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UPON A ROCK

IN days of toil and nights of grief,
When fast the troubling waters roll,
How sweet the promise of relief
Dawns o'er the tried and stricken soul,
When He, whom waves overwhelm not, nor shock,
Doth set me up upon a rock!

Though sea and storm upon me rave,
I rest in confidence secure
That He who ruleth world and wave,
My strength and courage shall assure
To stand undaunted midst the shock
On Christ the firm foundation rock.

Upon my head no storm shall break
Unless all-seeing Love doth will;
Beneath,—no creeping waves awake
A shud'ring fear of coming ill,
Since He who loves doth bear the shock
While setting me upon a rock.

And though, unhelped, my feet might slip—
Upborne by power omnipotent
I brave the tempest in His grip,
Though fears assail and heavens be rent;
For Christ himself sustains the shock
But sets me up upon a rock.

—Lillias C. Nevins.

OBEDIENCE TO LAW

WE are under law. We are constituted to be in harmony with law. He who gave us our being gave us our place in his kingdom of law, in obedience to which there is the completeness of life and the fulness of enjoyment. In that kingdom there is no surplusage of law; there are no unnecessary obligations, for life is its center, and in all its domain every appointment ministers to life and happiness. God enters into all and uses all as means of access to the heart of man and the most perfect ministry to his highest good.

While the universal obligation of law is recognized, strict obedience to it in all

lines is often regarded as an evidence of weakness. Transgression is supposed to give a certain flavor to life, and is regarded as evidence of manly independence. The young man is encouraged to disregard parental instruction, the young woman is invited to enter the world in which there are fewer restraints. Of the church it is said that its demands are unreasonable, and disregard for them is applauded.

Careful, conscientious obedience to law is the foundation of character. This is the sphere of conscience, and obedience to the moral dictator within is essential to development into perfect manhood. There is no exemption from law. Even to the hidden, and, we may say, the obscure parts of life, the obligation extends; into the secret chambers of the soul the voice of conscience penetrates. "Do this and live." So far is such a life from being narrow and unresourceful, that it is in touch with every part of the universe of right, and from every part draws ministrations to happiness. The broadest, best, and happiest man is the one who makes obedience to law—the divine as well as the human—the controlling power of his life, and the best and most prosperous community is the one where all recognize the same obligation to obey the supreme will of God.—*United Presbyterian.*

"CHRIST is the best example of Christian diligence," remarks an exchange. "There was never a day when he was not busy, never a task from which he shrank, never an effort on his part to shirk duty or to shift responsibility."

PASS THE AGITATORS BY

UPON several occasions we have called attention to the fact that the long-distance agitators of the race question, whether they be in the North or in the South, whether they be white or colored, Jew or Gentile, do the southern negroes more harm than they do good. It is easy to recognize the fact that there are unequal conditions in the South, arising out of prejudice on account of race, color and previous conditions of servitude, but the southern negro has reconciled himself to the situation, and is doing his best to work out the problem along lines that invite less friction, less disturbance, and consequently less discontent. The majority of the negroes live in the South, and they have invested all of their hard earnings here. Many of them own property, which is well improved, large bank accounts, splendid business investments, and excellent standing in the communities where they live. They have labored hard, used their money economically, and it is quite out of the question now that they should be unduly exercised, or set to wandering about the country making new homes, forming new friends, and casting about for new fortunes. They recognize the fact that there will always be a race problem of some kind wherever there is one white man and one negro; that this problem will have to be worked out by the better element of the two races that are thus thrown into contact. It is needless, then, that they should be admonished by loud-mouthed orators, and unsound philosophers to take the law into their own hands, or to drift around the country

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THE PROGRESS OF THE MISSION SCHOOL WORK IN MISSISSIPPI.

ANOTHER year has just passed from us, and while we do not see *all* accomplished that we would like, yet as we look back over the year's work, we can praise God for his prospering hand in this branch of the cause.

At the beginning of the school year in September, we were much perplexed in securing teachers for all our schools, and not until October did we succeed in filling every vacancy. Mississippi was called upon to give up five of its old laborers for other fields that needed them more. Brother Sebastian and wife for Georgia; Brother Lawrence and wife for Alabama; and Brother Chatman for Louisiana. This took three teachers from our schools.

Then came the calls to open new schools and one after another was filled until four new schools were opened: first at King's Crossing; second at Natchez; third at Palmer; fourth at Canton.

As we moved on step by step, teachers were secured and we can now praise God for a strong band of young workers who we believe will develop into true and tried laborers for God, in due time.

Three of these teachers were developed for the work here in our Vicksburg school. Some are students from the Oakwood School, and some from other parts of the field.

Amidst the perplexities of opening new schools and initiating new teachers in several of the old schools, we see a deep interest manifest and a good work being done.

