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# Appeal to Church Elders.

Collection for the Colored Work, Sabbath, October 7.

## Annual Offering, Sabbath, October 7, for the Colored Work in the South.

THE General Conference has set apart Sabbath, October 7, as a day in which collections shall be taken up in all our churches to aid in carrying forward the work among the colored people of the South. These donations, when received, will be divided up so as to aid the different departments of this field. Last year a portion of the collection was apportioned to the Southern Missionary Society for its work in establishing and maintaining mission schools in various portions of the Southern Union Conference. Another portion was given to the support of the training school at Huntsville, Ala. A third portion was given to the medical work among the colored people.

The division of these funds is in the hands of the Southern Union Conference, which body apportions the money according to the needs of the different branches of the work. The proceeds from this year's offering will be apportioned in the same way. All branches of the work for the colored people are in distressing need of all the aid that can be given.

### The Training School at Huntsville.

Last year a special effort was made to place this school upon vantage ground. Great improvement was made upon the place, and the efficiency of this school is now much greater than it ever has been before. The present condition of the grounds and of the buildings is such as to teach object-lessons to the pupils which will be of great value to them in all their future life work.

But the work for this institution has just begun. A water system must be supplied to the place. Bathrooms must be constructed, and a good laundry must be put in operation. This school must not be allowed to fall behind, in equipment and efficiency, other schools for colored people operated by other denominations.

### Medical Missionary Work.

Every teacher and worker, before going to the field, should have a training in the line of simple treatments, practical hygienic cookery, and housekeeping. Nowhere in the world are these requirements so much needed as among those who go out as instructors among the colored people in the South.

Some thorough preparation must be made, and funds are required to provide facilities for this work.

### The Southern Missionary Society.

This organization has in charge the mission school work for the colored people. We must be pardoned if we express our opinion that perhaps this is the most important of all lines of work among the colored people in the South.

Early in the history of the work we were instructed that not much could be done in the way of ordinary preaching, but it was through mission schools and house-to-house work that the most success would be attained. Through ten years of experience the correctness of this instruction has been demonstrated over and over again.

Beginning in some place with a tent effort, or with preaching in some church, stirs up the ministers to opposition, and the people make decisions against the truth before they have an opportunity to investigate. On the other hand, school work pleases everybody. It does not awaken prejudice, and the teachers make friends in the homes of the pupils. Gradually the truth accompanies the work of the teacher, and in a short time a church is raised up as the result of school work. In fact, every school established so far has resulted in the organization of a church. After a work is thus established in a place, it can be followed up by tent efforts, or other ministerial labor, to good advantage.

From the foregoing it will be seen that among the colored people of the South the

mission school work occupies a place similar to the tent-meeting or course of lectures given in school-house or church in the North.

In counting the cost it is demonstrated that the expense of this work, according to results accomplished, is much less than it is in the North as now being conducted. And a long time ago the word came to us, that "this is the most fruitful field."

The success of the work demonstrates that nowhere in the North is there as much fruit gathered according to the labor and money expended as can be shown in this field.

The Southern Missionary Society is the pioneer in this work. It goes ahead and builds small school-houses, which are also used as churches. Companies of Bible reading Christians are raised up, and taught to read the Word of God for themselves, and the most promising ones are then chosen to be sent to the training school at Huntsville to be fitted for work among their own people.

### A United Effort.

A united effort in all our churches ought to result in raising a large fund by this October offering. In a recent conversation with Elder Evans, he said that he hoped that not less than \$10,000 would be raised as the result of this offering. This can be easily done if all our churches will lift together, and what a blessing it would prove to this important work in this needy field. It can be done if all the church elders will properly present this matter before their churches. A united effort is always successful among our people. There are demands at the present time for more than a dozen new mission schools, and the demands in other lines are also important. Shall we all lift with our might at this time so that the work can go forward with a greater impetus than ever before?

THERE is no victory over Satan without yielding to the Saviour.

