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HELP SWELL THE LIST

We are gratified at the encouragement received in starting the publication of Our Home Field again. It has come to us in different forms and from a variety of sources.

First, in the promptness with which many have sent us clubs of subscribers. Before mailing the first issue, August the 1st, the aggregate number of subscribers was about 500. Judging from the number received since that time and other indications we feel that we can safely expect a large circulation at an early date.

Second, the kindness indicated by many others who are interesting themselves in the work of securing subscribers, and

Third, we have been blessed in reading words of congratulations and encouragement from many correspondents.

We are thankful for all of these. Now we appeal to all friends of the Board and the cause for which it stands to help swell the list of subscribers.

Pastors, Sunday School officers and members of Missionary Societies, B. Y. P. U. workers, Deacons well christians anywhere; a little effort on the part of all will enable us to scatter missionary information broadcast throughout our loved South land.

See terms of subscription on second page and let us hear from you.

REMITTANCES.

We have to pay exchange on checks and drafts on all points except Atlanta, Savannah, Augusta and Covington, Ga., and Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

Subscribers who can not check on one of these points will favor us by remitting by registered letter, express or post office order. Small amounts may be sent in postage stamps.

INCREASE.

In the last ten years the Baptist Churches have increased in number from 38,522 to 45,802, an average of 728 per annum.

Baptist Ministers have increased from 25,377 to 31,572 an average per annum of 623.

Methodist churches increased during the same period from 48,263 to 52,236, an annual average of 392. Their Ministers increased from 28,075 to 33,601, an average increase of 552 per annum.

The increase of Baptist membership for the ten years was about 31 per cent.

FIVE YEARS AVERAGE.

The average work of the Home Mission Board per year for the last five years has been as follows:

Missionaries employed.....	391
Baptisms.....	5,165
Additions.....	10,807
Churches constituted.....	162
Houses of worship built.....	72
Money expended.....	\$142,400

AVERAGE COST.

Per missionary employed.....	\$360
Average cost per baptism.....	27
Average cost per addition.....	13
Average addition per missionary.....	27

Suppose the houses of worship built to have cost \$1,000 each, then there would have been added annually to the property of the denomination \$72,000, half the entire cost of the mission work.

IN THE MOUNTAIN REGIONS

Here is a case of Christian comity which for sheer novelty is well nigh startling. Rev. C. R. Baker, rector of the Church of the Messiah, in Brooklyn, lately said to his congregation that some where recently a man and his wife, members of that church, had gone to North Carolina to live. They found themselves in the midst of a community of 250 persons who were absolutely without church privileges of any kind. They learned that the people were Baptists by preference, and that they had a small building which could be used for services. The man wrote to the rector and asked for his advice, whether he should try to organize an Episcopal church or to resuscitate the Baptist and get it in running order. Dr. Baker at one advised him to reorganize and set going the Baptist church by all means, and a collection was taken up to buy hymn books.—The Missionary Review of the World.

Whatever may be the facts and circumstances underlying and surrounding the spiritual condition of the people in the community referred to, certain it is that all through the mountain regions of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama there are numbers among these mountaineers who are "Baptist by preference," with limited, or almost without the advantages of church organization or religious instruction. They have not been a reading people, and the limited ideas and religious convictions entertained by them have not been formed from reading promiscuous religious or church literature, but are based upon the direct teachings of the Bible. They are, therefore, naturally "Baptists by preference." The word of God produces these preferences—convictions.

The opportunity for reading even the Bible has been limited among these people; they are a sturdy, reliable people and with growing development of the wonderful material resources of this section, and their

natural thirst for education they will become a power in the affairs of the country.

It is among these people, with the natural Baptist inclinations, their present religious destitution and future possibilities, that the Home Mission Board is expending what resources it can in work in the mountain regions.

