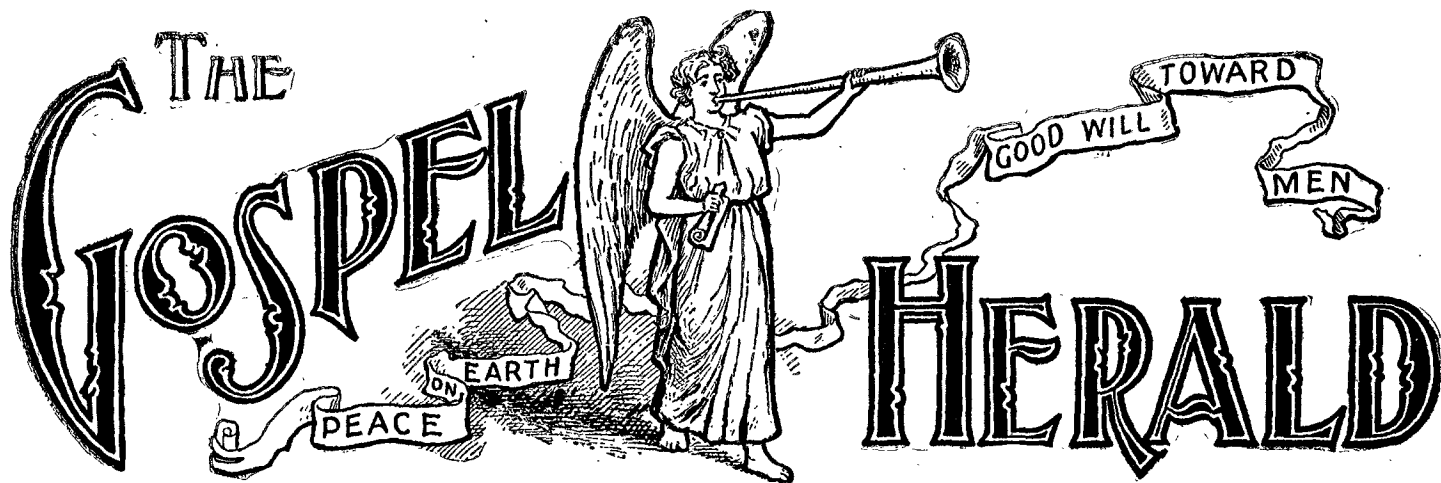


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A PLEA FOR FAITH

"God of the peaceful night without,
Lord of the gem-filled dome of blue,
Make me to know—nor longer doubt
That which is true.

"Give me a child's all-trusting soul,
Help me to feel a father's love;
Help me to look beyond earth's goal—
To heaven above.

"Take from my heart all selfish pride,
Lift from my soul its sin; and then
Let me under thy wing abide—
A child again.

"Help me to see that naught men know,
Save what thyself would'st have them see;
Out of the world no man may go,
Lest unto thee.

"Thus would I be and, being, yet
Humbly beseech thee, Father, then,
That I might not, in my joy forget
My fellow men."

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"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

The Nation Owes a Debt

THE law of God contained in the ten commandments reveals to man his duty to love God supremely and his neighbor as himself. The American nation owes a debt of love to the colored race, and God has ordained that they should make restitution for the wrong they have done them in the past. Those who have taken no active part in enforcing slavery upon the colored people are not relieved from the responsibility of making special efforts to remove, as far as possible, the sure result of their enslavement.

Ask Not, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

When the duty of bringing the gospel to the colored race is presented, many make the plea that association with the colored people will contaminate society. But this very plea is evidence that means

should be instituted to remove from this race the degradation that has been brought upon them. As a people, we should no longer say by our attitude, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We should arouse ourselves to do justly, to love mercy. We should make manifest by our actions that we have the faith for which the saints are to contend. We should go forth to seek the oppressed, to lift up the fallen, and to bring help to those who need our assistance. We should remember that many among the colored people who have been entrusted with God-given ability, who had intellectual capabilities far superior to those of the masters who claimed them as their property, were forced to endure every indignity, and their souls groaned under the most cruel and unjust oppression. They were ambitious to obtain their freedom, and sought in every possible way to obtain it. At times their deferred hope caused them to flash out with indignation, and they were forced to suffer such fearful punishments that their courage was broken, and to all outward appearances their spirits were subdued. But others planned for years, and finally were successful in gaining their freedom. Many of these have filled positions of trust, and have demonstrated the fact that the colored race is capable of cultivation and improvement. As a people claiming to be proclaiming the last message of mercy to the world, we cannot consistently neglect the Southern field; for it is a portion of God's moral vineyard. It is not our place to study consequences; but we are to go to the field and labor for the colored people as earnestly as for the white people, and leave results with God. It is our part to work with all our God-given capabilities to redeem the time that we have wasted in

planning how to avoid unhappy results in working the Southern fields.

