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"I WANTS TO BE SOMEBODY"*

THERE'S a school for colored children
Built in a Southern town;
And the good it has accomplished
For them becomes renown:
They help somebody.

Once a little, crippled, black girl
Stood at its open door;
Said she, "Is dis de place where
Dey eddicate de po'r
To be somebody?"

"I've often heard of dis place,
And, oh, I've prayed to come.
I'se gwine ter do de bes' I can:
Please tell me, is dere room
Here for somebody?"

"And ef de Lord will spare me life,
And ef you'll let me come,
I'll help de oder folks to be
Good Christians 'round me home,
And be somebodies."
— Mrs Ida Pender Pierson.



THE NEGRO CAUSE

SINCE the organization of the Negro Department we have been desirous of putting the work for the colored people on a sound, workable basis. Our ministers, Bible workers, medical missionaries, and mission teachers are working diligently to bring the message of a soon-coming Saviour to the millions of their own people now sitting in darkness. The Negro people respond readily to the story of the cross when it is told in its simplicity. It works a marvelous transformation in their lives. Our work for them is not in vain. Eternity alone can reveal the results of the self-sacrifice on the part of the worker, and the one who gives of his means to sustain the work.

In the past considerable misunderstanding has been encountered by not

having the donation for the colored work properly labeled. Some seem to carry the idea that to say, "For the South," is sufficient to insure its being applied to the negro work. This is not the case. The work in the South is large and its interests many, and when money is sent in this indefinite way it is put into the general treasury, and does not reach the work for which it was intended. We desire, therefore, that all who send in any money for the colored work, will state clearly that it is for this purpose. We are in great need just now of means to

sustain the mission schools already in operation, as well as to continue the healthy evangelistic efforts put forth by our negro ministry in behalf of this much-neglected people. You may send your gift to your conference office or direct to the Southern Missionary Society, 85 Arcade Bldg., Nashville, Tenn., and you will receive your receipt, and the money will be used as you may direct.

We are of good courage in this great needy Southland, and are sure our Captain will lead us on to victory.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

The Southern Union Mission

THE Southern Union Mission was organized soon after the General Conference for the purpose of pushing forward the third angel's message among the colored people of the Southern Union Conference.* This territory embraces Kentucky, Middle and West Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, which have a population of 3,112,513 colored people.

July 1st all the work for the colored people, formerly carried on by the Southern Missionary Society in this territory, and the conferences named above, was turned over to the new mission.

We have added a few more workers to our force, and opened some new places, and started a few new schools. We now have a working force of forty-three. There are seven ordained ministers, four ministerial licentiates, and thirty-two mis-

sionary licentiates. Nearly all of the latter are teaching in our mission schools, and doing Bible work as their time will permit. The others are spending all their time in ministerial and Bible work.

We have twenty mission schools. Five in Alabama, thirteen in Mississippi, and two in Louisiana. I am sorry we could not start some in Tennessee and Kentucky, where there is a great demand for work to be done.

We have two ordained and two licensed ministers in Alabama, one ordained minister in Mississippi, two ordained ministers in Louisiana, and two ordained ministers and two licentiates in Tennessee. At present we have no workers in Kentucky.

Elder W. H. Sebastian and wife, now binding off their summer's work in Decatur, Ala., will soon go to Louisville, Ky., and make that State their field of labor.

We are glad to be able to report that

*This is based upon an incident which actually occurred in South Carolina.

*The Southern Union Mission operates under the name of the Southern Missionary Society.—Editor.

the work is onward. During the last season some twenty-five or thirty have embraced the truth.

One worker reports twenty new ones ready for baptism. Our schools are well attended, and the teachers report many interesting experiences, and some more accepting the truth.

I will give a few statements from this week's mail. One worker writes: "I am pleased to inform you that the work is onward. I baptized three since coming to this place." Another says: "Two of my Bible readers, a man and his wife, have stepped out on the whole truth. Last Sabbath five were baptized, and added to the church.

A teacher writes: "One soul has accepted the truth, and others with whom we are laboring are interested. Pray that those who are in the valley of decision will decide for the right."

