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BE KIND TO THE LOVED AT HOME

RESERVE your best smiles deep down in your heart,

When you with acquaintances roam;
And when you have done with the world's busy mart,

Go lavish them freely at home.

Retain your best looks, whoever you meet,

And however life's billows may foam;
O, cherish sweet love, for life's joys are so fleet,
For the dear ones toiling at home.

As actions speak louder than words, anyway,

Then scatter sunshine, and not gloom
'Mong the loved ones who study your comfort
by day,

And at eve make cheery your room.

Press gently the hand, or give a soft look,

For your favorite tasty repast,—
A richer reward than trinket or book,
To keep the heart warm to the last.

Your home may be lowly, and you may be poor,

And far from the land of your birth;
But if love's golden star shines in at your door,
'Tis the brightest abode upon earth.

—Selected.

HE DWELLS IN OUR BODIES

It is a mistake to think that our bodies are to be despised and mistreated. Man was made in the image of God and should be God-like. We are exhorted to honor God both in our bodies and in our spirits "which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:20.

The Lord dwells not only in our hearts, that is in our affections, but if we are his, he dwells in our bodies, "Know ye not," writes the apostle, "that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16. And then follows this conclusion: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." Verse 17.

Every degrading practice, every filthy

habit, every unmanly or unwomanly act, is defiling in its nature. Liquor-drinking defiles the body; the use of morphine and kindred drugs defiles the body. Every one regards the "dope fiend" with mingled feelings of pity and contempt. We all know that the things mentioned defile the human body. But how is it with snuff and other forms of tobacco? Does not the "filthy weed" defile the body as truly as do the more powerful narcotics, though possibly not to the same extent?

Can we imagine an angel, or our Lord Jesus Christ dipping snuff or chewing or smoking tobacco? Certainly not. Then how can members of the "church, which is his body," (Eph. 1:23), do such things innocently?

In saying this we do not take the position that those who have done these things in the past were not Christians. It may be that "the times of this ignorance God winked at," but we believe that now he is calling upon all men to repent, and to cease these practices that defile the temple of God.

INSTITUTE AT OAKWOOD

THE institute for colored workers was opened June 6, and is well under way. This work is under the direction of Professor Blake, assisted by Professor Rogers, and an able corps of instructors.

Elder Butler was at Oakwood June 11 and 12. Elder and Mrs. Haskell were there from the 11th to the 16th. Their work was much appreciated. The secretary of the Southern Missionary Society paid his first visit to the Institute at the

same time Elder Butler was there. He expects to return a little later and participate in the work of instruction.

Professor Sutherland and Mrs. Druihard of Madison are both expected to take some part in the work of the Institution.

Professor Tenney and Brother Harrison are both working earnestly to make this summer school a success. Dr. Parmele began a three week's course of instruction June 18. Miss Foster of Graysville is musical instructor and is doing good work. Indeed thus far the institute is giving excellent satisfaction in all its features. Its results are sure to be good and far-reaching.

The workers assembled at Oakwood are receiving excellent and much-needed instruction which will be of inestimable benefit to them in their future work.

But however helpful the instruction given at the institute may be, probably the greatest and most immediate benefit received by the workers will be the inspiration, hope and courage given them by the privilege they are enjoying.

In the past, our colored workers have not had the privilege of becoming acquainted to as great an extent as have the white workers. They are now coming face to face with one another and the different workers in various parts of the field are being drawn together in sympathy and co-operation as never before. Each will be encouraged by the fact that others are working in the same line, and also by what is being accomplished by others. Thus the work will be strengthened, unified and built up as a result of the summer school at Oakwood.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

As I walk through the streets and suburbs of this large city, these words of the Saviour come to my mind: "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot. They did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded. Even so shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed."

These words of the Lord are true and fulfilling and soon will be fulfilled. When he spoke of things to come, the things came, for he knew whereof he spoke.

