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THE OUTLOOK

IN some respects the year 1907 was the most prosperous one in the entire history of the Southern Missionary Society. The latter part of the year witnessed a marked increase in the number of mission schools carried on under the direction of this Society, with quite an encouraging increase also in attendance.

Our enrollment at the close of the year was four hundred and fifty-nine pupils, an increase of about eighty per cent. during the year. Several of the new schools are yet small in numbers, while the older and well-established schools have a much larger attendance. This accounts for the fact that while the increase in the number of schools was eighty-five per cent., the increase in enrollment was only eighty per cent.

It is not the purpose of this article, however, to dwell upon the past, but to look rather toward the future. What, then, are the prospects for 1908?

In several respects the outlook is encouraging. The work of the Southern Missionary Society has passed its experimental stage. It has been demonstrated that mission schools are the most fruitful means of communicating present truth to the colored people. The minister has his place in this branch of the work as well as in all others; but in most cases, the mission school teacher must pioneer the way for the minister. Prejudice must be broken down before the preacher can gain access to the colored people. Hearts must be prepared to receive the truth and homes must be opened. This work can be done more effectually and more quickly by the establishment of small mission schools than in any other way.

We had looked forward to this year with bright hopes of being able almost if not quite to again double the number of our schools. We have been told that there should be scores of such schools established for every one that we now have, and that memorials for God in the shape of small schoolhouses and churches should be erected in every city in the South. We hoped to see this work go forward rapidly during the present year; but in view of the plans laid at the meeting of the recent conference in Nashville, at which several representatives of the General Conference were present, it seems that this mission school work must still depend, as it has depended in the past, in a very large measure, not upon appropriations from general funds, but upon the direct liberality of those who are especially interested in this branch of the work and who give to it because of that special interest.

This branch of the cause has long been supported by what we might term the crumbs that fall from more sumptuously spread tables; and for the present at least, this must continue to be the case. We trust, therefore, that the crumbs will still continue to fall as they have in the past, and that they may even be increased, for this branch of the work must not be neglected.

This has been termed the hardest and most neglected field. Our hearts have been rejoiced as we have believed that the reproach of neglect was about to be rolled away. We still feel that this must be so and that this reproach must not continue to rest upon us as a people much longer. Surely the time is not far distant when, instead of less than a score

of mission schools, we shall have hundreds of these outposts for present truth.

When this work first started it was difficult to secure teachers to supply the calls that were made. Now, however, the situation is changing and workers are offering themselves in greater numbers. Teachers cannot, however, enter this field without some assistance. In many places schools can be opened if the salary of the teacher is provided, say from \$16 to \$20 a month. It is impossible to establish and carry on mission schools entirely upon a self-supporting basis. Buildings must be rented; furniture must be provided; and in the winter season fuel must be bought, because, though we are in the "Sunny South," the weather is too cold for several months to carry on school work without artificial heat. The children for the most part come from the homes of poor people. Their parents must provide them with food, some clothing, and the necessary books. This is about all they can do, and often more than they can do. Assistance must sometimes be given even in these things. We know that the friends who have stood by this work in the past will still stand by it, assisting it as the Lord prospers them.

One of the recommendations passed at the recent session of the Southern Union Conference was that a Summer School of six weeks' duration be held at Huntsville, under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society, for the benefit of colored workers. It is planned to have during the last ten days of this Summer School a general gathering of colored Sabbath-keepers, and especially of colored workers, from the entire South, as far as possible.

This Summer School will involve considerable expense, but it will be of in-

estimable benefit to this branch of the work, as was the school held last summer. The teachers and other workers went forth from that school with new courage and new ambitions. They had come into touch with one another and had become acquainted as never before. They had learned to know each other better and had also become better acquainted with their white brethren associated with them in this particular branch of the work. They returned therefore to their several fields, to labor more intelligently, with brighter hope and more indomitable courage, and good results have followed, and will still follow.

