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## BALTIMORE ITALIAN MISSION.

REV. RAFAELE GALASSI.

From some of the children with whom I have talked, I learned that the priest has been inquiring if I have a school, and on hearing that there is none yet, he said to them, "If that Protestant opens a school and you go there, then you will go to the Inferno (hell)."

The Italians of Baltimore are not as bigoted as one might suppose, although a few certainly may be called bigots. They do not attend their own church well, and in visiting the Roman Catholic church on Sunday I have found but eight or ten persons present, sometimes not more than four or five. I marvel at their indifference rather than at their bigotry.

There are two persons who hope to be baptized in the spring, but I wish to instruct them and observe them yet more closely, although I believe them to be true. Others who are interested in the Gospel cannot attend church because of the distance, and their inability to pay car fare very often. One of these used to attend an American church, but quit going because her friends ridiculed her as "that Protestant." She is now much interested again. Several are anxious to witness a Scriptural Baptism, and for this reason I would wish it to be a special occasion when the two above mentioned candidates are immersed. It would attract attention and draw some to hear the Gospel preached for the first time in their lives.

I have traced the falling off in our Mission to an enemy of the truth who has gone among the families saying that the Protestants sing infernal songs, a word which has stirred up the women especially to work against us.

Last month I sold a Bible to a man, but his bigoted wife made quite a scene. She wanted to burn "the profane book" and wanted to turn me out of the house. When I spoke to her of Jesus she was much moved, and when I again visited her she received me gladly and listened with great interest.

Some days ago I talked with a woman who acknowledged all I said to be true, but preferred to remain as she was. However, she would be glad if I would do her a slight favor, and when I agreed to do so in my power, she said she wished to get some Holy Water and have me bless some pictures she had, urging that she could not say her rosary to them because they had never been blessed. I had much to say on the subject, and she finally replied that she desired to remain as she was, whether for good or ill. She then added, "I never go even to the Roman Catholic church, imagine my going to a Protestant one."

Why should we live half way up the hill, and swathed in mists, when we might have an unclouded sky and a visible sun over our heads, if we would climb up higher and walk in the light of His face?—Alexander MacLaren, D. D.

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

### Southern Baptist Convention.

FREEMAN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

NORFOLK, VA., March 8th, 1898.

Replying to your kind letter of March 4th, will state that

(1.) The Entertainment Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will entertain all duly accredited delegates, bearing proper credentials.

(2.) All applications for homes should be made to the undersigned, prior to April 25th, as no assignments will be made after that date.

(3.) The committee will take pleasure in securing hotel or boarding house accommodations for any Brother who may wish to attend the convention, who is not a delegate.

(4.) In the language of Dr. Pitt, of the Herald, delegates are requested NOT TO TIE A STRING to their requests for homes. Thanking you for your kind offer, I am sincerely yours,

WM. T. ANDERSON,  
Chairman.

## OUR HOME FIELD.

The Home Mission Board is just now making special efforts to increase the circulation of OUR HOME FIELD. It is the organ of the Board.

The price is only ten cents per annum. Fifty copies or more to one address, in one wrapper, five cents per copy per year. At this price surely a copy should be in every Baptist family. Every church, Sunday School and Missionary Society could with little effort secure a nice club of subscribers, and the circulation of the paper would prove helpful in the development of mission interest.

Every additional subscriber means a more direct dissemination of missionary intelligence.

Every dollar received for the paper will be so much help to the cause of missions.

This appeal is earnestly made to all to join in the work of increasing the circulation of OUR HOME FIELD, by promptly securing a club of subscribers. It will be a good missionary work.

Sample copies will be furnished free upon application. Address all communications to

OUR HOME FIELD.

Atlanta, Georgia.

## OKLAHOMA.

S. W. Fuson: I have just closed a meeting in which Brother J. W. Black, our Cor. Secretary, assisted me, which resulted in twenty conversions. I expect to hold a meeting at Cushing soon. By the help of God we are gaining ground.

Rev. T. R. Bozeman: The field is already white unto the harvest, and we need more laborers. The cry comes from every quarter, come over and help us. The prospect for a great ingathering in future is good. Pray for us and the success of the Gospel.

Rev. T. E. Donaldson: My field of labor is a new field. There has been no Baptist preaching to amount to anything here. There is a great amount of destitution here but the field is promising. I pray that the time will soon come when God will give us Oklahoma for Jesus.

