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THE NEEDY.

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you shall say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" James 2:15, 16.

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17.

"As men and women embrace the truth in this field, there will be abundant opportunity for relieving their pressing necessities. Unless this can be done, the work will largely prove a failure." —MRS. E. G. WHITE in *Review and Herald* of Dec. 24, 1895.

"I know that it will be impossible for workers to remain in this field in a bare-handed condition, and do the work that is required to be done in the Southern States. It will

be necessary that a fund shall be created, so that the workers may have means with which to help those who are in poverty and distress; and this practical ministry will open their hearts to respond to the truth." MRS. E. G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald* of Jan. 28, 1896.

"It is no use to send missionaries to work in the Southern field unless they are furnished with means from your abundance to help the distressed and those who are in poverty that cannot be described." MRS. E. G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald* of Feb. 4, 1896.

The sentiment expressed in the last three paragraphs finds a ready response in the hearts of all workers in this destitute field. Eight years ago the same sentiments were penned by the same writer; but until the present season no fund has been provided for this purpose.

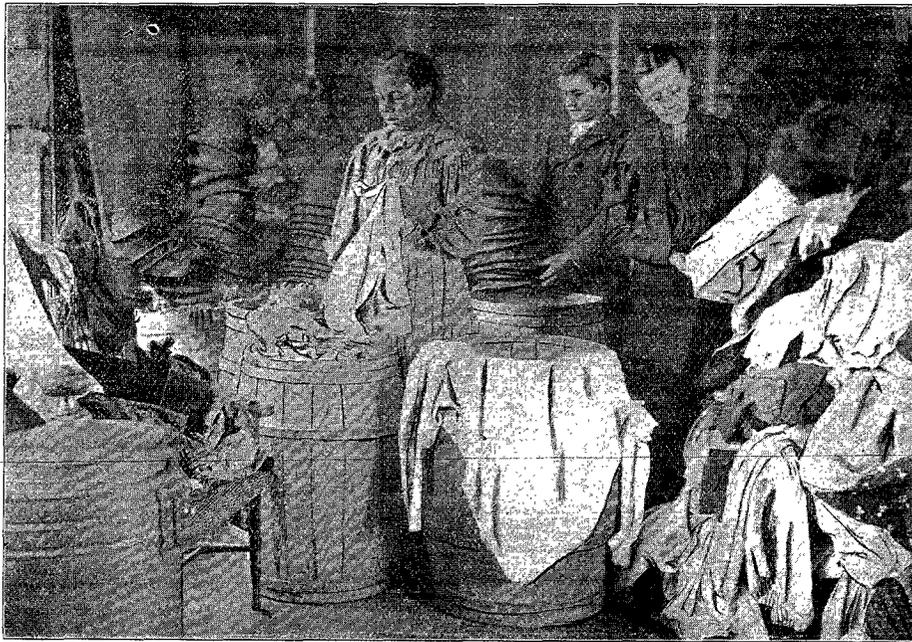
In the January number of the Gos-

pel in the North responded nobly. Seventy-five barrels and boxes of clothing have been received, and a cash fund of \$101.11 was raised, to which was added \$200.00 borrowed by the GOSPEL HERALD on the personal note of the editor. The fund donated has been used in buying provisions for those who were really hungry, and in

aiding specially destitute cases.

The GOSPEL HERALD fund has been especially used in aiding a few farmers who have embraced the truth, but whose losses of the past bad season were such as to entirely break them up unless prompt assistance should be given.

Two farmers owed provision bills, and they would soon be



Sorting Clothing in Chapel of Morning Star.

PEL HERALD a call was made for fifty barrels of second-hand clothing. To this call was added the following: "If there are places where it is not convenient to send clothing, money may be sent instead. There are many who must have help in food to eat or suffer the pangs of hunger. A little ready money will enable the Society to aid many a hungry family."

In response to this call our friends

stripped of everything. By helping them pay part of their bills the time was extended on the balance until crops were made this season.

