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REPORTS FROM SOUTHERN MISSIONARY WORKERS

MEMPHIS, TENN.

TRULY we had a good meeting Sabbath, December 21. There was about \$15 collected for annual offering. There are but a few here who are able to do much. I think they did very well.

There are five here who have laid aside pork. One man who has been chewing tobacco for forty years, has laid it aside. He has also stopped eating meat.

Pray for us here in this good work.

THOMAS MURPHY.

938 Kansas Ave.

GREENVILLE, MISS.

I AM glad to say that the week of prayer was well observed here. All except one attended the readings, and confession of sins and giving of thanks for blessings received characterized the meetings. There was a general awaking among all. Our annual offering is held back awaiting the payment of some pledges. Our Harvest Ingathering exercises were well carried out, but the weather made the attendance small. We are asked to repeat them in January.

MRS. M. A. MURPHY.

PALMER, MISS.

BROTHER WILLIAMS, the teacher at this place, writes: "On December 6, after school, I left the believers at Palmer and went to Hattiesburg to spend the Sabbath with a sister that we have there. I was privileged to hold a Bible reading with a lady. She was wonderfully impressed with the truth and has decided to keep God's Sabbath and to put away her coffee and pork. I visited her again the following Tuesday. After another read-

ing, we had prayer, and she expressed herself of the same determination to do God's will. I sold her one of my books, 'Bible Footlights for the Pilgrim's Path.' She was so glad that she gave me money to pay my train fare home.

"I also visited two other parties, from whom I took subscriptions for the *Bible Training School* last October. I held a Bible reading with one who has accepted, or rather acknowledged, the Sabbath, but has not yet come to a decision to keep it.

"Pray that God may guide me to bring others to the saving knowledge of the truth."

PLANT CITY (FLA.) SCHOOL

DOUBTLESS all of the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD have learned something of the effort that is being made at Plant City, Fla., to establish a school; but I question whether any know the sacrifice that has been necessary to make the work what it is, and the hardships that are still experienced by the workers.

I recently called upon a brother who is in very poor health. His condition is such that he was obliged to whisper in conversing with me. He has been quite sorely afflicted for some time. He is a mason by occupation, and told me that he laid the foundation for the Plant City school standing upon his knees, being unable to do otherwise.

On Dec. 17 I visited this school for the first time. The usual average attendance is thirty-five. Two teachers are employed. A tuition of 50 cents per month is charged, which makes an income of \$18 per month. I asked Sister

Sauks if they were able to keep up expenses on this income, and she told me that they could not. Sister Mumford spends her Sundays in canvassing, and they take in sewing, and thus supplement their slender income.

The building, a two-story structure, is sided, but not ceiled or plastered. On account of lack of funds, it has been impossible even to provide a chimney, and the room is warmed by a kettle of burning charcoal placed in the room on bricks. The pupils sit on rude benches at homemade tables.

There is a debt of \$306 on this property, and twice as much more is needed to put it in proper shape for work. I was very favorably impressed with the recitations I heard; and fully believe the time has come for us to take hold of this school and make it a blessing not only to the one locality, but extend its influence to other parts of Florida.

Dear reader, does not such earnestness and sacrifice as narrated above appeal to you? Can you not lend a helping hand to this needy enterprise? Kindly send to the Southern Missionary Society a donation, and say it is for the Plant City school.

R. W. PARMELE.

TOUCHING the new school and church building in Yazoo City, Miss., Brother L. V. Crawford, writing under date of Dec. 25, 1907, says: "Everything is going nicely, and a few more days' work will put everything in fine shape."

BROTHER D. E. BLAKE writes us from Birmingham saying: "The work here is reviving, and many anxious hearts are seeking after truth. Last night we had a crowded house of earnest inquirers, some of them coming several miles to attend the meeting."

THE MACEDONIAN CRY

THE command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," and the assurance, "Lo, I am with you alway," should inspire every Seventh-day Adventist with a holy desire to have some part in giving the closing message.

Every soul whom Christ has received is bidden to-day to go work in the vineyard, and the promise, "Whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive," should be ample proof that every need shall be supplied.

