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HASTEN

HASTEN, ye messengers, hasten, I pray,
Like the posts Queen Esther hurried away.
There's sound of danger and death in the land,
Haste on thy errand; nor long delay.
Esther 8:5, 10.

Ahasuerus his dread message sent
To the uttermost parts of his realm;
'Twas a message of danger and death in the
land,
But not in the strength of the Lord.

Sweet Liberty, thou dost a message command
To all who dwell on the earth;
There's a sound of danger and death in the
land,
Of bread and of water a dearth.

Ye saints of the Lord, no less is thy work
The rights of the people to pray,
For prophets and kings have desired to see
The things that ye see on this day.
Luke 10:24.

Then be not dismayed, nor fear ye their fear,
Who take away Liberty's purchase;
The work is the Lord's, and is not his word,
"Be strong and of good courage?"
Deut. 31:6.
MRS. M. T. COLE.

THE MISSION SCHOOL WORK

WE are glad to report continual progress in this mission school work. While in the earlier years only Mississippi was blessed with mission schools, to-day the work of the Southern Missionary Society embraces all the territory south of and including Kentucky, and east of the Mississippi River.

Within the past twelve months the gain in schools has been 100 per cent., and this would be greater were there sufficient funds and more young men and women willing to labor for the Master and stand at these posts of duty. Vicksburg to-day has a school enrolling one

hundred and twenty-five pupils, with four teachers. The school property is owned by the Southern Missionary Society, and includes a home for the workers, and treatment rooms which it is hoped will be in operation at some future date.

The work in Natchez, although only two years old, has made rapid progress, and the school ranks second, having an enrolment of ninety pupils, with two teachers. The smallest school has an enrolment of six pupils. And it might be stated just here that the Society willingly supplies a teacher where six children may be brought together. There are now eighteen schools whose terms average nine months. They are located in nine different states, enrolling over six hundred pupils with twenty-seven teachers endeavoring to give them a Christian training. It has been arranged to open ten new schools this fall, and many openings are awaiting responses.

It may be asked, What is the object of this Society in establishing all these little schools throughout this South-land? The purpose is twofold: First, to uplift the negro spiritually, mentally, and morally; second, to search out the neglected class and place a Christian industrial training within reach of all.

In connection with these schools gardens are planted, which are designed to teach the wonderful principles that govern plant life; to draw the mind from nature to nature's God; and to lead the people back to the plan of making the soil yield an abundant support by proper cultivation. Our teaching tends to draw many from the crowded city life, where crime and vice abound, to the free rural districts. Another lesson of great importance learned from these small gardens is that "we reap what we sow." It

is then easily made clear that any violation of physical laws brings its own result; consequently one's health should be guarded as sacredly as one's character.

I must mention that the Summer School this season has been the best one ever held for our colored teachers, and the results will be seen throughout the field in this year's work. Most excellent instruction was given by the leading brethren who visited us. It was so arranged that from beginning to end we had some one to lead out in a special study. The Lord was with us. The Holy Spirit came in, and through its influence the teachers have been doing good practical work in the community, by holding meetings, Bible readings, and selling books. During the past eight weeks here, some took as many as sixty orders for "Bible Footlights," "Story of Joseph," and "Practical Primer," and many papers (*Watchman*) were sold. All go forth with a greater burden for the salvation of souls, longing to see the message reach the dark corners of the earth and to hasten on the great day of Christ's coming.

At the close of our Summer School we invited in our neighbors to hear from our teachers concerning the mission school work, and from the students of the Oakwood School who were entering the field as teachers. A program of about forty-five minutes was rendered on the stage, illustrating the growth of the mission school work—a canvasser opened the way; a teacher followed, visiting homes, leaving literature, gathering the children from street and alley, opening a school and developing the same. This program, besides presenting these steps, showed the progress made in a three months' term. This was really inter-

esting to the public, and gave them an idea of our mission school work, such as nothing else could except the establishment of one in the community. The students of Oakwood were so well prepared to render their essays and orations that the people could but exclaim, "Smart children sure," and "Oakwood School beats them all."

