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A CALL TO SERVICE

We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.

Christian, rouse and arm for conflict,
Nerve thee for the battle-field;
Bear the helmet of salvation,
And the mighty gospel shield.

Bind the breastplate firmly on thee.
Take the Spirit's sword in hand;
Boldly, fearlessly go forth then,
In Jehovah's strength to stand.

—Sel.

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AN OPPORTUNITY

THE annual offering to be made October 2, for the work among the colored people affords us another opportunity to give that branch of the Lord's cause a much-needed impetus.

A Good Foundation Laid

It is true that this work, like almost every other, is far behind what it ought to be; but it is also true that a fair beginning has been made. Not all has been done that ought to be done, but a good foundation has been laid for more aggressive work. Quite a force of colored laborers has been developed, and as a consequence the work is now in a position to advance much more rapidly than was possible even a few years ago. A larger proportion of money and effort given now can go directly to the firing line than formerly. This should be a source of thankfulness to every lover of present truth.

Workers in the Field

When the Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville was first established, almost everything was to be done. There were at that time very few colored Seventh-day Adventists prepared to labor

successfully for their own people. Now, however, thanks to the work done at Oakwood and in the mission schools of the Southern Missionary Society, there are scores of colored believers actually in the field as ministers, teachers, nurses, Bible workers, and canvassers.

Good Work at Oakwood

It is true that in some respects conditions are becoming more difficult than they were five or ten years ago, but now when white laborers are compelled to abandon any part of the field, we have colored laborers ready to take their places. This is due, in large measure, as already stated, to the good work done at Huntsville and in the mission schools.

In the past our work for the colored people has lacked that thorough organization, that homogeneity, necessary to bring the best results and to admit of the most economical effort. Now, however, with the organization of the North American Negro Department and with the coming in of the several union missions in the South, the whole work can be carried forward more intelligently, more economically, and we believe more successfully, than formerly.

Better Class Favorable

There is another consideration also that should have weight with us at this time; namely, the fact that just now the sentiment of the better class of the Southern people is very favorable to intelligent, conscientious effort for the moral and industrial uplifting of the negro. In the past the South has been in a measure indifferent upon the question of negro education. Now, however, a large number of the people are becoming aroused to the fact that the stability of society depends not alone on the intelligence and morality of the white

population, but in no small degree also on the intelligence and morality of the colored population. It is true there are some who demand that the negro be kept in ignorance, but thus far a better sentiment has prevailed. The tide will turn ere long, but meanwhile there is a grand opportunity to entrench the principles of present truth so thoroughly among the colored people that when the last white worker shall have been driven from this branch of the cause, the work will still go forward, carried by intelligent, consecrated negroes themselves who have been trained in our schools, and have gained an experience under the leadership of those whose opportunities have qualified them to instruct others.

The Field Opening

That the Lord's hand is in the plans that are now being laid for carrying forward this branch of his work is evident from the fact that the field is opening as never before. Brethren and sisters, there is surely "a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees," and in many ways the Lord is bidding us go forward. Nor is the Lord asking us to do something that is beyond our ability to do. He has given the country at large good crops, and consequently better times. Thus the Lord is affording us another opportunity to do the work that must be done.

Share the Reward

The work among the white people in this field is rapidly becoming self-supporting. But the work for the colored people must still have help. The colored believers are just as true and just as faithful as white believers, but they are too poor to do what must be done for their people. They are doing what they

can, but the Lord calls upon the more highly favored race to share with them in bearing the burdens, that when the labor and heat of the day are past, we may share also in the glorious reward. Brethren and sisters, remember the offering for work among the colored people to be taken up in all our churches Sabbath, October 2.

From Mission School Workers

THESE reports refer to work done during the school year of 1908-09. But they give a vivid picture of the way in which this part of the work is being carried on.

