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## HIS PRESENCE.

*By Mrs. S. D. Wagon*

I LOOK to him in every need, and never look  
in vain;  
I feel his strong and tender love, and all is  
well again.  
The thought of my Saviour is mightier far  
Than sin or pain or sorrows are.

Discouraged in the work, disheartened by its  
load,  
Shamed by its failures or its fears, I sink be-  
side the road;  
But, dear Lord, let me think of thee,  
Then courage springs anew in me.

The Saviour's coming cheers my heart,  
As days and months and years depart;  
The signs that speak his coming near  
Send out their token bright and clear,  
As breaks the light of each New Year.

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

BY J. S. WASHBURN

THE writer recently visited Fiske University and Walden University, established for the education of the colored people. The world-famous Fiske University was established shortly after the war by the Congregational Church, and has accomplished very much in the way of literary, scientific, theological, and musical education for the colored people. It is in every respect a first-class institution, and is doing a noble work.

The Walden University was established by the Methodist Episcopal Church shortly after the war, and is also doing a grand work. There is a large medical department in this University, having, in connection with the dental and pharmaceutical departments, an attendance at the present time of over four hundred fifty students. The literary and theo-

logical departments of this University are also attended by about the same number, the enrolment for the present year being 930 for the whole institution.

We found the managers of these institutions most cordial and friendly. The teachers of the Bible in the latter institution have invited us to speak to their classes. This has been done after a full acquaintance with our people and our work. We have two students in the latter university, and one of the brethren is in the class on theology in the Fiske University, and is having some very interesting times as the prophecies are being studied.

There are some very striking statements in the Testimonies in regard to the importance of the work to be done in connection with these institutions here in the South. I will quote a few words from Testimonies that have been written during the last six years.

"Years ago the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the hearts of men to establish in Nashville institutions of learning to educate the colored people of the South. The Lord now desires his people to establish institutions in this center, where a good work has already been done. In this place prejudice is not so easily aroused. Buildings that can be utilized to advantage can be secured, in which to make a beginning. Workers for the colored race are protected, so that they can labor in safety, and the buildings in which they carry forward the colored work are not so liable to be destroyed. Some of our brethren saw these advantages, and decided to make this city a center for the work in the Southern

states. The Lord approved of this step."

In an article written in 1902: "The establishment of the work in Nashville was in God's order. In and around Nashville there are large colleges built for the education of the colored people. These large buildings stand as representatives of a great and good work that is being done for this race. The Lord has favored and blessed those who have given themselves to this work. It was in the order of God that Seventh-day Adventists should enter Nashville."

Again: "This place [Nashville] has been selected as a center because of the educational institutions situated in and near it. In these institutions there are those who are doing a noble work for the people of the South. They must be given opportunity to hear the message that is to prepare a people to stand in the day of the Lord."

"I was instructed by the Lord that the Southern field was to be given every advantage. Especially was Nashville to be worked. Special pains were to be taken to reach the students and teachers of the large schools and colleges in and near Nashville."

"A good work has been done in these schools. To the teachers in these schools the light of present truth is to be communicated in a wise and judicious manner. God has been opening the way for the establishment of interests that will prepare the way for the acceptance of the truth by those now in darkness."

"The teachers and students in these institutions are to hear the message of present truth. It is for this reason that God has directed that different insti-

tutions be established in Nashville."

"The work in Nashville is important. If the workers labor earnestly and judiciously, there will be conversions to the truth in the schools of learning that have been established in Nashville for the colored people."

"In and near Nashville there are large institutions of learning which should be respected by our people. Their influence has helped to make it possible for us to carry forward successfully many lines of work from that center."

These quotations from the Testimonies show the great importance of the work to be done in connection with these educational institutions. This requires very much wisdom, and yet what a light might shine from Nashville, were these instructions from the Lord carried out. Pray for us in the work here.

#### THE MISSION SCHOOL WORK IN MISSISSIPPI

It is encouraging to note the progress made in our schools since January 1, 1907. I have visited all the schools since the beginning of the year and am encouraged to see the advancement and increase in numbers. We believe the reader would like to hear a word about each one.

