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# REPORTS FROM SOUTHERN MISSIONARY WORKERS

# AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

IN a private letter to the editor of the Gospel Herald, Elder Thomas Murphy gives this interesting and encouraging bit of experience:—

"I just want to relate to you a little incident which occurred at Greenville while I was there. One of the sisters there has a girl about thirteen years old. This girl has always been troubled with some kind of stomach trouble, until it had become chronic. This same girl was suffering very badly when I went to Greenville, and had been under the doctor's care about two weeks. The doctor decided that he would have to take her to his sanitarium so he could study her case more fully; so they moved her to the sanitarium. He kept her there just one week to the day, and then gave her up to die. He also sent her back home, as he did not want her to die in his sanitarium.

"The mother did not know any more to do, when one of the sisters told her to do as the Lord has said: 'Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.' So she sent for me. It so happened I was already on my way there. I came to the place where the girl was and found her whole frame racked with pain; and it seemed as if she could not live much longer. So I prayed in the most humble way I knew, for the Lord to do his will with the poor suffering soul, and forgive her sins.

was through praying, the girl's pains were eased; that very night she was converted; and now she is walking about. So the Lord heard me and answered. Now I am sure the Lord will hear us when we are where he can reach us. I truly believe the Lord wants to do great things for us if we will only trust him. Pray for me that I may always keep humble and submissive at his feet, so he can let me have his Spirit daily."

## A CHEERING REPORT

THE Lord is greatly blessing the work here. When I came here the Young People's Society seemed extinct; but now, through strenuous efforts, we have succeeded in reviving the missionary spirit. The members take a club of the *Watchman* each week and do street work with them. So far, we have met with good success.

The Lord is also blessing the church work here. Besides the regular Sabbath services, we have meeting on Sunday night, especially for the benefit of those not of our faith. The outside attendance heretofore has been comparatively small, but we believe the Lord will crown the effort with success.

Our school work is progressing nicely. We have an enrolment of eighty-four, but the average attendance is only fifty. The school is graded from the first to the eighth grades, thus necessitating the services of four teachers. We are still looking for more students in a few weeks.

We desire the prayers of the Southern field in behalf of our work.

HELEN C. WASHINGTON.

## THE FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING

THE annual camp-meeting for the colored people of the Seventh-day Adventists, was held at Tampa, October 10 to 20. The camp was located in a very desirable place in the city. The attendance of our people was not so great as we expected, although there were about thirty-five or forty adults in attendance. The interest from the outside was very good. Among the visitors outside of the state, were Elder W. H. Sebastian, of Atlanta, Ga., and Sister Elizabeth Smith, of Brunswick, Ga. Elder Sebastian's labors during the meeting were much ap-The message of truth was preciated. presented day after day in the most sim-Revival services were held ple form. during the meeting and a number gave their hearts to God. We all expressed our thankfulness to God for the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Elders Irving Keck and Smith Sharp gave excellent instruction along the line of health reform; and Elder G. I. Butler, President of the Southern Union Conference, preached two very powerful sermons.

At the close of the regular camp-meeting it was decided to continue the meeting as long as the interest demanded. This was done, meetings being held for two weeks. We organized a Sabbath-school of twelve. Later we shall report how many have taken their stand

for the truth. This is a most needy field. We see the need of a mission school in this city.

As we closed tent meeting and the little company here had no place to meet, a Methodist brother gave us the privilege of holding our weekly service in his church. For this we are most thankful to the Lord. We trust that at last this brother will see the light of present truth.

Before Elder Sebastian left the camp, there were fourteen baptized in Hill-bourgh River. The interest will still be followed up in Tampa for a time. Pray that the blessing of God may rest upon the little company at Tampa and that many more may see the light of truth and be constrained to walk therein.

J. W. MANNS.

#### FROM THE ATLANTA SCHOOL

I CAME here on the 10th of September to open school. Upon arrival, I found there was no building, so we planned to get a private house to use for school until better arrangements could be made. Accordingly, I opened on the 16th with eight pupils, eight benches, and a few pieces of blackboard; and closed on Friday with twelve scholars.