When we refuse to go to those who seem unpromising or unattractive, do we realize that we are neglecting the very souls for whom Christ died? The lamb that wanders from the fold, and is not rescued by the shepherd, perishes. So do those who to-day are sitting in darkness, so far at least as our giving them the light is concerned.

Angels pity these wandering ones, and weep over them, while far too many human eyes are dry, and hearts closed to pity.

Those who are engaged in any missionary work, of whatsoever nature, have companions unseen by human eyes. It should certainly not only humble us, but cause us to do our best when we know that angels are ever present urging us on to duty. Upon our faithfulness to the claims upon us, not only the well-being of others, but our own eternal destiny depends.

One of the natives of far-off India, after listening for the first time to the gospel story, asked the missionary, "How long have you known the Christ of whom you speak?" The missionary's answer was, "From my earliest recollection." And then, after a moment's pause, the native said, "What, known him all your life and never before came to us with the light?"

Angels would gladly carry the closing message to the world, but that is not God's way. He wants men, who have been redeemed from the power of sin, to do the work.

To those who have entered, or are thinking of entering the great harvest field, and who, some day, expect to bid farewell to the land of their nativity and hurry across the sea, where they will be found active in service when the Third Angel's Message is brought to a close, I respectfully dedicate the following three-stanza poem:—

THE CONVICTION.

Jesus, the Saviour, who died for the heathen,
Died on the cross and atoned for their sin,
Stands and is beckoning over the waters,
Saying, "Make haste, go and gather them in!"

THE HEATHEN'S CRY

Tell us of Jesus, we're longing to know him,
We have grown weary in this land of sin;
Shout to the world: "Whosoever believeth,
May find a refuge by trusting in him!"

THE RESOLVE

Lord, I am ready this message to carry,
Be thou my guide in that dark land so drear;
I'll tell the story, the wonderful story,
Trust in thy promise without any fear.

E. R. BUTTON.

24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION

BROTHER WALTER HARPER, one of our most successful canvassers, writes to me making the following suggestion: "The kindly remembrance of one day's work a year for the Southern Missionary Society, if adopted by all of us, would give this work a lift and put it on a strong footing and bring a feeling of security to the Lord's workers and burden bearers."

This certainly is a most practical suggestion and our people could accept it profitably. I say profitably: first, to the work among the colored people; and second, to the individual who thus donates to this work. There is no work more important for us at the present time than the work for the colored people. We state this on the authority of the Testimonies. There is no work for which such pathetic and continued appeals have been made to us as a people as the work for the colored people. Let us then respond as the Lord would have us.

I have recently had some interesting visits at the great Fisk University, which is, I understand, the highest institution in the world for the education of the colored people. There is a larger attendance now than ever before, and they are having a most encouraging year. Their catalogue publishes a most interesting statement as to the work that is being done by the graduates of the university. Very many of them have become teachers and principals of schools; others professors of language, history, and music. Many have become ministers. Quite a number have become missionaries to their own people in Africa.

We recently had the privilege of attending the morning chapel exercises. It

was a very interesting sight to see the immense hall packed full of earnest young men and women, whose capacities for culture and training are equal to those of almost any like number of young people that can be found anywhere on the face of the earth. One interesting feature was the singing of the old jubilee songs. There was nothing of the burlesque or ridiculous, but the music was solemn and sweet with its minor pathetic chords. There is no music like this. We are glad this university preserves the old songs that were sung in all parts of the world, even before all the royal families of Europe.

Some of the leading men connected with the University expressed a deep interest in our work for the colored people. It had been understood by them that we were about to establish a sanitarium and school for the colored people here in Nashville, and they stand ready to cooperate with us in every way possible. While we have a mighty truth that will be the special feature of our institutions, yet I am certain that we can learn very much from these noble pioneers in the work for the colored people in the South. I feel that this is the great work for our people at the present time.

J. S. WASHBURN.

LETTER AND APPEAL FROM FLORIDA

THE following interesting letter and earnest appeal comes to us from Florida:—

"R. F. D. 2, Jacksonville, Fla.

