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## CHRIST KNOWS ALL

Christ leads us through no darker rooms  
Than he went through before;  
And he that in God's kingdom comes  
Must enter by this door.

Come Lord, when grace hath made me meet  
Thy blessed face to see;  
For if thy work on earth be sweet,  
What must thy glory be!

Then I shall end my sad complaints,  
And weary, sinful days,  
And join with those triumphant saints  
That sing Jehovah's praise.

My knowledge of that life is small;  
The eye of faith is dim;  
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,  
And I shall be with him.

— Sel.

## Letters From Workers

### FROM BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

[This communication written by the teacher at Brunswick, Ga., just prior to the summer vacation speaks for itself. It reveals so fully the spirit that animates the mission school teachers that we are sure it will be read with deep interest by all. Our schools close for a short time during the summer, but, thank God, the work goes right on. The writer of the following is still on the firing line.]

I am having a practical experience in this field, in connection with my school work. I am holding from two to six Bible readings every week, besides the books that I am selling and the tracts and papers I give away.

As I read with the people and they read things in the Bible which they never read before they see that God is the same "yesterday, and to-day, and forever" (which means past, present, and future — Heb. 13:8) and that he changeth not (Mal. 3:6). Three of the families were so deeply interested that they invited others to attend the readings. One of the families has promised to keep the Sabbath. I sold them one "Daniel and the

Revelation" and one "Family Bible Teacher" (pamphlet edition) and read to them Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5. The woman said that she would come out the next Sabbath and never go back. She also urged another family with whom I am reading, to take their stand with her for God.

The mother of this woman who has made the vow, followed me to the different places where I am holding readings, with her Bible and pencil, and marked every text. I also sold her a "Family Bible Teacher."

After attending the readings she went to her church one Sunday and they elected her as one of their officers. She refused the office and told the two ministers that they were leading wrongly, for they were not keeping all the commandments, and she would not stay in the church. The two ministers, with the lying spirit in their mouths (1 Kings 22:21-23) went to her house the next Monday saying, "The Lord sayeth," when the Lord hath not spoken (Eze. 13:6).

We see plainly the fulfilment of the words of the spirit of prophecy mentioned in "Great Controversy" p. 606, in the latter part of the second paragraph.

On account of this, those who have vowed, have n't kept their vows. These ministers told them that I was going about bewitching the people to get them to believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath. The dragon is wroth, for his time is short (Rev. 12:12). He is doing all that he can to keep the people in darkness.

Thank God, I am not discouraged. I am still reading with these very ones. Pray that the Spirit of God may fight their battles (Isa. 59:19).

Last Sabbath a woman called after me at the meeting-house and asked me, "Why is it that you all are having service to-day and we are working? If we are wrong, why not come and teach us?" I gladly told her why and the way has been opened for me to read with her. Pray that the will of God may be done. Hundreds are here in the valley of decision. Oh, it pains my heart to know that they are at ease and "the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14.

Oh, may the Lord move upon the hearts of his people, to give themselves and their means to carry on his work. Now is the accepted time: tomorrow may be too late.

We truly need a tent meeting in this place. May God move upon the hearts of his people to send some one here to carry it on.

While burdened for the many thousands around me who have not a knowledge of this truth, I am burdened to a greater extent for my father's house. They are in the West Indies in darkness. My earnest desire is to carry them this truth and to see companies and mission schools raised up among them. Brothers and sisters, pray that the way may be opened for me to go to them. I truly believe that God will open the way. Mark 11:24; 1 John 5:14.

All that I have to live for in this world is to do God's will. R. E. WILLIAMS.

Brunswick, Ga.

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"THERE is many a wounded heart without a contrite spirit. Ice may be broken into pieces, but it still will be ice."

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CHRIST'S work is not to abolish, but to vindicate the divine law.

## AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

PERHAPS you would be interested to know that the little school which began in my kitchen with one pupil, closed May 5, 1909, with an enrolment of forty-three.

My heart rejoices in the goodness of God. Our little schoolroom, which is only twelve by eighteen, cannot accommodate this number at one time. Some left during the year, and one (praise the Lord) has been at Oakwood School since early in January.

