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EVANGELISM.

M. E. Dodd.

"He that winneth souls is wise," said the wisest of men. And he never uttered profounder wisdom than that. As he lay dying Matthew Henry said: "I would think it greater happiness to gain one soul to Christ than mountains of silver and gold to myself." "I would rather win one soul to Christ than to be the ruler of an empire or the richest money king of the world," said one who had tasted the sweetness of soul-winning. Won by One is the divine plan. The winning of a nation or the world to Christ may sound big, but nations are not to be made Christian by royal edicts nor civil proclamations. It will be done only by each individual being brought face to face with the question. "What think ye of Christ" Each one must have forced home upon his conscience "What, then, shall I do with Jesus?" And it is the business of individual Christians to do this work. It is the divine plan: That of Christ alone with Nicodemus, Andrew finding Simon, Philip bringing Nathaniel and Paul winning the jailer. "O," you say, "but didn't Peter get 3,000 by one sermon?" Yes, but we know not how many were dealt with personally by the 120 in those preceding days in Jerusalem. A little investigation will show now, that the greatest number, if indeed not all, of those who respond to public appeals were dealt with personally beforehand and were made ready for the call.

There is great need for conviction upon the part of believers on the matter of individual responsibility for souls. A very small per cent of our church members could testify that they are conscious of having won a single soul to Christ. And yet that is their first, most important obligation and highest privilege as a Christian. Why is it

that professed Christians can talk to others personally about anything under the sun except the soul's salvation? They can talk business, politics and social affairs but not Christianity. They can buttonhole a man and present a business proposition, ask his support of a certain politician and invite him to join a club or lodge, but can not ask him to accept Christ or support the church. And we will never have the proper evangelism until this is done. Ministers, church officials and members must all alike get down to this one business of "seeking and saving the lost," to which Christ was committed and for which he sent out his disciples.

The evangelist who does nothing more than go from his room to the pulpit and from the pulpit back to his room, though he preach two or three times per day for the 365, has not filled full his mission nor lived up to his privileges. Nor can the pastor atone for his neglect of the personal effort by delivering polished literary productions and eloquent discourses. "This is the hour for love instead of logic, life instead of literature, rescue instead of rhetoric, salvation instead of syllogism, personality instead of peroration, power instead of period and individuality instead of introduction," says Cortland Myers. And, too, every individual member of every church down at this constantly. All at it all, all the time.

It may be that the present method of once a year evangelistic efforts is responsible for prevailing apathy. Church members do their work largely by proxy. They send for one evangelist and expect him to do the work. If the church is able a "singing evangelist" is also asked for. And if it is to be a great "evangelistic campaign" the evangelist brings a whole troop—a singer, personal worker, woman worker and

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... EDITORIAL ...

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD.

The annual meeting of the State Board of Missions was held in Walnut Street Baptist Church, December 5th. Chairman J. D. Coleman presided.

Several committees had met the previous night and their reports were ready.

Dr. Landrum conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

Some changes were made in the salaries and some fields became self-supporting. Others will lessen the amounts given them in the near future or become entirely independent.

Some new workers were appointed and others will be engaged soon. We purpose doing a greater work, under God's blessing, than ever before. Harmony and good fellowship prevailed and we began the new year feeling that we will earnestly strive to enlarge the Master's kingdom.

WHAT THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS CAN DO.

They can give liberally to State, Home and Foreign Missions and our splendid Church Building Fund. They can promote these interests in their respective churches; they should cause their influence to be felt in favor of missions in their respective Associations.

It is no small honor to be selected to represent the Baptists of Kentucky in regard to the administration of Baptist missions in the State.

The members should be men of prayer and devout lives, who will seek in all things to please the great Head of the church.

They study the field and in an impartial manner administer aid to all sections, according to the needs of the field and the ability of the Board.

These men of God serve without remuneration and give no small time to the study of the many perplexing problems, which confront us. They are men of initiative and

aggressiveness, and will never be satisfied until Kentucky is taken for the Christ and the truth.

They can and should aid every denominational interest in the State.

STATE MISSIONS DEFINED.

It is to evangelize, to reach the unsaved and bring them to Christ; in country villages and city, organizing churches, Sunday Schools, etc., and securing the erection of suitable houses of worship, properly located. There can be no effective service without suitable buildings.

