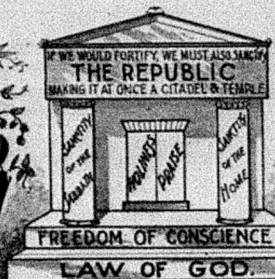


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THE FILLING OF A BOX.

MISS M. E. WRIGHT.

For The Christian Index

At the first autumn meeting of our missionary society, the subject of a box was discussed. No other subject ever awakened quite so much interest or so ready a response. Our secretary was soon instructed to secure a letter from a frontier missionary, through our Corresponding Secretary, W. M. U., then to write at once to the missionary, find out more in detail his needs, and learn something of his work and surroundings. Our wise president had learned from experience that these letters were of mutual benefit. The missionary appreciated the personal interest manifested and enjoyed having an opportunity to tell of his work to interested listeners; and the society was drawn into closer sympathy with the missionary and fired with more enthusiasm to supply his needs. The year before, the secretary had written urging us to take an elderly man and his wife, saying that so many societies ask for large families she found it hard to place some letters like the one she enclosed. A box never elicited more interest or was more appreciatively received. The dear old brother wrote that his wife said, "He looked like an old Virginia gentleman" in the outfit we had provided, and we kept up quite a brisk correspondence for some time. Indeed, we would have liked to keep him as our permanent missionary, but that we could not do as it is thought best to change every year, otherwise some might always be well taken care of while others might suffer. Then, too, the societies would miss the opportunity to learn of different sections and the missionaries there located.

This year our missionary's family consisted of nine, the parents and seven children, of all ages and sizes. We were not appalled, for our society contained a number of young matrons with growing children. One spoke up and said, "Will has outgrown his overcoat, and I was wondering to whom I should give it. It is almost new, and I am sure it will fit one of the boys." "I have to buy a new coat for Nell," said another "and hers was new last winter." So it went on until every boy and girl of the seven was provided with a winter wrap. The perplexing question was an overcoat for the missionary, as we never could bear to let a box go without an overcoat, for the western winds are so piercing and he has to be out in all weathers. "Why not ask our pastor to speak of the box on Sunday and say that we will be glad to receive donations, and especially money contributed for the overcoat?" This suggestion was adopted. An early day was set for the packing, and committees appointed to get the box and have it in readiness, and to solicit and take charge of contributions.

When the ladies met again they found the center of the room occupied by a large box strongly braced and well-lined with heavy brown paper, and chairs, tables, sofas and the floor piled with bundles. "Our committee certainly knew what they were expected to do and did it," remarked the President with a pleased smile. It was some time before she could secure order and the valuation of the articles began, every one was so engrossed in examining the bundles and rejoicing over their appropriateness.

"Here's such a nice quilt; the very thing for the bottom of the box. Who made it?" A quiet, plainly-dressed little woman spoke up and said, "The children made the patches during vacation, and I quilted it. I teach my children to work for missions because we have so little to give."

"Half a dozen pairs of sheets and pillow-cases; whose happy thought was that?"

"My husband gave me the cloth from his factory, and I thought it would save a weary mother to make them up. There are several pieces of cloth besides, that will make crib sheets and trundle-bed sheets and the various sizes that this family need."

"Just look at the good things," exclaimed another excited explorer, as she stooped over a pile of canned goods, with tea, coffee and a tin box of crackers. "Do you put these in? It's a long way to send them." "O, yes, when we have them," answered the president. "They furnish the family with a few luxuries they can ill afford to buy."

"How are you going to value this?" asked a sharp-tongued little woman, holding up a bundle of kindling. "Who ever heard of shipping fat light-wood half way across the continent."

"Those kindlings were cut by a poor boy in my Sunday-school class," said a faithful teacher, "I could not refuse to bring them, and I am sure whoever makes the fire in the missionary's home this winter will bless that little fellow who did 'what he could.' You know Georgia pine does not grow on Western prairies."

"Here's a great big tin box of candy; do let us know who thought of that?"

"My friends all know I like candy," said a young girl, "and this time I thought I would like to divide."

"Isn't this just lovely!" some one exclaimed, holding up what might be termed a "mother's box," for it contained needles, thread, buttons of every size and complexion, scissors, emery, wax and several thimbles. It was the gift of an old lady who had long passed the time when she could use her needle, but being the mother of a large family, knew just what to put in it.

