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## EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST A MISSIONARY

WE are living in the closing days of the history of a lost world. Soon the long night, when no man can work, will settle down upon us. Opportunities are all about us for doing faithful and earnest work for God. The sin of neglect, the failure to warn and help those about us, possibly is one of the most serious charges the Spirit of the Lord has to bring against the people of God. The constant danger is that as just common Seventh-day Adventists, we shall say within our own hearts, "The ministers can preach, the canvassers can sell the books, the periodical workers distribute the journals; but as for *me*, what can I do? I should be glad to be a worker, but here I am tied up with my family, my farm, my business—surely I am excused from aggressive work for God." Such thoughts are not uncommon.

But God *can* use you. It matters not what your situation is, you have a place to fill in the Master's work. If you do not believe this statement, the next time you go in secret to pray, talk with your Lord about it. Fall upon your knees, and ask him sincerely, with a contrite spirit, "Lord, is it true that you want to use *me* in some loving service? Is there some ministry you have suited to my capabilities, something that you have in waiting prepared for my hand to do? Is there some message you desire to send by me to some sin-sick heart?" Then gather up your faith, and say, "Lord, through the power of *thy* grace, if thou wilt truly show me the thing to do, be it ever so humble, I will do it."

Jesus says, "Ye are the light;" "Ye are the salt." But light shines; salt saves. Light shines where it is dark. Where light shines the darkness vanishes. Be a light, then, to some dark soul-cham-

ber. Angels will lead you to these hearts, if you ask God about them in earnest. Salt is not good unless *mixed* with what needs it. We cannot be salt and remain aloof from sinners.

"In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions [of the rich of earth], causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol IX, p. 28.

Who is this that knew that these judgments were to *come soon*, but did not tell? Can it be any other than a Seventh-day Adventist? Why didn't we tell them?

Awhile ago, a minister, passing through Washington, one Sabbath in his sermon told how at one time he moved into a double house in a certain city. The other side was empty. Not long afterwards a family moved in. He remained in this locality a few months laboring. After awhile he received an appointment elsewhere and began moving out. When his household goods were being placed on the dray, the lady came out upon the porch, and after some little hesitancy, inquired, "Are you not a Seventh-day Adventist minister?" He replied in the affirmative. "Well," she went on, "sometime ago I heard a little regarding what you hold as truth. I heard much said against these doctrines, but a desire entered my heart to understand what was really true. I learned you were a minister who had moved

into this house. I moved in on the other side in the hope of learning about these things; but during these three months you have not said one word to me about Bible truth. And now I see that you are moving away."

This minister said it served as a severe lesson to him that he never forgot. God has blessed his efforts since in bringing three or four house owners into the truth. He never went into a place seeking a new location without earnestly seeking God to guide him where to go that he might find *somebody* who was searching for truth. And God remarkably guided him in finding such.

The lesson is obvious. God wants us to become acquainted with our near neighbors. But custom and our own inclination often lead us to neglect these, and what little we do, we do for those farther away.

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of Hosts. The light will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

"Heavenly angels *have long been waiting* for human agents—the *members* of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting *for you*. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pp. 46, 47.

Thus every true Seventh-day Adventist will be a missionary for God.

T. E. BOWEN.

**DIFFICULTIES AND VICTORIES**

OUR mission schools must, from their nature, enter the race for patronage under difficult circumstances. Were it not for the fact that they are God's instruments, to do a work that cannot be done through any other medium, we would consider the sacrifice required too great to warrant their continuance.

That the world is rapidly reaching a climax in unrighteousness may be seen by observing the children one has to meet and teach to-day. Yet our schools furnish the needed element to leaven the masses with the truth for these times. The writer rejoices in an experience which demonstrates the usefulness of the children in reaching the parents, and therefore begs that the schools may constantly receive your prayers and your aid in every way. He desires that God's blessing may abound to the glory of his name, that light may not be shut out from our sin-darkened world.

Educationally my little school suffers from the inability of the parents to equip their children with the books which the perfect working of our system demands.

Spiritually the school has been the means of giving the message to a family whose children attend it. The truth was sown in the hearts of these children, the oldest one desiring to obey God's saving commands, but the guardian of these children was persuaded by the jealous pastor of her church, to take them away. Pray that God may so overrule that they may be able to serve him in freedom and gladness.

PAGE SHEPARD.

**AN OPPORTUNITY**

I DEEM it a privilege to have the GOSPEL HERALD to read each month, and to send in my little report of the school here.

