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RENEWALS.

The payment of so small an amount as the subscription price of OUR HOME FIELD is an insignificant act with one person, but the collection of many renewals becomes quite a task to us. We respectfully request, therefore, that each subscriber will favor us by forwarding renewals without delay when due.

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If the paper has been satisfactory to you, will you not kindly undertake to send one or more new subscriptions with your renewal. Such assistance will be materially helpful to the Board.

THE WORK OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD In Southern Kentucky.

REV. W. B. MCGARITY.

Friends of Mountain Missions have reason to rejoice over the condition of the work in this section. In conjunction with the Kentucky State Mission Board, the Home Board is doing a good solid work.

Recently Rev. J. W. Mahan has been settled as missionary pastor at Harlan. We have a small church here. It is a rich field. Brother Mahan will devote half his time to general work in the county, the other half to his church at Harlan. Just north of Harlan county are Leslie and Perry. For some six months Rev. A. S. Petry has been at work in these two counties. He has organized churches at Hyden and Hazard, the county seats, and is building at Hazard. At Manchester, the county seat of Blay, Rev. R. L. Baker has recently settled as pastor. The writer is pastor at London, Ky., and Jellico, Tenn. Rev. L. B. Parker is pastor at Borbin, an important railroad center, while Rev. J. B. Holley holds the fort at Middlesboro. All these are working under the State and Home Boards. Pastors H. H. Hibbs, Williamsburg, and E. L. Stephens, Barbersville, though not under the Boards, are equally interested. All of us work together.

Once a year we join hands and hold a Bible Institute for this section. Last month over sixty Baptist preachers and Christian workers met at Williamsburg and spent a week in Bible study. Through the help of the Home Board Rev. D. B. Ragsdale, of Georgia, and Rev. W. J. McGlothlin, of Louisville, were with us, and led in a study of Romans, Joel, Micah and other Bible subjects.

Dr. Willingham, of the Foreign Mission Board, was with us also. We shall have Institutes, though on a smaller scale, during the year at the following places: Robertsville, Tenn.; Jellico, Tenn.; London, Ky.; Harlan, Ky.; Woodbine, Ky. Those of us on the field will hold these. They will act as feeders for the general meeting next summer.

The mountain section is full of promise. There is much talk of Baptist schools. The Laurel

River Association is raising five thousand dollars to build an academy. Our Jellico people are building a nice brick church, and will pay for more than two-thirds of it themselves.

Our greatest need, from a human standpoint, is consecrated men of ability, who feel called of God to this work and are glad to come and settle among the people and become one with them in life, sympathy, and religion. Spasmodic efforts hurt rather than help. There are no better people, no truer type of New Testament religion found anywhere.

BROTHER BLACK IN OKLAHOMA.

Mulhall, Okl. Ter'y, July 2, 1898.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong,

Dear Sister:

Yours to hand. I will try to give you some idea of my work and field.

First, Oklahoma is some 250 miles one way by 150 the other. Some parts of my work are very pleasant, especially as I know I am working for my blessed Master, and when I see souls converted to God, oh, it makes my heart glad to know that as humble an instrument as I am can be used to His honor and glory in the salvation of the world, or rather poor lost sinners. My work as a Superintendent of Missions and general missionary gives me plenty of chance to see all of the country—I get to see the poorest as well as the wealthiest classes. The people are mostly poor, especially in the country, yet quite intelligent, and it takes a man that is capable of using at least good language to be a successful missionary, with plenty of the grace of God in his heart and a burning desire for the salvation of souls—that man will succeed. He must be able to meet everything—Mormans, Campbellites, Adventists, Soul-sleepers, Universalists, and every ism than his Satanic Majesty can invent, for all are here in Oklahoma. When I came to Oklahoma nine years ago, there was no organization whatever. Now we have ten Associations, one State Convention and a Sunday School Convention, all Baptist and most all sound Baptist.

