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heard that, said. This man calleth for E-li'as. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filed it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drintm, nest said Let ho

derink. 49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether E-Ir'as will come to save him. 50 ¶ Je'sus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded upthe ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the graves were opened; and nany bodies of the saints which slept arrose, arose

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58 He went to PT'late, and begged the body of Je<sup>2</sup>sus. Then PT'late commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Jö'seph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

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60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and the rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.
61 And there was Mä'ry Mäg-da-lē'nē, and the other Mä'ry, sitting over against the sepulchre.
62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Phär'isees came together unto Pl'late, 63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive. After three days I will rise again.
64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him way, and say unto the people, He is rism from the deat: So the last error shall be worse than the first.
65 Prigte said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and set-ting a watch.

CHAPTER 28. 1 The resurrection. 16 Je-sus appears to his disci-

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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The condition of the Foreign Board is very trying. On the first of April it was found that the Board would need \$355,000 to close the Convention year without debt. Last year in April the Board received about \$280,000, so that to close this year without debt our people must raise \$75,000 more than they did in the same time last year. That is a little over 25 per cent additional. Surely we can do this, and it ought to be done. One reason that the obligation of the Board is so large is because the churches allowed the Board to close with a heavy debt last year, which has been accumulatall the time. We hope that there will be liberal giving all through April.

We rejoice to know that the missionaries in China have reported about 1,500 baptisms for 1910. There has never been anything like this before in the history of our work. Surely God is calling us to higher, holier effort.

One missionary in writing from the plague section where men and women are dying around him daily, and where everyone who becomes infected with the plague dies, writes to our Foreign Board and says: "I am glad I am here. I believe it is just where God wants me to be." It requires a spirit like this to make a good missionary.

We rejoice to see that so many of our people are adopting the system of tithing that is giving one-tenth of all their income to the Lord. Our Foreign Misison Journal has been giving for several months the experiences of those who have adopted this plan. No names are given, but those who have tried the plan rejoice as they tell of the blessings of God upon them. If all of our people would give one-tenth of their income regularly, there would be millions in the Lord's treasury for missions.

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW.

That our Home and Foreign Boards will present their greatest reports to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Jacksonville.

The goal set by the Convention was one million dollars for missions. Kentucky agreed to give of this amount \$32,000 for Home Missions and \$44,000 for Foreign Missions. Twenty thousand for each object remains to be gathered in by May 1st.

This demands large giving. Reader have you done your full duty? To save the situation and to avoid a calamitous debt will you not give a goodly sum?

Many Kentuckians have been rejoicing in the presence of Brother W. E. Sallee in the State. He returns from Kaifeng, China( where he has opened a new mission station. He with several other missionaries have just come home for a rest. We regret that they have to hear our wail of woe about debt on our mission work, and trust that by the first of May every dollar of indebtedness will be paid, and these noble missionaries will be cheered when they prepare to go back to their work by seeing more laborers go along with them.

A few years ago the cry was for men to go to the foreign field, now it is for support for those who have gone. Pastor show the people the deplorable state of those who live in heathen lands and that they are a people for whom Christ died. They need a clear-cut conviction of their duty to Christ and to a perishing world.

How many of our pastors will secure twenty-five new subscribers? Let us send you samples and envelopes. A postal card giving your address will bring them to you.

#### HOME MISSION NUGGETS.

Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary.

Your collection increase for Home Missions lengthens the lever that lifts the world.

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The Home Board needs \$40,000 more for Home Missions to finish its work than it received last year. As the collections up until April 1st were none larger than at the same date last year the \$40,000 additional must be raised in April, if at all.

How much will Kentucky Baptists do to aid the Home Board in its crisis toward raising during April \$40,000 more than it raised för Home Missions during April last year?

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The trouble with most of our missionary work is that we are trying to save America with our spare cash. Alas, more than 10,-000 Southern Baptist churches do not trouble even to give a cent of their spare cash! It is the rest of us who are giving even spare cash. The way we conduct our missionary enterprises for keeping our country for Christ reflects our devotion of God. It is marvelous how God blesses what little we do. Oh, that we would enlarge our vision and lead us to go at the work of saving America with something more than our spare cash!

