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THE LITTLE BLACK SHEEP

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[This poem, which appeared some years ago in a western paper, is especially applicable to the work for which the GOSPEL HERALD stands. This paper and the Southern Missionary Society, of which it is the organ, have espoused the cause of a race neglected and even despised of men, but for whom Christ died as truly as he did for any part of the human family. The race may be only a "po'r lil' brack sheep," so to speak, but of them the Shepherd says, "One of mine has wandered away from me." Let us do what we can to bring back to the fold every straying sheep, white or black.]

Po'r lil' brack sheep don' strayed away,
Don' los' in win' an' de rain;
And de Shepherd, He say, "O, hirelin',
Go find my sheep again."
But de hirelin' frown — "O, Shepherd,
Dat sheep am brack an' bad."
But de Shepherd, He smile like de lil' brack
sheep
Wuz the onliest lamb he had.

An' he say, "O, hirelin', hasten,
For de win' and de rain am col';
And dat lil' brack sheep am lonesome,
Out dar so far from de fol'.
De hirelin' frown. "O, Shepherd,
Dat sheep am ol' and gray."
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil' brack
sheep
Wuz fair as de break ob day!

An' he say, "O, hirelin', hasten,
Lo here am de ninety-an'-nine,
But dar 'way from de sheep fol',
Is dat lil' brack sheep of mine."
An' de hirelin' frown. "O, Shepherd,
De res' ob de sheep am here."
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil' brack
sheep
He hold it de mostest dear!

An' de Shepherd go out in de darkness,
Where de night was col' and bleak;
An' dat lil' brack sheep, He find it,
An' lay it agains' His cheek.
An' de hirelin' frown. "O, Shepherd,
Don' bring dat sheep to me."
But de Shepherd, He smile, and He hol' it
close.
An' — dat lil' brack sheep — wuz — me!

—Selected.

THE YAZOO CITY BUILDINGS

We are glad to have the privilege of presenting to our readers this month a very good picture showing the new buildings erected last fall by the Southern Missionary Society in Yazoo City, Miss.

SIZE OF BUILDING

This church and school building, 28 by 52 feet, takes the place of the old portable chapel which was used in Yazoo City until it was impossible to use it any longer. The entrance to the school-room is on the side. The fence hides the steps which lead to the gallery just outside the school-room door.

TEACHER'S HOME

The small building shown in the upper left hand corner of the picture is the teacher's home, or as some call it, the parsonage, which name is not inappropriate, as the teacher is also the pastor of the church. This small building stands on the left-hand side of the

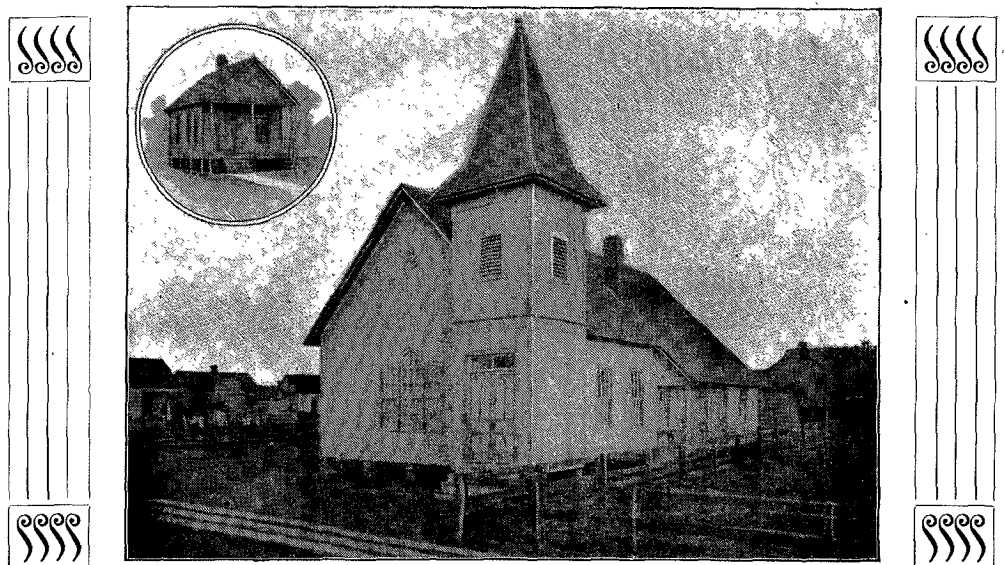
church, and cannot be shown in its true position in a picture. The lot upon which the buildings stand is fifty feet front, giving ample room for both buildings.

