



Mid-Summer Number.

THE object of the GOSPEL HERALD is to awaken an interest and organize effort in educational, industrial, and gospel work in the South. In each past issue of the paper, illustrated descriptions of the advancement of the work have been given. As special efforts are now being made to broaden the sphere of this mission, it has been thought best to issue a special mid-summer number of the HERALD, in which shall be given an illustrated summary of the work of the Southern Missionary Society. But especially is this extra edition published to increase the circulation of the GOSPEL HERALD. This issue will be placed in

Over Fifteen Thousand Homes.

WILL each one receiving this mid-summer number consider himself or herself hereby appointed an agent to secure subscriptions for the HERALD? A little effort on the part of fifteen thousand people will at once give us a list of subscribers that will make the paper an assured financial success.

How to Do It.

THERE is a Subscription Order Blank on one of the pages of this paper. It is for you to fill out.

FIRST, if you are not a subscriber, put your name down at the head of the list. If you are already a subscriber, can not you afford to invest twenty-five cents in sending it to some friend for a year?

SECOND, show this paper to your friends and get up a club in your own neighborhood. Examine the Premium List. We are sure that there are some premiums that will interest nearly every one.

BUT it will take time," some will say. Certainly it will; but there are those who have given ALL their time for LIFE to this work. You can afford to give a little, can you not? How it would encourage these workers to know that the HERALD was going to TEN THOUSAND homes in this land, and that these thousands of homes were keeping in touch and in sympathy with the work in this neglected Southern field!

The publishers of the HELRAD want *ten thousand new subscribers* within thirty days. A little effort by all, would double it.

The Effort for New Subscriptions will be Reported in the August "Herald."

“The Gospel Herald for 1900.”

FOR more than a year this paper has been published at the Northern Office of the Southern Missionary Society, at Battle Creek, Mich. The management has endeavored to make it worth many times the price asked for it. How well they have succeeded, the subscribers must judge.

As the work of the Southern Missionary Society has advanced in its different lines, the scope of this paper has widened, and we desire that advancement and improvement shall ever be its future policy. More than ever before we desire that it shall represent properly the missionary and school work in the South. But the circulation of this paper will be largely in the North, so that Northern people may keep in touch with the Southern work.

While in the North we have been able to give better service on the paper than we could while in the far South. The publication office will now be changed to the permanent headquarters of the Southern Missionary Society, Nashville, Tenn. Here we expect to have even better facilities, and hope to give even a better paper than in the past. The services of some good writers have been secured, and the intention is to make it such a paper as will be desired in every Christian home in the North. At present we are able to offer some strong inducements to subscribers in the way of three special lines of religious literature, the value of which is sure to be appreciated by all.

FROM MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Important communications, not published in any other form, are constantly coming to the editor's table from this source, and as heretofore, choice selections will be made from these for each number of the paper. Mrs. White has ever taken a leading and deep interest in the missionary work of the South.

ELD. S. N. HASKELL

Has ever taken an interest in, and been a staunch friend of, the GOSPEL HERALD and the work in the South which it represents. With the beginning of the present volume of the HERALD he began a series of readings upon the "Third Angel's Message," and these readings have been highly appreciated by those who have received the paper. This will continue for one year at least, and those who desire to understand this subject can never have a more favorable opportunity to become familiar with this important subject.

FROM MRS. S. N. HASKELL

We have also been able to present a series of Bible Readings on the subject of the "Sanctuary." This subject goes hand in hand with the "Third Angel's Message," and should be thoroughly understood by every Bible student. These readings will also continue for a year at least.

The perusal of the subjects treated by these three authors in this number of the paper will, we are sure, convince all that they can not afford to miss their monthly visits, for a whole year, for the small sum of 25 cents. Please remember that these articles can be obtained only through the columns of the GOSPEL HERALD. There has been brought into these Bible readings a simplicity and directness as used to attend the presentation of these subjects in the early stages of the work, while to these characteristics has been added a deeper knowledge of the subjects which years of study have brought.

Begin with Jan., 1900, and thus get them all.

A Personal Letter.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 30, 1900.

DEAR FRIEND:—

Please stop and read this before going any farther. We need your subscription, and you need a copy of the ‘‘GOSPEL HERALD’’ each month for a year. Fill out the blank on next page and send 25 cents to the publishers, and both needs will be supplied.

TO THE CHURCH ELDER.—The publishers send YOU a copy of this paper for examination. Are you interested in the work which the ‘‘GOSPEL HERALD’’ represents? Do you want to keep posted on the advancement of this great mission work? Do you desire to keep up with the important Bible Readings by Elder and Mrs. Haskell? You can do all this by filling out the blank on next page and sending it with 25 cents to the publishers. It will then come to you regularly once a month for a year. More than this, don't be selfish. If it is good for you it is good for others. Show the paper to others who would be interested, and get up a club of subscribers for it. Will you donate some of your valuable time to this work and send us a nice list of subscribers?

TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.—We send YOU a copy of the ‘‘HERALD’’ also. Does it interest you? Will you work for its circulation? We hope to get a good list of subscribers from your Sabbath-school. The Southern work is an important work. All should become intelligent in regard to it. Will you consult with your church Elder, and between you arrange to give your church and Sabbath-school a thorough canvass? If all would do this a large list would be rolled up within thirty days.

TO THE MINISTER AND BIBLE WORKER.—We expect your assistance in this enterprise. Will each of you act as an agent for the ‘‘GOSPEL HERALD?’’ A few names from each will quickly bring a large list of subscribers.

Yours in the Master's work,

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Publishers of Gospel Herald,
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NO. 6.

BEGINNING WORK.

STEAMER MORNING STAR.

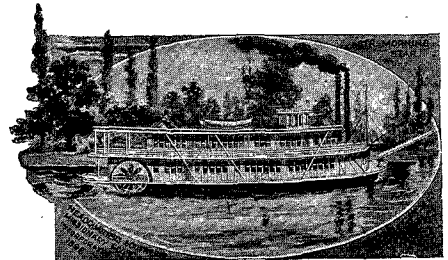
It was in the winter of 1893-4 that the attention of the founders of what is now known as the Southern Missionary Society was directed to the work to be done for the colored people of the South, along the lines of manual training, educational and gospel work.

The plan of building a steam-boat that should become headquarters for mission work and a home for the workers was then considered, which resulted in the construction of the "Morning Star," on the banks of the Kalamazoo River, at Allegan, Mich. The keel of the boat was laid in March, 1894.

The hull of the steamer was built of solid, upland Michigan oak, and was seventy-two feet long, twelve feet beam, and with three feet depth of hold amidships, and four at bow and stern. She was cabined fore and aft, as shown in the accompanying engraving, the cabin being sixty-seven feet long and sixteen feet wide, thus

projecting over the hull on each side. The hull was launched May, 1894, and then her cabin work put on. In July she was completed and started on her 1500 mile journey to her field of operation.

The funds used in constructing and equipping the "Morning Star"



No. 2, Morning Star as Rebuilt.

million copies. Other books have been issued since in support of this work which have also had a large sale.

The boat went on its way by easy stages, stopping at favorable places to canvass to meet expenses of the trip, and reached the first field of labor, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, Jan. 10, 1895. The subsequent work at this place will be described on another page of this paper.

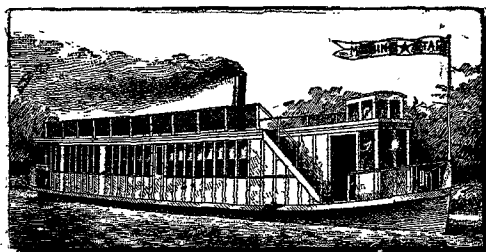
Two years later the "Morning Star" was re-built. Her hull was lengthened to 95 feet, giving a deck 105 feet long. It was also widened to 20 feet of hull and 24 feet to outside of guards, thus giving guards four feet wide around the entire boat. An upper cabin deck was added, and the pilot house placed on the hurricane deck, as shown in picture number 2.

The steamer now represents an investment to the present ownership of about \$4,000, and is very complete in its appointments. It easily accommodates from twelve to sixteen workers, and has a chapel (see cut number 3) on the lower deck, aft of



No. 3. Chapel on Morning Star.

came largely from the sale of the little book published for the purpose, entitled the "Gospel Primer." This book has been translated into several different languages, and has already had the phenomenal sale of about three quarters of a



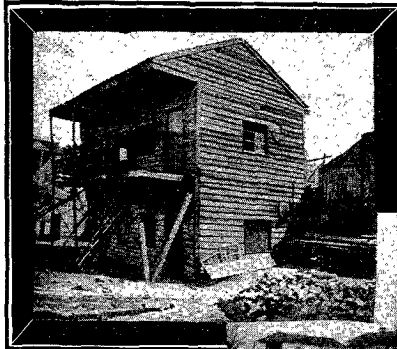
No. 1. Morning Star as First Built.

the boiler room. It is seated with folding chairs which can be removed and the space used for a freight room as the needs of the work demand. In the usual work of the Society, fully two thirds of the religious services are held in the chapel of the boat.

The "Morning Star" has been of great service to the work, and it is difficult to tell how the missionary workers could have managed without it. It is entirely manned and officered by those engaged in the work, and has never met with any serious accident, although often in dangerous and critical places. While many large and powerful boats engaged in trade all around us, and officered by men of much wider experience, have been wrecked and have found a watery grave, the God of missions has cared for the little craft dedicated to his work, for which we return heartfelt thanks.

The "Morning Star" will be removed some time this season to the Cumberland River, with home port at Nashville, Tenn.

to house Bible and school work undertaken. A deep interest was soon awakened in both Bible and



Old House.

educational lines, and it soon became necessary to secure a permanent building, or hall, in which the work could be centralized.

