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## THE SELF-DENIAL BOX

BY ELLA M. ROBINSON

At home we have a paper box; it hangs upon the wall;

It is the only bank we have, although it's very small.

'Tis called the Self-denial Box; the money's sent away,

Down to the Southern States, where so many colored people stay.

My papa says that they need schools, and teachers brave and true,

And Bibles so that they can read, and books and papers, too.

They worked so hard before the war and now that they are free,

I think we ought to help them some; it's only fair, you see.

I thought we'd never fill the box as long as we should live,

Because I hadn't any dimes or nickels I could give.

But mama helped us plan to earn some pennies every day;

And every body tried to save in every little way.

We tried to get along without the things we didn't need,

We took good care of all the flowers, so we could sell the seed.

Well the box is full already; we opened it last night,

There were two shining dollars, so big and round and bright.

There was my fifty cent piece for errands I had run—

I meant to get some fire works, and have a lot of fun.

We saved our orange peelings till they were crisp and dry;

They're better'n fire crackers for any fourth July!

They made the finest bon-fire; I wish sometimes you'd try!

O how they snapped and crackled, and blazed up to the sky.—

I found the shining quarter I earned by pulling weeds,

And several dimes and nickles for selling flower seeds.

And now I've brought the money; we want it all to go

To help the colored people, and those that need it

so  
*Sanitarium, Napa Co., California.*

## FROM OUR FIELD SECRETARY

SINCE the close of our institute, July 17, 1907, the majority of our teachers have returned to their schools and are ready for the year's work before them, feeling better prepared than ever in the past. The work of the institute and the experience of the summer with "Bible Training School,"—the teachers having taken 6,000 to dispose of during vacation—have been valuable to them.

Our readers know these teachers by name,—a list of the names and schools having been published last month—and can follow the work of each through the year.

This year we expect better results than ever in the past. We also look for our mission school to send more students

to the training school at Huntsville, Ala., to fill the places of those who entered the work this year. Dear readers of the HERALD, please watch this school work this year. Note how we progress with the building work on our hands. Natchez, Yazoo City, Atlanta, and some small country school buildings besides. If they do not come up fast enough remember we need more means to complete them, and put forth a little stronger effort to help us, knowing that God richly blesses every effort put forth for the work for this people who have been long neglected and still need much more done for them before Jesus comes.

The writer is very much pleased to have met many of the readers of the

HERALD in the past few weeks, and wishes to again thank them through this paper for their kindly interest manifested in the work of our schools,—and that in a substantial way by donating as they could, and showing a desire to do more. May God's richest blessing ever attend you, and pray for us as we labor on for the salvation of these dear souls.

F. R. ROGERS.

MRS. CORNELIA T. MURPHY, one of our most devoted mission school teachers, who went to Battle Creek Sanitarium some weeks ago for a very critical surgical operation, is making a good recovery and hopes to be able to return to the South shortly.

### Extracts from Testimonies Concerning Work for the Colored People

*A Neglected Field.* "BRETHREN, you have a work to do that has been left undone. A long neglected field stands out in plain view before God to shame the people who have light and advanced truth, but who have done so little to remove the stones and rubbish that have been accumulating for so long a time. Those who have enjoyed every privilege and blessing have passed by on the other side. As a Christian people, God has called you to prepare the way of the Lord in this unpromising field."—*Southern work.*

*Let us Redeem Neglect.* "The Lord is grieved by the woe of the Southern field. Christ has wept at the sight of this woe. Angels have hushed the music of their harps as they looked upon a people unable, because of their past slavery, to help themselves. And yet those in whose hands God has placed the torch of truth, kindled from the divine altar, have not realized that to them is given the work of carrying the light to this sinned-darkened field. There are those who have turned away from the work of rescuing the downtrodden and degraded, refusing to help the helpless. \*Let the servants of Christ begin at once to redeem their neglect, that the dark stain on their record may be wiped out. The present condition of the Southern field is dishonoring to the Redeemer."—VOL. VII.

*Difficulties Not an Excuse.* "The Southern field is a hard field, but is this any excuse for you doing scarcely anything for it? Read the eighth and ninth chapters of Second Corinthians. Study and heed the lessons, for you need such examples kept ever before you. The Lord is not pleased with your treatment of the Southern Field."