Now I will tell you how most of the people lived when they first came to Oklahoma. Most of those in the country lived in dugouts. You ask what a dugout is like. Well, dig a cellar or cave in the side of a bank, with an entrance at lower end for door; have a ridge log lengthways of cave; lay rails or poles crossways from ridge to the ground; put on some hay, then cover with earth and you have a dugout. It also makes a cyclone house, as it is in reality only a kind of cave and safe from storms, as it is only a little higher than the rest of the ground. Then there were some who had cabins. In the older part they are now getting better houses, but still on the frontier there are plenty of dugouts, sod houses and cabins, but the people are kind, hospitable and most of them welcome the missionary and will share what they have with him. Many a time I have lain, wrapped in a blanket, on the ground in a dugout and slept sweetly. Have held some choice meetings in some and realized that God was with us, for sinners were converted and brought to Christ.

Dear Sister, I wish you could make a trip and see for yourself what great things the Lord is doing for us in this destitution, yet I would not want

you to endure the privations such a trip would involve. I have had several to say to me after preaching: "This is the first Baptist sermon we have heard for years, or since we came to Oklahoma." While I am aware I will not be able to stand many more years of this kind of life, yet I love to go out into these destitute places and point others to the Lamb of God that taketh away all sin. It makes my heart glad to hear the song of a new born soul, and while I sometimes think of my old home on the Alleghany mountains in my old Keystone State, and while my friends write: "Come back and settle down to the care of churches," yet when I think of these who have not the means to pay a preacher in this destitution in Oklahoma, I say, "No, I cannot go." You might say: "Well, you get good pay." Yes, I get \$200 besides what the dear sisters send me, and then (ah, yes, then) when done my work here below, I will get my reward—yes, then I will get my reward!

Before I close, I want to tell you, my dear sister, that Eternity alone can tell the work of the dear sisters. I don't believe I could have staid on the field if it had not have been for their help. Our missionaries all over Oklahoma are praying God's blessing to rest on you and all of the dear sisters. They often tell me about how they cried, and prayed, and laughed when they received their boxes—their hearts were so full. God bless you in my earnest prayer.

J. W. BLACK.

ROBY, Texas:—It is so very kind in you to again remember us out here on the frontier. Of course, our greatest need here is your prayers and the power of the Holy Spirit, but while that is true we have to have temporal things too. We must eat and wear, and all we buy comes so very high that it costs a great deal to live here. But there are lost souls here and the Master, I trust, has sent us here to help them. Occasionally we find a dear woman on some out of the way ranch who has not seen a preacher from 5 to 15 years. And these are not barbarians or heathens, they are human being well raised and often well educated, but years ago came West to build up a fortune and have been waiting for civilization with all its blessing to reach out to them. I recently made a trip 75 miles across the country, in my buggy, to attend a meeting, but we had such a meeting as to more than repay all the sacrifices and hardships in getting there. Our greatest trial here is having to leave wife and little ones at home for days and days at a time. Recently I was away for a month and when I returned I found wife sick in bed, and in a dangerous condition. She will not be stout again for a long time, if ever, and I must get some one to stay with her while I am holding meetings this summer and fall. My field is not a hard one, but oh! so needy. Calls are coming from every side, "Come and preach to us, we don't hear any preaching." And how attentive they are when you do preach to them. But I must not consume your time. Pray for us, and may our dear Heavenly Father bless you in your grand work.

Read announcement of Sunday School Missionary Day on 4th page.



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CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

The Home Board is keenly conscious of its responsibility to the denomination and the responsibility of the denomination to give the gospel to Cuba and Porto Rico. Plans are being matured to enter these islands as rapidly as the way is opened with a sufficient number of missionaries to give direction to the complete spread of the truth.

Brother O'Halloran has been directed to proceed at once to Santiago and establish there a mission centre. He is admirably qualified for the work. Other names are being considered for other points in both Cuba and Porto Rico. The Board is exercising great care in the consideration and selection of missionaries for these important fields, and now feels encouraged to believe that in the providence of God, it will be enabled to so organize the work as to accomplish the successful spread of the gospel of salvation.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."—1 Peter 2:9.