We can see in these words a clear picture of the days of Noah and of Lot. When a picture is presented to us from a friend, telling us of some fact or event, how quickly we believe that friend. The Lord has given us a true picture of the last days. He has also given us a work to do in the last days to build memorials to stand amid the moral darkness. "These memorials are to stand in many places as witnesses to the truth." When the Lord shall bid us make no further effort to build meeting-houses, and establish schools, sanitariums, and publishing institutions, it will be time for us to fold our hands and let the Lord close up the work; but now is our opportunity to show our zeal for God and our love for humanity. We are to be partners in the work of God throughout the world. Wherever there are souls to be saved we are to lend our help that many sons and daughters may be brought to God. "The end is near, and for this reason we are to make the most of every intrusted ability and every agency that shall offer help to the work."

House-to-house work has been carried on here for about six or seven years, and not a meeting house for this people in the state! The size of our room is 14 x 13, with thirty-four chairs, one small melodeon, one table and one fire-place. If all the members are present there is no room for visitors. We cannot bear this burden alone of erecting a house of worship, but if the brethren and sisters of our churches will help us we believe that before long we can say, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord com-

manded to make. So the people were restrained from bringing, for the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much." Ex. 36: 5-7.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

WORK IN THE SOUTH

WITHOUT contradiction, the work in the Southern field is moving on rapidly. The work for the white people is far in advance of that for the colored. Many have donated means to the Southern work; and, to the colored work especially. God has blessed faithful efforts; and souls are rejoicing in the truth. As we draw near the end of time, calls will be made frequently for means to carry forward the cause of truth in the South. One man said he was "tired of giving to support the work among the colored people; for the results didn't justify." These words are from an honest soul. There are more who have said the same. No doubt, when attention is called to the progress of the truth among the colored a different feeling will prevail.

The Southern Field is a great missionary field, with peculiarities not found in any other place. The soil is very stubborn. Prejudice is great. Slavery left its stain in the character and disposition of the people. There are many things which will discourage a worker if he is not rooted and grounded in the love of God. In the Southern soil, are some jewels that will respond to the truth when presented.

The South is the home of the American Negro; and he is here to stay. More than eight millions are within the borders of the Southern Union Conference. The Negroes of the South are not all worthless huddles as some newspapers put it. There are many who are intelligent, cultured, and refined. Some own good property with money in the bank. The writer knows of one whose wealth in cash is \$300,000. The Negroes pay tax on \$16,000,000 worth of property; and this has been acquired since the rebellion. There are many large schools for the colored people. The Tuskegee, or Booker T. Washington's school, is the largest of its kind in the South. It is accomplishing a great work for the Negro boys and girls. The effect of this school is felt throughout the Southland.

Our distinctive work is making progress, cutting its way through ignorance and superstition. You cannot realize the situation unless you are on the ground. We scarcely dare to write as it is for fear the reader will disbelieve. Fifteen years ago there were not over twenty colored Seventh-day Adventists south of the Mason and Dixon's line; but to-day there are seven hundred. Twelve years ago there was only one colored Seventh-day Adventist church; to-day there are fifty, not counting those in Africa and the West Indies. Fourteen years ago, there were only two colored ministers; to-day there are forty-five in the United States; counting those in Africa and the West Indies the number will reach sixty. The tithes of the colored people last year in the United States amounted to \$5,000; fifteen years ago it was not over \$50. One year ago there was no sanitarium for the colored people in the whole denomination where modern methods were used; to-day there is one in Birmingham, Ala., with Dr. L. C. Isbell as chief physician. Thirteen years ago we had no colored Seventh-day Adventist physician; to-day we have five practicing using modern methods.

Is any one sorry he has donated means to the colored work? Up until seven years ago, there was never a tent-meeting held for colored people, by Seventh-day Adventist ministers; to-day there are six tent companies in the field in charge of colored ministers. Five of these are south of the Mason and Dixon's line and one north. By the time this reaches you the number will be increased to nine.

The man who didn't see any good in donating to the southern work can rejoice with me for what the Lord has done in this part of the vineyard for the colored people. The Lord is coming in this generation; millions of the South's black population must hear the truth. Every soul who reads this article I hope will stir himself to give or cast bread upon the Southern sea, with his gifts and offerings doubled. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

SYDNEY SCOTT.

"REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Eccl. 12: 1.

