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TO THE FRIENDS OF THE COLORED WORK IN THE SOUTH

By GEO. I. BUTLER, *President Southern Union Conference*

This heading naturally implies that there are people interested in the progress of the third angel's message among the negro population. According to the United States census there must be just about three fourths of the colored people of the United States in the nine states composing the Southern Union Conference: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. They number upward of six millions, the vast bulk of this African race, and comprise nearly two fifths of the whole population of the states covered by the Southern Union Conference.

The progress of our work among those of African descent is far behind in proportion to the work among the white people. The progress of the work among the whites has been far slower than in the North, for many reasons; but that among the colored people has been exceedingly slow. It has been making more rapid progress in recent years than previously, and among the agencies most conducive to its growth has been the Southern Missionary Society, which has made this work a specialty, largely confining its efforts to this unfortunate race.

The work has been much more advanced in the state of Mississippi than in any other Southern state, and the reason for this is easy to see. The steamer, *Morning Star*, in which Elder J. E. White, and later W. O. Palmer, made their headquarters, came down the Mississippi River. Its field of work was along the coast of Mississippi, and up some of the rivers, like the Yazoo and others, and through the means of this instrumentality, quite a large number of colored people embraced the truth. This led to the commencement of schools, where there was a favorable opportunity for reaching the young colored children. These schools have been a great success. Of course, the effort was comparatively weak in financial strength, and the task was a great one, as

some of the white people were very much opposed to it, because it interfered with their arrangements for help somewhat.

These people did not like to have those who were working for them observe the seventh-day Sabbath, and a complexity of difficulties bedged them about. But the work has gone on and increased. It was found that in nearly every place where a colored school was established a church of believing parents and others came out. In time a modest meeting house was erected, and the result has been that the Mississippi Conference has in it not far from as many colored people as white people. Of course, the churches are separate, and the colored people have paid some two fifths of the tithes, which support the laborers of the conference. This is very creditable, inasmuch as most of the colored people are not possessed of a great amount of means, but it shows that they have a good degree of faithfulness in paying their tithes.

While we are making special efforts to secure at least one good colored laborer for each state conference, and feel very hopeful that this will be accomplished in the near future, yet the work of the society must not be minimized or its influence decreased. The relations between the Missionary Society and the Union Conference are now closer than in the past, in some respects, the whole work of the society having been moved up to the headquarters of the Southern Union Conference, at Nashville. The president of the Union Conference is the chairman of the committee of the society, and efforts are being made to make this department of the Union Conference as strong as possible to carry on its beneficent work among this needy people; yet it would be a very wrong conclusion for the friends of this work to believe that the society is any less needy of their assistance than before.

In the first place, the Southern Union Conference has all that it can possibly do to carry

on its work successfully. Its financial strength is not sufficient to do more than it has been doing in this direction. Indeed, it is a puzzling question as to how we can furnish the means necessary to pay the laborers employed. Very likely it always will be. It could not, therefore, take on any more burdens than it has already, so far as financial help is concerned.

The Testimonies have clearly taught us that this work for the poor colored people will always be a work of benevolence; that the time will never come when it will be in any full sense self-supporting. It is a missionary work, just as essentially so as it is to send missionaries to the dark continent. It must be so. This race has to struggle against many, many difficulties in this great Southern country. Though there are many colored people in the aggregate who are making a good living, and some of them acquiring valuable property, yet the difficulties of the race itself are far greater than those of the white race. The advantages of education have been far less. The obstacles to be met by them are far greater. There is still a great bulk of ignorance necessarily existing among the colored people of the South, and of course, they do not realize, cannot realize the need of education and the need of the present truth even as much as the white people. It takes a greater effort to reach them.

Hence our brethren, especially in the great Northern states, must continue to assist this branch of the work, or it will be greatly retarded. Donations should come in to the Southern Missionary Society. The Lord has shown this by the strongest exhortations for such help.

There are certain agencies, also, which have been used, and are still being used, which should not be neglected. That very interesting and instructive little volume for the young people, the "Story of Joseph," is worthy of being extensively circulated. It is a book

that any child, or grown person either, for that matter, can read with profit. The life of Joseph is one of the most beautiful and instructive to be found in the holy Scriptures. He was one of those lovely characters which the religion of the Bible makes possible; true, devoted, sensible, faithful in all the duties of life under the most discouraging circumstances, bearing up against slavery, abuse, ill treatment unjustly administered, always keeping humble and noble, in adversity and prosperity. What a lesson his life presents!