Truly the education with a knowledge of God makes the very best. We praise him for one school for the youth who are gathered here, for his continual blessing to encourage us, and for his guiding hand over all.

F. R. ROGERS.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM A TEACHER IN OCEAN PARK, CAL.

ON the first page of the July number of the GOSPEL HERALD there appeared a half-tone illustration showing the Longbeach, Cal., church school at work in their missionary garden. The following is the letter which accompanied the remittance to us. We trust that their example will inspire other church schools to do likewise, that true missionary zeal may be instilled into the minds of the youth.

ENCLOSED you will find money order for \$38.20, money which my school has gathered during this past term. The church school that I have been teaching is at Long Beach, Cal., and I know it will be of interest to you to know just how we got this money.

I had eighteen pupils; and through their missionary zeal and co-operation with me, with the Lord's blessing besides, we are glad to be able to send this donation (which we wish might have been larger) to help Brother Sebastian in his effort to build the church at Atlanta, Ga.

In connection with our school at Long Beach, we have a plot of ground under cultivation with garden vegetables and twenty-five fruit trees of different kinds.

At the start of our garden, the pupils wanted it to be a missionary enterprise, and so one morning in school we dedicated it to the Southern field. Still we had no particular branch of the Southern work in mind when we dedicated it. It was the children's wish that the money be used by the Lord in one of the most needy places in the South. Since I have been at home I have noticed the appeal made for the work in Atlanta, and the Lord seems to impress me that that is the place where he wants our money to be spent.

We received \$26.84 of this money from

the sale of the vegetables from our garden. The children would solicit orders one day coming to and from school, and would deliver them the next day.

We certainly feel well repaid for our efforts in this line. Truly the Saviour's words are true: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

At the beginning of school I gave each of my pupils a nickel to increase in some way. Most of them planted home gardens, while some sold papers and bought and sold flowering shrubs from a neighboring nurseryman. The last day of school I had each child give an account of his or her increased nickel. One of my eleven-year-old little girls had sown radishes and onions and had increased hers to \$2.50. This same one had sold \$3.40 worth of vegetables from our school garden. The total amount of money brought in as increase of nickels was \$7.55.

Every Friday morning in our school we held our little missionary meetings, and we went by the name of "Beacon Light Missionary Society." These meetings were intensely interesting, the children acting as officers and presiding over the meeting. After the business part of the meetings, such as giving reports of missionary work done, etc., we usually had a little literary program prepared by different members of the school. This consisted of papers prepared on missionary topics, recitations, or perhaps reports of work done in other fields. I noticed that the children in making up their programs seemed to have a greater burden for the Southern field than any other. Many times we spent the latter part of our meeting in giving in our testimonies; and I know it would have done you all so much good if you could have heard these dear children speak, pray, and sing. I know many of them anxiously wait for the time when they can go out and actively engage in some part of the Lord's vineyard; but many of them are "doing with their might what their hands find to do" to-day.

At the close of our meetings the hat was passed and we put in our pennies, nickels, and dimes, which at the close of school amounted to \$3.80. So this makes:—

From sales of school garden . . . \$26.84
Increase of nickels 7.55

Donations 3.80
Total \$38.19

I trust that this money will be abundantly blessed by the Lord.

W. B. MIRAMONTEZ.

FROM THE FIELD

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I HAVE been earnestly praying for the financial condition of the Society. I knew of the great strain which it was passing through. I know you need many prayers, not only for the financial condition, but for your physical and your spiritual condition as well.

Surely it is true, as the Scriptures have said, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Your burden is heavy and taxing, but remember that the Lord has promised to strengthen you. So fail not nor be discouraged. O what a great work the Lord is accomplishing through the Society! Some day soon you will see many souls saved from the efforts you have put forth.

The joy that is before you will brighten your path and drive the dark clouds away. I appreciate highly the work that the brethren are carrying forward for the Lord, and I believe many more of my race are of the same mind. My work will be for the unity and future advancement of the cause.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

FROM A TEACHER AT THE INSTITUTE

THE Institute is splendid, and, there seems to be quite a good attendance. This is a glorious provision, and I am happy to have the privilege of being among the blessed.

