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IF WE KNEW

COULD we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,—
Often we would find it better,
Purer than we judge we would;
We would love each other better,
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we would love the sinner
Though we deeply loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity,
We would judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment—
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim external roughness
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Would we help where now we hinder?
Would we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
Oh! we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

—Selected.

The Atlanta Building Dedicated

THE long-talked-of building for Atlanta has at last been completed and dedicated.

The building is one of the neatest owned by this Society, and is a credit to the work for which it stands. It is on a car line giving good service, and is easily reached from any part of the city.

The auditorium is seated with chairs. The low rostrum is surmounted by a neat desk. Underneath the rostrum is a baptistry. The room is neatly papered and presents a very pleasing appearance. Its acoustic properties also are good.

The two school-rooms are separated by folding doors, so arranged as to make it easy to throw the two rooms into one for general exercises, such as opening and closing school. A door on either side of the rostrum gives easy access to the school-rooms, so that they can be used

for dressing purposes upon baptismal occasions.

Sabbath afternoon, February 6, there was a union meeting of the white and colored congregations in the new building. Instead of a single discourse on this occasion, there were short talks by several speakers as follows in the order named: Elders C. P. Bollman, Sydney Scott, R. T. Dowsett, W. H. Sebastian, and W. A. Westworth.

The dedicatory service was held Sunday afternoon, February 7, and was well attended. The following was the program: Hymn; Invocation; Anthem; Historical Sketch; Duet; Sermon; Solo; Scripture Reading; Dedicatory Prayer; Hymn; and Benediction. The divine blessing was invoked by G. A. Williams. The historical sketch was given by the pastor of the church, Elder W. H. Se-

bastian. The sermon was preached by Elder C. P. Bollman, Secretary of the Southern Missionary Society. The Scripture reading was by Elder R. T. Dowsett; while the dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder W. A. Westworth, President of the Southeastern Union Conference, to whom much credit is due for securing the property and pushing the work of fitting up the building for the work to which it has now been set apart.

The lot upon which the building stands is sixty-two by one hundred twenty feet, fronting upon Greens Ferry Ave., with a ten-foot alley on two sides. It is planned to erect upon this lot a two-story cottage, say sixteen by forty feet, to serve as a mission home and treatment rooms, with accommodations for a few house patients; the whole property, church, school-rooms, cottage, treatment rooms, etc., not to cost over \$3,500.

The lot, with the original building, cost \$1,244.80. The cost of refitting the building for school and church purposes was about \$1,000. Thus something over \$1,200 can yet be expended in the treatment rooms and mission home without exceeding the original estimate of \$3,500 for the entire plant.

The property has city water, sewerage, gas and electricity, paved streets and sidewalks.

We are sure it would have done our readers good, could they have been present and heard the expressions of thankfulness that fell from the lips of Elder Sebastian and those to whom he ministers the word of life.

While friends in the North have been donating to the fund to provide these buildings, Elder Sebastian and his people have not been idle; they have done well.

But the property is not yet clear of debt, and there is still opportunity to donate to this very worthy enterprise. The Lord is calling upon us to go forward. Let us strive to keep pace with God's opening providences.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING IN VICKSBURG, MISS.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Missionary Society, of Mississippi, was held at Vicksburg, Jan. 27, 1909. Elder C. F. McVagh, President of the Society, and also President of the Southern Union Conference, presided. Prayer was offered by Elder W. S. Lowry, President of the Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The By-laws of the Society provide that "at all regular and called meetings of the Society, the stock-holders present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business." A roll call, however, revealed the fact that of the 7,018 shares of stock issued, 2,413 shares were represented—31 in person and 2,382 by proxy. This was over 34 per cent. of the entire stock issued, and was felt to be a very fair representation, considering the large extent of territory over which the stock-holders are scattered.

The report of the Treasurer was submitted and adopted as follows:—

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC 31, 1908.