After diligent search it became evident that nothing suitable could be rented. Nothing could be done except to build. But there were no

The building was a plain affair, as shown in the foreground of illustration No. 4, twenty feet wide and forty feet deep, costing, all completed, seated and painted, only about \$150. Yet this was quite a serious undertaking at this stage of the work, and was only kept at this low price by missionary work-



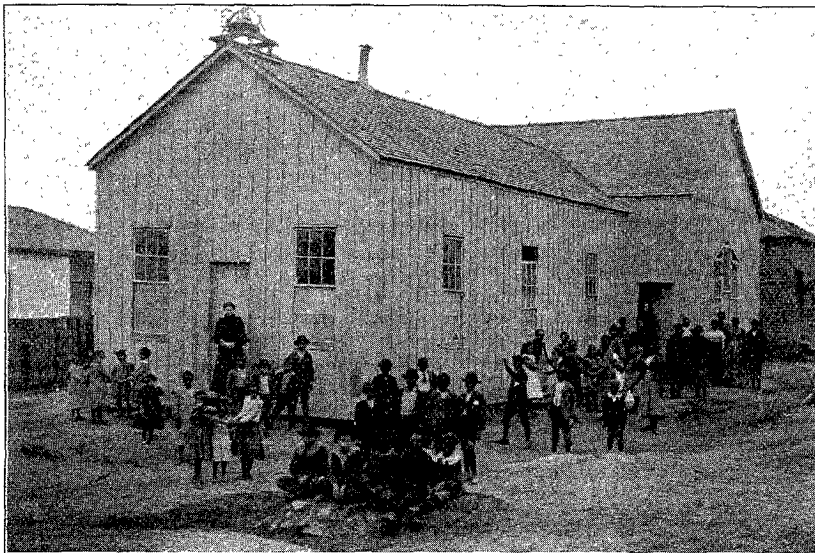
No. 5. Janitor's Cabin in Process of Building.

ers joining those who would donate labor in doing nearly all the work Friends in the North contributed, and the building was dedicated free from debt.

The following winter a flourishing night school was opened which soon overcrowded the room until the attendance reached 150. Every seat was filled, many sitting in the laps of others, and a large class of children sitting on the platform steps and on the floor.

It then became necessary to add a chapel 26 x 30 feet, as shown in the back-ground of cut No. 4, and a library and recitation room, 12 x 16 feet, which does not show in the picture. The school was graded into primary, intermediate, and senior divisions. Many said it would be impossible to grade a night school, but the success of the experiment was far beyond our expectation. Our ten teachers did good work, and although the attendance was often changing, the good order and superior work were a surprise to all who visited the school.

A day school was established that



No. 4. Vicksburg School Room and Chapel.

VICKSBURG, MISS.

FIRST CHAPEL AND SCHOOL.

ON arriving at Vicksburg, Jan. 10, 1895, Bible work was soon begun, night schools were opened, and house

funds on hand for such a work. Moving out by faith, a lot was leased, the lumber was bought, to be paid for in monthly installments, and the work begun.

same winter, which was well patronized for three seasons. During last season the school was discontinued pending the erection of contemplated permanent buildings on land which should be owned by the Society. The location of the first buildings was very unfavorable for school work.

Last winter it was felt that the time had come to purchase a lot and erect permanent buildings. The lease on first lot had expired, and we were liable to be required to leave at any time. The buildings had been built cheaply, and needed complete renovation; but this would not pay on leased ground.

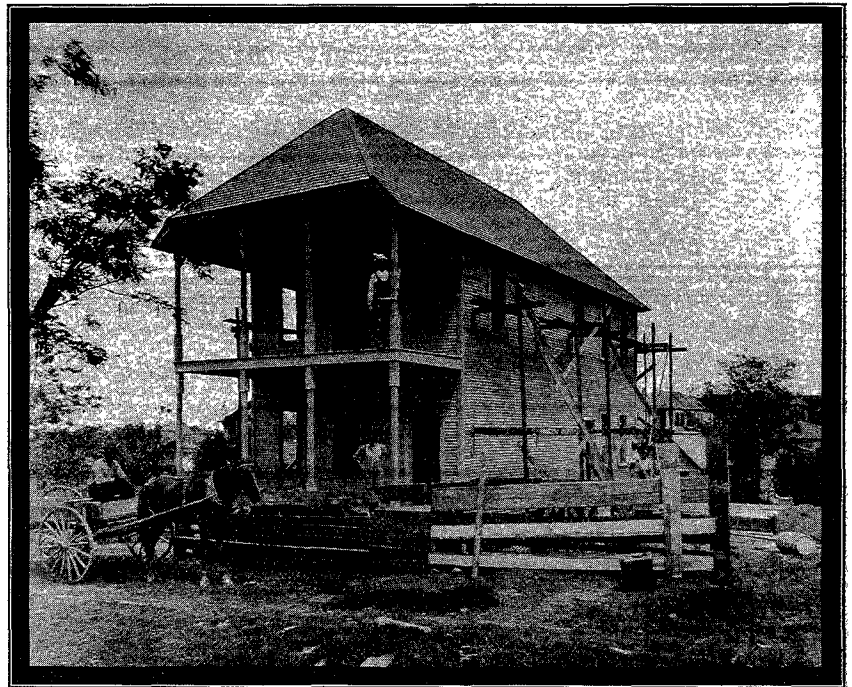
A lot was therefore purchased in a favorable location. It is 73x147 feet, with a convenient slope from the road backward. The lot had been held at from \$900 to \$1200, but circumstances shaped favorably, so it was bought for \$685.

On this lot were two old buildings of fifty years standing, one of which is shown in picture number 5. These

were torn down, and much of the material used in the construction of the new buildings. First, a cabin 12 x 24 feet, as shown in process

of erection in picture number 5, was built on the lower left hand corner of the lot. This is now being used as a carpenter shop while the other buildings are going up. It will be finally used as a home for the janitor.

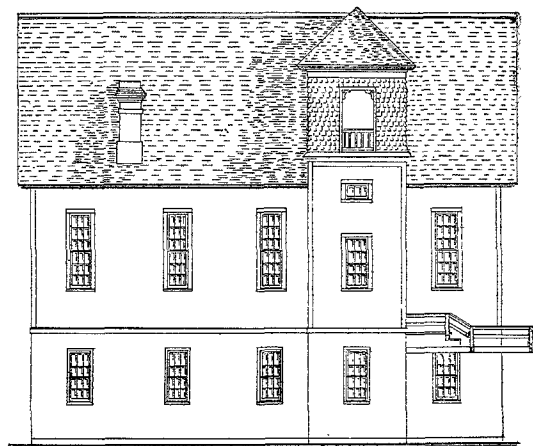
Next was erected, on left hand upper corner of the lot, a building 20 x 38 feet, two stories, as shown, not yet finished, in picture number 6. Both stories are being finished as separate flats, and will be known as the "Mission House." It will be occupied by the families of Bible workers and teachers.



No. 6. New Mission House, Vicksburg, Mississippi.



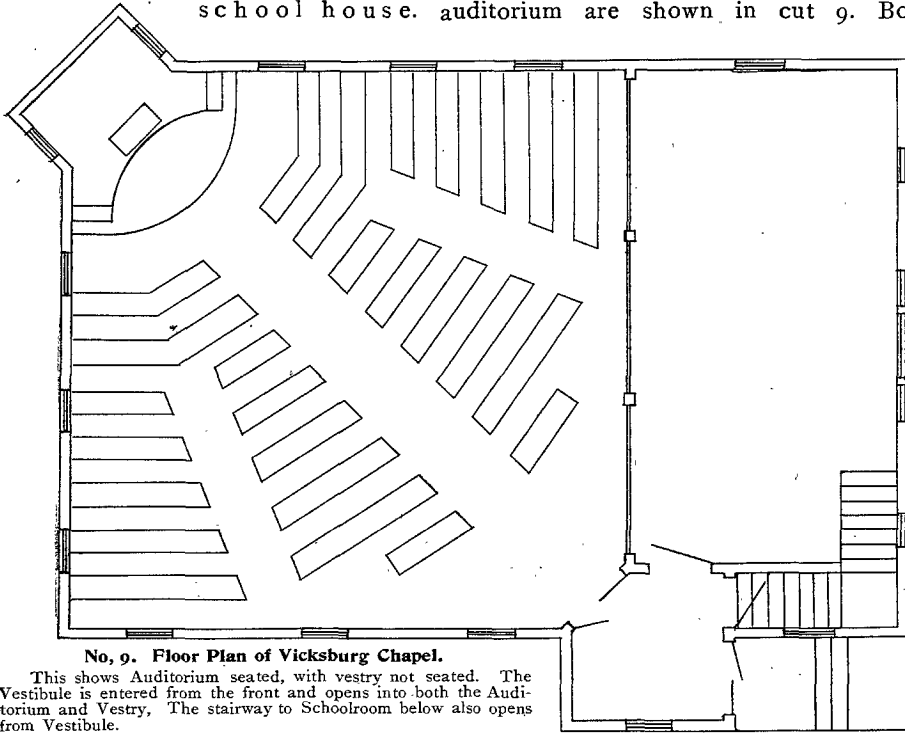
No. 7. Front Elevation of New Church and School Building at Vicksburg.



No. 8. Side Elevation.

Designs drawn and presented to Southern Missionary Society by Architect, W. K. Loughborough, Battle Creek, Mich,

On the right hand side of the lot, half way back from the road, work has already begun on the chapel and school house. Creek, Mich., and shipped down ready to insert in the building. The entrance and seating of the chapel auditorium are shown in cut 9. Both these lots have doubled in value since their purchase. This season two lots have been purchased at Wilsonia, another suburb of Yazoo City, for \$50 each.