I can see as never before, the workings of the power of God. I enjoy my work more and more each day. The children are taking a deep interest in their books. Who would like to pay the tuition of a little boy?

I will tell you who this little boy is. His name is George Weathington and he is only five years old. He is studying True Education Reader No. 1. He can make all the alphabet, can count in the Arabic notation and in the Roman notation to one hundred. He can also repeat 1 Cor. 13:3-5 and 2 Tim. 3:1-6. His father is a poor man, not able to pay his

tuition. He has a large family and is trying to give them all an education.

ETHEL WILSON.

Newelton, La.

**THE TESTIMONY OF A FORMER  
TEACHER**

ONE of our workers writing of the influence of our mission schools, says:—

"The patrons of the school all express their satisfaction in regard to our methods and the improvement their children are making. One man, who formerly was a public school teacher, said that the minds of his three children had been awakened to more serious thought, effort, and study, than in any public school they had attended. We are greatly encouraged at this, and we might add that it illustrates the prevailing sentiment among our patrons and others. Of the school it is said: 'They take more pains with you there than at the public school.'"

**OUR ENDEAVOR**

A MISSION teacher writes:—

"We are endeavoring, so far as we are able, to educate along specific lines to specific ends; viz., health, intellect, character, and service. We do not neglect discipline as a means to attain to these ends, inasmuch as discipline is essential to proper education and school management and is, in a sense, more important than book knowledge itself. We lay especial stress on the discipline of self-government."

**TEACHING UNDER DIFFICULTIES**

I AM glad to say that my school work at Ellisville is going forward. We are doing well, but I am not satisfied with this; I want to see more progress in the work here. The prejudice is very high, among both white and colored.

We have had to move out of the building which we were occupying as a school-room and take one far too small. However, it is the only room we can get. It has no windows; all the light and ventilation we get must come through the door, which has to be kept open all kinds of weather. Will some one who is interested in mission schools donate five or ten dollars to pay a workman to fix up our building a little better for us. Here is a call. Who will make a small

sacrifice and help the work at Ellisville?

The number of pupils is gradually increasing, but our building can seat only eighteen. What shall we do? Shall we turn them away?

I now have fifteen studious pupils. All like to come to school, and are eager to learn. Yet often some have to stay at home, especially in bad weather, on account of not having comfortable clothes and shoes to wear.

There are a few here who are interested in the truth and have asked me to come and read the Bible with them. This I am glad to do.

Last week I made a visit to the home of one of my pupils. His mother said that one Sabbath the child said: "Mamma, don't work on the Sabbath because it is wrong. Come on and let's go to Sabbath-school." The next Sabbath, at my request, this mother sent the two children and promised to come herself. Pray for the success of the work here.

LUCILE CARTER.

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**CAUSE FOR REJOICING**

ONE teacher says:—

"It gives us cause for the greatest rejoicing and deepest satisfaction, that, in preparation for the last great conflict between Christ and Satan, while the enemy has forces in training, our Friend and Captain also has like forces in training, well calculated to lead this grand and glorious cause 'on to victory.' We are indeed thankful that, by means of the plan of education made known to us as a people, we may have a knowledge of him through whom 'we shall do valiantly,' since it is he 'that treadeth down our enemies.'"

**AN EXAMPLE OF THE WORK BEING  
DONE**

For some years a colored brother has operated self-supporting treatment rooms in Birmingham. One day he and a friend were out for a walk when they encountered an experience which the friend relates as follows:—

"On our way back to town we met, or rather found, two young men who had started to a charity hospital, but had become so weak they could go no further. They begged us for car fare.

"After some questioning by Brother Pearson we learned that these young

men had no home and no friends. One of them was suffering from rheumatism and the other had one foot and one arm much swollen. We begged a wagon to carry them a short distance to a place they could stay until we could get them to the treatment rooms. Here Brother Pearson cared for them for three weeks. At the end of this time they were both able to do light work, sufficient to sustain themselves.

"While these young men were at Brother Pearson's they both signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God."

#### MOBILE, ALABAMA

IN response to inquiries which have been received, I will say that everything here is progressing nicely. The outlook for a good work is very promising.