Just as the white laborers need frequently the opportunity of meeting and studying together the best methods of work, so the colored laborers need opportunity to compare notes and to exhort one another and provoke one another unto love and good works. They have not the privileges of numerous general meetings as the white laborers have. The customs of the country forbid this. The contemplated plan is to afford them in this gathering at Huntsville, some compensation for this lack by giving opportunity for an exchange of thought and for Christian intercourse, which they could not otherwise have. Hence the necessity for the Summer School and Convention recommended by the conference.

Another recommendation adopted at the recent session of the Union Conference was that treatment rooms for colored people be established in Nashville. Many of our readers know that an effort was made to establish colored sanitarium work in Nashville several years ago. This effort met with only partial success for a time, and was finally abandoned because of lack of proper support. The equipment, consisting of bath fixtures, electric light cabinet, needle spray, etc., etc., was placed in storage, where it has been now for nearly two years. It is purposed to install as much of this equipment as may be necessary in a rented building in the vicinity of one of the large colored educational institutions in Nashville, and to make this building a headquarters for medical missionary work. Elder D. E. Blake and his wife, Dr. Lottie C. Isbell-Blake, have been recommended to come to Nashville for this purpose.

The location chosen is to be such as to place the workers in close touch with

a large number of young colored people attracted to Nashville by the superior educational facilities offered by this city. Here are to be met the most talented representatives of the rising generation of colored people. Here is a city that has been mentioned by the Testimonies as presenting superior advantages as a mission field for the colored people. It is because of the presence of these educational institutions that Nashville is thus pointed out by the spirit of prophecy as the natural headquarters for the work for the colored people. We feel that it is high time that advantage be taken of these things and that this medical missionary work, which has been suspended for nearly two years, be resumed. We believe that this can be done now under far more favorable circumstances than those which formerly prevailed, and that success will crown the efforts to be put forth.

The reader will understand that there are difficulties to be encountered. All is not smooth sailing by any means, in any branch of the work; and it is just as true in the colored work as in any other. However, as we become better acquainted with the field, we learn how to surmount these difficulties. The experience of the past year has demonstrated that the work not only can be made successful but that it is being made a success. Much is being accomplished. We are therefore planning, praying, and believing; and we want the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD to join us in thus desiring and expecting a marked increase in the work during the present year.

LETTER FROM FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,

Feb. 10, 1908.

DEAR BROTHER BOLLMAN,—

It is with a deep sense of sadness that I write you of the death of our little sister Mary Lou Simmons, who was faithfully carrying forward the school work at East Palatka. I have not yet learned the full particulars; but she died the 30th of January.

Is there no one of whom you know that could come and take up her work immediately? They do need help so much there, the majority of them being new Sabbath-keepers, I think.

Please keep East Palatka in mind and send us help as soon as possible. It is in the country and it may be there is

some worker hungering to get away from the bustle of city life and come to just such a place.

The work in Fernandina is growing, and they are praising the Lord for such an efficient worker.

I don't mean to annoy you with the needs of Florida, for I know there are other needy fields; but sometimes the way is not opened or ready to receive help as is the case here.

Lakeland now has her meeting house ready for occupancy and is still looking for a "teacher sent from God." If just East Palatka and Lakeland could be supplied, we would be willing to wait a little while. Yours for schools,

L. P. WHETSEL.

Isa. 50:7.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM COLORADO

PUEBLO, COLO.,

Jan. 13, 1908.

*Southern Missionary Society,
Nashville, Tenn.*

DEAR BRETHREN: I am sure it will interest you and others to know what the colored people of Pueblo are doing for the Master and his precious truth.

There is a very nice little church here of perhaps a hundred members, and of that number about fifteen are colored people.