"DEAR BRETHREN.—

"At our recent camp-meeting at Tampa, our people voted unanimously to connect with the Southern Missionary Society, that we might obtain teachers for our churches and companies in this state.

"If we are supplied with the Self-Denial Boxes it will help us to help you in your efforts for us. I enclose addresses for the boxes.

"Already there are four places ready with eight or more pupils willing to pay fifty cents per month. Please let us hear from you stating if it is possible for these places to have a teacher by Jan. 1, 1908.

"In every case we can feel positive that the school roll will be greatly increased when the teacher has been at work for a few days. At Lakeland the public school is not giving satisfaction

to the large majority of people and a good teacher could just now step in and make a grand success.

"The companies and churches that are ready for a teacher are: (1) Punta Gorda, (2) Windsor, (3) Lakeland, (4) Ybor City.

"Jacksonville and Fernandona are getting in readiness and at my next writing both will be ready. Both places have faithful sisters who are trying as best they know to get the work started.

"O, listen to our cry for help, help, help; for our people need schools more than churches.

"Yours for advancement,
"Mrs. L. P. WHITSEL."

NATCHEZ, MISS.

OPPORTUNITY. EPH. 5:19.

AFTER repeated but seemingly futile attempts to get the parents of our mission school children out to a "parent's meeting," success came at last. The opportunity was afforded in Thanksgiving Day celebration. The poor toil-worn mothers heard our decision to break in on the monotony of their dull lives with a little clean amusement with glad and grateful hearts.

The children were practiced, and their enthusiasm was unbounded, putting themselves on their best behaviour to insure success. We waited with no little anxiety the coming of the much-longed-for Thanksgiving Day, so ardently desired by all. But Thursday was ushered in by a steady downpour of rain, which lasted all day. Reluctantly we postponed the exercises until the following Monday evening, which proved to be all we could desire.

The Lord assembled a goodly number together to enjoy the exercises. The program, made up of Bible selections suitable for dialogues or recitations, etc., and beautiful songs from "Christ in Song," won the hearty appreciation of the people. The good impression made means much for the good of the school. The Lord gave me freedom to make use of the short waits between the pieces to fill in the time acceptably with fragments of the truth. I had long wanted to present matters to the parents, to arouse their interest in the merit of Christian education and also to enlist their financial aid and co-operation in responding to the needs of the school. The time was now opportune. The remarks were well

taken; the happy faces of the people will ever remain as a symbol of God's blessing on his beautiful work—the training of minds to the glory of his name.

A small collection was taken and many promised to help us when able. Our success was followed up the next day (Tuesday) by distributing "Annual Offering to Missions" envelopes to the children, who seemed to appreciate the opportunity for giving as the grandest thing they have ever done, their perfect freedom in this regard being a telling rebuke to the spirit of covetousness so unfortunately prevalent these days among the older folks. May the Lord wonderfully bless in the school work and enable us to grasp the opportunity it offers to extend his praise. PAGE SHEPARD.

THE WORK IN ATLANTA, GA.

THE work here in Atlanta is onward. Another soul has started to keep the Sabbath and four have promised to do so. The prospect is encouraging. Our prayer-meetings are well attended and are a great benefit to us. On the Sabbath, with thirty-four chairs and a melodian, in a room 13x14, we have not the year for the world to make holiday presents, is it not the time for our people to arise and erect memorials in the places where believers are raised up?

We call them to come out of Babylon; should we not have a building to call them into? "As persons become interested in the truth, they are told by the ministers of other churches,—and these words are echoed by the church members,—'These people have no church, and you have no place of worship. You are a small company, poor and unlearned. In a short time the ministers will go away, and then the interest will die down. Then you will give up all these new ideas which you have received.'

"If wisdom and sanctified judgment and skilful generalship are manifested by us in the building up the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom, we shall do all in our power to assure the people of the stability of our work. Humble sanctuaries will be erected where those who accept the truth may find a place to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience."—*Testimony.*

Every sacrifice we make in behalf of God's work, whether large or small, is

recorded in the books of heaven. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." "Blessed are they that do."