Everything was very discouraging, but I sought the Lord earnestly for help. As a result, to-day we have a school enrolling sixty-two and still applications are coming. This is the tenth week of my school.

Brother Sebastian is making benches for us and his wife is assisting in the school work. Though we have little in the way of school appliances but benches and blackboards in two rooms measuring 12 x 16 feet each, we are of good courage.

This field is all ready to be harvested. We have the approval of white and colored people. The president of the Georgia Conference very recently donated us \$5.00 for coal, a very timely help indeed. We thank God for his blessings.

We are greatly in need of an organ, reference books, maps, globe, etc. Literature of any kind will be gladly accepted.

We have had several visits from our white brethren and sisters, who have vowed to lend us a helping hand.

Now is the time, the most accepted time, to work in Atlanta. Even the smallest of our children are carrying the message. They are so anxious to learn of Jesus. Some are not properly clothed and shod, and we shall be grateful for second-hand clothing and shoes.

Please pray that we as teachers may hold a perfect light to this city, that many may be constrained to keep the law of God.

Mrs. A. E. Gibson.

32 Green's Ferry Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM VICKSBURG

We are glad to report encouragingly of our work in Vicksburg. We have eighty-two enrolled, and twenty-two of them have never been to this school before. We are hopeful of sending some to Oakwood next year. We have one class that will be ready to go and I believe they want to go.

I am glad to look back on the school work with a degree of satisfaction. I have struck many a blow in the same place, but I am thankful to say the stone is being broken.

We are having far better order in the school since Sister Holston began helping. I found it necessary to expel one sixteen-year-old girl. The following week we added two other girls about her age and of excellent deportment. We are going forward slowly and doing "ground" work.

D. V. BARNES.

# FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.

I came Thursday, according to promise, to this place, and can see much to be done here for my people. I have visited some of the Sabbath-keepers and found only two or three not fully in harmony with the whole truth, and I truly believe they will be soon. All were out yesterday to the meeting. There seemed to be about forty-five or more present.

I was very much surprised to see so little done for this large place, which is the metropolis of Tennessee. We are meeting in an old noisy lodge hall where there is not much light of day to be had on account of no windows, except in front; and it is upstairs. There is not so much as a Jew's harp to play music on. So you can see that this is partly the cause of some losing interest in the meetings. The people want the work built up here. They say they have never had a permanent worker, and they have almost become discouraged. Of course

this does not mean all, but some.

Now, there will not be any trouble at all in building up a strong church here if you give these people a good colored worker, one who has had a good experience in the field and who is consecrated to the service of the Lord and who is able to teach these people.

This man should be one who has the ability to build up this work without finding fault and criticising. I am sure there can be a good work done here if the conference will give a good man for this field.

THOMAS MURPHY.

938 Kansas Ave.

# FROM THE TEACHER AT PALMER, MISSISSIPPI

I AM very much impressed with the Gospel Herald, as it shows the interest our brothers and sisters are taking in the colored work. I assure you it fills my heart with joy.

Christ tells us in Matt. 28: 18 that all power in heaven and earth is given unto him; by the same power he will be able to keep us. He gave us the command to go and teach all nations. This gospel must be preached in spite of troubles and opposition. A statement is made by the Spirit of Prophecy in "Desire of Ages," page 678, the latter part of the second paragraph; it must be fulfilled. Teaching the gospel means working and suffering with Christ. He tells us plainly in I Peter 2:21 that we are to follow in his footsteps.

When a man accepts the truth he cannot keep still. It is in him, as the prophet Jeremiah says, it is in his heart a burning fire shut up in his bones. Jer. 20:9.

The brother who is boarding and lodging me gave us his house to keep school in. I believe that in spite of all the opposition, God is using us to do a work for him. The vicinity in which we are located affords no privilege for canvassing. When you give papers to the people, some tear them up as soon as they are out of your sight; yet there are others elsewhere who are anxious to receive them.