1. The Vicksburg school which was the first established has advanced this year both in interest and numbers ahead of any record of the past. We were disappointed at the beginning of the year in not getting a man as principal of the school. We opened it, however, with one of our lady teachers, Mrs. Cornelia T. Murphy, with one assistant, and between thirty and forty pupils. She did excellent work and was successful in interesting the children until we had over sixty, and a second assistant was employed. By the first of January the enrollment was about seventy, but now it has reached one hundred and seven.

The three teachers at Vicksburg were kept so busy and the children were so interested that one of the sisters of the church offered to come and help them with the primary department; so she has been coming for the past four weeks and helping until twelve o'clock, when the little ones are dismissed. This sister does this as a purely missionary effort for her people. It is not because she is perfectly able, financially, to do this

work-gratis but that the love of God is in her heart. If any who read this wish to help her for her good work, freely given, just send something to the Southern Missionary Society and we will see that she gets it.

The Lord has richly blessed our sister, principal, who is the matron of the Home as well, and the school is in the best condition, spiritually, as well as in numbers of any time in its history.

Some of the students have begun to keep the Sabbath and come to Sabbath-school.

2. The Yazoo City school numbers only thirty this year but we hadn't the proper assistance for the little ones in the beginning of the year and a branch of the large public school was opened just across the street from us, thus our numbers are not so large as in the past, but we have a good class of students and a deep interest is manifest in Bible subjects. The church work is prosperous here above other points in the field.

We have a lovely spot of ground here, but the building is an old movable chapel; you doubtless read about it years ago. It has been repaired year after year for the past four years and now it is just about worn out. A building is badly needed here. Can you not help us to keep a monument of truth here until Jesus comes? This is where we fought our hardest battles against the enemy, met mob forces, saw God give us the victory, and the work permanently established. It is a dear place to us as we recount past experiences.

3. Next in order is the Columbus school. This, too, was a battle ground. But the work is established here and we have a little church and a good school. The work here is conducted by a sister. The school numbers thirty-two at its best thus far and there is a real interest on the part of the children to do missionary work and be missionaries like their teacher. They use the Self-Denial Boxes to send money to those whom their teacher tells them are more needy than they.

4. Next in order is Jackson. Here in the capital of our state the work has a standing, a neat little church, and a good school now numbering over thirty. Here also the work is carried on by a lone sister because of the lack of workers. She has labored hard and untiringly to build up the school. When our

previous workers were called to open other fields the people thought that all was done for Jackson. So the present teacher had a very hard time. She began with only five or six pupils but the Lord has richly blessed.

We praise God for these noble sisters who can stand at the post of duty and hold up the banner of truth when men cannot be had.

5. Fifth in order is Greenville. While the work has been opened here for three years, we had no building until last September. Here the work is onward, all rejoicing because they have a place in which to worship. The school numbers upward of twenty and the prospects are good for forty before its close in June. The work here, too, is carried on by a sister.

6. King's Crossing is sixth in order. This is a new school, opened last fall and carried on successfully. A church was organized here only last January. This is one result that has followed the establishment of every mission school yet started. Praise the Lord! The members here at present are keeping up the school. They have donated a nice lot on which to build a church and school. So here is another opportunity to help. Do you not want a rich blessing by coming in and helping them now to build? They say just give us the lumber and we will do all the work. There are two carpenters in the number and others will help. Do not let this opportunity slip.

7. Natchez is another new place opened this season. There is a good, strong company of believers here, alive to the precious truths of the last message to the world, and a flourishing school opened with only ten pupils Nov. 1. To-day it numbers upward of eighty with an interest equalled by no other school in the entire field. Truly it would do your hearts good to visit here from 9 to 12 A. M.; hear their morning exercises, Bible classes, songs, etc.

The little black folks who can hardly talk plain, from four to seven years of age, repeat readily the Fruits of the Spirit, the Beatitudes, Psalm 23 and 24, the Commandments, and close with the Lord's Prayer.