Brother Miller from Greenville, Miss., writes, "We opened school September 8 with twenty-two, and now we have enrolled eighty-three with an average attendance of sixty to sixty-five, and more coming every week. One of our students and her parents are now all keeping the Sabbath. We are holding regular Bible studies in the school building every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, with an attendance of fifteen to twenty-four and good interest. The people here have turned their attention to our school in a manner that I have never seen before. We will soon need more room."

Another writes: "We have an enrolment of sixty-six at the present time, with good prospects of many more. We are holding meetings in the hall Friday evenings, Sabbath, and Sunday evenings. Since coming here we have had one conversion, and several of our Bible readers are quite interested. One woman who was using snuff, after we had a talk and a season of prayer with her, gave it up and promised, God being her helper, never to use it again. There is another man who is on the brink of accepting the message. Cannot you furnish us some reading matter to use in our work?"

Although we have had many obstacles to meet, and have not been able to more than half pay our workers their small weekly allowances, yet they have complained but very little, and they are of good courage.

The Rock City Sanitarium—An Appeal

MOST of the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD doubtless know that within the past year sanitarium work for colored people has been re-established in Nashville. This action was in harmony with repeated advices from the spirit of prophecy.

The instruction given was that medical missionary work should be undertaken in this city, with the especial aim in view of bringing the truth for this time before the teachers and students of the great educational institutions located here.

However, there was no intention on the part of the managers of the Rock City Sanitarium that its patronage should be limited to those living in Nashville, or even Tennessee.

Most institutions in the North which employ similar methods of treatment, have deemed it necessary, because of race prejudice to debar colored people as patients, or at best to grant them inferior accommodations.

For this reason, intelligent, self-respecting colored people, who might desire proper treatment without drugs, would be deprived of it unless they could obtain such at the hands of their own people. Experience has demonstrated that the principles of rational treatment and right living appeal as strongly to the thinking, sensible people of this race as to those of other races. Many of these people have means which they would willingly expend for the restoration of health.

In view of these facts, as well as because of the definite and important work for which the institution was designed, our brethren have at no little expense, provided a nicely-equipped and very desirably-located place, for the accommodation of even the best class of this people.

The Rock City Sanitarium, thus prepared for giving both medical and surgical treatment, is the only one of its kind, North or South, and when brought to the attention of the people as it should be,

we feel certain it will fill a long-felt want.

It is evident then that the one thing needful is that the Sanitarium and the people who need the treatment it is prepared to give, should be brought in touch with, and become interested in, each other, so that both may be benefitted. But should the responsibility of thus advertising the sanitarium rest wholly upon the managers of the institution? or have not all those who really believe and love the message, a part to play in this matter? Surely a certain amount of responsibility rests upon all to assist this struggling cause by seeking to create an interest in it among our friends and neighbors who need the treatment they could receive there. It requires only that we use our voices and our influence; yet to the institution it may mean much financially, and to the patient thus influenced, both physical and spiritual blessing.

We earnestly urge our people, both white and colored, who know of colored people who are sick and in need of medical or surgical attention, to do what they can to interest them in the sanitarium, and to put them in touch with us. And above all, remember this work in your prayers. They, along with whatever other service you may render it, will be most gratefully appreciated.

We shall be glad to supply descriptive leaflets for distribution to those who apply for them.

LOTTIE C. BLAKE, M. D.



THE ELLISVILLE SCHOOL

THE work in Ellisville, Miss., is onward. The mission school was opened here on the 4th of October with nine pupils. By the 25th the number had increased to eleven. More are coming in as soon as harvest-time is over.

In connection with other studies we have two interesting Bible lessons each day. The pupils are apt, and can answer

We are hopeful that when the October collection comes in, and pledges are paid that have been made to this work, that we not only can pay up what is due our workers, but we will be enabled to open

up the work in many new places where they are calling for help.

We ask our people to remember in their prayers this work and all the workers.

A. J. HAYSMER.

any question asked on review lessons of "The Life of Christ." Though we as teachers are not permitted to teach the whole of the Advent faith in the school-room, we are striving to prepare hearts to receive the truth at a future date.