FIRST FRUITS.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG:—I think I mentioned to you, did I not, that last year I wrote to a number of missionaries, asking that they would try and organize Woman's Mission Societies in their churches. I of course appreciated that contributions from these sources could not be large, but it was training in the right direction, so felt that the labor which it might cause would be time well expended, if I could get Societies organized in our frontier churches.

A number of the missionaries promised that they would try and interest the women of their churches in the work of missions, and I received from five Societies last year money designated for Foreign Missions.

Please find enclosed a check for five dollars, which I would ask you to acknowledge as a contribution from the Baptist church at Lexington, Oklahoma. The pastor writes as follows:

"Enclosed please find five dollars to use in your work. 'Tis but a small offering, but has required a vast amount of labor on my part and a sacrifice on the part of most of the contributors. I trust God will bless it in your hands abundantly. I want to raise for your work during this Conventional year as much as fifteen or twenty dollars if possible."

OKLAHOMA.

Rev. W. A. Rowe, Moderator of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, in sending a club of subscribers writes:

I have just received the Home Field freighted with such blessed news that I cannot refrain from writing before I retire.

God bless you, and the Board for your generous additional gift to Oklahoma missions.

How encouraging to feel that the brethren are sympathizing with our struggles in this frontier country.

With the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Home Board and the sisters of the States, headed by dear sister Annie W. Armstrong, we shall see rich results in Oklahoma in the by and by.

Since the editorial item on the use of money by the Agostolic Christians was written and in the hands of the printer, the letter printed elsewhere, from Bro. Cova has been received.

From this letter it will be seen that the spirit of those early Saints still lives.



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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER, 1897.

Home Missions have been the chief source of all other missionary and educational enterprises. If we do not care for the root of the tree the branches will soon decay.—W. H. Cline in The Baptist Union.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY DAY.

The attention of Sunday School workers is invited to the allusion to "Missionary Day," published on third page. We hope there will be a general observance of this day. Aside from the help to the cause of missions resulting from the collections, the educational effects of an observance of the day can not be measured.

We will, for this occasion, as well as at all times, be glad to furnish mission literature to superintendents, teachers and others upon application, but all applications for programs, supplement and mite boxes for use in connection with Missionary Day should be made to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

TO WHAT EXTENT DID THE APOSTOLIC CHURCHES USE MONEY IN THE PROPEGATION OF THE GOSPEL?

This is an important inquiry. The history of their action in this regard seems never to have been studied with the care its importance deserves. Acting under the direct influence of the Apostles who were, in this as in other things, their inspired teachers, their example as to the use of money in the promotion of Christianity becomes weighty and powerful.

There have been recorded for our instruction four great occasions on which their liberality was tested.

The first was after the day of Pentecost when so many from foreign lands embraced the faith.

The second followed shortly after, when the distribution of alms became so burdensome that seven men, usually regarded as Deacons, were appointed to attend to the serving of tables.

The third was when famine and great distress fell upon the Saints of Judea and collections for their relief were taken in the Gentile churches.

The fourth was when Paul was carried a prisoner to Rome, and as the representative of Christianity, for more than two years awaited the result of his trial.

We propose in brief articles to array the facts developed by each of these occasions, and to show that Christian love in those early days was an active principle which manifested itself in the largest offerings and the noblest gifts to the needy. Thus the Master's name was glorified by relieving the temporal necessities of His people.

"Behold how these Christians love one another," was the astonished cry of the heathen nations.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the Home Mission Board from May the 1st to August 1st are about One Thousand Dollars less than for the same time last year.

This is due mainly to the extraordinary efforts to relieve the Foreign Mission Board of its debt.

We are sorry to see that its financial condition has not been improved by these efforts. According to the Religious Herald it is now about as much in debt as it was in May at the Convention.

CIRCULATE OUR HOME FIELD.

In speaking of Our Home Field Brother W. N. Chaudoin, corresponding secretary Florida State Board writes: "Let us try to flood the country with them." Others say, "Every Baptist should take it." At only 10 cents a year, or 5 cents in clubs of fifty to one address, many will take it if their attention is only called to it.

