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## A RETROSPECT

Have you and I this year  
Stood silent, as with Christ, each day, apart from fray  
Of life, to see by faith His face;  
To look, if but a moment, at its grace,  
And grow, by brief companionship, more true,  
More nerved to lead, to dare, to do  
For Him at any cost? Have we this year  
Found time, each day, our hand to lay  
In His, and thus compare  
His will with ours, and wear

The impress of His wish? Be sure  
Such contact will endure  
Throughout the years; will help us walk erect  
Through storm and flood; detect  
Within the hidden life, sin's dross, its stain;  
Revive a thought of love for Him again;  
Steady the steps which waver; help us see  
The footpath meant for you and me.

— Selected.

## ONWARD MARCH

NOWHERE is the influence of the grace of God in the third angel's message more manifest than in the work for the colored people in the South. If you could see the bright, happy faces of some of the companies of colored Sabbath-keepers that I have seen during the past summer, and could hear their testimonies and know the change that has come into their lives, you would certainly say that the money has not been expended in vain that produces such results.

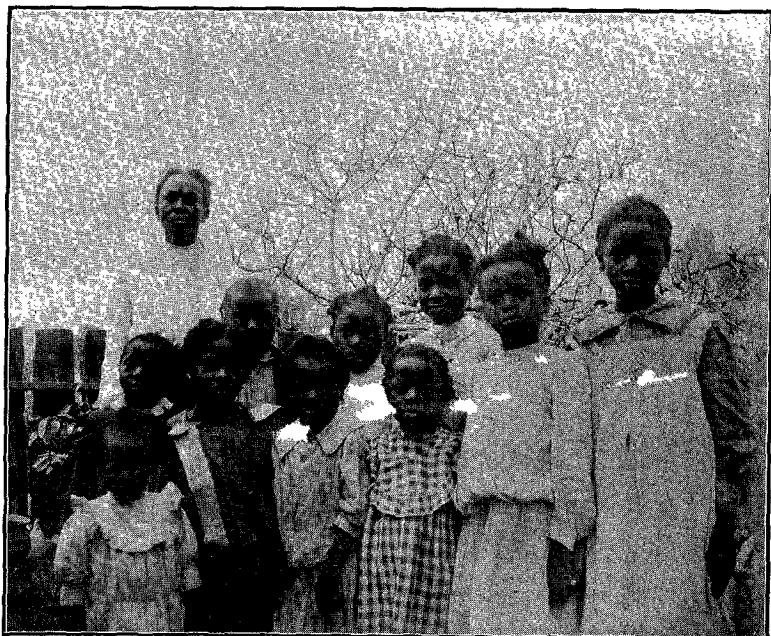
The last October collection, while liberal for a single effort, is wholly inadequate to meet the rapidly growing work for this people. I most earnestly join in the appeal made in this paper for increased liberality in donations to the Southern Missionary Society. The means coming into the treasury are strictly accounted for and carefully expended. The number of mission schools has more than doubled in the last year, and calls for more are coming from many places both in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences.

The Lord has said that the work for the colored people must be greatly in-

creased, and better facilities be provided. In harmony with this advice, a small sanitarium for the colored is being started in Nashville in charge of Dr. Isbell-Blake and Elder D. E. Blake. This move was undertaken by the Southern Missionary Society, under the advice and counsel of

the Southern Union Conference. Self-sacrificing work is being done by those in charge, and the prospects for a good work are bright.

A small sanitarium is also in process of erection at Huntsville, in connection with the Oakwood School. Thus many



A mission teacher and her class

bright young people will be equipped to do better service for the Master among their own people.

In Atlanta, Ga., the Society is co-operating with the Southeastern Union Conference in putting the colored work in

that important center on a better footing. The Lord is going before preparing the way. Shall we not come up to the help of the Lord in providing means that the work may not be hindered.

C. F. McVAGH.



Don't you think these children need at least a small school building?

## A CRISIS REACHED

WE firmly believe the Lord is giving us our final opportunity to do for the colored people of the South the work he would have us do.

There are openings on every hand. But where are the means and workers to enable us to respond to these calls?

The rapid increase in our work has created a situation that we are not able to meet.

We now have more than three times as many schools as we had two years ago. We also have a small sanitarium just opening in Nashville for colored people, and have just purchased property in Atlanta to be fitted up for school, church, and sanitarium purposes in that city, at a total expense including the purchase price, of \$3,500.

This phenomenal increase in the number of our schools and these magnificent openings in Nashville and Atlanta, call loudly for workers and for means.