The Jews were God's chosen people, so are all Christians. As the Jews were chosen to receive and perpetuate salvation by the law, so are Christians anointed to work and show forth the love of Christ to all men; to preach the gospel of salvation through Christ to every creature. Christians are honored above the Angels in being entrusted with this commission. Throughout eternity will it not appear strange to the redeemed soul, that this office while on earth was ever counted merely a duty and not esteemed a blessed privilege?

SKILL—OPPORTUNITY.

A great physician with a kind heart comes in contact with a case that, because of its distressing features, call forth his most tender sympathy. He believes that with the blessing of God upon his skill, he may be instrumental in saving a life. Is there any doubt as to whether he will make an honest effort? Will not the very reputation he bears insure the putting forth of his best efforts? Will he stop to inquire whether the name of the little sufferer is Smith or Jones, or whether he has been a good boy or a bad boy? Can he afford to do less than his best for the boy's recovery? And if we can put confidence in an earthly physician, can we not trust with implicit confidence the great Physician of souls?—*The Baptist Courier.*

May not every one who has been himself healed be likened unto the physician? If you have tasted the bread of life; if you have looked and live, are there not others around you perishing and in danger of eternal death? God is able to bless your effort in the salvation of souls. An act of kindness, a word of warning or advice, a tract or bible given, the very contribution you hesitate to make to the support of missions because it is small, God may be graciously waiting to bless. With his blessing it may be instrumental in showing the way of life to many.

As God has endowed the physician with skill, so has He entrusted you with opportunity, nay more, with the commission. If there is no doubt or delay in the mind of the physician, how can you hesitate?

MISS BUHLMAIER.

Miss Marie Buhlmaier, the faithful missionary to the Germans in Baltimore and Washington, continues to accomplish a noble work.

In addition to conducting sewing schools in both of these cities, together with Sunday School work and a large amount of visiting, her most important work consists in regular visits to the immigrant pier upon arrival and departure of steamers.

Referring to this feature of her work, in a recent letter Miss Buhlmaier writes as follows:

The last order of Testaments is at the pier, but I had to get an order to have them forwarded, and therefore could not get at them, but not withstanding the fact that we had no Polish, seventy-six copies of German and Bohemian were distributed.

Besides this part of the work, we were permitted also to feed the hungry, cheer the lonely and help the helpless, to illustrate:

Here is a widow with three children, her anxiety was evident, I went up to her, reaching for the papers in her hand, but found not the one for her Railroad ticket. Upon asking her she told me that "the gentleman" took it away. I requested her to point him out to me among the many going back and forth, and when shown, asked him, whether he still had the receipt of so and so? "No, no, I haven't got it," was the reply. The poor woman after being told this could not control herself any longer, she trembled from head to foot, and I had to try very hard before she came a little quiet, when she begged me to help her out. I went several times to the office, and noticed the much desired paper. When attention was called to it "the gentleman" in a few loud words tried to hide his mistake. In the rush he had forgotten whom he took it from. But oh, how glad I was to be able to relieve the mind of this poor one, and help her on

her way; all the more so, when, after they had already taken to the train I learned that they had not been able to buy themselves any provisions for the journey, and I just hastened back to the pier and got them something, returning just as the car was set in motion, dropped same in their lap and jumped off. I could tell you a great deal more about Wednesday but must not tax you too much, however, feel that I should mention a company of German Russians, all going to Benton Harbor, Mich. We engaged them in conversation and was pleased to find that one of them had been saved by grace, while several others were at the very threshold of salvation. One girl told me her both parents are Baptists, and they, besides one more couple are the only believers in that town, but they hold prayer meetings and many come in. This girl, after talking to her, reminding her of her parents, their prayers for her salvation, the goodness of God, the accepted time, the day of salvation, was found a little while later to burst out crying, unable to utter a word for quite a while, until finally she told me that "she will seek the Lord while He may be found." I am sure that ere long she will rejoice in her Lord. I am doubly pleased that these people are going to Benton Harbor, as this is the place where a large farm settled several years ago, whom it was my privilege to meet here at the landing, finding one of them a child of God, of whom I received several letters telling me she had joined the Baptists. I trust that our people will do their duty, and who can tell, but may this not be the beginning of a new German Baptist church? Let us pray and hope and work for it.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPER.

