

# THE GOSPEL HERALD

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY  
10 CENTS A YEAR

THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
24TH AVE., NEAR HYDE ST.

Entered at the Post Office at Nashville, Tennessee, as Second Class Matter

Volume IV

FEBRUARY, 1907

Number 2

"WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED?"—Luke 18:26

BY MRS M. T. COLE

The honest and faithful, the tried and the true,  
Who study the Bible—the Old and the New—  
Who make "overcometh" the word of their  
choice,

And prove it in actions, in heart, and in voice,  
Who know that the promise is given to those  
Who every device of Satan oppose,  
And who hope each sentence of love that they  
preach

The heart of some poor wayward sinner will  
reach;

Who love the Lord best, and gladly obey,  
As humbly they walk, while they wait, watch,  
and pray,—

They know the Lord loves them, they know  
they love him;

So their vesels they fill, their lamps they well  
trim;

They study his precepts by night and by day,  
And live as did Jesus, to please him alway.

These all shall be purified, made white, and  
tried,

And finally they'll stand their Saviour beside  
In robes of Christ's righteousness, spotless and  
white;

To the fruit of life's tree they'll each have a  
right.

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE.

WE have cause for encouragement in the work of God in this conference. Our hearts are rejoiced to see evidences of vitality in this truth, which is able to make progress in the midst of darkness, prejudice, and opposition.

### NASHVILLE.

Nashville, the "Athens of the South," was originally intended as the point from which to send colored missionary teachers out to all parts of this Southland. No other city in this conference has a larger colored population, save Memphis. It is the purpose of the Conference Committee to make the work at Nashville

one of the largest and most important, not only in this conference, but in the entire South.

The church at Nashville has a neat little house of worship, so arranged that the basement affords excellent accommodations for a mission school. Sister Mary Pollard of Bowling Green is now teaching this school.

The camp-meeting for the colored people, held at Nashville, gave good impetus to the work in this conference. Those who attended that meeting returned to their homes with greater zeal and earnestness for the advancement of the cause in their respective localities. Already plans are being laid by those who failed to attend this meeting, to be present at the next annual gathering.

The fall campaign for circulating our literature was entered upon heartily by our people, and over one thousand copies of the *Special Watchman* were sold on the streets. Some of our brethren and sisters are still engaged in this work.

### MEMPHIS.

In answer to an urgent call from our little church at Memphis the writer recently spent two months in that place giving Bible readings and visiting among the people. Three families, belonging to a "Church of Divine Prophets," became so deeply interested in our readings, that one of the so-called prophets visited our reading for the purpose of showing us all that the law of God was abolished at the cross. This he failed to do, and subsequently, he lost his influence over these families, and they finally acknowledged the truth. We had similar experiences with three other

preachers. One preacher acknowledged the binding claims of the Sabbath and promised to keep it. We had more calls for meetings than we could handle; and very soon all were made sad because the work at Nashville demanded my return. The church at Memphis should have a more suitable place of worship. At present, the Sabbath services are held in a hall on one of the noisy business streets.

### OTHER OPENINGS.

From such places as Bowling Green, Paducah, Erin, Springville, Leach, Jackson, and Edgefield Junction, there come urgent appeals for a colored worker; but, as we have only one such worker available, these calls simply emphasize the great need of consecrated laborers in this field. The harvest truly is great and the laborers few.

The larger share of my labors for the present will be in Nashville, where we already have a good interest developed; and we hope that we may yet be able to extend this interest to some of Nashville's educational institutions, where there is a large student body of nearly two thousand highly accomplished young colored men and women. So let us have the prayers of all our brethren and sisters, that the message of truth may reach this large army of favored youth, and that some of them may be gathered out and hastily prepared to spread the message of the third angel.

M. C. STRACHAN.

"THAT which you are doing today is most important. The tasks of tomorrow will take care of themselves."

# THE GOSPEL HERALD

## A SERIOUS SLUMP

THAT there has been a serious slump, or falling off in the October offering for the colored work is evident. A year ago there had been reported as available for colored work within the territory of the Southern Union Conference something over six thousand dollars. The amount available at the same time this year is only a little over sixteen hundred dollars.

These figures present a serious situation. They mean that unless our people come to the rescue at once with increased donations to the work of the Southern Missionary Society there will be a very serious falling off in the work we can reasonably expect to do during the year 1907.

The year 1906 was marked by an encouraging growth in the amount of work done for the colored people. Never before in the history of this Society were there so many mission schools in operation, and never before were so many pupils enrolled in these schools. At the time of the recent Council in Graysville nearly three hundred and fifty children and youth were under instruction in the mission schools maintained in whole or in part by the Southern Missionary Society. The reports read at that meeting were most cheering indeed.

