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## RENEWALS.

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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.

In a letter from Mrs. W. H. Matlack of Louisville, Ky., to Miss Annie W. Armstrong, the former quotes from a letter received from her son who is at Ponce, Porto Rico, the following interesting item:

Herman Justi, Horace Lancaster and I sang as the choir in a little meeting held by Gen. Henry and Col. Castleman in the Mayor's office.

There were about twenty soldiers there and about fifty natives, mostly women. Our General and Colonel each made a very good talk, and some of the natives who understand English interpreted what was said.

We are going again next Sunday. I hope the Americans will build a church here. I believe it would do much good.

## SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

In a letter from Bro. O'Halloran written at Santiago, Cuba, on October 26th, he says:

The first religious service has been celebrated by me, the 23rd inst. and I was satisfied to see the church with over two hundred persons, having been congratulated by many of them. Since that day the church here has been established.

Tomorrow, the 27th, I will to Guantanamo to baptize several candidates, and helped by Rev. Parker to establish a church there. That place is several hours far on steamer from this city. (Brother Parker is a Chaplain in the U. S. Army. He is a Georgian.)

Mr. Somcillian (Methodist Missionary) in company with Rev. W. R. Simpson, Chaplain of the 5th Regiment U. S. V., was here in this college today and my scholars in number of 107 did receive them well. I invite the former to pray and he did, and in answer the scholars sing a hymn, they were pleased.

Extracts from a letter from Bro. O'Halloran, written, Santiago, November 3rd 1898.

I will write you weekly, as you wish, not only to hear about you, but also for to let you know the progress which is doing here the Gospel. I suppose to be in your possession my last letter; you will see by it the improvement of the church here.

I have twenty five candidates to be baptized and as soon as the performance of the ceremony is carried into effect, I will let you know.

The same enthusiasm prevails among the people during the religious services. I have been compelled to enlarge the Hall, and I will make more room because is not sufficient to contain the numerous people to be present. The Hall has thirty seven feet long by eighteen wide, and I will enlarge more with a room eighteen by eighteen. Every time that Rev. Somcillian comes to my church speaks to me in favor of the Hall. Two weeks from today the Methodist Bishop will be in this city. He is trying to build a church, college and cemetery. . . . I would wish you should come in order to inspect by yourself the work and see its importance.

About the work in Guantanamo, I must said that the 31st October last I went to that village in company with Mr. Ecay. I preached twice; in the first preaching 20 persons has been assembled and baptized 17. In the night time was second preaching, and I make the ordination of a young man named Brandilio Sallan, distributing the Lord's Supper among the members that were baptized. I called to be assembled and were joined to the church 27 more candidates between old and young ladies and gentlemen. My work was over at half past ten P. M. The following day I started to Santiago, and today I had prayer meeting and did called to assembled and joined to church four more candidates to be baptized. So I can say to you that the church in Guantanamo has been constituted with all the necessary.

Rev. Parker paid my passage in and out and he was satisfied, requesting me to go again and I promised him to do so as soon as I can pay my passage. I have nothing to say about the assembled ones, for I have been welcome and went out with affectionate demonstrations. I was acquainted with Captain McBride, he has been very attentive with me. He promised me to write to Brother Walker Dunson.

Brother Parker will write you more extensive.

Brother Tichenor please let me know if I can write in Spanish language, and if you have some interpreter.

Guantanamo, Cuba, Nov. 2, 1898.

