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## LETTER FROM DR. DIAZ.

During last month two more of the old churches have been re-organized. One was the church of Regla. Several of the members are engaged in this work and Brother Valdes is the missionary who preaches to them. The other is the church of San Miguel, eight miles away from Havana. Brother Bueno has commenced to preach there, so we have the following churches and stations in Havana Province: Gethsemane church, Neptuno station, Romay station, Vedado station, Cuare 88 station, Las Puente's church, Regla City church, San Miguel church.

Besides this, every church and station have their own school. The average attendance is 150 pupils.

## EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM REV. J. R. O'HALLORAN.

### CIENFUEGOS, CUBA.

"Forty-four candidates have been baptized in this Mission from May 1st up to this date, and sixty-nine more ready for baptism.

"Thursday, the 6th instant, I baptized six candidates, and on the 9th, another six. Among them two are notable, being in good standing, and wealthy people, well educated. In the first rank is Mrs. Petronila Rosas de Rodriguez and her daughter, Miss Mary Rose Rodriguez. The mother has been converted sincerely to the Gospel. I call your attention to her because she was before, a true Roman Catholic. She and another, of their own accord, handed me all the images they were worshipping, which I keep, in order that I may show my Brothers, if some day the Lord grant me a chance to go to a Convention.

"Mrs. Soledad Acosta in Santa Clara, deprived herself of her pious offering to the Carmel Virgin, and I baptized her. Mrs. Valentine Rodriguez handed me eighteen images and she also confessed Christ in the baptismal waters. Several more images have been handed me by some ladies in Sagua la Grande which I keep carefully with their names. I have obtained from several young girl's mother's belonging to this school, the coarse dresses they wore as penance, and I convinced them of the uselessness of this.

"Statement of idols and saintly relics that have been handed to me by the converted ones:

"Mrs. Petronila Rosas de Rodriguez, one St. Helen, one of the sacred Maji, one of the death of Justus, one of the Virgin Mary, two of the Virgin of Carmel, one St. Martin, one of the Virgin of Mercy, one Crucifix, one St. Anthony of Padua, one Calvary, one Virgin of the Poor, one Emaculate Conception.

"From Mrs. Mary Soto (from Sagua La Grande), one St. Joseph.

"Mrs. Valentine Bsdriquet (she is a Baptist member to-day), one St. John the Baptist, two of the Virgin Mary, one St. Rosa de Luna, one Guar-

dian Angel, one St. Sebastian, one St. Peter, with the keys of Heaven, one of the Annunciation, one of St. Theresa, and one blessed twisted string blessed by the Priest, Dolada in the Roman Catholic Church in Vueltas, Isle of Cuba, one child Jesus, one Lord's Supper, and several pieces of an image kept as a relic and a written prayer.

"From Mrs. Leopoldina Aleman, Santa Clara, one Virgin of Charity made of copper and painted, one Christ Crucified, painted on wood, one blessed cross which they say has been made from the same wood of Christ's Cross.

"From Mrs. Rita Valdes, de Aleman, one image of St. Rita.

"From Mrs. Soledad Acosta, one, large piece of leather which is used by those who promise something to the Virgin of Carmel.

"This young lady as soon as she was converted handed me the relic before 400 persons, the first day of March in Santa Clara Church.

"Maria Blanco belonging to this college or school in Cienfuegos, handed me her dress and the piece of leather. All these images are there kept, in case I have to go next year to the Convention. In this way can be seen the advance and faith of our country in the Gospel.

"We have every Thursday and Sunday, religious services and the case is such that we have not room enough to accommodate the people.

"We will be compelled to move to another larger house, the number of scholars of both sexes in the day school is 203. I have arranged the school hours from seven to eleven, on account of the excessive hot season."

In addition to the above communication, Brother O'Halloran has since sent to the Board a number of images, some of those mentioned above and some from others.

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF MISSIONARIES.