I am daily teaching my pupils lessons of meekness, self-sacrifice, and purity, from the life of Christ; thus sowing seed in their hearts, which I pray will spring up and yield much fruit.

Ellisville is sadly in need of a worker. Many of the sheep have gone astray, not having a shepherd. A Sabbath-school has been started, and readings given from house to house, with the hope of bringing them in again.

My courage is good in the Lord. I am striving daily to crucify self, and live by the perfect pattern, Jesus Christ.

Asking the prayers of the brethren and sisters, I am

Yours in the blessed hope,

LUCILE CARTER.

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CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI

SINCE coming to this field we have found much to be done; and as soldiers for the Master, we have gone ahead, doing all we could to further the glorious truths of the gospel.

Our school, which opened with three, has increased to ten. We trust that by the end of the year, after cotton picking is almost over, by God's grace, to double, or probably triple, this number.

We have organized a Missionary Volunteer Society for the young; also one for the old people, who are taking hold manfully to do their part in this closing work.

Truly "the signs that show His coming near are fast fulfilling year by year." Therefore, let us use every energy we have, and consecrate ourselves fully to His service, to carry the message before the Lord finishes it and cuts it short in righteousness.

May the Lord shower down blessings upon the Southern Missionary Society, so that it may be able to do the work which stands before it. Let us give ourselves, but, above all, let us give of our means, for "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Pray for the work in Clarksdale.

MARY E. GASKIN.

THE COLORED WORK IN ARKANSAS

THERE has been no change in the operation of the colored work in this State as yet. This will receive consideration when the union conference convenes in February, 1910. Nevertheless the work is taking on a new impetus. The conference school at Devall's Bluff has been placed on a better basis than ever before. A five-room cottage has just been erected, which, in addition to the building erected by the Southwestern Union Conference some years ago, will be sufficient for the present needs. The new teacher from Kansas City is at present visiting the few points in the State where there are companies or churches, in the interest of the school. So we look for brighter days along educational lines in this State in the future.

Our camp-meeting this year was quite a success. At least four fifths of the colored believers in the State were in attendance, and nearly all remained until the close. Five were baptized at the close of the meeting.

The camp-meeting was held in Little Rock, the capital of the State. I have locate here for the present, and will follow up the interest.

There is no organized colored church in this city, but there are something like a dozen Sabbath-keepers. Some of these are old Sabbath-keepers who have moved here from other places. The rest have lately begun keeping the Sabbath. These need further instruction. With this material to start with, I hope to be able to organize a church in the near future. This is the capital of the State, and we are anxious to see something substantial established here. We ask the prayers of all that our hopes may be realized.

J. W. DANCER.

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

THERE is not much to tell about my work. We began school last year with five children, and enrolled over seventy, the average attendance varying from the fifties to the twenties. Only eight of these were Adventists.

We use the denominational books. As you know these books cost more than those of the public school, and many of the parents cannot afford to purchase them. In many instances pupils have enrolled their names and because of price of books did not attend. We have the

same experience repeated this year. Many are unable to pay the tuition fee, which is only fifty cents a month.

We were greatly assisted in our work by Mrs. Austin of Freedom, Pa., who sent us some clothing and paper for our room; Miss Norman of New York; and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, who gave us copies of *Bible Training School*, some of which we sold. The proceeds furnished us with material for busy work, scissors, a table, and Bibles. We are very grateful to these parties for their timely help, and return them many thanks. We hope that they will remember the needs of our school this year also.

We are planning to make this a boarding-school. Already we have two boarders. There is plenty of room, but the building needs many repairs and furnishings. If not attended to at once it will fall into disuse. It was not very substantially built, but with repairs and fitting up will yet render valuable service. Who will lend a helping hand to make this school a success? Who will help us in furnishing a room or two with beds, etc.? Who will help us to provide books for these neglected children so as to give them the true education?

Professor Rogers visited us in December, which was a source of much encouragement. He was here again last week, and left us with better plans and resolves for the future. We are of good courage in the work, for the battle is not ours, but the Lord's.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. G. HURLEY.

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GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

WE have much for which to praise the Lord. Last year, September 25, 1908, at the close of the week, we had enrolled five students. This year, September 24, we had fifty-five; for the week ending October 1, fifty-nine, and many applications coming for admittance.