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### OPEN THEM UP.

THERE are now in the homes of our people more than 25,000 Self-Denial Boxes that have been sent out by the Southern Missionary Society. The larger number of these have been sent in response to applications for them. From the few responses in the way of remittances that have come in we believe that many are holding their contributions until they shall amount to a sum that will be satisfactory to them to send. We would have no objection to this plan were it not for the need of immediate funds for the carrying forward of the work of the different departments of the Society.

Up to the present time the remittances from different sources have been sufficient to carry forward the work of the Society, but as the time is approaching for the October offering, throughout the churches of the denomination, these remittances have diminished to an alarming extent, until it is sometimes the question, How shall we get through with our weekly settlements with the workers in the field? Considering the small wages these people receive, it will be readily seen that they must receive their money each week or they will suffer great hardship, and their work be made almost impossible; hence our Society has formed the rule of settling with its laborers each week. This gives confidence with the workers and they are able to give their attention fully to the work in hand. So we ask

#### Everybody

to open up the contents of the Self-Denial Boxes in each home, and see that it is immediately sent forward so that our Society can have the proceeds to carry it through until the October offering has been appropriated. We cannot expect this appropriation to reach the Society much before the first of January, so we must look to other sources until that time.

#### To the Church Elder.

Will you kindly call the attention of the members of your church to this request regarding the Self-Denial Boxes, and ask all to immediately send in their remittances?

Remittances may be sent direct to the Southern Missionary Society, Edgefield, Tenn., or handed in to the church officers, and sent through the regular channels; but in every instance and by every officer connected with it, the statement must be made that the remittance is from the Self-Denial Boxes for the Southern Missionary Society. Unless this statement is made plainly, there will certainly be confusion and misunderstanding in the appropriation of the funds.

The Southern Missionary Society is planning a number of advance moves for this season. It will require a larger income than

ever before, and we do not hesitate to say that if our people who have applied for these boxes, and have received them, put in an average of only two cents a week in each of these boxes, the income so received would enable the Society to conduct its present work, and to open at least twenty new schools.

We hope a sentiment favoring the proper use of these boxes will be created among our

people, so that this work may go forward as never before. Certainly the closing conditions of this field demand prompt action and no further delay. The sum necessary to be deposited in each box is so small that it will never be felt by the individual, and will draw nothing from any other branch of the work, and still it will give ample support for a large part of the greatly needed mission schools.

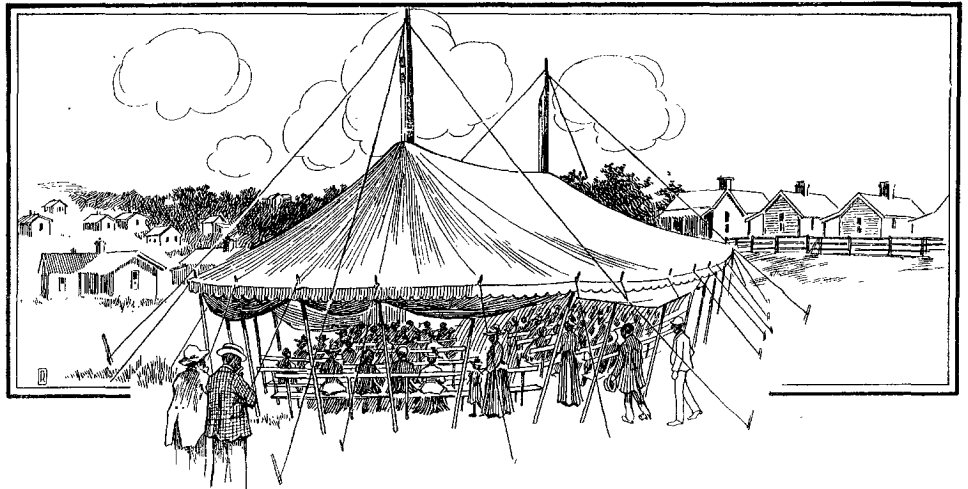
## The Work in Nashville

ACCORDING to the light given us, Nashville is an important center for the colored work, as well as for the white work. In this city are located several important colored schools, and a very intelligent class of colored people are brought together in consequence.