B. J. MORGAN, Oklahoma.—My field is large, some of my appointments being 25 and 30 miles away. We have some very important stations. Little towns are springing up rapidly, and the missionary should be ready to start up with them, in order to save them from wickedness. We are preaching in three little towns, have a Baptist church at each place besides some in the country, and we are doing all we can to build them up and secure co-operation with all our mission work.

CHARLEY HENDERSON, Indian Territory.—I have just returned from a two week's meeting in the Cherokee Nation. We had a precious meeting. Many souls were brought to Christ. My field of labor is extensive, lying in three nations and there is more work needed than four men could do. Some of the towns on the railroad have good churches, but the country is very destitute. The Lord is blessing our labors. Pray for me.

A. J. WHARTON, Texas.—You have doubtless heard of the disastrous flood that swept this country, especially the Brazos river valley. The reports do not begin to describe the conditions of the people. Hundreds lost everything; I lost nothing, but have divided all we had with them until I am reduced to a low degree of living. I was at a funeral the day before yesterday where the bereaved

father and mother were laying away two of their children. The mother was almost naked and bare-footed, the husband was in tattered garments and disheartened. When I came home, the story was told, and wife and daughters said, "We will divide up again." I send off to them this eve a part of our clothing and shoes which we gladly give. This will let you know that a part of the goods sent us last winter was given to the poor. You don't, nor can you imagine the good the sisters are doing in sending missionaries, the help we so much need.

J. M. TALLY, Texas.—I begun work at this place two years ago. After laboring six months I got together enough Baptists to organize a church of 19 members, nearly all women and all very poor. A place of worship became a necessity. We bought a lot on one of the principal streets. Fortunately, the preacher had been a carpenter in his younger days and this now stood him in good play, for he did nearly all the work on the new house. We now have a beautiful house, finished inside and out, and what is better, it is paid for. Of course it was a great strain, but God has added unto us many who have been saved through the work of this little church. We now have about sixty members. The help I received through Woman's Missionary Union last winter was a real God send.

L. W. WRIGHT, Indian Territory.—In the radius of Indian Territory, there are not less than 100,000 white inhabitants who do not own a foot of land. They are all renters and on the move, to that extent, that in many localities where good strong churches will be built up this year, next year there will be no church at all. Another item which renders mission work difficult is that we have here people of almost every nationality. We have the American, Negro, Indian, German, Irish, Italian, Polander, all bring with them their religion and superstition, with a great deal more superstition and unbelief than religion. But I rejoice that Baptists are in the majority. A growing interest is being manifested by our brethren everywhere, and the sisters are organizing for mission work. I believe more work will be done this year than in previous years, in fact, I feel sure, we are moving up along all lines.

J. C. WILLIAMSON, Arkansas.—I have several stations at which I try to preach regularly, but here on the territory line, our people are poor and the work is not self-sustaining, but God has been strength in my weakness and has blessed the work. Am sorry I can not do more, for there are so many places in this mountainous country that have no preaching, and how glad they are when they can hear of the Savior. God directed help to me last year through Woman's Missionary Union. I can not describe the comfort it brought us outside of sheltering from the cold, the thought of mothers and friends who are praying for the work, has helped me carry the truth over hills and mountains amid sunshine and shadow. I could tell you of the trials, but when one loves Jesus, the cross is not so hard.

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#### SALUTATORY.

It seems strange for me to be addressing the constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention from the rooms of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. It is, the fact, however. On September 1st I entered upon my new work, as Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and as such I now make my best bow, and send greeting to the great host of Baptists of our Southland, whose I am, and whom I serve next to my God and Saviour.

I will have only a few things to say in this issue of the HOME FIELD. Hereafter, no doubt, I will often avail myself of this means of communicating with the brethren.

1. The brethren will be patient with me, I am sure, until I can catch up the various lines of the new work upon which I have entered, and until I shall be able to adjust myself to it. It seems to me almost like learning a new one of the Lord's songs in a strange land. For twenty-eight years I have hardly known how to talk to Southern Baptists on any subject except the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It will take time for me to enter aright into my new work.

