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(Words in Season.)

The Laymen's Touch.

Mr. Moody was content to reach the masses from the pulpit, but he sought out for personal contact the more intelligent prominent people.

Our business is these days becoming more and more personal. Once we opened our stores and offices and waited for people to come in, but now we send out the individual man to reach the individual man.—Johnston Myers.

A Cent a Day.

"I find that any church that has one hundred and seventy five members who are willing to lay aside only one cent a day will, at the end of the year, have five hundred dollars and five cents. This will pay the salary of a woman missionary for a year."—Mrs. W. W. Ashburn, Moultrie, Ga.

Indifference.

There are few signs in a soul's state more alarming than that of religious indifference—that is, the spirit of thinking all religions equally true; the real meaning of which is that all religions are equally false.—F. W. Robertson.

The Hardest.

Probably the most difficulties of trying to live the Christian life arise from attempting to half live it.—Henry Drummond.

The Real Tragedy.

The real tragedy of life is not in being limited to one talent, but in failure to use the one talent.—Edgar W. Work.

Were every member of our church to be just such a member as Christ would see
What change would come to you and me
And the gain to our church—what would that be?
—P. W. Sinks.

State Missions.

Save the Anglo-Saxon race and you save one-third of the earth's territory and one-fourth of its people; you save the race which controls the moulding forces of the new civilization; you save the race which more than any other is changing the face of the earth; the race whose speech is the chief vehicle of written and spoken thought in the world and in which therefore, the Gospel can be preached to more people than in any other of all the tongues of the earth; the race which holds evangelical religion in trust for the world; you save the race which must take the initial step in introducing evangelical Christianity in every pagan and papal lands; to which we look for our supply of foreign missionaries, and which is supplying six-sevenths of all the foreign mission money evangelical Christianity is putting into this great enterprise.—Dr. John P. Love.



TITHING.

God's Tenth.

One-tenth of ripened grain.
One-tenth of tree and vine,
One-tenth of all the yield
From ten-tenths rain and shine.

One-tenth of lowing herds
That browse on hill and plain,
One-tenth of bleating flocks
For ten-tenths shine and rain.

One-tenth of all increase
From counting room and mart

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... EDITORIAL ...

W. D. POWELLEditor

An abiding interest in missions awakens and develops the noblest elements that constitute Christian character. A bold, aggressive policy is demanded in our missionary operations to enlist and sustain the benevolent spirit in our churches. The heroic always moves men. A powerful motive must impell us to undertake the conversion of 1,400,000,000 heathen. The missionary spirit keeps the religious idea in the ascendancy. A great motive is transcendental in its consequence. It requires undaunted faith, broad vision and overwhelming motive to constrain man to expect great things in missions. The worldling attempts great things and then expects great things, but this is not the gospel order.

“Till David touched his sacred lyre,
In silence lay the unbreathing wire;
But when he swept its chords along,
Even angels stooped to hear the song.”

Southern Baptists are to raise a large sum for educational work in the foreign field. The schools will naturally be small at first and no doubt should be conducted in temporary buildings. Otherwise, there may be a waste of the Lord's money. Our schools at home have been developed gradually. It requires from fifteen to twenty years for the human body to attain its growth. Every thoughtful Baptist is convinced that we must have schools in which to train our native workers.

The Foreign Mission Society of Northern Baptists has received to date \$119,678.03; \$394,189.19 must be received in four months. The Home Mission Society has received \$75,829.68 and must have \$277,162.32 by March 31st.

Our Foreign Board has received \$124,729.58; it will require \$495,770.42 more by April 30th. Our Home Board has received \$66,659.43 of the \$412,000 to be raised. Heroic effort will secure every dollar needed.

There are 1665 ordained native workers in India.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM MISSIONARY H. M. HARRIS, KAIFENG, CHINA.