The brother with whom I am staying is cutting timber and carrrying it one hundred miles down the river to a place called Moss Point. He is always talking about the truth. I ordered twelve "Helps to Bible Study" and twelve "Family Bible Teacher," and as he goes

up and down I give him a few to carry with him. I have cause to thank God, for there are several who bought these books who say that there is no other way than the way which the books teach.

This brother's wife had a "Coming King," and on one of the trips down he was impressed to carry it with him. While attending to his work a colored man took up the book and read a few pages. After he had finished his work and called for the book, the man said that he would pay him anything that he charged, although he did not have any money with him. The brother said to him, "I am about to go home, and I may never see you again; so you can take the book." He took it and saw the truth, and also caused others to see the truth. As he continually talked about the Sabbath a white man heard him and asked him to let him see the book; and after it was given him, he, too, saw the truth and acknowledged it, and is also having some of his friends study it with him.

We can see that the hand of God is in this. He has honest hearts in different places waiting for the truth. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Brethren let us pray that God may open the way so that some one may go to help those dear souls. I believe it would be a good place for one of our mission schools.

I am of good courage. Pray for me that God may ever help me and give me a willing heart to do his will.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

# PLANT CITY TRAINING SCHOOL

THE Training School for colored pupils at Plant City, Fla., began its fourth school year Sept. 2, 1907. It may be encouraging to our readers to know that this school began three years ago with one pupil, under a tent; now the membership is forty-five.

After a hard struggle, we have been successful in erecting a two-story building 24 x 36 feet. Though incomplete, it is finished sufficiently to carry on the work in it. Eight pupils from different parts of the state are boarding in the building, and others are planning to come.

The purpose of this school is to train teachers and Bible workers for this needy field. One young preacher who attended a few of the Bible studies this term has taken a stand for the truth. Pray that others may see the light.

Those who have the least knowledge of mission work in the extreme Southern fields can well witness the difficulties one has to encounter in building up the educational work. However, I keep in view the fact that this harvest is already ripe unto gathering, and have consecrated all my time, talent, and means to the work until Christ comes.

For the encouragement of our pupils, we are striving to secure a library, and we are asking those who feel interested to donate a book or some copies of our papers.

I shall not begin to tell of the present needs of the school; but if any one desires to help this needy work, it will be highly appreciated and the donor will be blessed of God.

ELLA L. SAUKS.

# COLUMBUS, MISS.

The school work here is moving steadily on. In spite of prejudice against the truth, and the fact that there is a large public school just one block away, my school has increased since September from an enrolment of ten to thirty-three; and I have promise of more in the near future. I am encouraged to press on, and sow the seeds of truth beside all waters, knowing that God can give the increase.

MRS. M. FINLEY.

# THE GOLDEN RULE

GOLDEN RULE.—"Therefore, whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

Here our Lord Jesus presses upon us that righteousness toward men which is an essential branch of true religion; and that religion toward God is an essential branch of universal righteousness. The blessed Lord knew that we must make righteousness our rule and also be ruled by it,—lay this down for our principle, to do to others as we would have them do to us. Jesus came to teach us, not only what we must know or what we must believe, but what we must do.

"Happy are ye if ye do these things," says the Lord. The great Teacher tells us what to do not only toward God, but toward men: not only toward those of our own party and persuasion, but toward all men in general, all with whom we have to do.

We must not do to others the evil they

have done to us, nor the evil they would do were it in their power.

To obey the great Teacher, we must be very particular in judging, censuring, and all manner of conversation. He gives reasons why we must do it,—" For this is the law and the prophets."

Jesus said that the first and great commandment is to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might," and the second is to "love thy neighbor as thyself;" and "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." The ten commandments teach us our duty to God and to man. If we love God we will keep his commandments; and if we love our neighbors as ourselves, we will do to them as we would have them do to us. We must keep all God's commandments, so as to be able to enter in at the strait gate. O. C. IORDAN.

Box 284, Brookhaven, Miss.