2. This does not mean, however, that the work of the Home Mission Board has not appealed to me during all these years. I have simply felt that it was safe in the hands to which it was entrusted, and that those charged with its management would look after its interests. Now, however, the brethren have seen fit, in the strange Providence of God, to lay upon me this great responsibility; and already this work opens before me, and grows upon me, in such gigantic proportions, and seems fraught with such momentous consequences, as to make me feel like crying at the outset: "Who is sufficient for these things!"

I find *Cuba* stretching out her hands and crying, "Come over and help us." The vast *Nepo* population among us has to be helped, or the whites of the South, as well as the Negroes, must suffer the bitter consequences. The great *mountain districts* of our territory, with both the old mountain life of by-gone years and the new life that is flowing in and stirring the old, call loudly and imperatively for our attention. The *Indians* we have with us; and they must be looked after soon, or our opportunity to give them the gospel will be gone. What only a short time ago were *great sweeps* of unoccupied territory on the Southern and Western frontier, are now fertile fields, teeming with population, with towns and cities springing up in every direction. Many of these places are the homes of the children of those now living in the older States, and many more will go thither to seek their homes and their fortunes.

How pressing is the need that these places should have churches to grow up with the growing population! We may be assured that the barrooms and all the influences for ruin will keep pace with advancing population. How sad, if amid it all, there are no heralds of the gospel, and no churches where the "wandering boy" and the solitary may be gathered in religious families! Then again, there are even in the older States many places of sad religious destitution; and in some the State Boards say they can not meet the demands, and insist that the Home Mission Board must give them help. Truly the fields are ripe for the harvest. There is no lack of appeal to any one who has an eye to see and a heart to feel.

3. I rejoice very much that I am to have, in assuming the great responsibilities of my office, the association and hearty co-operation of my long time honored and beloved friend and brother, Dr. Tichenor, as corresponding Secretary Emeritus. This will enable me to go much more prudently and wisely into my work. I shall find much pleasure, as well as comfort, in availing myself of his long experience and ripened wisdom in the work of the Board. The Brethren will, I am sure, take comfort also in feeling that, with Dr. Tichenor still connected thus with the Board, its work will not be altogether in the hands of a novice.

4. In conclusion I appeal to my brethren and sisters in all this Southland—the land so dear to us—that they sustain me in this work to which their representatives have called me.

(1) Let me beg that, if heretofore you have not had the Home Mission Board among the objects of your daily prayers, you will put it there from this time on. And will you not also make special mention of the new Secretary, and ask God that His grace may be sufficient, and that as the Secretary's day may demand his strength may be?

(2) It would be very grateful to me if, on reading this, you would stop long enough to send me a line, and assure me personally

of your sympathy, and of your willingness to co-operate with me in this great work. I desire to know just as soon as possible, who are my real constituency—that is, those upon whom I can count, and upon whom I may lean. Many letters of this kind have come from many directions, and they have been a comfort and a help. Will you not do this before you forget it? It will be the cup of cold water, if *nothing more*.

(3). I request also that you will pause to ask if the church to which you belong takes up regular collections for the work of the Home Mission Board. If it does not, will you not use your best endeavor to have it do so? If it does, will you not try to have your collections as large as possible? May the Lord say of more of us, as he said of the poor widow: "She hath done what she could?"

Brethren, I have brought all that there is in me to this work. I beg you to help in every way possible to carry it on. May the God of all grace be with us all.

Affectionately your servant,

F. H. KERFOOT.

REV. E. O. WARE, L.A.—Your letter containing letter from Sister O. M. Lucas has been received. I know that Sister L. wrote from the "abundance of the heart." I do not know to what extent other Cor. Secretaries are indebted to the W. M. U. in their work, but I do not see how some of our missionaries could have remained on the field if these boxes had not been sent. In many instances they more than represent money. Some of our faithful ones would spend a portion (should the contribution be sent in money) on house of worship when family needed all. Bro. Lucas is in one of the most difficult fields in the whole South, and his salary is too small for him to live comfortably without the aid these W. M. S's give.