On Sabbath, May 4, 1907, we (colored people) were organized into a mission Sabbath-school. We hold meetings every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock. We have a nice little meeting place with a seating capacity of thirty-six, and a nice organ, at the home of one of our sisters. We have a regular attendance of eight or ten; and hardly a Sabbath passes but that we have almost as many visitors.

Although we have been organized since May and have had no conversions, we are not in the least discouraged, knowing that wherever God's children are working Satan's servants are working ten fold as hard. We know that the seed has been sown and watered and that God in his own time will give the increase.

We have one colored Bible worker here employed by the Colorado Conference, Brother W. S. North, who has charge of the work here among the colored people. We also have a young woman, Miss Lina Ellis, at the Huntsville, Ala., school, being educated to

work here for her people. We also had two very bright young women, Miss Oden and Miss Worthington, to graduate on December 15, 1907, from the Boulder, Colo., Sanitarium Training School for Nurses. We feel very much gratified to know that the young women have gone right into the work. Miss Oden has accepted the position of assistant matron at the Huntsville school, and Miss Worthington will work at Boulder. The writer was a member of the first graduating class for nurses from the Boulder institution.

Wishing you all many of God's richest blessings, I am,

Very truly your sister in Christ,

MRS. ESTHER EVANS LUNN.

THE COLORED WORK IN FLORIDA

ACCORDING to the advice of the Florida Conference Committee I came to Bartow December 22 to hold a series of meetings. There had never been an effort made here for the colored people, and it being in the Christmas time it was very hard to get a hearing. The meetings began on Sunday night, December 22, and continued one week with scarcely any outside attendance. Nevertheless I kept of good courage and pressed forward. For a week after the Christmas holidays the attendance was very good.

After the close of the meetings, January 12, the good work continues from house to house. We are entering new homes every day. The Lord is working upon the people.

There are three believers here, and we greatly desire to see others in this place take their stand for the truth of God. O how much I see the need of living this truth day by day.

During the holidays I saw men, women, and children, some of them professed Christians, and even ministers of the gospel, having a whisky parade up and down the streets and from house to house. Truly we are in that time when evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Tim. 3:13.

The Lord says of this time that, "the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows; for every one is a hypocrite and an

evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly." Isa. 9:16, 17.

O I am glad to have the light of God's word! Let us be "living epistles known and read of all men."

My brother, C. G. Manns, is with me. We are also doing a little canvassing. Brethren, pray for us, that we may not only talk the truth, but we may also live it and at last be ready to meet Jesus when he comes.

I also visited Plant City. Our school here is taught by Sisters L. Mumford and E. L. Sauks. They are much encouraged. I was glad to know and see one more join this little company. We hope to have a church here very soon.

Our work in Tampa is progressing nicely. We still hold our meeting in the C. M. E. church at this place. We need a church school teacher.

On Sabbath, December 21, I stopped over with the Lakeland company. Our church building there is almost finished. For this I thank the Lord. The little company are faithful there also. We need a teacher at this place.

I ask the prayers of the readers of this article for the success of the work in this needy conference. On Sabbath, January 4, I visited the Orlando church. Elder R. W. Parmele was also present and conducted the quarterly meeting. At this meeting the church elected its officers for the year. Pray that each may be led by the Spirit of God.

Yours in the Lord's work.

J. W. MANNS.

A SUGGESTIVE EXPERIENCE

VICKSBURG, MISS.,

Dec. 30, 1907.

DEAR LITTLE FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH,—

Do you know how you can carry the Third Angel's Message while you are young? If not, I will try to tell you by telling you how I began.

I lost my father and mother when very young and went to live with an Adventist family in Columbus, Miss. I was a poor girl and of course knew nothing of Seventh-day Adventists or of selling papers. So when I was twelve years of age, and the lady that I was staying with spoke to me of this kind of work, I told her I could n't sell papers. She said, "I will teach you how." I said, "Yes, ma'am." So one day she took me out and when we came to a house she would tell me to go in there and try to

sell a paper. Sometimes I would go and sometimes I would not because I was so ashamed that I would n't let other people or my friends see me selling papers. I was afraid they would make fun of me.

