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AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK

THE readers of the GOSPEL HERALD, we are sure, will be interested to know something of the plans of this society for the immediate future.

Schools in Operation

Our mission schools, which have all been closed during the summer vacation, will nearly all be in operation again before this paper reaches its readers. We have tried as far as possible to open these schools at the same time the public schools open in the several cities and villages covered by our school work.

Greenville Building

Those who have been contributing to provide a school and church building for Greenville, Miss., will be glad to learn that the building is completed, and the school in operation in the building.

This modest little building, 24 x 36 feet, one story in height, cost about four hundred dollars. It furnishes not only a school room, but also living rooms for the teacher. The colored Sabbath-keepers in Greenville are much encouraged by the erection of this building. It gives them a meeting place, one to which they can invite their friends and neighbors. For several years past the society has been paying high rent in Greenville for a room which was entirely inadequate, and which did not fairly represent the work being done. The present building, though not large, and very plain, places the work upon vantage ground not possible in a rented building.

Going into Conference Work

The society has been called upon to give up several of its teachers to engage in conference work. M. C. Strachan, in charge of the Nashville Mission School last winter, has been ordained to the gospel ministry and is now laboring for the Tennessee River Conference.

Brother Murphy and wife, in charge of the Greenville School last winter, have been called to conference work in Mississippi, thus leaving a vacancy at Greenville.

Brother Lawrence and his wife, in charge of

the school at Jackson, Miss., during the past year, have been called to labor in Alabama.

We are thankful, however, that we are able to supply the several schools with teachers, so that the mission school work will not suffer materially because of the withdrawal of this experienced help. A part of the work of this society has been to train workers for other branches of the cause, and we always feel thankful when we can furnish other departments with needed help.

New Schools

The society will add several new schools this fall. One of these schools will be in the neighborhood of Vicksburg; another at Natchez, Miss., and a third at Canton, Miss., and a fourth, we hope, in Atlanta, Ga.

Minister for Atlanta

Speaking of Atlanta introduces a new and interesting subject. Elder Butler, President of the Southern Union Conference, has been earnestly endeavoring for a long time to secure a suitable colored minister for Georgia. The city of Atlanta has a large colored population and has been calling, for a long time, for a laborer who could enter that city. Some months ago a suitable laborer was found in the person of Elder Sebastian, of the Mississippi Conference. He was willing to go to Georgia, and the Mississippi Conference agreed to release him, but the Georgia Conference was not able to support another laborer, neither was the Southern Union Conference. Under the circumstances, the management of the Southern Missionary Society thought best to offer to support Brother Sebastian in Atlanta, he to labor as a minister under the direction of the conference, and his wife to start a mission school there, if the way opens.

It is the policy of the society to confine its operations to establishing and maintaining mission schools, and providing church and school buildings. We have found it necessary, however, to employ ordained ministers from time to time, as in this case, and the society cheer-

fully undertakes the support of Brother Sebastian in Georgia. We believe that the friends of this work will stand by us in undertaking to carry this additional financial burden.

We have been told that the South is the most difficult field, and Georgia is certainly the most difficult part of this most difficult field; but that state must have the message. We believe we shall be prospered in doing what we can to establish the work among the colored people of Atlanta.

THE GOSPEL HERALD AND ITS MISSION

A FRIEND writing from a conference, the name of which we will not give, says of the GOSPEL HERALD:—

“When at camp-meeting, I felt that our people ought to become acquainted with the work for the colored people. I asked the secretary of the tract society for a sample copy of the GOSPEL HERALD. He said he did not know of such a paper. I spoke to the president about taking orders for the GOSPEL HERALD while I was working with the Bible Training School. He said the HERALD was more for the people in the Southern field than for the field at large, just as the _____ was for the _____ Conference.”

We would like to have everybody understand that the GOSPEL HERALD is in no sense a local paper. Its mission is to represent the work for the colored people, especially the mission school work, everywhere.

We have been told that the work in the South has been much neglected, and that a reproach rests upon us as a people for this neglect. We believe the negligence is due very largely to the fact that our people, generally, have not understood the needs of the South. It is the mission of the GOSPEL HERALD to explain the needs of the field, and all our people ought to read it; especially our tract society secretaries, and conference presidents should be familiar with the GOSPEL HERALD and its work. We would gladly send the paper free to all

the secretaries and presidents but the postal regulations do not allow us to continue sending free copies indefinitely, and we propose to be law-abiding. We therefore invite each tract society secretary and conference president, to whose attention this paragraph comes, to become a regular subscriber to the GOSPEL HERALD.

