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THE Oakwood Summer School for colored workers is now in progress, with an enrollment of forty students. This school opened June 2 and will continue eight weeks, or to July 28.

THE last chapters of this earth's history are rapidly fulfilling. Our last great work is to be done. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." —*Testimony, Dec. 21, 1905.*

THE Southern Missionary Society had in successful operation during the school year recently closed eighteen schools in eight different states, as follows: Tennessee, one; Alabama, one; Georgia, two; South Carolina, one; North Carolina, one; Florida, two; Louisiana, one; Mississippi, nine. These schools had an enrollment of six hundred thirty, or an average of thirty-five each.

It will be seen at once that this work is assuming large proportions. It long ago passed the experimental stage and proved itself a success. The only question now is how to provide for its natural growth.

There must be no backward step in the work of establishing and maintaining mission schools. Until within a little more than a year ago, all but two of the schools maintained by this Society were in Mississippi; now that state has only one half the total number of schools. This change is not due to any falling off in Mississippi, but to a splendid increase in other conferences. No one wants less work done in Mississippi, but more in other states.

Treatment Rooms and Mission Home for Colored, Nashville, Tenn.

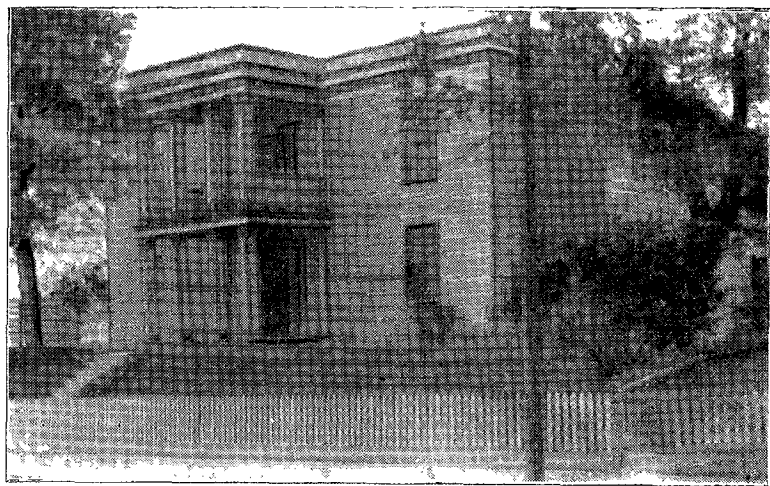
THE recommendation of the Southern Union Conference, that the Southern Missionary Society establish treatment rooms and a mission home in Nashville for colored people, is being carried out.

In furtherance of this plan, D. E. Blake and wife, of Birmingham, were invited to join the officers of this Society in choosing a location for the proposed work for their people in Nashville. Several days were spent at two different times in April searching for a suitable location. A number of buildings were found that could be rented, but none of them appealed to the committee as being well adapted for the proposed work.

At first all our efforts were directed toward the northern and southern parts

erty has a frontage of one hundred seven feet on Foster Street and two hundred ten on Stewart Street. It has a good house of nine rooms, together with a stable, a servants' house, and other out-buildings. There are several fine shade trees, some shrubbery, an excellent well, a good cistern, and a hydrant of city water. The whole premises is in good condition — fences whole, house clean, grounds neat, neighborhood good, location healthful.

After taking counsel of a number of leading brethren who were accessible, among whom were Elders W. B. White and F. M. Burg, who were providentially in Nashville at the time, a sixty-day option was secured upon the property for



View of Foster St. Nashville Treatment Rooms and Mission Home for Colored

of the city. Finally, however, Brother Blake learned of a place in East Nashville that was for sale for \$4,000, but was not for rent upon any terms. This prop-

\$50, with the privilege of purchasing for \$3,650 as follows: option, \$50; at time of purchase, \$450; two payments of \$500 each in thirty and sixty days; bal-

ance in one and two years, in two equal payments, with interest at six per cent.