Dear Dr. Tichenor:

I wrote you some days ago as to this place and of my purpose. I now sit down to inform you "of the coming of" O'Halloran from Santiago yesterday. I sent for him two weeks ago. He came yesterday. Announcement of meeting for three P. M. A number of people met us at the house of Pablo Perry. O'Halloran read the story of Philip and the Ethiopian, preached by comment. After this he made an appeal to the people such as I could not understand till he called upon them to imitate the example of the Eunuch, to confess their sins, to accept the Christ and confessing and believing, to be baptized, explaining fully what baptism. This done he quietly asked who would do this. To our surprise twenty one arose, sixteen of whom were baptized at sundown. At half past seven we held another meeting, organized a church with these sixteen; we ordained a preacher, administered the supper, opened the door of the church and received twenty seven others for baptism, appointed another meeting for myself and our new preacher on Thursday

at four and seven, at which time we will baptize again and preach at night. After this twenty four hours work, O'Halloran is compelled to return to Santiago by today's steamer. I tried for a while to MAKE him stay for a week, assuring him you would approve any work I asked him to perform here. I could not COMMAND him. When he told me he had announced baptism for Thursday night at home, I could say no more but to ask that he return soon, which he promised to do. Bro. O'Halloran has pressed me into a promise to visit him and his work at Santiago, and to write you about it after I had seen for myself. He says he has twenty one now to baptize and that he had one hundred and nineteen in Sunday School last Sunday. Truly the Spirit has made no mistake in sending O'Halloran to this province. He preaches in the power and demonstration of the Spirit and with power, yet there is apparently no effort, as some call it. There is liberty for him.

He tells me he has one hundred and thirty eight pupils in his day school. I propose to hire a house and begin a school. That will give us a place of meeting. I shall assist Bro. Sallen here in Guantanamo, and beyond my ability too; but the Lord will even up, and much more.

There is dire need of Spanish New Testaments.\* Send one thousand to O'Halloran and he will divide with us. If you can send any hymns in Spanish please do so. They are much needed.

I will write you every week now, as there is something to say, and when I shall have a chance to visit Santiago I will write you fully.

In great haste because the train is about to go.

I am yours very truly,

D. H. PARKER.

Our man here is Bandilio Sallan. Fifteen years in the U. S. Army, three years in insurgent army. He gave me his sword and I gave him my Bible. Speaks English and is a colored man.

\*Dr. J. M. Frost, Secy. of our Sunday School Board has shipped to Bro. O'Halloran one thousand Bibles and Testaments and about ten thousand pages of tracts. He is arranging to send Spanish Hymn Books.

REV. J. M. GREEN, WANYE, I. T.: I am instructed by our Board (the Board of the Gen. Association of Ind. Ter.) to write you that our work has been more prosperous this year than ever before, we have widened on fields unoccupied by us before. The board is demanding of her missionaries that they educate the brethren on all missionary lines during the next year as never before, especially on Ind. Ter. missions, and that they take collections everywhere for the same.

We aim to collect much more this year than ever before. Thanking your Board for the help rendered during the past year, and hoping that you will still continue the same, I remain as ever.

Christian beneficence, to be effective and adequate to the requirement of duty, must be systematic. Add to the inevitable uncertainties of life the uncertainty of your impulses, and there is no solid basis for planning and giving for the cause of Christ. Have a system and carry it out.

Every new subscriber secured for OUR HOME FIELD is that much help to the cause of missions.



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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DECEMBER, 1898.

We know the denomination anxiously desires information in regard to Cuba and Porto Rico. We had hoped that before going to press the committee consisting of Mr. King, Dr. Tichenor and Dr. Connally, now in Cuba, would have returned. They were unavoidably delayed in leaving for Havana, and are not expected now to return for some days.

We can only say at present, that the field in Cuba was never more inviting. From what information we have at hand there is a crying demand for the gospel throughout the entire island, while there appears to be no want of those capable of teaching the divine truth to this priest-ridden and Spanish speaking people, who are willing to go.

A letter just received from Dr. Diaz informs us that during the month of October he baptized fifty-two at Havana.

We publish elsewhere in this issue letters from Bro. O'Halloran at Santiago, and also from Rev. D. H. Parker, Chaplain, stationed at Guantanamo. The reading of these letters will disclose the eagerness with which the Cubans receive the gospel.

We hope soon to have all plans effected for sowing the seed of truth broadcast throughout the island, as well as that of Porto Rico.