The opportunities themselves show that the Lord is going out before the people, upon whom he has laid the burden of this work; but in addition to this, we have several recent testimonies calling upon us as a people to push as never before the work of establishing mission schools, building modest churches, and opening small sanitariums in many cities in the South.

Brethren and sisters, this conjunction of God's opening providence with the testimonies of his Spirit, means something: it means that we are left without excuse for further delay. The work called for must be done. If we fail, deliverance will arise from some other source; but in all who fail will be fulfilled the words of Mordecai, "But thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed."

This old earth is groaning for its latter end; it is tottering toward its fall; and the Lord by his Spirit and providence is calling upon his people to cut loose from all that pertains to dwellers in this world. We have reached one of those crises, "God's stern winnows from whose feet earth's chaff must fly." Which shall we be found to be—wheat or chaff?

Not only the non-professor, but the professor whose heart is growing cold and whose affections are fastening upon the things of this life, should ponder well the question, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## THE MOST DIFFICULT FIELD

It is not of the South as a geographical division, but of the colored population of the South, that the statements are made by the Testimonies that this is "the most needy," "the most difficult," and "the most neglected" field.

Were the population of the South practically all white, this field would be no more difficult than the more conservative portions of the North. Were the population overwhelmingly colored, the field would not be essentially different from Jamaica or Barbados.

But as it is, with its mixed population and its social and political questions incident thereto, this field, that is the work for the colored people, is most difficult.

And the difficulty of work for the colored people has led to its neglect. The neglect has not been intentional; it has not been premeditated, but it has been none the less real. People have not known how to do it and therefore have not done it.

Conferences have not known how to take care of this branch of the work; with the result that it has been neglected, not intentionally so, but simply from force of circumstances.

It has sometimes happened that other interests have assumed undue importance just at the critical moment, thus causing the more humble and vastly more difficult work to be lost to sight for the time being.

But, brethren and sisters, the time has come when there should be delay no longer. So far as possible the past should be redeemed by doing now the work that ought to have been done years ago and that could have been done more easily then than now, but which can be done now more easily than at any point in the future.

Influences are at work that are sure to close this field: whatever is to be done for the colored people of the South must be done right speedily.

Not every one can have a part in the actual doing of this work, but every one can have a part in helping the work in a financial way. True, it is a humble work, for a humble and despised people; but remember the words of our Saviour—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

**WHO ARE HELPED?**

THE Southern Missionary Society, by its educational work reaches a class of people not helped to the same extent by any other uplifting, ennobling agency.

The teachers of this Society go not only into the highways, but into the byways and hedges. The boy or girl whose parents have enough money can go to Tuskegee or to one of the great colored universities in Nashville or Atlanta to be educated. But the teachers of the Southern Missionary Society seek out the children of the poor, instill into their hearts a love for the good, and into their

minds a longing for knowledge, and as they develop, point the way to higher attainments, nobler aims, purer aspirations. Scores of youth who, a few years ago, knew nothing but the drudgery of ignorance, have been elevated to the plane of the helpful, remunerative labor of intelligence. Quite a number are now teachers; others are trained nurses; one is a physician, several are devoted ministers of the gospel, while scores are intelligent, industrious citizens, an honor to their race, helpful to the communities in which they live, and a strength to the states of which they are citizens.

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## REPORT FROM OUR FIELD SECRETARY

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DEAR BRETHREN: I have now visited all the schools in Florida, and saw Elder Parmele at Orlando. I have nothing but a good report to bring from this part of the Southeastern Union Conference. Elder Parmele is taking right hold to help the colored work. The colored people here feel that he is interested in them, and thus perfect harmony prevails. Page Shepard is just beginning his work here, and thus far the colored people are pleased with his methods and welcome him to this field.

I find each colored school in Florida trying to do something for itself and to keep down expenses. I have been much pleased with the way they get along. Sister Whetsel at Jacksonville hasn't one-half enough blackboard, and only the rudest kind of benches without backs. She had no stove when I was there, but I understand has recently obtained one and reported same to you.

At Lakeland, Sister Crooke has the very poorest excuse for a blackboard. I call it no good whatever. It is simply three boards from a dry goods box three feet long, given one coat of black paint. She also has rude home-made benches. They have a building here fourteen by eighteen, built by the colored members themselves. It cost about \$100; so you can judge about what kind it is. Here they have no need of a stove, as it is warm all the winter.