As an instructive and entertaining family paper, always pious in its tone, and unobjectionable in its moral teachings, Kind Words may be commended to the young of our denomination without fear or hesitancy. Its many contributors are of the first rank, and their teachings are always religious and healthy in tone. The paper has always been well edited, and nothing that is injurious to the manners or morals of the young is ever allowed to appear in its columns. At the same time it is an instructive paper in regard to the truths of our denomination. Its stories and notes of travel are handsomely illustrated, and its pictures, made for its columns, are worthy of commendation. As a Sunday School paper it is instructive and helpful, and our Sunday Schools would do well to subscribe for it largely.

ITALIAN WORK.

MISS ARMSTRONG: It is with no little pleasure I report that we are beginning to see fruits resulting from the efforts to win the Italians of Baltimore for Christ. An Italian woman who was present at the opening of the Italian Mission and who from the very beginning seemed to grasp the simple truths of the gospel, has given evidence of genuine conversion, and was received as a candidate for baptism on last Friday night at Dr. O. F. Gregory's church where the Mission is located. Her daughter also desired to join the church. Both are suffering persecution from the husband and have been much annoyed by the priests.

EXTRA COPIES HOME FIELD.

We have on hand a considerable number of copies of OUR HOME FIELD for November, 1897, containing a beautiful story, entitled "The Filling of a Box," by Miss Mary E. Wright, and other items in regard to the excellent work of sending boxes to Frontier Missionaries. We will be glad to send these papers free, to any one desiring them for distribution. Give address and state number of copies wanted.

We want more subscribers. Please help us secure them.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Auxiliary to S. B. C.

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

Motto.—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

A COMMONPLACE LIFE.

A commonplace life, we say, and we sigh;
But why should we sigh as we say?
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.

The moon and the stars are commonplace things,
The flower that blooms and the bird that sings,
But sad were the world, and dark our lot,
If the flowers failed, and the sun shone not;
And God, who sees each separate soul,
Out of commonplace lives make his beautiful whole.

SUSAN COOLIDGE.

MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC—SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

ITEMS.

The youngest Board of the Convention was established in 1891.

It now stands side by side in importance with the other two.

Location: Nashville, Tenn. Secretary: Dr. J. M. Frost.

Appointed for the increase and improvement of Southern Baptists Sunday Schools.

Work having increased, is now conducted through five departments, viz: Home, Missionary, Book and Tract, Bible, Periodical.

The Periodical underlies all the rest of its work.

The periodicals are: Convention TEACHER; Quarterly in three grades; "Child's Gem" and "Kind Words."

Missionary enterprises of S. B. C. are emphasized in them.

Attractive, instructive programs are issued for Sunday School Missionary Day in September, and Children's Day in June.

Receipts from former divided equally between Home and Foreign Boards; from the latter contributed to the Bible Fund, S. S. B.

Some gifts during the seven years of existence: Bibles and tracts, amounting to \$15,012.33; cash to Home and Foreign Boards, \$17,303.20; cash to Sunday School missions, \$18,749.55.

Report of year just closed, \$2,000 indebtedness on house paid; nearly \$13,000 given to denominational interests; \$10,000 invested reserve fund.

"No single factor has been more important in bringing about these grand results than Woman's Missionary Union."—Dr. J. M. Frost.

Every State and Territory of the Convention has contributed to the Bible Fund. Tennessee in the lead; Kentucky next.

The Convention Almanac was a gratifying success.

Latest publication: "The Story of Yates, the Missionary." "One of the books of the century about one of the men of the century." Just the thing to interest young people in missions.

GOD-GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES.

What can I do in carrying out the last command of my Saviour? This question should be on the lips of every grateful redeemed woman. How difficult would be the answering, how scattered the work done, if each of us were left entirely to our own judgment, but since God in infinite wisdom has prompted the appointment of three Boards for the promotion of His glory through Southern Baptists, and since these Boards present to Woman's Missionary Union at its Annual Meeting plans of work in which they desire co-operation, every one who places herself in sympathy and harmony with the Recommendations is guided into some definite work, which, though it may seem small in itself, when considered in connection with that done by all Southern Baptist women, becomes a mighty factor in advancing the interests of our Master's kingdom.