I think I was never of better cheer and hope and courage, for I see the clouds lifting and better days for those of my people who will avail themselves of the advantages to be offered.

May the blessings of our God be with you.

L. P. WHETSEL.

DARLINGTON, S. C.

It is indeed a source of pleasure for me to place before the minds of our dear readers the encouraging reports of our work here in South Carolina.

On my arrival in Darlington, I found the meetings progressing. Large crowds attended each night, although the enemy was working with signs and lying won-

ders. The blessings of the Lord rested upon the meetings. The people, on our departure, expressed their highest appreciation of service we had rendered them while in their midst. On the last night of the meeting there were no less than three hundred fifty present; and from this number, twenty manifested their willingness to walk in all the light that had been presented them from time to time, for which we could only praise the heavenly Father. Our tents are now in Greenville, where we are having large crowds every night. No night of our meetings has the number fallen below four hundred. The people of which our audience is made up are the best in Greenville.

Thus far, we feel that the hand of the Mighty One is guiding and blessing our earnest efforts, for which we beg an interest in the prayers of all our dear readers of like precious faith, that his mighty power may be manifested throughout our work in the Southeastern Union Conference.

From here, we will go to some other point in South Carolina and endeavor to enlighten the minds of those in darkness.

We are of good courage in the Master. Pray for the prosperity of the work.

FLORENCE M. ALLISON.

ATLANTA, GA.

THE work here is on the road to success. There are many doubting the promises of God, but we hope to see a harvest of souls soon. Brethren, we are striving hard to point souls to "Behold the Lamb of God," and we hope from our efforts that we shall be able to bring a few souls to Jesus. Those who have accepted are doing well. The long delay in our securing lots has been very trying to us, but we hope soon to sing the song of praise. I hope that our dear brethren and sisters will not forget our building, but will send their donations to the Southern Missionary Society, Madison, Tenn., for the Society will proclaim it through the HERALD.

In Ex. 36:6 we read that the liberality of the people was restrained. When was it restrained? "And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people *bring much more than enough* for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed

throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the *stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.*"

We want our building (and yours) free from debt. W. H. SEBASTIAN.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

I WOULD like very much for you to allow me just a little space in your good paper, as it comes once a month and I read of the different workers and know a good many of them by name.

I am here in Little Rock, Ark., trying to do the very best I can to live this third angel's message. I am selling the little "New Testament Primer" and that good old *Watchman*, although I have had so many besetting and hard times and been a stranger here. But, thank God, he has brought me through. Praise his holy name.

Now, dear friends, please pray for me, so that I may be a fit subject to be used in this cause.

I have sold twenty-five hundred copies of the *Watchman* since the first of January, and seventy-five "New Testament Primer." I have followed up the interested ones as best I could, and have my little Sabbath-school. Sometimes I have visitors and sometimes no one but myself. The visitors seem stirred up much over the Sabbath day. Let me say that there is only one colored Seventh-day Adventist here, but a nice white church. You all know how it is.

NANCY DOTSON.

CANTON, MISS.

EIGHT days have quickly passed since we held our first meeting in this place. Though coming at a time when the people had become surfeited with "tent work," as carried on by the "Holiness" people, we can truly say that God is turning the people to his appointed work now being preached on in this place. There has been a steady, growing interest in the truth. Despite the fact that there are revivals and protracted meetings going on in both the Methodist and Baptist churches, we are having a very encouraging attendance.

Among the interested ones are two Baptist preachers of prominence, who have expressed their appreciation freely

and publicly. A beautiful feature of our work here is the unusual interest of the children, who come out and take part in the singing.

Organizing themselves, they banded in a Sabbath (not Sunday) School class offering themselves for service, and bringing in presents of fruit to show their appreciation. We can truly say, "Behold the children the Lord hath given us." A consecrated teacher who could sing and play on an instrument, could do a good work here, we feel certain.