The paper only costs ten cents for a year, and we will send it three years to any address for twenty-five cents. Let us hear from you, brethren, for we are very anxious to make it impossible for any conference secretary to say that he knows nothing about the GOSPEL HERALD; or for any president to discourage the taking of orders for it in his conference on the ground that it is merely a local paper designed for the South alone.

The responsibility of giving the truth to the colored people does not belong alone to believers in the South, but pertains just as much to Adventists in the North. The Testimonies tell us that the whole country is debtor to these people.

This would be true in any case, but the fact that they were for generations kept in slavery, greatly increases the obligation which the whole country is under to give them the truth. We believe that many of our people have failed to realize this fact. They have felt that the work for the colored people was something that did not especially concern them, therefore it has not been taken hold of with that earnestness that would have been manifested had there been a deep realization of the fact that we are all under special obligation to labor for the enlightenment of this people.

Many have done nobly in assisting the work in this field and doubtless others would have done equally well had they understood the needs of the cause here.

There is no line of work that appeals to our people more strongly than does the one for which the Southern Missionary Society stands. But there has been at least a seeming reluctance on the part of some conference officers to allow the membership of their churches to become acquainted with this field and its needs. Some have seemed to feel that if means were given to this field, there would be just that much less money for use in the home conference. We do not believe, however, that this is true. Even if it were, that would not excuse anybody from assisting in the work for the colored people.

We feel sure, however, that a liberal spirit toward the work here, would result in even larger donations to the various lines of work in the home fields. It would result in a real revival of religion in the hearts of our people every where, and this, in turn, would bring larger and more numerous gifts into the Lord's treasury. We beg of our brethren in responsible positions in the older and larger conferences of the North and West, to assist in keeping the South, especially the work for the colored people, prominently before the several churches in their conferences. We believe there is a blessing in it for all who will do this.

WANTS TO HELP

Brunswick, Ga., Aug. 19, '06

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We received the dear little paper, GOSPEL HERALD to-day, and as usual read it with eager hearts, for we surely love to see it come to our home.

I do not know of anything that interests me more than to read about the Lord's work in the South. . . .

My heart yearns to give to this grand work, but we are poor in this world's goods so we cannot give as we would like to. But I see the plan of selling the little book, the "Story of Joseph," and that you will send some to any one who will try to sell them, and turn in all the money to the society. That struck me very forcibly, and I thought to myself, "Here is a way that I can help a little, if not very much. I can do what I can."

We have a little girl seven years old and she has been selling the earthquake special Signs, so I think she can go out and sell "Story of Joseph" too. Now if you will send me, say a dozen or fifteen, I think we can dispose of them. May be if we can sell all of them we will send for more.

ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM NATCHEZ

NATCHEZ, MISS.

*Southern Missionary Society,
Nashville, Tenn.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We have been here in this city about four weeks. Our tent has been pitched about three weeks. As a result of our labor, the Lord has given us nine souls; many are deeply interested and a number in the "valley of decision."

We have organized a Sabbath-school. The prospects are good for a school at this place. If we start one here what aid can you give toward renting a hall?

I believe we will be obliged to have a hall or building of some kind soon, for the weather will be too cold for a tent-meeting. We could take our few members to a private home or room, but all the interested ones could not get into the room. As the Lord has opened the eyes and ears of the people, we do not want them to lose their interest. So you see a building of some kind will be needed after tent-meetings.

Our attendance has been as high as two hundred and above. We have both white and colored attending our meetings. The ministers and their churches are weakening. They preach from their pulpits that we are false, but do not prove it. We show the people from the Bible that they are the false ones. The people can see it plainly.

Some of the preachers come, but they cannot gainsay or resist the truth. The Lord is working with great power in this place. Pray for us.

Your brother in the work,
W. H. SEBASTIAN.

COLORED CAMP-MEETING, NASHVILLE, TENN.

IN harmony with the suggestions of the Union Conference President, a camp-meeting for the colored people of the Tennessee River Conference was held in Nashville, August 23 to September 2, at the same time the white camp-meeting was held. This meeting was held in a colored settlement some two miles or more from the white camp-meeting.

Besides the large audience tent, six family tents were pitched which provided sleeping quarters for over thirty campers. A small tent for a kitchen was also provided, with a cook stove and necessary utensils. The campers bought and prepared their own meals on the stove, and ate them on the little tables made by placing boards on empty flour barrels in one corner of their tents.

The audience tent was provided with comfortable canvas seats, a good organ, and a very neat and attractive platform. The motto placed over the stand in large letters was, "The Coming King Is at the Door."