A Duty to Both White and Black

We are God's messengers, and he has sent us forth to work for both the white and the black race without partiality and without hypocrisy. We are to set forth the truth in warnings and entreaties. We are to point out the path of light in plain and simple language, easy to be understood by both white and black. We have no time to build up walls of distinction between the white and the black race. The white people who embrace the truth in the Southern field, if converted to God, will discern the fact that the plan of redemption embraces every soul that God has created. The walls of sectarianism and caste and race will fall down when the true missionary spirit enters the hearts of men. Prejudice is melted away by the love of God. All will realize that they are to become laborers together with God. Both the Ethiopian and the white race are God's purchased possession, and our work is to improve every talent that has been lent to us of God, to save the souls of both white and black. If men and women of either race refuse the truth of God, they must answer to God for their rejection of Jesus Christ, who died for their salvation. With all our might, we must do our work now.

All Branches of the Same Vine

God's object in bringing us to himself is to conform us to the image of Christ Jesus. All who believe in Christ will understand the personal relation that exists between them and their brethren. They are to be as branches grafted into the same parent stock, to draw sustenance from the root. Believers, whether white or black, are branches of the True

Vine. There is to be no special heaven for the white man, and another heaven for the black man. We are all to be saved through the same grace, all to enter the same heaven at last. Then why not act like rational beings, and overcome our unlikeness to Christ? The same God that blesses us as his sons and daughters, blesses the colored race. Those who have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, will look with compassion and love upon the colored people. Many of those who have had every advantage, who have regarded

themselves as superior to the colored people because their skin was white, will find that many of the colored race will go into heaven before them.

Pray for Spiritual Life

Let every one who values the precious sacrifice made by Jesus Christ, lift up his voice in prayer to God, and exclaim: "Behold, O Lord, this poor, oppressed people that have been despised and maltreated by the white nation. Breathe into their souls the breath of spiritual life. If no effort is made on their behalf, they will perish in their sins, and their blood will be found upon our garments. Father of mercies, pity thine offspring. Breathe upon these beaten, bruised, ignorant souls, that they may live. Give thy Holy Spirit to those who shall go forth as messengers to this people. Take not thy Holy Spirit from us in our councils, and enable us to make plans and devise means for the spread of the truth among them."

"Show Me Thy Way"

We need to awaken, and to understand the truth as it is in Jesus. We need to consult the Word of God, in order that we shall not seek to evade disagreeable work. When we realize that we are workers together with God, the promises will not be spoken with half indifference, but will burn in our hearts, and kindle on our lips. We shall present them to the throne of God with earnestness, and the Lord will pour out his Spirit upon the devoted, consecrated worker. Those who plead with God, as did Moses, will receive the same assurances that Moses received. When Moses pleaded: "I pray Thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in thy sight; and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Again the Lord said to Moses, "Certainly I will be with thee." The same assurances given to Moses will be given to those who go forth to be co-laborers

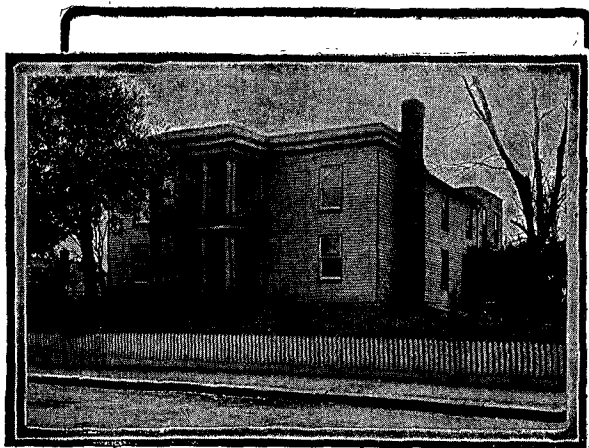
with Jesus Christ in the Southern field. We are not to wait for great men to undertake the work. We are to encourage those who have a burden to go to this field, who are willing to undertake the work. Let those in responsible positions give their sympathy to such workers, and furnish them with facilities whereby they may do the work required. Let not men in our institutions feel that it is their prerogative to tie the hands of workers at every step. Let those who have a mind to work do with their might whatsoever their hands find to do. Let those who take no part in the trying experience of teaching the colored people, unite their petitions with those of the workers, and plead that the Holy Spirit may move upon the hearts of the workers, and aid them in doing successful work for the Master. The Lord God of Sabaoth will hear earnest prayer. He will lead those who feel their dependence upon him, and will so guide the workers that many souls shall come to a knowledge of the truth.

God Is Always a Majority

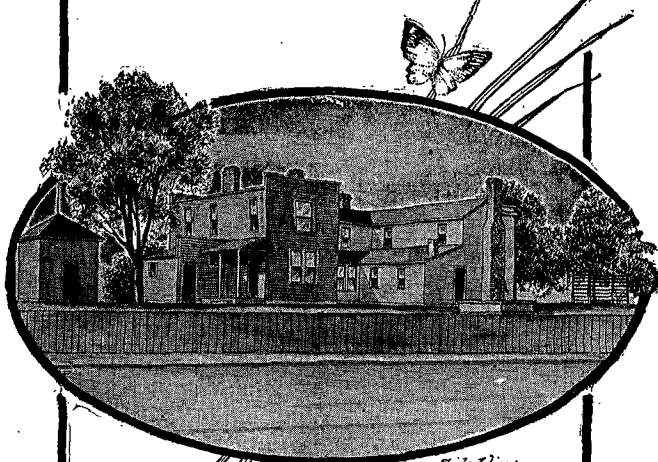
Truth as it is in Jesus exercises a transforming influence upon the minds of its receivers. Let no one forget that God is always a majority, and that with him success is bound to crown all missionary effort. Those who have a living connection with God know that divinity works through humanity. Every soul that co-operates with God will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