No. 9. Floor Plan of Vicksburg Chapel.

This shows Auditorium seated, with vestry not seated. The Vestibule is entered from the front and opens into both the Auditorium and Vestry. The stairway to Schoolroom below also opens from Vestibule.

This building will be 30x44 feet, with school rooms ten feet high in basement, and chapel and vestry sixteen feet high, above.

The front elevation of this building is shown in cut 7, and the side view in cut 8. The backward slope of the lot enables us, with a little grading, to put in the basement all above ground, while the floor of the chapel will be raised just a convenient height above the line of the street in front.

The chapel will be entered by a walk at the left, ending in a bridge and two or three steps at the entrance, while a sloping walk at the right will lead easily down to the level of the school rooms.

All the buildings will be as plain as possible, consistent with proper neatness and stability. The outside of the basement will be covered with a specially donated sheet iron imitation of pressed brick. The front window of the chapel is also a special donation, and will be made in Battle

The auditorium is only 30 feet square, but will accommodate all who usually gather at services. When more room is needed the folding doors to the vestry will be thrown open, thus giving a room 30x44 feet.

This building will be completed in August or September, and it is hoped that Mrs. E. G. White, who is coming from Australia this fall, will attend the dedication. A school will probably be opened this fall.

AT YAZOO CITY.

REMEMBERING our difficulties in securing a proper location at Vicksburg, a lot was purchased in a good

location in Yazoo City, for \$200. At Lintonia, a suburb of Yazoo City, a lot was also purchased for \$150. Both these lots have doubled in value since their purchase. This season two lots have been purchased at Wilsonia, another suburb of Yazoo City, for \$50 each.

At both Yazoo City and Lintonia house to house work in Bible and educational lines was begun three years ago, which was one year before the "Morning Star" came to that place. Many grown people were learning to read, and were becoming familiar with Bible truths.

At Lintonia a Sunday-school had been opened in a private house which was soon crowded, as shown in cut No. 10. The people were calling loudly for us to build a house to be used for public Sunday-school, and where a day school for the

children and a night school for the older people could be held. Hence two seasons ago the movable chapel, 21½ x 48 feet, with 12 foot posts was erected on our lot at Lintonia. The



No. 10. First Sunday-school at Lintonia.

Sunday-school soon filled the house, as shown in cut No. 11. At close of the Sunday-school many of the children go to their homes, but their places are filled with grown people

to hear the sermon or Bible reading which follows. The interior of this chapel is very neat, as shown in cut No. 12.

In answer to an appeal for teachers, Brother and Sister Rogers came from the North Pacific coast to organize this important school work at Lintonia. The day school was opened about the first of December, 1898, with fifteen pupils. But the attendance constantly increased, until at the close of the term more than 200 pupils were enrolled, and the attendance greatly over-crowded the building.

Stricter discipline was established this season, but the attendance still increased until it became necessary to enlarge the school-room. This was done by erecting a temporary

for a first grade certificate. Three teachers are constantly employed, two of whom are colored, with

became advisable to substitute colored teachers for white as quickly as the good of the school would permit. Sister Rogers surrendered her department to a young colored woman well qualified for the work, and who has since taken her stand firmly on the truths of God's word.

Franklin G. Warnick was brought from Chattanooga, Tenn., and is working under the instruction of Brother Rogers, preparatory to taking the position of principal of this school. Brother and Sister Nash removed to Columbus, Miss., and are engaged in building up the work in that place. (See picture No. 14.)

The enemies to the elevating truths of God's Word are now active at Yazoo City, for they see that quite a number are taking their stand upon its teachings. What the future of the school and work at this place may be we can not forecast. The



No. 11. Movable Chapel and Sunday-school at Lintonia.

structure at the rear of the first building, 24'x30 feet, which gave a good kindergarten department and two recitation rooms. When our General Conference officers visited this school a few weeks ago they were surprised at the still over-crowded condition of the school, and expressed themselves that the scholars were "packed like sardines in a box."

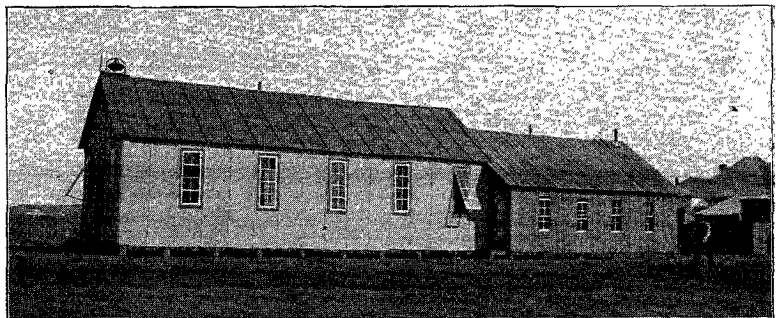
Excellent work is being done in this school, and the curriculum extends from kindergarten work to the higher studies required to fit teachers

Brother Rogers still in charge.

Early in the season the sentiment of the community was such that it



No. 12. Interior of Movable Chapel at Lintonia.



No. 13. Movable Chapel and Recent Addition.

school is becoming well known for many miles in all directions, and quite a number of the students come long distances to avail themselves of its advantages.

If this school continues to increase in efficiency and popularity, buildings better adapted to the increasing demand must be erected. If possible, land for gardening purposes must be purchased near by, where work can be given pupils to aid in paying their way in school, and where proper methods of work may be taught. Some other industrial branches can be added to advantage. A bakery in connection with the city work would pay well, and enable scholars to learn how to cook and live properly. A broom factory could also be made a success. Broom corn raising in the South is profitable and should be encouraged.

The work is only in its infancy at this place. But it has met with a

AT WILSONIA.

THIS is a rural suburb of Yazoo City, Miss. Bible work was begun at this place by Elder Halladay, more than two years ago. The Bap-

connection with the Sunday sermon, enabled us to bring to these people a course of instruction regarding the power of the Word of God, its binding force upon the life, and the necessity of obedience in our daily lives that will transform character.

These teachings were well received, as well as many points of present truth and doctrine taught in the Bible, but which had been hitherto covered up by



No. 15. Baptist Chapel at Wilsonia, Before Services.

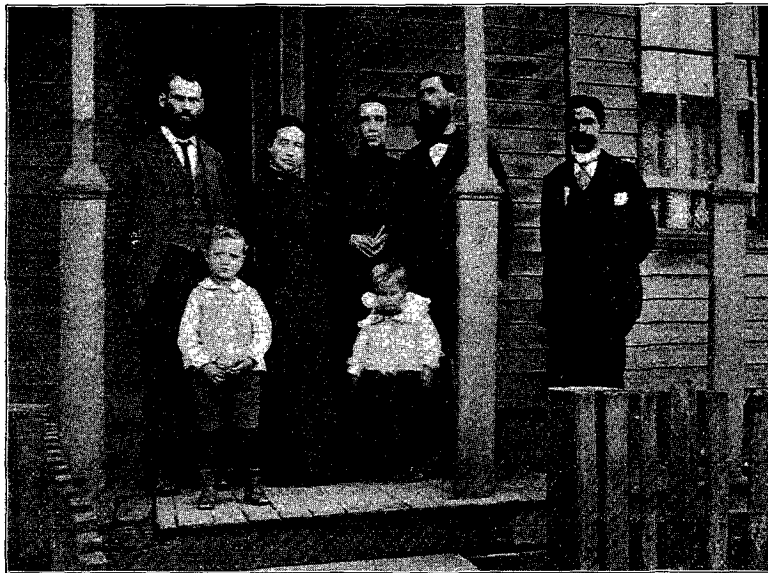
tist church was thrown open to our work, and the Bible readings were well attended.

tradition. These truths were accepted quite generally as fast as presented, and we are sure that God has a people in this place who will follow in the light of his Word and be saved in his kingdom at last.

Picture No. 15 shows the Baptist church in which these services were held, and represents the congregation gathered for one of our Sunday services.

In our discourses strong blows were struck at immorality, and the careless lives of most professed Christians. The character of Christ was presented as the true model, and the truth pressed home that true Christianity, and any religion that would save a man in God's everlasting kingdom, will transform his character, purify his life, and show to those around him that "he has been with Jesus." "The pure in heart shall see God"; and this purity of heart will manifest itself in purity of character and make the every-day life a representation of the life and character of Christ.

The best and most influential element was benefited by this instruction, accepted the truths taught, and a transformation in the lives of many



F. R. Rogers, wife, and boy. R. T. Nash, wife, and boy. Franklin G. Warnick.

No. 14. Day School at Lintonia.

hearty response, and is now one of our most important schools for colored people in the South. Its future must be provided for with great care. Proper facilities must be supplied in places like this. May the Lord give wisdom and guidance be our prayer.

With the coming of the "Morning Star" to Yazoo City, regular preaching services were established for each Sunday, and a night school was soon opened, all of which were well attended. The last twenty minutes of each night school are devoted to a Bible reading, and this exercise, in

became evident. But another element could not "endure sound doctrine." A special church meeting was called and so manipulated that the deacons favorable to the work were replaced by others who were opposed.

As a result our missionary work was crowded out of the church much to the disappointment of the better element. The enemies of advancement rejoiced in the supposition that they had blocked the work, but they had failed to take the "Morning Star" into their calculations. It was at once planned that the boat should be placed at the Wilsonia landing at the usual times of services, and the boat chapel be used instead of the church. Announcements were printed in our office on the boat, and circulated by willing hands.