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Crises are always coming. But there are now more crises whose only adequate solution is religious than ever in American history. To meet these crises with half-hearted lukewarmness is to invite failure and disaster for a regnant Christian spirit in our national life. The lamented T. T. Eaton once said to the Seminary students: "A Yankee-doodle religion is no match for total depravity." So a half-enlisted, halfcareless attitude toward the forces that Christianize society is no match for the spiritual crises created today by the intense materialistic life. May the Lord open the hearts of our people to see the imperative importance of large gifts to Home Missions now!

Are there not six churches in Kentucky that will give \$1,000 each to Home Missions. and twelve that will give \$500 each, and twenty-four that will give \$250 each, and fifty that will give \$100 each? Such giving should not be hard in these prosperous times. That would not be ten per cent of what the Baptists of Kentucky or of nearly any other Southern State have spent this year on automobiles alone. Such giving as that with the proportional liberality of the weaker churches would bring the Home Board to the Convention next month with every dollar of debt paid, and the prospect of a greatly enlarged work for the ensuing year.

The Home Mission Board needs a lot of money for doing its work. Southern Baptists ought to raise this year every dollar of the \$400,000 apportionment for Home Missions. A Baptist dollar spent in Home Missions or State Missions goes further than the dollar of any Christian denomination in America. There are a lot of Baptist dollars, but the relative number that we have been able to segregate for the purpose of creating moral and spiritual values is shamefully small. \$400,000 this year we ought to have, and we ought to raise a million dollars for Home Missions. We could spend every dollar of it wisely, and by expending it could create a spiritual atmos-. phere in the South that would make for the continued greatness of this section, whose most freasured heritage from the past is an idealism that remembered God and was too great to fall down before the golden calf of material wealth and worship at its incensate shrine.

Atlanta, Ga.

We must have more money for missions this year than we received last. Have you enlarged your gifts?

The pastors are leading us on to victory. They are the "keymen" to the mission situation. Talk missions, preach missions, pray missions and pay for missions.

Pastors and laymen desiring to attend the Southern Baptist Convention as delegates should send in their names at once.

#### KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AND HOME MISSIONS.

#### By M. E. Dodd, Home Board Vice President for Kentucky.

Kentucky Baptists; right royal, blueblooded, high-headed, fleet-footed, native born and imported Kentucky Baptists are uniting in heart and head and hand and going forward in their devotion and contributions to Home Missions. As we watch the onward going of things, and the fifteen States of the South composing the Southern Baptist Convention pass in review it makes Kentucky blood tingle with joy as we note that Kentucky Baptists have again stepped into third place among the States, the place they lost since 1907.

Reviewing the 76 District Associations of Kentucky, we find Long Run leading with \$3,535, Bethel \$1,804, Elkhorn \$1,451, all of which made a substantial increase over last year. Warren Association which stood in the hoonr roll above the \$1,000 mark last year dropped exactly \$100, falling to \$974. West Union comes close behind with \$897. Other Associations may have done as well but they unfortunately report all missions together.

It is disappointing that there are only three Associations in the State to give more than \$1,000 to Home Missions. There are several others that might reasonably strive for this high mark. There are several churches in the State that might be giving easily \$1,000 each to Home Missions. But not one had ever done it until this past Convention year when the First church, Paducah, stepped up and claimed this high honor.

The leading churches of the State as shown by the last District Association minutes contributed to Home Missions as follows: Broadway, Louisville, \$950, decrease; First, Paducah, \$690; increase; Williamsburg, \$600, increase; Walnut St., Louisville, \$531, increase; First, Bowling Green, \$515, decrease; First, Mayfield, \$497, increase; Danville, \$415, increase; Winchester, \$403, increase; Hopkinsville, \$403, decrease; Jellico, \$400, increase; Owensboor, First, \$338, increase; Twenty-sixth and Market, Louisville, \$377, increase. Murray church belongs in the list of the upper ten, but reporting all Missions in one lump sum, we do not know her exact amount. Twenty-second and Walnut, Louisville, Parkland, Louisville, and Third, Owensboro, were among the upper ten last year, but dropped out this year.

Kentucky Baptists are asked to give \$32, 000 to Home Missions this Convention year. This will be \$421 for each Association. \$17.85 for each church and 14 cents for each member. I know of one Association and of one church and of one member who will do theirs. Do you know of another?

Louisville, Ky.

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Our aim, one thousand subscribers for April.

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#### PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

These are times when our people must remember missions in the prayer meeting. Suitable subjects can be presented and the subject discussed in earnest, pithy talks. One can often enlist the indifferent by getting them to talk about missions and pray for missions. I do not cry "wolf," but I do plead for more prayer for our missionaries.