Many are helping to increase the circulation. Will not YOU join the number? You will be doing a good missionary work. You can easily secure one new subscriber, maybe you can get ten or fifty. Try.

USE OF MONEY BY EARLY CHURCHES.

Evidently the great majority of the three thousand converted on the day of Pentecost were Jews and proselytes dwelling in foreign lands, and speaking foreign tongues.

What amazed the multitude was that every man heard in his tongue wherein he was borne the wonderful news of God.

These were the men who gladly received the word, who were baptized and added to the church. They were for the most part almost totally ignorant of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth whom they had

accepted as God's Messiah. Many of them probably had heard little of him until that day. The knowledge of the best informed of them must have been brief and scanty.

There was every reason why they should desire this knowledge to be made as perfect as possible.

The yearning to know all that could be known about the One to whom they had entrusted their salvation was irrepressible. Their souls panted for it as the heart panteth for the water brooks.

In returning to their homes they were to be God's messengers to their own families and to their countrymen, and they must know of Jesus that they might tell the story of his life and love to others.

To acquire this knowledge they must remain in Jerusalem. There was none from whom they could obtain it but from His disciples, and there was no way to obtain it from them but by oral instruction.

This plan they adopted. They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' teaching. Daily, with one accord they met in the Temple for worship and instruction. This was the first Theological Seminary under the Christian dispensation.

How long this condition continued it is impossible to say, but certainly until the necessities of these men required assistance. The Christians resident at Jerusalem regarded the whole body of believers as one family, and to meet the needs of these foreign brethren they sold their possessions and parted them among the whole body according to the needs of each individual.

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to each other by the will of God.

The result of sending back to these far off lands so many well instructed disciples was the early spread of Christianity in the distant countries and the preparation of many peoples for its reception.

It was seed widely sown, which though much of it seemingly perished, yet here and there it sprang up into a harvest of beauty and life.

Nor was this great sum expended in the support of this multitude unwisely employed. Before many years persecution sprang up in Judea and confiscation followed. Possibly some Christian who had not surrendered his property, priding himself upon his wise economy may have lived long enough to see it pass, under the strong hand of authority, into the possession of the enemies of his Lord and used as a weapon against the faith he professed.

Many a Christian in these last days, withholding his ample income from the Lord's cause, transmits it to his children who use it to their own injury, or to build up other denominations. His prudent economy results in a diversion of the riches he has gathered to those who are the opposers of the cause he loved.

Now, brother, Our Home Field is as much your paper as it is ours. It is as much yours as it is anybody's. Send us 10 cents to cover cost of printing and mailing one copy to your address for 12 months.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Auxiliary to S. B. C.

Motto—GO FORWARD.

No. 304 N. Howard St., BALTIMORE, MD.

BUILDING FOR GOD.

Many travelers have pronounced the Taj in India the most beautiful structure in the world. History reveals the fact that the idea was conceived by a loving husband for an idolized wife. It was advanced through the keen intelligence of an architect, and erected by the faithful labor of those who day after day laid one stone upon another.

The great loving heart of our God has conceived the definite purpose of saving lost sinners. May we not regard the recommendations from the various Southern Baptist Convention Boards as being architectural plans, according to which this purpose is to be advanced, and the societies forming Woman's Missionary Union as workers called upon to arrange their activities and execute them according to these plans? Can our minds conceive of any grander, more enduring work than thus aiding in the erection of spiritual temples? With grateful hearts that God's purpose is accomplished through human instrumentality, with the inspiring "Lo, I am with you" of the Saviour's voice ringing in our ears, and the appropriate motto of Woman's Missionary Union, "Go forward," before our eyes, may every society and individual build stronger and better this year than ever before.