But it seems that other interests have served to obscure in some measure the mission school work. Donations that would otherwise have found their way into this line of work have evidently gone to help swell the \$150,000 fund; and the work for the colored people, "the most needy" and the "most neglected" part of the cause, is in a fair way to be even more needy and more neglected than for several years in the recent past.

Do not misunderstand us: we do not mean that donations for the colored work have been diverted to other interests, but only that the attention of the people has been called to other things to such an extent that they have largely lost sight of the imperative needs of this branch of the Lord's work, and have given in other directions the means they would otherwise have given for the support of the needy mission schools.

The remedy lies not in regrets but in redoubled diligence, in renewed beneficence, and in reconsecration of our all to the cause of God.

It is too late in the day to take any backward step or to waste time longer. The work for the colored people must be pushed forward. It would be sad indeed to allow any falling off in the number of mission schools. We have been told that there ought to be hundreds of these schools where we now have little more than a score. We can have them only by providing more means to establish and to maintain them. May the Lord help us to do our full duty in this respect.

We look to the Self-Denial Box plan to help us in the emergency that has arisen. If we could place one of these boxes in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the United States we believe the Mission School work could go forward without decrease during the present year, and with good prospects of an encouraging growth. Will not each one who is now a Self-Denial Box user help us not only by increased donations but by inducing others to use the boxes also?

## THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE

LAST month we printed an article from the *National Baptist Union*, entitled, "Pass the Agitators By." We intended to call special attention to the article in a last-page note but in the hurry of making up the paper late in the month the note was overlooked. We hope however that the article itself was not overlooked by our readers.

The *National Baptist Union* is one of the leading colored papers of the South. In the article referred to the editor of that paper speaks to the people of his own race advising them for their good. He has himself won the confidence and respect of his white neighbors by the course he has pursued. He speaks therefore from experience. This editor speaks also as a Christian. However great the injustice suffered, it is covered by the injunction, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord." In our opinion the only possible solution of the race question will be found along the lines suggested by the *National Baptist Union*.

The article from the *National Baptist Union* was timely. Our reprinting it in these columns was likewise timely. Unfortunately there has arisen in the denomination represented in a modest way by the GOSPEL HERALD an element

that, forgetting the injunctions of the Saviour, would seek to right wrongs by force of arms.

We firmly believe with the editor of the *National Baptist Union* that they who give such counsel are not the friends of the negro race. We trust that every reader of the GOSPEL HERALD whether white or black will follow after only those things that make for peace. However great the provocation may seem, or may even be, remember the injunction of the apostle: "Be ye also patient; stablish your heart; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8.

## WORK IN THE SOUTH FOR THE COLORED.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This commission is world-wide. No soul can lift himself to God, no matter how much wealth or education he has. Salvation to sinners depends on the carrying out of this command.

The commission, "Go ye," can be answered by every soul. If one cannot preach in the desk, he can respond to this command by letting his means go to support the cause at this critical stage. The work to be done in this generation, which is the last one, calls for an increase in giving. A few years ago calls were not so numerous as at present. The reason is the greatness of the work and the shortness of the time in which it is to be done.

None but those on the "firing line" can realize the perplexity it brings to those who are in this work to so plan as to distribute proportionately the small amount of means at their command.

There is power in this message to melt hearts no matter how cold they may be. The message is finding its way to the hearts of many colored people. Sixteen years ago there were not over fifteen colored Seventh-day Adventists south of Mason and Dixon's line. To-day the number is 750: counting those north of that line the number is 1300. Our brethren who have helped with their donations can take pardonable pride in these results.

It requires more time and means to bring the colored people into the truth than it does the whites. In many cases we have to teach the colored man to read before he can be made to see the truth.

Another thing that makes the work difficult is the race prejudice.

Florida has a law — strict in its nature — forbidding a white person to teach colored pupils. Alabama has not yet enacted a law to this effect but in many sections of the state it is forbidden by strong feeling on the subject.

In Louisiana, it is not safe to hold tent-meetings in many parts of the state for the colored, especially out from the large cities. Not long ago the writer was chased away from Roger, Arkansas, while attending our camp-meeting. The white brethren guarded me to the train. Like conditions prevail in many places throughout the South. The race feeling is increasing at an alarming rate.

One of the most successful means of meeting the conditions is by MISSION SCHOOL WORK. Our Northern brethren may think this extravagant, but if they could be on the ground they would not hesitate to make a sacrifice to aid in preaching the gospel in this most successful way.