<i>Resources.</i>	
Columbus lot and school.....	\$750.00
Greenville school	685.99
Jackson church and school.....	1,000.00
Nashville Winter St. property.....	1,886.42
Natchez church and school.....	1,856.00
Signal, Miss., lot.....	25.00
Vicksburg property	6,000.00
Yazoo City lot.....	250.00
Yazoo City church and parsonage....	1,885.88
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Total real estate.....	\$14,339.29
Accounts receivable	822.37
Bills receivable	421.33
Union Bank & Trust Co.....	16.29
Cash on hand.....	13.46
Inventory of stock on hand.....	3,155.34
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Total resources	\$18,768.08
<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Accounts payable	\$1,935.79
Bills payable	2,480.00
Certificates of stock issued \$7,018.00	
Surplus ..	7,334.29
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Present worth	\$14,352.29 14,352.29
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	\$18,768.08

The business of the session was greatly simplified by the fact that at a joint meeting of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conference Committees, held in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8 - 12, 1909, the following persons were suggested as members of the Board of Directors for the Society for the ensuing year: C. F. McVagh, W. A. Westworth, J. F. Pogue, W. R. Burrow, F. R. Rogers, P. E. Palmer, and C. P. Bollman.

On motion of Thomas Murphy supported by L. V. Crawford, the Secretary was instructed by unanimous vote to cast the ballot of all the stockholders represented in the meeting for the above-named persons. This was done and they were declared duly elected members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Missionary Society of Mississippi.

A proposition having been received from the Southern Missionary Society, a constituency corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Tennessee, to purchase the entire property of the Southern Missionary Society, a stock company chartered in Mississippi, it was unanimously voted to instruct the Board of Directors to accept said proposition and to sell said property to the said Tennessee corporation at the inventory price, namely, \$14,314.29. This proposition includes eight pieces of real estate, seven of which are located in Mississippi and one in Tennessee.

It was explained to the stockholders present that, like all our older corporations, the Southern Missionary Society of Mississippi is a joint stock company. When the time came that it was necessary to acquire property outside of Mississippi, it was found that the stock feature made it difficult and expensive to file the charter in other states, as must be done wherever property might be acquired. In view of this it was decided about a year ago to incorporate the Society under the laws of the state of Tennessee. A charter was taken out, therefore, under the General Welfare form in said state. This new corporation, instead of having stockholders, has a constituency composed of the several members of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conference Committees of Seventh-day Adventists, unincorporated.

While legally the Southern Missionary Society in Mississippi and the Society of the same name in Tennessee are two separate and distinct corporations.

morally and in effect they are one and the same society. The policy of the officers of the two corporations is, therefore, to transfer as soon as possible the title of all property to the new non-stock corporation, after which the old Mississippi stock charter can be surrendered.

In order that this transfer of title may be legally made, the new, non-stock corporation, will purchase the property of the old stock corporation. The money to be paid for this property will be used by the Board of the old corporation in carrying forward its legitimate work of establishing and maintaining mission schools. In this way the old stock corporation will soon consume the value of its entire property, and can then go out of business; while the property, instead of passing into the hands of strangers and being lost to the cause to which it has been dedicated, will simply pass to the new non-stock corporation, still to be used in the same work for which it was originally acquired.

All present at the Vicksburg meeting felt much encouraged by the prospects of the work for which the Society stands. The progress of the cause, and not the particular form of the agencies by which it is carried forward, is the important thing. There must be no backward steps in the Lord's work.

C. P. BOLLMAN, *Secretary.*

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

A FRIEND in California writes: "Enclosed please find a money order for \$5.25 to be devoted expressly to the colored missionary work. We have been putting all our pennies into the Self-denial Box, and have sold over four dollars' worth of chrysanthemums raised in our garden. I tried hard to sell more, but could not. I hope to do better with them next year. May God bless and prosper the work, though I can do so little."

Another friend in Pennsylvania says: "I ought to have written 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, also in the colored people. I never saw one colored person where I was born; but when I came to this country, my heart went out to the first one I saw. I often wonder how some can despise them, for I always have love in my heart for my colored brethren.

"This morning I received a Self-denial Box, and also one dollar very unexpectedly, I thank the Lord for that dollar. I had nothing with which to pay for my paper, and was just wondering where I could get something to send. As I have always sent a dollar, I did not wish to send less.

"I feel like singing all the time,
My sins are washed away;
For Jesus is a friend of mine,
I will serve him every day."

"I enclose ten cents for the paper another year, and ninety cents for the Southern Missionary Society. It is a small sum, I know; but as He sent this dollar into my hand to give, so will he also bless it. May God bless every effort put forth for the colored people."

