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THE HOME BEYOND

O HOME beyond the cloudland,
I see thy gleaming light,
The longed-for happy homeland,
Where nevermore is night.

No more I look behind me,
Where gloom and doubt appear,
Where sin and grief confined me
With cords and bands of fear;

But onward I am gazing
Where shines a glorious star,
A beacon ever blazing
For sin-tossed men afar.

For soon the Lord descending
With shout and angel song
Shall take to life unending
His saints, a ransomed throng.

To dwell with him forever
Beyond this vale of tears,
Where death no more can sever,
Nor griefs can come, nor fears.

Within the city dwelling
With loved ones sleeping now,
The Saviour's goodness telling
As at his feet they bow.

O come, my heart is praying,
And bear thy saints away;
O come, no more delaying,
Come quickly, happy day!

—Max Hill.

A GREAT SIN

EVERY wrong act is sin. Sin is the transgression of the law of God. Some sins are greater in the sight of God than others, because of their influence on the cause of God. When Herod put John in prison, it was the greatest sin of his life. He had interfered with a messenger of God who knew no interest save the fulfilment of prophecy. When the Pharisees asked John who he was, he said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of

the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." He had given his life. He knew no interest but to fulfill that prophecy. Herod interfered with this work by putting him in prison, and afterward beheading him.

Here is the record that shows how God regarded this sin: "But Herod, the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, added yet this *above all* that he shut up John in prison." Luke 3:19, 20. He did not simply add to his list of crimes, but *above them all* he directly interfered with God's work on earth by arresting his servant and taking him away from the work God had called him to do.

God has a special work in the work today. There are men who have given their lives to advance this work, while there are many who think it a trifling matter to interfere with these men simply because they do not believe in their particular calling, or because they do not think their particular method of doing it is the best method, or because they have some interests to serve, it may be in the cause itself, and these servants of God who are doing good work and are led of God they feel ought to be utilized by them. The question whether we are gathering *with* Christ is of much greater consequence than just how we shall gather.—*Bible Training School.*

"NOT in our learning, not in our position, not in our numbers or entrusted talents, not in the will of man, is to be found the secret of success. Feeling our inefficiency, we are to contemplate Christ, and through him who is the strength of all strength, gain victory after victory."

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

AN Arab chieftain once said to his boy, "My son hasten to the spring and bring me a basket of water." The boy went, but always before he could return to the tent the water leaked out, until at length he came back to his father and said, "Although I repeatedly filled the basket, the water would not stay." Then his father, taking the basket, said, "My son, what you say is true. The water did not stay; but you see how clean and pure is the basket. So it will be with your heart. You may not be able to remember all the precepts you hear, but to keep trying to treasure them will make your heart pure and fit for heavenly use."

Is not this true as regards committing to memory parts of the Bible? Although the mind may not be able always to retain all of the choice, rare passages, if they are allowed to even pass through the mind, they leave, like the crystal water, a cleansing effect, preparing the heart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and making it fit, also, for heavenly use.

Let us, then, I repeat, see to it that our girls and boys and little children commit to memory the golden text, the choicest Psalms, and such verses as have in them the power to overcome sin, give hope in time of doubt, solace in hours of affliction, thus becoming, as it were, a garment for the soul, which shall forever clothe, protect, and shield.—*Sel.*

"BEGIN each day with the determination to find blessing. God's tender mercies are about us on every side."

THE GOSPEL HERALD

A MISSION BUILDING FOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA

LAST month we presented the need of a school and church building for the work for the colored people in the city of Atlanta. It is too early to determine what kind of a response will be received to this appeal. We must believe however that it will be a generous one. Since "hundreds of these schools must be established," it is certainly time for us to be up and doing. We were told in 1902 that "houses of worship should be built." At the same time we were exhorted to "strive to establish memorials for God throughout the Southern field." In the five years that have passed since 1902 only three such memorials have been erected. Would it not be pleasing to the Lord to have us move a little faster in this work?

Brethren and sisters, the need in Atlanta is great. But little, comparatively, can be accomplished there until they have a building. Remember we are only asked to raise \$700. Let us do it quickly. In donating to this fund please say, "For the building in Atlanta."