*Should Feel Humiliation.* "What deep humiliation should be felt by those whom God has so greatly favored with the blessing of light, whom he has made the repositories of his truth, the most sacred truth ever given to our world, but who have neglected their God-given work. What far-seeing judgment they would now have if at the heart of the work men had been careful to seek their counsel from God as to who should connect with his great work to prepare a people to stand in these last days, against principalities, against the rulers of the

darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

*Actions Weighed in Heaven.* "The deepest humility should be felt by those who have the privileges of enlightenment and education in missionary lines. The Lord God of heaven, by whom all actions are weighed in the golden balances of the sanctuary, looks upon the thousands of colored people, our neighbors, who in their destitution are spreading their cases before the Giver of all mercies and blessings. These people are perishing in their sins. As a people they are ignorant, many knowing nothing of purity and godliness and elevation. But among them are men and women of quick perceptions, excellent talents, and these will be revealed when once the Spirit of God shall turn their attention to the Word."

*The South Calling to God.* "The South is calling to God for temporal and spiritual food, but it has been so long neglected that hearts have become as hard as stone. God's people need now to arouse and redeem their sinful neglect and indifference of the past. These obligations now rest heavily upon the churches and God will graciously pour out his spirit upon those who will take up their God-given work."

"The Lord is displeased with the men in responsible positions who have not discerned the great need of this field. The work there needs means. God has given warnings, but they have not been heeded. Church-members in America who have pleasant homes and surroundings, should remember the Southern field. It is in need of special attention and support. . . . Why do you neglect this work? God has made it your duty to deal with this poor, oppressed race as their circumstances demand. Let the work go forward. Encourage the people who are favorably situated to help in this field."

"The character of our Christianity is tested by the dependent ones who are around us, who are ignorant and helpless. . . . Instead of closing our eyes and senses to the wants of those who have nothing, . . . let us seek to see what we can do to relieve the distress of the poor, bruised souls of the colored people. . . . The Lord has given abundant light upon the subject of diffusing the knowledge of the truth, and no one is justified in following a selfish course."—*Mrs. E. G. White in Southern Work.*

As a most effectual means of giving the very help suggested in the foregoing, the Southern Missionary Society establishes and maintains small mission school, wherever possible, for the primary education of colored people of all ages, as far as is necessary and practicable. As a general thing only children and youth attend the day schools, the adults being taught in their own homes or in night schools to read the Bible.

A serious fact that must be considered in this connection is that while fields in other parts of the world are opening, the Southern field is closing. We have been told by the Spirit of prophecy that this would be the first field to close to the Third Angel's message. We can now see that this is so. Even now we can not do for the colored people what could have been freely done for them only a few years ago. Almost every day adds to the difficulties to be encountered. That which was a matter of prophecy a few years ago is now a matter of sight. The beginning of the end of work for the colored people is here. How then can we delay longer, or longer hesitate to do the work the Lord requires us to do in this field?

All who desire to have a part in the final work for the colored people are invited to contribute to the funds of this society by sending donations to the SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

### ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

WE have entered upon the third week of our tent effort with very little results as far as we can see. Our attendance has numbered as high as seventy-eight, but the number is decreasing; yet we can say that our courage is good.

Our faith was tested at first with the tent which has been used for three or four seasons, perhaps five. It was well worn, but we decided to pitch the tent and pray to the Lord to give us good weather.

I can say that the weather has been favorable. It has rained in the morning and afternoons, but the nights have been clear. We had rain once on the Sabbath, but not to hinder us from having meeting. We all praised the Lord for answering our prayers.

A sister who sells the WATCHMAN brought us good news of four new Sabbath-keepers. One was out to the Sab-

\*Black letter supplied throughout by the Editor.

bath meetings. This was the result of personal work.

Our tent is pitched in the large beautiful grove of the Atlanta College, on the West Hunter street car line: a very desirable place; but the people seem to have very little desire for the truth. However, we hope to see some fruits.

Brother S. G. Dent of Brunswick, Ga., formerly a Baptist minister who accepted the truth four months ago, came up and labored with me for two weeks. He believes all the truth. He was baptized into all the commandments of God before leaving for home and was added to the church. His wife and children are keeping the Sabbath. We thank the Lord for these lights shining in Brunswick, Georgia. Brunswick is stirred up since Brother Dent's acceptance of the Sabbath.