We have felt that a strong effort should be made this season to interest the colored people. While Elders Haskell and Butler were carrying forward a tent-meeting in one

ley of decision. We hope for quite a number more to decide for the truth before the course of lectures shall close.

More than this, we are glad that these school-teachers could have the experience of a work of this kind, where they could receive help from those who have had more experience in this line of work. They will return to their schools this fall better qualified for their duties than ever before.



Colored Tent-meeting, Nashville.

part of the city, it was felt that it was very important that a similar effort for the colored people should be carried forward in some other locality favorable to such efforts.

Circumstances made it apparent that this work must be pioneered by the Southern Missionary Society, and it was so advised by Elder Butler, President of the Southern Union Conference, and Elder Allee, President of the Tennessee River Conference. The Society had a new tent 50 x 75 feet, as shown in the accompanying illustration. For speakers the Society has two among its corps of teachers who are well qualified for this work. One was M. C. Strachan, Principal of our colored school in Jackson, Miss., and the other was N. B. King, Principal of the colored school at Vicksburg. Hence during their vacation they were called to Nashville, the tent was pitched, and a series of meetings has been going forward for about two months.

The attendance has not been large at any time, but the audiences have been composed of the thinking class, and these have come quite regularly to the meetings. We are glad to report that although the meetings will probably continue in the tent until the weather makes it advisable to close them, already seven have taken their stand for the truth, and quite a number of others are in the val-

#### The Mission Schools.

The second illustration given herewith represents the back end and one side of the colored school and church building at Nashville. Of course the street runs by the front of the church. It will be seen that the lot slopes strongly to the rear, and when the church was built it was raised high enough in front to allow the finishing up of the basement for a school-room. The work is now progressing on this very rapidly, and this illustration shows something of the appearance of the building when this shall be finished. There is one exception, however, and that is the windows. On each side of the building are two double windows and one single window, thus giving a room which is lighted better than most school-rooms which we have ever seen. The school-room will be finished, ready for occupation, for a term of school this fall and winter. All can see that this is a step in the right direction.

The action of the Society in fitting up this building has been influenced largely by the work of Sister Anna M. Nicholas, in carrying forward a mission school last winter in a private house within a stone's throw of this church. In regard to the situation as she found it, we quote the following:—

“Only two or three of those thirty or more

children whose names are on the register of that 'slum' school of mine, knew who Jesus Christ was. And that within a stone's throw of the Seventh-day Adventist colored church. They have no church connections, and attend no Sunday-school; hence the soil is purely virgin. They believed implicitly all that I taught them, and were eager for more Bible stories. Beginning with the creation, our Bible work ran down past the flood. The last fortnight I took up the law of the ten commandments, which they learned to repeat. I was explaining the fourth, one day, when a boy said, 'Them folks up at that church keeps Saturday for Sunday.'

Under circumstances of this nature we felt that there was no better thing to do than for our Society to take the gospel to those people surrounding our church, through the influence of the mission school. Certainly if Nashville has been pointed out as a center where a special work should be done for the colored people, our school work should form as important a factor in our efforts in this place as it has in other places where it is being carried forward so successfully.

Sister Nicholas further says:—

"The school should be a permanent thing. Industries or trades can be taught there as well as elsewhere; and the grounds would be ample for other buildings as the work develops. My faith sees large possibilities for that very spot."

We heartily endorse these sentiments, and believe that methods will soon be brought out by which our Society mission schools for the colored people in the cities can have industrial advantages connected with them, which can be made to instruct the hands of the pupils as well as their heads, and that the work can also be made profitable in aiding the support of the school.