Before this issue reaches our readers, there will have been held at Washington City, a joint conference between representatives of the Home Mission Society of New York and this Board, and probably other Baptist bodies for the consideration of co-operative work in Cuba and Porto Rico. The result of this conference, as well as the report of the committee of this Board now in Cuba, will be published in our denominational papers and in the next issue of OUR HOME FIELD.

#### S. S. CONVENTION OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

Our Brother, Dr. A. J. Holt, of Tenn., has just returned from Indian Territory where he went as the joint representative of our Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board, to attend the annual meeting of the Sunday School and Colportage Convention of Indian Territory, which is a co-operative body of both Boards. The meeting was well attended and shows fine progress.

Bro. Holt gives some interesting statements in regard to conditions and the work in the Territory. He Says.

The entire condition of things in the Indian Territory is changed by the Treaties in which the whites now in the Indian Territory are allowed to remain. You know that for half a century the whites have been endeavoring to get a permanent foothold in the Indian Territory and the Indians were just as determined to keep them out. However a treaty has at last been perfected and ratified by which every white man now settled in the Indian Territory is allowed to retain the land on which he lives, under certain conditions. Other lands are apportioned to the Indians, 160 acres to each man, woman and child among the natives, and it cannot be sold, bartered or exchanged for nine years. The other lands may be sold by the United States to whites under certain conditions, and the money held in trust for the Indians by the Government. This gives white men permanent right in the Indian Territory. These treaties have been ratified by the different nations, and December 1st becomes a law. Thus you see there will at once be a great influx of people in the Indian Territory. Now is the golden opportunity for the Home Board to maintain her vantage ground.

The General Association and the Sunday School Colportage Convention of the Indian Territory and the State Convention and the S. S. and Colportage Convention of Oklahoma, are in thorough accord and determine to co-operate alone with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The only two full blood Chicasaw Baptist churches in that Nation were represented in the Sunday School Convention.

Bro. Brown, the only full blood Indian in the convention gave \$2.00 toward defraying the expenses of A. J. Holt from Nashville to the Convention and return.

The Enon Association, the largest in the Indian Territory has in it only twenty-two preachers and eighteen of them co-operative with this S. S. Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Keokuk, principal chief of the Sack and Fox Indians, walked 100 miles to be Baptized.

The work of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Indian Territory is in better shape to-day than at any time since the death of H. F. Buckner.

#### CO-OPERATIVE WORK IN GEORGIA.

Arrangements have been perfected for inaugurating co-operative work in Georgia under the Fortress Monroe plan. It is expected that the work will begin on January 1st.

This work in Georgia has been delayed on account of differences existing among the negroes of Georgia in regard to their own organized work.

These differences have been happily overcome by the organization of the Educational and Colportage Convention which has the hearty co-operation and support of the colored Baptists of the State without reference to former differences.

Rev. W. A. Rowe, Chandler, Oklahoma, Oct. 18th, to the church which supplies the Board with funds for his support:

I attended the Lincoln County Association. Six new churches added. Attended the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention. Two Associations added to the Convention.

I preached one week at Carney, a pretty little town in a good section; organized a church with eleven members. We have many things to discourage, and some bitter experiences, but the outlook now is very promising, and we look for a precious harvest soon. Pray for us and write us. We would appreciate a letter so much.

May God abundantly bless you and your church, is the humble prayer of your substitute.

#### BIBLES IN SANTIAGO.

At a recent meeting of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the following resolution was unanimously and heartily adopted:

"That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to address an official communication to the public of the Southern Baptist Convention, giving notice that this Board holds itself in readiness to supply the missionaries of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, working in Cuba and Porto Rico, with Spanish Bibles and tracts and such other literature as they may need."