The teaching function must be exercised developing and training the non-producing members and the new converts. The Sunday School work must be properly presented so that church members will justly appreciate the study of God's Word, making more virile members, who will industriously perform the tasks the Master has assigned.

It is overcoming the prejudices of the ignorant, and the jealousies of the illiterate. It is laying the foundations on which the kingdom of God is to manifest itself in all its divine glory. It is making the desert to blossom as the rose.

It is establishing a base of supplies to sustain every enterprise fostered by Baptist people. The success of education and benevolence depend largely on the preparatory work done by the State Board of Missions.

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such others as may fit in, consequently the church members feel no personal responsibility. Give me souls or I die, should be the cry of every child of God. I could wish myself accursed from Christ for the sake of others was the feeling of a great soul winner. His hearts' desire and prayer to God was for the salvation of souls. So may ours be. O, Father, give us a passion for souls and then give us grace and wisdom to go win them!

Christ will do all the saving, the sinner must do all the trusting. "God hath given us eternal life and this life is his Son."

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AND OUR HOME MISSION BOARD.

This Board is accomplishing great things in bringing in the kingdom and is thoroughly entrenched in the affections of our constituency.

We are to raise this conventional year, without fail, \$32,000. Our gifts to date are creditable. We are a little in advance of this time last year. Only Missouri and South Carolina lead in gifts to date.

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

We find our chief joy in serving others. Christ delighted to aid the helpless and defenseless—those from whom He never expected anything but love and gratitude.

Our Kentucky women will make an offering for China, this mighty field for missionary endeavor. The present revolution and upheavals are but the throes of a new birth. A new day has dawned upon them and we must courageously enter the open door.

It should be made a time of giving rather than of receiving.

We are needing funds with which to aid poor churches to secure houses of worship. This is a splendid time for godly men and women to send us amounts designated to build these temples which are erected where Christ, God's great gift to man shall be preached.

Men are accustomed to erect monuments in memory of loved ones who have gone before. Why not build a monumental church to preserve the memory of some departed companion, brother, sister, child or friend. Why not have forty or fifty of these churches? I know a minister who says that he and his wife will furnish the means for No. 1. Will not a host of others follow this noble example? Let us have forty or fifty who will give amounts ranging from twenty-five to five hundred dollars which shall be the last payment and which shall constitute all the outside help that will be given the congregation.

Many individuals remembering God's mercy and temporal blessings during the year now closing should agree to support

a colporter, missionary or evangelist during the year 1912. Reader, will you be one? Let many of the brethren volunteer to engage in this work which will bring great joy and comfort to the giver.

Have you lost one or more children? Let us build a memorial church for each one.

The State Board, co-operating with three adjacent Associations, hopes to place a competent man in the territory between the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. He would possibly make headquarters at Golden Pond.

Two workers will be placed in Letcher county to develop that promising field. We have a splendid church at Whitesburg. Others will no doubt be organized.

Christmas times should remind many of our noble readers that they are in arrears and we greatly need their subscription. You neglect to send until you owe us twenty-five, fifty, seventy-five cents or a dollar. Sit right down and send us a remittance. Send sixty cents and get the Kentucky Mission Monthly, the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Monthly. Subscribe today.

Rev. R. H. Tolle, one of our strong and efficient ministers, has accepted the church at Catlettsburg. We are sure that the church will appreciate his gifts and zeal for our Lord's cause and will generously cooperate with him in all his plans for a forward move. He will greatly strengthen our cause in the Big Sandy. This leaves Dayton church pastorless. It is a most important field.

Man's greatest need is spiritual life. This life presupposes regeneration.

Let the churches give regularly, proportionately and systematically to State, Home and Foreign Missions, that we will not be compelled to spend so much for interest and save us the nerve racking experiences at the close of each fiscal year, which holds us suspended between doubt and certainty. Let the division be according to the amounts to be raised in our State for each respective object.

STATE BOARD MEETING.

By Thomas D. Osborne.

The State Board met December 5th, at the Walnut Street Baptist church. W. W. Landrum conducted the devotional exercises, giving an exposition of I. Cor. 1:30—"Our Riches in Christ."

Minutes read and approved.

All members were present except Dr. A. Gatliff, who was absent owing to sickness and to whom a telegram, prepared by Dr. H. A. Porter, was sent.

Chairman Coleman appointed the committees, as shown on page 2.

Committee on Work Among Foreign Population and Committee on Evangelistic Work Among the Students in Schools reported progress, and were continued.