At East Palatka where Wilda Wilson teaches, school is held in an old cabin with but one window with glass; the rest are openings with trap doors. Her black-

board is eighteen inches by two feet six. The parents of the children buy the crayon, etc., thus saving expense to the Society. I noted from her report blanks that she reports not one item of expense. This is the interest the patrons of her school manifest. The patrons of every one of these schools seem to appreciate them, and many bright youth are being won for the kingdom.

At this last place, East Palatka, the people are very anxious for a building. The community do not like the work of Adventists because they find members coming to our church, and they will scarcely rent to us. Now the children are walking a mile further than last year, and are thankful to get even this old cabin. There is possibility of their having to give it up. They say if we will give them \$100 they will do all the rest — put up the building complete and have it ready by January 1. I wish we could do this. Suppose you mention it in the GOSPEL HERALD.

I also visited Sister Sauk's private self-supporting school at Plant City. Here is a fine school of forty-six children. Sister Sauks has an assistant, Sister Munford. Sister Sauks is buying the two lots where she teaches and has erected a two-story building for the school rooms below and living rooms above. This building is unfinished. They are in need of \$200 to complete it. She has no help from the conference other than moral support.

Let us remember the work in Florida.  
F. H. ROGERS.

**FLORIDA**

FLORIDA, with its tropical sunshine, fruits, and flowers, resembling in some respects the climate of Africa, its distant ocean neighbor, is the home of thousands of the colored race, whose woes have wrung in indescribable anguish the heart of the infinitely Just One and the compassionate Redeemer.

These people have much, however, in the way of churches, but they are filled with the "wine of Babylon," and this is a snare to them. They know not the time of their visitation. We are standing on the verge of the eternal world. These people are in fatal ignorance of the world's impending doom. They need the enlightening, soul-saving truths of the third angel's message to prepare them to stand without an intercessor when the terrible plagues shall be smiting the rejectors of God's law, who now mock at the terrible warning of the third angel.

What must be done to turn these souls away from the wrath to come and point them to the glorious inheritance of the saints? They must be educated: the pure word must be taught them by wise-hearted teachers who know the truth for these times, who will turn away the deadly wine of Babylon from the lips of the children, for these are the ones that can be reached with greatest degree of certainty.

The parents readily send their smaller children to our schools. Here, then, is an opening wedge which breaks up prejudice and gives access to homes. The consecrated teacher, by a consistent life and gracious words, may tell the fond parents they are training their children to be companions of sinless angels.

One hundred thirty thousand colored people live in Florida. There are but six missionary schools to care for the pressing needs of these thousands whose teachers realize their sacred calling to present their charges day by day, often in tears, to a compassionate Saviour to mold their minds after the divine image.

The Southern Missionary Society has solved the problem of how to reach these unreached. Their labors have been blessed of God. Many good schools might be operated by this Society if there were means to establish and maintain them.

The tremendous claims of this people for loving consideration of those whom

God has so richly endowed with talents and means, if ignored, will mar their characters, and unfit them to mingle with those "who loved not their lives unto death." Will you, dear reader, before the hastening days of restricted opportunity prevent your labors of love, do

something for the great needy field of Florida? May the great God direct your thoughts to this blood-bought heritage, that you may share with him his love for souls, rejoice unspeakably, and endure to all eternity with the angels.

PAGE SHEPARD.

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## AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

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Writing of the South, Sister White tells this interesting bit of experience:—

"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, and to 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 for all members of the family.

Sister White then makes this statement and appeal in her own words:—

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

"Let every mother teach her children lessons in self-denial. Oh, how much money we waste on useless articles in the house, on ruffles and fancy dress, and on candies and other articles we do not need. Parents, teach your children

that it is wrong to use God's money in self-gratification. Tell them of the poor colored people, and their needs, and encourage them to save their pennies wherever possible to be used in missionary work. They will gain rich experiences through the practice of self-denial, and such lessons will often keep them from acquiring habits of intemperance.

"Let the work of these Self-denial Boxes be carried on more than it has yet been. And do not become weary of their use. . . .

The Lord calls upon every one to whom He has entrusted means, to give for the support of His work. And He will greatly bless those who follow His example of self-denial.

And now, brethren and sisters, we come to you asking you to adopt this plan if you have not already done so. We will gladly send each of you free as many boxes as you wish for yourself and friends.