The duty of the whole church and the whole duty of the church is to give the whole gospel to the whole world as speedily as possible.

Interest in a cause is always conditioned upon acquaintance with it. Systematic missionary instruction is essential to systematic, enlarged giving. To awaken interest and enthusiasm lectures are very effective. We are expecting large returns from our distribution of literature on State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Read carefully all the letters and tracts we are sending you, brother pastor. It is all valuable and informing and we believe will help you to secure the best results.

We are noting how well our State missionaries are addressing themselves to the task of collecting funds for mission purposes.

We will gladly furnish mission tracts to those who wish them

We call your attention to the enlarged issue which conforms to our other Mission Journals. We trust you will appreciate our efforts in giving you more for your money by helping us to secure another thousand subscribers. We know you will, for we have counted on your liberality and you have always made good.

If those not subscribers receive our Monthly, that is a gentle hint that we would be pleased to have you subscribe. We would be glad to visit you thirteen times for 25 cents. Subscribe today.

Send us a dollar and give us four names to whom we can send the paper a year with your compliments. Who will do it?

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"Every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering."—Ex. 25:2.

A grave situation confronts Kentucky Baptists and the Lord God expects every one to do his full duty to Home and Foreign Missions. Nothing is more calamitous than a debt. It must not be. Be prompt. systematic and heroic in your giving. Concerted action will meet this challenge to our faith and loyalty. Help today!

"He which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully."—II. Cor. 9;6.

Will you create an atmosphere of success or a spirit of failure? Will you lift or lean?

"The tissue of the life to be

We weave with colors all our own,

And in the field of destiny

We reap as we have sown."

We appeal to the heroism of every patriot and the gratitude of every bloodbought soul.

The Home and Foreign Boards may well rejoice as they contemplate the mighty achievements of the past year. Their labors have been abundant in fruitage of good and we must meet the financial obligations resting upon them.

Our aim, One Thousand Subscribers for April.

#### MISSION MONTHLY.

#### OUR AIM, ONE THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS FOR APRIL.

#### SOME OF THE PROBLEMS BEFORE THE CO-OPERATIVE WORK.

#### C. C. Carroll.

The chiefest problem is getting the churches to realize the importance and significance of the co-operative work. There are 400 churches in the State without houses of worship. There are over 125,000 Baptists who are not in the Sunday School. There are three counties without a single resident Baptist preacher and averaging only one Baptist church, counting on outside help to come in and preach. The great Baptist forces in the State are as yet unaroused on the issue at stake. We have a great host but they are not quickened with the life of the Spirit of Missions. We need to arise and take Kentucky for Christ. We need intensive and extensive development.

Some of the Present Needs.

We still need \$20,000 Foreign Mission money which must come in in the next three weeks. We need \$21,000 Home Mission money which must come in in the next three weeks. The State Board is overdrawn \$4,-000.

Some of the Things We are Trying to Do. Raise \$44,000 for Foreign Missions.

Raise \$32,000 for Home Missions.

Raise \$40,000 for a permanent Home Board Church Building fund of \$500,000.

Raise \$40,000 for State Missions and \$10,000 for a State Church Building fund.

Systematise our work so as to give weekly as the Bible directs.

To get the Baptist host of the state in a prayerful, paying, co-operative, enthusiastic attitude toward Missions.

Some of the Opportunities.

We have the right way to do co-operative work.

We can do things in this right way if we will.

We have the strongest Christian force in the State.

We are strategically situated in the State.

God is abundantly blessing what we are doing.

The whole State is waking up to the new

life which is to be ours in the near future. Even while this is being written in the mountain regions the finest coal fields in the nation have been opened up. Already we have in the county-seats Pikesville, Prestonburg, Hazard, Louisa, Paintsville, Whitesburg and Harlan entered the field in advance of the progress of commercialism which with its millions is to build up that section of Kentucky. Under Grace we ought to occupy the ground.

Now is the time to take Kentucky for Christ. God says GO FORWARD.

The State Board joins with Boone's Creek in supporting the work at Irvine. The State Board helped there, but finding that but little could be done for the want of a suitable house of worship, it was abandoned. It is now proposed to go forward without loss of time.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S MONTHLY NOTES.