"Here are some more things for the mother; aren't they nice?" A whisk broom in a pretty case, a pincushion of dainty pattern, and some other fancy articles were flourished in the air. "I know Mrs. B— made these." Mrs. B— was noted for her dainty home.

"Yes," she said, "I love pretty things about me even if I have five children, and I thought seven might not hinder Mrs. Faith from enjoying them."

A number of books and toys had been sent by the Mission Band; a doll for each of the little girls came from a little invalid, one of the "shut ins"; the pastor sent two or three books which he had found helpful, and the young people contributed some recent magazines and newspapers.

"Goodness me! what is this?" exclaimed the packer, as a large, soft bag was tossed into her arms. "If it isn't feathers! Who'd ever have thought of them?"

"A friend from the country sent those," answered the president. "She rarely has any money, and so she prepared these feathers for our next box. I am sure Mr. Faith will often bless her when he rests his weary head on this downy pillow."

"Too bad we haven't a whole suit of clothes for

Mr. Faith; with that our box would be quite complete. This is the best one we have ever sent; the children and the mother are well provided for, and there are table linen, gloves, towels handkerchiefs, in fact everything."

Just then the door opened, revealing a half-grown negro boy with a box in his arms.

"Ma's William say hah's a suit er clo'es fur de mish'nary. He say he gwine put one in ebbery box yer sen', but he ain'tim fur me to tell yer." He deposited the box and bolted.

"I think we ought to have a special thanksgiving for this," remarked the lady who was wishing for the suit. "We will have a thanksgiving time for it all as soon as it is finished," said the president. When the suit was put in and a note signed by all the ladies present, they knelt and thanked God for the many generous gifts, and prayed for a blessing on the missionary and his family.

A month later we heard from our box. The missionary wrote: "Words cannot express our thanks, and you can never know from how much suffering you have saved us. We thank you for the many comforts and luxuries which will make our home more like the one we left in Georgia fifteen years ago. Many of the articles we brought with us are worn out; we have not been able to replace them, and my wife has missed them sorely. She was so pleased with the work-box and the fancy articles; said they made her feel young again. The children are wild with delight; they had only a few rude toys, and such candy they have never seen. Tell your pastor he cannot know what these books mean to me. The inability to buy books, or get them from a library, has been one of the greatest deprivations of this frontier life.

"How can I thank the dear woman who sent those feathers! That pillow is always given to the sick or tired one, and it seems to bring refreshing rest."

"I was a boy again when I made a fire with those kindlings; the odor of the pine carried me back to my old home, and I had many a story to tell the children of those early days. Now I must thank those who sent me the overcoat and rug. I can weather the storms this winter in comfort. A special message to the brother who sent me the gift of clothes. Say to him, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' If our Lord himself had not said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' it would be hard for me to believe it to-day when I am experiencing so fully the joy of receiving. I trust the Father has bestowed on each one of you the yet greater blessedness promised to the giver."

There were few dry eyes in the room when the letter was ended, but the tears were tears of rejoicing, for each woman's heart was echoing the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Augusta, Ga.

REV. J. W. BLACK, Oklahoma: We had a grand Convention. Our Convention is more united than ever, and I feel sure that there will be a grand work done for Oklahoma this year. We are sending several of our missionaries out on the western frontier, into entirely destitute parts. May God bless you and the Board for helping us to send them.



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NEEDS OF THE HOME BOARD.

We regret to say that the receipts of the Board since May 1st have been unusually small—less even than they were for the corresponding period of last year, when they were the smallest in its recent history. While the causes which led to this result can be easily found, the fact is none the less embarrassing to the work of the Board.

Shortly after the last Convention the Home Mission Board called a meeting of the representatives of the various State Boards to confer as to the needs of their respective fields, and the amount that might be expected from the Home Board. This meeting resulted in agreements with nearly every State Board that the amounts appropriated by the Home Mission Board should be increased, and the assurance was given by the representatives of such states that the contributions from their states should be correspondingly enlarged. Thus along the whole line the missionary force was to be strengthened and the supply of the destitution more nearly accomplished.

Many of the states who are parties to these agreements, thus far, have not only failed to increase their contributions, but have fallen short of those of former years. We are aware of the difficulties that have caused this diminution, and while we are not disposed to complain, kindly but earnestly we call the attention of our brethren to this condition of affairs and ask them to furnish us relief from our growing embarrassment.

MISSIONARIES' BOXES.