Rev. E. Graiman, German Missionary: Outlook is encouraging. One person professed conversion, others at our station are inquiring after the way of life. We observed two Missionary Sundays and collected \$143 for different mission purposes. We expect great things from the Lord.

## FLORIDA.

Rev. W. A. Bryan: During this quarter I have been holding protracted meetings with good results. All our mission pledges are paid. We have completed our church in Cottondale, Jackson County. Our section of country needs more mission work than ever before. This country is fast settling up. Turpentine and timber business is filling our country with a rough and unchristian element.

Rev. J. E. Oats, St. Augustine: The work is slowly consolidating. Attention at public service is good, and the outlook is encouraging. We have a flourishing B. Y. P. U.

Rev. Benj. Graf, German Missionary, Kansas City, Mo.: We most heartily extend our thanks for the help we received from the Home Mission Board for our church. We intend to dedicate the building the first Sunday in April.

Our meetings are increasing in numbers and spiritual life.

## A UNIQUE SOCIETY.

In Florida, the land of novelties, there is a curiosity in the shape of a Missionary Society, at every meeting of which the President, Secretary, Treasurer and all the members are present. The dues are always paid promptly and reports filled out and returned with a punctiliousness which causes the heart of the State Secretary to sing for joy. No one tries to get excused when her turn comes to lead and each member takes the Foreign Journal, HOME FIELD and State paper. The name of this society is Mrs. E. E. Prince, and its home is in Eau Gallie.

Its history, as told by its founder, is instructive in the extreme. Five or six years ago she felt convinced that there ought to be a Missionary Society in her church and for months she tried in vain to interest the members in the enterprise. But a Society there must and should be, to take away the reproach of the church, and a Society there is, tho' the accessions for which she has longed and prayed have not yet come to it.

A neighboring Society, hearing her desires, her hopes and her discouraging loneliness, asked the privilege of adding her name to their roll. But no! with a wisdom born of inspiration she said: "I should love to do it. But perhaps if I hold on awhile longer some one will come." A year ago her story was told at the State Convention and before the close of the meeting two Societies of one member each were formed on the extreme borders of the State; and who can tell how much the Woman's Missionary Union of the South will yet owe to the pluck of this invincible woman?

CAROLYN PALMER.

Lake Helen, Fla.





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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL, 1898.

Had it not been for Home Missions, State and Foreign Missions would never have had the support which they have at this time within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. This declaration needs no confirmation, when we remember that many of our strongest churches which are the most liberal supporters of the other Boards, were either planted by the Home Board or supported by it until able to stand alone.—  
*The South Carolina Baptist.*

#### WORK BEING DONE BY THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The field of the Home Mission Board covers the entire South and the Island of Cuba, and there is not a State or Territory within its borders in which the Board has not men preaching the Gospel to the destitute. Last year the number of its missionaries was 372, which has been increased this year to about 400.

These missionaries employ themselves in preaching the Gospel, making religious visits to the sick and the needy, establishing Sunday-schools, organizing churches, building houses of worship, and in distributing Bibles and Testaments, tracts and other religious literature.

Last year they performed 11,000 weeks of labor, preached 48,500 sermons in nearly 2,000 different places, reaching with the word of life probably 250,000 people. They added 9,455 members to their churches. They constituted 139 new churches, built and improved 186 houses of worship, organized 313 Sunday-schools, into which they gathered more than 10,000 children, made 62,000 religious visits, put into homes nearly 3,000 Bibles and Testaments and scattered 650,000 pages of tracts.

While it is impossible to give the results of the present year's work until its labors are finished and the figures are gathered, we can safely say there is every reason to believe they will exceed those of last year.

Many of our missionaries have gone forth and in trials and hardships have sown the Gospel seed. He who giveth the increase is nurturing it with rains and dews from heaven. It is ripening for harvest in the sky.

Those who have helped these men that have been sowing beside many waters are already receiving even here their recompense of reward. But the joy of their labor awaits them in that appointed hour when the ransomed of the Lord shall be gathered into the city of our Lord.

"And Heaven cry harvest home."