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TAUGHT IN A BARN

WILDA WILSON writes concerning her work at Daytona, Fla., saying:—

"You ask me for some account of my work for last school year. Well, I began school September 14, 1908, with eleven little Adventist children. After the public school closed in December, my number increased until it reached twenty-three. During the school year the decrease was three, making the number enrolled at the close, twenty. I taught in a little cabin until we had to give it up. Then we moved to a very small barn.

"School closed May 12. We had a session in the morning, as usual, and a picnic in the afternoon. The tables were well filled, and the children certainly enjoyed themselves, as well as the older ones. It was very encouraging to hear some of my little ones say they never wanted to go to public school any more. They all beg me to come back another year."

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VALUE OF MISSION SCHOOLS

WHEN we consider the purpose that has given birth to mission-school effort, we are truly grateful to God that we are associated with such an organization as the Southern Missionary Society. How thankful we all ought to be for the Southern Missionary Society! To do the work it is its mission to accomplish, means trials and difficulties that only those acquainted with the South can comprehend. But the thought is sweet and precious, that in all hardships there are privileges.

We only ask the Lord for consecration to his service, for strength and wisdom *with* which to serve him, for grace *in* which to serve him; and fervently pray that he will rid all the laborers in the field of a lukewarm desire, and fill them with an ardent purpose, to achieve great things for his cause. The day is not far hence "when Seventh-day Adventists will set the world on fire. But they will have to set themselves on fire first."

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our true friends for the assistance they have rendered us in the past. We need their further help and encouragement. We also need others to make friends with us, and accompany their friendship with appropriate gifts. We do not believe we are asking too much, since true love is always measured by a gift. The love of the thing is measured by the gift to the thing.

C. A. CRICLOW.

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PARENTS CO-OPERATE

DEAR readers of the GOSPEL HERALD:

We are more than glad to call your attention to some of the precious experiences and blessings we have been receiving.

This past school year proved quite a blessing to us as workers, as well as a reviving or re-establishing of the mission school at Natchez. We feel sure that the prospect for the coming year is encouraging. We are to sow the seed beside all waters, leaving the Lord to produce results.

Never before have I realized the direct answer to prayer as during this past term. Very often we have been brought very near to the Lord by prayer, through faith, knowing that he has said that if we keep his commandments he will give us the desires of our hearts, and supply the necessities of life.

At the close of our school a program was rendered which seemed to capture the minds of the people. It was talked about everywhere, and many stated that the public school could not excel it, especially taking into consideration the age of the school and the age of the pupils, the oldest being only fifteen years of age.

We can most assuredly realize the need of many mission schools, as well as the benefits to be derived from them. They truly give the child a moral and Christian training.

I am glad to state that the parents co-operated with seemingly heart-felt gratitude, which was much appreciated by the teachers. One of the parents stated that he would like the privilege of giving us the graduating class of the public school of the city. That is saying much for the work of the mission school, when his child has attended only four months.

The industrial work seems to have played an important part of the program, as there were quite a number of articles on hand, such as aprons, doilies, basketry, and drawing. We have decided to send the work to different ones who have been interested in it.

We often become discouraged when we do not see any fruits of our labors. We should trust in the Lord, for he will give the increase.

Every child expressed himself as having hope of a home in the earth made new. One who faithfully attended Sabbath-school since attending the school, desires to become a Christian before we return.

Remember us as workers for the Master, that we may ever be faithful at our post of duty.

Yours for the Master,

M. A. ANDERSON and M. E. GAMMON.

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GOOD WORDS FROM YAZOO CITY

We praise the Lord for last year's work, and for the guiding hand of Providence in the mission school at Yazoo City. Circumstances arose to discourage us in the work, but I thank the Lord that they encouraged us instead. We do not believe there is time to be discouraged, no matter what the environments. One writer tells us that "discouragements must precede success."

We realize that the great, unceasing contest which is being waged between truth and error, depends largely for its ultimate results upon the progress of education. We are brought face to face with the enemy in our battles in the mission school work, as in any other branch of the work. But when we think of our great Captain, Jesus Christ, who leads us on, and who has commanded the army nearly six thousand years without a single defeat, we cannot help exclaiming as did ancient Israel after passing through the Red Sea: "I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath

triumphed gloriously." "The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name." "The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation; he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him."