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

WE have room this month but here are a few of the many we have received.

This suggestion comes to us from Michigan. We think it is a good one and want to give our readers the benefit of it. Our correspondent writes:

"I have a strong desire to help the Southern Missionary Society and as my wife and I have no home of our own we have not much to give. Our plan is to give the Sabbath eggs to the Lord by putting the price in the self-denial box, and also dimes, quarters, and half dollars. Our Box is filling up fast. I wish all the brethren would adopt this plan for it would help the work in the South. We would like to know what you think of our plan."

A SISTER in the West writes: "I saw something beautiful but strange March 28, between five and six o'clock P. M. First there was a bright sun-dog north of the sun; then there was a beautiful rainbow, straight up at the top of the sky, not very large, and the ends pointing straight west.

"A Catholic lady and I were looking at it: she said, 'I wonder if that means the end of the world?' I said, 'I believe it is very near.' 'Do you?' she asked. I said, 'I do indeed.' And then she said that the priest said in his sermon that the awful things coming on the world were God's judgments, because men were so wicked. There was my chance so I improved it."

AN appreciative reader of our paper says:

"I am interested in the progress of the message in the South and so cannot get along without the GOSPEL HERALD. May the Lord bless you in the work."

ONE of our mission school teachers who opened a school last fall in a new place says:

"The clothing sent from California has been received and is being distributed among the poorest of the people with much appreciation and thanks to you.

"The Lord is opening a door for me here. I have been visiting a Baptist worker and giving papers to him and household for several weeks. The result is that he has offered his house to my service, where he and his household

and several other Baptist friends whom he is inviting may have Bible studies. I have gotten another Baptist preacher to subscribe for the *Review and Herald*.

"There is much sickness down here now: coughs, colds, and measles. On account of this, our school is diminished this week in numbers, and I fear next week will be the same.

"Remember the work and workers here at the throne of grace."

THIS letter shows how souls are calling for the truth. We have referred the request to the president of the conference from within the bounds of which the letter comes. This correspondent says:

"We would like to have a minister come and preach the true gospel to us. There are quite a few people here that I know would be glad to stand on the Lord's side if we only had a minister to explain the truth to them.

"Oh, I do pray, both night and day, that you and God together will send to us a minister of the true gospel.

"I am poor, but I have a large tent and two beds I can put in it for a minister to use; and I have a great many chickens and a good garden. I will give all I can spare, and that will be a great deal. The minister may have my tent to preach in or to live in, as he chooses; or he can come and stay all night with me and my family. I know my husband would be glad to have him come. Do your best for us all."

We hope this earnest plea has been considered favorably. O how earnestly we ought all to labor to give the truth to hungry souls.

DEAR EDITOR:— It is with pleasure that I write a few lines to let you know that I am very much pleased with your little paper GOSPEL HERALD. Am very sorry that I have been so careless about keeping up the subscription and thank you for extending it to me.

"I can say I like the little paper more and more. Please find enclosed thirty cents for back numbers and I will try to be more prompt."

Here is a letter from Michigan which shows how this work gets hold of hearts:

"My heart goes out to the work in the South. I am a poor old widow, over seventy-four years old. Have been in this precious truth over thirty years. I

have tried to do all I could for the Master with what little I have, and mean to thus continue while he spares me. My health has been poor for several years. I can attend Sabbath-school only once in a while, but the Lord has been so good to me, I cannot praise him enough. I enjoy reading the *Herald*."

The next letter came to us as a reminder that Self-Denial Boxes wear out. The writer says:

"Please find enclosed \$1.00, the contents of our Self-Denial Box. We are very thankful to send a little and heartily wish we could send more. Will still keep our little box on the wall, although it is getting old, and trust the Lord for something more to put into it. May the rich blessing of God attend this mite, and keep you in his work for the Southern people."