Within the past five years the Board has sent out, under annual appointment, an average of 391 missionaries, who have done work as follows:

They have preached 225,200 sermons, baptized 25,828 converts, and received into church membership 52,197 communicants. They have constituted 820 churches, built and improved 637 houses of worship and organized 2,926 Sunday-schools, into which were gathered 80,024 teachers and pupils.

#### HELP NOW.

Only a short time intervenes before the records of the present Conventional year will be completed.

Contributions to the Home Board since last May to the present time have been considerably less than for a corresponding period last year. The extensive prevalence of yellow fever and other causes have diminished the ability of some states, while some of the best states are behind last year in their contributions.

Ordinarily the Board has not been in any manner discouraged by a small debt at the close of the Conventional year. There are special and important considerations, however, now why it is desired that the Board may be free from debt at the Convention, and we earnestly appeal to brethren, in their own way, to cancel all of the Board's indebtedness before May 1st.

Many of the denominational papers have called attention to one important reason why this should be done.

In alluding to the probability of Cuba being re-opened to the mission work of the Board, and the great responsibility and opportunity it would present to Southern Baptists, *The Word and Way*, of Kansas City says:

"But that opportunity must be seized at once. The most heroic effort ought to be put forth at once, to send our Home Mission Board to Norfolk without a dollar of debt. A debt on the Board now, would necessarily cripple it for instant and adequate work in Cuba, should the work open there soon. Forward all along the line in gifts for Home Missions."

#### SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association was held at Asheville,

N. C., March 9th to 11th. There was a good attendance and the gathering was harmonious and profitable.

Rev. I. J. Van Ness of the Christian Index introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED,** That as an Association we recognize the needs of our Home and Foreign Boards, and the great burdens on our Secretaries; we pledge them from now to the Convention not only our hearty co-operation, but our best voluntary effort to help in securing the money to cancel their debts.

Brother Van Ness in speaking to the resolution stated that by the expression, "best voluntary efforts" was implied the purpose of each of our denominational papers to press the urgent necessity of rallying to the immediate help of the Boards. That this should be done by each paper freely and voluntarily in its own way, without waiting for, or depending on communications from Dr. Tichenor and Dr. Willingham, whose hands are full of work just now.

The faithful execution of this resolution will go far towards helping the Boards to go to the Convention free from debt.

#### GERMAN WORK AT BALTIMORE.

Miss Buhlmaier's report for two months ending February 1st shows the following services performed: Weeks of labor 8; visits and calls 104; literature distributed, 4,170 pages; visits to Washington 4; visits to Immigrant Pier 14; new Testaments distributed (in German) 320 copies; aid given 9 times, including 36 persons; amount expended \$1.75; attended sewing schools 14 times; attended church services 44 times, Sunday schools 14 times.

This record discloses a busy life in the work to which this faithful christian woman has consecrated her every talent. In connection with her report Miss Buhlmaier says:

"No doubt you will notice the increase of Testaments distributed. It is a source of great joy and encouragement to my soul to be able to place in the hands of so many the blessed Book, and to see their eagerness for it. May great blessings attend each copy. Let us pray for it.

We have moved into our new house for the school in West Baltimore. Thus far it has not hindered our progress, but on the contrary the attendance in Sunday School has increased, while the prayer meeting also has a better attendance. The sewing school, which could not be held during December, was re-opened January 10th with 107 scholars present; no falling off, as you see, but the need of teachers is great, more here than in the old place on account of the arrangement of the rooms.

On the whole the outlook is good. A marked spiritual interest is felt at the Chester street school. We are praying that God will grant us many sheaves for Jesus. The school has adopted for its Motto this year, "Sheaves for Jesus."

As a church we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Help us in this prayer."

Cuba, the "Modern Miracle" of Missions, will only be made richer and better by the struggles through which she is passing. She is the child of the Home Board. Let us be ready so that when the day of her deliverance shall come we may do what God seems to be indicating to us, take her, and not only help develop her splendid material resources, but carry on to their fullest perfection the moral and religious influences which have been so signally blessed in the years just passed.

Brethren, do not wait for further appeals; do not wait for some one to come to your church on this special mission. The command of our Lord was just as binding to do the work in Judea and in Samaria as it was to begin it in Jerusalem or carry it to the ends of the earth.—J. C. Caldwell, V. P. for N. C. in *Biblical Recorder*.