"All Ye Are Brethren"

The Lord is a God of mercy, and cares even for the dumb beasts he has created. When he healed on the Sabbath day, and was accused of breaking the law of God, he said to his accusers: "Doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed; and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him." The Lord looks upon the creatures he has made with compassion, no matter to what race they may belong. God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek



Front View Rock City Sanitarium,
Poster Street Entrance.



Side View
Rock City Sanitarium,
Scene from
Stewart St.



Portico of Grounds,
Rock City Sanitarium.

the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." Speaking to his disciples the Saviour said, "All ye are brethren." God is our common Father, and each one of us is our brother's keeper. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

From Review and Herald, Jan. 21, 1896.

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THE WORK IN THE EAST

MARCH 23 I left Nashville, Tenn., for the East, to visit the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Trenton, and Philadelphia, before the spring council of the General Conference Committee to be held at Washington D. C., April 5-14.

I arrived in New York Friday morning, and spent four days in New York, Brooklyn, and Jersey City.

Sabbath I spoke three times to our colored people in Brooklyn, and Sunday night in New York, churches four and five coming together at the hall on 53rd St. and 8th Ave. We had an excellent attendance at all these services.

I was glad to find such a large number of consecrated brethren and sisters in these large cities. The pastor, Elder J. K. Humphrey, is working hard to build up the work.

I was pleased to attend the young people's meeting and see the deep interest taken in real, practical missionary work. Efforts are put forth to get all, both old and young, at work in some definite way to spread the message among the thousands of colored people in these cities.

There is no one who can reach these colored people like the colored people themselves. I was glad to see them so well organized for their work.

Monday afternoon I was invited by Elder R. D. Quinn, the president of the Greater New York Conference to attend their conference committee meeting, called to lay plans for the summer's campaign in New York and Brooklyn.

Plans were laid to carry on a strong tent effort among the colored people in New York. A good company of workers were selected. It was also decided to connect one of our colored nurses with the tent work to do real missionary nursing and Bible work combined. I believe this will be a great help to the work.

In Jersey City we found thousands of colored people, but scarcely any work has been done for them. We trust this conference will be able to get a good worker.

We found about fifteen colored Sabbath-keepers in Philadelphia, who meet with the North Side church, but in this great conference there is not a worker for the nearly two hundred fifty thousand colored people. Elder Heckman, the conference president, is anxious to secure a good worker for this field.

My time before the council was spent so I could not visit Maryland, but in that State there are over one hundred thousand who have never heard this message.

I trust the time is not far distant when we can have workers and means enough to carry this saving message to all in this part of the great harvest-field.

A. J. HAYSMEYER.

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IN THE FIELD

AFTER spending about four months in Oregon and California in the interests of the Southern work, I returned to attend the Southern Union Conference held in Nashville in January. From here I entered upon my work in the field. I first visited

Jackson, Miss.,

at which place Sister Ada Allen has charge of a prosperous mission school. It, though small, is well conducted, and the children are happy in their work. We are glad to report the church work, under Elder N. B. King, is in the best condition since its organization. Several new members have been added, and a good spirit is manifested.

Vicksburg, Miss.

Brother and Sister J. W. Allison are in charge of the work in this city. Due to the death of the former teacher, the report was circulated that we would have no school. This has made it difficult to work up the school, but despite this, these faithful workers have nearly forty students, and Sister Allison is using her ability as a trained nurse to advantage with the best people of the city. The church work is onward here, though but few of the old members are left, and little work is being done in the way of public services. This is the oldest church in the field, and prejudice is great.

Signal, Miss.

Four miles from Vicksburg, at Signal,

Brother J. C. Miller is conducting a mission school. It is his first experience, but he is nobly staying by the work, and is teaching the truth to some fifteen children, and also holding weekly meetings in the neighborhood.

Yazoo City, Miss.

We found Brother and Sister C. A. Crichlow, who have charge of the work in Yazoo City, with a prosperous school of about seventy. Excellent spiritual work is being done. Before reaching the school, on this visit, I met three old acquaintances, who hailed me with, "You sure sent us the right teachers this time; they live what they teach." Such as this gives us courage. The church here is also in a prosperous condition.

Natchez, Miss.

The teachers here are Sisters M. E. Gammon and Josephine Montgomery. Their school numbers about fifty, and perfect harmony seems to prevail. Mention may be made of the very thorough work done here, and the love that exists between students and teachers. We have no church worker here other than the teachers, but the truth is reaching many homes.

Ellisville, Miss., No. 1

The fifteen bright young persons in this school are greatly in love with their work and teacher, Sister Lucile Carter. Excellent methods are used in this school, and though small and held in about the worst shack of any school in the field, I consider it one of the best yet visited.