I have found it very hard to do satisfactory work with even half this number, ungraded. All along I felt the need of another larger room and another teacher; and when we listened to the testimonies of the patrons who came to our closing exercises, I was convinced that the Lord was helping us. I am fully expecting him to give us the assistant teacher and the additional room for the coming school year. I am expecting it so fully that I do not know what can shake my faith.

Although we had not a single desk and only a small blackboard, yet some of the pupils made progress that delighted their parents, and won for the school a pleasing reputation.

The custom we followed of constantly teaching memory verses did so much good. How the parents rejoiced when, after our regular exercises, I gave the pupils opportunity to recite memory texts. Some remember many, and others seem to be able to memorize but few. Often, however, the latter are among those whose attendance was very irregular.

Some of the parents glorified God in typical Adventist style. I am the only Adventist out in this suburb; but the people like to have their children know the Scripture lessons that they learn at our mission school, as well as the little snatches of sewing. Hence they don't seem to fret because the teacher is "strange in keeping Saturday for Sunday," or that she and her children do not eat "hog meat." They expressed a feeling that their children had been given such careful individual teaching.

It has not been as I should have liked or desired, and I often felt as if I was accomplishing almost nothing. However, knowing that this little school was a planting of the Lord, I held to it through many discouragements, counting it a joy to stand each test if God's glory might only be manifested.

Perhaps there are those you may know who would count it a joy to give us a plain 20 x 40-foot room for this work. Jacksonville is a large city and a proud one. Our work needs to be put on a fair footing to do its best here. We are two blocks outside the city limits, where the school may grow and be a blessing.

I praise the Lord for a perfect willingness to stand at my post of duty and help lift my people, whom I dearly love and for whom Christ died. I have not any means at all, but have freely, gladly given my life for this service.

Are there not many who can and will gladly give the price of their extra piece of lace, a pleasure, or some unnecessary table delicacy, to push forward this glorious work among the negroes of Florida? Oh, what might not the *real* self-denial of one week bring us! Many people give gladly to every work but this. It sometimes seems a struggle to give to this work among negroes. God grant his abundant blessing upon all who will lend a helping hand.

MRS. L. P. WHETSEL.

*Jacksonville, Fla.*

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## FROM SIGNAL, MISSISSIPPI

I AM truly glad to report about the school work here, and how the Lord has blessed. In the beginning of the term the prospect seemed very disheartening, but this did not discourage me, as I saw the need of the school. I engaged in the work with all my heart, mind, and strength, to do the things that pleased the Lord, and he blessed me. My object was to win souls to Christ.

Occasionally difficulties would arise,—which I knew were only to *try me*—but they only strengthened me. The school work did well in many ways. The children learned to love one another, and an excellent spirit prevails among them. The parents now realize that this school is the place to obtain a true knowledge of God—that which will not only fit them for this life, but will also prepare them for the coming of the Lord. There were some who did not realize the value of the school until it was nearing the end of the term. They expressed their many regrets, and have promised to send their children next term, which they are anxious to see begin. The school work here has been very well established, and I think that the progress

will be much greater in the future than in the past. There are four of the students who are going to be baptized next Sabbath.

The closing exercises were not largely attended, due to the rainy weather; but those who came were very much pleased with what they saw and heard. Many asked me to continue the Bible readings by mail, and to pray for them that they might not grow weak, but stronger. I am satisfied that the seed of truth has been sown here, and I believe that it will bring forth fruit. Pray for us, for the day is hastening when we shall be gathered home, bringing our sheaves with us.

NANCY G. EVERETT.

## GENERAL ARTICLES

## DO NOT WAIT FOR A MINISTER

THERE is personal work for souls that can be carried on by our brethren in the churches in every place, and the knowledge we have of the shortness of time should urge every one of our people to be doing active work in making their neighbors acquainted with the last warning message that the world will ever receive.