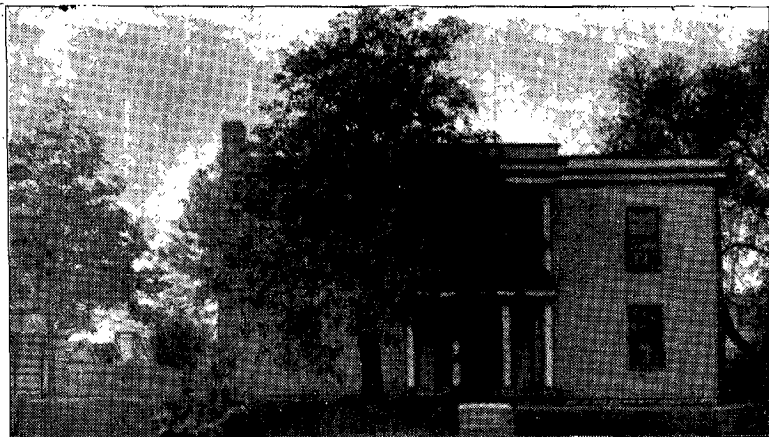
Later the whole plan was submitted to

There are many calls for means to build up different lines of work in various parts of the great harvest field. Some

hold of it in a way we have never yet done.

Medical missionary work for the colored, from the standpoint of Nashville, was urged upon us years ago, and the advantages offered by this city were pointed out. Some effort has been made to establish the general work here. A mission school has been in operation for several years and has been quite well patronized by a large number of colored people. A church has been organized and maintains regular meetings.

Several years ago an effort was made to establish a colored sanitarium in Nashville. A building was purchased at one time in the edge of the business district of the city. Sanitarium appliances were installed and the work was commenced. But because of lack of means to maintain the work and to pay for the building, the property was sold and the equipment was moved something like three blocks to another location near the railroad. The work was carried on there for a time under great disadvantages. Rent was high and the location made it impossible to attract the best class of patrons. It seemed impossible at the time to get proper help to carry forward such a work. Finally a business house next door to the sanitarium purchased the property and again the equipment had to be moved. This time, instead of renting another place, the equipment was stored and the sanitarium work for col-



Front View, Showing Magnificent Magnolia Tree

Elder Irwin, who was absent in Washington when the property was offered to us and the option taken. After looking the situation all over, Elder Irwin gave the plan to purchase the property his hearty approval.

An album of nine views of the place was sent to W. C. White and his mother, both of whom fully approved the plan to buy the property. An album was also sent to Elder S. N. Haskell, and he approved the plan to secure the property. It was decided therefore to buy the Foster Street building and grounds instead of paying a high rental for something not suitable for the work to be done.

To make this enterprise a success will require prompt action on the part of the friends of this branch of the cause. We must not trench upon the regular funds of the Southern Missionary Society for the purpose of financing this new enterprise. We believe we shall receive donations for this special purpose sufficient to meet the entire expense. We feel sure there will be a hearty response to this call.

Seldom has anything of a local nature undertaken among us as a people had higher sanctions or more hearty indorsement than the plan to secure this desirable property.

The Southern Missionary Society has on hand a fairly good sanitarium equipment, including electric appliances, and a needle spray, together with a five hundred gallon pressure tank, and water-heating furnace. The expense, therefore, of fitting the Foster Street place for the work to be done will not be large.

of these enterprises are being pushed so vigorously and kept so constantly before the people, that they overshadow in a measure the work represented by the GOSPEL HERALD. It does not follow, however, that this work is second or ought to be second, to any other. We have been told through the spirit of prophecy that this is a most needy field, and that it has been shamefully neglected in the past. We have been trying, by the help of the Lord, to redeem this neglect to some extent during the past two years. As already stated, the number of mission schools has more than doubled during that time. There has also been a growth



Rear of Main Grounds and Back Yard with fence separating the two. Shrubbery in foreground; garden plot to the left not shown

in other lines of work; and yet the statement several times repeated in regard to this field, that we have touched it only with the tips of our fingers, is still true. Certainly the time has fully come when we ought to do more than this and take

ored people was dropped for the time being.

Now the way to resume this work seems to have been providentially reopened. The magnificent property referred to above has been secured. The

sum to be paid for this property is far beneath its real value. The improvements could not be made for the price of the entire property; and the land itself, if it did not have a building upon it, would be worth almost the stipulated price for the land and buildings.

