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THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION MISSION

EARLY in February I visited the Southeastern Union Mission field. As Elder M. C. Strachan, with Elder Manns, had just visited all the churches in Florida I did not visit that State. Elder Strachan gave a good report of the work. There are about twelve churches and companies with a growing membership. A few mission schools are being carried on.

Elder Manns is the only ordained worker. Many calls are coming in for more workers and mission schools. While the work is onward in Florida we are not doing a tithe of what should be done for the two hundred thirty-one thousand colored people there.

In South Carolina Elder Sydney Scott has been working, and several new ones have accepted the truth. The other workers are Brother and Sister J. F. Crichlow, who are working in Greenville. Brother Crichlow is doing self-supporting Bible work as his time will permit, and Sister Crichlow is teaching a mission school. But what are these workers among seven hundred eighty-three thousand people? They are more than one half the entire population of the State. We should enlarge our forces in South Carolina.

From here I went to North Carolina. At Asheville I found Brother Page Shepherd teaching a mission school. But not another worker for the entire State. There were at one time four quite strong churches in the State, but as they have had scarcely any help for years the results are plainly seen. It is sad to let the work ravel out for lack of men and means.

Plans must be laid to increase our force of workers, and care for the work already begun, and warn the people who

have never heard the message for this time.

My next place to visit was East Tennessee. In Knoxville I found Brother and Sister Maynor, the only workers for this conference. Brother Maynor is holding some Bible readings, and Sister Maynor is teaching a small mission school. They have a neat church building, and a vigorous effort should be put forth to increase the membership in this important city. In this conference there are about seventy-five thousand colored people unwarned. How can we be clear and not do more for this people?

In Georgia I found a still more needy field. With one million thirty-five thousand, there is not one minister. Elder Dent, the only minister they have had was obliged to leave on account of failing health.

In Atlanta Sister Anna Knight is doing Bible work and Brother Williams is teaching a mission school. These are the only workers in the whole State. We must do something right away for this neglected, needy field.

While in Georgia I had the privilege of attending the Southeastern Union Conference and Mission meeting held in Atlanta. This was a good meeting. Perfect harmony prevailed.

Steps were taken to more effectually organize the work among the colored people, and broader plans laid to forward the work. A. J. HAYSMER.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

I AM glad to report that our work in this city is still progressing.

The new year has brought us many rich blessings. On the first day of the year we had a very stirring meeting. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt,

and the entire company reconsecrated themselves to the Lord, and promised to do more for the Master this year than in the past. Before the close of the service, one of our visitors decided fully for Jesus.

The following Sabbath another person stepped "over the line." Last Sabbath, January 22, we had another precious time. Two "Holiness" ministers were present. The object of their visit was not fully known, though from previous conversations with them, I am satisfied that they were not seeking light. Nevertheless, we praise God for the convincing power of his Spirit on that occasion, which drew from one of them the following honest confession during the testimony meeting: "The Spirit of God is indeed present to-day, no one can doubt it. I would not have missed this meeting for anything."

The Lord gave us another soul that day, and still another the following Sunday night. Four souls for the new year. "The Lord . . . hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

And this is not all, others are coming. "The waters are troubled."

Readers of this article, pray for the work in this city. "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead." We are truly living in the time of the loud cry, and God is willing to give us greater blessings than we have yet received. My prayer is that our lives will permit God to have his way fully in us day by day.

We expect to have twenty or twenty-four persons baptized when the time comes. We are in need of a building for church and school purposes, and would be very thankful if those who desire to lend a helping hand to God's

needy cause, would send us some aid in care of the Southern Missionary Society.

Of course we believe in helping ourselves, and are doing all we can to pay for the ground on which to build, but our people here are almost all very poor, and cannot do it all without help. Who will respond? GEO. E. PETERS.

CHURCH IN CHICAGO

THE readers of the *Recorder* know that we have lately organized a church in Chicago, which at present is located at 4338 State Street. We are raising money to provide a house of worship for this people, and as this church is to be especially a missionary church, working in a large field in the city of Chicago, we have agreed to provide them with a good house of worship for this purpose.

The outlook now is that we will purchase a lot and build a meeting house upon it. This is being done in harmony with the direct advice given to us by Sister White upon this subject. We have a good lot in view, and will probably close the contract for it soon.—*Wm. Covert, in Northern Illinois Recorder.*

PARTIAL PROCEEDINGS OF SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

WE have not room in the GOSPEL HERALD for the entire proceedings of the Southern Union Conference in its fourth biennial session, held in Nashville, January 20 to 30, but will give the proceedings which relate especially to the work for the colored people in this field.