But as we consider the many, many places where mission schools should be opened, we are made to feel that the greatest need is teachers filled with the love of the truth. We urge therefore that our youth be diligent in study and speedily prepare for work. There has never yet been a year of school opening that we have not been perplexed to find proper teachers. The fact is that now some of our youth are called to this work without the preparation they should have. We earnestly pray that God may stir both young and old on this subject, that workers may be had and thus hasten our Saviour's appearing.

The following is a report of the mission schools now in operation in Mississippi:

NAME OF SCHOOL	NO. TEACHERS	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE	REMARKS
Vicksburg	3	61	54	Good buildings, \$1,000 debt.
Jackson	1	25	19	A Good church building.
Yazoo City	1	29	20	Movable Chapel in Bad cond. Must have a new building.
Columbus	1	22	16	A Good Church building.
Greenville	1	35	25	A Cottage with meet'g rooms New building this year.
Brookhaven	1	30	30	A Good church. Self supp't'g.
King's Crossing	1	12	7	An acre donated for building. Renting now.
Natchez	2	42	39	A church. Renting at present. New school. Need build'g.
Palmer	1	6	4	A new school. Church organized.
Canton	1	6	4	Work just begun Good interest Renting.
Totals: Ten	13	268	220	

Dear brethren and sisters, this mission school work is the opening wedge to the work of saving souls here. Would you not like to hear of many more of these schools being opened throughout other states in the South as well as more in Mississippi? If so send in liberal donations to the Southern Missionary Society, for this is their great work. Pray for this work and help now while it will do much good. Soon the time will come when it will be too late.

Sincerely yours,

F. R. ROGERS.

THE foregoing report presents a summary of the work of this Society in the Mississippi Conference alone. Our field is as wide, however, as the Southern States.

The Society has one of its largest schools at Edgefield, Tenn., eleven miles north of Nashville. This school numbers forty-four pupils, all in the charge of one teacher, who is doing excellent work. This is the school shown on our 1907 calendar.

This school is favorably situated in some respects, being three miles from the nearest public school for colored pupils. This school is doing excellent work. Its influence is most salutary.

Another interesting mission school is located in East Nashville. It numbers thirty-four pupils, and is exerting a far-reaching influence. This school is located less than two blocks from a large city school, and is of course patronized only by those who recognize the value of the religious training given. Being in a large city this school presents excellent

opportunities for real missionary work.

Both of these schools are held in good buildings, and both are in every way creditable to our work as a people.

An earnest effort was made early last fall to open a mission school in the city of Memphis, but it was impossible to secure a suitable building. Two earnest workers spent a month visiting the people and endeavoring to arrange for a school. Several times they thought success was about to crown their efforts, but as often they were doomed to disappointment.

This experience only emphasizes the need of a school and church building in Memphis. At its meeting last fall the Tennessee River Conference by resolution asked the Southern Missionary Society to help them to provide a mission building in that city. This the Society purposes to do as soon as possible.

Writing under date of May 27, 1902, Sister White says:

"My brethren, what are you going to do in regard to the Southern field? With earnest effort, you are to strive to establish memorials for God throughout the Southern States. A great work is before us in the South. The brethren there need means to erect inexpensive buildings that are necessary for the carrying forward of work that must be done speedily. Churches should be raised up; houses of worship should be built: small schools and sanitariums should be established; and the publishing interests should be strengthened.

"I am instructed to call upon my brethren in the different Conferences of America to take a greater interest in the Southern work than you have yet taken."

We are glad to be able to say that general interests in the work in this field is deepening; but how much has yet been done in the way of establishing "memorials for God throughout the Southern States;" in the way of providing school and church buildings? Very little.

In half a dozen places modest buildings have been provided by the Southern Missionary Society. The Southern Union Conference has its school at Oakwood, near Huntsville; and in a few places local conferences have made a beginning.

But as yet it may be truthfully said of this field as a whole that the work has been touched only with the tips of our fingers.

During the past year the Southern

Missionary Society has erected one modest mission building in the city of Greenville, Miss.

In addition to this the Society has assisted several struggling companies to provide themselves with small buildings for school and church purposes. But we do not feel that all has been done that the work demands.

Very little work has been done as yet by our people for the negroes of Georgia. Something has been done in Atlanta, and there is an organized company of colored Sabbath keepers there. But they are without any building except as they rent a small room in some out-of-the-way place for their Sabbath meetings. An earnest appeal has been made to the Society to assist in providing a suitable mission home for the colored work in Atlanta. This we very much desire to do, and it certainly ought to be done; but at present we are utterly unable to do anything in this direction.

More than six months ago an earnest plea was made to the Southern Union Conference to provide a colored minister for the work in Georgia. After looking the field all over Elder Butler decided to ask Elder Sebastian, of Mississippi, to go to Georgia. But at this stage of proceedings he was confronted with the fact that the Georgia Conference was unable to pay another minister. After some consultation the Southern Missionary Society volunteered to guarantee Brother Sebastian's support if it could be arranged for him to go to Atlanta.