A few days ago I got a copy of the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention and glanced over it. The papers sent from Oklahoma City came all right. The missionaries are all glad that the debt of the Board is reduced. I am glad now that they are going to raise the million dollars for education, etc., though I thought for quite a while that it ought to be raised for evangelism instead. But I see that there is a great need for many more schools of the right kind. The kind of men who teach in our schools is a matter of the greatest importance. The Chinese schools are still in the “half-baked” stage. Here in Kaifeng we have a college educated and seminary graduate Chinese pastor, and we pay him only \$25, Mexican (\$12.50 United States gold) per month, and he is as valuable as any foreign missionary we have, but, of course, in a different way. Our opportunity here is very good indeed. Men of the scholarly class are more and more coming to church. Queues are coming off even here in this conservative city, and south of the Yangste river nearly all are cut off. Some of those who cut off their “tails” (but leave it long a bit) do up their hair on the top of the head, and they present a curious spectacle. Foreign styles are quite the thing and it would amuse you very much to see some of these “foreign” dressed Chinese.

All this the evidence that China is going through a period of change. The government has not yet gotten a good grip on the country. Russia and Japan are determined to take both Manchuria and Mongolia from China. While I am no alarmist, I predict further trouble over here.

The Chinese frankly say that the new republican government is remodeled after America. Whenever, in response to inquiry, I tell them I am from the United States, they almost invariably take occasion to say something good for us. But the Chinese hate and despise the Japanese with a bitter aversion.

Perhaps you have noticed in the papers the efforts of the Japanese government in

Korea to intimidate native Christians and to involve even the missionaries in a so-called "conspiracy" against Japan. The fact is, the Japanese see in Christianity a unifying and upbuilding force among Koreans and this runs counter to the plans of the Japs, who desire to crush the national sentiments and feelings of Korea, or Chosen as she now calls it. China is far from settled yet.

Be sure we will take all needed precautions. Only today there was serious trouble between the soldiers and police in the city. As I came out the South gate I saw the heads of two robbers hanging on the wall. Even if we have further trouble, we will not be molested. People of all classes speak well of missionaries of the Fuh-yin-tang (Happy sound hall—gospel hall). So don't worry about us.

The babies are fat and full of fun. Florence is in splendid health and good spirits. We are both making progress in the language.

ANN HASSELTINE JUDSON.

August 8, 1810, Ann Hasseltine Judson, then twenty years old, wrote: "Endeavored to commit myself entirely to God, to be disposed of, according to his pleasure. He is wise, trying my faith and confidence in Him, that I may be enabled to prefer the will of God to my own. I do feel that His service is my delight. Might I but be the means of converting one soul, it would be worth spending all my days to accomplish. Yes, I feel well to be placed in that situation, in which I can do most good, though it were to carry the gospel to the distant, benighted heathen."

Reader, can you join in this sentiment? If you are unwilling to go, will you give liberally of your means to support and equip others who are willing to invest their lives in foreign mission work.

The Congregationalists of England have 5,000 members in Bechmana, Africa. Witchcraft and heathen abominations are disappearing. The sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited by law. Trained native teachers conduct the schools.

Southern Baptists must enlarge our force

of workers in Africa. The ultimate triumph of the gospel must be by a trained, native ministry.

Rev. E. J. Weller, of Hopkinsville, reports a class taking book No. 3. We are sorry to see Brother Weller leave Hopkinsville. He has been one of our most faithful workers.

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One-tenth that science yields,
One-tenth of every art.

One-tenth of loom and press,
One-tenth of mill and mine,
One-tenth of every craft,
Wrought out by gifts of thine.

One-tenth of glowing words
That golden guineas hold,
One-tenth of written thoughts
That turn to shining gold.

One-tenth and dost thou, Lord,
But ask this meager loan,
When all the earth is thine,
And all we have thine own.

PRAYING OR PLANNING?

By Jennie Andrews.

We plan, then pray
That God may bless our plan.
So runs our dark and doubtful way,
That scarce shall lead unto the day,—
So runs that life of man.

But hearken, God saith, "Pray,"
And he will show his plan,
And lead us in his shining way
That leadeth on to perfect day—
Each God-surrendered man.

"The liberal soul shall be made fat."
Pay the Lord's tithe, and the windows
of heaven are always open.

J. H. Osborne

HOME MISSION ITEMS.