It is not within the province of the Sunday School Board to appoint missionaries or carry on missionary work, and yet it gladly joins hands with its sister Board at Atlanta, and is ready to help in whatever way may be opened. We have already sent Bibles to Africa, to Cuban refugees in Florida, and in many different languages for distribution among immigrants at Baltimore and many other places throughout the Union. These appropriations for the most part are made either through the State Boards or through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We recently sent to Brother O'Holloran, missionary for the Home Board working in Santiago de Cuba nearly a hundred dollars worth of Bibles, a large number of hymn books and nearly ten thousand pages of tracts, all in the Spanish tongue. These people have hitherto known nothing of the Bible and now for the first time they will hear, every man in his own tongue, of the wonderful works of God. Surely the Lord who guarantees that his word shall not return unto him void, will watch over this seed sowing, and his word as it has free course and is glorified in the hearts of the people will yield a harvest in the coming years rich in its gatherings and golden in its glory.

Brother O'Halloran writes encouragingly about his work; speaks of the great crowds that wait upon his ministry; has already received many for baptism, and has before him a great prospect for usefulness. This work which he is doing in Santiago is hardly second to the work which has been done in Havana, and we rejoice greatly in the privilege of joining hands with the Home Board in carrying it forward.

Contributions to the Bible Fund have greatly increased during this Convention year, having already more than doubled what they were for the previous year, and with this enlargement of our work we shall be greatly pleased to have our churches and Sunday Schools contribute to our Bible Fund, and so join in sending out the word of God to destitute places.

Our work is going forward in every department with advancement upon former years. How wonderfully the Lord has blessed us, setting before us one open door after another and so increasing the power of the Board for usefulness. Every order that comes for literature, every purchase that is made of the Board and also every contribution that comes for the Bible Fund, makes us more and more able to serve in the great fields which God is opening to us.

J. M. FROST.

Nashville, Tenn.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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Motto:—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

### THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

The time draws near the birth of Christ;  
The moon is hid; the night is still;  
The Christmas bells from hill to hill  
Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,  
From far and near, on mead and moor,  
Swell out and fail, as if a door  
Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind,  
That now dilate and now decrease,  
Peace and good will, good will and peace,  
Peace and good will, to all mankind.

Rise, happy morn! rise, holy morn!  
Draw forth the cheerful day from night;  
O Father! touch the east, and light  
The light that shone when hope was born.  
—A. Tennyson.

### MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC—CUBA.

#### ITEMS.

In dimensions Cuba closely approximates the state of New York.

The climate of the coastlands is tropical; that of the more elevated interior resembles the warmer portion of the Temperate Zone.

Cuban sugars and tobaccos are famous the world over; next in export value come oranges and various native woods.

The Cuba that Columbus discovered on Oct. 23, 1492, was a land of sunshine, peace and plenty, and its people were mild and gentle.

Spain colonized the island in 1511.

In 1848 President Polk offered Spain a million dollars for Cuba, but was met with an indignant refusal.

The famous capital of Cuba, Havana, also the commercial center of the West Indies, was founded in 1519.

The Cathedral of Havana, erected in 1724, is of interest because it encloses the tomb of Christopher Columbus.

Cruelty and injustice has always been the creed of the Spaniards.

For over 300 years Roman Catholicism has held undisputed sway, and flagrant desecration of the Sabbath, gambling, and brutal and degraded sports are but the outward signs of deep moral degeneracy.

The work of the Home Board, S. B. C., has been greatly blessed of God. In 12 years 3,000 were baptized.

Dr. A. T. Pierson says of it: "This wonderful work in Cuba, considering the time and means expended in its promotion, has never been surpassed in the history of missions."

The duty of Southern Baptists today is to remember what God has accomplished through them in the past; to "strengthen the things which remain" and to be steadfast, immovable in their determination to extend the knowledge of the Gospel through the whole island.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

"Peace on earth" was the prophetic song of the angels o'er Bethlehem's plains when the mighty Prince of Peace was born. "Peace I leave with you," the sweet benediction uttered three times after His death and resurrection. A wonderful gift

it was! Bringing into the life, not freedom from suffering care, but a divine calm, a quiet restfulness in the midst of raging storms.