Ellisville, Miss., No. 2

Four miles from this place, is the Ellisville school No. 2 with Sister Johnnye Vaughn in charge. This school numbers forty, and for two years has been almost a failure in the eyes of the world, and every effort has been put forth by the enemy to have it disbanded entirely, but through the faithful efforts of this sister this year a complete victory is won, although two public schools that are three miles each way from this one are practically closed. One is closed, and the other has only five pupils, the others coming to the mission school. Much of the success is due to Sister Vaughn's knowledge of nursing. Here is a great field for this work. She gained favor by nursing the sick in the community outside of school hours. Her work is very commendable, and the Lord is blessing. Though no church has been or-

ganized here, we have members, and a church will be organized in the near future.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

From here I visited Hattiesburg. Sister Hattie Halloway has a school of fourteen well trained in their work. All these are primary students.

Palmer, Miss.

Four miles from Hattiesburg is Palmer, where Sister Nancy Everett has a nice school, happy and interested in their work, some coming for three miles to school. The little church company here, though small, is still holding up the light of truth.

New Orleans, La.

My next visit was New Orleans. Here we have Sister Stella Glasco, assisted by Sister M. A. Anderson. We find a prosperous school, but are working at a disadvantage in this great city, being obliged to pay a rent of \$14.00 per month for one side of a house. It almost seems our light is under a bushel. But, brethren and sisters who read this, remember we are not discouraged. Here is a real live working church, full of zeal. They have raised one hundred fifty dollars by themselves with which to build, and are looking for a lot, so that the work may be properly represented. A lot here in a proper location will cost from eight hundred to one thousand dollars besides the building. Now here is an opportunity for our readers to help those who are struggling to help themselves. Elder A. C. Chatman and Elder Thos. Murphy are here, and will make a strong effort with tent-meetings this season.

Mobile, Ala.

I came to Mobile next. Here we have Brother and Sister W. A. S. Henry, with a school of seventy-five, and we are glad to report everything working in perfect order. It is a well disciplined school, which helps the matter of recitations, and lessons are well learned. Thoroughness is found throughout and it is refreshing to visit such a school. The church here has no building or place of meeting other than at a private house. The Lord is blessing here, and to him be all the praise.

Pensacola, Fla.

The next place visited was Pensacola, where Sister Delia Wilson has a nice school of fourteen, all very much interested in the mission school, and claim to

be learning to be missionaries to take the Sabbath truth to those who know it not. They are also well drilled and thorough in other things as well as Bible lessons. Brother G. E. Peters and wife are here laboring with, and adding members to the new church, which to-day has a membership of forty-four. We can truly praise God for this. These members are also buying a lot, and we must build a church here.

Montgomery, Ala.

The next place visited after Pensacola, was Montgomery. Here we have Elder J. H. Lawrence and wife, and Sister Geraldine Hurley. Sister Hurley has had a successful school here with some forty students. She has been assisted by Sister Lawrence. About February 1 smallpox broke out in the school, Sister Hurley being a subject of it. School was closed but one week. Sister Lawrence is finishing the school year. The attendance now is about twenty and Sister Hurley is doing Bible work in the city. Brother Lawrence is very busy preparing the people for a public tent effort. A fine location is already secured, and his visits and readings have created an interest on the part of the people to hear more. The tent will be pitched in April, the Lord willing.

Sylacauga, Ala.

Here we have Brother Barnes and wife with a fine industrial school considering there are only sixteen acres of land and poor equipment. Sister Barnes is teaching twenty bright children in the class room from 9 A. M. until 12:30. Then some of them are taught to use the rake and the hoe on this little place. Brother Barnes has the ground worked in fine shape and all bids fair for an excellent crop. They now need several boys and girls who want to work for their schooling next winter.

Birmingham, Ala.

Here we have a small school taught by Sister Laura Bell Bradford. The school has had many discouraging features to meet this year, but victory is won and prospects are good for an excellent school next season. Elder T. B. Buckner's work here this season has been the means of bringing about many changes for the better and adding several new members to the church. A spirit of consecration is manifest here that I have not witnessed anywhere else in the field. The children seven years of

age and the youth are giving their hearts to God and holding special service for those who have not yet yielded. Elder Buckner is working hard getting all in readiness for a tent effort. Pray, brethren and sisters, for the work in this great city.

Gadsden, Ala.

At this place Sister Mildred Anderson is teaching a mission school of eighteen children. The influence of this mission school reaches throughout the little city, and inquiries are being made because these children know so much Bible truth, and, as expressed by a citizen of the place, "Them chillern all is preachers." We have no other worker here, but several families are living the truth, and others are interested and will no doubt come with us.

Readers, please come and help us. Remember that now is the accepted time.

F. R. ROGERS.

Field Sec'y. Southern Union Mission.

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LITTLE ROCK AND PINE BLUFF, ARK.

I MENTIONED in a previous article concerning my moving to Little Rock. We find many openings for Bible readings in this city, which shows that the interest is not dead.