MRS. W. A. ROWE.—Enclosed find one dollar, the first one received on our proportionate part of the fifty dollars asked for Home and Foreign Missions. It was given by an Indian Sister of Sac & Fox church, to which church due credit should be given. Her name is Keety Tuk. She can't understand a word of English, but had heard of the self denial movement and hence the contribution. It is much for her as she is poor and getting old. Surely the Master will say of her as he did of the poor widow, she hath done more than the rich. May many of the sisters of our loved Southland do as much. If so we will more than raise the fifty dollars asked of Oklahoma. This dollar to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Boards. We expect to do more for Missions in Oklahoma this year than any previous year.

#### EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF MRS. J. B. GAMBRELL.

There must be a great deal of suffering this Fall among our missionaries, because Texas has been so stricken with a drouth. So that I really think it would not be anything wrong if some of our missionaries should get more than one box. I shudder to think of the sacrifices that their wives and children will be called upon to make. I know that no matter how hard the sacrifice falls on the preacher, it falls harder still on his wife and children. If there are not clothes to go around, the minister must have them, and the wife and children do without, oftentimes without the bare necessities of life. You can judge of the consecration it must take for men to stay on fields under such circumstances. In my work here, I have come in very close touch with the families of the missionaries, and my heart goes out to them in sympathy as it never could have done if I had not had a chance to see behind the scenes.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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Motto.—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

The heights by great men reached and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight;

But they, while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night.

Longfellow.

### MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC—FRONTIER MISSIONS.

F—Frontier Missions means the special work directed by the Home Board in the destitute sections of our own country, which front or border on those well supplied with the gospel.

R—"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

O—Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Western Arkansas and parts of Texas (strictly speaking) compose the frontier field.

N—Nearness of frontier fields emphasizes responsibility. If we fail to heed the cries for help from our brothers and sisters, our immediate neighbors, is it probable that we will fulfill duty to those far distant.

T—Trust God for great things. Our Faith must enter the unclaimed territory of divine promise; we must give according to ability and God will bless results.

I—Indians on the Frontier have gladly accepted the message of salvation. One-sixth of them are Baptists. An old Indian woman recently gave one dollar as a Self-Denial contribution.

E—Enterprise characterizes the greater part of the frontier population. The people have courage to face hard conditions of life and if evil influences be counteracted through the preaching of God's word, they will lay the foundation of a greater Christian civilization.

R—Remember that God asks your help in your place and do not refuse Him. The offerings asked are prayer and loving sympathy in substantial form, such as cash gifts for the salaries of missionaries of the Home Board and boxes of clothing, etc., to supplement them.

MISSIONS furnish the only safe outlet for the wealth of the church. Under the thrift and economy born of the Gospel, wealth must of necessity accumulate and if provision is not made for its legitimate investment, it will most surely foster covetousness, pride, self-indulgence.

Have YOU appreciated that the privilege of giving to Frontier Missions is a blessing to you personally?

Did YOU last year through your contributions and prayers share with the missionaries in their work of winning for Christ 1,986 converts and distributing 3,691 Bibles and Testaments?

Do YOU intend to obey the Master's command by helping to support the 291 missionaries now on the Frontier Field?

### STAR CARDS.

Are you on the lookout for something novel and attractive as a means of increasing the interest of young people in missions? Then, do send for a sample of the Star Cards just issued by W. M. U. They are sufficiently pretty and dainty to be ad-

mired by the most indifferent and will doubtless be welcomed with pleasure by those already interested in missions.

The object of the cards is to gather money for the support of missionaries. On one side is a large star formed of a hundred tiny stars, in the center of which is the picture of the missionary. The text, in letters of gold, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars," and the delicate sprays of blue forget-me-nots are both suggestive and beautiful. On the opposite side of the card is a sketch of the missionary, also directions for using, etc.