In regard to our building: We are very anxious to have a building in this large city, and sorry to say that as our numbers increase our little room seems to decrease in size. Soon our school will open in this little room. We expect the teacher in September. We feel very sorry that we are lacking a building.

We thank the dear brethren and sisters in the different parts of the field for remembering us with their offerings. Help us to get our building erected and my asking will not continue. The need at the present time compels me to ask. When Jesus comes he will reward you. Send all donations to THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

#### PRINTING PLANT FOR OAKWOOD

THE Oakwood school for colored students has long desired a small printing plant which would enable that institution to give some training in the art of printing. But until now the way has not opened to procure the necessary material. A few weeks ago however the Tennessee River Conference decided to dispose of its type and press. The outfit is worth at a low estimate \$150.00, at least the Conference will sell it to the Oakwood school for that sum. Now who will help to raise this amount of money for this purpose? Please state, when sending contributions for this fund to the Southern Missionary Society, that the money is for the Oakwood printing press.

#### THE WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE IN FLORIDA

SINCE July 1 my time has been occupied in visiting the colored churches and companies in Florida, and holding meetings with them.

##### TAMPA

I came to Tampa where we had held tent-meetings last spring. We find a great many here who are interested. We have a little Sabbath-school here that is conducted every Sabbath at the home of Sister Clara Furman. Would be very glad to have some of our brothers and sisters write her letters of encouragement. Her address is 1211, Thirteenth Avenue, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

##### LAKELAND

Here we have a faithful little company, the result of our last camp-meeting. They are working to complete their church building. We pray that the rich blessing of the Lord may rest upon this band of faithful believers.

##### ORLANDO

I next went to Orlando. Here we had a few night meetings before the quarterly service came on, which was Sabbath, July 6. The blessing of the Lord rested greatly upon this church. Two were converted and four were added to the church. One was baptized by Elder F. R. Lester in the beautiful Rock Lake of Orlando. May the Lord bless those who have newly taken their stand for the truth.

##### OAKLAND

I then went to Oakland. Here I visited Sister Rebecca Patterson who has stood alone for a great many years; but after living the principles of the truth before her husband, he at last took his stand for the truth and they are now very happy in the message.

##### PALATKA

On Thursday, July 11, I went to East Palatka, and there I found our little company trying to stand for the principles of the truth. After spending the following Sabbath and Sunday there I thought it would be necessary to continue meetings another week. We were favored with an excellent congregation every night during this week: three were converted. We also thought to continue another week. During this week two more saw the light of the blessed truth, rose and testified that they were thoroughly convinced by the Word of God that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. One of these was the husband of Sister W. W. Bruce who has

stood for the truth for eight years. The other was a missionary Baptist minister. Oh, how glad we all are to see the growth of this little company. We believe a bright future awaits it. We also hope to have a church here soon. We have already begun to lay plans for a church building.

We also feel to draw the attention of our people to our annual camp-meeting which is only a few weeks in the future — about two months and ten days. We all hope to be near or on the campground in Tampa. How quickly the days will pass by! Those who have not begun to lay by means for this purpose we hope will consider that the time is short and will begin to plan to attend this annual gathering. We hope to have the best meeting ever held in Florida. Why not? If all will come with an eye single to the glory of God, reconsecrating ourselves to him, putting away our sins, we will find the Lord precious to our souls. Oh, how he longs to come close to his people and prepare them to withstand the evils of the last days. Isaiah 26:20, 21.

We hope in our next report to give an interesting note of the rest of our churches and companies throughout the state.

J. W. MANNS.

#### NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

SABBATH, July 27, five more dear souls were baptized and added to the church here. The day was one of refreshing, of spiritual joy in the Lord. The dear Lord is blessing and our gratitude is great. The first day clergy is greatly agitated because our membership is growing and the major portion coming from their ranks.

The interest continues. We are planning a systematic forward movement, to work while we can. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that the Lord may lead us to victory unto victory, to the praise of his glory.

PAGE SHEPARD.