The work at Pine Bluff is developing again. Deaths and removals had weakened the little church there considerably, but through the seed which has been sown and the faithfulness of those who were left to hold up the light of truth, some are stepping in to fill up the breach. Sabbath, April 2, the quarterly meeting was celebrated with the Pine Bluff church. After a short discourse previous to the ordinance services, I opened the doors of the church, and two sisters offered themselves for membership. They were not members of any Seventh-day Adventist church, and so after examining them, they were received by vote. They had already been attending our services for some time, hence were quite well posted on the things we make a test of fellowship.

On a previous trip to Pine Bluff I learned of a gentleman about nine miles in the country who had begun to keep the Sabbath, and I planned to visit him when I made another trip over there. So on Sunday morning I got up early to walk out there before they got off to church or somewhere else. My wife and Sister Green accompanied me from

Little Rock to Pine Bluff, and they desired to go out to this brother's with me. This suggested a vehicle; but as none seemed available, except at the livery stable, which was beyond my pocket-book, we all set out afoot, although it had rained considerably and there was much mud and water to contend with in the road.

When we got in sight of the house, the gentleman was just hitching up his double rig to drive into town to church (he and family belong to the Holiness Church, and he has not severed his connection with them as yet, although he keeps the Sabbath), so I hurried on, leaving my wife and Sister Green behind. Seeing we had gone to such effort to call on them, they cheerfully gave up their previous plan. So we spent considerable time in studying over points of truth, and late in the afternoon, he hitched up his vehicle and drove us in to town.

Having kept the Sabbath, he felt that it would be a compromise to seem to keep Sunday, and hence he has been going right out and plowing on his farm on Sunday. This has raised quite a stir in that community. I tried to show him how he could use Sunday to a much better advantage in spending the day in doing missionary work. Also I explained to him the importance of meeting with the church in Pine Bluff on the Sabbath, instead of holding aloof from them and spending the Sabbath at home.

We are very much encouraged over the outlook in this part. Souls are coming to the light. The Lord is leading the march, and defeat is impossible.

J. W. DANCER.

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THE COLORED CANVASSING WORK IN ARKANSAS

Two years ago we had only one canvasser in this field, who sold \$250 worth of our literature. In the beginning of 1909 our first institute was held, and as a result of this institute a number of others entered the work, selling more than one thousand dollars worth of books.

Some of the best records were made by these canvassers. Two are as follows: Number one, 438 hours, \$500 worth delivered, an average of about \$1.12 per hour. Number two, thirty-seven weeks, 1,438 hours, an average of nearly forty hours a week.

Our institute for this year was held at Devall Bluff, March 14-20, where the

industrial school is located, with six in attendance.

All have returned to the field with renewed courage and zeal, for the best year's work yet. The prospect before the work is very promising and hopeful. They are thankful for this opportunity of placing before their own race the third angel's message. They need your prayers.

J. A. TUCKER.

Field Missionary, Ark. Conf.

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IN THE OLD SLAVE CABIN

ONLY a foot-worn plank is found
Betwixt us and the living ground;
So near the humble, laboring earth
Slavery had its rise and birth!

Two half-closed chinks, like eyes of fear,
Scarce let the glorious sun appear;
Dark was the world the bondsman knew—
Yet see! A ray from heaven steals through!

Broad is the hearth, where hook and crane,
Blackened in long-dead fires, remain;
The master's feast, the master's cheer,
Still leave a haunting memory here.

Low is the entrance—mean and low;
Framed for a race whose necks must bow;
Yet through such doors, by God's decree,
Millions from bondage stepped forth free.

May Freedom still enlarge their place!
While the old cabin rots apace,
Till roof and chimney, wall and floor,
Fall into dust and are no more!

DORA READ GOODALE.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

I WAS sent to this place last month to baptize the converts to present truth as a result of a tent effort there. I was glad to find that the interest had not abated, and that the good work that was begun was still prospering.

The weather was not the best to perform such a ceremony, but as we had planned to have it I did not feel like disappointing them. The Lord was present to bless us with his Holy Spirit. I baptized twenty-six candidates. Having baptized fourteen before, we now have a company of forty. There are others who will follow soon. Our hearts are glad for the success the Lord has given us in this place.

Doubtless you read of the necessity of a church building here in the last issue of this paper. I wish to confirm this. They are in great need of a meeting place, and this necessity cannot be urged too strongly. Soon Brother Peters, who is now in charge, will join me in Mont-

gomery, and to leave the believers in Pensacola without a suitable place in which to meet, will not be the best thing. Dear reader, if the last article relative to the need of this place did not touch a responsive chord in your heart, and if this does not, I beseech you to pray to the dear Lord to give you a burden for this needy place.

The work in Montgomery is onward. We have had some defeats through sickness, but the Lord is turning our defeat into victory. Our Sabbath meetings are now being attended by our readers. Soon I hope to report that some have taken a definite stand for present truth. We have a live interest in Montgomery. On account of smallpox our school has been hindered from making the progress we anticipated, but our courage is still good. We are planning to hold the first tent effort in Montgomery soon, and sincerely ask your prayers that we may be as successful as we were last year.

J. H. LAWRENCE.

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GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

IN harmony with the advice of Elders T. H. Jeys and M. C. Strachan, I opened our mission school here Oct. 4, 1909, with six pupils.