The work of fitting up the basement of this building for school purposes cannot cost less than \$450, as stated in the July number of the GOSPEL HERALD. A fund has been started for this purpose, and over \$200 of the amount has been already raised. In July the few office hands connected with the Southern Missionary Society raised \$16.50 for this purpose. It will require \$250 more to complete this school-room ready for occupation. We ask our friends to assist us in raising a fund for this work. Who will join us in making up the remainder of this sum so that the school-room can be occupied free from debt, and not having been a burden on the slender income of the Southern Missionary Society.

#### A PURPOSE IN LIFE.

"EVERYBODY should have a definite purpose in life, some worthy object to accomplish, not drift aimlessly from one thing to another without knowing or thinking very much about what God has for him to do. That is not the design of God with reference to us. In His great work which He is doing in the world, we should have a part."

THE Japanese police confiscate the smoking outfit of any youth under twenty years of age, and fine parents and dealers.

#### GOD'S WORK IN THE PRESENT AGE.

"IN this age we have reached the period of the great consummation, the closing up of the great controversy between the powers of evil and the powers of good,—the time when the last view of the world's panorama is to be unfolded to the gaze of the universe."

### Self-Denial Box Echoes

We are having a great many calls for Self-Denial Boxes. It is teaching the children to deny themselves and send their pennies to help forward the gospel to the poor colored people.

*Dear Brothers:*—Enclosed is one dollar and ten cents, for the benefit of the colored school. Hoping you will receive it with our prayers, for the education of the colored folks. It is money my little girl saved. She is seven years old, and was to spend it for her birthday. She sends it with a happy heart and as a little sacrifice to her, as she has always before bought candies and little presents for herself. And the ten cents is money given to my little boy Chester. He sends it willingly to use, he says, so you can tell the little colored boys about Jesus. I remain,

Yours in the Lord,  
MRS. C. A. F.

Hoping that brighter days for the work in the South are close at hand, I remain,  
Very sincerely,  
MRS. D. M.

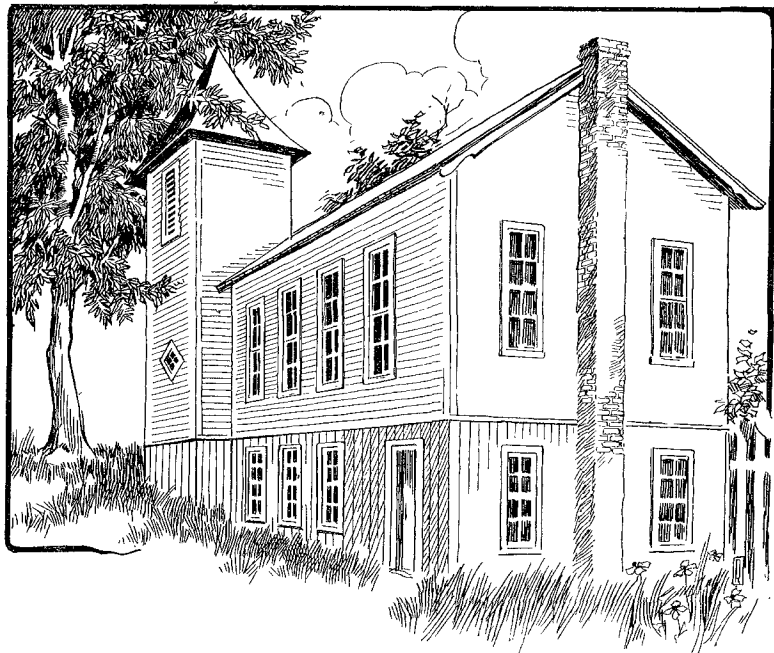
*Dear Brother:*—I would like one Self-Denial Box for my little girl. I hope it will teach her to love to help in the missionary work.

Yours truly,  
W. M. H.