"For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

Build to-day then strong and sure,
On a firm and ample base,
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

As the Foreign and Home Boards were the subjects of consideration during July and August respectively, we would emphasize the work of Sunday School Board during the month of September. With this object in view, attention is directed to the following recommendations, which were adopted at Annual meeting in Wilmington, N. C., May 10, 1897:

1. Woman's Mission Societies are among the most forceful agents for advancing our denominational interests. We earnestly desire to have their kindly consideration and co-operation in our work. They may help us by putting the Sunday School periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention into all the schools, so far as possible, and emphasizing their missionary feature.

2. Our Bible work has grown immensely this year, and we desire to see it still further increased. We earnestly wish that our Bible fund could be enlarged, and should be glad of the co-operation of Woman's Mission Societies.

3. Missionary Day in the Sunday Schools, as observed last September, proved even a greater success than heretofore. We want the help of the Societies in this department also.

4. Some of the churches are beginning to introduce a Home Department of Sunday School work. We are earnestly hoping to have the co-operation of the Societies in still further extending this work and making it more effective.

5. We should like to have the Woman's Missionary Union consider the propriety of sending boxes of clothing to Sunday School missionaries. It seems to us to open an opportunity for great usefulness and for helping a very worthy class of workers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY DAY.

It would seem that effort for the observance and success of Missionary Day the last Sunday in September should be very general. While Woman's Missionary Union as an organization, having been asked to co-operate with the three Boards, S. B. C., strives to advance the interest of all, yet individual workers have their preferences. Some appeals touch a responsive chord in the hearts of those who regard Foreign Missions as their great duty; others awaken to greater activity those who are more interested in Home Missions; still others call to service those to whom the work of the Sunday School Board is dear. Missionary Day in the Sunday Schools is the one line of work which is included in the recommendations of all three Boards, and for this reason should commend itself to every worker. The object of Sunday School Board is to educate the children along missionary lines, while the moneyed results of the Day's observance are divided by it between the Home and Foreign Boards, thus revealing the hearty co-operation existing between them, and appealing for a like united effort from all Southern Baptists.

As in former years, Woman's Missionary Union has furnished the program and collection design. These can be had free of charge by applying to the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. On the first page of the program is a beautiful cut, representing X-Rays. With this as the suggestive thought, an effort has been made to show the similarity to God's Word, the entrance of which giveth light.

So much for what has been arranged by Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union, but shall we not remember that no plan, however good, can work itself? May God's Spirit so control the heart of every worker, that feeling her individual responsibility for the success of Missionary Day, she may ask "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do," and then "be ready" to do her part. The majority of Woman's Missionary Union workers are connected with Sunday Schools. Every one exercises some influence. Let each one then seek to interest the Superintendent and others in Missionary Day where it has not been observed; to create a greater enthusiasm in those churches where it has become a feature of the school, and to co-operate with the officers by training the children, and seeking to interest outsiders in the movement. Let no one think her influence too small. The tiny pebble sets in motion only a little silver circle, but it expands from its inch of radius to the compass of a large pool. In like manner, there is not a single worker who cannot stir a ripple, which, in its results on the minds of these little ones, may move outward and on until it shall span the whole ocean of God's Eternity.

QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TREASURER, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Missions of Southern Baptist Convention.

STATE.	HOME.	FOREIGN.
Alabama	\$117 79	\$ 124 08
Florida	43 82	100 73
Georgia	410 82	332 31
Kentucky	144 08	213 87
Maryland	70 04	24 00
Mississippi	144 00	240 14
South Carolina	478 08	672 18
Tennessee	180 59	145 82
Texas	274 31	158 66
Virginia	713 45	184 13

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer.

WHAT I CAN DO.

The EPWORTH HERALD gives ten resolutions for devotional meetings, which we think would be equally pertinent for missionary gatherings.

1. I can be present.
2. I can be pleasant.
3. I can be prepared to take part by a study of the topic.
4. I can sing, if only a little.