#### Louis Entzminger.

We had a good meeting with the workers of the Fifth Street church, Lexington. Bro. Brock is much loved and is leading his people to attempt great things for God. Bro. Smith, the superintendent of the school, and his teachers are consecrated and loyal in the work. They have a splendid school already and are striving to make it better all the time. Ere this time they are very likely pursuing a Teacher Training Course.

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The work at Hartford is probably unexcelled anywhere. Pastor J. W. Bruner, while full-time pastor there, preaches somewhere every Sunday afternoon, and is continually on the go. He is a very hard worker. He has recently taken the Teacher Training Course and received a diploma, and besides the regular Teacher Training Class, which meets on Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour, Bro. Bruner has led the teachers in this work himself. Last Sunday evening they had a special service planned, at which time twenty diplomas were delivered, besides several seals for other books were given to teachers who had previously completed the Convention Normal Manual. Dr. B. H. DeMent made the address and delivered the diplomas. Nearly every officer and teacher in the school now holds a diploma. In connection with our meeting there, the town was canvassed, and while the school was already well graded, at the request of Dr. E. W. Ford, the superintendent, and his workers, we assisted them in making some few changes that were necessary in order to complete the grading and place them in line for their regular promotion. Dr. Ford we consider one of the best Sunday School men to be found. In fact we have never seen his superior as a superintendent. The teachers and officers, as a whole are capable and efficient. They are doing real Sunday School work.

From Hartford we went to the Princeton Institute. In the Training Class there were thirteen who completed the work and received the Convention Normal diploma. Five of our very best pastors were among this number. It is encouraging to note the way our pastors are taking hold of the Teacher Training work. Pastor Miller of Marion has a class ready to graduate and rendered us valuable assistance in teaching the course at Princeton.

The Institute was a great success. The Princeton folk entertained royally. The choir, under the leadership of that consecrated and cultured layman, Prof. Richards, dispensed very fine music on every occasion. Mrs. Hunter was on hand to grace the occasion. She has already won a warm place in the hearts of the Princeton people. With the exception of a broader smile, Bro. Hunter was the same lovable fellow. The speakers were all at their best.

Dr. J. W. Porter's address Monday night was scholarly and clear-cut and delivered in a style all his own, and was one of the most forceful to which the writer has ever listened. Bro. Burgess did very fine work. His address on the "Characteristics of this Age" was particularly interesting. The writer had never heard Brother H. B. Taylor before, but after listening to him we no longer wonder at the great things that the little church at Murray is doing. He is mighty in the Scripture and is powerful in his delivery. We only heard a few of the addresses, but they were every one of the very highest order. Brother Hill's work was superb and many good things were spoken of Dr. Maddox, W. C. Taylor and Brother Knight.

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On last Sunday morning we had the pleasure of speaking to the Parkland Church, Louisville, at both the Sunday School and preaching hours. The Sunday School there is in very fine condition and Brother Stephen Jones, the Superintendent, is wide-awake and enthusiastic in his work. He also has a very capable band of teachers and officers who are supporting him royally in the progress he is trying to make.

It was our privilege Sunday evening to speak for pastor Reed to his Tabernacle congregation. Reed is one of the finest spirits with whom we have been associated. He is doing a most excellent work. One of the livliest and largest schools in the State is his. His people love and honor him and are enthusiastically following his leadership. The Lord has wonderfully blessed him in this work here and our prayer is that these blessings may be continued even in a larger measure. It was easy to speak to the Tabernacle people and a pleasure we covet again.

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We are trying to get our Pastors, Superintendents and teachers interested in our Teacher Training work. We ought to have at least 1,000 graduates by November when our General Association meets. Wont every worker who reads these lines that is not already at work on the course order the Convention Normal Manual (Cloth 50c; paper 35c) with the questions, and take up the work at once. It is easy to do and can but be very helpful to any of us. Several other States have more than double the number of graduates in Kentucky. We should not be one whitt behind any of them.

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We must appeal to our pastors in the interest of Teacher Training. If our pastors will lead off in this work we can accomplish great things. One pastor of a small church said he didn't have the time. he had so many things of more importance. When every trained teacher, who has studied the subjects connected with the Bible School work is an associate to the pastor in his work, it seems that there would be nothing of more importance than leading the teachers and officers of the Sunday School in training for the work. We could not help but feel that he lacked information as to the benefit derived from this work. Dr. Lansing Burroughs, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one of our greatest Southern Baptists, did this very work and holds this diploma. Dr. C. W. Daniel, pastor of the great First Church, Atlanta, Ga., took the course himself and says he was helped wonderfully by it. Other pastors testify to its wonderworking power in their churches. We could publish the names of quite a number of pastors who have recently taken it, and who testify to its great benefits, not only personally, but to their people and the work.