Victor J. Masters, Editorial Sec.

The splendid system of Mountain Mission Schools has increased during 1912 from twenty-nine to thirty-three. One of the additions in the Ozark mountains. This is the first of the schools to be located elsewhere than in the Appalachian system.

The number of Evangelists in the Home Board evangelistic staff is now twenty-two. For the first time it includes a special evangelist to work among our colleges, a Negro evangelist and one who is specially designated to the mountain districts. The Negro evangelist will be used particularly in connection with city campaigns, in which his work will be to enlist the Negro Baptists of the city in which the campaign is being conducted, so that the whole spiritual body of the Baptists of a given city may be engaged in bringing the lost to Christ.

Dr. Arch C. Cree has become the Secretary of the Home Board's new Department of Enlistment and Co-operation. This Department will be devoted to the development of the churches. Its characteristic, though not its exclusive work, will be to aid in training and enlisting the more backward rural churches. These are more than eighty per cent. of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Cree will be known as Enlistment Secretary.

In 1912 the Home Board has conducted very successfully the Foreign Mission work which it is doing in Cuba. No one thinks of the Home Board as a Foreign Mission agency, but it is doing a splendid Foreign Mission work in Panama and Cuba. It also touches the Foreign work in its Canal Zone activities.

The newly inaugurated work for training and enlisting the churches will be a co-operative work. That is, in every instance it will be conducted in a State under the combined support and direction of the State Board and of the Home Mission Board. At first the policy will be to start the work in two or three groups of Associations in each State and to enlarge as wisdom and means may indicate.

Here is an approximation of the relative amount of Home Board expenditures this year east and west of the Mississippi River: In the west of the river territory, \$155,000; in the east of the river territory, including Illinois, \$200,000. For detailed information about Home Board expenditures, see pages four to six of the tract, "Our Annual," free from the Home Board.

The Home Board has greatly enlarged its Publicity Department. The Home Field magazine is of the best, and tracts are to the point, and are well gotten up. They are free. "The Home Mission Task" is valuable for study and is becoming popular in study classes. The stereopticon lectures for free loan are being used all over the South. The output of this Department is increasing monthly. Get in touch with it!

The apportionment and the appropriation of the Home Board for the present fiscal year is \$412,000, or rather the appropriation lacks only a few dollars of that amount. Up to December 15th, less than \$70,000 had been received. The rest must be raised in five months and a half. Let the churches pray for and give to this great work!

The Board needs more than \$300,000 between now and May 1st, if it is to close the year without a debt. Let the churches give liberally and speedily to Home Missions.

We have had Bro. N. T. Barnes with us grading our school, with gratifying results. We just about doubled our attendance, our teaching force and more than doubled our enthusiasm. Bro. Barnes is a patient, earnest and painstaking worker and we delight to commend him to the schools in need of such service as he has rendered us.

E. W. Coakley, Pastor.

Nicholasville, Ky.

Bishop Scott has, in Liberia, ninety preachers, the Episcopalians have fifty preachers and two hundred teachers. The A. M. E. church have three conferences in Africa and expend some fifty thousand dollars per annum.

The Swedish and Norwegian governments have men employed to warn the people against mormonism. The Mormons are being expelled from Sweden and Germany as pernicious characters.

British officers have arrested 200 persons for Canibalism in the West Coast of Africa. Seven of the prisoners are chiefs. The Africans believe that a white man will not do for a sacrifice.

The bible deals with the deepest things in life and has alone civilized whole nations. It brings out the richest, sweetest, and deepest things in our nature. Reading the Bible builds up Christian character.

Rev. G. D. Billeisen, of the Ormsby Avenue church, Louisville, reports a number taking different books in the course individually and also a large class in the Normal Manual. Brother Billeisen is a staunch supporter of progressive Sunday School work.

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We notice in a clipping from one of the Frankfort papers that the First Baptist church in that city, under the leadership of Mr. W. S. Farmer, is building up a great work in a neglected section of the city. Brother Eberhardt and his people are thoroughly alive to the needs of their community and Brother Farmer, one of the Lord's best servants, is leading gloriously in the movement to reach the people and to see that God's message is carried to them. We regret that we have not space in which to reprint the article, but we certainly congratulate them on the splendid work being done.