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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Motto.—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

## HOW TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY.

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on;

'Twas not given for thee alone—

Pass it on;

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heaven the deed appears—

Pass it on.

Have you found the heavenly light?

Pass it on;

Souls are groping in the night,

Daylight gone,

Hold thy lighted lamp on high,

Be a star in some one's sky;

He may live who else would die—

Pass it on.

—Union Signal.

## MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC:

### MISSIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES—STATE MISSIONS.

#### Items.

The object of State Missions and Home Missions is practically the same. They are to promote the preaching of the Gospel by every proper means and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist churches—the one in the borders of their own State alone; the other wherever the denomination in a given State may be unable to carry on the work; especially is this the case in Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

In nearly all the Southern States are sections which are untouched by Baptist influence, where godliness in varying forms prevails and where ignorance and error are deeply entrenched. They need the pure Gospel.

More than one-half of the Baptists of the world live in the territory of Southern Baptist Convention. It is essential that many of these be trained in the Master's service.

The seriousness of the State Mission problem is augmented by the rapid multiplication of towns and cities. Immigration also, with its tide of Romanism, infidelity and socialism, is a source both of danger to our country and to our Master's cause.

If State Boards are to embrace the opportunities given them, individuals must awaken to their responsibility.

As in each of the Southern States this work has been pressed vigorously to the front, there has been progress in every department of denominational life.

Love for State, love for our Southland, love for Christ, should constrain each one in this matter.

The work of State Boards is fundamental. Before the cords can be successfully lengthened in foreign lands, the stakes must be strengthened at home.

#### LOYALTY.

The word loyalty embodies the idea of being true at whatever cost. History furnishes many noble examples. A nephew of Louis XII tested the loyalty of his followers in leading a charge against an invincible army. Knowing their hearts were his, he

suddenly broke from them saying: "Let him who loves me, follow me." In the ringing call, every man heard a personal invitation and rushed forward, though he led them to death.

Across the centuries has come a call from a greater than he, One who appeals through His love for us, who is entitled to the allegiance of all mankind because He is the Son of God and captain of our salvation, saying: "If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me." He has personally invited each one to follow His leadership, engaging in the noblest of all services, that of reconciling a lost world to God, and has promised glorious victory. How has His call been received? From the early days of the church until now, religious history is filled with instances of loyalty greater than was ever rendered to earthly leader. Many have endured martyrdom, and "a host whom no man can number" have suffered persecution in his service; others, like Judson and Carey, have followed Him into the darkness of heathen countries; yet others have been led into the neglected places of our own land.

Today the same call is borne to Woman's Missionary Union and how shall this organization respond? Recognizing the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention to be inspiring, directing necessary agencies which represent the cause of Christ, we believe loyalty to Him should manifest itself in loyalty to the Boards.

In view of this relation, Woman's Missionary Union may prove its allegiance by the absence of unkind criticism, by confidence in the judgment of those through whose direction the many tiny streams of benevolence are enabled to flow our great Southern Baptist missionary enterprises, and by readiness to carry out the recommendations received from them by the giving of money, time, influence and self, until our country and the world are induced to "follow" Christ.

## OUR FOREIGN POPULATION.

Of the 16,000,000 foreigners who have landed at our seaports during the last seventy years, 3,387,279 came from Ireland, 1,529,782 from England and Wales, 312,924 from Scotland, 4,359,121 from Germany, 857,083 from Norway and Sweden, 127,642 from Denmark, 357,313 from France, 160,201 from Switzerland, and 320,796 from Italy. (The residue from some thirty other countries.) In our republic today, we have nearly twice as many Irishmen as there are at present in all Ireland; one Norwegian for every three in Norway; one Swede for every five in Sweden, and one Dane for every eight in Denmark. During the last ten years the influx from abroad into our country exceeds the number of the population of Holland or Belgium, of Norway or Sweden, of Greece or Switzerland.