COST OF THE TWO BUILDINGS.

The entire cost of these two buildings was about \$1,200. They would have cost more, but we were able to use in them some of the lumber taken from the old building. This shows what can be done for a comparatively small amount of money when an earnest effort is made. The buildings are both well constructed. Instead of being mounted on posts, as, owing to the mildness of the climate, is frequently the case in the South, they are supported by solid brick piers.

A MEMORIAL FOR GOD

To say that our brethren and sisters in Yazoo City appreciate these buildings is to state the truth very mildly. They are exceedingly thankful for the



Our New Buildings in Yazoo City, Miss

liberality of our brethren and sisters scattered abroad, which has made these buildings possible. They now have a place to which they can invite their neighbors and friends, and it has given a new impetus to the work in Yazoo City. Both the church and school there are in a prosperous condition, and the work is moving forward. We have been told in the Testimonies that memorials for God should be erected in every Southern city; and we feel that we have in Yazoo City a memorial of which there is no reason to be ashamed, though of course it is only a modest building. It is, however, neat, and is fairly representative of the character of our work as a people. We think that those who contributed to this building will feel well repaid for their effort.

AN EXPERIENCE IN LOUISIANA

OUR teacher at Newellton writes: "I left Vicksburg February 12 at 9 A. M., for Newellton. Brother Weathington failed to meet me, so I remained in the town all night. The weather was quite disagreeable; nevertheless, he came for me the next day. It rained on us all the way from Newellton to Oak Grove, where the school is located, a distance of about five or six miles. On crossing a bayou, the bridge had washed away, and the wagon we were in turned over and we came very near drowning. A man on horseback before us saw our plight, and came to our rescue. He kindly put me on his horse's back, and by some means, I don't know how, the horse safely carried me across. At one time the water was up to the horse's neck. I never once felt frightened, knowing that the Lord has promised to be with us always, even unto the end.

"There are about thirty church members enrolled at Newellton. Nineteen were present the first Sabbath I was there and all took part. I never saw more earnest people in my life than these. They are living up to all the light they have; and as far as I can see, live up to it as they receive it.

I opened school Monday with sixteen pupils.

"A well-to-do farmer has offered to give an acre of ground to us to build a church and school. There is no building for church or school, but these people have rented a house with three rooms, in which they hold service and school. The

house has no window lights, but wooden shutters, which we open to give light. This makes it very disagreeable when it is cold and rainy."

FROM OKLAHOMA

It has been some time since I have sent you any Self-Denial money. I had not forgotten that needy field, however. I have one child,—a boy fourteen years old,—and we have had him away from home in church school, as we are isolated. My means have been scant. I send you a small offering and will try to send more as soon as I can. I would love to make this mite one hundred dollars if I could, for I am sure the work there demands means quickly, believing as I do that the Lord will make a quick work in the South. I would love to be able financially to respond to all the calls; and when I read of the great need in establishing schools, building churches, and sustaining workers there, my heart cries out to the Lord of the harvest, who is touched by the woe of that people in darkness and ignorance, to send forth more laborers in his harvest.

I am aware also of the fact that we have in the Southwestern Union Conference many colored people who are in great need of help and who must and will hear the great invitation; but the Holy Spirit has made known unto us the importance of a quick work in the great Southern field. This we must heed, else the blood of souls will stain our garments.

Angels are watching and often see money spent for needless things that would, if all put together, be a great help in the South. Our dear Lord and Master will soon come and gather to himself all those who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

We need not be discouraged, for One who understands the way and who can see the cunning devices of Satan to hinder the work and cause the loss of precious souls, leads, and will be with each self-sacrificing worker in the South. Angels are witnessing what God's sacred work is costing us. Money thus stored in the bank of heaven will draw to it more for us than all the banks of this world can give.

May the King's Son be with you and by you in your work.

MATTIE A. PRICE.