"Through every minute of this day

Be with me, Lord!

Through every week of this year,

Be with me, Lord!

Through all the years of this life,

Be with me, Lord!

So shall the days and weeks and years

Be threaded on a golden cord,

And all draw on with sweet accord

Unto thy fullness, Lord;

That so when time is past,

By grace, I may at last

Be with thee, Lord!"

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Fifth St. Church, Lexington—Rev. Walter L. Brock, Pastor; Frank L. Smith, Superintendent.

Blandville church, Blandville—Rev. H. D. Rice, Pastor; E. R. Ransom, Superintendent.

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATIONAL STANDING IN TEACHER TRAINING.

Long Run, 387; North Bend, 185; Elkhorn, 181; Blood River, 172; Daviess County, 142; West Union, 120; Campbell County, 93; Nelson, 76; Bethel, 74; Bell County, 64; Wayne County, 57; Pulaski, 49; South District, 45; Ohio County, 43; Baptist, 43; West Kentucky, 39; Bracken, 35; Ohio Valley, 35; Concord, 34; Crittenden, 32; Shelby County, 31; Breckenridge, 29; Little River, 28; Tate's Creek, 27; Union, 24; Franklin, 23; Graves County, 23; North Concord, 23; Ohio River, 20; Sulphur Fork, 18; Enterprise, 16; Boone's Creek, 14; Warren, 14; Oneida, 12; Laurel River, 12; Lynn, 11; Liberty, 11; Muhlenberg, 10; Central, 9; Mt. Zion, 9; Goshen, 8; Severn's Valley, 8; Simpson, 8; Russell's Creek, 8; Greenup, 7; East Lynn, 5; Ten Mile, 4; Bay's Fork, 2; Little Bethel, 2; Salem, 2; Three Forks, 1; Gasper River, 1; Freedom, 1; Owen County, 1; Cumberland River, 1.

We call attention to the wonderful increase of Blood River Association in its increase of eighty-one diplomas in the last month. Rev. J. M. Price, the Sunday School evangelist for that Association, is doing a

great and glorious work. He held institutes at the following churches during the month of January: At Cherry Corner, where five graduated in the Normal Manual and the school was graded; at Gilbertsville, where seventeen graduated in the Normal Manual and the school also graded; at Calvert City, where the school was graded and nine graduated in the Manual; and the largest and most enthusiastic meeting was probably the one at Benton. A class of thirty graduated in the Normal Manual, the Sunday School was graded and the work put on a high plane. Brother Price also held a meeting at Hardin, where thirteen were graduated in the Manual.

It is impossible to even approximately estimate by these visible results the effects of the magnificent work Brother Price is doing. The Blood River Association is certainly to be congratulated and if we are not badly mistaken it will mean more for the work of that Association than any movement for the progress of the Lord's work undertaken by this Association in its history.

Brother Leonard Leavell was with Brother Price in several meetings. He was called home the last of the month to the bedside of his mother, who recently passed away. We sympathize with him and his noble brothers in their bereavement. It was a great blow to them. May the Spirit of the Lord comfort them in their bereavement. Brother Leavell is back on the field and at work.

We have some very interesting notes from Field Secretary N. T. Barnes, which we give in this department this month.

NOTES FROM EASTERN KENTUCKY.

N. T. Barnes.

We had the pleasure of spending a few days with the church at Nicholasville, at which time we took a religious canvass and graded the Sunday School. The people were willing to work, and supported us loyally, which made all things pleasant. The teaching force was increased to almost double that which it had been. We found it practically an easy matter to find teachers and leaders for each department of the work.

This, we attribute to the faithful superintendent and pastor. A substitute teacher's class was organized, the members of which agree to study the Sunday School lessons one week in advance and teach a class when called upon. Under the leadership of Rev. E. W. Coakley, the pastor, this movement promises a solution to the supplying of substitute teachers, who are prepared to teach.