Our boat's bell announced the time of meeting, and the chapel was crowded. Every seat was filled, every foot of standing room occupied, and many stood on the outside passage-ways of the boat who could not get inside. The opposition services in the church proved a failure, as there were only three in attendance. Their lights were soon extinguished, and the three attendants joined the congregation on the boat. Even the new opposition church officers came to the boat instead of going to their own church. From this time onward the attendance at services on the boat was double to what it had been at the church, people often coming several miles to "go to meeting in that church on a steamboat."

From this time the sentiment among the adverse element began to change, and most expressed regrets that they had opposed our work. Last fall the majority joined in a plea for a day school for their children, as there was no public school within a reasonable distance. Hence, in December of 1899, J. W. Dancer, a colored teacher then in attendance at the Battle Creek, (Mich.) College,

was sent to this place, a dwelling house rented and school begun. The attendance reached between between forty and fifty, and the rooms were over-crowded. The Baptist church was then rented for the school until suitable permanent accommodations could be prepared.

When the General Conference officers were in Yazoo City last January, the "Morning Star" was taken to Wilsonia and an evening service held with a full attendance. It was then decided best to secure a lot and build a school-house upon it that would also be used for church services. It was arranged that the lot should be purchased by the Southern Missionary Society, and that the General Conference should pay for the building from the Sabbath-school donations of 1894-5 now being returned to the Southern work.

In accordance with this action two good lots have been purchased for \$50 each, and a modest school-house will soon be placed on one of the lots, to cost about \$200. A house for the teacher, to cost about \$150, should be built on the other lot. The colored people will help all they can, but it will require at least \$100 in donations from outside to complete this work properly.

AT PALO ALTO.

THIS is a little country settlement on the Yazoo River, seven miles below Yazoo City. The land in this locality is owned and controlled by colored people.

For the past two years the "Morning Star" has gone to this place as often as consistent with other work, and services have been held at such times in the chapel on the boat. These services have been well attended, and the interest is good.

The testing truths of God's Word, which reach to the every-day life and character, were plainly taught at these services, and have been received with joy and gladness by many. But regular services could not be held because there was no suitable

place of meeting, only as the steamboat could be brought to the landing. At present Brother Rogers drives to this place once a week and holds Bible readings at private houses.

The people became familiar with our school work at Lintonia, and have been earnest in their requests that both day and night school be established at Palo Alto. For this purpose they have offered to donate from three to five acres of land.

Last January the "Morning Star," with its delegation of leading ministers, again visited this place and held two evening meetings. The three members of the Southern Executive Committee present, favored opening a school at this place, and advised building a plain school house, that could also be used as a chapel, on the land thus donated.

Financial aid to the amount of \$200 is promised from the Southern Fund, now in the hands of the General Conference. The school building will cost about \$200, and a house for the teacher should be built to cost about \$150. The colored people promised to aid with money and labor as much as possible, but not less than \$100 in outside donations will be required to complete this work at Palo Alto.

AT JOE'S WALK.

At this landing there is located one of the best Baptist churches that we have seen in the country since being in the South. It is large and nicely built and well painted. It is about three miles below Palo Alto and on the opposite side of the river. In this vicinity the colored people own about seven miles of land along the river. We have spoken several times in this church to a deeply interested audience. About a mile below the church is quite a settlement, where we are offered land and all the help they can give, if we will build a school-house and conduct a school. This is a favorable opening, and there are hundreds of similar opportunities.

AT CALMAR.

ABOUT two years ago the "Morning Star" made its first stop at this place, which is on the Yazoo River, midway between Yazoo City and Vicksburg. A deep interest in Bible study was already manifested, and at our visits with the boat and the tent during the following season the peo-

been almost a failure, most of the farmers having nothing left after paying land rent. The whole community was unable to buy clothing or proper food for the winter. It was then the HERALD made its appeal to interested people in the North for fifty barrels of clothing, and for fruit, provisions, and money

purposes, a quantity of seeds were sent to be distributed among the people, to encourage them in raising more productive crops than cotton.

At this juncture, through the false representations of the lower element among the Negroes, the whites were stirred against our work, resulting in mob violence. Brother Stephenson was called out in the night, taken to the nearest railroad station and ordered to leave that part of the country, and a colored Bible worker was taken out from his house and whipped.

The excitement and feeling were so strong that it was considered best to refrain from active efforts that could only irritate and might bring on complications inimical to the work throughout the State. The church has remained closed since that time, and will not be opened until such time as its opening will not be an irritating element in the community.

Here, as at Wilsonia, the opposing element supposed it had put a stop to the work. But the few who were true to God and his Word remained firm, and met at private houses from time to time and kept up their simple religious services. Some who



No. 16. Building of Chapel at Calmar.

ple flocked to the services from far and near.

The deep interest seemed to indicate this as a favorable locality for permanent work, and ten acres of land were finally purchased and a plain chapel, 18x38 feet was erected as shown in picture No 16. Later two rooms were added to one end of the chapel, to be used as living rooms for a missionary teacher.

Brother Stephenson was put in charge of the work, and regular church services and house-to-house Bible teaching were conducted. The

efforts in this place soon resulted in more than a score taking their stand for pure Bible religion.

The following winter was the most severe in the memory of the oldest settlers. To make the situation worse, the crops of the previous season had

to enable the "Morning Star" to carry clothing and "rations" to the suffering.

As a result of our appeal more than seventy-five barrels of clothing



No. 17. Tent Meeting at Bruce's Landing, near Calmar, Miss.

were received and distributed at different needy points along the river, as well as many barrels of flour, meal, grits, molasses, and dried apples. The following spring, through the kindness of the Battle Creek College, which had a fund for such

were faint-hearted dropped out by the way, but others with more strength of character and purpose were led to take their stand by the very acts of persecution which drove others away; and the number who are now firm to truth and right and

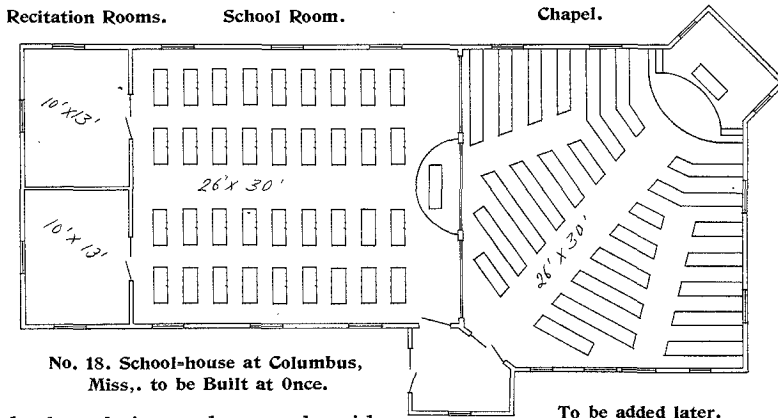
duty is now greater than at the easiest and the seemingly best days of the work.

We have been used to the statement that the Negro would not remain firm to truth and principle unless constantly cared for and guarded. Our experience for nearly six years teaches that when properly instructed he is as firm to right principles as his white brethren in the North under similar conditions.

It is hoped that a changing sentiment at Calmar will soon open the way for a colored laborer to enter that field, open a school, and resume services in the chapel.

AT COLUMBUS.

ON our return from the South, in March, we accompanied Bro. Nash to Columbus, Miss., where he had been laboring the past season. Here was a goodly company who were interested in the study of God's Word, and there were a number who



No. 18. School-house at Columbus, Miss., to be Built at Once.

had taken their stand upon the side of obedience and a true life.

Although Columbus has a public school, it was unfortunately located on the opposite side of the city from the colored settlement. This has made it quite difficult for the people to send their children to school, and the smaller children could not be sent at all.

After careful examination of the situation, we decided that the time had come to secure a lot and build a school building which could be used as a chapel. When the work

should grow, this school-house is so constructed that by adding a small auditorium and connecting it with the school-room by folding doors, we get a fine room for any kind of services. The accompanying plan, shown in picture No. 18, will give the floor plan of the building.

Before leaving Columbus, a fine lot was found containing one quarter of an acre. The parties owning the lot donated a part of the price on account of the work that was to be done, and the lot was purchased for an even \$100.

The colored people are deeply interested in the work and have taken hold to do what they can toward erecting the school-house part of the building this season, and have already pledged \$100. They will also donate much of work when the building is erected. The Southern Missionary Society has sent money to go with this donation so that the work will start at once and will pro-

bably be ready for occupation for the fall term of school. Bro. Nash and Elder Pierce will superintend the work of building.

THE SCHOOL AT HILDEBRAN, NORTH CAROLINA.

THIS is a school for white children in the mountainous regions surrounding Hildebran, and was opened three years ago by Elder D. T. Shireman and William Johnson.

The school was started on a self-supporting missionary basis. The

land was purchased and the building erected by the labor and at the expense of Brethren Shireman and Johnson. The accommodations, both for living rooms and school-rooms, have always been inadequate, and the missionaries have carried on their work under a pressure of priva-



No. 19. Load of 2680 lbs. Provisions, etc., for Hildebran School. Loaded from Northern Office of Southern Missionary Society.

tion and care which we in the North can hardly realize.

Last winter the Southern Missionary Society connected with Brother Shireman in his work, and sent to the field Brother Schramm, one of the directors of the Southern Missionary Society, who had been connected with the Society for more than a year previous. It has also extended what aid it could, in the way of supplies, and we hope to assist in making the school much more efficient in the future than it could be in the past.