It may be asked, Then why was the property offered at this figure? Simply because it lies just upon the borderland between one of the colored sections of the city and a white residential district. All the lots on the opposite side of Stewart Street, on which there is a frontage of two hundred ten feet, are owned and occupied by colored people. One half of the entire block in which this property is situated, is also owned and occupied by colored people. The only way, therefore, in which more money could have

been realized for this property would have been to have divided it into a number of small lots to be sold on the installment plan for negro tenements. The late owner, desiring to realize upon the property as quickly as possible, offered it at a price which she believed would sell it and bring her the entire price as speedily as possible.

Now, what we ask is that those who read this appeal take hold and help to raise the money necessary to pay for this property. There will be some who can give several hundred dollars each. There will be others who can give only a few dollars each. All donations will be thankfully received, whether great or small. Remittances should be made to the Southern Missionary Society, Madison, Tenn.

About the Self-Denial Boxes

SOME have thought that there is no more reason for having a special plan for raising means for colored work in the South than for any other field, and have therefore felt opposed to the introduction and use of the Self-Denial Boxes.

But those who take this position evidently forget that the Self-Denial Box plan was given to Sister White through the spirit of prophecy. She says:—

"As I have made acquaintance with the poverty of the Southern field, I have earnestly desired that some method might be devised by which the work for the colored people could be sustained. One night, as I was praying for this needy field, a scene was presented to me, which I will describe.

"I saw a company of men working, and asked what they were doing. One of them replied: 'We are making little boxes to be placed in the home of every family that is willing to practice self-denial in order that they may send of their means to help the work among the colored people of the South. Such boxes will be a constant reminder of the needs of this destitute race; and the giving of money that is saved by economy and self-denial will be an excellent education to all the members of the family.'

"Without delay I wrote to our brethren in the South to make little Self-Denial Boxes, and circulate them exten-

sively, to be used as silent messengers in the homes of our people,—to remind parents and children of their duty toward a neglected race. The Southern Missionary Society of Edgefield (now Madison) Tenn., took up this matter at once, and are now prepared to send the Boxes to all who desire to help in this way.

"Fathers, mothers, teach your children lessons of self-denial, by encouraging them to unite with you in dispensing with the things we really do not need, and in giving to the colored work the money thus saved. Tell your children of the poor colored people and their necessities. Implant in each tender heart a desire to deny self in order to help others. Lead the children early to realize the close relationship existing between money and missions.

"The fields are white for the harvest. Shall not the laborers have means for gathering in the precious grain? Will not those who know the truth see what they can do to help, just now? Will not every one cut off all needless expenditures? See what you can do in self-denial. Dispense with all that is not positively necessary. Come up to the measure of your God-given responsibility. Fulfil your duty toward the colored race.

"Some may say, 'We are being drawn

upon continually for means. Will there be no end to these calls?' We hope not, so long as there are in our world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until all has been done that you can do to save the lost, we ask you not to become weary of our repeated calls. Many have not yet done that which they might do; that which God will enable them to do if they will consecrate themselves unreservedly to him.

"The Lord's servants are to feel a noble, generous sympathy for every line of work carried on in the great harvest field. We are to be interested in everything that concerns the human brotherhood. By our baptismal vows we are bound in covenant relation with God to make persevering, self-denying, self-sacrificing efforts to promote, in the hardest parts of the field, the work of soul saving. God has placed upon every believer the responsibility of helping to rescue the most needy, the most helpless, the most oppressed. Christians are to enlighten the ignorance of their less favored brothers. They are to break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free from the power of vicious habits and sinful practices. By imparting the knowledge sent from heaven, they are to enlarge the capabilities and increase the usefulness of those most in need of a helping hand."

At a Union Conference Council held in College View, Neb., in 1904, this subject was up for discussion. Some presidents had opposed the Self-Denial Box plan in their conferences. Sister White being present, said, among other things:—

"I have written concerning these boxes, and the self-denial they will encourage, and I now ask if you will not accept the light that God has given to his people. These boxes should be used more than they have been, and let no one, either by pen or voice, hinder their circulation."

This ought to settle the question with all loyal Seventh-day Adventists. Moreover, there is a self-evident reason why special attention should now be given to the work for the colored people; it is this: whereas other fields are opening, the colored field in the Southern states is the only field in the world that is even now closing.