This little book is carefully written, and should be extensively sold everywhere, with the added incentive of its sale being very helpful in carrying the light of truth to this needy race.

Two beautiful charts have also been prepared by Elder White, and they belong to the society. One is "The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation," the great prophetic outlines of the world's history in symbols, with copious explanations of their meaning. It is really a course of lectures in miniature. It would be an attractive chart to be hung upon the wall in many a house, and would call the attention of visitors to the great outlines of prophecy.

The other is a chart of the ten commandments; a beautiful little chart in colors, of the law of God, with appropriate comments along the sides of the table of commandments. Both of these would be excellent to hang in the room. It is a constant reminder of the great principles of the truth, which we as a people believe to be essential in the last great work for this world previous to the coming of Christ.

We bespeak for these charts a large sale. The prices will be given in another column.

Then some beautiful little boxes have been prepared for each family circle, in which contributions can be placed for the society, where the children can be taught the great blessing of giving for some noble object, instead of spending their little means for something solely selfish, and sometimes injurious.

Nothing can be more important in this world than to teach our children benevolence, and when our white people tell to their own families the great needs of the colored work; how the children have little advantages, poor and needy, need help, and need means for their comfort and for their instruction in the truths of God, these little boxes will be a constant reminder of these precious things.

The servant of the Lord, our dear Sister E. G. White, has spoken approvingly of these being placed in our houses, and we know of no work more sacred and more blessed than this of leading to the truth those who are poor and needy and sad at heart, laboring under many distressing difficulties to give them the blessed hope of a home in the better world just ahead. By the means of these three agencies much good can be done, and much help received, if our people will patronize them.

We believe there are thousands of our people in the North who will feel that it is a privilege to help us still in the carrying on of this great work. Our constant struggles, and our

greatest perplexities arise here in the South from the lack of means to carry forward the work in all its branches. To those benevolently inclined, and we hope every Seventh-day

Adventist will be such, we will say, assist us in this noble work in this field, which the servant of the Lord says is the hardest in the world.

AN INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE COLORED WORK IN THIS UNION CONFERENCE

THIS branch of the work is really divided into two leading features, conference and educational work. By conference work we mean such work as is usually carried on by the state conferences; namely, the preaching of the truth, Bible readings, canvassing, etc. Educational work is largely represented by our schools. These are intimately connected together, and all conduce to the same general object, and yet there is an important difference.

The conference labor is supported by our system of tithing. This system originated far back in the history of this world. It is first distinctly mentioned in the case of Abraham, and his descendants. After the law was proclaimed the Scriptures speak of it time after time as the real support of the cause of religious laborers throughout the nation; and it was brought over, as we see by the New Testament, in principle, into this dispensation. Doubtless the same existed in principle clear back to the creation. Wherever God has a cause, and laborers especially devoted to that cause, he has designed that they should be supported by those who are benefited by their labor, through the tithing of their income.

We see no reason why there should be any distinction in this particular, whether the labor is bestowed upon white, black, yellow, or red complexioned people. It is all the same in principle. Each class, when the truth is preached to them, should be taught to help forward the work of saving souls by tithing their income, and paying it into the conference treasury, and supporting such labor out of it. This is God's plan in brief.

While the distinctly educational work must be supported from other sources, God's plan of supporting this branch of his work is through tithes and offerings; and robbing God consists in refusing to help the cause by these two sources. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8. Some think if they pay a tithe, that is all that is required, but neglecting to make offerings to the Lord is also robbing him, as saith the Scripture. Tithing is devoted to a specific purpose. The offerings are used for a variety of purposes, the sustaining of our schools, the building of meeting houses, the purchase of tents, and various other outgoes must be supported by offerings. While the conference receives the tithes, and superintends the gospel ministry and laborers devoted especially to that class of work, our schools should be sustained by offerings, donations, etc., that the beneficent work of true

Christian education should be advanced in the earth.