A recent Sabbath was a day of refreshing. A good time was enjoyed by all. During testimony meeting the husband of one of our sisters, with whom we had been laboring for nearly a week, upon special invitation of his wife, said, with tears in his eyes, "Praise the Lord for the victory. I have surrendered all to Jesus," and pledged to keep the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Mobile is a commercial city, with a population of about fifty thousand. One half of these are negroes, and it makes one shudder to think of the wickedness and crime here. It surely seems that God's work ought to be established more fully than it has yet been.

If we could erect a building which would answer for both church and school, we are sure that Jesus would be pleased. This can be done at a moderate cost. The company here is very small and poor, but the members are willing to work. Already one brother has donated \$23.30 for the work, and others are doing their part. The Macedonian cry is gone up from Mobile: who will help this most needy field? Let us show, or measure, our love, by a gift.

We are scattering our papers in the homes of the people, and do hope that many precious souls may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth through these "silent messengers." We are courageous and have no desire but to be loyal to the truth.

We solicit the prayers and means of

God's people for the work in Mobile. Send all donations to the Southern Missionary Society, Nashville, Tenn., mentioning that the same are for the work in Mobile, Ala. W. A. S. HENRY.

#### CHILDREN INTERESTED IN BIBLE

I AM glad to report concerning the work here. Surely the providences of God are upon us. His blessings are without measure.

Our school opened September 7, with five pupils. We now have twenty-six enrolled. They all prove their interest by prompt attendance each day. We expect more after the holidays.

The people here are quite prejudiced against the truth and teach the children to be. But "if God be for us, who can be against us?" The children are very much interested in the Bible lessons we have each day. They can repeat many verses and stories. I was glad to hear one of my older pupils say that *she* wanted to continue in our schools until she was fitted for service in the cause of God. This certainly proves that if the seed is sown in faith, it will accomplish the thing whereunto it is sent.

The day of the Lord is nigh at hand. Each prophecy points to the great consummation. We, as workers of God, must have our spiritual energies renewed and must put aside the torpid feelings which are causing the work in some places to languish. Satan is doubling his efforts. He sees that his time is short, and is working harder than ever. If we who claim to be on the side of God do not redouble our diligence we shall be left out of the army. God calls for whole-hearted service. The little success which has attended our efforts is not sufficient. We are admonished and urged by the Spirit of God, to rise to our high calling, that we may meet the mind of God in such a momentous time as this. I want to be more faithful in the work of God until the victory is won.

The children are especially interested in the sewing class. If there is *anyone* who would like to help us to lighten our expenses, he may do so by sending us colored thread, zephyr scraps, needles, and clothing of any kind. Some have to come to school without proper clothing. Pray for our work at Fernandina, Fla.

ANNA V. BUTLER.

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#### FROM A FRIEND OF THIS WORK

I WILL write a few lines, and send my offering for the Southern work. I truly thank you for the GOSPEL HERALD. I think I have enjoyed reading it as much as any paper we have. I send fifteen cents for subscription.

I have not been able to get out to solicit as yet, as it has been so very cold, and I have two aged ones to look after. So I may be "slow but sure." I can assure you that you have my prayers that God will greatly bless in your noble efforts among those colored people—dear souls whom Jesus loves. We watch the reports from that part of the Lord's vineyard very closely. Your sister in Christ,

MRS. W. O. YOUNG.

Oconomowoc, Wis., Dec. 21, '09.

#### PALMER, MISSISSIPPI

It has been several months since there has been a word spoken through the HERALD regarding the work here, but do not think it has gone out of existence. While I have not been saying much, the good work has been going on.

Our school opened October 4 with four pupils. To-day we have an enrollment of eighteen and a daily attendance of fifteen. Others are preparing to come after the holidays. Those attending are principally small children, but very apt in their Bible studies on such subjects as The Creation, The Sabbath, The Birth of Christ and His Childhood. Some of them can repeat the twenty-third psalm verbatim, and are studying the one hundred and third psalm.

My time has been devoted largely to giving Bible readings and selling the special *Review*. Last Sabbath I visited a man who had recently returned from a two-years sentence on the county farm for selling liquor. I found him engaged in reading his Bible. Upon my arrival, without hesitation he asked me why it is that Adventists forbid eating swine's flesh and if there is any Scripture for it. With my Bible already in hand, we turned to Leviticus 11:7, which was a surprise to him. He afterward confessed that the Lord forbids it also.

I am sorry to say at the last, that two of our girls, aged thirteen and eleven years, and a boy of six, have given up our school for lack of clothing. Let us read Matt. 7:7, and obey it.

NANCY G. EVERETT.