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RECEIPTS FOR MAY 1907

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

DONATIONS

N Carolina Conf.. \$	35	Orson C Warner...	1 00
W J Stone.....	10 00	Mrs A Glockner...	5 00
John J Bauer....	1 00	Mr and Mrs S C	
B C Chandler....	20	Mansfield	1 05
Clarissa M Crane.	1 75	R C Andrews....	1 00
Mr and Mrs W C		H L Andrews....	50
Thompson	20 00	Mrs James Smith..	30
Mrs Ada Shaver..	1 50	A friend	25
H F Phelps.....	1 00	Mrs F Stillman....	2 30
Anna K Rasmussen	25 00	Ida Simmons.....	1 00
Mrs H A Hebard ..	1 01	Mr and Mrs W C	
Mrs E Pirtle.....	1 70	Thompson	55
Mrs Geo H Scott ..	26	Mrs H F Williams ..	48
F H Schramm....	5 64	Annie, Arthur, and	
A Rogers.....	5 00	Willie Putnam...	58
W J Whitson.....	2 50	Mrs Flora Leads-	
Lucy E Mayo.....	2 00	worth	4 00
Mrs L M Willard ..	10 00	A Moon and Mrs	
Rachel and Helen		Lucy Knowlton..	10 00
Rosser	1 00	Thos Rusk.....	81
Wm F Schoepflin..	60	R T Cornell.....	3 26
J B Sperry.....	90	H A Hartman.....	2 50
Mrs Henry J Parr ..	50	Mrs H A Hebard ..	90
D O Montgomery..	40	Mrs Lydia B	
E O Potter.....	10 00	Sweeney	50
Mrs Geo Bullock..	2 00	J H Saare.....	1 00
Mrs Lahetta Potter	2 50	Mrs Mary Saare...	1 00
Miss Beatrice Val-		Jessie and Mary	
entine	12	Werfield	1 00
Total	\$106 93	Mrs M A Baer....	1 00
From the Self-Denial		Mrs H C Mitchell..	1 30
Boxes		Geo A Chapman...	25
A Jones.....	\$3 50	Pueblo Col'd friends	3 67
Lillie Fish and fam-		A M Kirkwood....	2 98
ily	50	Mrs Laura Conklin	1 79
Mrs Etta E Dickin-		Alice Lawson....	1 08
son	3 03	Edendale Young	
Mrs M E Tute.....	85	People's Society..	2 00
Mrs Erick Larson..	75	Miss Edna Grimes.	60
Phebe H Hamp....	1 00	Mrs A T Jacobs....	22
Lona V Oden.....	30	Mrs S S Post.....	2 20
Mrs Mary E Sutton	1 25	Fern Carpenter...	15
John R Bartle....	1 50	Forrest John Car-	
Mrs Addie Fender-		penter	15
son	71	Mrs Maggie Ras-	
Alexandria Church.	2 87	mussen	28
Cornelia Dudley...	1 00	Wm Powers	4 36
John Steinel.....	3 00	Mrs R E Hay.....	35
Mrs Frances Stull..	1 35	Mrs Cynthia Bush.	5 00
Mrs Joe Miller....	1 00	Total	\$98 32
Mrs Sauseman....	50	For the Support of Min-	
Lynroy and Lyle		isters Working for the	
Elsten	25	Colored People	
Mrs Moore.....	25	Mrs A E Irving.. \$	64
L S Whitney and		A sister	20 00
wife	20	Nellie Higley....	3 50
Mrs J W Rogers....	3 00	C A Frederick....	26 25
Mattie B Turner..	5 00	F H Schramm....	6 36
Mrs C A Skoog...	35	Total	\$56 75

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In reply to questions on the subject, we wish to state that Self-Denial money and other donations to the Southern Missionary Society should not be sent in as a part of the One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

THE SELF-DENIAL BOX PLAN

Under date of July 6, 1904, Sister White wrote these words concerning the plan of raising money for mission schools by means of the Self-Denial Boxes:

"Many should become interested in the work of placing these Boxes in homes. Ask old and young to aid the work for the colored people by placing these Boxes in every home possible. A blessing will surely follow the gifts of Self-denial thus brought to the Master.

MISS JULIA LOWE, who taught the mission school at Edgefield Junction, is now engaged in Bible work in Nashville under the auspices of the Tennessee River Conference. She has preferred a very earnest request to the Tennessee River Conference Committee that the services of a colored minister be secured for the work in this city at the earliest possible moment.