Therefore there is a branch of the colored work that should be sustained by our conference, and another branch by the donations to our Missionary Society and other purposes.

As president of the Union Conference, the writer feels that it is exceedingly important to have at least one good devoted minister of the gospel in every state conference, to look specially after this colored work. We have not yet reached that point in this Southern Union Conference. There are several of the conferences where a large number of colored people live that have no laborer directly at all; that is, no fully equipped minister. Individuals have labored. Some devoted sisters have taken hold of the work and done what they could. It has been the writer's effort for some time to try to provide suitable ministers for each one of these different conferences.

One very encouraging instance has recently been brought about. The great state of Alabama, with nearly a million colored people, has located in it the great colored school of Booker T. Washington and also the Colored Normal School of Professor Council. There must be a large number of colored young people who ought to receive attention at our colored school in Huntsville. It has been a great source of sadness to the writer that until recently we have found no colored minister of ability to enter earnestly into the work lying undone in this important state, but through the kindness and generosity of the state conferences of Missouri and Kansas, and the recommendation of the General Conference and the Union Conference, Elder Sydney Scott, who received his education at the Huntsville school, has consented to come to Alabama and enter into the work there under the direction of the state conference. This has been Elder Haysmer's strong desire, the president of that conference; and the writer's also, and it is a great source of satisfaction that this is brought about.

And now the state of Georgia, the great Empire State of the South, with over a million colored people in it, needs to be supplied with such a laborer, and it certainly ought to have one of the best at our command. We hope there will be developments in the near future along this line, to supply this state with such a colored worker as will be very helpful, and a benefit to the work. This will add greatly to the efficiency of the colored work in the whole Union Conference.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

THE BLESSED INVITATION

"COME unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest: take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

What scripture could be more precious to the colored toiler than these precious words of Jesus? As a rule this lowly people are all toilers. They have to toil to live. But few of them have riches and pleasures that poor selfish human nature craves. They are among the lowly, and in some cases, the despised.

Christ in these words does not address the rich, the proud, the pleasure-lover. He addresses these words to those who need rest—not merely physical rest, but the rest that those who are heavy-hearted and struggling against terrible difficulties specially need.

What a comfort to the weary, toiling soul is rest. When a heavy stress of trouble, and perplexity, and wearing toil is upon us, how precious the thought of rest! The Saviour promises this. He promises it especially to those who learn of him; the taking of the yoke of our obligation upon our souls to come to a realizing sense of what God has given us in life, and all its possibilities.

To come to Christ is the help above all others in this world that enables us to find true rest and happiness, joy, and peace. Our lot in this world may be ever so trying, ever so sad; and it may cause us ever so much pain and anguish of heart, but there is rest and peace in Jesus our Lord. When we take his yoke upon us—that is, put ourselves in close contact with him and try to please him, and to seek him, to do everything that he wishes us to do—we shall find a joy and comfort surging in our hearts that nothing in this world can give. "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding," will rule and reign in our hearts. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." O, dear toilers; dear hardship stricken souls who can see but little in this world that affords any prospect of true comfort and happiness, let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; let us come to him, and surrender to him, and ask him to take us under his special watchcare. Then we shall find rest here, and rest hereafter. Then we shall have the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

THE VICKSBURG INSTITUTE

DEAR EDITOR: I will give you a brief report of the institute held at Vicksburg, Miss., June 15-29. Number enrolled 21. Regular attendance 17. Number of instructors, including myself, 6; two dropping in for only three days of the time.

The presence of the Lord was manifest from beginning to end and most earnest work was done. Perfect harmony prevailed throughout the whole time among both teachers and students.

Real practical work was done and all expressed themselves as being greatly benefited by this institute. I do not know that I can better give you an idea of the appreciation of these few days' study together than to quote expressions taken in a praise meeting which closed the institute. The following are samples of the expression of all:—

"Words cannot express the good received at this institute. I shall make it the frame work of my future life."

"This institute surpasses all I ever attended. We have something practical to take home with us to our school, when we open our next term."

"I appreciate this institute the most of all I have attended, and want the principles given by our instructors to become a part of me."

"I am so thankful for this training. It is just what I needed. I can't express how much I praise God for it."

"I praise God for the spirit of oneness here. Never before have I seen such manifested by instructors and teachers. I am determined to put into practice at least one principle learned each day."