At the noon hour an elegant dinner was served by the ladies of the Walnut Street Baptist church.

Afternoon Session.

The Committee on Appropriations made appointments, as shown on page 2.

The Committee on Evangelism reported the selection of A. B. Gardner, A. F. Gordon, N. F. Jones, J. P. Jenkins, Z. J. Amereson and S. P. Martin, and recommended that one of our evangelists work in Indiana during the winter months, when not otherwise engaged. Adopted.

The Church Building Committee reported appropriations for Anglin church, Owsley county; East church, Paducah; Center Furnace, between the rivers; East Hickman, Elkhorn Association; Salem church, Bell county; Hazard church, Hazard, Ky. Committee on Calvary church, Louisville, reported progress.

The Sunday School Committee reported successful work done by Secretary Louis Entzminger.

The Colportage Committee recommended the appointment of S. J. Sheffield, L. Vincent, T. F. Grider, and Bro. Bass. They also recommended the purchase of 10,000 copies of "The Greatest Need of the World," and 5,000 copies of "Millennial Dawnism." Adopted.

The Committee on Rules recommended the appointment of a new standing committee on Publicity, composed of Thomas D.

Osborne, M. E. Dodd, J. F. Griffith. Adopted.

The Kentucky Mission Monthly was made the official organ of the State Board, with Dr. W. D. Powell as editor, and A. E. Wohlbold as Business Manager.

Transportation Committee discontinued.

Committee to draft Annual Report was appointed, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary, the Sunday School Secretary, W. E. Hunter and H. B. Taylor.

A Committee on Co-operation was appointed, consisting of W. W. Landrum, C. M. Thompson and W. D. Powell.

The request of the Franklin Association to co-operate in the removal of the bodies of Wm. Hickman, John Gano and John Taylor to the Frankfort Cemetery was approved. F. W. Eberhardt, J. W. Porter and W. D. Powell were appointed as a committee. It was also authorized to request that the body of Louis Craig be transferred to the same lot.

C. M. Thompson, W. D. Powell and Louis Entzminger were appointed to work up a large attendance for the next meeting of the General Association.

W. E. Mitchell was appointed to arrange with the Historical Society of the Ministers' Meeting so that their sessions would not conflict with those of the General Association.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the Walnut Street church for their hospitality, the meeting adjourned.

A WORD FROM DR. POWELL.

I am enjoying my vacation on the Gulf Coast. We are in the pine woods, remote from the postoffice. The sea breeze and sea food are doing wonders for me. I note the improvement each day.

W. D. POWELL.

Bayou La Batre, Ala.

Who taught mankind on that first Christmas day

What 'twas to be a man; to give, not take;
To serve, not rule; to nourish, not devour;
To help, not crush; if need, to die, not live?

—Charles Kingsley.

MISSION MONTHLY.

BAPTIST STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS. Department of Sunday School Work.

Louis Entzminger, Secretary.

A Comparative Statement Showing the Increase in Convention Normal Diplomas from February 1, 1911, to December 1, 1911.

February 1, 1911.		December 1, 1911.	
Mississippi	583	KENTUCKY	1030
Texas	461	Georgia	831
Alabama	430	North Carolina	823
Tennessee	287	Texas	809
North Carolina	198	Mississippi	793
Georgia	221	Alabama	667
KENTUCKY	193	Tennessee	601
South Carolina	144	South Carolina	446
Virginia	133	Louisiana	356
Oklahoma	105	Virginia	296
Louisiana	60	Oklahoma	181
Florida	58	Florida	124
Missouri	51	Missouri	95
Arkansas	28	Arkansas	76
Miscellaneous	12	Foreign	65
		Maryland	11

A Comparative Statement of Blue Seal Diplomas.

February 1, 1911.		December 1, 1911.	
Tennessee	13	KENTUCKY	53
Texas	10	Tennessee	28
Mississippi	8	Georgia	27
Alabama	6	Alabama	24
KENTUCKY	6	Mississippi	18
South Carolina	6	Louisiana	17
Virginia	4	Texas	16
Louisiana	3	South Carolina	15
Georgia	2	Virginia	12
North Carolina	1	North Carolina	9
		Foreign	5
		Missouri	3
		Oklahoma	3
		Florida	1

Comparative Statement of Convention Normal Diplomas as Held by Association in Kentucky.