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| Previously reported, | \$50.00 |
| Mrs. John Lunger | 1.00 |
| J. Q. Foy | 10.00 |
| Thomas Foster | 10.00 |
| Total | \$71.00 |

TESTIMONY REGARDING THE SOUTHERN WORK

WORDS have come to me from the One highest in authority. My Instructor asked, "In establishing the work in the Southern field, will you do less than you have done in more favorable places,—less than you have done in Michigan and on the Pacific coast?" I responded, "No, Lord!" Then the word came; "You have no time to lose in establishing the work in the Southern field." Many are saying in their hearts, My Lord delayeth His coming. But the word of the Lord declares:—(Read Luke 21: 25-31).

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. From the light that the Lord has been pleased to give me, there is resting upon you a duty to look upon this destitute field, and to do more for it than you have yet done. The Lord has blessed you with means to help carry forward His work, and now He calls upon you to be faithful to your stewardship by helping advance the work in this long-neglected portion of His vineyard. Let the churches arise as one, and work earnestly, as those who are walking in the full light of truth for these last days.

Brethren and sisters, *now* is the time to make haste to do something. Will you *now* give of your means to advance the work in the South? If you have in your possession houses and lands that you do not need, will you sell them, and invest the means thus obtained in more firmly establishing the various lines of work that have been begun in the Southern field?

To rescue the fallen race from the thralldom of sin, Christ came to the world and died on calvary. He gave His all to us. What are we willing to give to Him?

May 27, 1902. E. G. WHITE.

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.

CHEERING WORDS FROM ELDER SEBASTIAN

ON January 7, 1907, we left Natchez, Miss., the field in which we have been laboring for five months and two weeks, for Atlanta, Ga.

We left a strong company in Natchez, also a school of over fifty pupils, in charge of brother Page Shepard and sister Mildred Anderson. I received a letter from brother Shepard on the 11 stating, "We now number fifty-seven, and are still growing."

The Lord is blessing the work at Natchez, and we need to push the work there as never before. We have made many good friends among the people of

that place, and we are sorry that we were obliged to leave them: but one consolation to our souls was that we left them with the same kindly spirit toward brother Shepard and his assistant.

From the 9 to the 11 we spent a very pleasant time at the conference meeting in Vicksburg. The conference was the best I ever attended. A good number of delegates were present from the following places: Greenville, Columbus, Yazoo City, Jackson, Hattiesburg, Palmer, Brookhaven and Natchez. Everything moved along pleasantly and in order. Unity prevailed throughout the entire session. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133: 1.

The outlook for the future in Mississippi is encouraging. The tent efforts put forth during the summer developed three churches and three schools. The Lord has blessed the work in Mississippi and is still blessing it.

The people in Mississippi were very dear to us: but as the gospel commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," we believe that Atlanta is included.

On the 14, we arrived in the "Gate City of the South," our field of labor. Our desire is to do all that we can for the people in this field. Pray for the work here.

W. H. SEBASTIAN,

11 Drummond St., Atlanta, Ga.

A GOOD REPORT FROM COLORADO

THE following letter explains itself. The writer has had a good experience in selling Story of Joseph in the interests of the work in this field. What she and her husband have done others can do. Our correspondent says:

"Dear friends: I write to inform you of the success we have had. I do praise the dear Saviour at this writing for his wonderful manifestation. He has used us wonderfully in selling these books. Of course we were late in ordering them and it seemed at first that we really had made a mistake. I told my husband that the Lord put it in my mind to send for them and I knew he would do the selling, and he did.

"We went from door to door, to both white and colored. We could have sold another hundred just as well by ordering two months sooner.

"I feel, dear friends, that we will have

to give some of the credit to you for this. I think you must have prayed earnestly to the Lord for our success.

"We enclose you \$23.00. The rest we are unable to collect at present, but will send it just as soon as we can get it. I thought it would be better not to keep the money here any longer. I know you can be using it.

"I am so glad our dear Lord put it in our mind to sell these books as we are not able to send much means there.

"Pray for our success here. We are going to try, by the help of the Lord, to raise up a colored company this year. I am a colored woman. I do not know if you knew my nationality.

"Sincerely hoping that this may find you in good health and prospering in the Lord's work, I remain,

"Yours in the blessed hope."

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OUR friends are still writing to us and here are a few of the pleasant and encouraging things they say.

