trying to give this year? Our apportionment is: Foreign Missions, \$9,800; Home Missions, \$6,000; S. S. Board (Bible Fund), \$130; Margaret Home, \$100; Training School, support, \$450, endowment, \$1,000; colored missionary, \$120; and for State Missions and mountain schools all that we can give.

All these various sums will be apportioned out to the Associations by Miss Lamb, and the vice president of each Association will apportion them to the societies. That means that each society will try to give what is asked of it, and if one falls short, perhaps another can give more, or a new society will be started that will help to bring up the amount given by that Association. And let us press towards the mark, rejoicing that we have a share in the high calling of Jesus Christ to bring the lost to a knowledge of a Saviour.

What is the best time to give? Right now. By all means do not wait for a more convenient season, but begin now to pay your dues and to save money or make money for the special collections. A dozen missionaries could have been supported with the interest paid by the Foreign Mission Board on borrowed money last year. It was borrowed to pay salaries of missionaries, because all over our land men and women held back their mission money until later in the year. Let us make this first quarter a time of rejoicing to our Boards by paying promptly our part and reminding treasurers to send it on without delay.

To whom shall the money be sent? To Miss Willie Lamb, Box 396, Louisville, Ky. She is the secretary and treasurer of our W. M. U. of Kentucky, and is very accurate in the reports, and careful to forward the money in good time to the

various boards. Keep her receipts and show them to your church treasurer when making your quarterly reports to him. But some one asks, "Why not pay the money through my church treasurer or District Association's treasurer?" Because few men will care to keep account of the many items of our work. If you give him a dollar for one object, five dollars for another, and so on, he may keep all of it straight, but it is more likely he will put it together, or send it to the Boards without designation. Then how can your reports to Miss Lamb ever be reconciled with the money received? The more experienced church treasurer will say, "Send your money to Miss Lamb, with a report giving all the items and then give me the total report of what you have contributed to each board."

In this way your church gets full credit for what the society gives, and at the same time there is no difficulty in keeping our books straight. The Woman's Missionary Society is only one part of the church, at work in its own way, but reporting fully to the church, and reaching its greatest usefulness only when it has the hearty co-operation of the pastor and the whole church.

The Annual Meeting at Ashland.

On Tuesday, June 22nd, will be held the regular annual meeting of our W. M. U. of Kentucky, and every society is requested to send a delegate. We meet in connection with the General Association, but not wishing to be kept away from its sessions, ours will be held the day before, while the minister's meeting is in progress. Two sessions will be held, morning and afternoon, beginning at 9 a. m. On Wednesday, from 9 to 10 a. m., a conference will be held of vice presidents and members of Central Committee who are present. Here reports will be made and plans discussed. A full and interesting programme is being prepared and we are looking forward with much

pleasure to making the acquaintance of this portion of our State.

The Training School Commencement.

June 1st was the date of the second commencement of this dearly loved institution, and six young ladies became graduates, twice as many as last year. Several of these go out very soon to foreign fields, the others will do good service in our own land. Nine others received certificates for successful work in the first year's course; others did well in the classes they undertook, but had been unable to take all that were needed to receive a certificate, whether from lack of preparation before coming or of sufficiently robust health. It is noteworthy that some improve in health while here, and one young lady remarked that though subject to colds, she had not had one serious cold during the session. The trained nurse does much in the direction of that prevention which is so far easier than cure, in many cases, both by her lectures and watchful care. And the beloved principal, Mrs. McLure, gives her girls the devotion and constant attention of the most prudent and intelligent mother or elder sister. Marching in procession at the head of the school, her look of fond pride was well worn.

E. S. BROADUS.

BALANCE OF APRIL RECEIPTS.

Journals as follows: Miss Lena Alexande, 60c; F. Hardin, \$1; B. E. Bostic, 60c; Ms. Jennie Bunch, \$1.20; John H. Davis, 60c; S. M. McCarter, \$3.60; Mrs. M. G. Hatcher, 60c; Rev. H. D. Rice, 50c; W. D. Major, \$5; D. W. Owens, 60c; J. W. McQueen, 60c; Mrs. Burgess, Howard, 25c; W. A. Durham, \$3.95; W. J. Puckett, \$1.20. Book Sales as follows: H. C. Davis, \$1.75; F. N. Jones, \$1.45; G. F. Davisson, 46c; L. S. Sanders, 5c; Miss Grace White, 10c; W. B. Crumpton, \$5. Central Committee, per Miss Willie Lamb, \$102.50. Individuals as follows: By a friend, \$5; Mrs. Evan Rog-