Happy are we this Christmas tide who through the acceptance of Jesus as Savior have become partakers with the early Christians of this "Peace that passeth all understanding." But in the midst of Christmas festivities and reflections upon blessings received, is it not a duty as dear "children of God" to remember that the divine gifts are intended for ALL? Restless, turbulent, full of care "like the troubled sea when it can not rest" are the lives of millions in China. "Freely ye have received, freely give" is the message of our Master concerning them. What then shall be the response of each one into whose hand is placed the little envelope marked, "A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO CHINA"? Will it be tossed aside as "another call for money," will it be tucked away in a drawer to be forgotten, will it be the receptacle for a stray dime or quarter after all other Christmas gifts have been made, or will it be accepted cheerfully and filled lovingly as a special offering to the Savior. "The least of these" in China are objects of His love and pity. For them also, He became incarnate; suffered and died. To us is given the privilege of offering to Him that which will be used in bringing them to the knowledge of "Our Peace." Let us keep these things "in remembrance."

### PROGRAMS AND ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

A special program has been arranged for the gathering of the Christmas Offering for China, which it is thought will prove attractive and interesting. Dark green leaves and bright red holly berries vie with each other in giving beauty to the first page; pictures from real life of Childhood, Womanhood and Old Age in China emphasize the message of the second and third pages; a dialogue on the fourth page increases variety and impresses important facts. The envelopes to contain the offering are almost if not quite as pretty as the program and will recall "The Gift" of God to the world at Christmas Tide.

Societies and individuals desiring programs and envelopes will be supplied free of charge by making application to the Central Committee in each State, or if their address is unknown, to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md. Send for them promptly and distribute in time.

### POINTS FOR WORKERS.

The Master weighs gifts and works in the scale of self-denial.

The less that we have, the more it means in heaven when we give.

Do as much good as you can, and God will see to it that you do enough.

Nothing is ever done beautifully which is done in rivalry, nor nobly which is done in pride.

Those who think that they are too small to reap in God's harvest fields would do well to remember that grain is not cut at the top.

William Carey, the great pioneer missionary, translated the Bible into twenty-seven different Indian dialects. When asked about his marvelous work, he said simply: "I can plod; I can persevere."—Selected.

### WORK AMONG THE ITALIANS OF AMERICA.

The Italian comes to us from under the very shadow of the Vatican, where he whom they call Holy Father, and who claims infallibility, has for centuries been placing his mark of ignorance and degeneration upon them.

They have come to us so low down, and have engaged in such menial employments, that it has seemed almost impossible to lift them up into a Christian civilization.

But their numbers have been increasing very rap-

idly in recent years. In 1890, according to the census, there were 182,000 of them here, and they have been coming at the rate of 40,000 or 50,000 a year since. We now have over half a million probably.

Christian people are awaking to the necessity of giving them the gospel, both for their own salvation and because of their influence in saving our Country for Christ in the future.

We are glad to say that the City of Buffalo, N. Y., has been honored as the place where the first Italian Baptist Church has been formed in the United States. Rev. A. S. Coats writes in the Home Mission Monthly for Nov. 1898: "Two years ago last May, mission work among this people was a thing hoped for by a few earnest Christians, who realized that some 5,000 sons and daughters of Italy, blind and ignorant adherents of Rome, were living among them without hope and without God in the world. To-day three successful missions are conducted among them; fifty seven have publicly testified in baptism to their new faith in Christ. Many others are learning the way, and we hope will soon follow on. They have a new church home already dedicated to their use in a rapidly growing Italian district. "Thus Buffalo has its 'Italian Band,' and can sympathize with Paul when he wrote his epistle to the 'First Baptist Church in Rome.'" The young people of that city have taken a deep interest in the work, which promises well for the future.

Three years ago, Mr. A. B. Belloni, a graduate of the University of Florence, Italy, came to this country to study. While connected with Colgate University, and later with Rochester Theological Seminary, he took a profound interest in his people, and told them in their own mother tongue the way to come to God through Christ. The Italians with us are very ignorant, yet they have great respect for learning, and when they saw Mr. Belloni could use the Latin, the sacred tongue, skillfully in public debate with one of their priests, they were deeply impressed, and listened to this exposition of the truth with eagerness. God also raised up among them Christian men and a woman, a Mrs. May, who were able to lead this people into the way of life.

