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SERVING

FOR Thou hast met our longings
With words of golden tone,
That we shall serve forever
Thyself, Thyself alone.

Shall serve Thee, and forever —
Oh, hope most sure, most fair;
The perfect love outpouring
In perfect service there.

— F. R. Havergal.



CHARACTER A VALUABLE ASSET

EVERY man is bound to aim at the possession of a good character as one of the highest objects of his life. His very effort to secure it by worthy means will furnish a motive for exertion; and his idea of manhood, in proportion as it is elevated, will steady and animate his motives.

Although genius always commands admiration, character most secures respect. The former is more the product of brain power, the latter of heart power; and, in the long run, it is the heart that rules the life. Men of genius stand to society in relation to its intellect; men of character in relation to its conscience. While the former receives abundant admiration, the latter obtains a generous following.

Deportment, honesty, caution, and a desire to do right, carried out in practise, are to human character what truth and reverence and love are to religion. They are the unvaried elements of a good reputation. Such virtues can never be reproached, although the vulgar and despicable may scoff at them; but it is not so much in their affected revulsion at them as it is the wish to reduce them to the standard of their own degraded notions and vitiated passions.

Firmness of principle, both moral and religious, will always command the

proudest encomium of the intelligent world to the exclusion of every other thing connected with human existence. The effect of character is to always command consideration. We sport and laugh and toy with men and women who are destitute of it, but we are never willing to confide in them.

The noblest contribution which any man can make for the benefit of posterity is that of a good character. The richest bequest which any man can leave to his children or the youth of his native land is a shining, spotless example.

The community and nation are made up of individuals, and each one gives a hue to the character of the nation or the age in which he lives. The raindrops cannot claim that each one is a great affair, and yet upon their combined influence depends the beauty of the landscape, the stream that gladdens the valleys, and the food of man and beast. So the honor, prosperity, and hopes of a race or nation, state or community, depend on the character of the individuals composing the same. The man who strives to form a good character does not strive in vain; he cannot fail of his reward if he but diligently seek the same by earnest resolve and patient labor.—
National Baptist Union.



THE WIDOW'S MITE

How natural it is for man to hold on this world with one hand, and to reach after the next with the other. The gift of God was costly. He gave us his most precious, priceless possession, his only begotten Son; and yet how many consider that they have really given when they have an abundance left. This is not the Scriptural principle of giving.

“And Jesus sat over against the treas-

ury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury.” Why?—“For all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.”

This poor widow had but two mites. She gave both to the Lord. She did not give one and keep the other. What a misapprehension of this touching Bible story do those have who give, perhaps a dollar, and call it the “widow’s mite.” Remember, brother, there was not one, but two mites. She gave both. If you have given but one, have you followed the example of the widow, which Jesus commended? Where is the other mite? Have you kept it for yourself? How can one who could easily give one hundred times as much claim to have given as this poverty-stricken widow in Isarel gave? Remember that God measures not the gift as men measure, but by what is left and what it has cost to give; and the blessing is in proportion to the sacrifice. The widow’s two mites given by every Seventh-day Adventist would doubtless raise one hundred times as much as is now being given by our people in all the annual and special offerings combined. Before the Lord comes we shall certainly give the widow’s two mites.

J. S. WASHBURN.



“THE Lord would have us take comfort in his promises, and praise him much more than we do.”

AN APPEAL TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By W. C. WHITE

WHEN Brother Kern was with us, just before and after the Lodi, California, young people's convention, we talked and prayed and counseled about our work among the colored people of the South. A few weeks before, I had visited Memphis, Huntsville, Nashville, and Atlanta, and was glad of an opportunity to tell Professor Kern about the rapid advancement of the work in many places.

Sixteen Years Ago and Now

There is progress worthy of note, as will be seen by a hasty comparison of conditions in 1893 and in 1909. Sixteen years ago the superintendent of our work in the Southern States, speaking before the General Conference, of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in that field, said: "There is but one ordained minister and one licensed missionary laboring among the colored millions of the South. There is not a denominational mission school where one of the colored youth can receive any Bible instruction."