One day Lucy Billups, a Seventh-day Adventist's daughter, and I went out in the afternoon to sell some papers. I took five and she took five. I suppose I went to about three houses and she the same number. We just played along and became so ashamed that we would not try to sell any. Finally we went back home; and when we got home we hid our papers and went in and sat down. They asked us where our papers were and we said, "Do you see us with any?" We were too much ashamed to let them know that we brought them back.

I did n't do much canvassing in Columbus, Miss. I was just learning how.

SUCCESS IN GREENVILLE.

When I reached this place, I had learned more about canvassing. I went out evenings after school and would sell a good many papers. We had a small Young People's Society and brought in our reports of work done every Sunday. The more I went out, the more experience I gained. The Lord was with me. I did n't stay here long but came to Vicksburg. This is where I am now.

BETTER SUCCESS IN VICKSBURG.

I reached this place September 2, 1906. I did only a little canvassing in the afternoon after school until the special number of the *Watchman* came out late in the winter. Mrs. Murphy took another girl and me down town nights after the Sabbath. I will not tell what she did because she may want to tell it herself; but I will say that she did well. We would go every Saturday night and would sell papers like fun. Sometimes I would go to ask people to buy a paper and they would n't even so much as look at me; some would make fun; others would say, "Why don't you go to work and make some money instead of going around here selling papers, beating people out of their money?" Nevertheless, I sold papers and many of them. Jesus says that we can do all things through him, but without him we can do nothing. My courage did n't fail, though sometimes I would be treated very badly. But when I got home without my papers, I realized that I had done something for others and to help myself.

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We desire to be placed in correspondence with every one supporting the Mission School Work. To this end we encourage remittances direct to this Society. To be cut off from direct communication with the friends of this work would mean the death of the Southern Missionary Society.

MISS HARRIETT WHITE, until recently in charge of our mission school at Newellton, La., died in New Orleans, February 7, and was buried the following day. Miss Stella Glasco has been sent to take charge of the Newellton school.

THIS Society has suffered the loss in a little more than a year, of four teachers by death, three of them victims of the great white plague, tuberculosis. The workers fall, but the work goes on. Let us not cease to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing of the Self-Denial Boxes, says:—

"I did not know at first what to practice my self-denial on, but have decided that it will be car fare. I usually spend one or two a day because I dislike walking so much; but now I find walking a pleasure, when it is done for Jesus' sake, and I know I will be repaid many fold in health when I get more of this most healthful exercise."

MRS. A. E. GIBSON, teacher of the mission school in Atlanta, writes thus encouragingly:—

"I am of good courage. It seems that now is the time to work here and sow the seed in the little hearts that will be the means of spreading the truth to so many more than we can reach in any other

"We spend from fifteen to thirty minutes each day in devotion, and relating to the pupils the different Bible stories. They remember them and carry them to their parents. O I am delighted with my work here, though we have n't any conveniences. But I can see the hand of the Lord leading.

"There is much work to be done here. No wonder the Saviour says, 'The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.' Please pray for us here that we may be as lights in this great wicked city."

"MANY should become interested in the work of placing these [Self-denial] 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."—Mrs. E. G. White.

SEND twenty-five cents for nine patent patches for your leaky hot water bottles and granite ware. We have restored several hot water bottles to usefulness in our own home. Perfectly satisfactory. Order now. Address *Save the Boys*, Washburn Park, Minneapolis, Minn.