FROM ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

I CAME to this place February 2 on a short visit, and found the little company of Seventh-day Adventist believers full of courage and striving hard to let their light shine before men.

The little school, which is conducted by Brother W. F. Gaskin, is doing well. At present he has eleven pupils attending daily. We expect more to come in to our school in the near future, as the public school will close soon.

The people here are beginning to see the vast contrast between our school and the public school. They also see that we have come into their community to stay with them and help them to make their boys and girls better children. This one thing has made a great impression upon them.

I wish to say right here, that we have a neat little building, prepared especially for us. It is rented to us for \$5.00 per month. This building is 18 x 20 feet, which gives ample room for the present. The Southern Missionary Society is responsible for this rent money at present. Now, I do believe the Lord would be pleased if some kind friend would just take this responsibility off the Society and pay this \$5.00 per month instead.

The Society is doing a grand and commendable work for the colored schools in the South, and it truly needs all the financial aid it can get. So who will take this burden off the Society?

I wish to say that while I was at Ellisville, I received a large barrel of good clothes, shoes, and hats for the children. About half of the children had dropped out on account of not having shoes and clothing. Truly such a blessing could not have come in a more opportune time than when it did. We do not know the kind friend who sent us the barrel, but we will say, "Many thanks to you," anyway.

Truly you never saw a more glad-hearted set of children than these when I carried some of them two good baskets of things for them to put on so they could get back to school. The Lord only knows just how much good that barrel has done for this school.

Now my desire, with the school children of Ellisville, is to meet this dear friend in the kingdom of heaven with all the redeemed. This is my prayer.

THOMAS MURPHY.

FROM THE NASHVILLE SCHOOL

I OPENED my school in this city Sept. 2, 1907, with an enrolment of eleven pupils. This number steadily increased until my enrolment ran up to forty-five pupils. I then made application to the Southern Missionary Society for an assistant. The Society very readily and willingly complied with my request and sent to my relief Miss Geneva Wilson, who had been attending Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville, Ala., for three years or more.

Miss Wilson arrived in this city Nov. 4, 1907, and began her work the following day. Her services were much needed and highly appreciated.

We are earnestly striving so to train the children placed in our care that they may early learn to love the Saviour, and thus grow up to become earnest workers in the Master's vineyard.

Miss Wilson and myself are spending a goodly portion of our time after school hours working with the special number of the *Watchman*. Together we have sold about one hundred and twenty-five copies. We could have sold more, but the smallpox became so prevalent that we thought it best to cease our work for a while. We hope to do much good among our people with this valuable paper.

Quite recently the Southern Missionary Society has kindly taken hold and made some valuable improvements in our school-room by putting in a partition, so as to give us a recitation room. Other improvements have been made which will greatly aid us in our school work.

We can but praise the Lord for the noble Christian work carried on by the Southern Missionary Society in this needy Southern field. We extend to the Society our most grateful thanks for the kindly interest it has taken in the work in this city.

I enclose \$2.03 collected from the Missionary Boxes distributed among the patrons of the Edgefield Junction school, where I taught last year. The parents send this as a token of their appreciation of the work done by the Society in behalf of their children.

Pray that we may be instrumental in doing much good in this wicked city.

JULIA P. LOWE.

PRAYER

BY MRS. M. T. COLE.

If we mean just what we say,
God will hear us while we pray,
And will answer us some day,
I am sure.

All his promises are sure
To his saints who will endure;
Matt. 10:22
Our diseases he will cure,
I am sure.

O, His mercy is so great,
And his power is infinite;
We may trust Him as we wait,
I am sure.

For He knoweth what we need,
And the hungry he will feed;
Matt. 5:6
This is wonderful indeed,
I am sure.

Then let us watch and pray,
Always meaning what we say,
And His coming not delay,
Happy day!

Puyallup, Wash.

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

THIS is a phase of God's work in which all may have a part. The printed page is to be scattered as the leaves when the western wind sweeps down over the mountain tops in the autumn and scatters them to the four quarters of the earth.

Some of the best ways in which this can be done is by reading racks placed in the most public places, as depots, hotels, post-offices, and reading rooms, etc.