Two other families were about to be driven from the farms they were buying because they failed to keep up the payments. We interceded with the owner, and by promising to take charge of part of their crop, and use the proceeds in making payments on

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the land, they are allowed another trial. We are aiding them with rations to a limited extent so as to prevent their making store bills at high prices.

A tenant farmer near Yazoo City had his farm leased away from him to another tenant and so was compelled to leave the house where he lived. He owned a small piece of land and undertook to build on it. He started work on a small house to be built in the usual cheap and uncomfortable plan. His money was gone before the frame was raised. He then came to us for aid and we gave assistance, at the same time planning for him. As a result he now has a comfortable, well built house at a much smaller cost than the "shed" he expected to build. When completed he owed only \$27.00 upon it.

But the special point is that the fund we have had to use, and the clothing we have had to pass out, have brought relief to scores of suffering families. The need of such a fund was never so apparent as at the present time. Our work in these lines has only had its beginning this season. Much work of a practical nature must be done for this people, so that their lives may be made more human, for as they are elevated in their daily surroundings and conditions, they are better prepared to receive and appreciate the elevating truths of God's Word.

THE WORK.

THE past few weeks have been busy ones for the Morning Star workers. The work at Calmar has been important, and we are glad to report that twenty-five have now signed the covenant to keep "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." The interest at Lintonia, Wilsonia, and Palo Alto has been so important that special attention has been required at these places.

THE GOSPEL HERALD must ever be the servant of the work. Hence time could not be taken to issue the April number. The special number is waiting for more pictures, but it will come out soon.

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH.

THE following selections from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White, are a continuation from the last number of the GOSPEL HERALD. They are taken, a paragraph in a place, from the pamphlet mentioned on the last page of this paper. These selections are certainly to the point, and should stir us to do our duty in this work.

"Those who claim to be Christians have a work to do in teaching them to read, and to follow various trades and engage in different business enterprises."

After the slaves were freed "we should have sent missionaries into this field to teach the ignorant. We should have issued books in so simple a style that a child might have understood them, for many of them are only children in understanding. Pictures and object-lessons should have been used to present to the mind valuable ideas. Children and youth should have been educated in such a way that they could have been instructors and missionaries to their parents."

"The Bible is the hope of both the white and the colored race. The idea is disseminated that common people should not study the Bible for themselves, but that the minister or teacher should decide all matters of doctrine for them. This is the doctrine that is taught to the colored people; but the Bible is the poor man's book, and all classes of people are to search the Scriptures for themselves."

"Many of the colored people are unable to read, and as it is necessary to understand the Word of God, it is necessary to teach these people to read."

"The Lord has given the Bible to us, and it is our privilege to read it for ourselves. It is our duty to search it diligently, that we may receive more and more light from its sacred pages. As we search the Bible to comprehend the truths of salvation, angels of God are present to strengthen the mind, and to aid us in understanding that which will be a benefit to us and to others."

"An experience that brings us into harmony with the Word of God will cost the sacrifice of self. It will require humility of mind and a realization of utter dependence upon God. But those who gain this experience will realize the need of working for others, that they also may believe and rejoice in the truth. Very much depends upon the manner in which the truth is presented. The human heart is a hard field to work. Let the missionary ever keep the Word of God upon his lips. Those who talk the truth will have light upon the Word of God."

"The Bible contains the living bread for

the soul. Shall this book, with its treasures of wisdom, be opened to those who are unlearned, and especially to the vast numbers of the colored people who are scattered through the United States? Shall we be justified in withholding this precious Word from the ignorant and depraved, when by partaking of it by faith is eternal life? Shall we expend labor most largely for those who know the truth? Shall weeks be occupied in seeking to work up a greater interest among those who have heard the truth of salvation over and over again, and leave those who have never heard it with no effort for their enlightenment?"