The work of the gospel minister is largely to carry this message into the new fields, doing the pioneer work, and where churches are established and believers are located, it is God's plan that they shall be a light to those for whom they may labor. I have been made to rejoice to receive reports from some of our churches where the members have been permitted to move out, and most encouraging results have followed. Precious souls are being added to some of our churches as a result of the labor bestowed by men and women from humble homes and of seemingly small ability.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord is waiting to use you as a means by which many shall be added to our churches. If you are having trouble in your church, or if you are losing the love you once had for the truth, exert yourself to break away from such conditions and in the name and strength of God go out and do what you can for your neighbors. You will gain an experience that will react upon yourself and bring refreshing to your own Christian experience, and a revival into the church that will banish the difficulties and build up the church in the love and unity of faith in a marvelous

way. Some of our churches are having such an experience. Will you not help to place such a movement on foot in your church?

May the Lord help you to move out to do the work required of believers, and not to wait for a minister to come and do that for yourself and others which can be accomplished only through your individual effort.—*E. K. Slade.*

## From Donors

### REMEMBER 1844

"WITH pleasure I sit down to write you that I have not forgotten you. You will find enclosed forty cents to pay for my last year's paper. I want to have it grace my home for a time longer.

"As I read all our papers, I can see that we are living between the forty-fourth and forty-fifth verses of the eleventh chapter of Daniel. I have lived ever since the end of prophetic time, being born in 1836. I well remember the 1844 movement, as I was eight years old. There was much said about the coming of the Lord. I now live when prophecy is nearly all fulfilled and wickedness is great upon the earth. As it was in the days of Lot, we do not feel that we can lay our armor down, but gird it on the tighter as we see God's day approaching. May we so live that we may meet where parting will be unknown.

"*MRS. B. D. ECKLER.*

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### A PENNY A WEEK

YOUR letter of recent date received and read with interest; also the Self-denial Calendars. As it seems to ask an answer, I take the liberty of replying to same.

I wish to assure you of my interest in the colored work. While I am interested in all the field, yet I am especially interested in the work for the black race. I suppose it is from the same reason that you are; because I have been through considerable of the South, and know the conditions of which you speak to be true. I lived in Florence, Ala., a short distance from Oakwood, for eight months. I was in Richmond, Va., nine months. I have been in Newport News, Va., Asheville, N. C., Chattanooga, Tenn., etc., and since I have become a

Seventh-day Adventist my experience in these places stands me in hand.

I read your letter to the church yesterday morning, and made a strong plea for the work. I gave to each one a Self-denial Calendar. They agreed to place in their boxes a penny each day—one miserable penny. We have a membership of eighteen: eighteen pennies a day. Three hundred sixty-five days in the year: six thousand five hundred seventy pennies a year, or \$65.70. Throwing off \$15.70 for emergencies, leaves \$50.00. Not much, I know; but if given by every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States, what an impetus to the work in the land of cotton.

According to the 1908 "Year Book," the membership in the United States, of Seventh-day Adventists, was 61,298. Suppose every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States should give one cent a week to the colored work; it would mean 61,298 cents a week, or \$612.98 a week. \$612.98 x 52 would be \$31,874.96—assured steady income every year. I do not know what your income is now, but the present rate of offering could be kept up and this \$31,874.96 still be added, and no one could possibly feel it.

*A penny a week.* Write it in large letters, and then let us all hang our heads in shame. *A penny a week.* Shout it from New York to San Francisco, and from Tampa, Fla., to Augusta, Me. We can better afford to throw our penny a week in the Southern work now than to throw them to the moles and bats in a few years from now. Let us give up the morning or evening paper one day in the week. Let us pay \$4.99 for a skirt instead of \$5.00. Let us buy an \$11.98 suit of clothes instead of a \$12.00 one. Let us buy a ten-cent can of condensed milk instead of an eleven-cent one. We can do it if the same spirit is in us that was in those who labored with Nehemiah, when the people had a mind to work.

Of course it must not be lost sight of that many could give two pennies or five pennies a week; but a systematic giving of a penny a week by every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States, in addition to the present offerings, would add enough in one year to build and equip a good sanitarium, free from debt.

I pledge myself to do all in my power to help, if you will take it up. It is almost like insulting a man to ask him

for a penny a week to help buy fresh milk for the baby he loves. It should be an insult to every Seventh-day Adventist to ask him for a penny a week to help give the sincere milk of the Word to the babes whom Christ loves.

Yes, I receive the GOSPEL HERALD and after reading it pass it to other interested ones.