L. B. AND S. D. MILLER.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

WE are praying more and I can see that the Lord is blessing us as never before. I am of good courage in the Lord. I long to see the work go onward in this place. My heart's desire is to be more and more like my Lord.

DELIA WILSON.

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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.

WANTED: "CHRIST IN SONG"

THOSE of our people having copies of the old edition of "Christ in Song," which they would be willing to donate to the colored mission schools of the South, will be doing a great favor by writing the Southern Missionary Society, 85 Arcade, Nashville, Tenn. Many of our mission schools are without song-books, and these will be greatly appreciated. Before mailing, write us and we will send addresses of mission schools.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING

THE second annual meeting of the constituency 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 9 A. M., Jan. 24, 1910, for the election of a Board of Trustees, to amend the by-laws fixing the constituency, and for the transaction of such other business as shall legally come before said meeting.

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., Tuesday, January 12, 1910, for the election of a board of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as shall properly come before said meeting.

C. F. McVAGH, *Pres.*P. E. PALMER, *Sec.*

MEMPHIS CHURCH NO. 2

I INDEED deem it a pleasure to speak a word regarding the work the Lord is doing through us in this busy city.

Last Sabbath the attendance was good, we had quite a stirring meeting, and all seemed to be filled with enthusiasm. Our leader, Elder S. A. Jordan, spoke to us on the subject of The Law of God. All seemed to enjoy it very much, and were aroused to do something. At the close of the meeting two took a stand for the Master, and we all felt the nearness of the Lord.

We have organized a missionary society, and all are engaged, each bringing in a very good report. Even our little folks are taking an active part. We are very much in need of a church school. Our prayer to God is that we may soon have one. Pray for us that we may continue to do the work of our blessed Saviour.

S. L. WATKINS.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 16, 1909.

CANVASSING WORK AT EUTAW, ALA.

WE are glad to report the many blessings of God which we have received since we began canvassing here in Eutaw. Truly his blessings are renewed every morning and evening. We have had good health, and I have succeeded in placing thirty-five "Bible Footlights" in the homes of our colored people.

Brethren, it is true, just as the Lord has said through the spirit of prophecy, that there will be many who will not have the privilege of hearing from the living preacher the word of truth for this time. So God has provided other means by which he may give his truth to those who are hungering for it. And these means are our publications bound up in tracts and books.

Brother A. Wood and I are working together. We find our people knowing nothing about the truth of God. A few weeks after we came here the city ordinance stopped us from selling books in

the town. We had, however, already taken some orders for "Bible Footlights." So we began Bible readings and held them each night in the homes of the people and we got those books off just the same. God blessed the night readings in bringing out three new Sabbath-keepers. Now we are meeting together every Sabbath, having our Sabbath-school. Last Sabbath there were ten present. We ask the prayers of the brethren for the little Sabbath-school here in Eutaw, Ala.

C. G. MANNS.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

Replying to your inquiry relative to the work here, I am glad to say that my school opened Monday, October 4, with five pupils. The next day I had eight. This is the fourth week, and I have fourteen. I am expecting more when they sell cotton and get some clothes. Some in this neighborhood are so poor that they really have not clothes to come. I have four boys from the same family, who come quite regularly, though they have not had a whole piece of clothing on since they started. Their parents once kept the Sabbath, but do not now, and they have a hard time. This is no time to be switched off. But all do not realize this.

I am three miles from Ellisville and one mile from the county public school, which has tried to keep parents from sending their children to me. But I thank the Lord that we are still marching on.

We use our readers in the school, and all seem to learn such truths as they teach. One day in class as a girl of thirteen read how at the last Passover Christ desired to tell his disciples many things but they were not ready, I wondered if we as teachers were standing in the disciples' place. I tried to impress the beautiful lesson of humility there was in it, and how we should be submissive to his will, not upon this pupil alone, but upon myself also.

Pray for us here. There are many who want to send their children to me instead of to the public school, but who are really not able either to buy books or pay tuition. Here's a call for help. Who will respond?

JOHNNY E. VAUGHAN.

Ellisville, Miss.