5. I can testify for my Saviour.
6. I can pray for the leader.
7. I can kill the meeting by a long speech or prayer.
8. I can offer a prayer.
9. I can make my part of the meeting successful by doing what I can do promptly.
10. I can make people want to "come again," because I make them welcome, especially by shaking hands after the meeting.

REV. J. V. COVA, Tampa, Fla.:—I have cheering news from my Cuban work in Florida. Last week I went to Jacksonville and preached there on Sunday night to a large congregation of Cubans and Americans. Many unknown, of our exiles were present for the first time. I preached in Spanish for three quarters of an hour and after the meeting four were standing for admission, and a Cuban lady of Diaz' Havana Church was also united to our Jacksonville Mission. That gives us a total of 22 converts in that city in only three meetings which I have been able to hold there. O, if I could only go oftener.

Here in Tampa I have baptized eight persons last month, and in this week have administered the same ordinance to two persons last night. On next Tuesday two ladies will also be immersed. A large attendance of Cubans have witnessed all these baptisms.

A Christian lady of Alabama, has offered me hospitality and food, quite free, in a large hotel at Piedmont Springs for 250 Cuban ladies and children who may be in need of such help. A call has been published in our Cuban local papers and these poor refugees invited, in the name of Christ, to apply to that charitable place. This will do a great good to my work in Florida.

REV. T. N. WATKINS, Waldron, Ark.:—I have just returned from a long, wearisome trip in the Indian country and had good meetings. I will give you some account of my field of labor. My work extends 20 miles East; 25 miles West and 20 miles Southeast. I have from 10 to 12 appointments a month and preach from 15 to 20 sermons. This country is rough and mountainous. I travel by horseback most of the time. I am away from home nearly all my time. God has blessed my efforts greatly. The farmers have made out little the last two years, so ministers receive very little for their work. If I did not get help from the societies, I do not know how I could have made out. By this help I have been able to go and preach.

REV. A. J. LEACH, Abilene, Texas:—My field of labor is a very hard one and a very important one. I travel through the country and preach in school-houses and under brush arbors. The people, as a rule, are very attentive to the Gospel of Christ.

REV. P. F. MALOY, co-operative Missionary, Greensboro, N. C.:—The work is still encouraging. More ministers attend our meetings now than ever. Their thirst for Bible knowledge and gospel truth seems to have no bound. We look forward to the full settlement of many and grave questions for the good of my race and yours through this work.

REV. H. M. RAIFORD, co-operative Missionary, Columbia, S. C.:—The Institute work is in great favor the State over, with both races. Much good is sure to result from this work.

There are 52 penitentiaries and over 17,000 jails in the United States. They cost \$500,000,000 to build. Over 900,000 persons were incarcerated in the year 1892. The criminal expense to the country is not less than \$100,000,000 a year.—Journal and Messenger.

This amount expended in the support of mission work in the United States would speedily depopulate these penitentiaries and jails, convert them into temples of industry, education or praise, and bless the homes and be instrumental in saving the souls of an innumerable host.

A LOSS TO MISSIONS.

HOME FIELD: Permit me to say, in addition to what you so appropriately said in a previous issue, the death of our brother Baily is a great loss to the mission cause. I knew him as I knew no other minister, and in the mission work in Florida, we stood side by side from the formation of our Board of missions till he died. Missions with him was a deep conviction, an undying principle, and he was a missionary, not a pariah but a full, rounded-out missionary. "The field was the world" with him.

He was a practical missionary. He loved to contribute to the cause. I think he gave for God's cause not less than A TENTH, and frequently more.

He taught clearly, strongly, and as I think Scripturally, that the tithing of the Gross Income, was the minimum that the Christian should give. As much MORE as he could or would, but not LESS. How we will miss him in the work—his example, his teaching.

W. N. CHAUDOIN.

A NOBLE GIFT.

Dr. F. E. Skinner has given his magnificent Theological Library to Wake Forest College.