#### MUTUALLY HELPFUL

THIS letter contains a hint that may be helpful to some one who does not see just how to help on the Atlanta building:—

STOUGHTON, WIS., July 15, 1907.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

ENCLOSED please find seventeen dollars to be used for the Atlanta building. Sister Thompson made rugs and I sold them. It reminds me of the story of the two men in the woods, one blind and one lame. So the blind man carried the lame one and the lame directed, so they both got out of the woods.

We are much interested in this work in Atlanta.

Truly your sister,

EMMA HIBBARD SWAIN.

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SEVERAL new schools will, we trust, be added to our list within a few weeks.

PLANS for the new school and church building at Natchez are well under way and the structure will be erected at once.

THE spirit of prophecy is still urging upon the attention of our people the necessity of taking advance steps in the colored work.

OUR schools will all be in operation again by the time this paper reaches its readers. The teachers all return to their work with renewed courage.

THE Society is under obligations to the Southern California Conference for a substantial donation on the occasion of the Los Angeles camp-meeting.

THE Southern Missionary Society is taking steps to replace the old portable chapel at Yazoo City by a more substantial structure for school and church purposes.

IN the absence of Elder Rogers, our Superintendent of Mission school, Professor Blake of Oakwood, is assisting the new principal in opening the school at Vicksburg.

ONE of our teachers writes: "We are of good courage for we see evidences on every hand that the work is being pushed. May the dear Lord help each one to be faithful in his appointed work and receive the overcomer's reward."

COMPARING the recent institute at Huntsville for colored workers with the educational convention at Chattanooga for white teachers, Prof. J. E. Tenney, educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference, says of the Huntsville institute:

"In some respects I think it is ahead of our meeting at East Lake. The teachers here are very much in earnest

and seem to be making excellent progress."

Prof. Tenney expresses the deepest interest in the mission schools and says: "I hope, during the coming year, to visit every one of our colored schools in the South."

THE sale of the *Bible Training School* in the interests of the mission school work, has been most encouraging. Elder and Mrs. Haskell proved themselves real friends of this work when they proposed this plan at the Oakwood institute.

We trust that every reader of the GOSPEL HERALD will remember the October offering for the colored work. It ought to be much larger this year than it was a year ago. If your church elder says nothing about this offering speak to him about it.

ELDER F. R. ROGERS, now on the Pacific Coast in the interests of the mission school work, writes us most appreciatingly of the encouragement given him in his work by Elders I. H. Evans, W. C. White, H. W. Cottrell, G. W. Reaser, and Prof. E. S. Ballenger. These men have a warm place in their hearts for the colored work.

## NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

AFTER a week of fervent prayer meetings, in which there was earnest seeking after God on the part of our little company for the "promise of the Father," we rejoice to say, they were attended with unmistakable evidences that God was leading by his Spirit, convicting and converting and turning our hearts to him with longings for righteousness.

Three took a stand to be baptized into the whole truth. So Sabbath, May 25, early in the morning, we went to a place agreed upon to carry out the solemn ordinance of baptism.

The weather looked forbidding at the early hour of 4:30 A. M. But we nevertheless proceeded to carry on the ordinance. The gathering rain clouds soon to burst darkened the place about us. We could not read. But praying earnestly and fervently, the Spirit gave power to a prayer that melted hearts; and the thrilling power of God's holy Spirit was felt by all in a marked degree. Our hearts were filled with the unutterable love of God and praises for the sanctifying power of the "truth." "Even so amen," and amen.

PAGE SHEPARD.

## THE ATLANTA BUILDING FUND

THE Atlanta building fund has not yet reached the \$700 mark but it is growing and we believe the needed amount will be made up. There is still opportunity to help and all donations are welcome. The cause of God is sustained very largely by small donations so do not be afraid to send us small sums. The Lord knows how much you ought to give and he will help you to decide and it is a question wholly between the Lord and the donor.