Here, too, we have a nice piece of ground donated, but no building. The church and school are held in a private house rented for the purpose. They need a building so much; a place where

they can invite the public to worship with them. The children are crowded, three in a seat. Here, too, are carpenters; our teacher is a carpenter and they are anxiously planning and waiting to see how they can get lumber with which to build.

O, brethren and sisters, do you not see the need of this work being helped forward? You who can as well as not, do help us now before it is too late. God will bless you.

8. Next in order is Canton. This is a little village where a brother gives us a large lot on which to build a church and school. We placed a worker there in September. The work is just being opened and on account of prejudice but little is seen at present; yet we are encouraged because he has a little school and we *know what the results will be*; so we just go forward. He has only five or six children but this opens the way to just that many homes. Now we need to build here. The teacher has had to move the school twice in five months because of prejudice against the truth. Now can you not help us to erect a small building here that will accommodate our worker and the school, seeing we have the lot offered us free?

9. Palmer is another new place opened this season. A strong church has been raised up and a small school of fifteen pupils organized. School began with only six. Here we are out in the country four miles, right in the midst of the piney woods of the South. The people are very anxious to build, and though poor, they all will help some. We can buy two acres here which would be a fine location for a country church and school for forty dollars. There is a saw mill near by and we would have help in building. Now what will you do for this place. Do you wonder how many more places we want to ask help for? Are n't you glad to see this advancement in the work for the colored people in the South? We praise the Lord that we can ask for help to erect five buildings for the work this season. We desire to have every one ready by Sept. 2, 1907.

Shall the Lord's work in this the most needy part of his vineyard be delayed for want of these few cheap buildings here which, all told, would not cost more than some of your homes in which you think you simply have the necessities of life.

I earnestly pray God to touch your hearts and that you may help us for this specific purpose. You know exactly for what you are giving and what advancement will be made by such help.

Besides these schools named there are two self supporting schools.

Pray for us, dear brethren and sisters, and God will bless you in every effort to help this work. Would you not be glad to know that next year we would be ready to call for *ten buildings* instead of *five*?

May God help us to hasten his message to the world that we may see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven.

Yours in the Master's service,  
F. R. ROGERS.

NO ONE but our Father sees the struggle within,  
When the soul of the captive asks freedom from sin;  
Oh no one but Father can give calm to the soul,  
Or make the poor, wounded unfortunate whole.

—Mrs. E. J. Smith.

#### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA CONFERENCE

THE work going on for the colored people of Georgia is now giving more promise of success than ever before. Elder W. H. Sebastian and his wife, two of our most experienced colored workers, located recently in Atlanta, and the work they are doing is very encouraging.

Doors are opening on every hand. They are having access to many homes and many people are becoming interested in the truths for this time. We are expecting to see many souls embrace the message ere long.

One very great hindrance to the work in the past has been the lack of a suitable place of worship. Meetings are now held in the front room of Elder Sebastian's "own hired house," where also, like Paul in Rome, he receives "all that come in unto him."

But a modest church building is greatly needed and it will be a great blessing to the work in this the leading city of the South when we can have a suitable place for public worship to which the people can be invited and to which the more intelligent class will feel free to come.

The need of a building is imperative. We cannot hope for much progress in the work without it. A neat, modest building would give the work character

and standing that it could not otherwise have. To this end we are planning, and we believe God is helping us that better work may be done in Atlanta for the salvation of souls. Those who want to have a part in providing this building can do so by responding to the appeal of the Southern Missionary Society printed in this paper. The sum asked is not large but when raised will prove an inestimable blessing to the work for the colored people in Atlanta.

G. W. WELLS.

#### ATLANTA, GEORGIA

IN January we entered the Gate City of the South to begin labor in a long and much neglected field. It was sad indeed as we looked over our new field of about 65,000 of my race in the city and over a million in the state groping in darkness and it was impossible to restrain the tears as we recalled the text, "Darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people;" and not one building in the state to which these poor souls can be invited to be taught the word of truth! House to house work alone is too slow for much progress in so large a city. However the attendance at our cottage meetings ranges from five to nineteen. On February 3rd, I spoke to about fifty people at the Evangelical Christian Church.