I would like to hear from you further in this matter. As it is, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

JOHN M. GAFF.

*Elizabeth, N. J.*

## RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1909

THE following report is for the donations received during the month of April, 1909.

Melissa Cookendorfer .....	\$5.00	Robert Duxbury ..	.45
Mrs Susan McCounoughay .....	.40	Nashville Friends ..	.33
C A Skoog .....	.90	Mrs Jane LaHave ..	.60
Mrs Geo W Davis .....	1.00	Oro B Tuttle .....	2.00
Joseph P Sanders .....	.25	D B Heckert .....	1.00
Ann E Kain .....	1.00	R E Knowles .....	1.25
Alice H Paige .....	2.10	Mrs H R Beebe .....	.65
Mrs Etta Cornish .....	.39	Mrs Anna Foster ..	1.00
Mrs John Sheldon .....	6.57	H S Tay .....	.60
Jno O Gray .....	1.00	Martha J Sevrens ..	.29
Mrs M A Hollister .....	9.25	Mrs S A Hanley .....	5.00
Mrs J J Weaver .....	1.00	Jas Abegg .....	5.00
C B Rossier .....	1.05	Mrs Thorn & Family .....	.13
Paul Jensen .....	6.00	Mr & Mrs Fast .....	.25
Mrs Jacob Sieber .....	1.90	Mrs Kern & Eva .....	.27
Mrs Maggie Sieber .....	1.93	Kern .....	.27
A Friend .....	2.03	Ethel Threlkeld ..	.08
Mrs Lizzie VanTilborg .....	3.80	Mrs Hamilton & Family .....	.10
J N Webb & Family .....	5.00	Mrs Whiteman .....	.18
Mrs M B Turner .....	10.00	Mrs Stephen .....	.09
Indiana Conference .....	25.00	Mrs Wiseman .....	.57
Mrs P B Chambers .....	25.00	Effe Wiseman .....	.50
H H Schnebly .....	10.00	Mrs Annie Isaac .....	.30
Anna Wait .....	.50	M A Clement .....	.54
Mrs Lucy Jones .....	1.00	Mrs A Jones & Family .....	.50
S W Harris .....	5.00	Mrs Ames & Family .....	.61
Geo N Bagley .....	10.00	Mr & Mrs Spencer ..	.20
Mrs L M Willard .....	20.00	Mrs Nicola .....	.31
Mrs B B Barrett .....	1.00	Mrs Nancy Emans ..	1.32
A Friend .....	9.00	Mrs S C Mansfield ..	.25
Mrs M V Howard .....	3.75	Mrs Jas Martin .....	.50
Carey S Smith .....	12.25	Mrs B E Martin .....	3.50
D W Barr .....	2.00	Friends .....	2.15
D A Piper .....	.20	W H Brown .....	3.40
Mrs L S Shear .....	2.00	Mrs Nettie Winter ..	.65
Ilo Levering .....	1.42	Miss Grace Dale .....	.85
A Friend .....	2.86	Mrs C J Monds .....	.50
L E Kingsley .....	1.00	Richard Hendry .....	.10
Total .....	\$196.55	Mrs J Marshall .....	.70
		Mrs J M Deming .....	.91
		Eva L Cope .....	.35
		Newark Church .....	4.42
		W J Burden & Family .....	3.47
		Mrs Lorens Jacobson .....	1.00
		Mrs Fred Moody .....	.79
		W H Blosser .....	2.21
		Mrs J P Jaspersen ..	1.00
		Mrs G Kader .....	.50
		Nancy G Everett .....	2.50
		Mrs C H Ward .....	1.50
		A Friend .....	1.00
		Ella Hallock .....	1.60
		Jane E Ford .....	1.00
		Mr & Mrs Geo Harvey .....	.60
		Angie A Harvey .....	.28
		Mrs Flora Ward .....	.75
		Phebe A Fish .....	2.00
		Mrs A S Jarman .....	1.00
		Ole Tronson .....	.20
		Total .....	\$89.08
		FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE	
		Mabel Parker .....	\$3.40
		W H Beasley & Ella Beasley ..	20.00
		A Friend .....	13.00
		Mary Spencer .....	55.00
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Elder A. J. Haysmer is energetically taking hold of the reorganization of the field-work of the Southern Missionary Society. Elder Haysmer's long experience in conference work eminently fits him for the position to which he has been called.