To-day we have about one thousand colored Sabbath-keepers in that field. These are organized into forty or more churches, and they have upwards of twenty meeting-houses. To-day there are some twenty colored ministers proclaiming the third angel's message in this field, and forty teachers conducting church and mission schools. This is truly encouraging.

Sure to Bring Results

Our Huntsville school is doing a splendid work. There I met eighty-five earnest, intelligent students fitting themselves for the Master's service.

I rejoice to tell our people of this progress, because I believe that those who have made sacrifices year after year in behalf of this work ought to know that God has blessed their liberalities. These successes should give us courage to undertake other missionary enterprises which are sure to bring great results.

Several years ago we received messages regarding the great need of medical missionary work among the colored people. We were told that "in no place is there greater need of genuine gospel medical missionary work than among the colored people in the South," and that "sanitariums and treatment rooms should

be established in many places. These will open doors for the entrance of Bible truth." We were told also that "plans should now be laid to do a quick work," and we are exhorted to arise and redeem the time.

A Strong Work Wanted

Regarding the work at Huntsville, the following statement was made:—

"Medical missionary work must be carried on among the colored people. At the Huntsville school some new buildings must be erected, one of which should be a small sanitarium. In connection with this training center, we desire to see a strong work done in preparing the colored people of the South to accomplish that which must be done for their own race. Among the most promising youth are those who should be trained to labor as canvassers, missionary nurses, hygienic cooks, teachers, Bible workers, and ministers."

Sanitariums Erected

Since these things were written, our brethren have been planning and praying and asking for help, yet there was little real progress made in providing sanitariums for the colored people until last year. Then Elder Irwin and several other great-hearted men presented the matter to our brethren in the camp-meetings, and funds were raised which have been used in purchasing and partly paying for a beautiful little sanitarium in Nashville, also in erecting an eighteen-room sanitarium at Huntsville.

As a result of the earnest efforts of these brethren and great sacrifices on the part of the Southern Missionary Society, the Rock City Sanitarium at Nashville was purchased, remodeled, and, partially equipped and furnished, has opened its doors for patients. The sanitarium building at Huntsville is nearly finished and will soon be ready to furnish.

As Brother Kern, Brother Crisler, and I discussed the situation, it seemed to us that there must be institutions and churches and young people's societies that would cheerfully undertake the furnishing of one or more of the rooms of these institutions if they knew of the existing conditions.

Progress at Atlanta

Since Brother Kern's visit, we have further information from Atlanta. The Lord has opened the way wonderfully for our brethren there. They have bought a splendid property at a low price, and have fitted up a church and school-rooms. And now they are determined to go forward quickly and build some treatment rooms, so they can do an efficient and successful medical missionary work for the thousands of sick and suffering people in Atlanta.

We also hear from the Hillcrest school, near Nashville, that they have just erected some cottages for colored students, and need help to furnish them.

We hear also from Professor F. R. Rogers regarding the mission schools in and around Vicksburg,—that a little help is needed in many places, and Brother Rogers has given us the names of one hundred students who need the benefit of a school, but who must have some financial help on their tuition.

Opportunity to Lift

With these facts before us, we have outlined a plan by which our large-hearted people in connection with our sanitariums, our schools, and our publishing houses can all have a part in lifting the burdens. Especially can our young people's societies, that are looking for something to do for the Master, find here an opportunity to lift precious burdens, full of blessings.

In the Huntsville Sanitarium there are five rooms to be finished at an expense of \$70 a room; two rooms at an expense of \$75 each; and several rooms at an expense of \$60 each. Each of these we count as an opportunity for some society to make an investment that will bring large returns.

In the Rock City Sanitarium at Nashville there are three rooms to be furnished at an expense of \$50 each; four rooms, each having a little furniture, but needing what will cost \$30 more; and other necessary furnishings which will cost \$40 for each group.

At the Atlanta treatment rooms there are many opportunities, some costing \$20, others \$25, and still others \$60 and \$70 each. At the Hillcrest school there

are eight or ten opportunities for an investment of \$20 each, and in the mission schools there are a score of \$9 opportunities, several scores of opportunities at \$10 and \$16 each.