It is a noble work in which the Baptist women of the South are engaged in sending boxes of clothing to the families of Frontier

Missionaries. It is hardly possible to trace the full blessings that grow out of this labor of love. It is a blessing of the highest order to those who are engaged in preparing and forwarding such boxes. It is a means of familiarizing them with, and interesting them in the lives and labors of the faithful Frontier Missionaries. The very character

of such work inspires that interest which results in enlarged monied contributions for the support of missions. The consciousness of having helped these worthy and poorly paid servants of the Master is a definite realization of the divine truth that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and many have read with a new and fuller meaning the words of the Savior, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The blessing to the recipients of these boxes cannot be told. The means of these Frontier Missionaries are not sufficient to enable them to purchase the necessary comforts for their families. Many of them are located where prices are greater than they are in the older states. Thus it would be impossible for them to remain and continue preaching the gospel where so much needed and so greatly blessed, were it not for the assistance they receive from their sisters in the way of clothing and other supplies.

But the money value of these boxes is not the greatest blessing. The life of these missionaries is a lonely life, living often miles from the nearest neighbor, and absent from home much of the time. It is a blessing to their wives and children to know that back here somewhere are those who think of them and care for them. Many a tired and weary heart has been cheered and encouraged by this thought.

However, let not the donation of these boxes take the place of the cash contributions so much needed by the Home Board to pay the salaries of missionaries. The plan of sending boxes is a blessed work, but that will not pay salaries. Will not every one who has learned something more of the privations, trials and hardships of these faithful missionaries, through the work of preparing and sending boxes, endeavor to secure increased cash contributions to the Home Mission Board, with which to pay the needed salaries of its missionaries?

OUR HOME FIELD.

The object of the Home Mission Board in resuming the publication of **OUR HOME FIELD** is to disseminate missionary intelligence.

We are gratified at the favor with which the little paper is received, and are appreciative of the kindness with which many are working to increase its circulation.

The subscription price barely covers cost of printing and mailing but on account of the help such a publication may be to the cause of missions and to churches and individuals, the Board desires to secure the largest possible circulation.

Will not all, present subscribers and those who are not, encourage the Home Board, and participate in the extension of Christ's Kingdom, by endeavoring to secure as many subscribers as possible?

We will gladly send sample copies to all who desire them.

WOMANS' MISSIONARY UNION.

He who does not realize a sense of pride, and gratitude for the work being accomplished by the noble Baptist women of the South is either insensible to loyal christian effort, or uninformed in regard to organic denominational work in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Womens Missionary Union is auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and embodies Womens Missionary Societies throughout the territory of the Convention. Each state has its own Central Committee, while the Executive Committee of the W. M. U. is domiciled at Baltimore.

We would be glad if we had space to record our grateful appreciation of the zeal and fidelity of, not only the Executive Committee at Baltimore, but also of the various Central Committees and of Societies and individual members.

Theirs is a blessed work of willing hands inspired by loving hearts, the effect of which is a benediction to the Boards, Conventions, churches, pastors and missionaries.

The **HOME FIELD** is favored in having a portion of space assigned to this important department of christian work. And particularly favored in the fact that this department is edited by Miss Annie W. Armstrong, the faithful and efficient Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U.

A STARTLING FACT.

It is useless to attempt to ignore the fact that the centre of American iron production has shifted to the South. During the month of June shipments of iron from the Southern fields aggregated 100,662 tons, and for the six months ended July 1 the total was above 600,000 tons. The grand total of the year is certain to exceed 1,600,000 tons, and may reach 2,000,000 tons. The market for Southern iron now extends to England, the greater part of the Continent, India, Japan, Africa and South America.—Philadelphia Stockholder.

What this means for the South no human mind can grasp. England has built her Island throne and made herself Mistress of the seas, chiefly by having been the iron producing centre of the world. But the South will be the iron producing centre of a world of twice the population, and five times the consumption of that world which has made England rich and powerful, respected and feared to the ends of the Earth.

With what grandeur does such facts invest our Home Mission work. America for Christ means the World subdued by the Gospel.

EV. D. I. PURSER, D. D.

Our beloved brother Purser is seriously ill with yellow fever in New Orleans. On October 19th, the fourth day, his fever was high with some favorable progress. His wife had arrived in New Orleans and was with him.

We are sure brethren everywhere will earnestly pray that the Lord may spare to the denomination the useful life of our esteemed brother, and comfort his dear ones in their hour of sorrow and anxiety.