Indeed we are sending many of these boxes to persons who have not ordered them hoping that they will be used as the testimonies tell us they should be. Friends, what response will you make, not to our invitation, but to the Lord's invitation to use these little boxes in contributing to his cause?

more, but it is self-denial with us all the time. May God bless in every way the work in the South. And my little boy, Fay, sends in twenty-two cents as his self-denial, with his prayers for the colored people."

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,—

ENCLOSED please find an order for ——. This money is from the old colored lady, Mrs. M. A. Williams, eighty-six years old. She saved the money for the Society by selling the eggs her hens laid on the Sabbath.

Yours for the Master,

MINNIE LANNING.

Eaton, Colo., Sept. 17, 1908.

## NATCHEZ, MISS.

JUST a few lines of encouragement about our school here in Natchez.

We are looking on the bright side. The seeds are being sown in faith for the Lord has promised to give the results. We are thankful to report something of our joy and success, that your joy may be full.

On a few Sabbaths past, "a day set apart for missionary work in general," several of the school children took an active part in the program. They seem to be filled with delight. The *Little Friend* has won its way to their hearts.

Through the efforts of the school, we can encouragingly state that we have two Sabbath-school scholars whose parents are not Adventists. The seeds are planted: God will give the increase.

Now, while we are getting along so well and the little hearts are desiring to do something for the Lord, I thought it best to introduce a plan among them that will give each one an opportunity to do some missionary work. I have already suggested to them about the Self-Denial Boxes. Some are planting gardens to sell the produce; others sell eggs; and those who have pennies to buy "nic-nac" place them in the boxes. At the end of the term we will see how faithful these little servants of the Lord have been.

I am glad to say that the parents seem to co-operate with us in this work, as it is an industrial feature for the children after school. Our school this year has somewhat fallen below the mark of last in point of numbers. We have a total enrolment of eighty-six, with a daily attendance of about forty-five. We can

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## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

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HERE we are again with letters from Self-Denial Box users and other correspondents.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

ENCLOSED find — from my Self-Denial Box, for the work among the colored people. This is a very small sum indeed; but I know that he who blessed the five loaves and the two fishes so that they were more than enough for

five thousand people can also bless these few cents and make them go a long way.

Your sister in Christ,

CHRISTIANE RASMUSSEN.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 8, 1908.

A DEAR sister in South Dakota writes: "I send in ten cents for my renewal to, the GOSPEL HERALD for another year. Also the money for self-denial which is fifty-two cents. I wish it could be

praise the Lord for this. Satan is working hard against us, but the Lord is our Captain. He will carry us through.

Pray that we may each be found faithful at our post of duty when the Lord appears.

MILDRED ANDERSON.

### READ THIS FROM KANSAS

I OUGHT to have written to you before, as the time had run out for which I had subscribed for the GOSPEL HERALD. I have felt very much interested in the little paper, but my eyesight has failed so much I fear I shall not be able to read the dear little paper any longer.

I have felt a very deep interest in the work among the colored people. I enclose \$1.00 for that work. It is but a mite. I would like to give much more, but am not able to earn anything now at this advanced age of my life, being nearly eighty-four years of age.

I also feel a deep interest in the canvassing work. Let me here tell a little of my experience in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." A certain number were sent to the church, and they were divided up so that each member had a quota to dispose of.

I took my quota and started out to take orders, with my heart uplifted to God for him to guide and direct me where to go. At the first house at which I called, to my surprise I took an order, though they were not religious people. When night came I had two thirds of my number sold; but where I was to sell the rest, I did not know. So I again prayed earnestly that the Lord would guide me where to go. When morning came I had no light; so I must go the way I thought best. As I was traveling I came to a fork in the road. I suddenly stopped and was deeply impressed to turn around at that point and go a different way from what I had intended; and then I soon took another order. So I was sure the Lord directed me, and I went home that night rejoicing and singing the song of jubilee—all my books sold. Surely the Lord will hear our prayers if we are consecrated to him and come to him for help.

As I was in the first message, I can look back and see how wonderfully this last message has spread, until the dark corners of the earth are being enlightened by its glory. May the Lord bless

and speed the work until his children shall all be gathered home.

MRS. M. S. FINCH.

Gretna, Kansas.

### A RESOLUTION OF THANKS

SHORTLY before the close of the Summer School at Oakwood, the teachers there assembled adopted the following as expressive of their appreciation of the privileges they were there permitted to enjoy:—

"We, the mission workers under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society, wish to render most heart-felt thanks for the deep interest manifested in the mission schools and the brotherly kindness shown us.

"Resolved, That we fully consecrate our all to the service of God, and that this be made the best year of our lives.