"Through the study of the Word of God, a great work may be done for the Southern people. The colored people, though emancipated from physical slavery, are still in the slavery of ignorance. They are led to believe that they should do just what their ministers tell them to do. Unless their minds are enlightened so that they may understand the Scripture for themselves, and know that God has spoken to their souls, they will not be benefitted by the preaching of the truth; for they are in a condition to be deceived easily by false teachers."

"In reaching the colored people, it is best to seek to educate them before presenting the pointed truths of the third angel's message."

"The priests and rulers in Christ's day worked most successfully in stirring up the passions of the mob, because they were ignorant, and had placed their trust in man. Thus they were led to denounce and reject Christ, and to choose a robber and murderer in his place. The work in the South should be done without noise or parade."

"Medical missionaries can find a field in which to relieve the distress of those who are failing under bodily ailments. They should have means so that they may clothe the naked and feed the hungry. Christian Help work will do more than the preaching of sermons. There is a great need that a class of workers should go to this field who will do this kind of work. Let them meet together and relate their experiences, pray together, and hold their services, not in a way to attract attention to themselves, but in quietness, in meekness, and lowliness. But while they pursue this humble course, let them not sink down into cheapness in conversation, cheapness in manners and ways."

"Let the workers be Christlike, that they may by precept and example exert an elevating influence. Let them furnish themselves with the most appropriate, simple lessons from the life of Christ to present to the people. Let them not dwell too much upon doctrinal points, or upon features of our faith that will seem strange and new; but let them present the sufferings and the sacrifice of Christ; let them hold up his righteousness and reveal his grace;

let them manifest his purity and holiness of character. Workers in the Southern field will need to teach the people line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little."

"As men and women embrace the truth in this field, there will be abundant opportunity for relieving their pressing necessities. Unless this can be done, the work will largely prove a failure. To say, Be ye warmed, and be ye clothed, and be ye fed, and take no steps to bring these things to pass, will have a bad influence upon our work. Object-lessons will be of far more value than mere precepts. Deeds of sympathy will be needed as well as words that will touch the heart, and leave an uneffaceable impression on the mind."

"Small schools should be established in many localities, and teachers who are tender and sympathetic, who can, like the Master, be touched by suffering, should be engaged

"Those who love Christ will do the works of Christ. They will go forth to seek and to save that which was lost. They will not shun those who are despised, and turn aside from the colored race. They will teach them how to read and how to perform manual labor, educating them to till the soil and to follow trades of various kinds. They will put forth painstaking efforts to develop the capabilities of the people. The cotton field will not be the only resource for a livelihood to the colored people."

"As a people claiming to be proclaiming the last message of mercy to the world, we cannot consistently neglect the Southern field; for it is a portion of God's moral vineyard. It is not our place to study consequences; but we are to go to the field and labor for the colored people as earnestly as for the white people, and leave results with God. It is our part to work with all our God-given capabilities to redeem the time we

the truth as it is in Jesus. We need to consult the Word of God, in order that we shall not seek to evade disagreeable work. When we realize that we are workers together with God, the promises will not be spoken with half indifference, but will burn in our hearts, and kindle on our lips. We shall present them to the throne of God with earnestness, and the Lord will pour out his Spirit upon the devoted, consecrated worker."