We quote from the minutes of the conference secretary as they appear in the *Report of Progress* of February 17, pages 48 and 49:—

SIXTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 27

This day was devoted to Southern Union Mission work, and the program was carried out in the Winter Street church. It comprised two sessions as follows: The morning session 9:30 o'clock, and the afternoon session at 2:30.

The following papers were read:—

Objects and Results of Our Mission Schools, Prof. F. R. Rogers. Discussion, five minute speeches led by N. B. King, P. E. Palmer, and C. P. Bollman.

Industrial School Work for the Colored People, Prof. O. R. Staines. Discussion, five minute speeches led by T. B. Buckner and E. A. Sutherland.

How to Reach the Colored People Most Successfully with the Message, Elder T. B. Buckner. Discussion, five minute speeches led by C. F. McVagh, J. A. Chiles, C. M. Kinney, A. Barry, Julia Lowe, and S. B. Horton.

Sanitariums and Trained Nurses as a Means of Helping the Colored People, Elder D. E. Blake. Discussion, five minute speeches led by Dr. George, W. H. Sebastian, and Dr. Isbell-Blake.

Efficient Training for Colored Workers, Prof. W. J. Blake. Discussion, five minute speeches led by Thos. Murphy, C. P. Bollman, and J. A. Chiles.

Literature as a Means of Reaching and Helping the Colored People, Eld. J. E. White. Discussion, five minute speeches led by S. A. Jordan, A. J. Haysmer, and A. F. Harrison.

(The papers will be referred to in all probability from time to time in the REPORT OF PROGRESS.)

Dr. Hubbard of Meharry College was present and gave some encouraging remarks commending the work we had in hand.

Adjourned to meet in the Memorial Church, 9 o'clock, January 28.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
S. B. HORTON, *Secretary*.

In its meeting on the afternoon of January 28 the Conference granted credentials and licenses to colored workers as follows:—

For Credentials: A. Barry, C. M. Kinney, W. H. Sebastian, Thos. Murphy, T. B. Buckner, S. A. Jordan, A. C. Chatman, N. B. King.
For Ordination and Credentials: Jos. H. Lawrence.

For Ministerial License: D. F. Blake, W. F. Gaskin, Geo. E. Peters, S. D. Miller.

For Missionary Credentials: J. F. Weathington, Julia Lowe, Mildred Anderson, Mrs. J. H. Lawrence, W. A. S. Henry, Mrs. G. Hurley, Mrs. G. E. Peters, Delia Wilson, D. V. Barnes, Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Stella Glasco, Mrs. W. F. Gaskin, Lucile Carter, Johnnie Vaughan, Mrs. M. Conners, Mrs. S. D. Miller, Ada Allen, Mrs. E. Gammon, Josephine Montgomery, Nancy Everett, J. C. Miller, Gracie Knight, J. W. Allison, Mrs. J. W. Allison, Mrs. Katie Holston, C. A. Crichlow, Mrs. C. A. Crichlow, Mrs. W. A. S. Henry, Mrs. W. H. Sebastian, Mrs. S. A. Jordan, Dr. L. C. Blake.

In harmony with the action of the Conference Joseph H. Lawrence was set apart to the work of the gospel ministry just before the close of the Sabbath, January 29, at the Winter Street church. Prayer was offered by Elders Thomas Murphy and F. R. Rogers. The charge was given by Elder R. M. Kilgore.

Other actions of the conference relative to the work for which the GOSPEL HERALD stands were as follows:—

Whereas, At the time of the division of the Southern Union Conference it was agreed that the Southern and Southeastern Union

Conferences contribute equally to the support of the Oakwood School; therefore,—

40. *We request* the Southeastern Union Conference to pay over to the said school the amount now due under the said agreement.

41. *Resolved*, That we view with favor the proposition to incorporate the Oakwood School; and that we refer the details of this matter to the North American Negro Department.

42. *Resolved*, That the treasurer be instructed to charge to Loss and Gain account the item of \$1,013.17, now standing on the Southern Union Conference books against the Huntsville School.

PRAYER ANSWERED

I THOUGHT it might not be uninteresting, at least to some of the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD, to relate some of my experience. Some years ago one of our dear sisters was in the last stages of consumption, her physician having given her up to die, saying he could do no more for her.

At this crisis her husband (though an unbeliever) came to the elder of the church, requesting him to come with a few that he might choose and pray for his wife's recovery. The elder soon came over to our house with the request. Then he and his wife, myself and husband went to the afflicted sister and earnest prayer was offered for her, and she felt the fever removed while prayer was being offered. She arose from her bed, and dressed, and felt that she was made whole and free from that disease. And we all felt to praise the Lord for his condescension and victory. His blessings rested upon us, and we felt to give him all the glory.