Brother Coakley is a teacher training advocate and an excellent Sunday School pastor. He understands the needs of the school and plans for the best means of meeting the demands. We are glad to see his people stand by him in the cause they love.

We hope soon to hear of the completion of the Convention Normal Manual by the members who are working on this course of study.

Only a short time ago we visited the Fifth Street Baptist church, Lexington, and spent a very pleasant hour with them. The Sunday School is doing an excellent work and still maintaining their work among the A-1 schools. They are organizing their classes for more definite work and devising plans for enlarging the school.

Fifth Street Church has a B. Y. P. U. which has reached the A-1 standard for B. Y. P. U.'s. In visiting their Union we were very much gratified to see this band of young people witnessing for Christ in such an enthusiastic manner.

We have many good B. Y. P. U.'s in the State but very few of them have reached the Standard of Excellence. We hope, however, to see a large number reach this mark within the next year.

Is there another church that can say that they maintain both an A-1 Sunday School and an A-1 B. Y. P. U.? Congratulations to Fifth Street Church. Some are almost up to this mark. What church will be the next to reach the standard in both her services?

Rev. T. C. Ecton, pastor of Calvary Church, Lexington, reports a fine class just organized to take up the study of the Convention Normal Manual. They say they are going to bring their Sunday School up to the A-1 Standard. Under the leadership of their efficient superintendent, Mr. W. H. Porter, we feel sure of their success.

The Sunday School Institute held at Carlisle was one we enjoyed very much. We canvassed the town for new members, and on Sunday morning graded the school. The workers took hold of the work enthusiastically, and we predict greater things for them. Baptists at Carlisle are not large numerically, but large in heart. They have some faithful workers who are ready to do things for the Master. The pastor, Rev. B. F. Swindler, hopes to have a number of his workers ready in a short time for the Convention Normal Diploma. He is a Blue Seal graduate, having worked out each book in the course.

Let every Sunday School in, and within reach, of Lexington begin to plan for a large number of workers to attend the training school for Sunday School workers and church leaders which will be held in Lexington March 16-21. We will have as instructors some of the best Sunday School experts the country affords. Don't miss this opportunity of better equipping yourself for the greater work that is before us. Definite plans, speakers, place, etc., will be announced at an early date. Don't forget to speak to your friends about this week of good things that is in store for every one who will take advantage of the opportunity afforded them.

STATE TEACHER TRAINING NOTES.

The Teacher Training work is marching along in a glorious fashion. Kentucky received nearly twice as many diplomas during the month of January as any other State in the South—178.

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Rev. E. O. Cottrell, of Cloverport, reports a class of twelve or fifteen taking book No. 6, and several doing work on books No. 5 and No. 7, individually. He also reports another class taking up the Normal Manual.

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Miss Eliza Rees, of the First Church, Covington, sends in the enrollment of a large class in book No. 8.

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Mrs. Emma Caruthers, of Hickory Grove, enrolls for book No. 6.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS.

March 2nd to 9th.

The program for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions is splendid—very interesting and full of stimulating information—and the Home Board has given such helpful literature for carrying out the program. We hope that every Society which possibly can, will observe the week and use the program in full. If you can't have the service every afternoon, use as much of it as you can. The literature should have been in the hands of every Society two weeks ago. If it has not been received, please write to Miss Hunter about it.

The reports from the Christmas Week of Prayer have been very encouraging. Many Societies observed it for the first time and many have written that it was a very helpful and inspiring week. (Below we print letters from two Secretaries.) The Christian offering has now reached \$1,721. A splendid gift from the Kentucky W. M. U. for the work of Christ in China! Can we do as much for Him among the peoples "By the Seashore," "Upon the Plains," "In the Cabin," and "On the Islands" within the realms of our own America?

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Miss Frances G. Tuggle, North Fork, Vice-President of Bracken Association; Miss Katie Greer, Madisonville, Vice-President of Little Bethel; Mrs. W. P. Stuart, Elizabethtown, of Severn's Valley; Mrs. Nora E. Ryburn, 1901 Clay St., Paducah, of West Union. These are recent appointments by the Central Committee in place of ladies who have resigned through change of residence, or lack of health.