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Remember that the financial burdens of the Southern Missionary Society have not been made lighter, but rather heavier by the re-organization of the work for the colored people in the South.

THE Rock City Sanitarium is justifying its existence.

BRETHREN STAINES AND BRALLIAR are busy at Hillcrest, and their work is in a promising condition.

THE Oakwood school is in a prosperous condition, doing good work and seeing encouraging results.

THE Southern Missionary Society is putting some much-needed repairs upon the mission home in Vicksburg.

THE Southeastern Union Conference recently received a bequest of three thousand dollars for the colored work in that field.

ELDER A. BARRY is doing Bible work in Nashville, and some have commenced to keep the Sabbath as a result of his labors.

THE address of the Southern Missionary Society has been changed from 85 Arcade, Nashville, to 55 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn.

BROTHER D. E. BLAKE, manager of the Rock City Sanitarium, is getting along nicely in his medical course, notwithstanding his duties in connection with the sanitarium.

CONSIDERABLE attention will be given to the interests of the work for the colored people at the session of the Southern Union Conference to be held in Nashville January 20 to 30.

IT HAS been decided to remove the GOSPEL HERALD to Huntsville. Just when this will be done it is impossible to say at this time. However, due notice will be given in these columns.

THE officers of the operating board of the Southern Missionary Society, the working name of the Southern Union Mission, are, chairman, Elder C. F. McVagh; office secretary and treasurer, P. E. Palmer; field secretary, F. R. Rogers.

WE had hoped to have a report for this number of the GOSPEL HERALD from Elder Haysmer, secretary of the North American Negro Department, but his time was so fully occupied that he did not get it into our hands in time for this issue of the paper.

THERE is a note of increased courage in all the reports received from those who are working for the colored people. There is not only the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, so to speak, but there is a going also among the workers that spells success for this branch of the cause of present truth.

ELDER F. R. ROGERS has returned from his Western trip in the interests of the Southern Missionary Society to enter upon his duties as field secretary, to which position he has been appointed. This is the work to which Elder Haysmer has been devoting himself for some months, and which he relinquished to accept the secretaryship of the North American Negro Department of the General Conference. Elder Rogers' long acquaintance with the mission-school work and his all-round experience fit him admirably for the position to which he has been called.

MRS. P. S. MARSHALL, of LaMour, N. D., recently made a donation of \$500 to the colored work through the Southern Publishing Association. She wrote: "I am receiving the GOSPEL HERALD, sent to me by some one, and through its reading I am persuaded to make this donation." We wish not only to thank this good sister in behalf of the work for the colored people, but to likewise express our appreciation of her excellent testimonial as to the value of the GOSPEL HERALD. This paper should have a much wider circulation than it now has. The means put into it is money well spent.

## IN PRISON FOR THE TRUTH'S SAKE

NOT long since two colored canvassers were ordered from a plantation in Alabama. Going a little further and seeing

another house they turned in and went to it. It proved to be a part of the same property from which they had been ordered away. They were at once arrested for trespass, and were imprisoned for several days. One of them tells the story of their experiences in prison in this way:—

"And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Acts 5:41. Dear brethren, we are glad to report our experience in the county jail for five days. It being the first of the kind, I am sure you would like to know just why we were there, and I will tell you. First, for the Word of God; second, for crossing a man's field with the Word of God on the printed page, not knowing at the time just where we were. Nevertheless, we were put in jail, and are thankful to our God to be counted worthy to suffer imprisonment for his sake.

"We held meetings twice a day during our stay there in jail, counting it all joy, knowing that 'the trying of your faith worketh patience,' 'and patience, experience, and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.' James 1:3; Romans 5:3-5. 'Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.' 1 Peter 4:16.

"I am sure you would be glad to know of one that has taken his stand for the truth of God in jail. This man has suffered imprisonment for eleven months, and, being a wicked man, he attempted to take his own life. First, he tried to hang himself with a cord; second, by taking poisonous drugs. On the day we were put in prison, he thought to kill himself by taking four doses of morphine. So dear brethren and sisters, God works all things together for good. He wanted that man saved. Praise the name of our Lord forever? The good Lord brought us out by the hand of the one that put us in jail.

"November 19, we were asked by the prisoners to come back and hold some more meetings with them, so we went back on last Sabbath and Sunday and held Bible readings with them. We know that God blessed our meetings. Pray for the one that has taken his stand to keep all the commandments of God, the Sabbath included."