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Missionary.

(NOTE: Among the recommendations passed unanimously by the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee, is one to the effect that a general collection be taken up in all our churches the first Sabbath in November,—November 5, 1904,—in behalf of the work among the colored people of the Southern states. In view of this recommendation we regard the following appeal as timely.)—EDITOR.

Work Among the Colored People.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

To My Brethren and Sisters in America:—

We are thankful that the light of present truth has been shining in the Southern states, and that a few laborers in this field have been working wholeheartedly to communicate the truth to the colored people. Those who have not borne the burden of opening up the work among the colored people, can know comparatively little of the trials, the prayers and the

wrestling of those who have been pioneers in this work.

In the face of the most trying circumstances, a good beginning has been made in this needy field. The Lord now calls upon us to come up to his help. Again and again he has placed before our people the needs of the work among the colored race, but there are many who have done very little to help. Prejudice has existed in the minds of some against those who have been laboring far beyond their strength to carry forward this work. Those who have given place to unbelief and criticism are under the rebuke of God for every word they have spoken to discourage the workers, and to create prejudice against them. Doing nothing themselves, they have blocked the wheels, so that others could not advance.

The Lord has put the seal of His approval on the work done among the colored people of the South. Mistakes have been made; but have not mistakes been made in every other missionary field? When you watch for mistakes, and put out your hand to discourage where God approves, you are working and talking against the Master. God is very much displeased with every one who has placed any hindrance in the way of the advancement of the work for the colored people.

Some may think that the work in the Southern States is already receiving from the General Conference more than its share of attention, more than its proportion of men and means. But if the South were not a neglected, needy field, if there were not a pressing necessity for more work to be done there in many different lines, why should the Lord keep the question constantly before His people as He

has done for so many years? We must redeem the time. Without delay this long-neglected field must be worked.

Few realize the magnitude of the work that must be done among the colored people. In the South there are millions who have never heard the third angel's message. These must be given the light of present truth. For the accomplishment of this, the Lord has provided many agencies. Gospel medical missionaries are to be trained and sent throughout the land. Small sanitariums and well-equipped treatment rooms are to be established near the crowded centers. Colored evangelists are to be educated and sent forth to proclaim the truth in its simplicity to their own race. Canvassers are to carry the printed page into the homes of the people. And in order that this literature may result in good, the people are to be taught to read. How can they become intelligent Christians, unless first they learn to read the Bible? Schools are to be established and maintained; churches are to be built. Throughout the South there are to be erected memorials for God and His truth.

All this will require self-sacrificing effort on the part of our brethren and sisters in America. Those who live in the South cannot bear the burden alone. We must lend them financial assistance.

I present before you, my brethren and sisters, the work among the colored people as the object of your liberality. The mission-schools, the training school at Huntsville, the Nashville Colored Sanitarium, the ministers and Bible workers devoting their time to the salvation of the colored people,—all these and many other agencies are in great need of funds. The work must go forward. Every penny that can be

spared should be invested in the Lord's cause. Let us see if the November collection can not result in thousands of dollars flowing into the treasury.

"God loveth a cheerful giver;" and if we with grateful hearts bring our gifts and offerings to Him, "not grudgingly or of necessity," His blessing will attend us; for He has promised, "I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." He will accept not only the gift, but the giver. And although it may have cost self-denial on our part, the approval of conscience and the blessing of heaven will fill our hearts with happiness.

The November Offering for the Colored Work in the South.

At the recent meeting of the General Conference Committee, held in College View, Nebraska, Sabbath November 5, was set apart for an offering in all our churches to assist in the colored work in the South.

Seventy-five per cent. of the offering is to go to the Southern Union Conference, and twenty and five per cent., respectively, to the Southwestern Union and Virginia conferences, in each of which there is a colored population.

The Southern Union Conference comprises nine states, with population of about 15,000,000. Of these, at least 8,000,000 are colored people. The church membership in this conference is 2,246—about equal to that of Ohio. Our brethren and sisters in the South cannot support this work. They look to our churches in the North for help. Over and over we have been urged to provide facilities to hasten the work in the South, before the way is hedged up.

Sabbath, November 5, will give each an opportunity to share in this work. The offerings should be sent by the church treasurers, without delay, to the conference treasurer. Isolated individuals or companies can send their donations direct to their State office, or, if more

convenient, to the Mission Board, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

The Collection For November 5.

The General Conference Committee has recommended that on Sabbath, November 5, a collection be taken in all our churches for the benefit of the colored work in the South. We hope all our church officers will call the attention of the church members to this important collection, and present to the church the needs of the field, recommending a liberal donation on that day.

There are a number of interests of considerable importance connected with this work for the colored people.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

The testimonies have indicated that the most successful way of working for the colored people of the South is through mission schools started in different parts of the field. For several years this plan has been in operation on a limited scale, and the results prove the truthfulness of the statement as made above. We are glad to learn that up to the present time every mission school established has resulted in bringing out a company of believers and organizing a church. The interests of the work demand the establishment of many of these schools just as rapidly as means can be supplied to provide for them.