We ask for them the sympathy and prayers of the sisterhood, as well as the hearty co-operation of those under their care.

The Margaret Home has been suspended until there are as many as five children of missionaries who wish to enter. Fountain Hamilton, of Brazil, is still under the care of the Board, Mrs. Z. T. Cody, of Greenville, Secretary. She will attend Greenville Female College, and to pay her expenses and keep up insurance and repairs, funds are needed so that each State is expected to pay its regular apportionment up to the end of April. In Kentucky, we already have one hundred dollars in hand, and we request that other objects receive all the societies may collect between now and May 1st, especially the Training School, which is entirely dependent on W. M. U. for its support and enlargement.

Junior Y. W. A's.

We hear good accounts of a Junior Y. W. A. in the First church, Lexington. Beginning in September with four members, they now have ten or more at each meeting, girls who seem to enjoy the work, and regularly attend the meetings held on the first Sunday of each month. At their meeting during the week of Prayer, interesting talks were made on our medical missionaries in China. Mrs. Willingham is their devoted and much-loved teacher. In Fourth Avenue church, Louisville, a class of girls has organized as a Junior Y. W. A., meeting once a week at each other's houses. They began by making scrap-books to send to our hospitals, and have a map of China with one mission station, on which they place a cross for each hospital to which their gifts have gone. Their plan is to send some to every such hospital. Regular programs and offerings have followed, and their enthusiasm grows steadily. Perhaps other twelve-year-old girls can be interested in such work.

Philathea Classes in Sunday Schools usually have a missionary feature and every effort should be made to induce

them to enroll themselves under the W. M. U., taking up the mission study and objects of contribution assigned to the Y. W. A. Mrs. Thos. Rodman, our new leader of Young Women's Auxiliaries, will be glad to correspond with any who wish information about courses of study or any points connected with their work. Her address is 2213 Dearing Court, Louisville.

Personal Service has been the theme of much discussion, many saying it was hard to receive definite ideas about it. At the last session of our Annual Meeting, a Committee of Vice-Presidents was appointed to have especial charge of this work, and prepare a report blank to be sent out to the societies. This blank is now being printed, and will be mailed along with the next quarterly blanks sent out by our Secretary, Miss Hunter. Societies will be asked to make a report for the year, from May, 1912, to May, 1913. Hereafter, they will report each quarter to their Association and Vice-President, who in turn will report to the Central Committee a summary of what is done in their Association.

The College Correspondent, Miss Mary Gardner, is seeking to collect information about Baptist girls in all Kentucky Colleges and Higher Institutions, and to interest them in our Y. W. A.'s, and missions in general. In some States, many student volunteers have been discovered by this means, and many recruits for the Training School, future missionaries, we hope they may be.

A Kindergarten in Japan has long been desired, and one has been established at Chiyo Machi, in charge of Mrs. Mill. The teacher is a Japanese, Miss Shino Watanabe, who is also invaluable in the Sunday School work, where she teaches the small children and presides at the organ. Her picture indicates intelligence and refinement, and her Kindergarten deserves our support. Seek to get the children's hands at work for this beginning of Kindergartens in Japan. Next December we are asked by our Calendar to offer special prayer for this special thing and lo, "Before they call, I will answer them," says

the Lord. But our prayers should rise for the enlargement of the enterprise and the finding of two young women from America to establish a Training Class for Kindergarten teachers. M. Moncara, in writing the above, calls on Mrs. Walne, "a prince among missionary women."

E. S. B.

VISIT OF MISS MALLORY.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, of Baltimore, Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, and to Southern Baptist Convention, will be in Louisville, the last week in February for a series of lectures in the Training School. On Friday, February 28th, at 3 p. m., she will address a Mass Meeting of Baptist Women at Fourth Avenue Baptist church. This is Miss Mallory's first visit to Louisville since she became our Corresponding Secretary, and we hope all of our Baptist ladies in the city and nearby towns will take advantage of this opportunity of hearing her.

New Societies Reported.

December.

Calhoun W. M. S.—Daviness Co. Ass'n.
Bardstown Junction W. M. S.—Nelson Association.