A letter recently received from Miss Anna M. Nicholas gives some interesting notes in regard to this school, as follows:—

“The school work for the beginning months of the present year will be conducted by two teachers; a principal and an assistant. There will also be connected with the school some industrial branches which it is hoped will be increased as the work advances until it shall be more efficient in these lines. The industries taught will be sewing and cobbling. There is also connected with the school a carpenter shop, a bakery, and some farm and garden work. Every girl will be required to take daily lessons in domestic work and sewing unless excused on account of

proficiency, or the advanced grade of other school work requires all her time.

"Should the school so increase as to outgrow the present accommodations, an addition of two rooms can be made to the present building. Such an addition would require another teacher.

"A few non-resident students have rooms in the family residence of Elder Shireman. Their table board will be provided in the boarding department, which will be in charge of competent persons entirely separate from other branches of the work.

"There are enough workers now on the ground to conduct the work according to the above mentioned plan. They are all in harmony, and none of them are working for the mere item of hire.

response to the call through the GOSPEL HERALD. Such assistance is highly appreciated, and is a great encouragement to the conductors of the school." A new building for the school is now being erected by Sister Nicholas, which will add much to its efficiency.

A WORD FOR THE HILDEBRAN SCHOOL.

THE following is from Naomi L. Worthen, one of the teachers in the school:—

"Having been here for nearly two years, and when not in the school-room having been much in the homes of the people, I have had good opportunity to observe the feelings of the people toward the school, and the influence which it has exerted.

"I find that for many miles around,

cious souls. The interest in this work by the Southern Missionary Society, and the aid given by it are giving courage and hope to the workers."

AT HICKORY, N. C.

IN January, 1899, Frank H. Bryant, a young colored man who was converted while connected with the work on the "Morning Star," was sent to this place by the Society to open the work among his own people.

Hickory is five miles from Elder Shireman's school, at Hildebran, and the work at that place will be directed by those in charge of the Hildebran school.

A good work is already in progress at Hickory, along the lines of Bible readings and teaching. Arrangements are being made to secure a site and erect a school building. This is a good opening for work, and we expect good results.

DEARTH OF READING MATTER.

IN the March number of the HERALD place was given to a call for Bibles, school books, and religious literature for circulation in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. We can not see how it is possible for any to read such a call without feeling drawn out to assist in a practical way.

Just think of a Sunday-school of forty or fifty scholars with only one Bible and a Testament or two! Think of a settlement of thirty-eight families with only one New Testament in the whole community, and not a sermon for six years! These people are described as very eager to receive reading matter; and how anxious we should be to supply the proper kind of reading before the enemy comes in and poisons the mind with bad reading!

The following is an extract from a circular from J. B. Mitchell, appealing for Bibles, Christian books, and old school books for these people. As some of the readers of this number of the HERALD may not have seen it, we repeat the following paragraphs:—



No. 20. D. T. Shireman's School, Hildebran, N. C.

"The officers and teachers are, Superintendent and General Manager, Elder D. T. Shireman. Matron of the Home, Mrs. Amelia Shireman. Principal of the School, Anna M. Nicholas. First Assistant teacher, Naomi L. Worthen. Teachers of sewing, A. M. Nicholas, N. L. Worthen. Teacher Department of Shoemaking, Edgar N. Vaughn. Manager of the Boarding Department has not yet been secured. Superintendent of Agriculture and Conductor of Young People's meetings, F. H. Schramm.

"The management of the school desires to thank the donors for some barrels of provisions, clothing, and fruit which have been received in

and also in some distant parts of the State, the school is known, and very favorably regarded by its patrons, and also by many others who have become acquainted with its workings.

"There are calls for schools of a similar nature in neighboring towns and counties, and one great need now is teachers to go and fill these openings. This school, as it is planned to be operated in the future, will train such workers, and also furnish instruction and practice in different branches of manual labor, to all the students.

"We believe that God is leading out in this work, and that He will bless our labors to the salvation of pre-

"In some settlements back in the mountains they really have no reading matter of any kind. In one community, five miles away from the main road, and only a foot path to get there, only one New Testament and a few other books were found among thirty-eight families. They had not heard a gospel sermon for six years, and some families were so poor all they had to sleep on was a little straw in one corner of their house, with a few old quilts to cover them.

"In another settlement, six miles farther on, out of thirty-three families visited, there were found three Bibles, one Testament, and a few school books. They had no regular preaching, but hailed us with joy and gladness, and you can not conceive how grateful those poor people were to receive the Word of God and other good literature which was given to them.

"Many of the Sabbath-schools have no reading matter of any kind. I found two schools, the average attendance being forty or fifty scholars respectively, that had only one copy of the Bible to read in each school. Some other schools had from three to six Testaments.

"Many of the boys and girls are bright and intelligent, some being great readers. I found some that were making great sacrifice to try to educate themselves.

"I am not only supplying all the destitute homes with a copy of the Bible, but I am making a great effort to supply every child that can read with a copy of the New Testament. There are at least seventy-five thousand children in these mountains that can read, but few of them have reading matter of any kind in their homes.

"What better gift can we give them than the Word of God? Most of them are eager to get it. One boy walked eight miles to get some school books and a Bible. One little boy came three miles, bringing with him three heads of cabbage to purchase a Testament. Seven little girls hearing of me in the mountains, came quite a long distance, each one bringing with her one cent to purchase a New Testament."

J. B. Mitchell has been an agent for the American Tract Society for twenty years and understands the field and the work to be done. Immediately on receiving his letter, we corresponded with Elder Shireman

as to the situation of the field, and plans for beginning colporteur work in this neglected part of the Lord's vineyard. In reply he said:—

"We received the letter you sent from Mr. Mitchell. His experience is the same as mine, and I think that his is one of the best methods to get the truth before the people. We have been contemplating a similar work here. It is needed so much. Brother Townsend, the deacon of our church, and I, have been thinking and planning in regard to it during the past year.

"We thought of taking a wagon, and letting two go with it. First they might make a tour of four weeks, visiting every family on the way, showing some such book as "Christ Our Saviour," or "Steps to Christ," and taking notes of what was found at each place.

"On the second trip they might visit only those homes where they thought they could do the most good, supplying each family with a copy of the "Signs," selling all they could of Bibles, or other books or papers, and soliciting, wherever possible, means to buy Bibles for those in need.

"Where a family is found in destitute circumstances, the attention of the neighbors might be called to their condition, and they encouraged to help them. The colporteurs could note what is needed, and supply the wants of those who could not be helped by other means.

"What we need in this work is leaflets written in plain and simple language, and with illustrations taken from real life, showing in the first picture the homes as they are now, and then as they might be if improved by thoughtful planning and work.

"In the second picture might be shown the family enjoying the changes that a year has brought. The children have been setting out trees and vines, the daughter has planted flowers, and a beginning has been made at showing how beautiful a mountain home may be.

"Then show how the Lord designed the families to live in this world, by illustrating the beautiful home of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, when the angel of the Lord visited them. Show how the children would have settled around the parents, subdued the forest, and made themselves homes like theirs, if sin had not entered the world.

"Let the colporteurs take seeds with them. I have done this myself. Have given a few seeds, and when I called on them again, they would have a quart or two. This would soon supply them with seeds to carry to others.

"You would be surprised to see how anxious the little ones are to see us, and tell us what they have done, and it makes them take more interest in their homes.

"Now these are only suggestions, —seed thoughts to germinate in the minds of those who are interested in the field."

The Southern Missionary Society is planning to secure small editions of such books as "Gospel Primer," "Christ Our Saviour," "Steps to Christ," etc., bound in cheap binding, and at absolute cost of production. We would like to send at once to brethren Shireman and Mitchell 500 copies each of these three books, and also supply Elder Shireman with a good line of cheap Bibles.

These books and Bibles could be taken to the masses; if the people can pay for them, all right, if not give them some one book or Bible as needed the most, so that they may be storing their minds with the truths of God's word, instead of leaving the mind a vacancy. The ground should be gone over again and again, and we believe the suggestions of Brother Shireman are very practical.

We are preparing to issue a number of leaflets on Bible subjects, nicely illustrated, having short paragraphs and made so plain that a child can understand them. The colporteurs should be supplied with a plenty of these, and they can be scattered broadcast. They can be produced at a very low price.

We ask our friends to join us in raising a fund sufficient to make a start in this work. As to the need of good reading matter and the importance of understanding God's Word, we refer to the article by Mrs. E. G. White, in the July issue of this paper, on "Education." Shall we supply each one of the 75,000 mountain children who can read with some kind of gospel literature?

Brother Mitchell states in a recent letter that his appeals have brought him *twenty-five thousand* Bibles and Testaments, and *tons* of schoolbooks

What shall we do for Elder Shireman who is in the same kind of field? Subscribe for the book fund so that we can send him five hundred Bibles and a good supply of other literature. Collect school books not in use, from your own shelves, and ask your neighbors to join you in the same work. Collect Bibles, Testaments, "Gospel Primers," "Steps to Christ," and other useful books. Send them

serviceable clothing as you can collect.

Send him some money to pay expense of a colporteur wagon. Then watch the good this will do. It will be reported from time to time in the GOSPEL HERALD. Shall we try it?

N. B.—Before making freight shipments it might be well to correspond with Southern Missionary Society, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., so that they may be sent to most available points.



COTTAGE

Health Food Bakery.

and other useful literature. Cannot we send him a supply of "Steps to Christ," "Christ Our Saviour," and "Gospel Primer?"

Brother Mitchell writes that there is no book he has seen that is so well adapted to that field as

"Gospel primer," and desires to arrange to secure a supply for his use. What shall we do about it?