I wonder if there is anything of more importance or that will be more helpful than for the pastor to lead his teachers and officers in this Teacher Training work, spending an hour together once a week studying these subjects. Brother will you think about this and pray over this matter? Brother Superintendent, if the pastor hasn't time and is hindered, as some may be, won't you lead out in this work? Teacher, if no one else will. won't you get up a class and proceed with the work? We can furnish you with books and literature from this office or you can get them from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

We want to call especial attention to the fact that our Sunday Schools need to come up with a good liberal contribution for Missions. Dr. W. D. Powell is giving us invaluable aid in our work. He is enthusiastic in his efforts to advance the Sunday School work. He must look to us to come to his aid. I hope we (I mean those especially interested in the S. S. work) will come up with liberal contributions and make his heart rejoice in this time of need.

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He is trying, and nobly is he doing it, to lead us to large things in giving to advance the Lord's work. May we stand by him as he leads.

Let every Sunday School in the State make a liberal offering as early as possible.

Mission Institute and Mission Rallies are proving very effective in awakening Kentucky Baptists to the importance of the work. The due consideration of "The Why and How of Foreign Missions," "The Upward Path in Home Missions," "Stewardship and Missions," will advance the enlargement of our gifts. Systematic missionary information is essential to enlarged participation by men in missionary work. The fires of enthusiasm wil burn low unless fed by the fuel of fresh missionary facts.

Our aim, One Thousand Subscribers for April.

## KENTUCKY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Chairman ......Miss E. S. Broadus 1227 Third Avenue.

Sec'y and Treas. ..... Miss Willie Lamb Box 396.

## TO VICE PRESIDENTS OF ASSOCIA-TIONS.

Please heed the following questions and write your answers to the Chairman of the Central Committee as soon as possible. Miss Dover is going to do our field work this summer and we must arrange her route in accordance with two ideas, where she can do most good, and how to make the travelling as inexpensive and little wearying as possible.

1. Would it greatly help for Miss Dover to work in your Association?

2. Could you go with her to some places, and aid her in other ways?

3. Where would be a good starting point? At the Association or at some other place?

4. When is the best time for her to come?5. Can you get transportation for her at

small expense?

Understand that we are putting into this field work all that we can spend on travelling this summer and will send Miss Dover instead of members of the Central Committee to Associational meetings when it is possible. But there are two months of work, June and July, before the Associations begin and so we want to know where to start. Miss Dover will help to organize societies of any kind for women, young women or children, and she will do all in her power to revive societies that are languishing. We must have many more societies if we do Kentucky's part in giving to missions.

#### A GLORIOUS MONTH.

Dr. Willingham says he hopes April will be a more glorious month than any that has ever passed with Southern Baptists, a month when we will get close to our Heavenly Father and do valiant service for him. This is an inspiring conception, and an alluring prospect. It may be rather a new idea that one way to have a closer walk with God is to give more to his service, but suppose we make trial of this plan, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." In order that the reader may see what heroic giving is needed during this month, we print below Miss Heck's article in the last Foreign Mission Journal. Let us ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and be sure to give heed to the still, small voice that brings his answer:

#### The Round Table.

The largest Christmas Offering yet reported is \$400 from the W. M. S. of the First church, Charlotte, N. C. Did your society do better?

It is a wonderful thing to form the habit of large gifts. A height once reached is a standard for all time to come. Conversely the habit of small gifts is a tyrant that binds and blinds, holding many who could do large things from the joy and privilege of worthy gifts.

In one Southern city two Baptist women gave \$1,000 a piece to Foreign Missions and made themselves happy in the giving. Mrs. McLure is making a tour of Girls' Schools in Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama, laying before the young women the world call for service.