*Dear Brother:*—You may remember seeing, while in Pomona a few months ago, the children of our church school at work in the school garden. The Lord abundantly blessed our efforts and gave us some financial success as well. We voted to turn all the money, about \$8.00, to the work of the Southern Missionary Society. This I enclose with enough Self-Denial money to make \$9.00, hoping it may be used of God to accomplish some good for the colored people. I thought as you had witnessed the beginning of our efforts, you might be interested to know how we succeeded.

Your brother in the work,  
S. P. S.

How many other church schools will attempt a school garden for the benefit of the colored people of the South?



Nashville Church for the Colored.  
Basement for Mission School.

*Dear Workers in the Cause:*—It is a long time since we sent you our last donation and collection from the Denial Box. But I can assure you we remember you every day before the Lord, for our sympathies are with those that have to struggle against adverse circumstances. We have been kept by a variety of causes, from attending to this sooner, but hope we can do better in the future. You will find enclosed \$3.25 from the Denial Box and also \$2.50 which Percy (12 years) sends for work among the children. He has been reading of the plague of fever in some of the Southern States and has wondered if any of our people have suffered from it.

*Dear Fellow Workers:*—I am sure I was glad to get the little Boxes and can only trust that the dear Lord will work on the hearts of the people to do their part. I have given them all out. But you only sent me five Boxes and ten Calendars. If you have them I wish you would send me five more Boxes. The people seem much pleased to get the Boxes.

We have a lovely little company here and all seem to work together. May we not all lift together? I mean the whole denomination; then the message will soon go to all, which is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, MRS. W. M. G.

## THE GOSPEL HERALD.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

### THE YELLOW FEVER.

WE have had many inquiries as to whether our work is being affected by the present epidemic of yellow fever. In response will say that the Mississippi tent-meetings have had to be abandoned in some places. It is also probable that it will not be advisable to open the mission schools until the coming of frost, unless absolute control shall be obtained over the epidemic before that time.

In Tennessee, where we have our headquarters, we are having no trouble. In fact the yellow fever seldom affects this State except occasionally in towns bordering on the Mississippi River. Our tent-meetings at Nashville have not been interrupted, neither is travel to and from the place interfered with. We have no fears for work in Tennessee, although our work may be delayed in some of the locations farther South.

### WESTERN WASHINGTON.

ELDER C. P. BOLLMAN, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Southern Missionary Society, has been looking after the interests of the colored work at the western Washington camp-meeting. He reports that the interest in the Self-Denial Boxes, and in the sale of the "Story of Joseph" is excellent.

The Pacific Coast States have always had a lively interest in the work for the colored people.

### "GO WORK TO-DAY."

"THERE is a large work to be done, and the vineyard of the Lord needs laborers. There are now open doors on every side; we cannot afford to wait to complete years of training, for the years before us are not many, and we need to work while the day lasts."

### A NATURAL LIFE THE ONLY REMEDY.

THAT tuberculosis is one of the most curable of all chronic infectious diseases, is now generally recognized by the medical profession. "It is not cured by drugs," says Dr. Knopf, "nor any specific remedy, nor by quacks, Christian scientists, faith curists, or other mysterious powers, but simply and solely by the judicious use of God's fresh, pure air, sunshine, plenty of good water, inside and outside, and good food."—*Good Health*.

### SELF-DENIAL BOX ECHOES.

Dear Sir:—In our papers of late we see Sister White has made a special appeal to the people to help get this message to the people of the South. I have been asked to write you and find out about the "Self-Denial Boxes," so we can have a part in this work too.

The young people of Brooklyn Church No. 1, would like to have fifty Boxes sent as

soon as possible to have them here next Friday by six o'clock; if so we will start work as soon as possible. Hoping to hear and receive the Boxes in time. If it will not be possible to have them here send them as soon as possible. I remain,

Yours in the work, M. H.

Please send me one dozen Self-Denial Boxes and I will try to place them in the homes of some of our people that are interested in your work, and may God protect you from the fever and enable you to carry on this dear work.

Your sister in the blessed hope,  
S. S. W.