He reports that he expects to start three more colporteur wagons this season. *We have not one in this field as yet.*



FRONT VIEW

No. 21. New Headquarters, Nashville, Tenn.

by mail or freight, *prepaying all charges*, to Elder D. T. Shireman, Hildebran, N.C. Send with the books such partly worn but



REAR VIEW

OUR REMOVAL TO NASHVILLE.

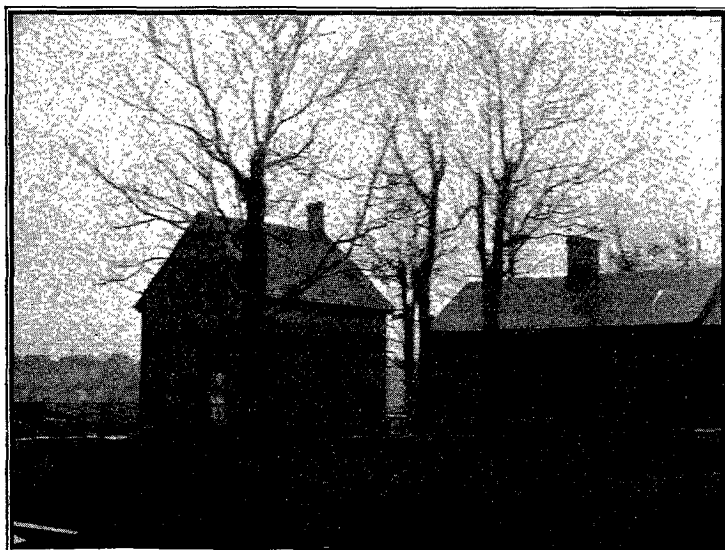
THE unhealthfulness of the climate of Mississippi compelled us to remove our headquarters more than a year ago. It is for this reason that the Northern office has been located at Battle Creek, Mich., during this time. There are many disadvantages, however, in being so far from our field of work.

For some time our attention was drawn to Nashville, and from all we could ascertain that city was advantageous as a permanent location for the headquarters of

our Society. On our return from a visit to the South last winter, we stopped at Nashville and found it to be a very healthful city, with all the facilities necessary for carrying forward the work.

The pictures on this page represent quite accurately the buildings which have been secured for the work. These buildings stand in the center of a four-acre tract of land, in the most quiet and healthful part of the city of Nashville. The rent is reasonable, and the buildings are nicely adapted for the work we have to do. The office of the Southern Missionary Society will be removed to this place in a few days.

Here a training school for teachers should be established, from which openings for teachers can be supplied. A nurse's training school should also be established, and a number have already applied for admission to this department. The GOSPEL HERALD will be published at this place, and health foods will be manufactured under the name of the "Dixie Health Food Co."



No. 22. Business Office and Printing Office.

A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

IN the December number of the GOSPEL HERALD an appeal was inserted from Bro. F. H. Schramm, who is now connected with Elder Shireman in his missionary school

work at Hildebran, North Carolina. In this appeal he called attention to the needs of the work conducted in the South by the Southern Missionary Society. The school work is particularly mentioned, and nowhere in America are the people suffering

for schools as they are in certain parts of the South, among both the white and colored people.

In other pages of this paper will be found statements of what efforts are being made to establish schools, so far as the means of the Society

will permit; and yet after these schools are established, their support is quite a serious problem. Teachers must be supplied, books must be procured, and fuel and light bills must be paid.

In these schools a small tuition is charged, but this is never sufficient to meet the running expenses of the school; and yet even this small tuition cannot be paid by all who desire to attend. The sum of even ten or fifteen cents per week, which is the usual charge for tuition, is entirely out of the reach of some; yet surely these should all have an opportunity of learning to read God's Word and becoming intelligent in the work of every day life. Upon this point we quote the following from the above mentioned article:—

“Teachers are ready to go to the field, but they must be supported in the work. Many of the schools will

High Street

New Brunswick, N. J.

Apr 8 - 1900

J. E. White;

Dear Brother,

In response to an appeal made in the Dec. number of Gospel Herald I enclose an order for \$3.50 to be used in sending a colored child to school. My sabbath school class 5 little children with myself formed ourselves into a little Southern Missionary Society. The enclosed amount is the money earned by the children and it gives them great pleasure to send it as below you will see their names, they are the only sabbath keeping children in this city. Praying this may be a blessing to some dear child we are Very Truly,

Hattie C. Spencer Keelake.

Nellie L. Tanner.

Mary E. Rambo.

Winnie May Theall.

Harold C. Keelake.

Frank B. Theall.

not be self-supporting. Few are able to buy books or pay the small tuition asked. What can be done to help these poor children? Shall we pass by on the other side?

"There are many ways in which we can be the 'good Samaritan,' but I write of but one way at this time. Form yourselves into a little SOUTHERN MISSIONARY BAND, and

of pledges to pay for educational advantages for those who are unable to pay for themselves? We ask the Superintendents of Sabbath-schools to consider this matter and lay it before the members of their schools.

The tuition is very small,—only ten or fifteen cents per week for one child; but, in addition to this, if those who pay the tuition of a child

books, and the price of tuition. Who will volunteer to bear the expense of one or more of these needy ones?

We have planned that as soon as a child has been selected, the address shall be sent to those who are paying for its education, and from time to time reports will be sent of how the scholar is progressing, and statement of present needs. If this plan is adopted, we believe it will become a blessing to all who undertake it.

We are so much pleased with the tone of the letter to be found on the foregoing page, that we had it engraved so that we can give it to our readers just as it was written and received at this office.

Since the foregoing, the following letter has been received. All can appreciate the true missionary spirit



Lelar Knighton, Rosa Jones, Olive Knighton.

These are three scholars in the Wilsonia School. They are supported in school by "our babies' money," sent by Mrs. F. M. Arnold, mentioned on next page.

have a missionary box in which to put your free-will offerings. This should not interfere with other donations. Call it the Southern Missionary Educational Fund. This could be sent at stated times to the Southern Missionary Society. It will cost but ten or fifteen cents per week, to send a child to school. If each Sabbath-school would send one child a year, the Lord could say, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.' May the blessing of God be with each one is my prayer."

We are glad to know that several responses have already come to this appeal, but shall we not have scores

vancement made by the scholar by correspondence with the teacher, we believe the results would be excellent, both to the one receiving the attention and those taking an interest in the work.

This fall we expect colored schools will be in operation at Columbus, Vicksburg, Lintonia, Wilsonia, Palo Alto, Miss., and Hickory, N. C. It is probable that there will be several children within the reach of each school who will be unable to attend for want of proper clothing, school

which led these little children to work, and save, and deny themselves for a whole year, that they might aid some poor colored children in gaining an education. The money has been sent forward to help pay the tuition of three poor children who are attending our school at Wilsonia, as shown in the first picture. The teachers report that they are



Robert Walker, Flanigan Wicks, Nettie Williams, Lillie Walker, Parlee Jones.

These are attending the Lintonia school, and their expenses are being met from responses to "An Appeal" from F. H. Schramm, in the HERALD for Dec., 1899.

studious and making good advancement in their studies. The letter reads as follows:—

Copemish, Mich., April 8, 1900.

J. E. White,
Dear Sir:—

Please find enclosed \$4.50, which was our babies' money. They wish it spent to teach the colored children in the South. It is their money for the past year. They have saved it for this purpose rather than get playthings. The oldest is seven years old. Wishing your work success, I remain,
Yours truly,

MRS. F. M. ARNOLD

This letter suggests a thought Are there not hundreds who will now plan to earn money this season to use in aiding some branch of the work in this great Southern field? One good way is to plant gardens and when the crop is sold send the receipts to be used in the work. Other ways of earning missionary money will be suggested in the HERALD from time to time.

The following letter has come to our desk from a seven year old girl in California:—

"Pasadena, Cal., May 19, 1900

"Dear Southern Missionary Society:—

"I am Amy Kelsey, the girl seven years old who sent you a dollar. I have made up my mind to send one child to school. I will have to earn most of the money myself, for mamma cannot give it to me. .

"I would rather give my money to help the little colored children than to use it for anything else,—candy, presents, or nice things to eat or wear. I am sure Jesus will help me to get the money. I have a missionary garden, and can get some of the money by selling vegetables."

AMY ROSELLA KELSEY.

Her mother writes as follows :

"My little girl is writing and I will add just a word to her letter. She is in earnest about wanting to send a little girl or boy to school, and we will do what we can to help her carry out the plan, trusting in God to provide the means in some way.

"You can select and let the child begin as soon as you wish, and we will pay by the month, if not more at a time. Amy would dearly love her picture if you have a way of taking it without much expense.

"I understand it is 15 cents a week, or 60 cents a month that is needed to send a child to school. We will agree to be responsible for one for a year, and expect to continue longer if the Lord wills."

We are glad to see the children shouldering the burden of this branch of the work. Precious lessons of God's work they learn in this way.

Parents, help your children to lay some plan by which they can do some work, and by denying themselves for others not only aid a needy work but also increase their own usefulness. God blesses such work.

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Explanations of Financial Report.

Receipts for Three Years.—Donations have many times been made for special purposes. As will be seen these are sacredly regarded, and they are used for the purposes indicated.

From Sales and Industrial Enterprises.—Especially attention is directed to this report. It shows what can be done with the little attention that has been given. It is hoped that this line of work can be so increased as to supply all needed funds for this work. Although little effort has been put forth in the introduction of Rubber Stamps, yet the receipts have already nearly paid the cost of the plant for their manufacture. Movable Rubber Type will soon be added to this department. It will be seen that a beginning has been made in the way of Book Sales. This feature will now be encouraged as never before. Thousands of dollars worth of books can be sold from a missionary standpoint and thus bring needed funds to the work.