In Alabama, with a colored population of 800,000, we have only one mission school. One can see that this does not begin to come up to the present needs. The Mississippi Conference has several mission schools. Some of these were started in the early part of 1893 by Elder J. E. White. The Mississippi Conference has more colored Seventh-day Adventists in it than any other state in the South except Texas.

The large number of colored Seventh-day Adventists in the state of Mississippi is mostly the fruits of the MISSION SCHOOL WORK.

We have a training school for workers at Huntsville, Alabama. In this school students are trained for work in this needy field. Our mission schools are tributary to this institution. When help comes to the mission schools, the effect is felt in many ways. First, it increases the mission schools; second, raises new Sabbath-keepers; third, brings students to the Oakwood, or Huntsville Training School; fourth, the donors become recipients of double blessings.

The prospect for the future is bright in the South for a great work. While the hindrances are also great, God is giving strength to overcome difficulties. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

May every soul who reads this article, let the spirit of the great commission take a deeper hold upon him, and more material results be seen in more liberal giving.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

In closing this department last month we remarked that unless our friends quit writing we should have other letters just as good for our next number. Well they have not quit and here are some of the letters, not all received however since our last issue. Some of these were in type last month but were crowded out.

Here is a suggestion that may help those who have not received Self-Denial Boxes but who have however the spirit of self-denial. This correspondent says:

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose one dollar, the contents of my Self-Denial Box, for the colored mission schools. I thank you for the little calendar. I had been using a little thread box for the purpose, but I like the calendar on the wall where I can see it.

Yours in the blessed hope,

We are always especially glad to hear from our young friends. This letter tells of one of these, a Western boy. The writer says:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed please find money order for fifty cents, from the Self-Denial Box of Allen Beebe, a St. Louis church boy, aged eleven years.

This is to go toward the fund for "little school houses." May the Lord bless in all the work in your needy field.

Your sister in Christ,

Here is a letter that seems to suggest that the Gospel Herald is too small. This correspondent writes:

"Gospel Herald: A few days ago you entered my home, and I was glad to see you. Although small, you are full of good things. I bespeak for you a growth beyond expectations, for though now in your infancy there is plenty of room to grow. . . . I am old, and you are young, yet I find a 'mutual agreement' between us, so you will find inclosed ten cents for your visits to me the coming year."

It will be remembered in this connection that we stated in the December number that probably the paper would

be enlarged beginning with January. There was a strong current setting in that direction at that time but, as it seems to us, wiser counsels prevailed and the enlarging of the paper has been indefinitely postponed. This will be good news to a brother who writes us from Vermont saying: "I understand that the paper is to be enlarged; so please discontinue mine as my eyesight is poor."

Our readers will be glad to hear from one of our mission school teachers who writes:

"I am glad to say that so far as the work goes, we are getting along well, considering who we are. Only four absent this week. Some are becoming more interested in the Bible, for which we are glad, for if we did not create a love for the Bible and right principles I feel that our work would be a failure."

RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY 1907

The following report is for the donations received during the month of January, 1907

DONATIONS

M A Selby Supt.....	6 90	Mrs C R Campbell...	25
Mrs S C Botsford .....	25	Mrs Mary Lamont....	6 25
J A Burdoin .....	3 35	Mrs S C Mansfield ...	75
Mrs M E Tate .....	30	Mrs James Smith ...	30
Mrs Emma Moody.....	90	Miss E M Gregory ...	25
Mary E Arnold.....	8 00	A H Sayder.....	6 00
Mrs M T McCadden.....	15	J P Walker .....	1 05
Mrs John Jones .....	25	H A Hartman.....	2 50
John O Gray.....	1 00	Mrs C A Smith.....	90
Wm McNutt.....	10	Elmer Hamilton Treas	3 44
Mrs S D Wagon.....	1 00	A Friend.....	1 00
Mrs Anna Altman .....	1 00	J Scott Moore.....	1 25
F H Schramm.....	4 78	Mrs J H Deadmond..	2 25
Agr Botany Class of		Mrs R E Brasier.....	20
Adelphian Academy	1 80	Mrs G Anliker .....	53
J L Sander .....	3 00	Otto Kruger .....	4 50
Mrs Ellen Sheneman..	50	Adeline Christenson..	25
Mrs A E Culver.....	1 00	Elmer Christenson ...	25
Mrs M Dorsey .....	10	Peter Eneroldson ...	1 92
Alice Kelley.....	26	W Leminger .....	3 00
Mrs James R Lynde....	25	Mrs Marie Robertson..	1 00
Mrs J P Rollins.....	1 00	Lillian Glass .....	50
Mrs L Lee .....	25	Mrs M T Cole.....	21
Phebe A Fish .....	65	Mrs C L Stanford ...	70
Mrs Emma Johnston..	10 00	Alba Campbell.....	80
T S Jackson .....	5 00	Marie, Niels, Sofie and	
Zella Guerrier.....	1 00	Carl Jensen .....	38
Mrs C Samson.....	5 00	Mrs Lillie Berry.....	20
Cortland Green .....	10 00	Mrs Jessie M Deming	1 37
Mary T Townsley ....	2 00	Mrs B Tough .....	24
		A Friend.....	25
		Fannie Hillier.....	1 00
		Mrs W J Pflugradt...	1 48
		Mrs J E Jewel .....	1 00
		Mrs R F Lee field ...	90
		Mattie A Price.....	75
		Chas Lengel .....	50
		Lydia Johnson.....	5 00
		C N Pike .....	1 75
		Lillie Fish.....	50
		Total .....	\$ 76 27
		FOR THE SUPPORT OF MIN-	
		ISTERS WORKING FOR THE	
		COLORIED PEOPLE	
		L O Moore.....	16 64
		F H Schramm .....	5 22
		Mrs M D Sperra.....	1 00
		H C Miller.....	50 00
		Mr & Mrs D B Webber	25 00
		Henry & Carrie Camp-	
		bell .....	11 80
		D Black .....	6 56
		Total .....	\$ 126 22