Pray for the work here, that eternity may reveal jewels gathered out of this place to glorify him, to whom be glory and honor and blessing, world without end.

PAGE SHEPARD,
N. B. KING.

NECESSITY FOR HASTE

BROTHER PAGE SHEPARD, our minister and mission teacher at Natchez, Miss., sends in the following report:—

"The fast fulfilling prophecies indicate that if the 'Loud Cry' is ever to be given, it should be given now. In view of the recent ominous developments at Washington, we shall soon have to withstand the rage of the 'dragon.' What, therefore, is to be done *must be done quickly*. The white men who employ large bodies of negroes or even single ones, will deem it a deadly blow to their rights to preach the Sabbath or God's claim upon their help. So while we have opportunity, it would be fatal to neglect to make the most of the material graciously lent, to wisely use, in the 'perilous times' for the battle of the Lord.

I stand ready to be used in whatever way and whatever place an all-wise and loving Providence may direct, for he knows my need, and will not lay upon me burdens that I cannot bear, but with the work will supply the power to perform.

In conclusion, I rejoice to add my gratitude to you and your brethren of the Southern Missionary Society. I shall ever try to bring your God-given work before those whose lot God created the Southern Missionary Society to bless, that they may co-operate in every way to make its work successful.

"I earnestly desire that God will give you strength and ability and make you a continual blessing."

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OUR Treatment Rooms and Mission Home for colored workers in Nashville, Tenn., is in crying need of donations. This property and the work to be done there were described at some length in our issues for June and July. We trust that our friends will remember this work in a substantial way.

A PLEA FOR HELP IN MEMPHIS

WE are writing you in regard to the work here in Memphis and the need of a worker. Now, Brother Bollman, we have stood here very nearly ten years waiting for some one, and the work here has grown to such a point that we can not longer do without a worker.

We are now being bothered by other denominations coming in and interfering with our meetings. If we had a worker who could act as pastor, we would not have this trouble.

Now, Brother Bollman, consider the precious souls here, and send some one who is competent to carry on the work. This little company here is very faithful. We are prompt in attending church, and we are faithful in paying tithes.

Brother Bollman, we of this little company beseech you and other members of the Southern Missionary Society to consider our needs and send us somebody at once. We ask this in the name of the dear Lord. Please remember us.

Yours in behalf of the Colored Memphis Church.

REPORT FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

THE readers of the GOSPEL HERALD have not heard much from me through that paper since I left the Alabama Conference, although I have been laboring with all my might to give the truth in South Carolina. The work in this state is going nicely. By the help of God, we have been permitted to see several begin keeping the Sabbath since we entered the state. One colored church

was organized at Sumter in May with seventeen members, and there will be another one at Darlington at the close of our tent meeting here.

Since January there have been two colored churches organized, and the third one will be, in a few days from now if the interest continues as in the past. Our meeting began May 31, and is yet in progress, one month from the date of beginning. Our attendance averages two hundred every night, and some nights reaches the three hundred mark. Last Sunday evening the number reached five hundred, who heard a lecture on health and temperance. I never was in a conference where the work developed as fast as here. We shall be able to double our numerical strength by December if we continue at the present rate. New Sabbath-keepers are being raised up every month. May the Lord bring South Carolina up to the front with the message. SYDNEY SCOTT.

TO OUR FRIENDS

AS THIS number of the GOSPEL HERALD goes to press, Elder G. A. Irwin, Vice-President of the General Conference and President of the Southern Union Conference, is visiting camp-meetings of the Central Union Conference, and Elder C. P. Bollman, Secretary of the Southern Missionary Society, the camp-meetings of the Lake Union Conference, in the interests of the colored work in the South.

We trust that the hearts of our people will be opened to respond liberally. As it will be some time, however, before the funds raised will reach us, and as our treasury is depleted, we would ask all Self-Denial Box users to open their Boxes and send in the contents at once. We would ask also that any who have been saving money to give as a donation to this work to forward it on to us now, as it is much needed, and unless we shall receive prompt responses to this appeal we shall not be able to open all the twenty-eight schools as arranged. This is a critical epoch in our work. There is indeed necessity for haste in giving this message. Please read the last article on the third page from Brother Shepard.