We believe you are deeply interested in this work, and we pray God to give you wisdom to place these facts before your young people's societies in the very best way.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

It is some time since we have printed much from our correspondents. This has not been from lack of interest on our part in what our good friends write, but simply from lack of room. But we know that the donors are anxious to hear from our teachers and other workers, and these workers are just as anxious in turn to hear from those who are contributing toward the support of this branch of the cause we all love. So we are letting our correspondents have their say in this number of the HERALD.

One of our teachers writes:—

It affords me much pleasure to drop you a few lines concerning the school and Christian work here.

The children are getting along nicely. All, twenty-three of them, keep the Sabbath and attend Sabbath-school. I am over rejoiced with such a blessing as this. All of these pupils are baptized Seventh-day Adventists except about six. Through the help of the Lord, in about two years we shall have six ready for service.

I ask the interest of your prayers that the Lord may bless and keep us as the apple of his eye. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31.

STELLA GLASCO.

Newellton, La.

"You will find enclosed fifty cents from our Self-denial Box. I just received the new Box. It is very pretty. I hope in the coming year I shall be able to send from it more to that most needy field than in the year past.

"I am sure that the Lord would be pleased to see his people make a desperate effort now to do something for that field. Angels are busy and anxious over that field. It is sad indeed to see the door closing for those neglected souls. Our Saviour looks on with pity, and his great heart of love is hungry for those there for whom he shed his pre-

cious blood. There are diamonds and precious jewels there yet hidden in rubbish, that would shine like the stars in our Father's kingdom if they could but be reached quickly.

"May the Lord direct in every step that is taken toward that people, to hasten the glad invitation to them before 'Too late' will have to be said.

"This offering is small, I know; but God can do great things with small things. May the Lord bless his servants there in the South.

MATTIE A. PRICE.

"Ingersoll, Okla."

"His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim,
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him."

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1908

The following report is for the donations received during the month of March, 1909.

<i>Donations</i>	B G Jones.....	.70	
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Southern Union		Eva M Davis.....	.15
Conference ..	8.84	Mrs Annie Mc-	
S C Stover.....	100.00	Moran ..	.25
Lydia Johnson ..	10.00	Letha Watson ..	.10
Mrs Jacob Sommess	2.00	Zetta Robinson ..	.22
Karl Conzelman ..	3.00	Mrs Mamie Elkins	.36
Mrs D A Fitch....	1.00	J A Burdoine.....	1.00
Mrs E Alcock....	.60	H L Warner	
Friends ..	52.00	and Family	2.00
Total ..	\$277.36	S D Smith.....	1.75

<i>From the Self-</i>	
<i>Denial Boxes</i>	
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Benjamin Rodney	
& Alice Davidson	.50

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<i>isters Working for the</i>	
<i>Colored People</i>	
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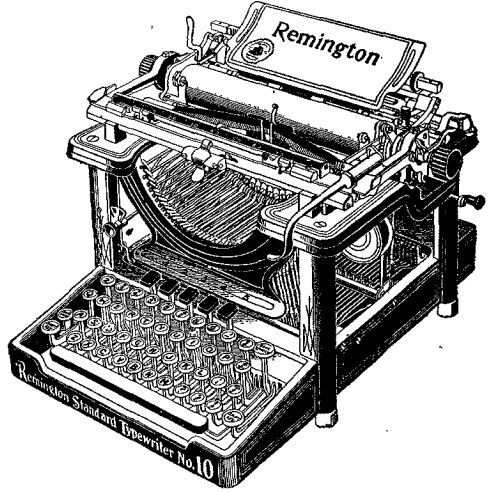
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THE subject of the first major operation at the Rock City Sanitarium is making a good recovery.

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D. E. BLAKE, Manager of the Rock City Sanitarium, will attend the General Conference in the interests of the institution.

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APRIL 22nd and again on the 25th Sister White visited the Rock City Sanitarium, and on the second occasion spoke very encouragingly to those in charge of the institution.