For the use of societies in general, two sets of cards have been issued. One, for the support of Miss Buhlmaier who may be regarded as the representative of Home Mission work; the other in the interest of the Sunbeam Missionary and representative of Foreign Missions, Rev. Peyton Stephens. In addition to these, three special sets have been prepared with picture and sketch of Mrs. N. Maynard, Miss Willie Kelly and Miss Claudia White. These will be used respectively by the "Young South" in charge of Mrs. L. D. Eakin, and by workers in Alabama and Maryland.

Now, at the beginning of the fall, is the time to present to our young people this special plan of work. Many of them are anxious for something definite to do. Is this not a good idea?

Central Committees in the various States or Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street will take pleasure in supplying Star Cards to leaders of Societies and Bands throughout S. B. C. territory.

### A WORD TO THE WORKERS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

In the beginning of our labors after the close of the summer months, my thoughts and feelings naturally turn toward the patient and consecrated workers of our Woman's Missionary Union. And as I look out into the religious activities of the fall and winter, hope takes possession of my soul. It would seem that we are on the threshold of a special revival of missionary interest and zeal in the constituency of our beloved Union. This is sufficiently indicated by the fact, as gathered from the many letters which have come to us from the field, that our women are determined to devote time, talent and means, as never before, to the greatest of all causes. Many are realizing more deeply and broadly than ever the heavenly meaning of the words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Is it any wonder that this is so? When we take into consideration the years of preparation of the soil and of seed-sowing that have been going on under the leadership of the devoted women who have had our work in hand, we should wonder if the time were not near by for a deepening interest among the Baptist women in our missionary concerns.

Our retiring president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, wrought abundantly and well during her extended term of office, making upon us all an impression for good that can never be effaced, and she will still bless us with her wise counsel and her consecrated pen. I feel that I voice the sentiment of all our workers when I thus publicly acknowledge our debt of gratitude to her and to our honored and beloved Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie W. Armstrong, whose efficiency in office and whose fidelity to our special work are the common pride of us all. From the day of the organization of our Union, in which hers was a controlling hand until now, Miss Armstrong has been closely and unselfishly identified with it; day after day, through summer's heat and winter's cold, she has devoted her care, her talents and her means to its development, and this without remuneration, except that which comes from a consciousness of serving her master and of having a hand in the extension of His Kingdom. Coming generations in our Baptist Zion will rise up and call her blessed, "For work for God it dieth not, it dieth not."

Each year as it has passed has recorded some special feature in the growth of our work. Last year it was the inauguration of the system of Annuities. Miss Armstrong announced to us in Louisville that nine thousand dollars had been given in this way, four thousand to the Home Board, four thousand to the Foreign Board and one thousand to the Sunday-school Board. Let us labor earnestly for a large advancement in this special department.

I want to urge that during these closing months of the closing century we give ourselves unreservedly to the work of our Union. Let us begin by trying anew to enlist the sympathy, prayers and contributions of every woman in every church within our borders. Could this enlistment be accomplished, there would be no lack of funds or of laborers for the vast fields upon which, if we now look, we can not but say "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

No church is alive unto God that fails to recognize its duty to those who are destitute of the blessed privileges of the Gospel of Christ. In the language of another, "It is a recognized law of spiritual life that to be consciously saved means to seek to save others. The power to do this is like the widow's cruse of oil, unfailing if used. As the withered hand was healed when stretched out, so many a church may be paralyzed for want of obedience to the Divine command, "Stretch forth thine hand." A church that is not evangelistic ought scarcely to be regarded as evangelical. Orthodoxy should extend beyond doctrine into practice. Doing for Christ ought to be regarded as a part of believing in Christ.

Let us believe! Let us hope! Let us do!

"The restless millions wait

That light whose dawning maketh all things new;

Christ also waits, but men are slow and late;  
Have we done all we could? Have I? Have you?

Yours in Christian service,

MRS. CHARLES A. STAKELY,  
Pres. W. M. U.

Washington, D. C.

### A NEW FEATURE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

At the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union held in Louisville, Kentucky, May 1899, it was decided to introduce a new feature in the missionary work, by forming memberships composed of babies or little ones not exceeding the age of five years.