Will you come to our rescue, that this work may go forward?

Address as usual, Southern Missionary Society, Madison, Tenn.

HASTENING DAYS

REV. 22:12

THE time draws near, fond heart, when we must bid adieu,
And each his chosen calling in love and faith pursue.
Though loth to part, the Master wills it so.
We fain would linger longer, and yet we love to go,
For our Saviour, yearning, looks upon the field so white,
And then upon his "remnant" people, blessed with truth and light,
And longs to send the Comforter to bless each effort given
To win a long-lost soul to him and waiting Heaven.
O may we each be faithful, and we'll meet to part no more;
We shall stand upon "Mount Zion" high on the heavenly shore.
There with the redeemed our praise shall ring and ring,
As we cast our glittering crowns before our Lord and King.
Then speed on, O "hastening days;" Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And take thy waiting people to their promised home.

PAGE SHEPHERD.

RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1908

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

Donations		
Eureka church		
school	\$8.00	
Mrs W P Allen	.50	
Mrs H L Van		
Ornum	1.50	
H F Phelps	3.04	
F H Schramm	8.07	
Mrs S F Soden	5.00	
Mrs F E Woolf	1.00	
Mrs Therese Loh-		
miller	1.00	
Norwalk Young		
People's Society	2.95	
Mrs E G Lawrence	1.00	
Long Beach		
church school	38.20	
Mrs W M Clement	3.00	
Mattie A Price	.50	
Elliston Warner	3.00	
B Hillery	2.00	
J T Woodward	.40	
Total	\$79.16	
From the Self-Denial Boxes		
Friede Puck	\$3.45	
Ruth Belden	.15	
Sister Fitzgerald	.05	
Verna Mason	.10	
Mrs Rick	.25	
Sister Acker	.10	
Junior Dep't	.14	
L, S and L A		
Whitney	1.50	
Lawrence and Klif-		
ford Kinker	.25	
E A Masters	.17	
Emma Newcomb	.10	
A W Houston	.40	
B M Potter	.20	
J E Burch	1.00	
Mrs F George	1.00	
Mrs S D Chapman	1.32	
Mrs Mattie B		
Turner	5.00	
Anna Wait	.50	
German sisters Mil-		
waukee church	2.50	
Miss Ida E Hill	2.00	
Mrs E L Foote	2.00	
Mrs S C Mansfield	.50	
Mrs James Smith	.50	
Eleanor McDonald	.42	
Andrew J Thomson	3.00	
H A Hartman	5.00	
Newark, O., church	2.25	
Miss Vero Guilford	.30	
Mrs Anna Hess	4.40	
J B Mallory	.30	
West Mich. Conf.	6.79	
Wm Powers	4.52	
Sarah Braugh	.95	
Edith Mott	2.00	
Susan McCon-		
noughay	.50	
Esther Evans Lunn	.60	
Alice E Culver	.55	
Miss Elma Wilber	1.00	
Egbert and Donald		
Driscoll	2.50	
Mary and Jessie		
Werfing	.63	
Ella Grover	1.00	
Neva E Hart	2.00	
Mrs G H Scott	.75	
Mildred Anderson	4.05	
Louella Farney	2.00	
Total	\$68.69	
For the Support of Min- isters Working for the Colored People		
F H Schramm	\$8.93	
Andrew J Thomson	1.00	
C A Frederick	26.40	
A Friend	6.90	
H C Miller	20.30	
Total	\$63.53	
Atlanta Building Fund		
Previously re-		
ported	\$672.43	
Susan McCon-		
noughay	.25	
Mattie A Price	.50	
Friede Puck	2.00	
Neva E Hart	1.00	
Mrs Isabella Rich-		
mond	1.00	
Mrs J C Mac		
Crimmon	.50	
Total to date	\$677.68	