THE HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL.

This is the only training school for colored workers among us as a people in all the world. For a number of years it has struggled under adverse circumstances and consequently has been unable to accomplish the work for which it was established. This school should be well equipped so that it can rapidly bring into the field school teachers, Bible workers, colporters, and ministers. A strong effort is being made this season to put the buildings into proper shape and provide for the school the facilities necessary to make this work suc-

cessful. Considerable of an outlay must be made at once, and the work is now in progress.

THE NASHVILLE COLORED SANITARIUM

This is the only institution of the kind in the world, and while we have scores of sanitariums for white people, in each of which is invested from ten to one hundred thousand dollars, yet this lone institution for colored people is struggling along in a rented building, handicapped for almost every facility, and certainly needs immediate assistance.

Notwithstanding the difficulties under which it has labored, this sanitarium has accomplished wonders and is obtaining recognition among the wealthiest and best class of colored people in the South. At present, it is located in the crowded district of the city, but it must have a place in the country where quiet can be maintained for a class of overworked prominent colored people throughout the South.

The distribution of this special collection is in the hands of a joint committee, a number of whom are General Conference officers. It is hoped that our brethren and sisters will respond nobly to the appeal for a large donation on the 5th of November.

Life and Health.

The November and December issues of Life and Health will be special numbers with special rates to agents for new yearly subscriptions and copies to sell. For particulars, write us for agents special rates.

The following are some of the good things that will appear in the November number.

A Last-Generation Religious and Food Reform, revealing the necessity and significance of such a reform.

What a Doctor Learns From His Patients, a physician's own story and experience.

Letters From a Physician to His Son, setting forth the importance of having a right ideal.

Feeding the Multitude, an illustrated and inspiring article by Mrs. E. G. White.

The Medical Missionary Work, reports and experiences from field workers.

The question Corner, containing a large number of very practical and interesting questions which a practical physician answers.

The Healthful Cookery Department, containing special practical recipes for the use of the olive, a fruit that deserves to be better known in the East than it is now.

News and Notes, a brief account of what is being done by health boards and in other ways for the improvement of the public health.

These special numbers of Life and Health will be especially adapted for the use in connection with the great winter campaign. They ought to be circulated by the thousand. Agents will receive liberal rates on these two numbers.

Make all orders to the West Michigan Tract Society, or direct to

LIFE AND HEALTH,
222 North Capitol St.,
Washington, D. C.

From The Field.

Since last writing to the "Herald" I have had the privilege of visiting with Elder and Sister VanDeusen at Lowell. Almost all the church members live from five to eight miles in the country. On Sabbath it rained so the attendance was small.

While there the president of the W. C. T. U. called and gave Sister VanDeusen and myself a very cordial invitation to attend their meeting, also to speak to them on the subject of "Sabbath Observance." We accepted the invitation as the Lord had so wonderfully opened the way to present the truth for this time to them.

The president passed slips around with almost all the texts in both old and new testaments on the subject written out. After reading these texts Sister VanDeusen was called on for remarks to which she responded by alluding to some of

the texts read in our hearing and showing the work which Christ did in clearing away the traditions of the Elders and Rabbis so that the people could see the Law of God in its simplicity and beauty. Christ showed them the true spirit of Sabbath keeping by doing works of mercy and help. How much better is a man than a sheep.

One lady read the text, "From evening to evening shall ye celebrate your Sabbaths" then said, "Why I commence to keep Sunday in the morning." Another lady answered her, "That is in the Old Testament we do not pay any attention to that now."

When the president called on me for a few remarks, I said, "I believe they would all agree with me that Christ was the greatest teacher this world ever knew and asked them when he preached what part of the Bible he took his text from. Some one answered, the "old testament." I then asked what part of the Bible the apostles preached from on the day of Pentecost when so many were converted, they answered again "from the old testament." After using a few more instances and speaking briefly of the prophecies, I trust, they saw the old testament scriptures in a new light.

In the matter of Sabbath observance I said, the first thing was to be certain that you are observing the right day. The lady who read the commandment was asked to reread. After a few pointed questions we saw that Saturday was the seventh day and Sunday the first. We had a few more remarks and they seemed very much interested and expressed themselves as having learned some new things. We know that the Word will not return void, but will accomplish the will of him who opened the way for us to speak the truth.

ELIZABETH MCHUGH.

GRAND RAPIDS.

The Heavenly Father knows all about the work and when I know, that He knows about it I feel that it is useless for me to tell about it.

But I enjoy reading the reports in the "Herald" from other workers and thinking they would like to hear from me I will relate one of the many experiences which the Lord has given me.

About six weeks ago I met a lady and she told me that she was a Methodist, and she did not expect to live long. She loved the Bible and I appointed a time to visit her once every week. I was led to commence with the prophecies and I gave her the change of the Sabbath. When I went week before last she was not feeling so well, but wanted me to read to her. Before I left she told me that she thanked the Lord every day for sending me to her, and that she had commenced to keep God's holy day, and said she would never give it up and keep Sunday again; and that she desired to hear more of the blessed truth.