GIVES NEARLY ALL

A mother whose little daughter has a Self-Denial Box writes:

"Enclosed find forty-six cents, the contents of my little daughter Mildred's Self-Denial Box. She is very much interested in the colored children that this money goes to help, and after tithing all her money, puts nearly all into her box 'for the colored children.'

"I wish we could send more, but I am praying for the work there and hope the Lord will truly bless you during the present year."

LOVES THE GOSPEL HERALD

A good sister in New York loves to read the GOSPEL HERALD. She says:

"Enclosed you will find twenty-five cents in stamps which will be for the new paper if you get it started, if not it will be for the GOSPEL HERALD.

"I think a great deal of the HERALD and love to read of the good progress the message is making in the South.

"Yours with good wishes for the work."

MISSIONARY PAPER

A sister in California sends a three years' subscription and says:

"Please send your dear little paper for three years to the following address. Also find thirty cents postage stamps. I think the GOSPEL HERALD is a very good missionary paper."

ANOTHER GOOD WORD FOR THE HERALD

A reader in Iowa who is deeply interested in the Southern work writes:

"Enclosed find twenty cents for subscription to GOSPEL HERALD. I think the GOSPEL HERALD is a splendid paper. I feel deeply interested in the Southern work."

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Here is a good suggestion from a correspondent in Ohio. This friend says:

"Enclosed find three dollars from our little boy. We gave him a brood of chicks last spring to raise for the work in the South. It pleased him very much to think he could help the colored children in this way.

"May God continue to bless the work and workers in the South is my prayer."

It is not every brood of chicks that produces three dollars. We think the Lord's special blessing must have been upon this effort to help the work in this field.

A PRACTICAL PLAN

A librarian who wrote to us some months ago for a number of Self-Denial boxes, in sending her first remittance said:

"We received the twenty Self-Denial Boxes all in good order the first of November. We all live about fifteen miles from any town so do not spend very much. There are none of us very well off in this world's goods so we set ourselves to planning how we could deny ourselves. One of the members suggested that as the Saviour fasted forty days and nights for us, why could not we go without at least one meal a week for him, putting the price of a meal into our boxes? Most of our company have adopted the plan. You will find enclosed three dollars and forty-four cents as the result, in post-office money order. . . .

"Praying that the Lord will bless you in the work, I am

"Your sister in Christ."

It is evident that these people are interested. Going without a meal once a week for the sake of helping some branch of the work may seem like a small thing, and it is a small thing, but it requires some self-denial and not a little resolution to do it. Just as our bodies are composed of a multitude of minute cells, so our lives consist of a multitude of small acts. But the sum of these is character.

GOOD FOR PARENTS ALSO

A friend in Beatrice, Nebr., writes thus:

"Enclosed find \$4.50 from our Denial Box. Our children love to put dimes, nickels, and quarters into the box. It is good for parents also.

"With best regards and kind wishes, we remain

"Yours truly for the Cause."

Yes, the parents ought to be interested in, and use the Self-Denial Boxes also. The children are not likely to be very far in advance of the parents in denying self for the good of the cause of present truth. The Self-Denial Box plan is for all and there is a blessing in it for all.

These cheering words came from away down in Arizona: "A friend sent me a sample copy of the GOSPEL HERALD. It is a fine paper." A subscriber in Montana says: "I would not be without this paper for anything." And from Chicago where they have about as much smoke to the square mile as we have in Nashville, come these words of cheer: "How this sunny little paper reached my desk, I do not know. But this I do know that the enclosed ten cents is to pay for it for a year, for I am very glad to welcome it to my home."

Now that is the way we want people to feel about the GOSPEL HERALD. Of course we come to your homes asking you to help support the work of giving the truth to a large number of very needy people in this field, but there is a blessing in the right kind of giving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Christianity is built upon giving. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Our Saviour gave himself, and we are to follow in his steps. "Freely ye have received; freely give." And remember that "the Lord loveth the cheerful giver." That is where the sunshine comes in.

"Blessings brighten when we count them. 'The more we look for them, the more of them we shall see. Out of the determination of the heart, the eyes see. . . . Better lose count in enumerating your blessings, than lose your blessings in telling over your troubles.'"

This copy of the HERALD is printed too early in the month to give the receipts for February. They will be acknowledged in our next number.