For years the Testimonies have told us

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WORDS OF CHEER

THE institute for the colored teachers opened on time, per announcement, on June 2. There are twenty-five teachers present and fifteen students and prospective workers, making a total of forty in attendance each day. Among those present are: D. V. Barnes and wife, of Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. E. Gammon and Mrs. M. Finley, of Columbus, Miss.; Miss Mildred Anderson, from Natchez, Miss.; Mrs. L. P. Whetsel, of East Palatka, Fla.; Margaret W. Porties, of Fernandina, Fla.; Mrs. M. S. Hicks, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Stella Glasco, of Newellton; Mason Jackson, of Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. W. H. Sebastian, and Mrs. A. E. Gibson, of Atlanta, Ga.; R. W. Hancock, of Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. Edna Wright, of Charleston, S. C.; Miss Geneva Wilson, of Nashville, Tenn.; W. H. Swait, of Arkansas; Miss A. Crook, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Thomas H. Jones and wife from Tuskegee Institute, and several other mission teachers, are present.

Among the visitors present are Mrs. M. J. Forster, from Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Billips and Mrs. Wilson, from Columbus, Miss.; and Brother Armor, from Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Anna Knight, a former missionary to India, is present and is giving instruction on general missionary and young people's work.

Instruction in the different branches is being given as announced, and good practical work is being done. A greater interest, it seems, could not be manifested.

The Spirit of the Lord is present, and last Friday morning, during a class period, we gave way to the leading of the divine Spirit, and two periods were spent

in prayer, testimony, and songs of praise to God.

Truly we shall go out from here better prepared to teach the things of God. Pray for us. F. R. ROGERS.

ABOUT THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES

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that this part of the field would close first on account of race feeling. There was little a few years ago to enable any one to realize the truth of the prediction. Now, however, its truth is patent to even the casual observer.

This is not saying that there is not still ample opportunity to give the truth to the negroes; there is, but it is becoming more and more difficult constantly.

The work for the negroes of the South must be done, and it will be done; but it must be done quickly. This is a good and sufficient reason why extraordinary measures are necessary in behalf of this field. The Testimony says:—

"Many should become interested in the work of placing these 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."

And let all the people say, Amen! not only in words but in deeds.

THE following extract from a letter written us by one of our teachers, in behalf of a friend, shows the estimate placed by our workers upon the privileges afforded by the Summer School:—

"I have received two letters from Sister ———, of ———, Ga., expressing her great desire to attend the Institute at Oakwood, but saying that she was unable financially to do so. I presume I am taking a good deal upon myself to bring the matter before you, but I feel intensely interested in her going to the Institute, because she is such a faithful, self-supporting Bible worker and canvasser, and has carried the sewing and industrial work on in the school with Brother ———. She needs the Institute work, as that is the only opening for instruction that our colored workers in the South have. There was a canvassers' institute held here in ——— a few months ago for white workers, but of course the colored workers could not

attend. When we miss the Summer School we miss all.

"Last year the conference sent this sister to the Institute. Most likely they would help her this time; but I always feel freer to put these cases before the Society."

The foregoing extract shows also the feeling of the workers toward the Southern Missionary Society.

CLARKSDALE, MISS.

It affords me no little pleasure to inform you of a blessing sent from our Heavenly Father. One of the believers of our little company has donated a lot situated on Sixth Street. The deed will be made over to the Southern Missionary Society at any time you may desire. This lot was given by a widow.

The Lord is blessing our efforts. Our company is growing. The material of which it is composed is some of the best people of this place. Pray for us. Our school closes on the 19th. We are of good courage. N. B. KING.

JULY 8, or thirty days from the date of the purchase of the Foster Street property, \$500, the first of the deferred payments, falls due, and must be paid.

It is contrary to the policy of the Southern Missionary Society to borrow from banks and pay interest on money to carry on the Lord's work. We must therefore depend on special donations to meet this payment.

Brethren and sisters to whom the Lord has entrusted means, will you not respond quickly and liberally to assist this very important enterprise? Remember the time is short.

We ought to have several donations of \$100 each. In remitting, say that the money is for the Foster Street treatment rooms, Nashville, Tenn.

THE work done at the summer school is of the most practical nature. Many of those in attendance have been engaged in teaching mission schools during the past school year and expect to return to that work in September. They are at the Summer School for the purpose of fitting themselves for more effective work in the future.