Thirty-four per cent. of the persons of foreign birth are to be found in our cities. Of the Irish, forty-five per cent.; of Germans, thirty-eight per cent.; of English and Scotch, thirty per cent.; of Italians, forty per cent. Eighty per cent. of the population of New York City is constituted of foreigners by birth or parentage. One-third of the population of New York City and one-fourth of the population of Boston are Irish. The former city has more Roman Catholics than Vienna, and Vienna has more than 600,000 of this priest-ridden people. Of the 172,756 votes recently cast at an election in Chicago, 88,500 are reported as cast by naturalized citizens. The foreign element in St. Louis by birth and parentage is thirteen per cent.; in Detroit, fifteen; in Cincinnati, eighteen; in Milwaukee, twenty-seven. Is there not basis for the fear expressed by Dr. Strong that our cities are fast becoming miniature Europes, with a little Ireland here, a little Germany there, and a little Italy yonder?"

Home Mission Echoes.

## CUBANS.

The work among Spanish-speaking people should awaken much interest, since those who are now flocking to us are largely Cubans, who through the

misfortunes of the war, are compelled to seek a home here. These have generally lived in their own land in wealth, or comfort at least; they are often in the utmost poverty and suffering here. For this reason, a very little kindness and sympathy shown them by a Christian missionary, even without any material aid, is most highly appreciated, and the sorrowful, disappointed hearts are easily led to Christ for comfort and satisfaction.

A touching incident occurred last summer. On one of the very hot Sundays a man, his wife and daughters, came, through a kindly invitation, to a service. The leader, feeling intensely the fearful heat, had thought it almost impossible to hold a service; but, seeing these strangers, she lifted her heart to God for a special message to them. She felt impelled to tell as simply as possible the way of salvation through Christ. They listened eagerly, and at the close said, "And is this all that we must do to have our sins forgiven and had peace?" They gladly took the offered Bible, faithfully read it, and came regularly to the service. One day the man arose and said: "I thought it was very hard when I was compelled to leave my beautiful home, my large practice, all that I had, and to flee with my family to this strange land; but now I see the plan as well as the unspeakable goodness of God, since here has come to us the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour; and my hope is to return some time to my native land, and gather together my friends and my neighbors, and tell them the way of salvation."

His wife gave a like testimony, and showed the reality of her conversion by a peaceful death a few weeks later. At her funeral some of her Romish friends, who heard of her experience, said, "If this is Protestantism, show us how to become Protestants too."—Gospel in All Lands.

## AT YOUR OWN DOOR.

Sophie had been praying for twelve years to become a foreign missionary. One day she had so prayed, and the heavenly father seemed to say:

"Sophie, stop, where were you born?"

"In Germany, Father."

"Where are you now?"

"In America, Father."

Well, are you not a foreign missionary already?" Then the Father said, "Who lives on the floor above you?"

"A family of Swedes."

"And who above them?"

"Why, some Switzers."

"Who in the rear?"

"Italians."

"And a block away?"

"Some Chinese."

"And you have never said a word to these people about my Son? Do you think I will send you thousands of miles to the foreigner and heathen when you never care enough about them at your own door to speak with them about their souls?"—Exchange.

## BOUNTIFUL GIVING.

1. God loves a cheerful giver. He would have every man give as it is in his heart to give, to give as far as he can without grudging or of necessity, but do it of a set, careful "purpose." The gift that comes unwillingly has no reward. But get the habit of cheerful giving, of sowing the seed with a full hand, "for God loveth a cheerful giver." It may be but two mites, but if it be the widow's two mites, "all she had," none could do more.

2. God will give us "a sufficiency" as we give to others. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you." Plato's ideal of life was not wealth, but a sufficient amount for needs and for doing good. This is Paul's use of the word sufficiency, and that God will so prosper and bless you that you will have money to give to the needy, and so "abound to every good work" without needing help from others.

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# **RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.**

From February 15th, 1898 to March 15th, 1898.

**ALABAMA.** Boxes, reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary W. M. U., Baltimore; Y. L. S., 1st ch. Montgomery, \$125; L. M. S., Trussville, \$46.00; L. M. S., Scottsboro, \$35. Total boxes 200.05. Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$6.81. Previously reported, boxes \$1,975.54. Cash \$1,001.78. Total since May, boxes \$2,181.59, cash \$1,608.59.

**ARKANSAS.** Previously reported, boxes \$350.78, cash \$240.09.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.** Previously reported, boxes \$336.