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THE *Kansas Worker* of April 21, publishes a notice of the work that Prof. F. R. Rogers is doing in the Central Union Conference in the interests of the Southern Missionary Society, and says: "Any means contributed to Brother Rogers by the churches or isolated members in the Kansas Conference will be used to build up a noble work. We hope all will respond as liberally as consistent with other duties and important calls."

We want to assure the Kansas brethren that this kind notice is appreciated not only by Brother Rogers but by those who sent him out.

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At the opening of the twelfth annual meeting of the Conference for Education in the South at Atlanta, April 14, Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, declared the real problem of negro education was how to reach the 6,000,000 of that race who never get into the higher institutions of learning provided for them and who are not fit to enter them. He said in part:—

"The presence of a great number of negroes in the South creates a problem which must be understood. I do not believe that those who dwell upon the work of negro institutions into which few of the race enter comprehend the question. The real negro educational problem is found in the six million negroes

who never enter these institutions, and who are utterly unsuited for the opportunities they offer. I refer to the great bodies of negroes engaged in the simplest lines of manual labor.

"The first step in the education of the great body of the negro race is to inspire a desire to do better the labor they are called upon to perform and to rid them of a willingness to live poorly, if perchance a mere support can be made with half time labor."

We are glad the Governor called attention to this particular phase of the great problem of negro education; for it is to this phase that the Southern Missionary Society has been addressing itself during the eleven years of its existence. It is not so much more institutions of higher education that are needed by the colored people, but some means of reaching and helping the masses of the race.

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PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING

God never would send you the darkness,
If he thought you could bear the light;
But you would not cling to his guiding hand,
If the way were always bright;
And you would not care to walk by faith,
Could you always walk by sight.

'T is true he has many an anguish
For your sorrowful heart to bear,
And many a cruel thorn-crown
For your tired head to wear;
He knows how few would reach heaven at all,
If pain did not guide them there.

So he sends you blinding darkness,
And the furnace of sevenfold heat;
'T is the only way, believe me,
To keep you close to his feet—
For 'tis always so easy to wander
When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Father's,
And sing, if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer some one behind you,
Whose courage is sinking low,
And—well, if your lips do quiver—
God will love you better so.

—Selected.

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A WORKER FALLEN

It is with sorrow that we announce the death, April 19, of Sister Cornelia T. Murphy, wife of Elder Thomas Murphy, and for several years one of our faithful mission-school teachers. Sister Murphy was a graduate nurse. She received her training at the Battle Creek Sanitarium and then returned South to

work for her own people. Two years ago failing health compelled her to suspend work for a few months. She subsequently submitted to a critical surgical operation at Battle Creek, and a few months later returned to her work as a teacher. A few weeks ago she wrote the Southern Missionary Society that she was unable to teach longer; and now she is at rest, awaiting the coming of the Life Giver. Sister Murphy will be sadly missed from the ranks of our teachers, but the Lord knows best.

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IMPORTANT STATEMENT

Some of our teachers have become strong speakers and able ministers of the Word; and as the state conferences were unable to support them, the Southern Missionary Society has been obliged, in the interests of the work, to support five colored ministers more or less of the time during the past year.

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OBITUARY

VANBUREN — Died at the home of her son, in Lintonia, a suburb of Yazoo City, March 26, 1909, of a complication of diseases and old age, Sister Anne Vanburen, aged seventy years. She gave her heart to her Saviour at an early age and has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Yazoo City for over seven years, being brought in under the labors of Elder F. W. Halliday.

Our Sister Vanburen may not have been in possession of this earth's goods to render her stay a pleasant and happy one at all times; indeed, there may have been hours of privation, want, and suffering, and she may have been limited in knowledge: but she had an abiding faith in the blessed Saviour, and believed firmly in the second coming of Christ. This faith stood firmly by her in the hours of her affliction and sufferings. She was not heard to murmur or complain, but in extreme agony continued firm in the faith, steadfast in the doctrine, and praising God.

The writer spoke words of comfort at the home of her son, from Rev. 14:13, assisted by Brethren J. W. Allison, J. J. Lee, and O. S. Johnson. We laid her to rest with the blessed assurance that, if faithful, we shall meet her in the "Coronation Day."

W. A. S. HENRY.