The following plan will explain itself:

1. The name to be Babies' Branch of Woman's Missionary Union.
2. The membership to include all children under five years of age, whose parents are willing to have them enrolled.
3. Contributions to be two cents per month from each member, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.
4. A certificate of membership which will have on it a picture of a very attractive little one. These certificates to be in the hands of State Central Committees and furnished by them to the workers of the different States that will undertake to enroll the babies.
5. A dainty little blank book for enrollment will be furnished to Central Committees to distribute to those who will, in the various churches, interest the mothers in the Babies' Branch of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Other denominations have for some time past had "Cradle Rolls," "Baby Bands," etc., and their reports show what an amount of help the babies' mites may be,—but that is not the sole object of these branches, as the thing most to be desired is the maternal interest of those who are kept at home by the care of the little ones and to have their cooperation in the culture of the missionary spirit.

Let us take hold of this work and do with our might what our hands find to do.

FLORENCE I. HARRIS,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

N. B.—Send for specimens of literature for "BABIES' BRANCH" to the Central Committee of your State or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.

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August 15th to Sept. 15th, 1899.**

**ALABAMA:** Cash, Shelly ch. \$8; Hopewell ch. \$5.55; Birmingham Ass'n \$16.82. Total, \$26.37. Previously reported, cash, \$248.49. Total since May, cash, \$273.86.

**ARKANSAS:** Cash, 1st ch. Rogers, \$6.50. Previously reported, cash, \$128.35. Total since May, cash, \$134.85.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Cash, W. M. S., 2nd ch. Washington, for Cuba, \$46.50. Previously reported, cash, \$67.50. Total since May, cash, \$84.

**FLORIDA:** Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong, W. M. S., Jacksonville, \$90. W. M. S., DeLand, \$15. Total, \$45. Previously reported, cash, \$87.08. Total since May, boxes, \$45; cash, \$87.08.

**GEORGIA:** Cash, Girls Society, Blythe, 55c; W. M. S., Blountsville ch. \$5; S. Y. Jamison, Cor. Sec'y, \$200. Total, \$205.55. Previously reported, boxes, \$53; cash, \$540.59. Total since May, boxes, \$53; cash, \$746.14.

**INDIAN TERRITORY:** Cash, Atoka B. ch. \$7.10. Previously reported, cash, \$20.25. Total since May, cash, \$27.35.

**KENTUCKY:** Boxes, reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S., Gordonsville and Elkhorn, \$90; W. M. S., Parkland ch. Louisville, \$46.45; W. M. S., Greenville, \$50.25; Willing Helpers, Greenville (contribution), \$1.25. Total, \$126.95. Cash, Adairsville ch. \$10; Central Committee, W. M. U., by Mrs. B. G. Rees, \$84.36; (from W. M. S. at the following points: Lewisburg, \$1.75; Dayton, \$2.61; Columbia, \$8; Cynthiana, \$2; Flemingsburg, \$1; Bloomfield, \$1; Bloomfield Sunbeams, \$1; Mary \$1.92; Cheerful Givers Mary, 30c; Locust, \$2; Burks Branch, \$2; Burks Branch, Self-Denial, 30c; Gratz, \$1.08; Smith's Grove, \$5.31; Mt. Pleasant, \$3.40; Auburn \$2; Carrollton, \$2; Glen's Creek, \$2; Children's Winchester, \$1.15; Columbia, \$2; Columbus Sunbeams, 78c; Providence, \$7.50; Little Plock, \$1; Burgin, 75c; Logan St., \$2.50; Sulphur, \$2; Beachland, \$8; Stamping Ground, \$22.90; East Hickman, Self-Denial, \$3.35; Elkhorn Ass'n, \$172.68; Paris S. S., \$10; W. M. S., Bowling Green, \$17; L. M. S., Ludlow, \$2; Sonora ch. \$4; London S. S. \$1. Total, \$300.94. Previously reported, cash, \$347.98. Total since May, boxes, \$126.95; cash, \$648.62.