**FLORIDA.** Previously reported, boxes \$458.52, cash \$413.88.

**GEORGIA.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S., Athens, \$90; L. S., Carrollton \$88.88; L. S., Crawfordsville \$25. Total boxes \$153.88. Cash, Curtis ch. Augusta, T. M. G., \$10; S. S., 1st ch. Augusta for Cova's School \$51.70; Hephzibah ch. H. L. M., \$14.72; J. G. Gibson, Cor. Sec. \$85.13; Antioch ch. W. J. D. U., \$2.65; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$15.17; W. M. S., Ada, Rev. J. A. W., \$1.10; Rev. J. A. W., 40c. Total cash \$180.87. Previously reported, boxes \$3,658.24; cash \$5,969.38. Total since May, boxes \$5,812.12; cash \$6,150.25.

**INDIAN TERRITORY.** Previously reported, cash \$86.85.

**KENTUCKY.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S., Evergreen, \$35; L. S. Chastant St. ch. Louisville, \$56.00; L. S., 1st ch. Lexington \$127; L. S. Covington \$22.00; L. S., Williamsburg, \$54. Total boxes \$304. Cash, J. W. Warder, Cor. Sec. 744.98; W. M. S., 1st ch. Folling Green for Cova salary \$17.15; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$1.77; Cent. Com., Mrs. B. C. R., Sec. and Tr. \$20.31. Total cash \$784.21. Previously reported, boxes \$1,600.31, cash \$3,230.43. Total since May, boxes \$1,904.31, cash \$4,014.64.

**LOUISIANA.** Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F. \$5.18; Macedonia ch. J. W. E., \$3.00; 1st ch. N. O., Rev. J. P. P., \$25.00. Total cash \$33.78. Previously reported boxes \$295.30, cash \$231.20. Total since May, boxes \$295.30, cash \$264.98.

**MARYLAND.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. H. and F. M. S. Hampden ch. Balto. \$50; Y. L. M. B., Fuller Memorial ch. Balto., \$90; L. S., Main St. ch. Frostburg (contribution) \$8; L. S. Lee St. ch. Balto. German work, \$2; R. O. L. S., North Ave. ch. Balto., German work, \$2.15. Total boxes \$152.15. Cash S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$46.23; Lee St. ch. Balto. G. L. J. \$6; 4th ch. Balto. J. F. T., \$3.15; Franklin Sq. ch. Balto. F. E. W. \$50. Total cash \$105.38. Previously reported, boxes \$2,859.46, cash \$1,401.99. Total since May, boxes \$3,011.61, cash \$1,507.37.

**MISSISSIPPI.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S. Leland \$90; W. M. S., Macon \$99.49. Total boxes \$189.49. Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$2.12; Mrs. E. J. Manning, Days \$5; T. J. Bailey Tr. \$50. Total cash \$57.12. Previously reported, boxes \$602.50, cash \$1,079.52. Total since May, boxes \$792.09, cash \$1,136.04.

**MISSOURI.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. Liberty \$35; W. M. S., Fulton \$46.50; W. M. S., Monroe City \$50. Total boxes \$131.50. Cash W. T. Hearne, Independence \$2; E. H. Sawyer, Tr. \$188.47. Total cash \$190.47. Previously reported, boxes \$1,028.33, cash \$2,343.14. Total since May, boxes \$1,159.83, cash \$2,533.61.

**NORTH CAROLINA.** Cash, L. M. S., Green Mountain, \$3.00; J. D. Boushall, Tr., \$100; Lonsburg church, Rev. F. S., \$11.00; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$8.47. Total \$122.47. Previously reported, boxes \$1,462.75, cash \$1,137.61. Total since May, boxes \$1,462.75, cash \$1,260.08.

**OKLAHOMA.** Previously reported, cash \$39.42.

**OREGON.** Previously reported, cash \$3.60.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., First Union District, Saluda Association \$28.45; The Mother Pack Mission Band, Pendleton street church, Greenville, \$45.25. Total boxes \$73.70. Cash, Sumter church, Miss F. H., \$9.00; C. E. H., Williamston, \$26.00; Parkville church, J. C. M. Tr., \$80; Laurens church, W. S. K. clerk, \$25.00; White Pond church H. W. S. Tr., \$3.40; Red Branch church, Aiken Ass'n, W. F. A., \$1.10; Central church, Piedmont Ass'n, C. C. F., \$1.62; Fairmount church, J. W. K., \$95; Beulah church, Union Co. Ass'n, S. C. Tr., \$3.15; First church, Gaffney, Miss L. C. B. Tr., \$2.35; Cent. Com., W. M. S., Mrs. J. S., Cor. Sec., \$18.22; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$6.12; Friendship ch. Rev. C. P. E., \$2.45; Walnut Grove church, G. B. R. Tr., \$1.10; Rader church, W. B. C., \$2.75; Corinth church, No. 1, R. J. M. Tr., \$50; Tabernacle church J. C. C. Tr., \$1.00; Williston church, W. A. B. N. Tr., \$3.25; Chester S. S., W. M. C. Tr., \$2.35. Total cash \$107.49. Previously reported, boxes \$1,040.05, cash \$2,529.87. Total since May, boxes \$1,113.75, cash \$2,637.26.