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The Rock City Sanitarium is making encouraging progress. It still needs many things before it will be thoroughly equipped, but even now it is doing good work, and those in immediate charge of it feel much encouraged. Several young people are in training as nurses, and there are unlimited opportunities along this line.

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A very important council was held in Nashville on the 13th inst. between representatives of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences. The Southeastern Union had not yet organized its work for the colored people, and did not feel able to at once assume all the burdens incident thereto. It was arranged, therefore, that the Southern Missionary Society, continue, at least for the school year ending July 1, 1910, to carry a large share of the financial burdens of the colored work in both the Southern and Southeastern Unions.

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There has been some delay in perfecting the organization of the North American Negro Department, and for this reason not much effort is being made just at present to raise means for this very important branch of the cause of God. Our friends should not get the idea, however, that this work can now be carried on without funds. The need is just as great and just as imperative as ever. Indeed the work is constantly growing, doors are constantly opening, and so there is a growing demand for means to keep pace with the growth of the cause.

## NOTICE

*To the Colored Seventh-day Adventists of Mississippi and West Tennessee:—*

The camp-meeting which was to be held at Meridian, Miss., in August has been changed to Greenwood, Miss., August 19-29. This place is a more central point for all in Mississippi and West Tennessee than any other place in the State.

Let all who can, prepare to come and stay throughout the meeting, which will last only ten days. There will be plenty of sleeping tents for all upon the grounds, at the cost of thirty-five cents for each person for the ten days. Board can be had for fifteen cents a meal, or seven meals for one dollar. We wish to have a large attendance at this meeting.

Remember such meetings come only once a year. There will be some very important things to be considered which have to do with our soul's salvation. We are now nearing the verge of eternity. Soon, very soon, we shall see Jesus face to face and our life's work will be ended. No more sadness of heart, no more shedding of tears, no crying; but, thank and praise the Lord, there will be all joy, peace, and happiness. Then let us be of good courage, and rally to the front with this work for the colored people as the time is nearly expired.

Jesus will soon stop pleading for this sinful world, and those who have not been faithful in discharging their duty in this work will be left out. Reader, will it be you? God forbid that any who read this notice will be left out; but may all be sealed with the Father's name in their foreheads. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come."

Address me after the first of August at Greenwood, Miss.

THOS. MURPHY.

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It seems that some progress is being made in the direction of correcting some of the abuses that have long existed in the Kongo, Africa.

The Kongo Reform Association made public at Boston recently the text of a memorandum which the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs sent to the Belgian government on June 11, with reference to the question of the annexation of the Kongo by Belgium. This memorandum is in reply to one received

from Belgium on March 15, in which the Belgian government, while still withholding direct guarantees of reforms in the Kongo, had represented "how painful it is for the Belgian people to see their intentions called in question, after the innumerable proofs which have been given of their love for civilization," and had requested "an assurance that in the mind of the British government her past history is a guarantee of her present loyal intentions."

In the memorandum now made public, the British government, briefly describing the condition of the natives in the Kongo, says; "To this state of things, so amply described in the published reports of his majesty's consuls, his majesty's government cannot give recognition, and they are sure that the Belgian government desires to put an end to it, for it is, in fact, indistinguishable from slavery. In the Kassi district, under the guise of trade, taxation in rubber was exacted in open defiance of the laws of the Kongo state. It was by such means that the greater part of the rubber exported from the Kongo was obtained. The export of rubber had not fallen off, and no reports have reached his majesty's government to show that the amount of forced labor and illegal or excessive taxation exacted from the natives has diminished.

"His majesty's government anxiously awaits reports from the Kongo which will show that the Belgian government has succeeded in stopping the system of forced labor, which has hitherto prevailed, for his majesty's government is sure that the Belgian government will agree that a system such as that described in British and American consular reports is indefensible."

John Daniels, secretary of the Kongo Reform Association, is credited with the statement that the association will now make every effort to induce the American government to send to Belgium a memorandum of the same purport as that sent by Great Britain.

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