The restored sister would walk half a mile to meet with us on the Sabbath, and thank the Lord that she was able to do this.

O my brother, my sister, have faith in God. He is the great physician, the great helper, he will lift you from dependency and give you hope. Be of good cheer. MRS. M. S. FINCH,
Gretna, Kans.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP

LAST year I assisted Sister Wilson in the school work here, but our attendance now does not allow of two teachers, so I am occupying my spare hours selling papers, visiting, and giving Bible readings.

Last Sabbath I was impressed to try

canvassing, and to-day, January 31, I went out, and in a short time received nine orders for "Steps to Christ." Besides the orders my experience makes me feel much encouraged. Several people invited me to visit them, and a certain woman, a stranger to me, who had heard of our work, appointed a day for me to come to her home and explain the Sabbath to herself and husband.

This is a promising field, but we stand in need of help. At this date we have a company of forty-one Sabbath-keepers, six of whom accepted the message this year.

At present the whole city is stirred, and many souls are in the valley of decision and may soon decide.

Dear readers, a great hindrance in our work is that we have no suitable place for these believers to worship in. The hall in which we are now holding our services, and the only available place in the city, is too small to seat the members and the anxious visitors who attend.

Who will assist us in our struggle to erect a house of worship?

These people are very poor, but, however, are making great sacrifices to purchase a lot on which we hope to build. The brethren have sold their guns and turned the money in on the monthly payments we are making on the ground. The sisters have donated whatever articles of jewelry they owned to the same purpose.

And there are others who have nothing, but they often live on one meal a day in order to give something.

The people of this city are as wicked as in most Southern cities, but the knowledge and practise of the truth changes them around and makes them love God and their fellow men. We are doing all we can to give the truth, but something is lacking: these people need a house of worship.

Who will arise to our help?

MRS. ETHEL M. PETERS.

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EAST PALATKA SCHOOL

ANOTHER school term has begun. How gladly the teachers and students welcome it.

I can say for myself that I am of good courage and more desirous of doing something for the blessed Master.

As I study the beautiful Sabbath lessons and learn how good and gracious

our God is, I have not words or tongue to thank him.

I am trying each day of my life to tell the little ones of our blessed Saviour, who will soon appear in the clouds. And the question to-day is, Are you ready? Let us as Christians be wide awake to our duties. Let us watch, lest he come and find us sleeping.

We were glad to have with us Eld. M. C. Strachan, Nov. 7, 1909. We were sorry his stay was so short, but he left us of good courage and promised he would come again another year.

We are thankful to Sister C. E. Boger of California for the things she sent us, and we will be thankful to others who have something they can divide with us, as some of my little ones are very much in need.

Enclosed you will find forty-six cents. My little school sends this from their Self-denial Box, hoping it will help in spreading the third angel's message.

WILDA W. WILSON.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The work is onward in this important city, and the workers are of good courage in the Lord.

I came here the end of April, 1909, and since have been actively engaged in Bible work, and lecturing from time to time in various schools and churches. Coming when I did enabled me to attend the closing exercises of the Atlanta University, Clark University, Spellman Seminary, and Morris Brown College.

In the former and latter I lectured on India, and have since been invited back to address the women's missionary meeting at the Atlanta University.

This truly is an important center, and no mean effort should be put forth to get the message before the large, intelligent class of people.

God has enabled me to come in touch with some of the best people of the city, and some of them are investigating the truth.

When the time came for the Harvest Ingathering for Missions, the church took hold with a will, and were able to place eight hundred papers in the hands of the people, and realized \$86.00 for foreign missions.

We feel thankful to God for this, and for the good experiences along the way.

The week of prayer was a precious

season with the church, and we were glad to hand in \$17.00 on the annual offering.

The holding of the Southeastern Union Conference in this city proved a great blessing to us. Every night some of the delegates from abroad preached to us, and every one enjoyed it. A goodly number from outside attended the meeting, and several of my Bible readers, all of whom expressed themselves as being greatly pleased and blessed by the words spoken.

During the meetings it was my privilege, in connection with other ladies from some of the largest and best churches of the city, to organize a colored branch of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The mass meeting was held in our church, and the Home and Institute for same will, for the present, be held in the sanitarium building.

As we look back over the past few months, we marvel at the wonderful way God has blessed in the work!

Our courage is good, and by the Lord's help we mean to press ever onward until the final triumph.

Yours in the blessed hope and work.

ANNA KNIGHT.