Since then there were many discouragements, yet we feel grateful to the Lord for his goodness to us.

From an enrolment of six the school has gradually increased to thirty-two. The school has made a very deep impression upon the community, insomuch that children have been withdrawn from public schools and sent to our school.

Some of the children are apt, and are making good progress in their lessons. In our daily Bible studies they are deeply interested. Truly there is nothing in the world to-day to be compared with the third angel's message in all of its phases.

One of the leading men of this city told me not long ago that our mission school is doing much good in helping lift up the poor colored children.

We are truly made to rejoice when we realize that the Lord has made bare his holy arm to save all the honest in heart. The work is onward, and nothing can stay its final triumph.

I can say I am of good courage in the work. And each day of my life I will tell the little ones of our blessed Saviour, who will soon appear in the clouds to reward all of his faithful children.

Apart from school duties, my husband

and I are making house to house visits, giving Bible readings, and distributing literature. It is our privilege to sow beside all waters, and God has promised to give the increase.

By way of industry I am teaching sewing.

We would be glad to have a few Bibles and song-books for the use of the school. Who will respond?

My address is 601 Green Ave., Greenville, S. C.

MRS. J. F. CRICHLAW.

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EAST PALATKA, FLORIDA

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: It may be that your readers have been thinking of the colored work in Florida, and wondering why they never hear much about it. It is not because we are asleep, and not

and its progress in this State. I will move my tent to Hastings, Fla., and expect to be there about six weeks.

Yours in the Master's cause,

J. W. MANNS.

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MOBILE, ALABAMA

We are glad to report that the work is onward here. Our enrolment is increasing almost daily, and a genuine interest is being manifest by both parents and students. Several of the children, though quite young, are making good progress in the truth. This we are proud of, because these children were taken from the poorest part of the city, where they were exposed to every wicked vice and were fast drifting with the tide.

When we hear them speaking and sing-

along this line. I hope that friends may come to the aid of these good people who are doing the Master's work in this important field."

And another from one of the children's parents who wrote in part:—

"I am greatly pleased with the progress the school is making, especially as my little girl learns and knows more about the Bible than she has ever known before."

This we hope will be a source of encouragement to those who have given to this work so liberally, or, as one has expressed it, "until it hurts."

The Mothers' Association at College View, Neb., donated us two barrels of clothing, etc. The missionary society of Lincoln, Neb., also sent us a box of clothing, including a map, and material for sewing, for which we want to return many thanks.

The gifts thus sent us added much to the comfort of many families who were suffering from cold and freezing weather. If a blessing is pronounced on those who give a cup of cold water in His name, how much more shall those be blessed who have saved some one from an attack of la grippe or pneumonia, and perhaps thereby saved their lives. The judgment alone will reveal. So let us be courageous, do our part faithfully, and leave results to God.

"The battle soon will yield,

If thou thy part fulfil;

For strong as is the hostile shield,

Thy sword is stronger still."

MRS. W. A. S. HENRY.

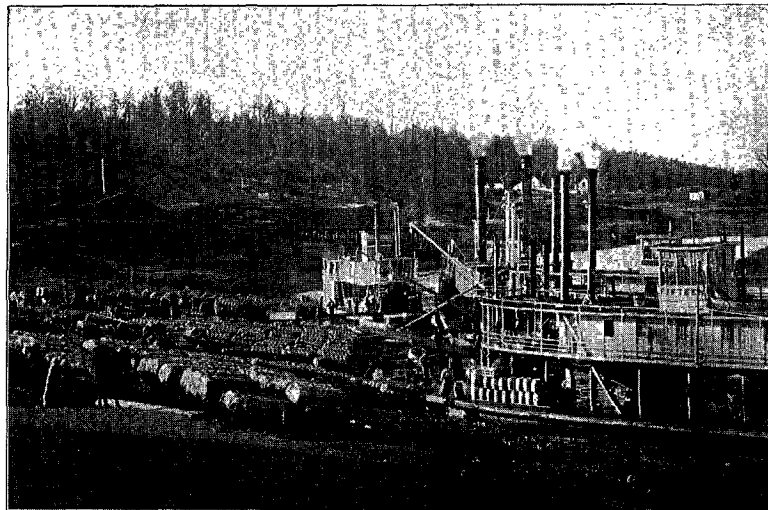
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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

I AM glad to say our mission school has proved to be a blessing to many. I opened school September 13 with three children; I now have twenty enrolled.

When I opened school some of the children did not know who made them. I asked some of them what God made them out of, and some said, Out of lint cotton; and one little girl said, "He made me with a hammer and nails." Of course she was not an Adventist; but now she can repeat the twenty-third psalm, and many more can name the books of the Bible.

I am in need of many things, some of which are maps, charts, and Bibles. Some of the children cannot attend school because of the lack of clothes and shoes. A box of clothing would be very acceptable.



Loading Cotton: A Scene on the Yazoo River

at work; but it has been a neglect on my part to write. However, I am glad to report that the good work is onward in this conference, and that the good Lord is blessing what is being done. Since our last camp-meeting, there have been some added to the cause.