Total .....

## The Gospel Herald

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE  
SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

February, 1907. Price 10 Cts. a Year

### PRAY FOR THE WORK HERE

No one, who believes the word of God, can doubt the power of prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive," is our Lord's promise.

Therefore, we say to our brethren everywhere, pray for the work among the colored people.

It is this field, the field of the work for the Negroes of the South, that has been styled by Sister White, "the most needy and the most neglected field."

Brethren, pray earnestly and work as you pray that the reproach of neglect may be rolled away speedily.

Means are necessary. We therefore also ask the cooperation of our people in providing money to carry forward the work here. We feel very thankful for what has been done in the past and for the degree of cooperation that we have received. But every advance step in the work only makes necessary greater diligence and harder work. As the work grows, donations for its support must increase correspondingly. And this will be true as long as probation shall last. Let us not, therefore, be discouraged, but rather encouraged, because of the demands made upon us, and press forward, realizing that the work is the Lord's, and that it is sure to triumph at last, and that we if faithful shall triumph with it.

### A MISSION BUILDING FOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA

THE work for the colored people in the city of Atlanta, Ga., is in dire need of a mission building, or a school and church building combined.

The work there has been carried on at a great disadvantage from lack of any suitable building. Meetings have been held in small rented rooms, on crowded streets. Nevertheless, a number have embraced the truth. Those in charge of the work there feel, however, that the time has come when better facilities must be provided. The Southern Missionary Society has been asked to solicit contri-

butions to the amount of \$700 to assist in providing the necessary building. This sum is too small to purchase a lot and erect even a modest building, but the believers in Atlanta have a mind to work, and are confident that they can get quite a little assistance in that city. They are willing to do all that they can, and are simply asking help from our people in the North.

The proposed building will be so planned as to be used for both school and church purposes. It will serve also as headquarters for the work for the colored people not only in Atlanta, but throughout Georgia.

Fifty dollars has already been donated toward this building, and we now ask the readers of the "Gospel Herald" to make special donations to assist in providing this mission building.

Please send all donations for this object to the Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tennessee, stating plainly that the money is for the Atlanta building fund.

Already on hand . . . . . \$50.00

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."

WE have received a copy of the *Bulletin*, the organ of the Young Men's Literary Society of Takoma Park, D. C.

The *Bulletin* is a sixteen-page monthly filled with matter of a highly profitable character for both old and young.

The price of the *Bulletin* is five cents the copy, or twenty-five cents a year. It is well edited and neatly printed. It is well calculated, we believe, to do good to our young people.

As the *Bulletin* does not appear to be entered, as second class matter, we would suggest that requests for sample copies ought at least to be accompanied by a postage stamp.

WE have received from Brother S. B. Horton, president of the Louisiana Conference, an earnest appeal for help in establishing mission schools in that state. He especially mentions New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport as places where schools should be established in the near future. We hope to be able to respond to this call from Louisiana. But of course this Society can help others only as we receive donations from the friends of this work.

"You cannot believe little things and do great things; you cannot believe in half successes and accomplish whole ones. A man's faith sets the boundaries of his work. He will do what he believes and accomplish what he believes can be accomplished."

### 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.**