Previously reported . . . \$240 30

Received since our last report as follows:—

Mrs O R Gilbert.....	\$2 00	E Eckhart.....	\$1 00
Thos I Heald.....	6 00	E L Paulding.....	1 00
D W C McNett.....	2 00	P M P.....	5 00
Mrs D Miramontez.....	4 55	A M Maxson.....	2 00
H C Miller.....	1 00	Emma H Swain.....	17 00
Frederick H Pokorney.....	1 00	A J Burns.....	2 00
Mrs Carl F Hildreth.....	20 00	MrandMrs EWHamp-	
Mrs F Bell.....	1 50	ton.....	1 00
Melissa Cookendorter.....	1 00	Frederika Storks.....	5 00
M R Swan.....	5 00	Mrs J H Hill.....	3 00
Mrs L S Shear.....	5 00	Mrs E A B Smith.....	2 00
Mrs C S Pease.....	2 00	John Charlson.....	5 00
Mrs M I Cole.....	50	Mrs Ellie Hamblin.....	5 00
W W Durgan.....	1 60	Mrs E K Smith.....	50
C B Shaw.....	20	Addie Rust.....	1 00
Sr Henry.....	20	Cecil Rust.....	1 00
Mrs Mabel Wampole.....	1 00	Myrtie Irwin.....	1 00
A Friend.....	5 00	Mrs L C Smith.....	2 50
C D Reaser.....	4 00	Total.....	\$363 35
Mrs F H Wendell.....	2 00		
Walter Owen.....	2 50		

## RECEIPTS FOR JULY 1907

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

### DONATIONS

H Holleday.....	\$ 90	Mrs J Sundin.....	\$ 25
Mrs F Oberg.....	50	Mrs F H Wendell.....	1 34
Mrs M C Miller.....	10 00	Alba D Campbell.....	28
Mrs Geo H Scott.....	25	Mrs H P Bryn.....	1 00
Calvin N Pike.....	15 00	Mr & Mrs J T Luyster.....	1 50
Mrs A G Bostrom.....	1 25	Mrs Lillie Nelson.....	2 00
A Friend.....	1 00	Mrs J A Burdoin.....	4 07
West Mich. Confer-		Frederika Storks.....	1 00
ence.....	3 85	Mrs C O Record.....	75
Palmer, Miss.....	58	Francois De Pas.....	75
General Conference.....	18 91	Roscoe & Dessie	
Ohio Conference.....	3 00	Cummins.....	45
F H Schramm.....	6 19	Carl Zirkle.....	25
Mollie Patterson.....	8 00	Jessie & Mary Wer-	
Ammy W Welsh.....	30	field.....	38
E S Krouse.....	10	Mrs S H Pound.....	2 00
A Sister.....	35	E D & L B Hurlburt.....	5 00
Bergette Peterson.....	1 00	Mrs Mamie A Howell.....	70
I S C Palmer.....	07	Mrs J S Jacobson.....	1 00
Earl Walrath.....	1 35	Mae Louis Marsh.....	1 09
Mrs J N Sylvester.....	1 85	Mrs May C Williams.....	1 00
Oklahoma Conference	4 99	Master Paul Williams.....	06
Total.....	\$79 44	A Friend.....	40
		Mrs W H Barnhart.....	1 00
		Mrs Jane Ford.....	

### FROM THSELF-DENIAL BOXES

Mrs E Eldredge.....	\$ 1 00
Hazel Fern, Jay, May,	
& Floyd Brown.....	1 00
Newberg Church.....	4 40
Louis Gladmon.....	05
Laura Gladmon.....	04
Mrs O R Gilbert.....	3 50
Mrs W S Jefferson.....	2 41
Mrs D M Guy.....	4 00
Mr & Mrs S C Mans-	
field.....	50
Mrs James Smith.....	30
A Friend.....	25
Mrs M B Miller.....	1 05
Mrs J A Clayton.....	1 00
Ole Tronson.....	10
West Mich. Conference	17 37
Wisconsin Conference	50
Indiana Conference.....	5 18
Mrs W R Goll.....	40
Mrs David Miller.....	50
E A Blodgett.....	10
Annie Gould.....	1 00
Paul Gould.....	25
Mary J Lamont.....	3 17

Total..... 74 94

FOR THE SUPPORT OF MIN-

ISTERS WORKING FOR THE

COLORIED PEOPLE

H C Miller.....	3 30
Mrs M B Miller.....	50
F H Schramm.....	6 81
Henry & Carrie Camp-	
bell.....	7 22
Thos J Ronald.....	18 56
Mrs M E Ronald.....	
C A Frederick.....	18 80

Total..... 55 19

NATCHEZ CHURCH SCHOOL

BUILDING FUND

Previously reported..	5 00
D W C McNett.....	2 00
John Schick.....	1 00
A Sister.....	50
Total.....	8 50