Real Estate and Buildings.—The purchase price of the Columbus School Lot is \$100. Of Vicksburg Church Lot, \$685. The Columbus School-house will cost between \$300 and \$400, and is needed immediately. Work is now in progress upon it. The \$100 for "School Barge" was a special donation to be used in finishing the cabin on a barge already owned in the work. Unfortunately it sank as it was nearly ready to occupy and cannot be put afloat again until low water this summer. Foul play is suspected.

Field Expense and Aid.—F. H. Schramm was sent by the Society, from Michigan, to aid Eld. Shireman at Hildebran, N. C., and F. H. Bryant was sent from Mississippi, to open Bible and school work at Hickory, N. C. Provisions and other supplies have also been sent to that field. From the "Mississippi Relief Fund" aid has been extended to many in deep need according to instructions received in the book "Southern Work." Some of this will come back at a later period.

Expenses from Headquarters.—It will be remembered that these are all the expenses reported through a period of three years of work. This is but a fraction of the expense which has been borne by the workers. Many of the expenses of the past year have been borne from private funds and never reported. The sum of \$291.70 for wages to Secretary, Stenographer, etc., is not a large expenditure for even one year. The editor of the HERALD has pledged \$100 toward this expense, reducing it to \$191.70, and has also paid the year's fuel bill for the office, amounting to \$28. Great care is exercised in keeping expenses down to the very lowest point possible.

Sales and Business Enterprises.—The expenditures in this department show an outgo of \$753.64. This includes considerable material on hand. But by looking at the receipts in this line under the same head, an income of \$1566.93 will be found, leaving a balance of \$813.29 on the right side of this account. In addition to this the deficit on the HERALD from October, 1899, to April, 1900, amounting to \$173.99 has been met by a pledge by the editor to pay the same, thus placing the paper free from debt up to the issue of the April number. All previous deficits on the paper have been met in the same manner. By subtracting this \$173.99 from the charges against "Sales and Business Enterprises," it increases the credit balance to \$987.28.

Available Resources.—The different amounts under this head represent the situation when the books were balanced, April 30, 1900. These funds were at the disposal of different branches of the work, and in school and building enterprises are now nearly exhausted. The HERALD will aim to give quarterly financial reports in the future.

FIRST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In presenting this report it has been deemed best to go back three years, to the beginning of the receipt of aid from the people for the advancement of the work now being carried on by the Southern Missionary Society. Before the incorporation of the Society the deeds of property acquired were held in trust by the editor of the HERALD. At the incorporation of this Society these deeds were all properly transferred to the Society.

Receipts for Three Years.

DONATIONS.	
Southern Mission Fund.....	\$3154 04
Calmar Chapel Fund.....	355 44
Vicksburg Church Lot Fund.....	266 00
Lintonia Chapel Fund.....	269 36
Nashville Training-School Fund.....	247 93
Mississippi Relief Fund.....	109 11
Battle Creek Chair Fund.....	67 99
Bible Fund.....	40 49
Trinidad (W. I.) Mission.....	66 85
Quarantine Relief Fund.....	16 83
GOSPEL HERALD Extra.....	25 00
North Carolina Mission Fund.....	10 00
Columbus School-House Fund.....	5 40
Scholars' Educational Fund.....	7 00
Total.....	\$4641 35

FROM SALES AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.	
Smouse Missionary Enterprise.....	\$974 08
Rubber Stamp Sales.....	134 38
GOSPEL HERALD Receipts.....	215 14
Publishing Fund—"Gospel Primer" royalties	100 00
Scholars Educational Fund—"Gospel Primer" royalties.....	73 12
"Southern Work" Sales.....	15 05
Book Sales.....	55 16
Total.....	\$1566 93

Disbursements for Three Years.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS.	
Yazoo City Church Lot. In Full.....	\$215 27
Lintonia School Lot. In full.....	169 78
Columbus School Lot. First Payment.....	51 35
Vicksburg Church Lot. First Payment.....	323 10
Calmar School Farm.....	150 00
Lintonia School Buildings and Fixtures.....	682 70
Calmar School Buildings and Fixtures.....	332 43
Vicksburg Church. Material for Building.....	88 15
Columbus School-House. Cash.....	13 05
School Barge. Special Donation.....	100 00
Total.....	\$2126 43

FIELD EXPENSE AND AID.	
North Carolina Mission.....	\$147 54
Wilsonia School Expense.....	45 00
Lintonia School Expense.....	102 50
Scholars' Educational Fund—Books donated	23 64
Nashville Training-School—Lumber Wagon.....	20 00
Mississippi Relief Fund—Assistance to needy	423 28
Quarantine Relief Fund. 1898.....	16 83
Trinidad (W. I.) Mission. Transportation of	81 00
Mission Teacher.....	67 33
Chairs bought with Battle Creek Chair Fund	5 60
Traveling Expenses.....	5 60
Total.....	\$932 72

EXPENSES FROM HEADQUARTERS.	
Stationery and Printing.....	\$124 63
Postage and Revenue Stamps.....	195 03
Office Expense—Lights, Expressage, etc.....	33 47
Wages.....	291 70
Expense of Incorporating.....	11 50
Office Rent and Fixtures.....	44 80
Total.....	\$701 13

SALES AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.	
Rubber Stamps—Cost of Plant and Material	176 16
"Southern Work"—Cost of Printed Sheets	75 39
and addition to book.....	75 39
GOSPEL HERALD—Cost of Publication, etc.,	369 13
from October, 1899, to April, 1900.....	369 13
Books for Sale.....	56 50
Bibles Bought.....	25 55
Plates for Book, "The Man that Rum Made"	51 00
Total.....	\$753 64

Available Resources, April 30, 1900.

Accounts Collectable.....	\$254 68
Vicksburg Bank.....	340 84
Yazoo City Bank.....	261 72
Battle Creek Bank.....	837 12
Total.....	\$1694 36

Summary of Receipts.

From Donations.....	\$4641 35
From Sales and Business Enterprises.....	1566 93
Total.....	\$6208 28

Summary of Disbursements.

Real Estate and Buildings.....	\$2126 43
Field Expense and Aid.....	932 72
Expense from Headquarters.....	701 13
Sales and Business Enterprises.....	753 64
Available Resources to Balance.....	1694 36
Total.....	\$6208 28

This is to certify that I have examined the books of the Southern Missionary Society, and find them correctly kept, to the best of my belief.

June 27, 1900. J. W. COLLIE, Auditor.

The Smouse Fund.

Mrs. Robt. Douglass.....	\$1 75
Mrs. Louis Lillie.....	2 00
Mrs. M. L. O'Keilly.....	2 00
Annie Larsen.....	1 75
Mrs. Nancy Emans.....	4 25
Mrs. M. D. Uit.....	1 75
Mrs. J. M. Haines.....	3 50
Miss Linna Ward.....	2 75
Mrs. L. M. Dodge.....	1 00
Ellen Cochran.....	1 25
Esther Modine.....	1 75
Miss Cora Bradley.....	1 60
Mrs. C. H. Salton.....	1 75
Ethel W. Hoopes.....	1 25
Mrs. J. M. Caldwell.....	2 00
Mrs. Etta M. Boardman.....	2 00
Mrs. L. J. Sage.....	2 00
Mrs. W. S. Silloway.....	1 20
Emma Barrows.....	2 00
Mrs. Tillie Shawhem.....	1 60
J. C. Kraushaar.....	2 00
Mrs. E. M. Nierhoff.....	4 60
Mrs. W. H. B.....	1 00
Agnes Franzen.....	2 00
Mrs. Hattie Fifield.....	1 25
Mrs. Jennie R. Hewett.....	1 50
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Viola Battin.....	1 75
Mrs. L. D. Estes.....	1 90
Mrs. Mary McPhie.....	1 95
Mrs. Mattie Hollingsworth.....	2 00
Miss Gracie Brown.....	2 00
Miss Mary E. Hall.....	4 15
Emilie Johnson.....	2 00
Gracie I. Bannister.....	2 00
Mrs. W. J. Evans.....	50
Mrs. David Plank.....	1 25
A. C. Hartnell.....	1 50
Mrs. Clara W. Hicks.....	2 00
Mrs. Libbie Killing.....	2 00
Mrs. Annie J. Johnson.....	2 25
Joseph Franklin.....	2 00
Miss Edith Terwilliger.....	1 75
Abbie Aspinwall.....	5 00
Mrs. E. A. Rose.....	1 15
Mrs. Addie Gott.....	2 25
Mrs. A. M. Gibson.....	2 00
Mrs. Alice Cooper.....	1 00
Mrs. A. E. Oviatt.....	1 75
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Mrs. Louisa F. Carr.....	2 10
Mrs. M. E. Ragsdale.....	2 00
Mrs. M. E. Sherrick.....	1 75
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C. W. Olson.....	1 75
Mrs. B. F. Woodland.....	2 00
Martha Subke.....	2 00
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Mrs. Pricilla Davis.....	1 25
Miss Ona Russell.....	2 20
Mrs. O. C. Rector.....	2 00
Mrs. C. L. Kendall.....	1 75
Mrs. N. B. Cole.....	1 50
Mrs. H. G. Leffingwell.....	1 25
67 Subscriptions.....	\$156 85
Total.....	\$173 60

The Gospel Story and Easy Lessons.