"I go forth from this institute willing to follow God's plan, to take the Bible as the basis for all my work."

I will also quote here the expression of two of the instructors who were with us several days:—

"Impressions of the institute at Vicksburg, Miss.—It has been my privilege to be in attendance at the institute only three days, including the Sabbath. Those who were at the institute were deeply in earnest and seemed to appreciate the advantages offered. I have never been the instructor where teachers drank in with more apparent interest and desire to improve. The occasion has been one of great profit; and I look forward to excellent results in the schools of those who have enjoyed the benefits of this brief period of instruction."

"The teachers' institute held at Vicksburg was the most interesting I have ever attended. The teachers were earnest, intelligent, and devoted, apt to learn and to teach. A great desire was manifested on the part of the teachers to obtain more truth and better methods. The institute closed with a determination on the part of the teachers and instructors to make the Bible a basis for life and education."

As one who is deeply interested in the educational work in this field, I can but praise God for this institute and believe he gave a guiding hand, impressing the Southern Missionary Society to order this gathering, also in sending the instructors to help us.

This will be a meeting long remembered by those present. We pray for divine guidance in our future work and that other like meetings may be held.

Yours in the work,

F. R. ROGERS.

RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1906

The following report is donations received during the month of May, 1906

DONATIONS

Susan McConaugh-hay	\$ 1 00	Lake Union Confer-ence	14 02
Mrs. A. M. Clayton.	1 00	Lucy E Mayo.....	2 90
Mrs. S. G. Wetzel...	1 00	H. C. Miller.....	80
Mrs. Anna Edes.....	2 00	Mrs. Mary Reed....	47
Mrs. E. H. Conally.	1 00	Limella Smith.....	40
Stephen B. Craig Est.	60 00	A Friend.....	2 00
Western Washington Conference.....	9 00	Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mansfield	50
Mrs. Rhoda J. Lane	1 00	R. C. Andrews.....	2 15
Mrs. Florence Harper	2 00	H. L. Andrews.....	1 15
Central New Eng-land Tract Society	1 25	Mrs. James Smith...	25
F. H. Schraumm....	40	Martea Becker.....	20
Eleanor Reed.....	50 00	Mrs. W. P. Wilson...	60
Through General Conference.....	21 62	Mrs. Elen Reed....	25
Miss Iva Vaughn....	48	Miss Hysal Reed...	25
C. B. Craig.....	1 00	Miss Earmal Reed..	25
Lillian Fulton.....	1 59	A Friend.....	20
		Mrs. H. A. McRey-nolds.....	3 50
Total.....	\$154 34	Jas. Ellis.....	50
		A. W. Herr, M. D...	28
FOR THE NASHVILLE COL-ORED SANITARIUM.		E. P. Cushman.....	2 20
D. Kistler.....	\$ 5 00	Mary Spencer.....	5 00
		Allen Bebee.....	50
FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES		Christie Chalmers..	50
Mrs. Etta E. Dickin-son.....	1 30	M. K. Richard.....	1 00
Y. P. Soc'y, Washing-ton	3 10	Lillian Fulton.....	14
Mrs. M. E. Archer...	1 00	Martha J. Sevrens and children.....	2 00
Mrs. S. S. Post.....	50	Mrs. Luella B. Priddy	1 00
Mrs. Rasmussen.....	55		
Mrs. John Hack-ett & family.....	1 50	Total.....	\$63 78
Mrs. Cora Deirdick	1 50		
Mrs. R. H. Norton	2 25	FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE	
Mrs. Mary Kendall..	2 25	A. Friend.....	\$2 50
Frank & Mrs. B. I. Firminger.....	70	Friends of Southern Missionary Society	14 00
Mrs. Vaughn.....	50	Mrs. H. A. McRey-nolds, Treas.....	100 00
Mrs. Fred Moody...	1 25	H. C. Miller.....	20 00
St. Johns Church...	2 55	Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller.....	26 65
Virgil Becraft.....	2 00	J. C. Ross.....	20 00
Mrs. S. D. Wagon..	1 00		
Mrs. Anna Edes...	1 00	Total.....	\$205 41
General Conference.	1 57	COLORED ORPHANAGE	
		California Conference	\$ 65

RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1906

The following report is for the donations received during the month of June, 1906.