Having previously considered the Recommendations of the Home and Foreign Boards, attention is this month directed to those of the Sunday School Board. A careful reading of them reveals the fact that woman's helpfulness is requested in three ways: by personal influence, by box supplies and cash contributions.

Personal influence is desired in order that the observance of Missionary Children's Days in the Sunday School may become more general, that the Home Department of the Sunday School may be enlarged, and that the Sunday School periodicals of the Convention may be placed in our schools and homes.

Box supplies are needed, that the wants of Sunday School, as well as Home missionaries, may be relieved.

Cash contributions are essential aids to the enlargement of the Bible Fund. For several years the Sunday School Board, through appropriations from its business, has given away thousands of Bibles and Testaments. So appreciative was the Southern Baptist Convention of this means of doing missionary work, that the Board was instructed to solicit contributions for its Bible Fund.

In the carrying out of Recommendations from the Sunday School Board, adopted by Woman's Missionary Union in Wilmington, effort was made to interest Societies and Bands in helping the Board to respond to the many appeals which have been and are constantly being made in all directions for Bibles and Testaments, but as last year was an educational period, the receipts were not large. The Bible Fund is now better understood and it is hoped the close of the present year will show great increase in the amount of contributions.

Many are the encouragements for embracing this God-given opportunity for service. All money sent to the Bible Fund is doubled by the Board, and since God has said His Word shall not return unto him void, we have confidence to believe the Holy Spirit will instruct those who, groping in darkness, seek to know His will while, as laborers together with Him, we look forward to the meeting in Heaven with those saved by means of Bibles and Testaments sent out through our instrumentality.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Adopted at Annual Meeting in Norfolk, May 6th, 1898.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been very helpful indeed to our Board, and we wish to make grateful acknowledgment, and to ask their help for the future.

1. To enlarge our Home Department work. By this means we take all the work of the Sunday School back to the fireside, with emphasis and far-reaching influence.

2. To have the Missionary Day in the Sunday Schools go further than it has ever gone. Results heretofore have been very gratifying, but should be greatly advanced. In this, as in all other work, the ladies can be an immense power.

3. To continue and enlarge the work of sending boxes of clothing to Sunday School missionaries. There is no nobler set of men, and the letters which they write are fragrant with benediction for this beautiful help.

4. To have the Woman's Mission Societies continue their co-operation in the advancement of our Bible work and the enlargement of our Bible Fund. This work is opening beautifully and is full of promise. The collections from Children's Day services on the second Sunday in June, will be used for the distribution of the Scriptures. The ladies can help us greatly in this.

5. To aid in putting the Sunday School Periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention into all the Sunday Schools of the South. This is the basis of all our other work, and helping at this point is helping at all points. Every order opens a new avenue and increases the Board's power for usefulness. The periodicals are themselves a missionary education and a missionary power.

PERSONAL INFLUENCE.

"None of us liveth to himself" is Paul's way of stating that we are beings of influence; that we should work each for the other and all for God. In this connection, looking forward to the 25th of September—the time set aside as Missionary Day in the Sunday School—remembering that Woman's

Missionary Union has been asked by the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards to aid in the success of Missionary Day, how great is the responsibility resting upon each one to do her part.

It should be remembered that the raising of money is not the primary idea of Missionary Day (although contributions are divided equally between the Home and Foreign Boards), but the training of our young people into a definite knowledge of S. B. C. missions, and appreciation of individual responsibility for upholding them.

As an organization, Woman's Missionary Union has, by the preparation of a beautiful, original program entitled "The Bells," sought to influence to heed the various messages from our own and foreign lands. God is NOW giving an opportunity to INDIVIDUAL workers to use their personal influence with Superintendents and others to have the Day observed in their Sunday Schools. As followers of Christ, the advancement of His cause is entrusted to us, and every one, however humble her station in life or feeble her power of expression, exerts an influence. This influence, being permanent in character, will act on through one and another, never ceasing in its work until it ends in eternity, when God will make the calculations as to the results of our words and actions, rewarding us accordingly. May He indeed help us to realize the power of personal influence, and to use it for the highest good of the children in our Sunday Schools.