The Mississippi Conference very generously consented to this arrangement, which we trust will be consummated very soon, though so far as we have been advised up to the time of this writing Elder Sebastian has not felt free to leave the work in Natchez, and at last accounts he was still waiting for the coming of the brother who is to succeed him in the work there.

On the whole, we can look back with some degree of satisfaction over the work of the past year. Not all has been accomplished that might have been if more means had been provided and had more laborers been available. But some progress has been made for which we feel thankful. We are not satisfied, however, and are determined if possible to make the year upon which we have just entered one of much greater progress than the past year. The field in which the Society is operating is a large one. It affords

almost unlimited opportunities for spreading the third angel's message. We realize, however, that nothing can be done without the blessing of God. We therefore ask the prayers of our people in behalf of the work here.

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

As we have remarked before, this is one of the most interesting features of our paper.

One thing which makes us glad is that reading our paper stimulates the natural desire of the Christian heart to work for the salvation of souls. One correspondent writes:

"My copy of the *Gospel Herald* came to-day. I am always glad to receive and read it. I feel sad, however, that I have not more of this world's goods to pour into the Lord's treasury that his work might not be hindered as it has been and is being now."

This spirit of wanting to help runs through almost all the letters we receive. A good friend of this work in Michigan writes:

"*Dear Brethren:* You will find enclosed ten cents in stamps for last year's subscription. I am always glad when the good old *Gospel Herald* comes, for I want to see the message go to the colored people. We have a nice home, and pray if the Lord wants us to put our money in the work that we may sell at once, and help the poor colored people in the South."

For several months past we have been sending out sample copies of the paper, and we have received in return many expressions of appreciation. Here is one:

"I received a sample copy of the *Gospel Herald* some time ago. I was looking over it again to-day and must say that I am interested in the work in the South."

A friend in the District of Columbia writes us:

"The first copy that I have seen of the *Gospel Herald* came to me several days ago, and I was much interested in its contents. The farther I read, the more sorry I felt that I had not the ability to send you a large offering to assist the work with which I am in closest sympathy."

One of the mission school teachers says in a recent letter:

"I am of good courage in the Lord, and in my work. Everything seems to be bright before us. Pray that we may push forward and reap the blessings that are in store for us."

Another teacher says:

"November 3 there were three young people baptized here. There are others who say they are keeping the commandments of God. The Lord is doing a great work for us."

The librarian of one of the Western churches says:

"I enclose you \$3.00 on our account for the 'Story of Joseph.' This is from an old lady who was the first of our members to sell her dozen copies."

A teacher who had been meeting some difficulties but who had not faltered in her work, writes:

"I received your welcome letter to-day. It found me well, and of good courage. Thank you for your words of encouragement. . . . 'O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him all ye people.' Ps. 117:1."

All things earthly, no matter how good, must have an end and so we draw this department of our paper to a close for this month. But unless our friends quit writing, we shall have other letters just as good for the next number of the paper.

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER, 1906

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

DONATIONS

Mrs C A Rightmire .. \$2 50	Mrs W P Wilson	50
West Mich Conference .. 1 00	Mrs Ella Reed	75
Mrs Ellen Shememan .. 25	Mrs A Hanson	50
T J Frost	Mrs Sam Baker	1 00
S O James	Daisy Jefferson	1 00
Mrs S J Merry	John Bartle	1 00
C S Twing	J G Shackelford	10
J R Allen	Mrs Ethel T Nowlen ..	1 00
Edgar F Cole	Mr & Mrs S C Mansfield ..	1 10
T G Cody	Mrs James Smith	50
B Julius	A Friend	25
F B Reed	Findlay Church	3 00
Miss Vesta Frost	Elma Wilber	88
L D Estes	Flora Wilber	12
Annie Gould	Mrs S D Stone	40
So. Conf. Ass'n	Lillie Fish & family ..	50
J P Ferguson	East Mich Conference ..	3 54
Jas Ellis	Alice E Culver	15
Mrs Mary Spencer	Charles D Miramontez ..	4 60
L B Hoyt	Mrs Hartman	1 00
T G Cody	Mrs S S Post	1 50
Total	Mrs L Christy	25
	Olive Rudler	1 25
	S Pettigrew	36
	C K Davis	53
	Total	\$42 88

FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES

Frederick H Pokorny.	\$2 00
H A Hartman.....	2 50
German Ch Milwaukee	2 60
Jennie Gallion	1 00
Fred Solomon.....	16
Cliff Kaser.....	34
Martha J Sevrens....	2 00
Mrs M A Baer	65
Laura B Roland	1 40
Vinnolia Earp.....	4 31
Mrs Mary Lyhm	19

FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE

Eva Johnson	\$15 00
A Friend	6 90
Total	\$21 90

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It is character that makes the man.