DONATIONS

Cliff Kaser.....	\$ 30	Mrs. Anna Oakes and children.....	1 70
L. Kline	70	Mrs. John Steinell..	3 00
Emma Gray.....	71	Mattie A. Price.....	1 00
Miss Patterson	29	Herman Price.....	1 00
F. H. Schramm	5 00	Mrs. Mollie E. Beard's children...	37
Southern Illinois Tract Society.....	5 00	Mrs. W. B. Elwood..	1 05
A Friend.....	100 00	Louella Farney.....	2 17
North Mich. Confer-ence	5 52	Y. P. Soc'y Brooklyn Church No. 1.....	3 10
Jennie M. Fisher...	2 50	New York Conference	4 19
Washington Church No. 1.....	10 00	Wm. Stinema.....	1 20
Mrs. J. Frikart.....	50	Mary Spencer.....	4 50
Lewis Phillipson...	2 15	F. J. Harris.....	2 58
O. D. Nolin.....	2 00	Jacob Arnold.....	3 00
J. F. Flory.....	100 00		
A Friend, Kent City.	200 00	Total.....	\$ 54 87
Total	\$434 67	FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE	
FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES.		F. H. Schramm.....	20 00
Mrs. C. E. Stinson..	\$ 52	W. R. Beatty.....	7 75
Mrs. K. Monroe.....	1 00	Eva Johnson.....	10 00
Mrs. E. A. Lammpan	2 65	A Friend.....	7 00
Beulah Lampman...	2 35	A Friend.....	4 01
J. L. Gearheart.....	1 00	Cedar Grove Church	3 44
Mrs. B. Tough.....	10	W. T. Dawson.....	2 26
Mrs. Ida E. Crow...	1 25	Southern Union Confer-ence.....	35 00
Mrs. Sam Baker	25	Mary Spencer.....	10 00
Siddie Ferguson...	10 00		
Mrs. J. G. Saunders	10	Total.....	\$ 99 46
Chas. Hartman.....	1 00		
Mt. & Mrs. S. C. Mansfield	50	GREENVILLE SCHOOL BUILDING.	
Mrs. James Smith...	31	Previously reported..	\$197 00
R. C. & H. L.....	78	Mrs. C. M. Lasher...	1 00
Andrews.....	50	Mrs. Lucinda Lunger	1 00
Martha Becker.....	2 85	Abby J. Burns.....	10 00
C. N. Pike.....	2 85	Carey S. Smith.....	10 00
Mrs. Edna M. Law-rence.....	50	J. N. Loughborough.	5 00
Sturgis Sabbath School	85		
E. C. Silsbee.....	50	Total to date....	\$224 00

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"Practical Christianity means, not working for God now and then, but continuously. It means being laborers together with God. A neglect to reveal this practical righteousness in our lives is a denial of the faith and of the power of God, and makes of but little effect his principles of godliness."

We feel very thankful for the very encouraging report from Brother Rogers, of the institute recently held in Vicksburg. This report appears in another column of this paper, and speaks for itself. We are also thankful for the valuable assistance rendered at this institute by instructors from Huntsville, Graysville, and Madison.

We wish to call attention to the paragraph from Mrs. E. G. White, printed on this page in black type. This paragraph is not new, as it has appeared in print before, but the facts stated in it are just as true now as when it was first written. The schools already established are doing good, but the work is almost at a standstill for lack of money to provide additional facilities and additional teachers. The Southern Missionary Society ought to be doing more than simply maintaining schools established in past years.

Probably, not less than six or eight new teachers are now prepared to enter the mission school work, but we are at present without means to establish schools. The present receipts of the society are barely sufficient to carry on the schools established in the past; but in some way or another this work must increase. The number of schools must be multiplied, but just how this is to be done we are not able to say at this writing.

RENEWALS

Last month we called attention to the fact that quite a number of subscriptions were expiring, and asked prompt renewals. We have heard from some of our readers, but not all whose subscriptions have expired have as yet sent in their renewals. We are very anxious indeed about this matter, as we do not want to drop any name from our list that we can possibly retain. We feel, brethren and sisters, that not only do we need your help, but you need the information that can come to you only through the columns of the GOSPEL HERALD. This paper represents a very important branch of our denominational work. You can keep in intelligent touch with it only by reading this paper. The subscription price, which is only ten cents a year, is so low as to put the paper easily within the reach of all.