Long Run	237	Nelson	9
North Bend	127	Goshen	8
Daviess County	77	Severn's Valley	7
Elkhorn	70	White's Run	5
Bell County	63	Concord	5
Wayne County	45	Enterprise	4
Pulaski County	41	Union	4
West Union	40	Bethel	3
South District	35	Blood River	2

Ohio County	29	Bay's Fork	2
Campbell County	28	Simpson	3
Tate's Creek	27	Warren	1
West Kentucky	26	Russell's Creek	1
Little River	25	Laurel River	1
Crittenden	23	Three Forks	1
Ohio Valley	20	Gasper River	1
Ohio River	17	North Concord	1
Bracken	16	Freedom	1
Boone's Creek	14	Mt. Zion	1
Liberty	10	Owen County	1

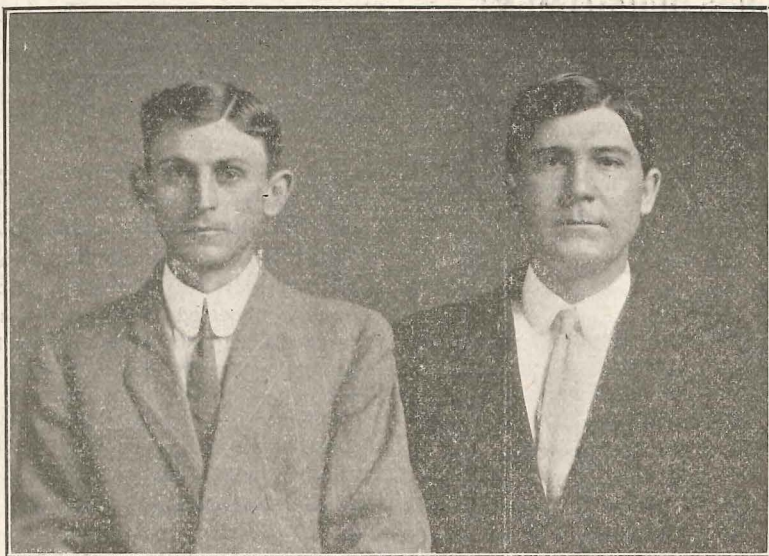
The Training School, December 3-8, in Louisville, was a perfect success. There were nearly 500 who attended the meeting. Mr. L. P. Leavell, Arthur Flake, Miss Williams, assisted by Miss Dover, composed the faculty. They all did superb work and our people were delighted with them and the work as practical in every sense of the word, and we feel that the Sunday Schools of our city who were represented in these meetings will be a great deal better because of this training school.

We have been instructed to arrange another one for next year that will be larger and even better, if possible. Instead of a matriculation of 500 we propose to make it at least 1,500. Let us begin to plan and work to make our Training School, next year, the greatest in the whole South. This will be as it should.

A great number of Teacher Training Classes have been organized during the last month or six weeks. We expect to give full mention of them in the next issue.



The above Teacher's Training Class at Dry Ridge, Ky. Taught by Pastor R. L. Shirley.



Pastor H. D. Rice and Supt. E. R. Ransom of Blandville S. S. Our latest A-1 School.

Kentucky is now in the lead of the Teacher Training Work. It will be absolutely necessary that our Sunday School workers and pastors plan for training our workers; organize classes in their own churches and then reach out and organize them in other places, if we expect to maintain this lead. Other States in the South have put us on notice that we shall not occupy the first place. We are determined that we will do it. Brother pastors and Sunday School workers, "what say ye?"

Our ambition is that there shall be a Teacher Training Class in every Baptist church in this State. Our workers must be trained for their work.

Let every individual who takes up the work send their name to this office. Let the leader of each class send the enrollment of the class, stating the book they are taking. We will make a record here and forward to the Teacher Training Secretary, at Nashville. Be sure to make your enrollments through this office. Be sure to enroll.

What I spent I had,
What I kept I lost,
What I gave I have.

—Old Epitaph.

Two things from Burdette both worth repeating.

1. God doesn't ask much of us now.—No voice comes from heaven saying, "Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, and offer him." But when you ask some men for \$10 for the church, you would think by the horrified countenance that you had asked them to sacrifice the whole family.

2. It's the easiest thing in the world to invent a new religion; any fool can do that. It is a thousand times easier to invent a new religion than to live up to the old one.

The more a man denies himself the more he will receive from heaven.—Horace.