We are told that the things which "were written aforetime were written for our learning." There is something to learn in this great institution that our God has established: a great work before us—battles to be fought, victories to be won, difficulties to conquer, heights to surmount, sacrifices to be made, examinations to be taken, grades to be passed, promotions to be made; and last, but not least, character to be perfected. Then when this degree is reached, we will pass from this earthly school to the heavenly, to that glorious beyond where we will ever continue to drink and feast from that unceasing source of knowledge, the wonders and mysteries of our Creator and Redeemer.

I am glad to have a part in this work. I mean to come 'up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and not be like the inhabitants of Meroz and fail to come up to the last great battle against sin and unrighteousness, and receive a curse.

Our school work closed very successfully, with thirty-six regular pupils in attendance. We had from time to time given them right principles of true education; such, for instance, as, "True higher education is what makes students acquainted with God and his Word, and fits them for eternal life;" "True education is received at the feet of Jesus." We have tried to impress the importance of this kind of education upon the minds of the pupils. As a result, six of our advanced pupils who were planning to go to schools and colleges of the world decided to continue their "true education" in our training-school at Huntsville, Ala. They have seen the importance of it, expressing themselves as desirous of developing into workers for God.

I cannot help praising God for these pupils. If I understand it correctly, one purpose of establishing these mission schools is that our training-school may draw from them such material as may be developed speedily into workers for this great vineyard of the Lord.

I am becoming more and more convinced that those in the North, West, and East, who are continually donating

to my race through the mechanism of the Southern Missionary Society, will reap a bountiful harvest. So then, we as teachers and workers in these schools—we who are constantly subsisting on the liberalities of these friends—are bound by the vows of our high calling, to put forth our strongest endeavors that the labor bestowed upon us may not be in vain, to be loyal to the cause and work while it is called to-day.

May God richly bless us all for concerted action in this grand and noble work of soul saving for which we stand.

Pray that the Lord may richly bless during the school year upon which we have just entered.

Your most humble and fellow servant,
J. W. ALLISON.

Vicksburg, Miss.

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CHILDREN SOLD PAPERS

I TOOK charge of the school at Jackson the 15th of February, with about fifteen pupils. Before school closed, I enrolled forty-three. The good Master blessed me each day in my school work. Each child was delighted to learn about the Lord, and loved to sing "Standing on the Promises of God."

The children helped to sell papers to put new windows into the church. The patrons were well satisfied with the progress made by the pupils during the term.

I am of good courage in the Lord, and hope to be ever a faithful worker for him. Yours in Christ,

DELIA WILSON.

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

THE value of industrial training is shown by these few words from Eva Delona. She says:—

"Speaking of my work last year I can only say that I thank God for the experience. I must also thank all those dear sisters who so willingly and unselfishly assisted me in the industrial work by giving me the material with which to do it. As no other school here taught industrial work, I think that alone attracted the parents and inspired them with a desire to send their children to the mission school.

"It was really surprising to me to see at the closing how much the Lord had blessed the little work started here. The

parents of most of the children were out to the closing exercises; and after hearing the children so earnestly and intelligently speak the Word of God and sing of his love, if they had felt prejudiced to the work before, I believe it was all removed."

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E. R. WILLIAMS writing of last year's work at Brunswick, Ga., says:—

"I arrived in Brunswick, Ga., the last day in July, 1908. I canvassed until September 7, when I opened school with seven pupils. I am pleased to say that for the nine months, I enrolled forty-six pupils, and sold about \$25.00 worth of the books recommended by our Educational Department. . . .

"In our Bible class every morning, we learned a few verses of Scripture. Only two of the forty-six children were Adventists. . . .