# CHARLESTON, S. C.

THE Lord has certainly blessed our effort in starting a church and mission school at Charleston. At first, it seemed impossible; but, thank God, with him all things are possible; and now that we are fairly started we are getting along nicely, and the Lord is still blessing us.

The children are particularly interested in the Bible lessons, which are given daily, many of them having never before heard anything read from the Bible and some having never even heard of the Saviour's expected return to this earth. Pray that our efforts may be the means of directing the parents', as well as the children's, minds to the truth of the soon coming of our King.

MRS. EDNA WRIGHT.

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. Ps. 106:1-5.

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We desire to be placed in correspondence with every one supporting the mission school work. To this end we encourage remittances direct to this Society. To be cut off from direct communication with the friends of this work would mean the death of the Southern Missionary Society.

IT will be of interest to the readers of the Gospel Herald to know that the greatest religious work that is now being done among the negroes is said to be that of the Catholic Church. There are more than a million negro Catholics in the United States, which is more than one out of every ten members of the race.

These facts furnish a powerful argument for haste in giving the third angel's message to the colored people.

"NINE out of every ten negroes in the United States live in the Southern states, and one out of every three lives in Mississippi, and Alabama. Georgia. There are fifty-five counties in which three out of every four people are negroes. In Issaquana County, Miss., ninety-four out of every hundred of the inhabitants are negroes. Other counties having more than nine out of ten people who are negroes are Tensas, Madison, and East Carroll, La.; Beaufort, S. C.; and Tunica, Misss. South Carolina has four negroes to every three white people. Mississippi and Louisiana also have more negroes than whites."

THE readers of the Gospel Herald will be glad to hear from Sister Cornelia Murphy. Writing some time since from Vicksburg, she says:-

"When I reached this place I found all well and getting along nicely with the work. I am as strong as I could expect to be in so short a time, and have faith to believe that I shall soon be well and ready for the work again. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in bringing me through thus far, and I believe he will

complete the work. The doctor says I must not work for some time, just as you have said. I also know I must rest a while; although it seems hard to do. Dr. Elwell said I could take one class after the holidays, so I thought I would see what I could do in starting up a little nurses' class, which I do not think will be any expense to the Society.

"Next year I would be glad if the

#### 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.

Lord is willing, to take work in another state, but with the Southern Missionary Society. Well, no matter where I am, I intend by the help of the Lord to be in the message when he calls me. The Lord must have much more for me to do for him. He has done too much for me to let me stop at doing so little for my race. I am willing to lay down my life for this work. Pray for me that I may soon go forward."

# FROM GOSPEL HERALD READERS

WE are always glad to hear from our readers, especially so when, as is frequently the case, they send us words of encouragement and appreciation.

A friend at Hardy, Ark., to whom we sent a sample copy of the paper writes, "Many thanks for the number of the dear little Gospel Herald. I like it so much."

A reader in Alexandria, Iowa, whose subscription had been allowed to expire says: "No, it is not that I do not want your valuable little paper, but simply because it is such a small amount I overlooked it; and so to guard against this in future, I send you herewith post-office money order for fifty cents to renew my subscription for five years, or until 1912."

A good brother in Michigan who saw service in the South from 1861 to 1865 as a soldier, sends us a donation of \$4.36, which is the product of the sale of eggs laid by his poultry on the Sabbath.

This seems to be a very practical way of assisting the work in this field. The suggestion may be helpful to others.

The winter season is again here. This does not mean as much to us here in the South as it does to our friends in the North; nevertheless there is much suffering every winter among the very poor. We can use therefore almost any number of second hand garments. Shoes are especially wanted. Our teachers and mission workers can use clothing and shoes to good advantage in helping their pupils and in gaining access to homes and hearts otherwise closed to the truth. All shipments should be sent freight prepaid.

N. B. - Before shipping write to us for definite directions. It is much cheaper to ship direct than to send to us here and then we have to reship.

#### RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1907

## The Following Report is for the Donations Received During the Month of October, 1907

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