The mission schools . . . are doing a good work; and 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.

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WORDS OF CHEER FROM A WILLING WORKER

A TEACHER comparative new to our work writes us as follows:

"Your good letter received. And thanks for check. Your letter clears up matters somewhat, as I understand the situation now more fully and will be governed accordingly.

"I have not the remotest idea of hampering the Society, but will do my best to serve its interests in its God-given work. Our church membership is small indeed, being only seven including myself. There are but three children from its membership. But praise the Lord we hope to make the school a success in increasing the membership by the help of God. I have had two Mother's meetings which have been attended with good results, the Lord visiting by his Spirit, and we are encouraged greatly. One dear brother has decided to stand on the Lord's side and become one of us, after a talk on the Covenant. Others are planning to come over, so we are hopeful.

"Wishing you joy in the Master's work, I am,

"Your brother in the Lord."

This is the spirit that characterizes our mission school workers. There is no murmuring or complaining but only the most cheerful cooperation on the part of all. This is one of the most pleasing features of our work, and one that contributes not a little to the degree of success attained by our schools.

FAMINE IN CHINA

CHINA is now suffering from what is probably the worst famine in the history of the world. It is beyond question the worst famine of modern times. It covers an area of more than 40,000 square miles, with a population of 10,000,000. It is said to be inevitable that practically this whole population will be wiped out unless relief be sent at once. Last October and November it rained in this district for forty days without cessation. Every crop was utterly ruined. The whole

country was covered with water, and, as there were no crops, there was no seed for a new planting. In December 1,000,000 of the 10,000,000 inhabitants were destitute and thousands had died. By February 1 the whole population was starving, and the suffering was terrible. Smallpox and typhoid fever have broken out in the famine camps and thousands are dying of these. "The situation is terrible beyond description," remarks the daily *American* of this city.

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. Do not wait until the autumn, but send in your donations now, or at least let us know what you purpose doing in the fall. Our plans for new schools must be laid during the summer vacation. It takes time to secure teachers and arrange for opening new schools.

LATE WORD FROM ATLANTA

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR BRETHREN: The work here is moving along nicely. We had a very good meeting on the Sabbath. Our room was well filled.

The Spirit of God came in with great power. The outlook for the future is encouraging.

We are getting the spirit to work. Pray for us.

Yours in haste,

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

401 Chapel Street, Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 17, '07.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

A good sister who has little money was regretting that she had nothing to give. She was feeling much cast down until the words came to her mind: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee."

"Here," writes our correspondent, "the simile ended, but immediately came the remainder of the text with still greater power, 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.'"

"If your work is hard, brothers and sisters, rise up and walk farther and faster in your pleas for help in your paper until the help comes, for come it must. 'And lo, I am with you,' Jesus says.

"There are just two words in the text

that caused me to hesitate at first. They are, 'I have,' such as 'I have' give I unto you.

"I have always been very easily disheartened and lay flat a long time after a bad stumble before I rose up to walk. But the text seemed imperative, and in order to use it I, myself, must rise up and walk. I prayed much; resolved that I would obey, but a preparation was necessary. I read in my *Review* of the prayerful interest of the mission school workers in the report of the Annual Offering. Instantly I felt a flood of tender sympathy illumine my soul. I saw a number of small bands of men and women engaged in prayer, and felt an assurance that I was a part of every company, and that all were united in one. It was an experience I shall cherish to the end of my earthly pilgrimage. I believe it was an answer to the prayer of Jesus in John 17:20, 21."

This sister has discovered the secret of success in missionary work. Money is helpful, but the blessing of God we must have. "Without me ye can do nothing," says the Saviour. Those who pray earnestly give liberally for they give as they are able, and the Lord blesses every penny. If we could only get all our people, in every place, praying for the work here, we would see results far greater than we have yet seen. Brethren and sisters pray for us.

We have sent out quite a number of Self-Denial Boxes and Calendars but still have some on hand. If you have not received one please to drop us a card giving your name and address and one will be sent you. We make no charge for these boxes. Address Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

NOTICE

We have a new line of Scripture Mottoes. Let those wishing to act as agents for the same, communicate with L. N. Muck for prices, care of Christian Record (a monthly journal for the blind), College View, Neb. Mrbt

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.