

FACTS AND FIGURES

CONCERNING
OUR

FOREIGN
MISSIONS

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We take pleasure in presenting to the brotherhood a brief survey of the facts and figures concerning our great Foreign Mission cause. We want our people to know all about the work. We are always glad to furnish information or to answer questions on any point.

The Fields.—Seven in number and strategic in location: Argentina with seven millions, a country rich and growing rapidly, ready for the gospel and the work has extended into Uruguay; Brazil, with twenty millions, one of the ripest harvest fields in the world; Mexico, with thirteen millions, our sister republic on the south who greatly needs our help; Italy, with thirty-four millions, the fountain head of Romanism, where the work has extended into Northern Africa and up into the continent of Europe; Africa, in Southern Nigeria, with six millions, the gateway to all the central part of the Dark Continent, the battle ground between Islam and Christianity; China, where in four great sections we are in touch with 156 millions, with hundreds of millions more

untouched, the most marvelous opportunity of all the ages; Japan, with twenty millions, the leader of the Orient, with a marked reaction just now in favor of the gospel; these are our fields, great and ripe, calling, calling for laborers and equipment.

The Forces.—During last year four noble workers passed to their reward, five others resigned, and for financial reasons only four new missionaries could be appointed, thus reducing the number of missionaries to 271. On the other hand, the native workers were increased to 577, making a total force of 848. The 342 native churches are growing in self-support and in missionary efforts. The 422 Sunday-schools are doing aggressive work. Nine Women's Training Schools have 312 students and ten theological schools have 245 students. These with the other 208 schools of all grades have 6,156 pupils. In six hospitals and thirteen dispensaries, thirteen medical missionaries treated 51,796 patients during the year. Four publishing plants are sending out millions of pages of religious literature.

The Fruits.—Much of the finest fruit of the work cannot be tabulated, but the following table gives the results so far as figures can express them:

COUNTRIES	STATISTICS										NATIVE WORKERS	MISSIONARIES
	Churches	Out Stations	Members	Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Scholars	Schools	Students	Hospitals & Dispensaries	Patients		
CHINA.....	73	172	9,990	1,534	146	5,776	175	3,906	14	41,744	577	271
AFRICA.....	17	13	663	107	18	310	13	386	8	7,318	577	271
JAPAN.....	10	17	535	68	25	865	2	73	.....	.....	577	271
ITALY.....	37	67	1,103	80	32	969	6	306	.....	.....	577	271
MEXICO.....	54	52	2,081	280	50	1,569	15	597	2	2,704	577	271
BRAZIL.....	142	497	9,939	2,109	138	4,438	15	879	.....	.....	577	271
ARGENTINA.....	9	8	378	112	13	636	1	9	.....	.....	577	271
TOTALS	342	826	24,689	4,300	422	14,562	227	6,156	19	51,766	577	271

The Finances.—The contributions for 1911-'12 were \$580,408, a gain of \$70,400 over the previous year. Of this amount 12 per cent. was used for expenses at home—in Richmond, 5 per cent; W. M. U., 1 per cent.; interest, 2½ per cent.; State expenses, 3½ per cent.

The work has often been greatly helped by bequests and annuities. More and more our people ought to remember the Board in their wills. Pastors can exert a blessed influence in this direction. A still better way is to give money to the Board on the annuity plan whereby the donor receives an income from the gift during his life. Write for particulars.

The Southern Baptist Convention asked for an apportionment of \$618,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it is needed to maintain the work on a hopeful basis. The Apportionment Committee asked for amounts from the various States as follows:

Alabama	\$ 38,500 00
Arkansas	11,500 00
District of Columbia.....	5,000 00
Florida	10,000 00
Georgia	86,000 00
Illinois	1,000 00
Kentucky	46,000 00
Louisiana	10,500 00
Maryland	18,000 00
Mississippi	42,000 00
Missouri	23,600 00
New Mexico	1,500 00
North Carolina	50,000 00
Oklahoma	5,000 00
South Carolina	52,000 00
Tennessee	37,600 00
Texas	85,500 00
Virginia	85,000 00
Miscellaneous	9,300 00

\$618,000 00

The Facts.—The literature of the Board will furnish constantly all the facts concerning the work. The Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Board, has just closed the greatest year in its history. It should carry its thrilling message into every Southern Baptist home. It is an indispensable helper to missionary workers. Its small cost brings it within the reach of all.

A noble army of helpers rendered the cause of missions a great service last year by increasing the circulation of the Journal. We trust that they and many others will write for copies and help again this year.

Tracts and leaflets on all phases of our work may be had for the asking.

The Educational Department of the Board is the source of supply for Mission Study courses of all kinds. Mission Study is very important and helpful. Classes should be formed in every church, Sunday-school or society. Write for full information and get in touch with this great movement. The Department can furnish any map, chart or book published on missions.

The Future.—The most significant advance ever ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention took place when the Oklahoma meeting authorized the Foreign Mission Board to raise one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as an Equipment Fund in honor of the Judson Centennial. One million dollars of this is to be used for equipping our schools and publication work. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is to be used in building chapels, hospitals, etc. This is a mighty call, but it is made to a mighty people.

With grateful, prayerful hearts and enthusiastic spirits, let us resolve to make this year,

1912-'13, the centenary of the sailing of Judson and Rice, the most memorable of all years in missionary achievements. Let us pray continually that God will endure the missionaries with power from on high, open the hearts of the peoples, and give us a great harvest of souls. Let us plead with our Lord to move among the churches at home and arouse His people to give and labor to the limit of their ability. Let us toil and pray that this year may mark a glorious advance in the coming of the Kingdom and bring near the day when Christ shall be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Foreign Mission Journal.

This excellent magazine gives every month additional facts and figures concerning our foreign mission work. No Baptist family can afford to be without it. We ought to have thousands of new subscribers in the next few months. The Journal will tell of great movements at home and abroad, about which our people should have information. Write for sample copies and get up a club among your friends.

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