We have seen it and mean what we say when we call it "magnificent." It cost not less than \$10,000.

For many long years may Divine Providence preserve this noble gift from which coming generations of our young men may enrich heart and mind for the work of life.

Dr. Skinner was for years aided by the Home Mission Board when he preached to the First Baptist Church in Raleigh.

God bless gift and giver.

RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

From July 15th to August 15th, 1897.

ALABAMA: L. M. S. Gurley, by Miss A. W. A., box \$24.20. New Berne B. Ch., G. W. P. Secretary, cash \$6.21. Previously reported, cash \$18.02. Total since May, boxes \$24.21. Cash \$24.23.

ARKANSAS: Previously reported, cash \$64.00.

FLORIDA: W. N. Chaudoin, cash \$150. Previously reported boxes \$75.00. Total since May, boxes \$75.00. Cash \$150.00.

GEORGIA: L. M. S. Savannah, A. W. S. Box \$50. W. F. M. S., 1st B. Ch., Augusta, cash \$1.00. Previously reported, cash \$682.99. Total since May, boxes \$50.00. Cash \$683.99.

INDIAN TERRITORY: Previously reported, cash \$25.00.

KENTUCKY: W. M. S., Bowling Green, cash \$17.00. Adairville Ch., M. L. P. Tr., \$18.50. W. M. U. Mrs. B. G. R., \$25.00. Lewisburg Ch., M. B. A., \$2.00. Total cash \$62.50. Previously reported, boxes \$34.00. Cash \$170.67. Total since May, boxes \$34.00. Cash \$234.35.

LOUISIANA: L. M. S. Shreveport, A. W. A. boxes, \$16.35. Previously reported, cash \$20.30. Total since May, boxes, \$16.35. Cash \$20.30.

MARYLAND: 1st Ch. Baltimore, Rev. C. L. L., cash \$150.00. Calvary Ch., Towson, T. H. A., \$2.80. B. Ch., Rockville, D. H. B., \$3.00. Franklin Square Baltimore, F. E. W., \$50.00. W. B. H. M. S., Miss A. W. A., \$28.93. Eastport B. Ch., E. B. C., \$5.80. Total cash \$235.73. Previously reported boxes, \$46.41. Cash \$154.29. Total since May, boxes, \$46.41. Cash \$289.62.

MISSISSIPPI: Bethesda, Cent. Assn., J. L. P., cash \$1.25. W. M. S. Bethesda, J. L. P., \$5.00. Total cash \$6.25. Previously reported, cash \$145.18. Total since May, cash \$151.43.

MISSOURI: W. M. S. A. E. R. Treasurer, cash \$29.50. A. E. R. Treasurer, \$234.42. Total cash \$264.42. Previously reported cash, \$816.62. Total since May, cash, \$1,081.04.

NORTH CAROLINA: L. M. S. Wadesboro, A. W. A. boxes \$20.07. Previously reported, cash, \$29.99. Total since May, boxes \$20.07. Cash, \$29.99.