At Stamford, Conn., Rev. C. L. Rhodes is carrying on a successful mission among the Italians. Some of them have already come into the Kingdom and are learning the way of life more perfectly than they may teach others also.

In Providence, R. I., where there are 4,000 of this people, a Baptist mission has just been started among them, and the writer of this paper cannot do better than to quote from a letter just received from a lady who is deeply interested in the work there. She says, "We held our first service Sunday afternoon, January 31. I wish you could have been there to see the forty or fifty Italian men and boys who listened with earnest attention to Dr. H. M. King's address, and to the reading of the scripture and exposition thereof in Italian by two of their own number. Last Sunday afternoon, the room was crowded with Italians, French and Irish, and the Monday and Wednesday meetings were also well attended."

The first Sunday Italian Bibles, furnished by the Bible Society, were given away, and the men were really greedy for them."

MRS. D. W. FAUNCE.

### A WEEK OF PRAYER.

What a gracious God we have,  
In His gifts of grace how free.  
How intent our prayers to hear,  
And to them that pray, how near.  
He hath set no greater task  
To obtain of Him but "ask."

It is hoped therefore that all those connected with or interested in the work of Woman's Mission Societies, will unite in observing the first week of January as a Week of Prayer, special supplication being made for God's work as promoted by various S. B. C. agencies. A program adapted to every day in the week and bearing upon a given subject has been carefully prepared. Leaders of Societies are urged to send for copies of same to Central Committees in their respective states, or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.

## RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

From OCT. 15th to NOV. 15th, 1898.

**ALABAMA.**—Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Arms on, Cor. Secty. W. N. U. Baltimore—L. S. Southside ch. Birmingham \$13; S. S. B. A. Birmingham, (contribution) \$2.50; S. S. Sunbeams Y. B. Birmingham (contribution) \$5.10; Y. L. Society, Jacksonville, \$75.00; L. S. 1st ch., Birmingham, (contribution) \$10.30; L. M. S. Demopolis, \$67; L. S. Dothan, \$84.37; L. S., Livingston, \$45; L. S. Anniston, \$125.75; L. S. 1st ch. Selma, \$85.50; Total \$513.37. Cash, Hopewell ch., for Cuba, \$4; Newbern ch., for Cuba, \$11.00; Judson Ass'n, \$6.35; Enon ch., \$27.82; W. C. Bledsoe, Cor. Secty., \$225; Immanuel ch., Selma, for Cuba, \$4; Tallahassee ch. \$3; New Providence Ass'n \$6.35; Mrs. G. B. B., Selma, for Cuba, \$2.00; Newton Ass'n \$11.31; Total \$301.43. Previously reported, cash \$978. Total since May, boxes \$513.37, cash \$1,279.43.

**ARKANSAS.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S. 1st ch. Little Rock, \$80.42; cash, Clear Creek Ass'n, 68 cents. Previously reported cash \$165.35. Total since May, boxes \$80.42, cash \$166.03.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S. Kendall ch., \$51.28. Previously reported, cash \$40. Total since May, boxes \$51.28, cash \$40.

**FLORIDA.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S. Palatka, \$26.74; W. M. S. Pine Mount, \$21; W. M. S., Frost City, \$18.00; Total \$66.40; cash, W. M. Chandon, Cor. Secty., \$125. Previously reported, cash 50 cents. Total since May, boxes \$66.40, cash \$125.50.

**GEORGIA.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S. Hephzibah, \$85.28; L. S. West End ch. Atlanta, \$100; L. S., Greensboro, \$75; L. S. Tenuille, (contribution) \$5; W. M. S., Jackson Hill ch., \$87.65; W. M. S. E. Macon ch., \$45.24; W. M. S. Woodville, \$34.17; L. S. Wadley, \$52; L. S. Crawfordville, \$50.75; Total \$535.04. Cash J. G. Gibson, Cor. Secty., \$1,835; Indian Creek ch. \$1.51; Bethel Ass'n, \$167.95; Total \$2004.46. Previously reported, boxes \$85; cash \$1,403.27. Total since May, boxes \$2004.46, cash \$3,407.73.

