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Dear Sir + Bro.

I made appointments along my line of travels from Lakeland to the 6th Cong. Dist. and was very successful in Wayne, Sampson and Cumberland Counties. Godwin Alliance in Cumberland put itself at the head of the Roll of Honor; they gave me Fifty dollars which runs up their contributions to $25 Cos. The Exchange at Fayetteville is doing a big business, and Outsiders admit that they too, are greatly benefitted by it. I have succeeded in getting something wherever I've gone in Robeson, but the Alliance is not doing as well here as in Cumberland; and in Columbus it is hardly doing anything. I got $25=

only from that County – The Brethren say they think my visit to the County will be the means of starting them to work; but I fear they are too dead wor to be aroused. I find however that this mistake was made in fixing my appointments; they were put at places where nothing was being done, with the view of getting the membership aroused. My experience is that we must work among those who will appreciate what we do, and let the fire spread until it takes hold of the lukewarm and indifferent who may be standing in its way. I did not visit the best places in Columbus, as the brethren said, and I hope they are right; for I do not think the outlook for that County is very bright, unless there is better material than I found. I did find, however, some wholesouled Alliance people. Another mistake those people have

Made, and I find the same trouble in Robeson, is they have too many Aspirants, this in fact is so in all they but seldom get a Quorum to met. I have advised them to Consolidate, and if they will do that I think they will get along better.

After to-morrow I go into Richmond, and I think I shall do good work over there.

My appointments in this District end on the 26th March, and if I am to go any where else, the appointments should be sent ahead. You will please let me know if you wish me to Continue, and where you would have me to operate.

Nothing has been done in the 4th Dist. Massey Canvassed it in part, but I think did nothing for

the Fund.

I think the best plan for me to pursue is to visit every Alliance in every County I go. Make but one or two public addresses in each Co. and take the balance of the time in visiting the sub-Alliances; in this way I could go to two Alliances each day; and as money is now so scarce, I think I might get contributions from Alliances, not individuals, to be paid by the 1st of Nov. next.

To whom must I look for an order upon our Treasurer? You assigned me to this work, and the Ex-Com. approved it. If it is necessary to have an order from you approved by the Com. send me an order, with the Amt. blank, and I will get Capt. Alexander to fill it up, when I get to Mecklenburg. Write to Rockingham.

Yours Truly
W. A. Darden