

I enclose herewith check of
 \$100.00 for the 13th Nov.
 Dear Friend
 Humphreys & Co.
 N. Y.
 N. Y. 13-15-1880.

-tioned, I have made inquiries
 from probably the most experienced
 lumber firm & also a builder.
 They say that several efforts have
 already been made to strike the
 magnificent forests of Minnesota,
 but the rail freight has been
 prohibitory. They think there would
 have a much better chance of
 business with Cincinnati than

Balt, as it is so much nearer.
 I enclose memo. of usual range of
 prices here; ~~sales~~ lots are with me.
 I do hope they won't invest money
 in lumber till they know it will
 pay. I have been long enough in
 a commission business to see how
 easy it is to lose a great deal of money
 before you know it.

I think R. H. Hawley & Co. is the best
 commission lumber firm here.
 thy friend John C. Thomas

Balt. 12 Nov. 16. 1880.

Dr J. D. Garner
 Maryville Tenn.

Dear friend

I have of the 6th inst
 duly recd. & would have been
 answered sooner but for my being
 away & in attending to the
 completion of our fine new
 Mission House in West Baltimore,
 120 ft long & 40 ft wide, costing
 about \$10,000. Am glad to say
 it is now opened & well occupied
 with schools & meetings.

I enclose the herewith check of
 \$100.00 for one hundred &
 fifty dollars, of which one hundred
 is for General Mission work, &
 fifty dollar for board of poor
 scholars.

With regard to the prices of
 different kinds of lumber men-