At this writing I am holding tent-meetings here, with very good attendance during the first part of the meetings. Now we are having some rain and that cuts off the attendance much, nevertheless, we are doing what we can. At the close of this meeting, we will organize a church here, our little church building will soon be finished.

I am glad to say that our people are very much pleased with the work of the Department. I ask the readers of this paper to pray for the work in Florida. Later I will tell you more about the work

ing the Word of God with their hearts aglow with love for him, we must conclude that the Southern Missionary Society's work of establishing mission schools is not in vain, but is snatching many precious lambs as brands from the burning.

Since the holidays we have had several visitors, among them we will mention Prof. W. B. Smith (white); principal of Emerson Institute, who has rendered us some valuable assistance in the way of furnishing school supplies, and we will here quote a few lines written by him in our visitor's register:—

"We had the pleasure of visiting Magnolia Mission School the afternoon of February 15, and were delighted with what we saw, especially the excellent discipline which is maintained. The children entered heartily into the singing, and showed the results of special training

I received a box of clothing some time ago from Sister Hampton of Lincoln, Neb., which was very much needed. We extend many thanks to Sister Hampton for her kindness toward the people here. A little girl about nine years old was compelled to stop school because of the lack of shoes; she prayed to the Lord to send her a pair of shoes, and the next Sabbath she was prepared to go to Sabbath-school.

We will accept any kind of clothing that any one desires to send. Please pray that we may succeed in having a good school established here for the benefit of the people. DELIA WILSON.

1300 N. 6th Ave. February 28.

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TO HELP CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: My name is Clarence L. Brown. I am ten years of age. My grandma is writing for me. I am staying with her and my grandpa, and I help them on the fruit ranch, which looks beautiful now the almond trees are in blossom.

I am sending fifty cents for the poor little colored children, to help them go to school, hoping they will learn all about our Saviour's soon coming, and get ready to meet him.

With best wishes for all,

C. L. BROWN.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: We are pleased to send you a report of our work.

Our enrolment is eighty-five. Of course all do not attend regularly. Our aim is to do with our might what our hands find to do.

In connection with our school work we go out to give Bible readings. I also am visiting other cities, holding meetings and giving Bible readings. Thank God, fruit has already been borne through these meetings and Bible readings.

There are souls all around us to be warned, some are calling for help. Who will give heed to the call? Will you, brother? Will you, sister? If circumstances are so that the reader of this paper cannot go, will you give of your means? Reader, we have not long to stay here; look at the signs of the times and the going of the gospel to the nations of the earth.

We are our brother's keeper; if we fail to do our duty, God will hold us

responsible. Eze. 33:1-8. "To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 3:7, 8.

God has promised to cut short this work in righteousness. Rom. 9:28. So brethren and sisters, let us ask him to turn over a new leaf for us, and let us work while it is day, for said he, "Night cometh, when no man can work." May the time soon come when some one will be obtained to take my place in the school, and let me be free to carry this truth to those who know it not.

All that we have to live for in this world, is to do our Master's will.

Yours truly,

R. E. WILLIAMS.

209 Green Ferry Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

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SIN'S MAGNETIC POWER

"IN ancient Arabian lore there is a fable which tells of a great black magnetic mountain by whose powerful influence iron bolts were drawn from the timbers of a passing ship so that it fell apart and became a wreck on the waves of the sea. The deadly power of this mountain soon became known to sailors and they steered far away from it. All shunned it as they would death itself. Sin is like that fabled mountain. Its power is so great that it draws from human character those virtues that make the true man. The only safe way is to shun sin as the sailors shunned that magnetic mountain."

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SOWING FOR ETERNITY

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:7, 8.

Too many persons regard their lives as marbles flung out indiscriminately on the bagatelle board of human existence. Against this morbid and erroneous conception of life are raised many protests and warnings.

Each man illustrates in himself the law of the harvest. Whatsoever he sows he reaps. Brethren Lawrence and Peters have sown good seed in the soil of Pensacola, Fla., and, therefore, have reaped good fruit. We have one of the best of companies, and it numbers about fifty. Praise the Lord. We have begun to erect a church building which will

give us better advantages than we have ever had. The location is the best that could be desired. Pray for, and help the work in this place.

We have good workers in the persons of Brother Peters and wife and Sister Wilson, the latter doing good work in the school. She has about twenty pupils. Permit me to say right here, with the Greek philosopher, who lived centuries ago: "If there be any good I can do, or kindness to show, let me do it now; do not deter me; for I shall not pass this way again." It is my desire to be of service to the Lord in any manner that I can. For, as one writer has said, "I slept and dreamed that life was beauty; I woke, and found that life was duty."

Yours of the faith,

FRANK PETERSON.

Pensacola, Fla.

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A LIQUOR DEALER'S INCOME

THE average annual income of the American liquor dealer, according to a recent estimate, is over seven thousand dollars. These figures are based on an estimate of fifty drinks to a gallon of whisky and twelve glasses of beer to the gallon. Many saloon-keepers, however, by generous adulteration, make a gallon of whisky yield seventy drinks. One village saloon-keeper took in over the bar twenty-four thousand dollars a year, and his only competitor in the village took in sixteen thousand dollars yearly. These men were getting rich, while the village community was being impoverished. This is the experience of thousands of similar communities all over the country, where the saloon is gradually absorbing the wealth, and destroying manhood, and sapping the morals, and ruining homes, and yielding nothing in return.—Sel.