The colporter, Bible worker, and canvasser have indeed an important part to act in this work. It is a good plan upon going out to place a paper or tract in your pocket or hand bag. You are very likely to have the opportunity of handing it to some one, or leaving it at some one's door, or on the counter in some shop or store. Literature distributed in this way many times has been the savor of life unto life to those who wanted to know more about the Saviour. We should ever be ready to help some one in the way to know about him who gave his life for us.

There were Philip and the eunuch, who after a short sermon by Philip accepted Christ from the reading and understanding of God's word, and was ready to be baptized.

We should seek the lost and point them to Jesus. Reaching one person at

a time is the best way of reaching all persons *in time*. The Lord has said that "the day cometh that I will send a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor of thirst for water, but of hearing of the word of the Lord. Men shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." While we have the printed page let us spread it to earth's remotest bounds. Christ said: "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh and no man can work."

Christ knew that his opportunity for doing his work on earth was drawing to a close. If Christ felt the necessity of improving the time in saving souls, how much more should we, as we see the day approaching. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. LONA V. ODEN.

Boulder, Colorado.

RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1908

THE following report is for the donations received during the month of February, 1908.

Emily Kirkwood..\$.30	Lawrence and Clif-
J W Chambers...100.00	ford Kinker25
A Friend..... 1.00	Lillian DeForrest.. .25
A M Maxson.... .40	Sister Adams..... .25
Okla. Tract Soc.. 1.70	Sister Masters..... .06
F H Schramm.... 8.03	Sister Ackert..... .10
Mrs Lizzie Syl-	Ruth Belden..... .11
vester 1.00	Roland Belden..... .05
Mrs Mattie B	Ruth Pierce..... .10
Turner 10.00	A M Nicholas..... .13
Maggie Robinson.. 1.00	Mrs. Raymond..... .10
Mrs M S Finch... 1.00	Mrs Hathaway..... .10
Southern Union	Newark church.... 1.77
Conference24.60	C B Rossier..... 1.25
Henry S Foster... 1.00	Mr. and Mrs F
A Friend..... 4.00	Otto Rathbun... 2.15
C A Frederick.... 31.60	Martha J Sevrens.. 1.50
H F Phelps..... 2.30	Mrs S C Mansfield .59
Rachel and	R C Andrews..... .25
Helen Rosser.... 1.00	Mrs James Smith... .50
A Friend E F..... 1.00	A Friend..... .21
S O James..... 2.50	H L Andrews..... 1.00
Mrs C J Pierce.... .10	Mrs Mamie Howell .44
John D Baer..... 6.75	Mrs S O Johnson... .36
Mrs Eliza-	Miss Anna R
beth Ryan..... 2.00	Schultz35
Mrs J D Mc-	Mrs Olive Hoag... 1.00
Connoughay25	Eva M Davis..... 1.00
Mrs L W Rinker... .50	German Milwaukee
J E White..... 2.50	church 3.00
Indiana Conf.... 2.00	Mrs Nellie A
M B Clinger..... 10.00	Honeywell 2.00
Total\$216.78	W Steinman.....10.00
From the Self-Denial	H A Hartman.... 2.50
Boxes	H N Tolton..... .90
Mary Farrar.....\$1.00	Mrs William Dail.. 2.00
Mrs V O Wallace.. 1.00	Mrs Mary Hawley. 1.20
Mollie James..... 1.50	Mrs J D Mc-
Alfred James..... .25	Connoughay50
Samuel James.... .25	Mrs L W Rinker... .50
M W Harris..... 2.00	Mattie A Price.... .50
Margaret Scott.... 5.00	Francis E Worth-
Mrs Zella M	ington and Mrs
Gosnell 2.00	Lewis Andrews... .65
Mrs E Menzel.... 4.00	Mrs E F..... 1.50
Mrs Nina Crane.. 2.00	Edgefield Friends. 2.03
Mrs Ethel Calhoun 1.75	L D Randall..... .36
Mrs F C Flournoy. 1.00	J P Ferguson..... 1.00
F E Endriss..... 1.00	Total\$74.22
Mrs G Getzlaff.... 6.00	For the Support of Min-
A W and T. Bag-	isters Working for the
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Mrs Retta	A Friend.....\$132.30
Weatherby30	H C Miller..... 50.00
Mrs A M Morris... .31	F H Schramm.... 6.97
Mrs Chester Pierce .10	Arthur L Hall.... 5.00
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SOMETHING OF INTEREST TO SUBSCRIBERS

A NEW RULING

A NEW ruling in regard to monthly papers is to the effect that expired subscriptions must be renewed within four months or the paper must be discontinued. Publishers continuing to send to subscribers more than four months after the date to which their subscriptions are paid, are likely to be called to account by the Post-office Department.