"The most glorious part of my experience was with the church work. After Brother S. G. Dent and family left for

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RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1909

DONATIONS			
Mrs P K Miller..	\$ 5.00	Mrs Chas Plapp..	1.25
Eliza George ..	.90	Mrs M E Kent...	1.00
Mrs G W Hillier.	4.90	Mrs J S Jacobson.	.80
Mrs J N Sylvester	5.00	Frederick H Pokor-	
Mr Morse	2.05	ney .....	.50
Sara Betz	5.00	John Dirksen and	
B Hillery	2.50	family	1.00
Mrs R F Lock....	1.00	Chris Zendner ..	.71
F H Schramm....	5.60	Lulu Pettegrew ..	.55
Walter Harper ..	19.12	Rose Lee	1.00
C N Pike.....	10.00	Mrs S E Lee....	1.00
E H Silsbee.....	2.11	Mrs A Alderman..	.15
Fred Petersen....	2.25	C C Chronister..	1.50
Mrs G Anliker....	.50	Mrs E A Rose....	.15
A Friend .....	.10	Mrs Frank Dillen.	1.00
Mrs Julia Staples.	2.00	Eula McCurdy ..	.25
Mrs Addie T Ja-		Mrs H B Allen....	.11
cobs .....	.15	Edna Neil	2.50
Mrs Mary Briggs.	2.00	Thomas Murphy ..	.45
Mrs John Wallace	.50	Mrs S C Mansfield	.25
B C Chandler....	1.00	Mrs James Smith.	.50
Sarah Thomson ..	1.00	Mrs J S Twing..	1.18
J R Clark.....	.15	A Friend .....	.11
Total	\$72.83	J C Simonds....	1.40
		Newark Church ..	2.40
		W H Dean.....	1.00
		Mrs Mary J Reed	1.00
		Della Gossage ..	1.20
		Mrs L Logan....	.50
		Mrs J C Winston.	.15
		Mrs Mary M Mul-	
		herr	2.25
		Andrew Evenson .	1.17
		Mrs Etta E Dick-	
		inson	2.55
		Mrs E E Phelps..	1.00
		Eva M Davis.....	1.06
		Mrs D T Brooks..	.10
		Mrs J R Jones....	.80
		Mrs N A Honey-	
		well	1.00
		Total	\$66.29
FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES			
M Kendall	\$ 5.00		
Mrs N A Honey-			
well	1.00		
Mrs Ida Barber..	.15		
P C Burch.....	.05		
Mrs M J Randall.	.05		
Jane E Harrison..	1.50		
Rees Zirkle	1.04		
May & Carl Zirkle	.83		
Mary & Geo Wer-			
field .....	.55		
Roscoe & Dessie			
Cummins .....	.32		
Mrs Geo W Weise	1.53		
Mrs H A Fisher..	1.00		
Mr N B Nelson..	1.00		
Fernandina Mission			
School .....	.50		
Eureka Church			
School	10.00		
Mrs Mary Kirk-			
wood	1.81		
S E Collins.....	.50		
J A Rippey.....	3.00		
Mrs Esther Fergu-			
son	1.30		
Mrs George Haney	.48		
Greenville Mission			
School	1.08		
		Mary Kendall ...	\$20.00
		A Friend	20.00
		F L Boynton....	10.00
		Mabel Parker ..	4.00
		Lydia S Lane....	10.00
		A Friend	26.00
		Albert Miller ..	10.00
		F H Schramm....	6.40
		Walter Harper ..	2.13
		J Christian	15.00
		Total	\$123.53

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Remember that the financial burdens of the Southern Missionary Society have not been made lighter, but rather heavier, by the reorganization of the work for the colored people in the South. The Society is now supporting all the colored ministers and other evangelistic workers in the Southern Union Conference, instead of only the teachers and a few of the ministers, and is also carrying heavy financial burdens in the Southeastern Union.

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THE OAKWOOD SCHOOL

We have received a copy of the Fifteenth Annual Announcement of the Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville, Ala. This announcement, which has thirty-four pages, 5 x 8 inches, exclusive of the cover, was printed upon the Oakwood school press, and presents a very creditable appearance.

