



Edgefield, Tenn.

July 17, 1907.

Dear Mother:--

I cannot find the first two letters from Sister Agee-Hall, but I will make a copy of the main part of her last letter to me. I feel sure we should help put up a proper building at this place. But little can be done with out it. She writes:--

Dear Bro. White:--

Your letter at hand, and I hasten to reply. I am glad you see the matter of dimensions for the proposed church building in the light you do; for, like you, I know that it must be of some size as well as neatness of design in order to give the work the right standing among the better class of colored people here. Of course we cannot go in for show, but there are some sides to such a work that must be taken into serious consideration in maturing plans for it.

As to the basement part of it (for the school room), I think the building committee would probably consider it best to plan for it under the circumstances, as the lot slopes considerably toward the front. It is a corner lot, the front street not yet cut through, so at present the lot is reached from the side. It fronts north and is in a very desirable locality, one block from a car line. The whole lot has not been donated, only enough for a church site.

We certainly feel deeply grateful for the help you have so generously offered; and I am sure the building committee will heed your advice as to dimensions and pattern when they know the way is opened to plan in the more complete way you propose. I know they had set their hearts on a basement school room, made when the church is built; but think they would make a higher ceiling and a more commodious room than was at first planned if the means would be forthcoming with which to do it. The grounds would not admit of a school building beside the church unless the donor could be persuaded to give the whole lot.

As to our raising \$200.00, I do not think that would be any hardship as we have considerable of it already promised and some in. We are willing workers, with lazy bones in the very small minority.

As to what you say about stereopticon lectures and like attractions, they certainly must be grand opening wedges for the presentation of truth among this people. We must plan to attract, then catch through the eye the listening ear. But little can be done in a public way until we can have a church that will hold a good sized audience.

Yours in the Message,

Signed, Anna Agee Hall.