This letter is from Illinois: "Enclosed find draft for \$27.40 from my Self-denial Box, for the education of the colored people. This sum is largely the proceeds of saving car fare by walking to my work during the year 1908. But the dear Lord was certainly very good to me, for

I am now also spared the larger portion of the walking, as this fall I was given the school nearest my home, and have been able to go home to dinners since then.

"He has promised us the blessing if we are faithful in tithes and offerings, and he proves to us at each opportunity we give him that he is faithful that promised. I trust the Lord may add his blessing to this offering, and that some efficient worker may be helped to prepare to give this blessed message to this needy people."

One of our Southern friends writes

this from Mississippi: "I was very much pleased with the Self-denial Box you sent me. Please send me one dozen boxes at once. I have had many calls for them.

"If there ever was a time when sacrifice should be made, it is now, because it is through sacrifice that God's work must be carried forward. Of every one God requires self sacrifice. Christ says, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.' Luke 9:23. I ask your prayers in behalf of my pupils, that they may learn the lesson of self denial."

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER, 1908

The following report is for the donations received during the month of December, 1908.

<i>Donations</i>	
Grace Allen	\$5.00
Mrs E G Dewey ..	.30
Mrs S M Olesen ..	1.25
Mrs M E Kneale ..	.80
Mrs H A McReynolds ..	5.00
Mrs P Fred Romore ..	.10
Mrs Nettie Winter ..	.10
Mrs Maud Davis ..	.05
William Reefman ..	.90
J S Thorp and family ..	1.28
Miss K S DeWolf ..	.90
Mrs Jane Slayton ..	2.00
Ed Christiansen ..	2.04
S H Smith ..	1.00
S W Phillips ..	.90
Alabama Conf. ..	1.00
Olive E Griffin ..	10.00
H L Halverson ..	1.50
N Reynolds ..	.93
A Friend ..	1.00
Mrs Abbie Freer ..	.15
A Friend ..	.14
Hannah Johnson ..	1.50
M Martinson ..	.75
Wm T Hilgert ..	.10
A Friend ..	.10
B B Francis ..	.25
Mrs Ellen Powelson ..	1.00
Mrs E A Bush ..	5.25
Mrs J A Burkey ..	.70
Mary B Dunbar ..	.20
C S Twing ..	10.00
Southwestern Union Conference ..	3.97
Grinnell Church ..	20.00
A Friend ..	9.00
F H Schramm ..	5.30
Total ..	\$94.46
<i>From the Self-Denial Boxes</i>	
Mrs Nyda G Scofield ..	.80
L D Estes ..	.50
John Durham ..	2.00
Mrs Etta E Dickinson ..	3.75
Floyd Brailliar ..	2.67
Mrs Emma C Hintler ..	.16
Kate Peiffer ..	.90
Mrs J H Austin ..	.83
Mrs R F Lock and children ..	1.00
N Nelson ..	1.60
C M Crane ..	1.90
Mr and Mrs S C Mansfield ..	.50
Mrs James Smith ..	.50
C B Hawpe ..	1.41
East Mich Conf. ..	.80
Elva G Wilcox ..	.16
Olive E Griffin ..	.50
N Reynolds ..	1.07
Walter McLeod ..	2.00
Newark Church ..	3.86
Alice A Cracker ..	2.66
A Friend ..	2.00
H Barlow ..	7.00
S D Chapman ..	2.50
Mrs B B Francis ..	1.00
Mrs Ella Grover ..	1.00
Mrs W N Bartlett ..	1.25
Mr and Mrs F Otto Rathbun ..	1.30
Total ..	\$45.62
<i>For the Support of Ministers Working for the Colored People</i>	
A Friend ..	3.00
Mabel Parker ..	5.05
Mrs A C Chronister ..	4.75
Mabel Parker ..	2.10
A Friend ..	10.00
F H Schramm ..	5.70
Mabel Parker ..	1.80
Total ..	\$32.40
<i>Atlanta Building Fund</i>	
Prev. reported ..	\$741.98
James Vile ..	200.00
Mrs J LaFave ..	.30
A Friend ..	38.00
Friends ..	38.20
Total to date	\$1,018.48