When I went back last week I found that she was dead and buried. How thankful I was that the Lord led me to improve that opportunity. Time is short and let us improve every opportunity.

I feel the need of a close connection with the Lord; He goes before us and finds the honest souls. We need the prayers of our people for the work in this place. Let us work earnestly and thank the Lord he has chosen us to be co-workers with him.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

Battle Creek News.

Prof. Lamson made Battle Creek a flying visit last week.

We still want the names of those who are willing to remail Reviews each week to some one less fortunate than themselves, who is worthy to receive the paper, but cannot have it because of adverse circumstances.

BATTLE CREEK TRACT SOCIETY.

Brother Anderson of South Africa, who went there as a missionary some years ago, is in Battle Creek at the present time. He spoke to the Sanitarium family

Friday evening, and to the young people at the Tabernacle Sabbath afternoon. He expects to return to the country of his adoption.

The missionary districts of Battle Creek are laying plans for an aggressive missionary campaign this winter. Among the committees appointed is one to look after the Medical Missionary work. This is good, because surely we need to know how to apply these health principles right in our homes. Instructions will be given us to enable us to live healthfully along lines of dressing, cooking, home sanitation, etc. Our good Sanitarium doctors and nurses will have charge of this part of the work.

The Health School at Battle Creek Sanitarium is now doing excellent work, and the patients seem much interested. Dr. Carolyn Geisel, who has immediate charge of this work, speaks twice in the Sanitarium parlor each week, to most deeply interested audiences. The cookingschool classes are also doing well, and the careful attention and earnest inquiry of the patients, shows them to be really seekers after truth. The Master has said that this is the work which shall be as the entering wedge to the Message; then how carefully and prayerfully should we endeavor to teach the first lessons of foundation truth.

Items of Interest.

It is the desire that the annual offering for 1904 reach \$80,000.

Brother C. A. Prescott of Bangor will take up Bible work in Muskegon.

If there is a blue pencil mark here it means that your subscription expires with this number.

Do not forget that Sabbath, November 5, is the day set apart to take up an offering for the colored work in the South.

Brother P. S. Messer, an experienced and successful canvasser, expects to enter the canvassing field in the near future.

Otto Rathburn is teaching in Cedar Lake Academy. He took the place made vacant by the resignation of Bertis Wolcott.

Sister Elizabeth McHugh will go to South Carolina to take up the Bible work. She will be supported by the West Michigan Conference.

The "Review and Herald" visits the home of every family in the following named churches and companies: Otsego, Bangor, Bloomingdale and Cedar Lake.

One sister in sending in her renewal for "The West Michigan Herald" says: "Enclosed find 25c for 'The West Michigan Herald.' I like the paper and have missed it very much since the time expired."

Brethren A. L. Evans and James Thorp are holding meetings in a school house near Goodwell. They write that they are very much encouraged about the work at that place.

Providence permitting, Elder A. G. Haughey will attend the district meeting at Allegan Sabbath, November 5. On Sabbath, November 12, he will meet with the company at Hartford.

Elder W. C. Hebner informs us that six persons were baptized recently at Holton. He says that the brethren and sisters feel the importance of entering the missionary campaign and have ordered 50 sets of the November "Signs of the Times."

The readings for the November 26th church conventions will be in the November 17th issue of the "Review and Herald." The issue of November 24th will be a "Week of Prayer" number. It is expected that this will be one of the best numbers of the "Review" that has ever been published.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath, October 29, at Bloomingdale.

He reports that he found an interesting company of Sabbath-keepers, and a successful church school with Orson Van Horn as teacher. A church was not organized as it seemed best to wait a while. Elder Horton and Brother Collier will hold a series of meetings there, after which it is hoped that a church can be organized.

The Otsego church and Sabbath-School are doing some practical missionary work. They took up a collection of \$8.91 and purchased some material and are making some bedding for the colored school at Huntsville, Alabama. The members of the junior missionary society are very much interested in this work. The young people are very anxious to take up a systematic study of the Bible, and we hope to see this work started soon. The interest and attendance in the Sabbath-school and church services is on the increase. We believe it is the result of studying the gospel message that is to be given to the world in this generation.

The golden days of autumn are here. It is harvest time. We are reminded that the summer has ended and soon the harvest will pass. The autumn leaves are falling and soon the trees will be bare and then we will say with the poet,

"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year,

With wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sear."

No doubt we will wish we had made better use of the pleasant summer days.

It reminds us that the harvest of the world is here and will soon be reaped. How will it be with us then? Will we say, "The harvest is past, the summer ended and we are not saved?" God grant that we may seek him earnestly for his Spirit and power. Let us scatter the printed page like the leaves of the autumn. "Redeeming the time because the days are evil" and thus hasten the coming of the Lord of the harvest and the great "Harvest Ingathering" of the world.