In many respects this camp-meeting was a profitable one. Excellent weather prevailed; and the visiting Sabbath-keepers, together with the local church, made a company of about forty believers. The attendance at the night meetings from the outside was from one hundred to three hundred. The interest aroused was very great, and it became necessary to continue the meetings after the close of the camp-meeting proper.

The colored laborers were Elder Sydney Scott, of Kansas City, Dr. L. C. Isbell, of Birmingham, and the local worker, Brother M. C. Strachan. The meeting being held the same time of the white camp-meeting made it convenient for the General Conference, Union Conference, and local conference workers to be present and give counsel and instruction.

A host of little children were present and separate meetings were held for them, Dr. Isbell and Sister Julia Lowe looking after their interests.

The last Sabbath of the camp-meeting, the old time revival spirit was present, and a few gave their hearts to God for the first time. There was also a wave of deep contrition which swept over the entire camp, and many renewed their covenant with God and consecrated their all to his service. That was a heart-searching day in the camp, and one long to be remembered.

At the going down of the sun on that glorious Sabbath day, in a solemn and impressive service, Brother M. C. Strachan was set apart to the work of the gospel ministry.

Early Sunday morning, the last day of the camp, eight dear souls were baptized in the Cumberland River.

A few souls took a firm stand as the result of the meetings, and many others called for further instruction; so the camp-meeting is being followed by a tent effort.

SYDNEY SCOTT,
M. C. STRACHAN.

FROM SELF-DENIAL BOX USERS

DEAR BRETHREN: Please find enclosed fifty-two cents from the Self-Denial Boxes that our little ones saved up. I wish it could be more. I think the Self-Denial Boxes are a good thing for the little ones.

Your sister in the work,

DEAR FRIENDS: My little son, Virgil, wishes me to send you the contents of his Self-Denial Box. I enclose two dollars, or order for that amount, praying God to bless it to the saving of some poor soul. May his protecting care be over all connected with this branch of the work, and while ministering to others in his name may your own souls be refreshed and strengthened for service.

Your sister in the message,

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed please find order for one dollar and seventy-five cents; just another trifle for the great Southern field. I would gladly increase it if I could.

I feel that the South needs much more than it is receiving at present, but believe the offerings will increase.

Your sister in Christ,

DEAR BROTHER: I have ever had a deep interest in the work for the colored people. I have not had means at my disposal, but perhaps I can add something occasionally by having a box. It will be a constant reminder of their needs, and there will be sure to be pennies and nickels go in that would otherwise go for something else were it not there. Please send one to me.

Yours in the work,

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed please find my personal check for one dollar, the contents of the missionary box received. Later on you may hear from me again. May the Lord add his richest blessing to this amount so it may do a good work.

Yours in the work

DEAR BROTHER: Enclosed you will find my April report; it is small. Whilst I do not despise the day of small things, yet I am surprised at the little interest taken in the Self-Denial Boxes, and I am surprised at the small list in the last GOSPEL HERALD. I can not see why it is so, yet I am also encouraged to know that God will take care of his work, and his workers in the South, but there will be a loss to some who are neglecting to heed the warning given. Soon the song of victory will be sung by the faithful.

Please send to my address five Self-Denial Boxes; also send several GOSPEL HERALDS, as I want to get some subscriptions for the HERALD. May God's blessing rest upon the Southern work. I am, as ever,

Yours in the interest of the work in the South.

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed please find one dollar for the society. I would be glad to send more, but we are two old folks, seventy-seven and seventy-eight years old and very poor in this world's goods. I am all alone here trying to keep the Sabbath. My health is very poor, but the dear Lord keeps me from getting discouraged.

Yours in the faith.

DEAR BRETHREN: Please find enclosed fifty cents for the education of the colored people in the South. It is a little mite, saved here and there, and put into my Self-Denial Box, and may God add his blessing, is the prayer of a well-wisher in all missionary enterprises.

A DIVINE PLAN

THE Self-Denial Box plan is not of human origin. It was given to this denomination by the spirit of prophecy. Some time after it was thus given, Sister White, speaking before the General Conference Council at College View (Sept. 1904) said:—

"As I have considered the poverty and needs of the Southern field, I have been greatly distressed. I have earnestly desired that some method might be devised by which the work for the colored people could be sustained. One night, as I was praying for this needy field, a scene was presented to me which I will describe.

"I saw a company of men working, and asked what they were doing. One of them replied, 'We are making little boxes to be placed in the home of every family that is willing to practice self-denial, and to send of their means to help the work among the colored people of the South. Such boxes will be a constant reminder of the needs of this destitute race, and the giving of money that is saved by economy and self-denial will be an excellent education for all members of the family.'