Lift up yourselves to the great meaning of Christmas day, and dare to think of your humanity as something so sublimely precious that it is worthy of being made an offering to God.—Phillips Brooks.

The heart must ring thy Christmas bells,
Thy inward altars raise,
Its faith and hope thy canticles,
And its obedience praise.

—Whittier.

... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ...

Our aim is 500 Missionary Societies by May 1st. There are seventy-seven Associations in Kentucky. We have societies in fifty-nine. Following is a list:

Association.	Churches.	Societies.
Baptist	15	1
Bell County	24	1
Bethel	40	16
Blackford	26	2
Blood River	39	1
Boone's Creek	27	3
Bracken	23	12
Breckenridge	15	12
Campbell County	15	8
Central	12	4
Concord	26	4
Daviess County	47	7
East Union	21	1
Edmonson	13	2
Enterprise	19	1
Elkhorn	30	19
Franklin	16	7
Freedom	14	1
Gasper River	21	4
Goshen	18	2
Graves County	32	1
Greenup	35	4
Laurel River	33	1
Liberty	38	5
Little River	44	3
Little Bethel	32	1
Long Run	44	28
Lynn	30	1
Mt. Zion	26	2
Muhlenberg County	35	7
Nelson County	19	13
North Concord	19	1
North Bend	22	9
Ohio County	34	1
Ohio River	36	1
Ohio Valley	38	6
Owen County	10	1
Pulaski	33	3
Russell's Creek	41	2
Severn's Valley	23	6
Shelby County	23	13
Simpson	14	5
South District	26	3
Sulphur Fork	25	7
Tate's Creek	22	6
Ten Mile	15	4

Union	20	3
Warren	27	5
Wayne County	18	4
West Kentucky	34	3
West Union	30	1
White's Run	14	6

Have you seen our 1912 Prayer Calendar? We are not giving the material support necessary for the proper maintenance of our Foreign Work. Surely we should give them the spiritual strength that comes through concerted prayer. These calendars can be had for 15 cents from the State Secretary. Every Baptist worker should have one.

Some one has said, "What the mothers are the children will be." Let us see to it that our mothers know what work is being done to carry the gospel to every nation. You may not know the need unless you seek the information concerning it. You will never go (or send) to find them until you hear their cry. They will never cry for themselves for they are down under the yoke of centuries of oppression and their hearts have no hope or knowledge of anything better. The Master wants you—your thought and your time. Gather the women of your church together and study this stupendous task we have before us of sending the plan of redemption to all peoples. Are souls of any worth in your sight?

The Christmas literature reached the State office late, but has been sent out. Only a few envelopes have been sent to each society, but a larger supply will be sent on request. Please state number desired when ordering.

"Far away in the isles of Bahrein,
Down under the depths of the sea,
The Persian diver gathers his shells
For the goodly pearls that shall be.
"And what is the price of a goodly pearl?
A merchant-man once for one
'Tis said, sold all he ever possessed,
And counted the deed well done.
"And what is the price of a human soul?
The price it is set so high
The Son of God gave all that He had
When He came on earth to die."

Mrs. Geo. W. Bannister, of First church, Lexington, reports a membership of 114, a splendid Mission Study Class and fine interest in all the work. Their W. M. S. is trying to reach the Standard of Excellence Are you?

Two new societies have been organized, one at Fulton, Ky., the other in Rushing Creek church, Blood River Association, which organized with nineteen charter members.

In an article in "The Home Field" our attention is called to the millions of nickels that are going for cigars, picture shows, chewing gum, soda water, and other really unnecessary things. The writer suggests that we try giving a nickel a week. If the Baptists of the South did this it would mean \$6,240,000 a year to send the message of salvation to a lost world. The time has come when we as Christians must give systematically if we are to accomplish the stupendous task that confronts us today. There are many tithing bands in our missionary societies. Send in for the Tithing Cards and try that method of giving in your society.

Helen A. Phelps in her tract on the "Ideal Missionary Society," says there are five necessary things:

First—Careful preparation on the part of the leader.

Second—Hearty co-operation on the part of the members.

Third—Something for every member to do.

Fourth—Every person doing the work assigned to her unless prevented by such a reason as would satisfy her Master.

Fifth—Punctuality. Be on time, begin on time, close on time.

Then she sums it all up by saying if it is to be "ideal" there must be in, around and through it all love for the work of saving the world.

ATTENTION, WIVES!