"Resolved, That we most earnestly pray the blessing of God to rest upon those who have this work in charge, and you all who are giving means to carry forward the mission school work among the colored people of the South."

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ciples among our friends and neighbors. We are sure these charts in this attractive form will be acceptable to many who would not study these truths if otherwise presented, and believe, therefore, they should have a wide circulation.

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### RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1908

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Mrs M A Rice.....	1.00
A Friend .....	.35
C S Twing.....	10.00
Al Lovgren.....	10.00
V J Boroughs.....	.45
Lydia Johnson.....	10.00
Mary E Ayres.....	50.00
B C Chandler.....	1.00
J N Webb and	
Family .....	3.54
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Phebe H Hamp.....	1.50
Mollie Patterson ..	.50
Mrs Therese	
Lohmiller .....	1.00
Emma H Lovell	
& Celia Wallack.....	10.00
D W Barr.....	6.00
Mrs Whalen.....	2.00
Mrs Ina Judd.....	1.00
E E Vinson.....	4.75
Mrs Sarah J Brown	5.00
Mrs Ella Cogizer.....	.25
Glen Graves .....	.05
Hattie Rishel .....	1.15
Ethel Rishel .....	.10
Fern Graves .....	.30
Willie Rishel .....	.05
Unknown source ..	.60
Sever Jacobson ..	3.40
Sarah Crandall ..	5.00
Oscar Morris .....	1.00
Mrs J W Davidson	8.35
Indiana Conf.....	25.00
Mrs Jacob Jensen.....	.50
Effie A Stoop.....	1.25
Busy Bee Society...	.50
Mrs H Hamlin.....	2.15
Total ..	\$177.74

#### From the Self-Denial Boxes

German sisters Milwaukee Church..	\$3.40
College View Church	3.56
Mrs A G Anderson	2.00
Emma C Hinterleiter .....	.76
Mrs Wm Hackett.....	1.00
Wm Powers .....	1.10
Mrs J A Dill.....	.37
Mrs Isaac Wilder.....	1.00
C S Twing.....	.60
Mrs C O Record.....	.76
Mrs S A Dudgeon.....	2.50
Mrs M A Sewell.....	2.00
Mrs Mattie E Kent ..	.75
C W Hansen.....	1.22
Sadie Cook .....	4.30
Bancroft Church.....	1.05
Mrs J W Payne.....	.50
Marguerite Payne ..	.40
Mrs C S Wilbur.....	.14

S M Welton.....	.25
Minnie Furrow .....	.70
Mrs J Sheldon.....	2.22
Mr & Mrs S C Mansfield .....	.50
Mrs James Smith.....	.50
J C Simonds.....	1.02
Mrs H C Mitchell.....	1.30
J N Webb and	
Family .....	1.60
Newark Church .....	2.55
Mollie Patterson.....	.15
Elizabeth Austin ..	.63
Della E Gossage.....	.85
Mrs E R Fries.....	1.50
Mrs Sarah J Brown	3.00
Mary J Lamont.....	4.00
Mrs M Harrie.....	.90
Mrs N A Honeywell	.42
Ruth Behner .....	.37
Lora Weeks .....	.26
Marion Sanders ..	.30
Chris, Ellen, and	
Harold Foss .....	1.20
F J Harris.....	2.26
Ruth Jenks .....	.30
Vesta Sammer .....	1.75
Mrs Andrew Cobb.....	.50
Elva G Wilson.....	.50
Mrs Geo H Scott.....	.50
Mrs J C Miller.....	.55
Miss Mary Mier.....	1.00
Mrs and Miss	
Churchill .....	2.10
Mrs Addie Mathew.....	1.35
Eloise Case .....	.55
Mrs Lucy Kellogg.....	1.00
Thos S Burns.....	1.00
Lillian Farrar .....	1.00
Mrs Mary Kirkwood.....	.35
A H Snyder.....	.75
Vernie Prinne.....	.75
Mary H Brown.....	1.00
Total ..	\$68.84

#### For the Support of Ministers Working for the Colored People

Mrs P J Rennings	\$12.50
Mrs R A Whaley	50.00
Mabel Parker .....	5.25

Total .. \$67.75

#### Atlanta Building Fund

Previously rep't'd	\$691.58
Vina McBride.....	1.00
Lydia S Lane.....	1.00
A Friend .....	40.00
S B White.....	5.00
Mrs E Summerton	2.00
Salenia Molett .....	1.40

Total to date..\$741.98

**“We have had every advantage in temporal and spiritual things, and shall we do nothing for our colored brethren? We cannot abandon the colored race and be accounted as guiltless. — Mrs. E. G. White.**

## THE GOSPEL HERALD

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Unless the Southern Missionary Society receives largely increased donations soon its work will suffer. We thought that surely the October offering this year would be much larger than for two or three years in the past. This is not the case, however, and now our work is in great danger of being crippled. It is not, however, too late to save our struggling schools and infant institutions, so long called for by the Testimonies. Liberal and prompt donations made now will save the day, turning threatening defeat into victory. Remember the words of the Saviour recorded in Matt. 25: 34 - 40.