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Motto.—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

TODAY.

"Will you not offer yourself to-day
To the service of the King?
Yourself redeemed by the Saviour's blood
To the feet of the Saviour bring?"

Will you not offer yourself to-day
While it costs you something to give?
A priceless gift may never be yours
To offer again while you live."

—India's Women.

"NEVER REFUSE GOD ANYTHING."

Florence Nightingale said, "If I could give you information of my life, it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability had been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I HAVE NEVER REFUSED GOD ANYTHING."

Should not every Christian woman rejoice because these words of heart experience have been preserved from one who, though known only to the soldiers as "The Lady of the Lamp," has been ranked among the most consecrated names. Possessed with abundant means, a general favorite, blessed with all that might have made social life alluring, doubtless she refused many calls from the world, yet how inspiring it is to know she "never refused God anything."

Just as clearly as He called her to take an interest in and labor for the suffering, the lost and down-trodden, He is now, by means of the many who being without Christ are without hope, calling each one of us to active service. The same light which revealed the duty and privilege of doing in His service what He had done for her in shining in our hearts. What a blessed impetus would be given to missionary effort if all workers for God would resolve "never to refuse Him anything." Think on these things, and the Holy Spirit will guide each one into all truth.

WOMEN WORKERS.

1. Miriam—Exodus 15: 20, 21.
2. Deborah—Judges 4: 4, 5; 5: 1.
3. Naaman's maid—2 Kings 5: 2, 3.
4. Jehoshabea—2 Kings 11: 2, 3.
5. Anna—Luke 2: 37.
6. Mary and Martha—Luke 10: 38, 40.
7. Ministering to Jesus—Luke 8: 1-3.
8. Ministering to Paul—Romans 16: 1-4, 6, 10.
9. Dorcas—Acts 9: 36.
10. Philip's daughters—Acts 21: 9.

APPORTIONMENT.

In consideration of the fact that the Home and Foreign Boards have each asked \$30,000 from Woman's Missionary Union during the present year (though if it were possible to give more, their efficiency would be greatly increased), the amount has been divided among the various States as follows:

STATE	FOREIGN BOARD	HOME BOARD
Alabama	\$ 1,600 00	\$ 1,050 00
Arkansas	800 00	1,050 00
District of Columbia	100 00	300 00
Florida	850 00	1,000 00
Georgia	2,800 00	2,800 00
Kentucky	2,250 00	2,250 00
Louisiana	425 00	800 00
Maryland	2,200 00	4,850 00
Mississippi	1,000 00	1,200 00
Missouri	1,750 00	2,000 00

North Carolina	2,100 00	2,000 00
South Carolina	4,200 00	1,400 00
Tennessee	1,500 00	1,500 00
Texas	2,200 00	2,400 00
Virginia	5,000 00	3,550 00
West. Ark. & Ind. Ter.	75 00	
West. North Carolina	350 00	350 00
"Young South"	600 00	
	\$30,000 00	\$30,000 00

This apportionment was made at the Annual Meeting in Wilmington by a committee consisting of a member of the Central Committee in each State, or if no officer were present, some prominent worker. Each member of the Committee suggested the amount for her own State, being guided, not by numbers, but the supposed interest in Woman's Work. It is not to be regarded as a tax levied, or as in sense binding, there being no pledge of any character; for the Committee recognized that all offerings are purely voluntary. Emerson has said if we hitch our wagon to a star, we will at least strike a tree top, so it was thought that definite aim stimulates effort, and if the societies in each State would keep before them a certain fixed mark in pressing "forward," they would probably reach very near, if not quite to it. Let it be remembered that this amount includes all special efforts, the Christmas Offering for China given to the Foreign Board, that of Self Denial Week to the Home Board, and also boxes to frontier missionaries.