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NO FRUITLESS EFFORTS

EVERY real and searching effort at self-improvement is of itself a lesson of profound humility. For we cannot move a step without learning and feeling the waywardness, the weakness, the vacillation of our movements or without desiring to be set upon the Rock that is higher than ourselves.—W. E. Gladstone.

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As announced last month the price of the "Gospel Herald" has been increased from ten cents to twenty-five cents. Of course unexpired subscriptions will be filled at the former rate of ten cents. But all new subscriptions must be at the advanced price. We are permitted to send out only a very limited number of sample copies, and as it is very desirable that all our people both North and South have the "Gospel Herald," we again urge upon all the necessity of subscribing promptly.

Last month we expressed the belief that our tract societies would all esteem it a privilege to co-operate with us in securing subscriptions to this paper, and that they would willingly forgo the usual ten per cent. commission. We are thankful for the assistance already received, and hope that it will be continued until the paper shall have been placed upon a self-supporting basis. This can be done speedily if all will do what they can.

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It is earnestly desired by those at headquarters that the contributing editors shall magnify their office both in furnishing live matter for our columns and in exerting an active influence in behalf of the paper. It will require the combined efforts of the whole field to make the GOSPEL HERALD what it ought to be, and what it must be, namely, a real exponent of this important branch of the cause of God in the earth in these last days.

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

"I ENJOY the paper very much for it gives us much information concerning the work there and the needs of the field."

"I SEE by the last *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* that you are doing a good work for the colored people. I should like to help in this cause, so I enclose a check for fifty dollars."

"IN the GOSPEL HERALD I see that the Master's work in the Southland is onward. I praise the Captain of our salvation for his guiding hand in all things, and his blessing and longsuffering with his sleepy church on earth. May he pour out his Spirit upon his people to give and receive his last message of mercy is my prayer to him. Please find my check for one hundred seventy-eight dollars."

ONE friend sends in a list of twenty-seven names for the GOSPEL HERALD. "Go, and do thou likewise."

ONE letter contained the following: "Inclosed you will find seventy-five cents. This was found in my mother's Self-denial Box after her death."

MANY letters are coming in asking for from one to seventy-five Self-denial Boxes.

We see by the list that a good number of subscriptions are expiring about this time. We wish that all would take notice of the label and if your time is about expired, we would be very glad to receive your renewal.

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A GOOD RESOLVE

A GOOD friend of this work writing from another section of our common country, says:—

"I mean to talk of its work more than ever. It has been a very hard thing to find opportunity to mention the matter publicly at church. I tried several times but failed. I knew I was too weak in my own strength, I could do nothing. So I took the matter before the Lord just as a little child would go to its earthly parent and ask, expecting to receive. I said, 'Lord, what shall I do about the Southern work? I have been such a slothful servant so long, and now my heart is filled with the desire to help finish the work in the Southern field.' All the week I prayed this prayer, and waited patiently for an answer, knowing the request would surely be answered."

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FIFTH CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE Fifth church was favored with a visit from Elders A. J. Haysmer and W. H. Anderson Sunday evening, April 10. Brother Haysmer spoke of the work of the North American Negro Depart-

ment, and its aim to better reach the millions of colored people throughout the land, that the work may be finished speedily for the coming of the Lord.

Brother Anderson related many of the hardships attending the progress of the work in Africa, and its triumph in spite of them all.

All seemed glad to hear what was said by both of them. Indeed, we feel that we should do more to cause the gospel to go to the ends of the earth.

The work here is advancing even though Satan has stood, and is yet standing up to resist it. W. H. GREEN.

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A VERY valuable periodical is the *Protestant Magazine*, published in Washington, D. C. This is a journal that ought to have a much wider circulation than it has yet had. It is published by the Review and Herald. It should be ordered through the same channels as other publications.

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OBITUARY

BERRY.—Elizabeth Berry died Jan. 30, 1910, at her home in Mobile, Ala., aged thirty-five years, after suffering for nearly ten months with tuberculosis. Our Sister Berry was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mobile for over nine years. Her heart was always warm toward our workers, and in her home they were always welcome. Her parlor was used for a place of meeting by the believers for several months. Her hope in the early coming of our Redeemer was firm to the end of her life, and she looked forward to the reunion of the faithful around our Father's throne. Her last words of comfort to her children were, "I am going to leave you, and if you expect to be reunited to your dear mother, you too must keep the commandments of God, and be believers in the resurrection." She leaves to mourn a companion, two daughters, three sons, and other relatives.

On the occasion of the funeral the house was well filled with attentive listeners, and sympathizing friends and neighbors, who listened to words of comfort by the writer, assisted by Brother William T. Sheffield. We laid her to rest in the Magnolia Cemetery to await the triumph that shall awake those who sleep in Jesus—there we shall crown him King of kings, and Lord of lords.

WILLIAM A. S. HENRY.