So far as my people are concerned this is virgin soil. Practically the whole state remains to be worked. About sixty-four counties have not yet been entered. If memorials are not yet erected that these thousands may hear the word, what excuse can we give for our neglect of Georgia when we stand in the judgment?

We are glad to say that the Southern Missionary Society at North Station, Nashville, Tenn., has undertaken to raise money for a building in this city. This Society is also helping the Georgia Conference in the way of supporting the work. We are glad to see Psalms 133: 1 being fulfilled: "Behold, how good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Who will add to their treasure in heaven by lending a helping hand and sacrificing *some* of their means to help with a building in this great city of darkness and sin?

Send all donations to Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tenn. W. H. SEBASTIAN.

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WE are always glad to hear from those who are using the Self-Denial Boxes. Indeed items of interests that may be helpful to others are always welcome from any source.

THE Atlanta building fund is growing but not as rapidly as it ought. The money for the proposed building should be raised quickly that we may apply ourselves to the work of providing for the buildings called for in Brother Rogers' report.

HERE is what sister White says about the Self-Denial Boxes and the way in which they should be used:

"I wish to ask if you would not regard it as a privilege to lay aside a certain sum weekly for the Southern field? Will you not put in a prominent place in your home a box with the inscription, 'For the work among the colored people of the South'? Will you not ask your children to put into this box the money that they would otherwise spend for candy and other needless things? When visitors come to your home, they will see the box, and will ask in regard to it. Let the children tell the story of their effort to help a needy missionary field by denying self."

THE steamer, *Morning Star*, so closely identified with the early history of the Southern Missionary Society, was burned, not to the water's edge, but to the ground about four o'clock on the morning of the 25th ult.

The first day of April, 1906, the boat was beached, and it was Brother White's intention to remove it about a mile from the river and transform it into an office and headquarters for his book work. The planking being more rotten than had been realized, moving the *Star* proved a difficult task and the attempt was abandoned, pending a decision as to the final disposition to be made of it. The question was settled in a rather unexpected way by fire, doubtless of incendiary origin, as the boat was unoccu-

pied and was quite a distance from any fire.

The *Star* was owned wholly by Brother J. E. White. It had been practically out of commission so far as any important missionary work was concerned for six or seven years, though until about a year ago Brother White cherished the hope that the boat might be again used in active evangelistic operations.

The loss by the fire is probably small as it would have been necessary, doubtless, to have broken the boat up and the material would have been of comparatively little value. The machinery, steam piping, doors, windows, etc., were removed some weeks before the fire.

If you are in arrears on your subscription to this paper be so kind as to renew at once. You need the paper, and the cause it represents needs your help. Please do not neglect this request.

## FROM ELDER SEBASTIAN

401 CHAPEL ST., ATLANTA, GA., 3, 11, '07  
ELDER. C. P. BOLLMAN,  
NASHVILLE, TENN.,

DEAR BROTHER:

Your letter received and carefully read. We are very glad, Brother Bollman, that we are here in Atlanta, which was sadly in need of workers. I believe that the Society will stand by us, and am thankful for it.

I am in perfect harmony with all the plans already made. In regard to raising a little money toward the purchase of the lot and the erection of a building, I can say that we are doing something toward this important object.

After being here for a few weeks we found that \$12.00 or \$13.00 had been raised. Sabbath Elder Wells spoke to us on the "Spirit of Prophecy." The attendance was small, but the Lord blessed in sending two interested souls to hear the truth.

On the first day of the week we held our business meeting to elect officers and to consider the matter of building. A good number were present and all were urged to give toward the church building, and also to solicit donations from their friends. At the close of the meeting a sister gave a donation of ten dollars, and one dollar was contributed by a friend. So you see we are doing something, and expect to do something more.