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

THE Lord is greatly blessing our efforts in the presentation of the truth to the people of this city. A lively interest was awakened by the camp-meeting, and it seems to be increasing. Many are attending the public services and the Bible classes, while some are taking Bible readings. We are very hopeful that many, if not all, of these will take their stand for the truth.

The church is also progressing very encouragingly; the spiritual condition is good. Many who were delinquent have returned; and with renewed interest and consecration, are determined to be faithful until the truth shall finally triumph, and they then triumph with it.

The sanitarium is being painted and some repairing done on it, preparatory to the winter's work. Applications are being made for treatment by persons in and out of town; and although things are not fitted up as well as we would like as yet from lack of means, we have decided to take in two patients who are in great need of proper treatment. The prospects for the success of the sanitarium work here, are very bright. The Lord is certainly leading in this branch of the work also.

We have recently obtained a three-year lease on the property, at about half the rental value of such property, which means considerable saving in this city, as rent is very high.

Many of the most influential colored people in the city are becoming interested in our work, for which we are very thankful. We are of good courage and intend to push the work here cautiously but vigorously until it shall have accomplished its purpose. We earnestly solicit your prayers and your assistance.

D. E. BLAKE.

Birmingham, Ala.

THIS number of the GOSPEL HERALD goes to press just as the Southern Union Conference convenes in this city. We have strong hopes that plans will be laid at this meeting for greatly enlarging and widely extending the work for the colored people. Pray that this may be so.

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NATCHEZ, MISS.

THE work here is encouraging on every side. Our little school has reached the enrollment of fifty-four; our daily attendance is very good, owing to the cotton picking season. We hope to see many more entered in the new year.

For our first assembly of mothers' meeting, we had a program rendered by the children for the evening. They did their best, and each mother's heart was filled with joy and pride. After a few pointed remarks made by Brother Shepard, as to why the mission schools are erected, and the needed means to carry on such, a small collection of fifty-five cents was taken up from among the visitors, who gladly gave of their means, although they were not prepared.

It seems that the exercises of the little ones had opened the hearts of the parents. We also gave the children envelopes for the annual offering to help carry the message to foreign lands; they seemed to delight in taking a part in this.

We can indeed praise the Lord for all of this, and that his loving kindness endureth forever. Pray that we each may prove to be faithful servants.

MILDRED A. ANDERSON.

Dec. 15, 1907.

BRUNSWICK MISSION SCHOOL

IN the southeastern part of Georgia, on the Atlantic Ocean, about thirty miles from the Florida state line, is Brunswick. It has a population of about 18,000, of whom about three fifths are colored. No severe climate ever reaches Brunswick, and the leaves are always green.

The Mission School is situated in the east portion of the city. It has an enrollment of twenty-one pupils, ranging in age from five to fifteen years. It was

an arduous task, at first, to make the school generally known. Yet in spite of all this, a few were present at our opening on October 14.

Here is a field already ripe; but the laborers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send more laborers into his vineyard.

On Sunday a few of our number are actively engaged in Bible reading, some in canvassing, some in preaching, and some in teaching. As a result, a number of the inquisitive ones assemble at our semi-weekly readings and receive new light from the Scriptures.

In conclusion, we would add that we were never more encouraged than now, for the interest that is being taken in us; and by the co-operation of all we expect to succeed. Pray for the work in Brunswick. R. W. HANCOCK.

RESPONDS TO THE CALL

ELDER J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH, one of the pioneers in this cause, writes us:—
"Box 558, Healdsburg, Cal.,
Oct. 15, 1907.

"Southern Missionary Society,
24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

"DEAR BRETHREN: I have requested the Southern Publishing Association to hand you this line accompanied with five dollars which apply on the call made by Elder Thomas Murphy for the 'pine woods' near Ellisville, Miss.

"Who will join me to assist the school work in the pine woods near Ellisville, Miss., mentioned by Elder Thomas Murphy?

"J. N. Loughborough's donation for this purpose, \$5.00.

"Yours in the work,

"J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH."

FLORENCE, S. C.