"I have written concerning these boxes, and the self-denial they will encourage, and I now ask if you will not respect the light that God has given to his people? These boxes should be used more than they have been. And let no one ever by pen or voice hinder their circulation.

"Let every mother teach her children lessons in self-denial. Oh, how much money we waste

on useless articles in the house, on ruffles and fancy dress, and on candies and other articles we do not need. Parents, teach your children that it is wrong to use God's money in self-gratification. Tell them of the poor colored people, and their needs, and encourage them to save their pennies wherever possible to be used in missionary work. They will gain rich experiences through the practice of self-denial, and such lessons will often keep them from acquiring habits of intemperance.

"Let the work of these Self-denial Boxes be carried on more than it has yet been. And do not become weary of their use. . . .

"The Saviour commended the widow who cast her mite into the temple. Others had put in of their abundance, but she had given of her living, all that she had.

"The Lord calls upon every one to whom He has entrusted means, to give for the support of his work. And He will greatly bless those who follow His example of self-denial."

And now, brethren and sisters, we come to you asking you to adopt this plan if you have not already done so. We will gladly send each of you free as many boxes as you wish for yourself and friends.

You can read in another column of this paper what some of the Self-Denial Box users say of their experience. If you are willing to join their ranks please to fill out the accompanying coupon and send it to us. We need your help and you need the blessing promised to those who have a part in this work?

RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST, 1906

The following report is for the donations received during the month of August 1906.

DONATIONS

Norima Thompson... 5 00	Daisy Jefferson..... 1 00
F L Johnson..... 2 00	Louella Farney..... 2 00
Calvin Starr M D... 50	Mrs Addie Fen'erson... 16
General Conference... 4 29	Jennie C Howell.... 1 00
Mrs M V Howard... 75	Mrs Anna Hess..... 3 00
J Walter Scott..... 25	Mrs Lucy Sh werts.. 50
Mrs M E Millard... 1 00	Mrs Libbie Collins.. 1 32
W J Hackett..... 90	Fanny S Cole..... 1 70
J Q Foy..... 5 00	Eloise ase..... 25
Lydia Johnson..... 25 00	Mrs Lina Christy.... 2 00
Thomas Foster..... 5 00	
Total.....\$ 49 49	Total.....\$ 40 74

SELF-DENIAL	
Mary Warren..... 1 46	FOR THE SUPPORT OF
Mrs S S Post..... 1 20	MINISTERS WOR ING FOP
Wm Hec x..... 1 25	THE COLORED PEOPLE
Nettie arpernter... 25	A Friend..... 4 55
Mrs Clara Myers.... 67	F H Schramm..... 3 13
Eva M Davis..... 1 05	Total.....\$ 7 68
Mrs D Miramontez... 5 00	
Mrs Mary Anderson.. 10	GREENVILLE SCHOOL BUILD-
Mrs S C Mansfield.. 66	ING
Mrs James Smith... 30	Previously reported, 231 75
Miss Martha Becker.. 40	F H Schramm..... 5 00
Mrs A Phillips..... 25	Alice Afton..... 1 00
Mrs Ellen Powelson.. 1 75	Mrs D Miramontez.. 2 00
W W heeler..... 4 70	Mrs E R Van Hoskirk 1 00
West Michigan Con-	Mrs M D Sperra.... 1 00
ference..... 6 27	F H Schramm..... 4 87
Mrs H L Harkins... 1 30	Total.....\$246 62
Mrs and Mrs Hollinger 1 00	

SELF-DENIAL BOX COUPON

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

North Station, NASHVILLE, TENN.

I am in harmony with the Self-Denial Box plan as outlined above, and desire to cooperate in it. Please send me a box for my own use and.....which I will hand to others as I have opportunity, requesting their cooperation also.

Name.....

Post-Office.....

State.....

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We are getting excellent returns from the Self-denial boxes in some conferences, and scarcely anything from the boxes in other conferences equally strong. What is the matter: do the funds get side tracked in passing through the "regular channels"?

A WORD WITH THE READER

THIS number of the GOSPEL HERALD is sent to quite a large list of persons who are not subscribers for the express purpose of asking them to become subscribers. If you are not now taking the paper we make this request of you. Please do not say us nay.

The GOSPEL HERALD is only a small monthly paper but the subscription price is correspondingly small, only ten cents a year, or we will send the paper for three years for only twenty-five cents paid in advance. You may send postage stamps or silver at our risk.