**INDIAN TERRITORY.**—Previously reported since May, cash \$88.60. 10 WA.—Previously reported, since May, cash \$1.

**KENTUCKY.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., L. S. Glenn's creek ch. \$10.46; L. S. Fairview, \$95; L. S. Williamsburg, \$51.85; L. S. Covington, Dayton and Newport \$70; L. S. Millville, \$26.54; Total \$255.35. Cash, W. M. S., Bowling Green, for Cuba, \$18.50; Murray ch. \$13.00; Cent. Com. W. M. U. \$44.53; J. W. Warden, Cor. Secty., \$615.75; Total \$987.33. Previously reported, cash \$2,159.45. Total since May, boxes \$253.35, cash \$2,820.83.

**LOUISIANA.**—Cash, Miss A. H. Forkville, \$1; E. O. Ware, Cor. Secty., \$270; C. T. K., Monroe, 55c; Total \$271.55. Previously reported, cash \$86.80. Total since May, cash \$358.35.

**MARYLAND.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., Ready Reapers 1st ch. Baltimore, \$85.30; Gladstone Gatherers, 1st ch. Baltimore, \$54.05; Wee Wee Workers, 1st ch. Baltimore, \$35.21; Centennial Society, Rockville, (contribution) \$17; W. B. H. M. S., (bedding) \$121.35; L. S., Lee St. ch., (German Work) \$5.00; L. S., Rutaw Place ch. (German Work), \$19.10; L. S., Franklin Square ch., (German Work) \$3.25; Wide Awake Band, Immanuel ch., (German Work) \$3.46; Ready Reapers, 1st ch. Balto., (German Work) \$2.20; Gladstone Gatherers, 1st ch. Balto., (German Work) \$1.55; L. S., Franklin Square ch., (German work) \$5; Total \$352.53. Cash, 4th ch. Balto., \$2.20; Grace ch., Balto., \$10; W. B. H. M. S., for Miss Diaz, \$95.65; German Work \$34.25; Missionaries Salaries \$80.28; Franklin Square ch. \$50; Total \$272.39. Previously reported, cash \$1020.54. Total since May, boxes \$352.53, cash \$1,292.93.

**MISSISSIPPI.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., Sunbeam Society, Seranton, \$60; cash A. V. Rowe, Cor. Secty., \$100. Previously reported, cash \$115.42. Total since May, boxes \$60; cash \$215.42.

**MISSOURI.**—Cash, E. H. Sawyer, Tr., \$686.36. Previously reported, boxes \$104.10, cash \$1,108.30. Total since May, boxes \$104.10, cash \$1,794.66.

**OKLAHOMA.**—Previously reported since May, cash \$81.01.

**NORTH CAROLINA.**—Previously reported since May, boxes \$58, cash \$991.53.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S. Bishopville, \$46; W. M. S. Chester \$96; W. M. S. Pelzer \$75; W. M. S. 1st ch. Newberry \$51; W. M. S. 2d ch. Newberry, (contribution), \$3; Total \$270. Cash, Flint Hill ch. \$8.00; Burnwell S. S. Convention \$471; 12 Mile River Association \$8; York Association \$5.15; Rock Springs ch. 74c; Lancaster ch. \$5; Moriah Ass'n \$17.86; Yorkville ch. \$8.90; Campobello ch. \$5.14; Orangeburg Ass'n \$12.75; Good Hope ch. \$1.50; Parkville S. S. \$4.10; Catawba ch. \$2; Waccamaw Ass'n \$1.70; Chesterfield Ass'n \$12.61; Padgett's creek ch. \$1.46; Newberry ch. \$2.56; Wilsonton ch. \$1.20; Blackville ch. \$2.53; Barnwell Ass'n \$3.15; New Bethel ch. \$7; Ft. Lawn ch. \$10.75; Central Com. W. M. S. \$86.46; Cannon St. ch. Charleston \$8; Beaver creek ch. \$8.26; Harmony ch. \$23.05; Cool Branch ch. \$10; Hartsville ch. \$11.03; Hartsville S. S. \$4.97; Ch's Charleston Ass'n \$53.42; Hopewell ch. \$2.62; W. M. S. Mt. Pathol. \$2.33; Welch Neck ch. \$2; S. S. 1st ch. Newberry \$4.00; Beaufort ch. \$23.72; Piney Grove ch. \$6; Sentee Ass'n \$9.67; Total \$931.20. Previously reported, cash \$1,179.66. Total since May boxes \$270. Cash \$1,510.86.