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REAL SELF-DENIAL

SOME time ago a young sister in Oregon wrote us as follows: "We are sending \$2.00 for the work among the negroes. Please don't send us any Self-denial Boxes. Save them for some one who has something to deny. My brother is twenty-one, and we in all our lives, have never bought a stick of candy or a chew of gum, or any unnecessary thing. So we have nothing whatsoever of which to deny ourselves. I never tasted gum, and never care to either.

"We have a new church and school-house now. It is now both church and school, but next winter I think they will be separate. We have been going to church in the academy, but it will be seated with desks.

"Brother Cole and his family have gone to the South Pacific, and, I think, are in Fiji now. I don't expect to see them again on this earth, but we shall all meet some day in a happier land."

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"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee."

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A SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS

THE South is far from being a unit upon the race question, but much as many of the better class deplore the fact, it is, nevertheless, true that the two races are getting further and further apart in almost every respect constantly. The following despatch sent out from Atlanta under date of February 1, and published in the *Nashville American* of that day shows which way the wind is blowing:—

“According to reports received here, a reign of terror exists in several districts of Columbia County, Georgia, as the result of the activities of a band of “night riders.” Many negro property owners have advertised their property for sale, and are leaving the county.

It is said that one negro has been shot dead by the mob, others have been whipped, and still others ordered to leave within a few hours’ time. Two churches also have been burned. No arrests have been made, and there seems to be no clue as to the identity of the members of the band. Governor Brown to-day addressed a letter to the officials of the county asking for information as to the situation.”

The lesson is too plain to need any comment. There is a work to be done for this people. They must have the message for the last days. Some of them will be saved by it. The work we neglected and failed to do in times of peace and quiet must be done under very unfavorable conditions. This is in substance, though not in exact words, a statement from the spirit of prophecy.

In very many sections the conditions are still favorable. How long they shall remain so no man can tell. Should we not then work while it is day? “The night cometh, when no man can work.”

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THE COLORED WORK IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 3rd the writer left Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Southwestern

Union Conference held at Keene, Texas. It was my first visit to this field, and I was well pleased with the location, and the surroundings of the Keene Academy and the union conference office.

On entering the church I found a large company gathered from all parts of the field. I was also glad to meet nearly all the colored workers in the union at this meeting.

The work among the colored people was carefully considered. A Southwestern Union Mission was organized, with the understanding that local missions will be organized as the work develops.

A deep interest was taken in the mission work by nearly all present. At the close of the service in which we had laid before our people the work before us, a liberal collection was taken. \$52.97 in cash and \$119.75 in pledges was given. One of our faithful canvassers pledged the proceeds of one week’s canvassing, and one sister gave a brooch that cost about seventy-five dollars. When all is realized it will amount to about two hundred dollars.

While the work for the colored people in this union has gone slowly, we believe that now it is more thoroughly organized, and a deeper interest awakened, there will be brighter days for it. There is great need for mission schools and more field workers here.

I trust that our people will raise an educational fund to assist our worthy young people to enter our training-school at Huntsville in order that workers may be prepared to fill this urgent need.

I shall watch with interest the development of the work in this field.

A. J. HAYSMER.

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OUR COLORED TRAINING SCHOOL

THE management of the Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville, Ala., report progress. A nice company of students of mature years is now in attendance, and the majority of these young people love the message and are very anxious to complete their preparation and be in the field.

Many of our students are poor, and are able to attend school only as they work to meet their current expenses. This method of securing an education requires much more time than would be necessary if the student were able to pay at least part of his expenses in cash.

And to more quickly prepare a few promising workers for the field the management of the school has decided to solicit some financial help for a few who are anxious to finish their studies as soon as possible.

Eight dollars will pay the school expenses of the average student for one month.

They believe there are many who will be glad to help in this important work of educating colored workers for the Southern field, and have recently published a leaflet giving definite information and fully outlining the plan. They will be glad to send this to all who make request for the same, of

W. J. BLAKE, *Principal.*

Huntsville, Ala.

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THERE are ten thousand white children in the public schools of Hoboken, N. J., and only fifteen colored. But a negro girl fourteen years old, Estelle E. Gibbs, daughter of a Pullman car porter, has just graduated with first honors. Her average was 99 1-3 in six subjects. This may stop a few mouths accustomed to speak of the inherent inferiority of the negro.—*Springfield (Mass.) Republican.*

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NOTICE!

WE have a choice collection of flowering bulbs to offer at the following prices:—

DAHLIAS: Easily cultivated; variegated flowers, which are attractive and beautiful. Each, 10 cents; 6 for 50 cents; 12 for 75 cents. If by mail, add 20 cents per dozen for postage.

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