A TESTIMONY dated Oct. 19, 1908, says: “Years ago the truth should have been proclaimed from city to city in those fields where there are many colored people. In these cities sanitariums and schools are to be established, in suitable locations; and these institutions are not to be left barren of much-needed facilities, as the Huntsville School was left for years.”

“He who is closely connected with Christ is lifted above the prejudice of color or caste. His faith takes hold of eternal realities. The divine Author of truth is to be uplifted. Our hearts are to be filled with the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The work of the good Samaritan is the example that we are to follow.”

“As a means of overcoming prejudice and gaining access to minds, medical missionary work must be done, not in one or two places only, but in many places where the truth has not yet been proclaimed. This work will break down prejudice as nothing else can do.”

ONE needs only to read the daily papers in the light of Bible prophecy, to know that we are living in the last days. “As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matt. 24: 37. In the days of Noah, “the earth was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence.” Gen. 6: 11.

That the earth is filled with violence today is witnessed by the frequency of murder and kindred crimes. There are approximately ten thousand recorded murders in the United States every year, or an average of over twenty-seven homicides every day,—more than one for every hour of every day of the year.

Surely we are living in perilous times! Nor is the peril wholly physical; the moral atmosphere is filled with the miasma of every shade of unbelief. Formerly the line of demarcation between avowed infidels and believers in the inspiration of God's Word was clear and distinct; now the Bible is most sorely wounded in the house of its professed friends. Surely we are living in the days foretold by the apostle in 2 Tim. 3: 1 - 5.

“We know so little of the hearts  
That everywhere around us beat,  
So little of the inner lives  
Of those whom day by day we greet;  
That it behooves us one and all  
Gently to deal with those we meet.”

### OBITUARY

LOWE.—Died at Edgefield Junction, Tenn., on the night of Dec. 3, 1908, “Uncle” Harry Lowe, as he was familiarly known by everybody. The subject of this sketch was probably about eighty years of age; being born a slave he did not know his exact age. Quite early in life Brother Lowe united with the Baptist Church, and was in that communion ordained to the gospel ministry. About thirty years ago, he embraced present truth and remained steadfast in the faith until his death. Some two or three weeks before his death, the writer visited “Uncle Harry,” and asked what scripture he would like to have read to him. His answer was, “Read where it says, ‘Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.’” At still another time he called for the first Psalm, not by number, but by quoting from it the words, “Blessed is the man” whose “delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

In 1883 “Uncle Harry” became elder of a little church of ten members at Edgefield Junction. A little later a small church building was erected and dedicated through his efforts. He remained elder of this congregation until his death,

and was buried from the little church his zeal and energy had erected. He is survived by an aged wife, by six children, and by a number of grandchildren. We believe he sleeps in Jesus. C. P. B.

We had hoped to be able to print in this issue of the GOSPEL HERALD pictures of our newly-acquired mission property in Atlanta, and also of our treatment rooms and mission home in Nashville. We have been disappointed, however, in this. But our readers may expect something interesting along this line next month.

### ANNUAL MEETING

THE first annual meeting of the Southern Missionary Society, a body corporate under the laws of the state of Tennessee (in effect auxiliary to the Mississippi Society of the same name), will be held in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., at 10 A. M., Jan. 8, 1909, for the election of a Board of Trustees, and for the transaction of such other business as shall legally come before said meeting.

N. B.—The members of the Executive Committees of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences are the members of this Society, and under the statutes of the state of Tennessee, each member is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy.

C. F. McVAGH, *Pres.*,

C. P. BOLLMAN, *Sec.*

### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

THIS is to notify all concerned that the eleventh annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Missionary Society, a corporation of the state of Mississippi, will be held at 209 Fayette St., in the city of Vicksburg, Miss., at ten o'clock, A. M., January 27, 1909, for the election of a board of directors and for the transaction of such other business as shall properly come before said meeting.

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