

THE YOHANNAN SPECIAL FUND.

A special fund is being raised for the Rev. Isaac E. Yohannan, for ten years past a missionary working among the Moslems at Urumia, Persia, to re-furnish his home, which has been looted, and to re-establish his work. Dr. J. Gray McAllister, of Louisville Seminary, who is co-operating with Mrs. Jas. A. McClure, of Petersburg, in raising this fund, reports the following additional contributions:

Previously reported	.....\$51 00
Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., Greenwood, S. C.	..... 5 00
Rev. J. R. McRee, Iva, S. C.	..... 1 00
Rev. J. R. C. Brown, Richmond, Va.	..... 3 00
Rev. H. S. Springall, Ennis, Texas	..... 5 00
Mrs. T. E. Moody, Jr., Plant City, Fla.	..... 5 00

Total\$70 00
Contributions, large or small, are solicited. Send them to Mrs. James A. McClure, manse of the Second Presbyterian church, Petersburg, Va., or to Dr. J. Gray McAllister, Winchester Inn, Winchester, Va., and they will be cabled promptly to destination.

NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D. ... The following letter dated July 24, has just been received from Rev. Jas. O. Shelby, secretary of our Mexican Mission. It will be read with the keenest interest, especially at this time:

"Dear Dr. Smith: Messrs. R. C. Morrow and H. L. Ross have just returned from a trip through the larger part of our Mexican field, visiting the native brethren, attending day school examinations and engaging in relief work. They report the work of the Mission holding together remarkably well. Not a single native worker has been lost

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and the people are hungry for the gospel. In the relief work they were able to help a great many sufferers, but the needs will be even greater until normal conditions are restored.

"Our last word from the Executive Committee, in accordance with instructions from the State Department at Washington, was that we keep our families out of Mexico and that the men use their own discretion about visiting the field. We have been able to supervise the work in a general way and until December, 1914, were able to visit the field every month or so. For six months the railroads were cut and we could not get into our field until June. They received some members and heard of others in different places. There are twenty-five in one place up in the mountains. Besides the urgent need for relief we believe we have the greatest opportunity for our evangelical work we have ever had and we are anxious to get back to our field."

QUARTERLY REPORT OF TEXAS-MEXICAN PRESBYTERY.

Number of sermons preached	.... 279
Number of other services held	.... 188
Number of visits to outside places	.... 73
Number of pastoral visits	.... 934
Number of members received on profession of faith	..... 53
Number of members received by letter	..... 12
Number of infants baptized	.... 30

These figures do not include the work in Dallas and Central Texas Presbyteries. They do indicate a most strenuous and prolonged effort on the part of the few engaged in the work.

For instance, they show a pastoral visit for almost every member within three months' time, which is not far from what is done every quarter.

The "outside" visits show a live evangelistic interest.

The number of members received on profession of faith indicates probably the largest harvest for any corresponding quarter in the history of the work.

The number of infants baptized gives hope for the future.

In short, this work is at once the glory and the shame of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

R. D. Campbell.

MAGNETIC CITY.

In a valley or flat surrounded by that mountain range, of which Mt. Mitchell is the crowning peak, lies a settlement called Magnetic City, on account of the magnetism possessed by iron ore dug from this region. As it is eight miles to the nearest railroad, the work of this mine did not prove profitable, so it was discontinued. Much trading by wagons is done in Johnson City, Tenn., distant twenty-five miles across the Iron Mountain.

A mission school was taught here the past session. Our Sabbath school is in a prosperous condition. Six members received badge pins for not having missed a Sabbath this year, three for not missing this quarter. Last Sunday we had Children's Day. It was the first exercise of the kind many had ever witnessed. Two dollars was sent as our contribution to the Japanese Mission. We trust we may reap great benefit from this lesson in giving. Seventeen children have recited the Child's Catechism, and two the Shorter since last October. Sunday afternoon I organized a Sunday-school about two miles from here. The people are taking great interest. At first it was held in an old store, but the afternoons proving warm and sultry, we now gather under the nearby shade, and use the side of the house for writing the subject and Golden Text. Each Monday of vacation a class has been held to teach the young

girls sewing, crocheting and embroidery.

This was made possible through the kindness of the Mizpah Bible class of the First Presbyterian church of Topeka, Kans.

We are endeavoring to build a teacher's home near the church, so as to enlarge the work and make it more permanent.

We would appreciate a contribution from any society or friend wishing to aid in a cause that would be uplifting in both a literary and religious way.

Address any communications to Miss Osma Newton, Magnetic City, N. C.

MOUNTAIN MISSIONS.

Haddix Fork.

Miss Mary Carper, of Virginia, has been conducting a fine mission at Haddix Fork, in Breathitt County, Kentucky, several miles from the railroad, at Elkatawa.

Recently the Rev. William Upton Guerrant, who is spending his vacation at his father's in Kentucky preached for several days at Miss Carper's mission.

There were twenty-one public professions of faith, all adults but two. This is the result of the faithful seed-sowing by Miss Carper and the excellent mission teachers who preceded her there.

Beechwood Seminary.

The Rev. William F. Hollingsworth, late of Glade Springs School, North Carolina, has taken charge of this seminary at Heidelberg, in the Kentucky Cumberlands.

Mr. Hollingsworth has had successful experience in such work, and with Miss Louise DuBose and a good faculty, will still increase the splendid work this young institution has done.

Mr. Hollingsworth will supply the church at Heidelberg and at Highland College, and other points convenient to his work.

Mr. Hollingsworth is now engaged in building a large refectory at the seminary.

Stuart Robinson College.

This latest institution in our mountain work opened its third session on Monday, the 12th instant.

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Professor Leonard, of Jackson; Dr. Guerrant, of Wilmore; Mr. Talbott, superintendent of Sabbath schools, etc., for the Presbytery; Mr. Barker, attorney, of Hazard, and others made addresses to the chapel full in the morning.

The afternoon was devoted to the formation of classes by the Rev. Mr. Henderson and a large corps of teachers.

This new institution located in the farthest Cumberlands, on the sources of the Kentucky river, on the Virginia border, opens most auspiciously and promises the largest success in a new and growing village in a beautiful valley by the river, surrounded by forest-clad mountains.

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