January.

Franklin Jr. Y. W. A.—Simpson Ass'n.
Fourth Ave. Jr. Y. W. A.—Long Run Association.
Olivet Y. W. A.—Bethel Association.
Morehead Sunbeam Band—Bracken Association.
Lexington 1st R. A.—Elkhorn Ass'n.
Athens W. M. S.—Boone Creek Ass'n.
Highland Park W. M. S.—Long Run Association.

"Dear Miss Hunter:

It gives me great pleasure to report our Woman's Missionary Society in the Honor List of the "Standard of Excellence." Our Christian Offering gave us the ten per cent. increase in gifts and added a new joy to our Week of Prayer. Working towards this Standard meant development in every department of the work in our Society. I trust you may have many more to report at the Southern Baptist

Convention.

Mrs. J. H. Morgan."

Harrodsburg.

(What the Harrodsburg W. M. S. has done in attaining the Standard of Excellence, many more of our Societies can do, and we believe it will mean for them, too, "development in every department of the work."—C. E. H.)

The Christmas Week of Prayer in two Societies, Clifton, Long Run.—"I have been wanting for some time to write you about the splendid meetings we had during the Week of Prayer in January. At the close of the past year, the officers of our Society, in planning our work for the coming year, decided to divide the Society into groups, each group being responsible, in turn, for a month's meetings. There were five groups and when we discussed the places for the Week of Prayer and decided to give each group an afternoon's program. Some of these group leaders had never taken any public part in any meeting before, but not one gave a dissenting voice, and each seemed so interested in her meeting. When the week came and was ushered in by a downpour of rain, our faith weakened, but only to be strengthened again, for on the first day, despite of rain, nine women came, and every meeting we had good attendance. All the programs were carried out in full and we women did it all—timidly, some of them, but willingly and gladly. The week helped us wonderfully, many of our women found themselves and their places, and we believe it means larger things for our Missionary Society and for the objects we foster."

Salem, Bethel.—"Our first Christmas Meeting was held in December, 1901, when we discussed our work in China and made our first Christmas Offering. The offering was only \$7.85, and the pastor added fifteen cents to make it \$8.00. And don't you know, we really thought that a very good offering! We grew a little the next year, and our offering was \$17.25. A year later we were delighted when the envelopes contained \$37.22, for we felt that we were advancing. The next summer we

began to talk and plan for our Christmas offering, and it was constantly on the minds and hearts of all. I kept saying, 'I am praying that we may have \$50.00 this time.' Some of the women would smile, and look as if they thought it would be impossible, but others felt that we could do it if we tried. We continued to think and plan, and finally a number decided to make ten-cent investments and see how much they could make these increase by Christmas. . . . We held our Christmas Meeting as usual, and instead of the \$50 that we had worked and prayed for, we had \$77. The Lord is always ready to do more for us than we think or ask. Christmas, 1912, our offering was \$114.55. Many no longer make investments—I am not sure that any of the members do and yet our offerings have grown from year to year. It has become a fixed habit with so many of our women to lay aside the Christmas offering before any gifts are bought. This year, before the day of the meeting eight women who lived at a distance and were not sure they could attend the meeting had sent their gifts to the Treasurer."

(This is from a church in the country where the women are too scattered to observe the week's program, but they have their special program on December 26th, and bring in their gifts. For several years they have led the Societies in Kentucky in our Christmas offerings and did again this year. In closing, the writer says: "I think our growth in Christmas offerings is largely due to information. You can't be interested in things you know nothing about."—C. E. H.)

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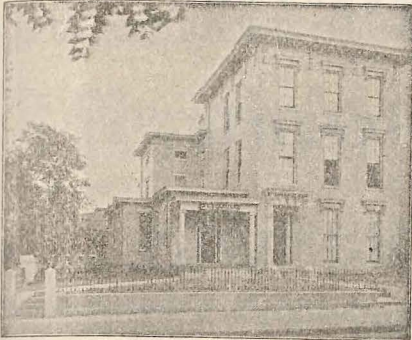
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