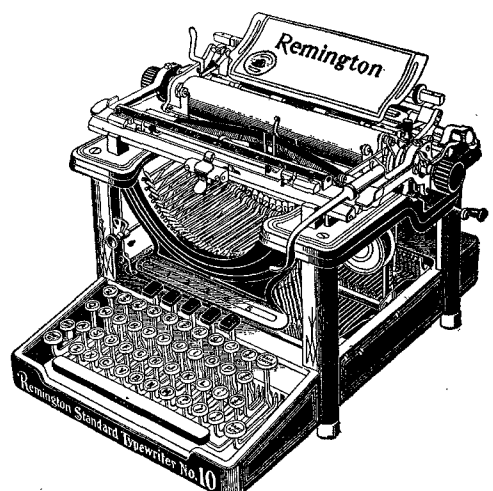


The Rock City Sanitarium, Foster St. front, showing one of the three beautiful magnolia trees on the Property

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THE most important question in all the world is, "What must I do to be saved?"

God calls upon his people to redeem the time by doing now in a short time the work that ought to have been done years ago.

THE conclusion is unavoidable that if our brethren in the great Northern field do not take hold of the colored work in earnest, it cannot be made a success. Multitudes of souls will be lost, and the work will drag along as it has been doing, or even more slowly.—*G. I. Butler.*

God expects us who have the truth to step in now, and bring relief to the Southern work, while the crisis is on. If we do not move quickly in this, God may, as in the days of Esther, bring deliverance from another source. But in this case, we forfeit the blessing in store for us, and jeopardize our own soul's salvation.

MANY of us have been greatly blessed in material things since receiving the truth, and some have not considered that it was that we might have the means with which to help give the truth to the neglected race of colored people. Think, brother, of the bounties bestowed on you this very season, and decide on a liberal division of it for distribution in this work.

THE Rock City Sanitarium (colored) is now ready for business. This institution is located at the corner of Foster and Stewart Streets, Nashville, Tenn. The physician in charge is Dr. Lottie C. Isbell-Blake, and patients who desire to avail themselves of the institution should correspond with her before coming to Nashville.

The Rock City Sanitarium, though small, is well equipped, and patients can feel sure of thoroughly up-to-date treatment and the best of care.

"TIRED! Well, and what of that!

Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease,
Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by the breeze?

Come, arouse thee! work while it is called to-day!

Come, arise! go forth upon thy way!"

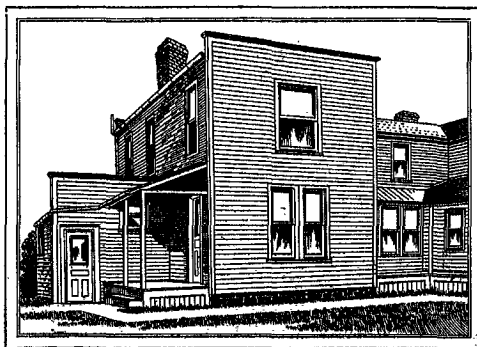
THE enemy of souls is using every means he can employ to lull us to sleep as to our condition, and what God requires of us. If he can keep us wholly absorbed in our own affairs, so that we have no time for God's work, he is satisfied. Our real safety is in active labor for others. Some feel incapable of doing missionary work, and others have no time. Still another class are willing, but have had no experience, and are waiting for parents or church officers to lead the way.

To every man God has given a work to do. Through the servant of God a plan is now proposed by which every man, woman, and child can find active employment in home missionary work.

"SCHOOLS for colored children and youth are to be established in many places."—*Testimony of Oct. 19, 1908.*

ENCLOSED please find an order for \$4.15. This money is from an 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.

MINNIE LANNING.



View of Rock City Sanitarium from Stewart Street, showing the newly erected part with treatment rooms on first floor; operating room and patients' rooms above.

TO-DAY

WE must not for a moment forget that our daily lives are teaching those with whom we have to do. I am trying to let my every-day life be a light to those with whom I associate since I have been in California.

There is a family of colored people with whom I am beginning to hold Bible studies. We have had just one study as yet, but hope to continue this work each week.

We are nearing the close of this world's history, and God is simply waiting for this truth to reach the ends of the earth. We all cannot spread this message in the same way, but there is something for each one to do. The selling of our papers is one way of hastening the message. I sold a great many papers the past summer at Vicksburg, with the aid of Elder Thomas Murphy. Perhaps I will do this work again, if God is willing; but even to do this I need to study my Bible diligently. So I am doing this each night and am pleading with God for power from on high.

I desire the prayers of the readers of this paper at this time.

FROZELLA JACKSON.

Merced, Calif.

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