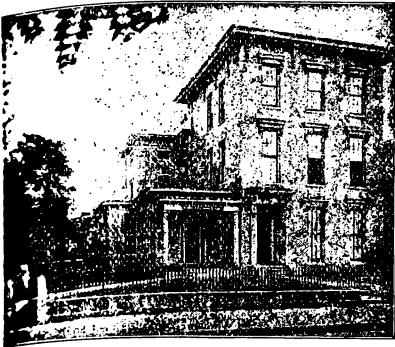
ers, \$1,000. W. M. U. Societies, Smith's Grove, per Mrs. G. C. Garman, \$2; Ladies' Aid of Twelfth St. ch., per N. F. Jones, \$5; Young Ladies' Aid, Campbellsville ch., per J. S. Gatton, \$2.50; Ladies' Aid of Campbellsville ch., per J. S. Gatton, \$4; Ladies' Mis. Soc. of Glasgow ch., per J. L. Bryan, \$50; Married Women of Baptist Theological Seminary, per G. W. Light, \$8.47; First ch., Lexington, per Sallie E. Adams, \$15; Ladies of Louisville, per Mrs. Geo. Lewis, \$20; Garnering Circle of W. Chestnut St. ch., per Mrs. R. H. Geiger, \$1; Taylorsville, per Dr. J. A. Booth, \$43.55; Adairville, per T. H. Baird, \$75; First ch., Bowling Green, per Mrs. B. F. Proctor, \$5; Burksville, per Annie R. Young, \$24.70; Woman's Working Class, Munfordsville ch., per Madge Compton, \$1.20; Ladies' Aid Silent Grove ch., per Miss Hallie Neagle, \$5.95; Union Band ch., per L. B. Skiles, \$8.15. Home Board, \$386.64. By General collection, per W. J. Mahoney, \$16.75. Baptist Church Extension Ass'n, per C. C. Early, \$24.57. B. B. Band as follows: Miss Maggie Kuhnheim's Class, Newport ch., per Miss Leora Wood, \$1; per John Steele, \$5; per R. R. Noel, \$3. Total for month, \$36,278.50.

RECEIPTS FOR MAY.

Bethel Ass'n, Auburn ch., per C. C. Daves, \$2. Bracken Ass'n, Sharpsburg ch., per T. J. Allen, \$75; Mt. Olivet ch., per W. T. Kenton, \$2.82; Mt. Sterling ch., per J. R. Reynolds, \$10; Olive Hill ch., per J. R. Reynolds, \$25. Blackford Ass'n, Crestnut Grove ch., per A. E. Wohlbold, \$18; Hawesville ch., per R. A. Barnes, \$8.56. Crittenden Ass'n, Crittenden ch., per Ira W. Bird, \$20; Williamstown S. S., per Dr. F. M. Clinkscapes, \$4.10; Short Creek ch., per W. D. Powell, \$16;; Short Creek ch., per Elmer E. Ewing, \$425.22. Campbell Co. Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per W. A. Manser, \$54. Edmonson Ass'n, per Silas Funks, \$30; Silent Grove ch., per N. F. Jones, \$2.30; Bownsville ch., per N. F. Jones,

\$6.60. Elkhorn Ass'n, Nicholasville ch., per Malcom Thompson, \$10; First ch., Lexington, per Malcom Thompson, \$7; Mt. Vernon ch., per Malcom Thompson, \$200. Graves Co. Ass'n, Farmington ch., per T. A. Cross, \$8.32. Green River Ass'n, Clear Spring ch., per N. F. Jones, \$2.30. Long Run Ass'n, Pewee Valley ch., per Mr. Walker, \$5; Eleventh and Jeffersons Sts. Mission, per B. F. Kimbrough, \$2.06; East ch., per J. C. Shouse, \$15; Lyndale, per S. E. Reed, \$4; Calvary, per W. H. Johnson, \$22.45; Lyndale S. S., per W. H. Rowland, \$2.20; Pewee Valley ch., per J. M. Kirk, \$95; Elk Creek ch., per A. R. Crutcher, \$16; Walnut St. ch., per L. M. Render, \$25; Broadway ch., per T. J. Humphreys, \$482.50. Little River Ass'n, First ch., Eddyville ch., per C. W. Chandoin, \$25. Logan Co. Ass'n, Mt. Pleasant ch., per D. P. Browning, \$63.26. Liberty Ass'n, Glasgow Junction ch., per J. R. Brunson and E. S. Cornelius, \$11. Muhlenberg Co. Ass'n, per Ed. S. Wood, \$207.50. North Bend Ass'n, First ch., Covington, per F. P. Gates, \$15; Latonia ch., per T. M. Swindler, \$10. Ohio Valley Ass'n, New Hope ch., per S. D. Harris, \$5; Hebardsville ch., per H. M. Ball, \$8.31. Russell's Creek Ass'n, Greensburg ch., per S. M. McCarter, \$2. Rockcastle Ass'n, Mt. Vernon ch., per R. A. Barnes, \$54.50. Salem Ass'n, Brandenburg ch., per W. D. Ashcraft, \$5. Severn's Valley Ass'n, White Mills ch., per Maec C. Vick, \$8.80. Ten-Mile Ass'n, Ten-Mile ch., per L. C. White, \$10. Union Ass'n, Falmouth ch., per O. B. Gayle, \$21. West Union Ass'n, LaCenter ch., per W. D. Hines, \$10.90; First ch., Paducah, per J. R. Puryear, \$50. White's Run Ass'n, Cove Hill ch., per J. C. Burkett, \$3.10. Wayne Co. Ass'n, Cedar Hill ch., per R. C. Kimble, 2.75. B. B. Band, Miss Maggie Kuhnheim's S. S. Class, Newport ch., per Miss Leora Wood, \$1; per R. R. Noel, \$4. Book Sales as follows: P. H. Kennedy, \$1.50; T. P. Edwards, \$3; G. F. Davison, \$5.40; J. B.

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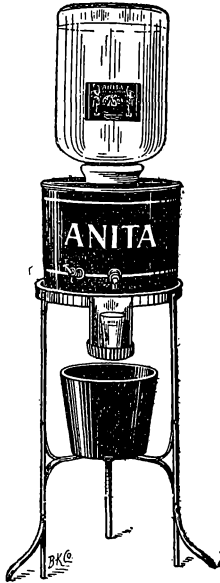
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