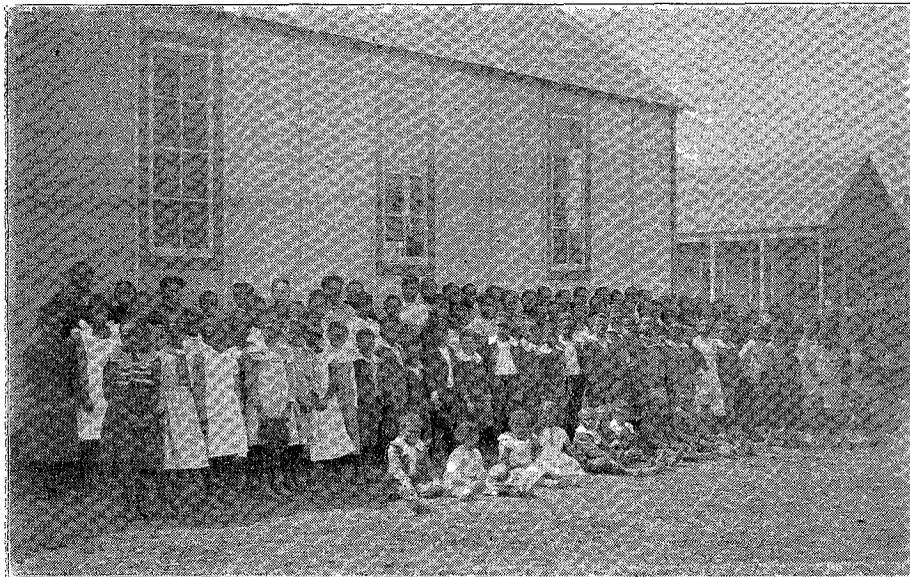
"Those who plead with God, as did Moses, will receive the same assurances that Moses received. When Moses pleaded: 'I pray Thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in thy sight; and consider that this nation is thy people. And He said, My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest.' Again the Lord said to Moses, 'Certainly I will be with thee.' The same assurances given to Moses will be given to those who go forth to be co-laborers with Jesus Christ in the Southern field."

"We are not to wait for great men to undertake the work. We are to encourage those who have a burden to go to this field, who are willing to undertake the work. Let those in responsible positions give their sympathy to such workers, and furnish them with facilities whereby they may do the work required. Let not men in our institutions feel that it is their prerogative to tie the hands of workers at every step. Let those who have a mind to work do with their might whatsoever their hands find to do."

"Truth as it is in Jesus exercises a transforming influence upon the minds of its receivers. Let no one forget that God is always a majority, and that with Him success is bound to crown all missionary effort. Those who have a living-connection with God know that divinity works through humanity."

VISIT FROM ELD. ALLEE.

WE have been pleased to have with us for a few days, Eld. N. W. Allee, Superintendent of the district in which we are laboring. He visited our school at Lintonia last Friday, and went with us to Palo Alto and spoke to the people in the chapel of the Morning Star Friday night. Returning Sunday morning he spoke at Lintonia in the afternoon and at night at Wilsonia in the boat chapel. The weather was favorable and the attendance good. While here plans for the work were considered that will surely give a new impetus to the work.



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to educate old and young. Let the Word of God be taught in the simplest manner. Let the pupils be led to study the lessons of Christ; for the study of the Bible will do more to enlarge the mind and strengthen the intellect, than will any other study. Nothing will so awaken the dormant energies, and give vigor to the faculties, as coming in contact with the Word of God."

"The colored people have been left in ignorance, and the minds of many have lost the ability to expand. But many are not satisfied. They hunger for something they have not. Were they educated so that they could read the Bible, they would draw comfort from the plan of salvation as it is revealed in Jesus Christ. The influence of truth would work for the enlargement of their minds and the strengthening of their faculties. Thus they would be enabled to grasp other branches of knowledge, and prepared to receive information of a general character."

have wasted in planning how to avoid unhappy results in working the Southern fields."

"Let every one who values the precious sacrifice made by Jesus Christ, lift up his voice in prayer to God, and exclaim: 'Behold, O Lord, this poor, oppressed people that have been despised and maltreated by the white nation. Breathe into their souls the breath of spiritual life. If no effort is made on their behalf, they will perish in their sins, and their blood will be found upon our garments. Father of mercies, pity thine offspring. Breathe upon these beaten, bruised, ignorant souls, that they may live. Give thy Holy Spirit to those who shall go forth as messengers to this people. Take not thy Holy Spirit from us in our councils, and enable us to make plans and devise means for the spread of the truth among them.'"

"We need to awaken, and to understand