**TENNESSEE.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S., 1st church, Jackson, \$50.00; L. S., Gallatin, \$25.00. Total boxes \$75.00; cash W. M. Woodcock, Tr., \$197.48. Previously reported, boxes \$1,009.05, cash \$1,619.40. Total since May, boxes \$1,084.05, cash \$1,816.88.

**TEXAS.** Cash, W. R. S., Ennis, \$1.20; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$2.27; J. B. Gambrell, Supt., \$111.64. Total cash \$115.11. Previously reported, boxes \$397.80, cash \$1,319.83. Total since May, boxes \$397.80, cash \$1,434.44.

**VIRGINIA.** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S., Lexington, \$18.45; W. M. S., Buena Vista, \$50.00; W. M. S., Fork church, \$24.00; W. M. S., Calvary, Richmond, \$70.00; W. M. S., Upper Essex church \$35.00. Total boxes \$137.45; cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$11.00; B. A. Jacob, Tr., \$400. Total cash \$431.04. Previously reported, boxes \$2,532.59; cash \$2,489.47. Total since May, boxes \$2,730.74, cash \$3,920.51.

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.** Cash, J. M. Stoner, Tr., \$2.97. Previously reported, boxes \$92.75, cash \$34.43. Total since May, boxes \$92.75, cash \$37.40.

**AGGREGATE.** Boxes \$1,483.22; cash \$2,535.20. Previously reported, boxes \$29,200.50; cash \$26,921.79. Total since May, boxes \$21,783.72; cash \$29,236.99.

Our books close April 30th. Please forward all contributions promptly.

## **Bountiful Giving.—Continued from 3rd Page.**

3. God will increase the fruits of your giving. "He who supplies seed for the sowing, and bread for the eating, will supply and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your almsgiving."—*Lange.* As God makes the earth fruitful with sun and showers so that its large harvest produce seed and bread, so he will bless the liberal man with a greater amount of seed to sow, and then make it produce more, and so he will add to your power to do good, and he will increase the evident amount of good done.

4. God will increase your joy in giving. Having been enriched so that you can be more bountiful, you will have a joy in giving that will make you thankful.—*A. D. Vail, D.D.*

## **NEW ERA INSTITUTES.**

The success of co-operative Institute work among the colored people in the six states in which the plan is at present in operation is exceedingly gratifying. The most encouraging reports, and assurances of satisfaction with the successful operation of the plan is received from all parties participating or interested in it.

The following communication from Rev. P. S. Lewis, General Missionary at Richmond, Va., will be read with interest:

IN VIRGINIA:

The new Era Institute held at South Boston, Va., Feb. 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, was in many respects the most interesting

one held lately. At no place has there been manifested a more Christian feeling between the white and colored Baptist ministry than was shown in that town.

The following expressions show how the institutes are helping many of the colored ministers who have had little school training:

"I never attended one of these institutes before and did not know much about them; but since coming here and hearing the lectures given by able ministers, I decided that I was in college."

"Yes," said another, "I too feel that I have rubbed not only my head but my back against the college walls."

This goes to show that the instruction given in these institutes is of the first order, and makes one feel the importance of preparing himself more thoroughly for the Gospel ministry.

Take away the institutes and we have abolished the very best means of reaching a great many preachers who on account of age and lack of means never will attend any of our schools of learning.

## **OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY.**

It will be remembered that at the first of the present Conventional year the Home Board made an additional appropriation to the work in each of the above Territories.

These additional appropriations were greatly needed, and have been followed by the most gratifying results, as will be shown in the annual rep. rt.

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