A PLEA FOR ATLANTA

401 CHAPEL ST., ATLANTA, GA.

MAY 5, 1907.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—

We can truthfully say that God is blessing our efforts here in Atlanta. We can see that something is being accomplished. A small amount is being added, weekly, to our building fund: this is encouraging to us.

We are far from the amount that we need for our lot and building, yet we are not discouraged in the least. We feel sure that every one who believes in the furtherance of the gospel will help us. We believe that you have heard or will hear about the needs of this destitute field, and that you will not decide that we should fall under the burden. If all would take an active part, we would have the means to buy our lot and to

erect our building before the summer is over. *A building is greatly needed.*

As I walk through this city I see buildings representing "isms" of every kind, but no memorial to present truth. O, how sad that there is no place of worship where these poor, deluded souls can be invited to hear the last message of mercy to a dying world.

The Lord has said that we should be the "head" and not the "tail." When I read this scripture and look at the buildings already erected and many still being erected, representing everything but truth, it pains my very soul. Now is the time, my brethren and sisters, to help this needy field. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Send donations for the Atlanta Building to the Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

THE ATLANTA BUILDING FUND.

THIS fund has now reached \$240.30. This is far short of what it must be to provide the required building. The receipts have been as follows:—

THE ATLANTA BUILDING FUND

Previously Reported.....	\$164 25
Mrs J P Jasperson.....	1 00
Mr & Mrs Claud Jones.....	2 50
Mrs Fannie Woolf.....	3 00
Mrs J P Jasperson.....	90
Elma Wilber.....	1 00
J W Scott.....	2 00
A Friend.....	25
Mrs M E Doble.....	5 00
Miss Dorothea H Lorenz.....	50
Mrs Nancy W Gath.....	50 00
Mrs S D Wagon.....	50
Mr S D Wagon.....	50
Mrs Farall.....	3 00
Mr Marvyn Chafee.....	50
Mr H M Richards.....	25
Mr Chas Feith.....	10
A Friend.....	05
David A Fisher.....	5 00
Total.....	\$240 30

Elder Sebastian is laboring hard and is doing all in his power for the cause in Atlanta but can accomplish little comparatively without a building to serve as headquarters for his work. It ought not to be a difficult thing to raise the necessary sum quickly. Send all donations for this purpose to the *Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tenn.*

In a recent letter to the editor, Elder Sebastian says of his work in Atlanta.

"For three weeks our attendance at Bible readings was about seventeen. These have seen the Sabbath truth and some expressed their willingness to keep it. Will meet them again this Sunday.

"Sunday nights at another place the interest is good, and two expressed their willingness to keep the Sabbath.

"Wednesday night I read with a lady missionary and her husband (very intelligent) on the 'seals'. They invited me back the next Wednesday. The lady promised to visit our meetings. You see why I am so anxious for a building: we must have a place to invite the people.

"I was invited to attend 'Sunday-school' by a deacon of one of the churches. These are a few of the openings. How can I invite all these people, with our own members, to a room 14 x 13? My hands are tied. When I have success with my readers, and when they are interested I am at sea just what to say to them; no building."

NATCHEZ MISSION SCHOOL

DEAR BROTHER: Your good letter of the 5th inst. received. I feel grateful to the Lord for the interest of his people in the work here. My heart goes out in longing desire that the good work begun may continue. We are sowing in hope and our courage is good.

I am glad to hear of Brother Sebastian's interest in his work and the good fortune so soon to follow his advent to that needy field in getting a house of worship. PAGE SHEPARD.

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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Writing of the Self-Denial Box plan, a friend in Wisconsin says:

"I am glad for the plan you have started. I believe it will be a blessing to us all. I think I can introduce the boxes into our company and it will be a good thing. The Lord bless you in your work."

A Self-Denial Box user in Kansas writes:

"As a result of the Self-Denial Boxes in my family, I send you a post-office order for \$3.50. Our interest in the South makes us glad to do this. We will make further use of our little boxes and may the Lord move upon the hearts of all his people to do their whole duty in behalf of this destitute people in our own land."