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Dr J. D. Garner
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Dear friend

Thine of 5th inst just received. I am surprised to find that my letter was misunderstood. Thou asked for aid for two schools only, & we replied that we would grant fifty dollars to each of the schools asked for, & appropriated the balance in our hands to other schools. We have therefore no funds left for more than the two schools thou first named, except perhaps a few odd dollars. If thou had asked for three schools at first, we would certainly have reserved more money for thee, & I am sorry thou did not do it, as there seems to be the need.

Our Foreign & Home Mission Assn. has ordered $43.- to be sent to thee, which I suppose has been attended to.

A large Christmas box is to go to-day by Express.

All of which will no doubt be quite a help in thy work.

We are having a series of mtgs. here that is being greatly blessed.

thy sincere friend
John C. Thomas