**LOUISIANA:** Cash, Siloam ch. \$5; Hammond ch. \$2.40; New Hope ch. \$1.20. Total, \$8.60. Previously reported, cash, \$271.20. Total since May, cash, \$279.80.

**MARYLAND:** Cash, Hynesboro ch. \$4.80. Previously reported, boxes, \$24; cash, \$161.56. Total since May, boxes, \$24; cash, \$166.36.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Previously reported since May, boxes, \$90.50; cash, \$218.65.

**MISSOURI:** Boxes, reported by Miss A. W. A., Mrs. Carletta's Bible Class, Lafayette Park ch. St. Louis, \$48. Previously reported, boxes, \$14.85; cash, \$779.26. Total since May, boxes, \$62.35; cash, \$779.26.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Cash, J. D. Bonshall, Tr., \$600; Tryon ch. \$1; Columbus Union, \$3.20; White Marsh ch. 56c. Total, \$508.75.

**OKLAHOMA:** Cash, Sax and Fox ch. 60c; (by error credited to Indian Territory last month.) Previously reported, cash, \$8.19. Total since May, \$8.69.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Cash, Seneca ch. \$2.11; New Pisgah S. S., 65c; Enoree ch. \$9.50; Poplar Springs ch. \$1.37; New Pisgah ch. \$1.76; Unity, \$2.75; Bethlehem, \$3.17; W. M. S., Enoree for Cuba, \$3; Poplar Springs, \$2.75; Oak Grove ch. \$2.52; Springfield ch. \$1; Shiloh ch. \$1.45; Jonesville ch. \$1.80; Boulah ch. 74c; Phillippi ch. \$2.50; Bethabara ch. \$1.40; Corinth ch. \$1.65; Fairmount ch. \$1; Greenville ch. \$1; Georges Creek ch. \$5; Abbeville Ass'n, \$3.25; Coronsca ch. 70c; Crooked Run ch. \$1.70; W. M. S., Central Committee, by Mrs. John Stout, \$22.40; Gowdeysville ch. \$3; Denmark ch. \$3.70; S. S., \$1.77; Lower Three Ruins ch. \$2.75; Norway ch. \$2.81; Campobello ch. \$1.42; Tabernacle ch. \$5; 1st ch. Gaffney, \$1.22. Total, \$126.95. Previously reported, cash, \$44.00; cash, \$482.48. Total since May, boxes, \$84.60; cash, \$597.37.

**TENNESSEE:** Cash, El Bethel ch. \$3.02; W. M. Woodlock, Tr., \$226.86. Total, \$229.88. Previously reported, boxes, \$19.25; cash, \$621.20. Total since May, boxes, \$19.25; cash, \$751.18.

**TEXAS:** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S., 1st ch. Dallas (two) \$27.40 and \$13.55. Total, \$40.95. Cash, Navarro Co. Ass'n, \$19.70; Glade Springs ch. \$11.45; J. B. Gambrell, Supt., \$92.09. Total, \$120.24. Previously reported, cash, \$317.50. Total since May, boxes, \$40.95; cash, \$447.60.

**VIRGINIA:** Boxes reported by Miss A. W. A., W. M. S., Glade Spring \$23.50; W. M. S., Middle Fork (contribution) \$20; W. M. S., Friendship (contribution) \$17; W. M. S., Riverside (contribution), \$14.50; W. M. S., Park Avenue ch. Norfolk, \$100. Total, \$175. Cash, B. A. Jacob, Tr., \$1,000. Previously reported, boxes, \$85.18; cash, \$1,332.02. Total since May, boxes, \$260.18; cash, \$2,362.02.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Cash, 1st B. S. S., Dayton Washington, \$2.50.

**AGGREGATE:** Boxes, \$441.90; cash, \$2,582.21. Previously reported, boxes, \$270.88; cash, \$5,517.17. Total since May, boxes, \$812.78; cash, \$8,100.38.

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