We trust Woman's Missionary Union workers will appreciate the wisdom of this action, and that with harmony of purpose, seeking only the glory of God, each society in every State will do its best. As no special amount is mentioned in Recommendations of Sunday School Board, no apportionment has been made in connection with its work. It is hoped, however, that the societies will bear in mind the request for our co-operation in enlarging the Bible Fund, and that they will contribute as much money as possible for this purpose.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Wordsworth says "The child is father of the man." Milton conveys the same idea by "As morning shows the day, so childhood shows the man." How important then that children be trained in such principles as shall develop them into useful workers for God! The Sunday School Board is doing noble service by keeping before the minds of young people the great need of missions, and by presenting the needs of the Bible Department in a way which, by appealing to both eye and ear, seems specially adapted to children. Believing that their sympathies can be awakened for those who have no book which teaches of Jesus and Heaven, that the necessity of sending Bibles can be readily grasped by them, the Sunday School Board has had printed beautiful cards, representing a large open Bible upon which is laid a number of smaller Bibles and Testaments which show that a Bible may be sent to a destitute home for 25 cents, and a Testament for 6 cents. To increase interest in these of a larger growth, a leaflet entitled "Our Bible," containing several interesting articles, has been published.

In the Recommendations to Woman's Missionary Union, the Sunday School Board requests co-operation in Bible Department work, and by this novel method of presenting its need, partially answers a question which is frequently sent to the Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, viz., "How can we interest the children?" We believe, if the leaders in societies and bands will ask God to make them feel the responsibility of training the children to become missionary workers and will adopt this plan of work, that greater success will be manifest. The little ones will be pleased to have the brightly colored cards given them, the cheapness of the Bibles and Testaments will recommend them, and a generous rivalry may be excited by seeing who will send most Bibles to the poor people who have none.

Contributions to this work may be made, as to Home and Foreign Boards, through the regular State channels to Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Bible cards and leaflets will gladly be sent free of charge, either by applying to Central Committees in the different States, or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street.

We await the result of the year's effort. Which society will send the largest number of Bibles.

FIRST ITALIAN MISSION.

It will be gratifying to those who heard Bro. Eager, our returned Italian Missionary, at the Convention in Wilmington, as well as to many others throughout the Southern States, to learn that in accordance with his suggestions the Home Board, in co-operation with the Young Peoples' Societies of Maryland, has established a promising Italian Mission in the city of Baltimore.

This work is in charge of Rev. Segra Galassi who is highly recommended by Bro. Eager, the Executive Committee of Maryland and others, as being eminently qualified for successful work among the Italians.

With what prayerful interest and consecrated fidelity have the Baptists of the South for years contemplated the noble work of the beloved Taylor and others in Italy. No work of the Convention has commended itself to the hearts of our Baptist brotherhood more than this.

Sufficient attention has perhaps not been directed to the spiritual necessities of the thousands of these people all over our own land. The work of evangelization among the Italians in America, and especially in the South, constitutes a twofold demand on Southern Baptists. First, that of furnishing the gospel to those of a nationality whose condition in their native country has so strongly appealed to the Southern Baptists, and second; while they are the same people to whom Taylor and others have been sent, they are here at our own doors. They are becoming a part of our body politic. They need the word of life as greatly here in their adopted land as their kindred do in their native land. In this Christian country, with its religious influences it would seem that a corresponding effort should be fruitful of greater results. Is it not also true that if we do not help them, they will injure us? Those who are here, and others who are constantly coming to our shores, must of necessity make an impress on our civilization. Shall we not evangelize them so that this impress shall not be detrimental?

It may seem strange that this Italian Mission just established in Baltimore is the first to be started by Southern Baptists, and we are informed that there is only one other in America, that being in New York.

The Home Board realizes the importance of this work, and earnestly desires to enlarge and extend it, as well as similar work among other foreigners. The financial ability to do so rests with the churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Truly there is a wide field for mission work among the foreign population in our own land.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

SPECIAL CLUB RATES.

One years subscription to the following five periodicals may be had for \$1.25 by addressing Miss Ella Yelvington, Belton, Texas.

OUR HOME FIELD. The Foreign Mission Journal. The Missionary Messenger. The Sunday School and Colportage Helper and The Texas Baptist Worker.

This combination will furnish, at reduced cost, information in regard to general and state denominational work of special interest to the Baptists of Texas and elsewhere.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

We cannot say that we speak directly for all the Mission Boards, but we have long been acquainted with many and have served some eleven years on one of them and we beg to say this for the State Mission Board of the Missouri Baptist General Association; that we know no better men. These men have paid out thousands of dollars of their own money bearing their own expenses to their meetings, have given their own personal obligations to secure funds to make up for delayed contributions and pay the missionaries their often scanty, much needed salaries. In addition they have been the most liberal contributors to the fund itself, and to liquidate whatever debt remained at the close of the year. As a rule the members of our Mission Boards are our most pious men.—*Central Baptist.*

The above is a faithful description of the characters and services of the men who compose the Home Mission Board, and doubtless may with equal propriety be applied to those of our other Boards.

REPORTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

From September 15th to October 15th, 1897.

ALABAMA: Birmingham Ass'n, W. M. W. Tr. Cash \$20.33, Judson Ass'n, Rev. A. J. P. \$27.75, Columbia Ch. A. A. J. Tr. \$10. Total cash \$58.08. Previously reported boxes \$24.20, Cash 140.10. Total since May, boxes \$24.20, cash \$198.27.

ARKANSAS: Dardanelle Ass'n I. A. H. cash \$2.25, Willing Workers, Rev. C. W. S. Nashville \$8.50, Clear Creek Ass'n, W. S. W. Tr. \$1.50. Total cash \$50.00. Previously reported cash \$68.70. Total since May, cash \$78.70.

FLORIDA: Previously reported, boxes \$75.00, cash \$150.00.

GEORGIA: S. S. Glenn St. Atlanta, M. O. T. cash \$3.25, J. R. S., Pinedock \$2.00, W. M. S. Hepzibah, Miss N. B. F. Tr. \$2.35, J. G. Gibson Corresponding Secretary \$800.00. Total cash \$809.20. Previously reported boxes \$50.00, cash \$812.07. Total since May, boxes \$50.00, cash \$1,621.27.

INDIAN TERRITORY: Previously reported cash \$86.85.

KENTUCKY: W. M. S. Bowling Green cash \$23.30, Lynn Ass'n, H. W. L. Tr. \$14.38, J. W. Warder Cor. Sec. \$1,298.71, W. M. U. Mrs. B. G. R. Tr. \$34.34, Adairsville ch. M. L. F. Tr. \$55.00, J. W. B. G. R. Cor. Sec'y \$717.27, W. M. S. Bowling Green \$16.19. Total cash \$2,159.79. Previously reported, boxes \$34.60, cash \$256.75. Total since May, boxes \$34.60, cash \$2,416.54.

LOUISIANA: Ins. Ist. ch. N. O. By J. P. P. cash \$50.00. Previously reported, boxes \$16.35, cash \$20.50. Total since May, boxes \$16.35, cash \$70.50.

MARYLAND: B. T. P. U., Longwood ch. A. H. Tr. cash \$8.00, W. B. M. S. Balto. Miss. A. W. A. Pres. \$79.32, Calvary ch. Towson, L. H. M. Tr. \$56. Franklin Square, Balto. F. E. W., \$50.00, Eutaw Place, Balto. J. L. \$576.32, S. S. Forest ch., J. L. \$3.00, North Ave. Balto. F. S. B. \$26.25, Rockville ch. D. H. B. Tr. \$2.00, Poolesville ch. L. J. \$3.00. Total cash \$743.32. Previously reported, boxes \$46.41, cash \$171.79. Total since May, boxes \$46.41, cash \$915.11.

MISSISSIPPI: Fair River ch. L. P. K., clk. cash \$5.45, Sunbeams, Brookhaven ch. L. H. cash \$10.00, T. J. Bailey, Tr. \$50.00. Total cash \$75.45. Previously reported, cash \$151.38. Total since May, cash \$226.83.

MISSOURI: A. E. Rogers, Tr. cash \$438.80, W. M. S. A. E. R. Tr., \$20.20. Total cash \$459.00. Previously reported cash \$1,434.85. Total since May, cash \$1,893.85.

NORTH CAROLINA: Yancey Co. Ass'n, N. N. S., clk. cash \$1.15, Gibson ch. M. E. McL. \$2.50. Total cash \$3.65. Previously reported boxes \$20.97, cash \$29.96. Total since May, boxes \$20.97, cash \$33.61.

OKLAHOMA: Previously reported, cash \$5.50.

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TENNESSEE: Friendship Ass'n, S. G. B. Tr. cash \$8.54, W. M. Woodcock, Tr. \$254.26, Mulberry Gap Ass'n, W. H. S., clk. \$4.00. Total cash \$366.80. Previously reported, boxes \$21.00, cash \$428.71. Total since May, boxes \$21.00, cash \$895.51.

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VIRGINIA: Norvell Ryland, Tr. cash \$500.00. Previously reported, boxes \$148.00, cash \$1,550. Total since May, boxes \$148.00, cash \$2,050.00.

W. NORTH CAROLINA: Previously reported, boxes \$20.00, cash \$23.23.

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