HOW THE WOMEN WORK IN VIRGINIA.

I. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The object of the Central Committee is to organize Woman's Missionary Societies, Young People's Bands, and Sunbeam Societies; to get and keep a correct record of all moneys raised by those Societies and Bands, and stimulate all work by them for the various Boards of the General Association. The Central Committee is located in Richmond, and composed of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Band Superintendent, and one member from each of the Baptist Churches of Richmond and vicinity. These are appointed by the General Association of Virginia. The regular meeting of the Central Committee is on the second Friday of each month. The Central Committee has for a part of its work the appointment of one Vice-President from each Association. They are considered members of the Central Committee, and are cordially welcomed to all of its meetings. This plan distributes the management and responsibility of the work throughout the State. It is the duty of these Vice Presidents to organize new Societies in their Associations, to encourage those already established, and to do this they must keep in touch with the Societies by correspondence and by visiting them whenever they can. The Vice Presidents are required to send to the Societies blank forms for quarterly reports, then to gather in these reports, and send a statement thereof to the Central Committee. These quarterly reports are made to conform to the year of the General Association.

All of the work of the Central Committee is compiled and given at the end of the fourth quarter in the "Annual."

II. THE WAY TO PAY IN OUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

The aim of the Central Committee is to raise money for all objects fostered by the General Association. This money should be paid by the Society to its Church Treasurer. Receipts are furnished by Central Committee, which should be signed by church Treasurer and Society Treasurer. The duplicate receipt must be returned to Mrs. Ellyson, Treasurer of Central Committee, and the other held by Treasurer of Society. This shows, in case of a mistake, that the money has been paid.

The church Treasurer should pay all money to Mr. B. A. Jacobs, Treasurer of General Association, Richmond, Va.

The General Association has directed that our contributions should be paid in this way. By this method the General Association, the District Association, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and the Churches all follow same plan, and are duly credited. It is desired that every Baptist Church in Virginia should have a Woman's Missionary Society, and the Central Committee stands ready to furnish literature and instruction for this purpose.

MRS. J. S. DILL.

Missionary Day in the Sunday School. Last Sunday In September.

Missionary Day in the Sunday School has become a great educational force and proved a great blessing in many ways. We respectfully ask the churches and Sunday schools to give us the 25th of September as the day for this service. It will be Review Sunday, and there will be no interference with the regular lessons. These special occasions for missionary study are a real education in missions.

The programs can be had without cost. These are prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union, but printed and furnished by the Sunday School Board, having as their special design the subject of the bells, and are very attractive. They consist of the program proper as an order of exercise, a four-page supplement containing the recitations &c., and a small envelope to be used in taking the collection. These are supplied without cost in such quantities as may be requested.

The collection is for missions. Children's Day in June is for the Bible Fund of the Sunday School Board, but the Missionary Day in September is for Home and Foreign Boards. The Collection taken on that day is for Home and Foreign Missions. The money however should be sent to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

It is very important to send the money in this way, otherwise proper credit cannot be given to the separate states, nor can we know how much the day yields. We earnestly ask therefore for a strict compliance with this request. If necessary in order to make our plan fit into the plan of any state, the money of course can be sent to the State Treasurer, with specific instructions that he place it to the credit of Missionary Day and then forward it to the Board at Nashville, Tenn.

We ask for your help and co-operation. It is a wonderful thing to enlist the children in missions. Under God you may turn their hearts and set them for all coming years. The Sunday school should widen its horizon and look out on the nations of the earth for the building of Christ's kingdom. While the Sunday School Board especially has this service in hand and furnishes the programs, yet all three of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention unite in the plea for co-operation, joining heart and hand for the furtherance and success of this great work. Here is an opportunity for the alignment of all our Sunday Schools in the interest and enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fraternally,
R. J. WILLINGHAM, Sec. For. Miss. Board.
I. T. TICHENOR, Sec. Home Mission Board.
J. M. FROST, Sec. Sunday School Board.

RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD. From July 15th to August 15th, 1898.

ALABAMA: Cash, Oxanna ch. \$2.79; W. C. Blodsoe, Cor. Sect'y, \$250.00; B. Y. P. U., Truxville, \$4.24 Total \$257.03. Previously reported cash \$195.35. Total since May, cash \$452.38.
ARKANSAS: Previously reported cash \$152.90.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Previously reported, cash \$15.
GEORGIA: Cash, J. G. Gibson, Cor. Sect'y, \$399.71. Previously reported, cash \$282.48. Total since May, cash \$682.19.
INDIAN TERRITORY: Cash, Rev. Mr. Newkirk, Hartshorn \$0.50.
KENTUCKY: Cash, W. M. S., Bowling Green for Cova, \$16.00; Lewisburg ch. \$18.00; Cent. Com. Mrs. B. G. R., Sect'y and Tr., \$39.11; Murray ch. \$7.05. Total cash \$80.21. Previously reported, cash, \$602.22. Total since May, cash \$682.43.
MARYLAND: Cash, W. B. H. M. S. \$11.01; North Ave. ch. Baltimore, \$20. Total cash \$31.01. Previously reported cash, \$211.71. Total since May, cash, \$242.72.
MISSISSIPPI: Previously reported since May, cash, \$31.95.
MISSOURI: Boxes, reported by Miss A. W. A. Baltimore, S. S. Bible Class, LaFayette Park ch., St. Louis, \$25; Ditto \$25. Total, \$50; Cash, E. H. Sawyer, Tr., \$109.85. Previously reported cash, \$601.68. Total since May, boxes \$60; cash \$11.83.
OKLAHOMA: Cash, Rev. W. A. R., Mulhall \$8.
NORTH CAROLINA: Previously reported, cash \$6.22.
SOUTH CAROLINA: Cash, White Pond ch., \$1.43; Cheraw ch., \$6.50. Legacy from C. P. Shirley estate, \$234.40; Providence ch., 45c.; S. S. Darlington, \$2.92; Charleston Ass'n, \$2.00; Clover ch., \$1.60; Hebron ch., 80c.; Sassa ch., \$3.28; Philadelphia ch., \$3.10; 1st Union D. v., Colleton Ass'n, \$2.35; Phillips ch., \$7.22; Graham ch., \$1.40; Cent. Com. Mrs. J. S., Cor. Sect'y, \$26.70; N. Div. Spartanburg Ass'n, \$27.12; Marlboro Union Pce Dec. Ass'n, \$23.46; Bethel S. S., \$3.95; Beavertown Ass'n, \$0.39; Wolf's Creek ch., \$5.58; Greenville Ass'n, \$20.92; Campbell ch., \$2.32. Total \$388.29. Previously reported cash \$364.60. Total since May, cash \$732.89.
TENNESSEE: Cash, Eagleville ch. \$19.45; Friendship Ass'n \$3.93; W. M. Woodcock, Tr., \$104.90; Island Home ch., \$5; North Edgfield B. ch., \$2.50. Total, \$125.78. Previously reported, boxes \$121.95; cash \$160.14. Total since May, boxes \$121.95. Cash \$235.92.
TEXAS: Boxes, reported by Miss A. W. A., Cor. Sect'y, L. A. S. Claude ch. \$10; L. S., Caddo ch. \$2.25; L. S., 1st ch. Dallas, \$71.70; L. S. 2nd ch. Dallas, \$11; L. S. Oak Cliff ch. \$5.31. Total, \$100.26. Cash, Rose Hill ch. \$2; Pleasanton ch., \$9.35. Total, \$11.35. Previously reported boxes \$18.45; cash \$1,832.05. Total since May, boxes \$106.71; cash \$1,843.40.
VIRGINIA: Cash, B. A. Jacob, Tr., \$800.00. Previously reported, boxes, \$35.00. Cash \$154.82. Total since May, boxes \$35.00. Cash \$804.32.
WEST VIRGINIA: Previously reported, boxes \$88.37.
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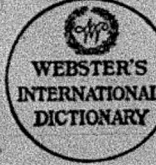
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