A SUGGESTIVE EXPERIENCE

(Continued from page 7)

This summer, after school closed and all were going to the Institute at Huntsville, Ala., Elder and Mrs. Murphy decided to leave me here. Elder Murphy did n't want me to hire out; he wanted me to do something that would spread the truth among the people. So he asked me if I would sell some papers if he would get them. I said, "Yes, sir, I will." To start with, he got me a hundred *Signs* and *Watchman* and the other girl the same. Half of the selling price was to go to the Society and half to myself. He said that that would be carrying the Third Angel's Message and keep me living too. I went out every day in the week with the exception of Sabbath, and many papers would I sell, although this town had been canvassed very well before I started. Some days I would get up in the morning, drink some lemonade and eat some bread, and get out as quickly as I could, before it would get too hot. After I once got out I would not think of home until I knew it was time for me to go; and after I got in, tired but thankful would I be. I would first divide the money and pay my tithes and make offering.

I have sold papers from that day until now and intend to sell as long as God gives me strength. Some days I would

not sell anything, but I did n't get discouraged for I knew that God knows best. Sometimes people would tell me to bring them a paper of such a date. I would carry them the paper and at times they would hide and shut the door in my face. Some would make up different kinds of falsehoods to tell me. One day a dog bit me, but I was not very much hurt. Many unkind things happened to me; but, praise the Lord, I am still of good courage. We may not see the fruits of our labor now, but results will come after a while.

This is what I am doing to spread the truth of God to the people, and I hope all the little boys and girls who read this will do something to spread it also. Maybe you think you can't sell papers. Some are ashamed to do it; some are too proud; some are following the world too much. They will not make a sacrifice. But there is something for every one to do.

Pray for me that I may not get discouraged in this work but that I may do more. I am still doing it, at the age of fifteen years. The papers sold this summer carried the message into hundreds of homes.

CARRIE M. GUNN.

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER, 1907

THE following report is for the donations received during the month of December, 1907.

| FROM SELF-DENIAL BOXES | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Mrs Guy Abbott..... | \$ 20 |
| A J Calkin..... | 1 10 |
| F H Schramm..... | 7 09 |
| Mrs Geo H Scott..... | 5 00 |
| Myrl Morris..... | 1 00 |
| Blossom Morris..... | 1 00 |
| Alice Sampson..... | 1 40 |
| H A St John..... | 50 00 |
| John D Baer..... | 7 00 |
| Mrs Andrew Speedie..... | 7 00 |
| C A Frederick..... | 30 15 |
| Elizabeth Lauder..... | 90 |
| Mollie James..... | 2 00 |
| Florence W Merrell..... | 2 50 |
| Carey S Smith..... | 14 00 |
| Mrs Frank H Owen..... | 3 00 |
| Annie E Ladd..... | 10 00 |
| C L Evans..... | 1 00 |
| Clifford and Glenn Heagg..... | 1 00 |
| Eva Zielke..... | 2 10 |
| Sever Jacobson..... | 3 00 |
| Emma H Covell..... | 1 00 |
| Miss Genevieve Hornberger..... | 1 00 |
| Miss Celia Wallock..... | 60 |
| C S Twing..... | 5 00 |
| Harry Beddoe..... | 2 00 |
| Lemoore Church..... | 4 15 |
| Mrs J C Blisserd..... | 50 |
| B C Chandler..... | 10 |
| Mrs G W Hillier..... | 5 00 |
| Total..... | \$169 79 |
| FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE | |
| F H Schramm..... | 7 91 |
| Geo W Sterling..... | 10 00 |
| Mrs J E Burch..... | 11 00 |
| Mrs Susan Shasky..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs Eva Rader..... | 8 00 |
| R Leitzmann..... | 6 90 |
| Fernwood, N Y, Ch'h..... | 46 00 |
| Total..... | \$94 81 |
| ATLANTA BUILDING FUND | |
| N L Bolinger..... | 2 00 |
| Mrs Eva Rader..... | 1 00 |
| Carey S Smith..... | 10 00 |
| Walter Harper..... | 1 00 |
| Atlanta..... | 1 00 |
| Total..... | \$15 00 |
| NATCHEZ BUILDING FUND | |
| Same as previously reported..... | \$212 13 |