### ALASKA.

"Do you know," asked William T. Perkins in the *World's Work*, "that Nome, Alaska, is 300 miles west of Honolulu? Do you know that Alaska has almost two and a half times as much coast land as the United States?"

The "panhandle" of Alaska includes 1,000 miles of inland sea, protected by a range of islands.

The Yukon carries as much water as the Mississippi. It rises within 30 miles of the Pacific and travels 3,000 miles to Behring Sea.

The mouth of the Yukon is 90 miles wide. As in the Amazon's mouth, you may ascend it on a clear day and see no shore.

From Cape Prince of Wales, American soil, you can see Asia across only thirty-two miles of Behring Strait.

Seven railways are in operation or being constructed. The most famous is the Skagway Yukon, connecting link of 140 miles.

Alaska's canned salmon output is estimated this year at \$10,000,000.

One sixth of the members of Camp Nome, Arctic Brotherhood, are college graduates.—*New York World*.

### UNCLE SAM'S INSECT WAR.

PRISCILLA LEONARD writes in the *Wellspring* under the above caption concerning the benefit to agriculturists from the researches and operations of the Entomological Bureau:—

"Sometimes a special object lesson has to be given to the farmer. In Idaho, for instance, three years ago, the owners of apple orchards had no faith in the recommendations made by Dr. Howard as to the way to destroy the codling-moth and apple worm. These eastern remedies, they argued, were no good in Idaho. So the entomological experts took an apple orchard—fifteen thousand trees were in it—and kept it policed and treated all summer. In the fall they issued an invitation to all the apple growers of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon to attend an 'at home' in that orchard. The growers, still skeptical, 'came to scoff and remained to spray.' Since that time the codling-moth and the apple worm have had a most unpleasant time in the Northwest, and the growers believe in the Bureau of Entomology.

"In Texas the Bureau has a 'demonstration' on hand in every county this season, and is running thirteen large experimental cotton farms besides. Dr. Howard has proved

to the Texan planters that a first-class cotton crop can be raised in spite of the boll weevil, picked by the first of October, and the cotton stalks plowed up and burned, thereby destroying the insect in them. More than this, the Guatemalan ant, the insect foe of the weevil, has been imported this season and set to work. The appreciation of the farmer has been shown by the fact that when one Texan planter demurred as to the imported ant, fearing that it might become a pest in its turn, the planters of Louisiana sent word that they would gladly welcome it there if Texas did not care to experiment with it."

### CAUSES OF DIPHTHERIA.

AN exchange calls attention to the fact that there is an observable increase in diphtheria cases among school-children almost immediately upon their return to school after holidays, and a gradual decrease as the term advances. This is accounted for by the fact that during vacations the drainage is imperfectly attended to, but with the opening of school there is abundant flushing of pipes by reason of constant use. This theory is interesting when it is taken into consideration that a number of violent outbreaks of this disease have followed long dry spells. An ample supply of good water, with a free use of potash or good soap, would do much toward keeping not only diphtheria, but many other diseases, in check.—*Good Health*.

### INDIVIDUAL DRINKING CUPS FOR CHILDREN.

AN educational journal contains a warning against the common drinking cup in school, as a means of infective contact. The children should be instructed to provide themselves with individual drinking cups. Parents must be given to understand that if the child does not have a drinking cup, it will not be possible to drink in school. The mouth of every consumptive contains the germs of the disease, and the transference of these germs from the sick to the healthy child by means of the common drinking cup, is the easiest accident possible.—*Good Health*.

### RECEIPTS OMITTED.

THROUGH an oversight too late to remedy the receipts for moneys received have been omitted in this number of the *HERALD*. They will be inserted in the next issue.

THE statistics show that there are 3,235 native born Chinese between five and seventeen years of age in San Francisco. Only about 600 attend any school. There is a great opportunity there for establishing a boys' Christian school.

It is sad to see the snows on the brow before there are fruits on the life.

It is better to seem green to men than not to be fruitful to God.