This catalogue has a number of illustrations including a good cut of Study Hall, the main school building at Oakwood. It gives a brief history of the school, its aims, methods, etc.; together with general information of interest to all possible patrons and their friends. The course of study gives a good idea of the scope of the literary work done at Oakwood, while the descriptions of the farm, garden, cannery, carpenter shop, printing-office, sanitarium, dairy, etc., show the possibilities in the line of manual training. The Catalogue is sent free upon application to W. J. Blake, principal, Box 414, Huntsville, Ala.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT AMONG OUR COLORED BRETHREN

By invitation of the pastor, the writer attended a meeting of the Nashville colored church, Sabbath, the 12th inst., which was called for the purpose of organizing its eligible members into a young people's society.

They were already interested in the work, and as the aims, objects, purposes,

and plans of the organization were fully set before them, every one present, both old and young, were desirous that the work should begin, and all, whose ages would permit them to do so, signed the membership card. There were sixteen names handed in, and more have promised to sign.

A lively interest was taken in the Reading Courses and the Bible Studies, and the organization will be completed next Sunday. We hope that all our colored brethren in the Southern Union Conference will enroll themselves under the banner of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer movement, and organize themselves for earnest study and work along the lines outlined by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

Secretary for the Y. P. M. V. Soc'y.

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STILL OPPORTUNITY

The October offering ought to have been mentioned in the August number of this paper, but it was not for the reason that we then expected to get out the September number in ample time to devote a large share of our space to that subject. The paper has been delayed, however, so long that it may not reach all our readers until after October 2.

But it will not be too late to give to this branch of the cause, even in that case, and if when you read this number of the paper you feel in your heart that you would like to help, and have not done so, you can still make a donation.

Some have an idea that, since this branch of the cause we all love has been organized into a General Conference department, there is not now the same necessity for giving that there was in the past. This is a mistake. There was never so great need of funds as now. The work is rapidly enlarging, and this calls for increased donations. These may be sent direct, or through the regular channels. If you wish to send direct, address the Southern Missionary Society, 85 Arcade, Nashville, Tenn.

FROM MISSION SCHOOL WORKERS

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their old home, St. Simons Mills, Ga., only four of us Sabbath-keepers were left in the company. I prayed earnestly to God to give us an increase. Sister Smith and I set out to work for it, for we believed that He who has promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23. Thank God, the company did increase to nine."

TERM OF MUTUAL BLESSING

A. CROOKE writes: "Replying to your inquiry relative to a word about my last year's work I am glad to say that my school opened on the first Monday in September, 1908, with an enrolment of eleven pupils. The average attendance was eight to ten.

"The term was one of mutual blessing, the school helping and being helped with what ultimate results God alone knoweth. Apparently the children were greatly benefitted. I strove to inspire the school with love for the Bible and the deep sacredness of God's law, also impressing the fact that a boy need neither be a bear nor a boor, and that every girl may grow to be a gentlewoman. God granted his blessing.

"School closed amid universal regret. Enrolment at the close was forty-two."

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CONTINUAL INCREASE

"REPLYING to your letter of inquiry relative to my impressions of results of last year's work I can say: It was one of the most successful years in the history of my school work. No doubt it will be of interest to you to hear a brief report of the work of the Piedmont Mission School at Greenville, S. C.

"I opened school on October 12, 1908, with two pupils—one girl of twelve years in the third grade, and the other of five years, in the first grade. The next week three more were added, and so on until at the close of the first month thirteen had been enrolled, running from first to fifth grades inclusive. There was a continual increase even to the last week of school, when I had one to enroll, making the total number twenty-six for the year.

"During the year there were two conversions and three were baptized. And, too, I must say here that the interest of all was good in the Bible studies.

"I had a class of young men at night, consisting of ten boys, ranging in ages from thirteen to twenty years. One of them received present truth and was baptized.

"It is my desire so to live that the Lord may use me to his glory and that I may be able to say when he comes in the clouds of heaven, 'This is my God; I have waited for him and he will save his people. Pray for me.

"W. M. JACKSON."