One of our missionaries who has had the great privilege of being in one of the revivals, which are moving so many places in China, writes in a private letter: "How can I describe it. Oh! I had heard of the presence of the Holy Ghost, but now I have felt I have almost seen it." Miss Crane and Mrs. Julia Thomas, Chairman of the General Board of the Margaret Home, recently visited Greenville, and are enthusiastic in their praise of the management of the new house mother, Mrs. Harris. We hope Mrs. Harris will be in the Union meeting in Jacksonville, giving the members of the Union as well as the misionaries who may be in attendance on the Convention the pleasure of meeting her. The mention of the Union Meeting leads naturally to the thought of reports, and it is not a very happy thought. Note this: The Union took very reasonable aim of 15 per cent increase over the contributions of last year. Yet to reach this we must report in April \$63,- 000 for Home Missions, \$68,000 for Foreign Missions and more than half the amount for the Training School. Take this matter of 15 per cent increase home to yourself. You can increase it fifteen per cent. If the increase is not put in the first person singular—I must give 15 per cent increase—it will not be given. It is not too late to do this—Do it.

#### SOME GOOD NEWS.

Mrs. Phil Miller, of Owensboro, writes of visits to several societies which are doing finely. At Livermore a new society was started, with much enthusiasm, and Mrs. E. H. Maddox was elected president. At Seven Hills they have a live, enthusiastic society, one to be proud of, and at Oak Grove they were doing nicely before the roads got so bad. As the spring comes on we hope all such societies may have this obstacle removed, and may have regular meetings again.

But there are two ways in which bad roads need not hinder us. One is in praying for the missionaries and all who try to carry on God's work in the world. The other way is to put by your offerings regularly, and after church once a month the society treasurer can collect from all who are present. Let others send the money to the treasurer at any convenient time so that she may send it on at the end of the quarter to Miss Lamb.

Mrs. P. E. Gatlin, of Owensboro, will be one of our delegates to W. M. U.

Mrs. Merrie Melloo, of Mayfield, writes of the organizing of a Y. W. A. and a R. A. chapter in her church. The first offerings to Foreign Missions were \$27 and \$6, respectively. Well done. Their W. M. S. have given over a hundred dollars to Foreign Missions and are now collecting for the special Home Mission offering. Mrs. Melloo finds great profit from attending the annual meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and hopes to go next May.

Miss Elizabeth Garrott, of Salem church, is also going to the W. M. U. She wrote to each of the societies in her Association asking them to do their best for Home Missions during the week of prayer and Pembroke has given a hundred dollars for this object.

The Second church, Hopkinsville, have an earnest little band of thirteen. At Lewisburg a year old society has reached its apportionment, being very devoted workers, in spite of not having a very strong church and preaching only once a month. Such a report is encouraging, and should stir up many others so situated to do their best. At Russellville the W. M. S. is putting on new life, and a Y. W. A. of twenty-five members was organized in February.

Mrs. Hinkle, of Bardstown, reports a society started at Shepherdsville in December, with fine prospects and they are doing well. Mrs. Hinkle is also writing to all her societies about special points of the work. These and other Vice Presidents are diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and to such workers success is sure.

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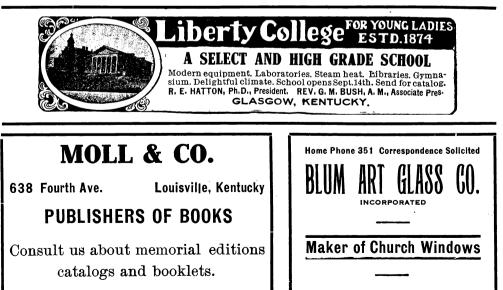
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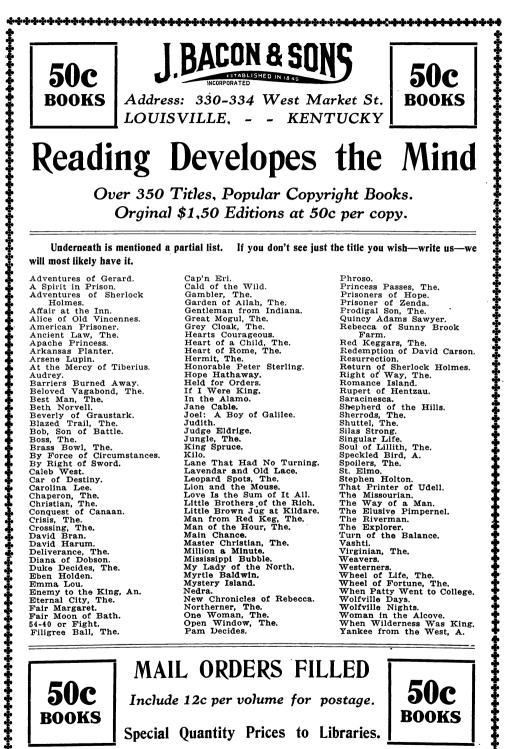


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