I would like to ask what the readers

of the GOSPEL HERALD will do to help start this great work in this large city of Atlanta. Just think, not a memorial for present truth to stand as a sign amid this moral darkness.

We are told through the "Spirit of Prophecy" that memorials are to stand in many places as witnesses to the truth. In this city you can find every kind of "isms," but not a building to witness to my people for the truth. It is sad to think about this destitute field at a distance, but when you see the need with your own eyes it seems still more sad.

"Has the time come to build?" We answer yes, and expect to do our utmost. Who will encourage us by helping?

Yours in the Master's work,

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

BE sure to read F. R. Rogers' article, "The Mission School Work in Mississippi." It is intensely interesting.

## RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY 1907

The following report is for the donations received during the month of February, 1907

### DONATIONS

Miss L A Francis	\$ 1 75	Mrs Louisa Anderson	10
J S Jacobson	25	Mrs Anna Kutz	35
Mrs S D Wagar	1 00	Mrs N L Bolinger	74
Mrs Anna Eads	3 00	Mrs Johannah Johnson	1 00
Mrs Lizzie Coaky	25	Mrs H G Leffingwell	2 07
Mrs Anna Walker	25	Mrs John Austin	1 65
Mrs Lizzie Tipton	1 00	Mrs H C Mitchell	1 20
Mrs Frederika Stork	1 65	C B Runnels	1 00
F H Schramm	6 63	Clifton Sabbath-school	2 01
Carey S Smith	5 00	Anna, Ralph and Mary	
H W	1 00	Saxton	1 00
Lucy E Mayo	13 75	Horton Sab. School	2 00
Mrs H C Gunn	1 00	A Moon	1 00
A T Jacobs	60	L Shepard	10
Lela Garver	20	German Church of	
Mrs S C Mansfield	58	Milwaukee	2 50
Mrs M E Graves	1 00	Oscar Morris & family	72
Fred W Evans	1 00	Mrs O R Gilbert	1 50
Mrs L D Gray	1 00	Mrs A E Gibson	08
Mrs Frank Wall	50		
A Friend	10	Total	\$ 42 43
Wm F Schoepflin	40		
Florence Whitney Sec	1 50		
B G Jones	4 00		
Alvin H Osman	27		
George A Baron	90		
C L Evans	1 00		
J Q Foy	10 00		
Thomas Foster	10 00		
Myra Wheaton	1 00		
A R Sherman	5 00		
Salem Sabbath-school	1 00		
Libbie Dunn	2 06		
Total	\$ 78 58		

### FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE

F H Schramm	7 42
H C Miller	7 00
A Friend	171 90
Friends	151 35
C G Leitzman	5 75
Total	\$343 42

### THE ATLANTA BUILDING FUND

This important fund is growing encouragingly for which we are thankful. But there is yet opportunity for many others to have a share in this very important enterprise.	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 71 00
Cynthia L Davis	1 00
F H Schramm	5 50
A J Thomson	1 00
A Friend of the South	25 00
Mrs N L Bolinger	1 00
W J Whitson	5 00
Elder H A St John	20 00
Mrs Samantha Zollinger	1 90
Mrs E R Van Boskirk	5 00
J M Little	
A L Little	5 00
Marjorie Hamlin	
Mrs M V Howard	3 00
Total	\$144 40

### FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES

Mrs Luella B Priddy	30
Mrs S D Wagar	1 00
Mrs Anna Eads	1 34
Mrs Frederika Stork	3 50
W G Twitchell	
Family	1 22
Mrs Cynthia Bush	2 00
T J Sutherland	4 75
Mr and Mrs E Hollinger	1 00
T A Davis and Clara Davis	26
Lucy E Mayo	25
Mrs S C Mansfield	27
H L Andrews	60
Mrs James Smith	30
A Friend	25
Mrs L E Fuller	38
Cornell G Fuller	15
Lillian Farrar	10
E D and L B Hurlburt	3 35
D A Piper	55
Mrs E James	49
Wm Ploeger	10
Florence Whitney Sec	1 25