HELP FOR THE SOUTH

Do you want to help the work in the South but find yourself without ready money? If so why not donate a part of your time by selling "Story of Joseph" without commission? All the proceeds from the sale of this book are devoted to the establishment and support of mission schools in the South; therefore selling this book without commission is donating to the cause in the South just as truly as is the giving of money.

These books will be sent by mail, express, or freight, all charges prepaid to any one who agrees to sell them without unreasonable delay and turn in the entire proceeds to help the work in the South.

The "Story of Joseph" sells readily for twenty-five cents a copy. Any one even a child, can sell it, and people of all faiths and conditions buy it. A union conference president says of this book:—

"That very interesting and instructive little volume for the young people, the 'Story of Joseph,' is worthy of being extensively circulated. It is a book that any child, or grown person either, for that matter, can read with profit. The life of Joseph is one of the most beautiful and instructive to be found in the holy Scriptures. He was one of those lovely characters which the religion of the Bible makes possible; true, devoted, sensible, faithful in all the duties of life under the most discouraging circumstances, bearing up against slavery, abuse, ill treatment unjustly administered, always keeping humble and noble, in adversity and prosperity. What a lesson his life presents!

"This little book is carefully written, and should be extensively sold everywhere, with the added incentive of its sale being very help-

ful in carrying the light of truth to this needy race."

If you want to help the work in the South by selling this interesting and attractive little book, just write to the Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tenn., stating how many books you think you can sell. The books will be sent you promptly and you need have no fears of not being able to dispose of them; they sell.

We would earnestly request church and tract society officers to interest themselves in the sale of the "Story of Joseph." We urge you to take hold with us to make the campaign for the sale of this book a success.

RENEWALS

If the printed label on the wrapper of your paper shows that your subscription has expired, be so kind as to renew. Please do not put this society to the needless expense of writing you a letter to secure the renewal of a ten-cent subscription. Help us to save for the good of the cause.

The mission schools that have been established in Mississippi and in other states, are doing a good work; and these should receive our continued support. Hundreds of these schools must be established. This line of effort has been especially presented before me as one of the most effectual and economical methods of giving the truth to the colored people. But the work is almost at a standstill for the lack of money to provide facilities and pay the wages of the teachers.—Mrs. E. G. White.

PROPHETIC AND LAW CHARTS

We do not wish our readers to forget that the Southern Missionary Society is the owner of the copyrights, plates, and stock of the prophetic and law charts formerly owned by Brother J. E. White.

These charts are printed on excellent paper, re-enforced with cloth backs, making them very durable. They are, in size, 20 x 29 inches.

One chart shows the ten commandments, the other the prophetic symbols of Daniel and Revelation.

These charts are large enough for home use, cottage meetings, etc. They are printed in colors, thus making them very attractive. They are sold at 50c. each or \$1.00 per set, and the entire proceeds used in the mission school work. We earnestly solicit your co-operation in pushing the sale of these charts.

A PULL ALTOGETHER

Now is the time to come to the aid of the work in the South by helping the Southern Missionary Society establish a score or more of new mission schools.

Read in another column on this page the paragraph set in black type in which Sister White speaks of this feature of the work.

Just now, brethren, while the eyes of the whole denomination are turned toward this field as never before, is the opportune time to take hold of the work for the colored people as we have never done in the past.

If you are interested in Mission schools; if you want to have a part in giving the Third Angel's Message to the Afro-Americans in the South, if your heart has been touched by the appeal made in the behalf of the millions who have not yet heard the last message of mercy, make a liberal donation for the support of mission schools.

If you want your donation to go into this line of aggressive field work, be sure to state plainly that it is for the Southern Missionary Society. If you neglect to specify the object to which you wish to give, your money may be used in some other line of work, and this without any wrong intention on the part of any one. **THEREFORE, BE SURE TO SAY THAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**



CULTIVATING SELF-DENIAL

We have been greatly encouraged recently by the numbers of orders we have received for Self-Denial Boxes. We have sent out a large number of these during the past month, in response to the article published in the *Review*, and yet we can but feel that not one in ten of those who ought to have boxes have yet received them. We would be glad indeed if all our people would write to this office, asking for these boxes which are sent free of cost to any address.

"THOSE who allow themselves to be deceived by the enemy, are held accountable by God for failing in a faithful discharge of duty. These unfaithful stewards have aided in strengthening the deception that God designed should be broken. The testimony to be borne is, 'Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.'"

If the believer would reign with Jesus he must suffer with him. The old rabbis have a legend, far wiser than most of their follies, which tells how Messiah is to be found sitting amongst the lepers at the gate of the city. The fable has in it the deep meaning that he who saves the world must suffer with, and for, the world that he saves.—*The National Baptist Union.*