**TENNESSEE.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S., Trenton, \$54; W. M. S., Johnson ave. ch. Memphis, (contribution) \$10; W. M. S., Danbridge, \$32.15; W. M. S., Inman St. ch. Cleveland, \$14.20; Total \$110.45. Cash, Friendship Ass'n, \$2.61; Bell Buckle ch., for Cuba, \$3.45; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$212.15; Johnsons Grove ch. \$1; Total \$219.22. Previously reported, boxes \$294.50, cash \$944.49. Total since May, boxes \$464.95, cash \$1,162.71.

**TEXAS.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S. 1st ch. Dallas, \$125; Cash, J. B. Gambrell, Cor. Secty., \$658.56. Previously reported, boxes \$161.71, cash \$1,512.50. Total since May, boxes \$286.71, cash \$2,171.26.

**VIRGINIA.**—Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S. Clifton Forge \$78; W. M. S. Stevensburg ch. \$37.47; Willing Workers, Stevensburg ch. contribution, \$6.20; W. M. S. Cartersville, \$12.90; W. M. S. 1st ch. Norfolk \$30; W. M. S. Fredericksburg ch. \$85; W. M. S. Franklin ch. \$90; Mission Society Roanoke \$45; Total \$379.71. Cash B. A. Jacob, Tr., \$611.80. Previously reported boxes \$115, cash \$2,194.32. Total since May, boxes \$494.71. Cash \$2,916.12.

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.**—Cash J. M. Stoner, Tr. \$12.21. Previously reported, cash \$21.06. Total since May, cash \$33.27.

**WEST VIRGINIA.**—Previously reported since May, boxes \$88.37.

**AGGREGATE.**—Boxes \$2,857.55. Cash \$6,482.24. Previously reported, boxes \$818.31; cash \$13,498.97. Total since May, boxes \$3,675.86; cash, \$19,981.21.

A prominent official of the Red Cross writing from Porto Rico, says:

Porto Rico has been Catholic. Father Sherman who is still here, and whom I have met, told a friend the other day that this people were lost to the Catholic church. I interrogated a native to-day who confirmed the statement of Father Sherman. They are now amidst the agitation of the occupation by our army, and the departure of Spaniards. It is a people ready for Protestant missionary work. The whole island is settled thickly. Both cities and villages form one of the most interesting fields in the world. I should be glad to spend the remainder of my life in evangelistic work for the bright, cheery and numerous people. I have already travelled over much of the island, met all classes of people, am rapidly acquiring their language, and the more I see and know, the more I am persuaded that Porto Rico should at once be occupied for Christ. The military agitation will soon be over, and in my humble judgement, Christian forces should be quickly sent here.

The climate is healthy, and not to be judged by the sickness prevalent in camp. Rum and native fruits and sanitary neglect have given Porto Rico an ill-deserved reputation of late, but it is wholly in our army that ill health prevails.

I have spent a summer here, and many in New York City and Boston, and have found Porto Rico the most comfortable place for the hot season. The nights are simply delicious.

As a key the Spanish-American States to the south, Porto Rico may have a brilliant Christian history in the next twenty years, if the American Baptist will meet their opportunity.



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