My field of labor has been changed to South Carolina. I came here November 2. This conference is the "baby" in the family of the union conference. The colored work is not as far advanced as in other conferences of the South.

We have four colored Sabbath-schools with a membership of less than fifty. I organized a Sabbath-school a few weeks ago in Sumter with a membership of fifteen. Elder R. T. Nash just organized a colored church in Charleston. Plans are being laid by the South Carolina Conference to push the colored work with greater vigor than in the past. I

ask the prayers of the readers of this article for the success of the work in this needy conference. SYDNEY SCOTT.

Dec. 17, 1907.

THE ATLANTA BUILDING FUND

OUR readers will see that there is now available for the Atlanta building nearly six hundred and fifty dollars. This is almost the sum originally called for; but recent experiences have convinced us that we cannot provide anything at all creditable in a city such as Atlanta for less than a thousand dollars after the lot is paid for. We hope to begin operations, however, early in 1908. The call is still imperative for a building.

Previously reported as available.....\$609.98
Nellie A. Barnes..... 1.00
Mabel Wampole..... 2.00

DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 1907

H A St. John.....\$10 00	C J Rider..... 1 00
Frances Worthington..... 50	E A Masters..... 30
Jacob Shiveley..... 10 00	Lawrence Kinker..... 45
Salenia Molett..... 3 68	Clifford Kinker..... 45
Josephus Hobbs..... 8 00	Nellie Hinkle..... 50
C A Frederick..... 34 65	Lillian DeForest..... 55
Mrs A E Irving..... 12 75	Birdie Davis..... 20
Jas Turner..... 12 00	Anna Nicholas..... 05
Mrs W G Randall..... 2 00	Ruth Weatherby..... 50
Emma Hibbard Swain..... 11 75	Ruth Belden..... 48
F H Schramm..... 7 18	L M McAbee..... 25
Mrs F C Whitaker..... 5 70	Mrs Underwood..... 25
C A Frederick..... 17 00	Mrs Dunlap..... 10
Mrs M A Clement..... 2 00	Mrs Canfield..... 10
Mrs Emma H Covell..... 1 00	Augusta Christ..... 10
Celia Wallack..... 60	Clara Roher..... 50
Mrs Robb Henry..... 25	J H King and family..... 1 45
R J Carson..... 75	Mrs Mary Paxton..... 1 60
Forest Sander..... 2 50	Mrs Etta Dickinson..... 2 10
J G Peterson..... 15 00	Emma Hibbard Swain..... 1 60
Wm Humphries..... 5 00	Mrs M M Boger..... 2 00
W J Whitson..... 1 00	A G Anderson..... 1 21
Mrs C J Smith..... 6 00	Mrs M A Clement..... 3 10
Mabel R McCart..... 2 50	Mr and Mrs Mansfield..... 50
	Mrs James Smith..... 30
	A Friend..... 20
	Mrs C C Chrisher..... 25
	Ruita and Tavita Cole..... 35
	Salem Sab. School..... 4 91
	Cliff Kaser..... 15
	Mrs Gallion & child'rn..... 1 25
	Frank Gallion..... 20
	Mrs W S Sewell..... 55
	Mrs Geo H Scott..... 50
	H B Guy..... 30
	W J Whitson..... 10
	Maggie Rasmussen..... 1 15
	Fern Carpenter..... 15
	Mrs Messimer..... 05
	Elder Bolinger..... 1 50
	Nettie Carpen er..... 3 96
	Mrs S S Post..... 3 96
	Total.....\$46 88
	Natchez Building Fund.
	Previously reported.....\$202 13
	Mr and Mrs Rumery..... 10.00
	Total.....\$212 13

The winter season is again here. This does not mean as much to us here in the South as it does to our friends in the North; nevertheless there is much suffering every winter among the very poor. We can use, therefore, almost any number of second hand garments. Shoes are especially wanted. Our teachers and missionary workers can use clothing and shoes to good advantage in helping their pupils and in gaining access to homes and hearts otherwise closed to the truth. All shipments should be made freight prepaid.

N. B. — Before shipping, write to us for definite directions. It is much cheaper to ship direct than to send to us here and then we have to re-ship.