The State Board having appointed the undersigned Publicity Committee, and we

desiring to secure ten thousand subscribers to this Monthly, have prepared special offers to

Pastors wives; also to wives of Sunday School Superintendents.

Letters will be sent to all interested, and the kindest co-operation of every one is urged so that the gifts may go to the wives.

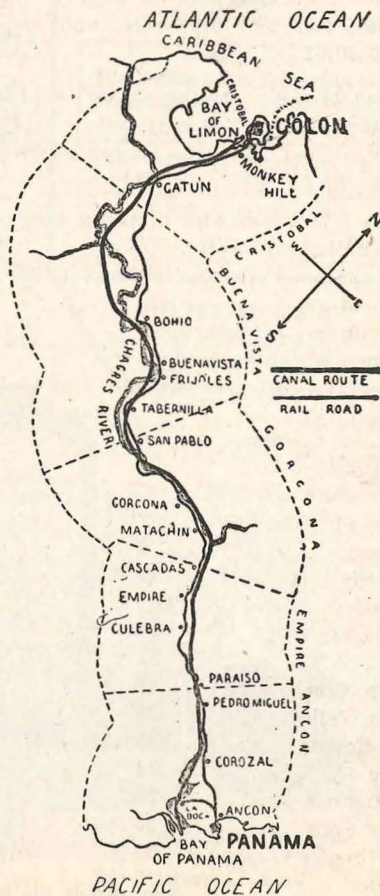
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'Cause you're working hard an' late,
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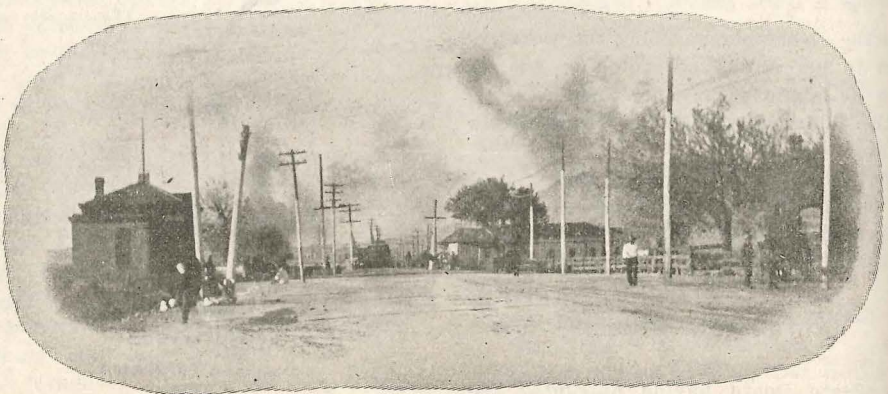
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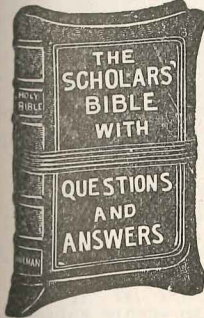


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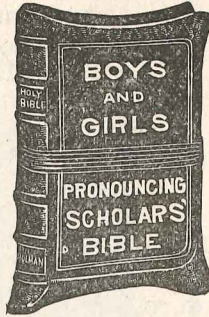
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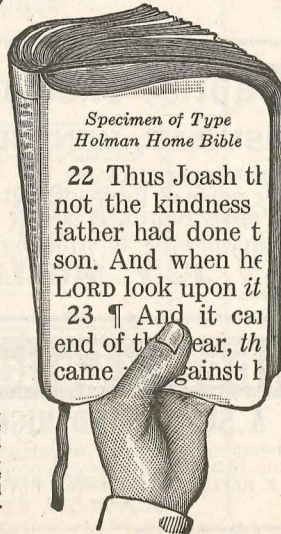
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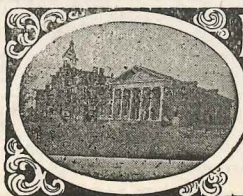
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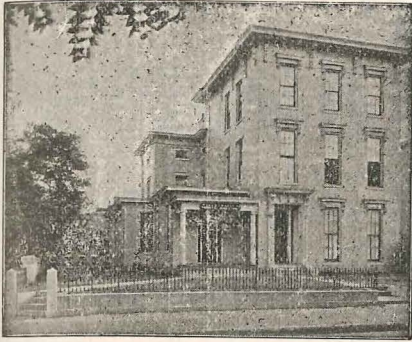


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