This is the only paper among us devoted exclusively to the interests of the work for the colored people. It is the only paper representing the work of the Southern Missionary So-

ciety—a work second in importance to no other branch of the cause in the great South.

We would urge upon you, therefore, the importance of renewing your subscription to this paper. A blue cross opposite this paragraph indicates that your subscription has expired, and not only so, but that you are earnestly requested to send us your renewal at once. Please do not disappoint us.

The mission schools that have been established in Mississippi and in other states, are doing a good work; and these should receive our continued support. Hundreds of these schools must be established. This line of effort has been especially presented before me as one of the most effectual and economical methods of giving the truth to the colored people. But the work is almost at a standstill for the lack of money to provide facilities and pay the wages of the teachers.—Mrs. E. G. White.

THE "STORY OF JOSEPH"

We have been corresponding with the presidents of conferences in regard to the sale of the "Story of Joseph," and have received a number of very encouraging replies. The brethren who have written to us feel like co-operating with the Southern Missionary Society as far as possible.

But presidents of conferences are dependent upon the co-operation of the membership of the various churches in their fields. They cannot themselves turn aside from their special work to sell the books. They can only bring this work before the people. Some of the presidents have already done this and others will doubtless do it in a short time. And now we come, through the columns of the GOSPEL HERALD, asking our readers to co-operate with the conference presidents and secretaries of tract societies in pushing the work of selling this book, the proceeds of which are devoted to the support of colored mission schools.

Remember that there are two plans for selling the "Story of Joseph." First, it is sold as a relief book; the canvassers donating to this branch of the cause all their time spent in selling it.

The other plan is for the regular canvassers and others who are not so situated as to be able to donate their time spent in this work, to sell the book on a commission of forty per cent., the extra ten per cent. to come into the treasury of the Southern Missionary Society for the colored work.

We are informed by some of the secretaries that it is almost impossible to get canvassers to handle a forty per cent. book, but it seems to us that this should not hinder the sale of the "Story of Joseph,"—a book which practically sells itself. And especially is this

true since the extra ten per cent. goes into that branch of the work that ought to, and we believe does, appeal more strongly to our people than any other department of the cause. We feel sure that there are no canvassers among us who would not be willing to do that much for the work of the Southern Missionary Society, if they only understood the matter correctly.

We beg of the canvassers not to discriminate against the book "Story of Joseph" because it pays only a forty per cent. commission, for in so doing they discriminate against one of the most important lines of work in the great, needy Southern field. We feel that we ought to have the canvassers with us in this work, and we believe that we shall have them with us as soon as they understand that the extra ten per cent. goes directly into the work for the colored people.

ONE OF THE CALLS

We have several times spoken in these columns of "open doors" and urgent calls for new mission schools. The following letter speaks of one of these calls:—

Vicksburg, Miss., June 1, 1906.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR BRETHREN: I wish to remind you again of the opening at Canton, Miss., and the importance of stepping in now while much can be accomplished in a short time; at least this is the way I look at it at present.

You remember that Willie Cobb offered us a good large lot there. He is ready to make the deed to the Southern Missionary Society at any time we say we will put up a school building and open a school.

I will just name some of the advantages there at present: The location is in the suburbs, two thirds of the population of Canton is colored, and in this particular locality they largely own their own homes. There is no school within two miles of this place. The colored public school of Canton is on the opposite side of the town, and the country school is three and one half miles the other way. Again, there is no church within two miles of the place.

I do not know where we could have a more favorable opening to raise up a church of believers in the third angel's message. If we do not step in soon some one else will. Are there not some of our churches in the North who would be glad of the opportunity to help us build here before next September? May the Lord help us and impress hearts to respond to the work of the society that they may respond to these calls.

Sincerely yours,

F. R. ROGERS.

"God will not permit selfish adoration of some, while others, striving with all their capabilities, are left unhelped, and are deprived of the blessings that more favored ones have. I call upon all to arouse to their responsibilities."