AN EARNEST REQUEST

We are glad to say that a great many of our subscribers are paid well in advance, quite a number for from one to five years. There are upon our list, however, several hundred subscriptions in arrears from one to three or four months. We are very anxious to secure renewals of these as soon as possible, and would ask each one of our readers to note carefully the date of expiration upon the address label, and that those who find themselves in arrears send us their renewals at once.

WHY IMPORTANT

It is exceedingly important that we have the privilege of keeping in close touch with the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD, because for the most part they are especially interested in that branch of the work for which this paper stands.

THIS MEANS MUCH

But we wish not only to keep our present subscription list intact, but to increase it. Now, will not each reader of the paper endeavor to send us at once at least one new subscription, thus doubling our list within a short time? The subscription price being only ten cents a year, makes it very easy to do this. Almost any one will subscribe a

year for a ten-cent paper. Persons not of our faith will do this, and a very little effort would secure quite a large list of subscribers. Some of these would certainly become interested in the work of which the GOSPEL HERALD is the exponent. Do not neglect this, friends, but attend to it at once, as it is a matter of very great importance, and means much for this branch of the cause.

"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.

WE promised last month to present to our readers, in the April number, pictures of several of our new buildings. We are able, however, to give only the one in Yazoo City. We hope to print a picture of the Greenville building next month, and also a pen sketch, at least, of the Natchez building as it will appear when finished. Perhaps also an outline plan of the proposed building or buildings to be erected in Atlanta.

PAGE SHEPARD, in charge of the mission school in Natchez, Miss., says in a recent letter:—

"While in search of some of my absent school children, a few days since, I had a good experience in a home outside the city limits. Three precious souls were given an acceptable talk on the second coming of the Lord. As I was about leaving I stated that I was a Seventh-day Adventist minister and school teacher, and did not keep the same day that other people keep for the Sabbath. Whereupon the man of the house said if I would remain and explain the Sabbath, he would attend me home, the road being dark. I cheerfully remained, and the Lord blessed greatly in opening to their minds the beauty and power of the truth. They had hungered for convincing light to shine forth from the Word, which desire the Lord satisfied fully. After receiving a pressing invitation to return, I left them rejoicing."

FROM ONE OF OUR TEACHERS

I AM of good courage. The little work here is going on nicely. I am trying by the help of God to sow the seed of truth in the tender hearts, which will be watered by Him who will give the increase. The Lord is working indeed. We have seen it every step of the way.

One of the leading ministers in this place has offered to pay me if I will teach him how to explain Revelation, thirteenth chapter. I willingly offered to help him without reward, but had him buy a "Daniel and the Revelation." He has promised to come every night if possible, and has come several nights already. In this he is a second Nicodemus. He came to the place where I am staying some time ago and said to me, "I come here to convince you to-day." I gladly received him. After having a study with him, and explaining the number of the beast, he confessed that we have the truth. The only thing that is keeping him from being an Adventist is baptism. He is a Methodist.

He is wishing also that we had a building in this place. He went away; but the seed of truth had been sown and he could not do otherwise than come back to study with me. Pray that God may open his eyes to see the necessity of baptism and of being obedient to his commandment.

Pray for my success in the work.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

A CORRESPONDENT at Ravenna, Ohio, says: "I will write you a letter for our little son Forest. You will remember he raised a brood of chickens last year for the work in the South, and last spring he asked to be permitted to do so again. He is five years old and is a real missionary. He insists that he is going to be a preacher, and we feel confident that he will if he is spared.

"Forest is greatly in sympathy with the work in the South. One evening last week he asked me what he should do with the money in his bank (only a small sum). I told him I did not know, as it was not very much. He thought for a moment, then said, 'Well, I wonder what the Lord would be most pleased to have me do. I guess he would be pleased to have me send it South and I guess that is what I will do.'"