THE soul who is at peace with God need not fear anything that man can do.

NEARLY all who have ordered charts are pleased with them. We still have a good supply on hand. They are fifty cents each, or one dollar for a set of two.

If you receive a copy of this paper without having subscribed for it, it is sent you for the purpose of asking you to become a subscriber. The price is only ten cents for a year, twelve numbers. Address, Gospel Herald, North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

CALENDARS FOR 1907

Our 1907 Calendars are now ready. Let the friends of the Mission School work send in their orders for the new calendar at once. It will save trouble and expense at both ends of the line if the calendars for a church or company are ordered to one address, to be distributed by the one receiving them. They are sent free by the Society, but each request sent by postal card costs a cent, and there is quite a saving to this office also, where several calendars are sent in one package.

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hunting an easy place. Whenever there is a little disturbance in this section, zealous members of our race at the North call indignation meetings, pass warm resolutions, and utter revengeful threats all at the expense of the people who are suffering quite as much as they can endure without the addition of such a folly. There is danger that the unsuspecting youth of the race should be moved by these foolish suggestions and passionate appeals, and it is to this end we are laboring, that our people shall not thus be afflicted. We need soberness, quietness, common-sense, culture and reason in dealing with the race problem, and whoever employs qualities other than these are such unsafe, unsound characters that

they should not be tolerated either in the negro newspaper or on the platform. Our methods should be peaceful; our qualities of endurance should multiply; our faith in God, and in ourselves should increase, and we should listen to the more sober element of the race with regard to the best and wisest policy to pursue in any given case. Let the agitators and the war-makers have a furlough, and let sensible men tell the people what is their duty. The times are too critical, the race has too much at stake to deal with braggarts and blowhearts on the stump or in the forum. Many of the negroes who are advising what is best do not own a foot of land, nor a bank account of fifty cents. If we have any problem, race or otherwise, they are not prepared to help us solve it. Their interference makes the situation graver and more intense. A very safe rule, in view of the mischief that they are calculated to make, and the reign of sorrow that they stand ever ready to perpetuate, is "*pass the agitators by!*"—*The National Baptist Union.*

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.—Mrs. E. G. White.

THE SELF-DENIAL BOX

FROM the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, under date of July 6, 1904, we quote the following:—

"Many should become interested in the work of placing these Boxes in homes. Ask old and young to aid the work for the colored people by placing these Boxes in every home possible. A blessing will surely follow the gifts of Self-denial thus brought to the Master.

"INVITE THOSE NOT OF OUR FAITH TO DO ALL THEY CAN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THIS WORK. The Lord has placed the responsibility upon them. He expects them to act their part. As they have received, so they are to impart."

THE necessity of a Christian education is not a modern conception. The early Christians realized its importance far more fully than do the great majority in Christian lands to-day. Coleman says:

"The tender solicitude of these early Christians for the religious instruction of their children is one of their most beautiful

characteristics. They taught them even at the earliest dawn of intelligence the sacred names of God and the Saviour. They sought to lead the infant minds of their children up to God, by familiar narratives from Scripture, of Joseph, of young Samuel, of Josiah, and of the holy child Jesus. The history of the patriarchs and prophets, apostles and holy men, were the nursery-tales with which they sought to form the tender minds of their children."

MANY today are turning away from the principles taught in the Word, and are giving heed to fables. Modern "isms" are today placed before the public disguised under the covers of some nicely bound, gilt-edged volume; novels, those dissipating agents, are attractively gotten up to charm the incautious; manifold theories strongly presented, and encircled by an array of argument, with conclusions seemingly correct, are presented to us; text books, especially those on the sciences, subtly deceptive and misleading, of a nature that leads to infidelity rather than to Christianity, hail our attention—all these are found in the literary net of modern times.

—W. Durant Forde.

A PULL ALTOGETHER

Now is the time to come to the aid of the work in the South by helping the Southern Missionary Society establish a score or more of new mission schools.

Read in another column in this paper the paragraph set in black type in which Sister White speaks of this feature of the work.

Just now, brethren, while the eyes of the whole denomination are turned toward this field as never before, is the opportune time to take hold of the work for the colored people as we have never done in the past.

If you are interested in Mission schools; if you want to have a part in giving the Third Angel's Message to the Afro-Americans in the South, if your heart has been touched by the appeal made in the behalf of the millions who have not yet heard the last message of mercy, make a liberal donation for the support of mission schools.

If you want your donation to go into this line of aggressive field work, be sure to state plainly that it is for the Southern Missionary Society. If you neglect to specify the object to which you wish to give, your money may be used in some other line of work, and this without any wrong intention on the part of any one. THEREFORE, BE SURE TO SAY THAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.