THIS BOOK, now in preparation, was noticed in the GOSPEL HERALD for August, 1899, but the plans since that time have changed and improved. The book will contain two departments, as follows:—

EASY LESSONS

This is a department in primary reading, adapted to the children everywhere, and for uneducated grown people in mission fields. It is nicely illustrated, several pages being printed in four colors, as shown on the last cover page of this paper. The book is wonderfully attractive. It begins with simple words of every-day life, and

advances to Bible stories in Bible language. Number and drawing lessons are also introduced throughout the 48 pages of this department, as well as lessons on animal and plant life. The type is large and clear, and the lessons easily followed. The department closes with five lessons on the six days of creation, the last ending with man in the Garden of Eden.

GOSPEL STORY DEPARTMENT.

This department is for parents and elder brothers and sisters to read and explain to the children. It begins where the "Easy Lesson" department closes, with Eden Lost. This is followed by the story of "Cain and Abel," introducing the plan of redemption, "The Flood," "The Tower of Babel," "The Calling of Abraham," and thence down the stream of time, each story teaching valuable gospel lessons, and closing with the grand finale of "Eden Restored."

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Flight of Lot from the Destruction of Sodom.

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The book will contain 160 pages, printed on a fine quality of paper, and ADVANCE ORDERS

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The Gospel Story and Easy Lessons

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✧ ✧ IN FOUR LANGUAGES, ✧ ✧

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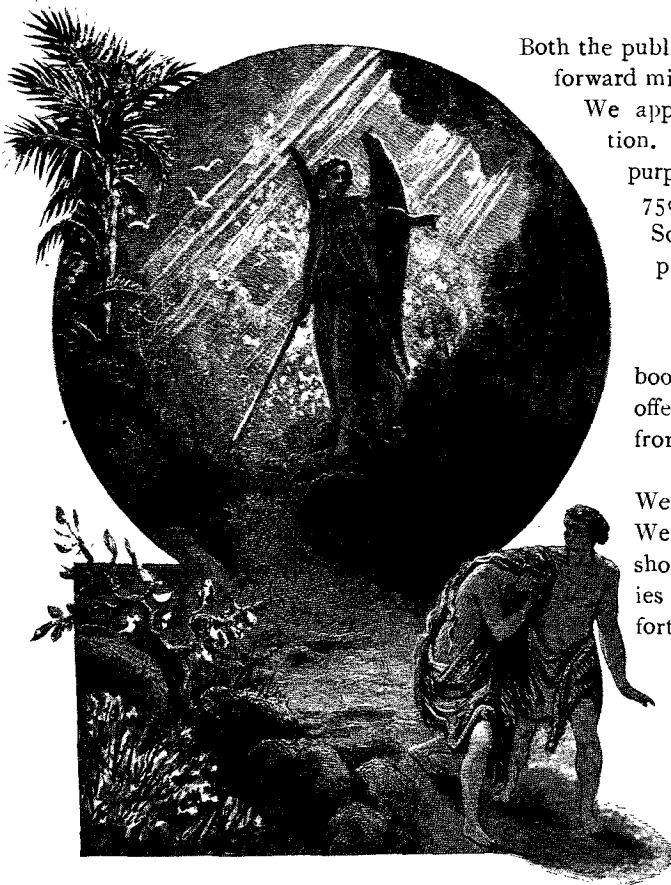
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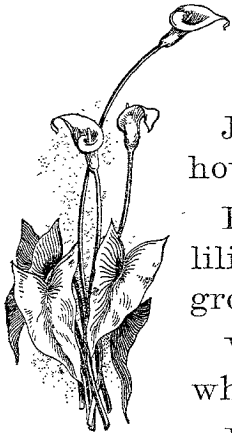
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LESSON TWENTY-SIX.

The Lily.



Look at this pure white lily.

Jesus wants us to think how the lilies grow.

He said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow."

Who made the beautiful white dress for this lily?

If God cares for the lily, will He not care for us?

He wants us to obey Him as the lily does.

Then He will clothe us as He does the lily.

He will make our lives pure and beautiful.

LESSON TWENTY-FOUR.

Die Flut.

One time God let it rain for many days. Einmal ließ Gott es viele Tage regnen.

The water was very deep. It covered all the earth. All the trees were covered with water. All the mountains were covered. Das Wasser war sehr tief. Es bedeckte die ganze Erde. Alle Bäume waren mit Wasser bedeckt. Alle Berge waren bedeckt.

In one place the people were safe. In einem Orte waren die Leute sicher.

Yes, in the ark.

God had told Noah to make the ark.



Das war in der Arche.

Gott hatte Noah gesagt, daß er die Arche machen sollte.

Noah loved God. He believed what God told him. Noah liebte Gott. Er glaubte, was Gott ihm sagte.

The people did not love God. They did not believe what God told Noah. Die anderen Leute liebten Gott nicht. Sie glaubten nicht, was Gott Noah gesagt hatte.

They did not believe that God would send a flood. Sie glaubten nicht, daß Gott eine Flut kommen lassen würde.

But the Flood came.

Aber die Flut kam.

Noah and his family were safe in the ark. Noah und seine Familie waren sicher in der Arche.

LESSON TWENTY-NINE.

En af vore Venner.

Yes, the sheep is a friend.

Ja, Faaret er vor Ven.

Your warm dress was made from her coat.

Din varme Klædning blev lavet af dets Uld.

She gives it away in the spring. In the fall you are glad to put it on.

Det giver den bort om Vaaren. Om Høsten er du glad, at du kan tage den paa.



The sheep are timid. Faarene er frygtssomme.

They need some one to care for them.

De maa have nogen til at passe paa sig.

The man who cares for the sheep is the shepherd.

Den, der passer Faar, kalder man en Faarehyrde.

The little sheep are lambs.

De smaa Faar er Lam.

Jesus calls us His lambs.

Jesus kalder os for sine Lam.

So you can say, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Du kan alltså säga: "Herren är min herde, mig skall intet fattas."

A good shepherd would give his life for his sheep.

En god herde vill gifva sitt lif för sina får.

Jesus gave His life for us.

Jesus gaf sitt lif för oss.

King David was a shepherd. One time a lion was going to kill one of his lambs. David killed the lion.

Konung David var en herde. En gång sökte ett lejon döda ett af hans lamm. David slog ihjäl lejonet.

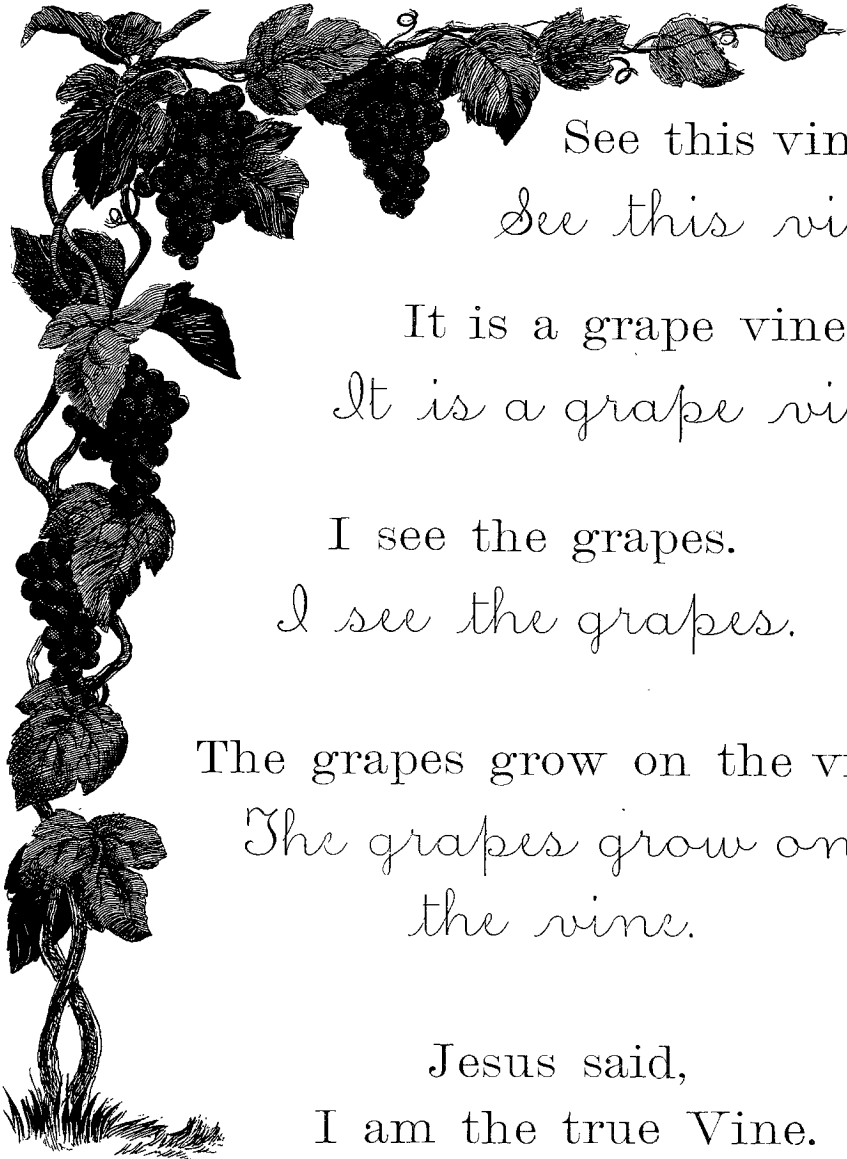
Some day the lion and the lamb shall live together.

Den dag skall komma, då lammet och lejonet skola bo tillsammans.

Yes, and a little child shall lead them.

Ja, och "en liten pilt skall leda dem."



LESSON SIX.

See this vine.

See this vine.

It is a grape vine.

It is a grape vine.

I see the grapes.

I see the grapes.

The grapes grow on the vine.

*The grapes grow on
the vine.*

Jesus said,

I am the true Vine.