OKLAHOMA: W. A. R. Chandler, cash, 50 cents. Previously reported, cash, \$5.00. Total since May, cash \$5.50.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Cent. Com. W. M. S. Mrs. J. S., cash \$76.23. Mt. Pisgah Ch., J. J., \$1.65. Bethel Ch., B. S. R., \$10.30. Cheraw B. Ch., Miss A. J. E., \$9.95. New Pisgah Ch., B. H. M., \$1.56. E. B. Saluda Assn., R. N. B. Tr., \$42.53. Tigerville B. church, T. J. W., \$1.00. Beech Island B. church, J. C. G., \$1.76. Citadel Square church, Charleston, T. P. S., \$10.00. Marion Union, Lower Section, H. G. W., \$1.22. Pendleton St. church, Greenville, W. L. K., \$1.50. Mrs. R. H. H., Cross Anchor, \$1.15. Sumter church, Miss F. H., \$5.10. Clear Springs church, W. N. J., \$2.20. Harmony church, W. A. P., \$1.75. Fair Forest church, J. T. G., \$9.40. L. M. S. Fair Forest church, J. T. G., \$2.15. Friendship church, No. 1, S. G. B., \$6.28. Shiloh church, W. P. G., \$7.00. Enoree B. church, F. B. W., \$1.00. Cent. Com. W. M. S. Mrs. J. S., \$24.55. Greenville Assn., W. W. K. Tr., \$2.16. Ridge Springs church, Miss U. D. W., \$16.00. Healing Springs church, J. J. R., \$1.50. Switzer B. church, J. P. G., \$1.05. Popular Springs church, H. L. B., \$1.43. Bethlehem church, H. L. B., \$5.17. Oak Grove church, H. L. B., \$2.27. Laurens B. S. S. C. H. R. \$14.00. Friendship No. 2, B. K. O. S., \$6.57. Total cash, \$263.06. Previously reported boxes, \$10.00. Cash, \$124.73. Total since May, \$387.81.

TENNESSEE: L. M. S., Riceville church, boxes, \$9.65. Mrs. Lucinda Phillips, \$19.91. L. M. S., Cleveland, \$10.00. L. M. S., 3rd church, Nashville, \$22.85. L. M. S., Covington, \$5.00. Total boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong, \$127.41. Cash L. A. S. Dyer, Mrs. J. H. D., \$3.00. W. M. Woodcock, Tr., \$127.55. Total cash, \$126.55. Previously reported boxes, \$93.54. Cash, \$174.11. Total since May, boxes, \$221.00. Cash, \$301.66.

TEXAS: J. B. Gambrell, Supt. Missions, cash, \$355.25.

VIRGINIA: Bright Hope, M. S. A. W. A. boxes, \$28.00. Norville Ryland, Treasurer, cash \$90.00. Previously reported boxes, \$120.00. Cash, \$850.00. Total since May, boxes, \$148.00. Cash, \$950.00.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA: L. M. S., by Miss A. W. A. boxes, \$20.00. Previously reported cash, \$29.20. Total since May, boxes, \$20.00. Cash, \$29.20.

AGGREGATION: Total boxes, \$266.35. Cash, \$2,074.35. Previously reported boxes, \$178.00. Cash, \$2,153.12. Total since May, boxes, \$294.35. Cash, \$3,827.47.

THAT HONOR ROLL.

In August **HOME FIELD** we stated that in September edition we would publish the name of the first subscriber from each state and also the first person sending club of subscriptions.

We now have the pleasure of acknowledging the first subscriptions and first clubs from the following friends in their respective states:

Alabama: Mr. G. C. Britton, Anniston.
Arkansas: Mrs. M. Miles, Little Rock.
Florida: Rev. H. M. Prince, San Guallo.
Georgia: Mr. J. L. Spalding, DeLand.
Illinois: Mr. T. P. Willingham, Mrs. E. G. Willingham, Atlanta.
Indiana: Mrs. M. N. T. Coleman, Scipio.
Kentucky: Rev. W. C. Pierce, Catlettsburg.
Louisiana: Rev. D. L. Purser, New Orleans.
Maine: Mr. W. T. Hearna, Independence, Rev. Wm. Kroesch, California.

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Dear Dr. Tichenor: I had a fine time with the brethren at Williamsburg, Ky. The meeting in attendance and interest was beyond my expectation. McGarity has certainly done faithful and effective work in gaining the confidence and sympathy of these mountain preachers. I could see that great good is being accomplished in all that section. The value of that Williamsburg meeting cannot be estimated.

I had great joy in giving the brethren some studies it Acts. My work was so heartily received as I could have hoped for anywhere down here in Georgia. I am glad I have had the privilege of being with those brethren a few days.

Yours very truly, B. D. RAGSDALE.
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