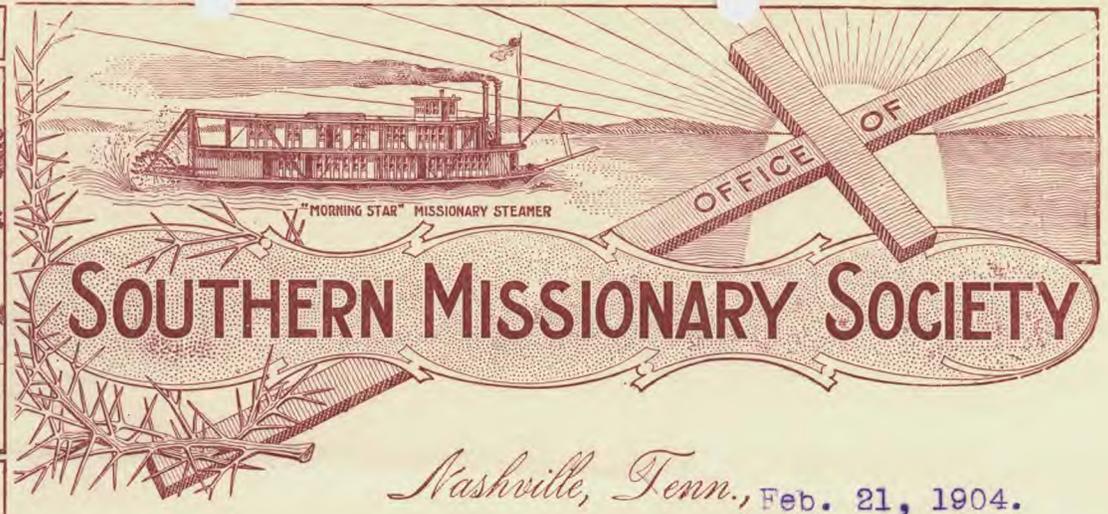


(Our New Suburban Office.)



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Mrs. E. G. White,
Sanitarium, Calif.

Dear Mother:-

I want to tell you about a little work I am doing to divert my mind and that is in a greenhouse. Last year I had one 12 x 40 feet but it was built too late to do much last year. This year I moved it up near the office and added 10 feet to it, so it 12 x 50 feet. I already had a steam boiler in position to heat my office and so we carried the steam pipes to the greenhouse, and with a little expense I have secured about the finest thing in the way of a greenhouse that there is in this part of the country. There are two beds in this greenhouse each three and one-half feet wide and fifty feet long. About three weeks ago we planted tomato seed in boxes and today I have been transplanting them into the greenhouse. It will be about two months before it is time to set them outdoors. During this time I shall transplant them two or three times and it will give heavy, hardy stocks that will produce tomatoes very early. I think I shall set out about one-half acre of these early tomatoes. If I can get them early enough, tomatoes bring a very high price in the market, ranging all the way from four to six dollars per bushel.

In my greenhouse I have also set out a bed of turnips that were raised last year and were just beginning to sprout. I put these in

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very thick and in a very few days it will begin to give us all the greens we can use on the table. I have also planted radishes, lettuce, beets, and onion sets. I expect to put in some cucumbers to-day.

I enjoy this very much and it will be very pleasant when they begin to grow and I can give them attention and care for them as they grow. Of course the greenhouse is nice and comfortable no matter how cold it is outside, so it is a very pleasant place to work.

Last year I had an opportunity to buy an acre and half of land at a very low price so I now have ten and one-half acres. A number of our people are beginning to locate near us and I presume we will have quite a settlement out here before long. Some have been able to buy homes at a low price and on long time. We have a Wednesday night prayer meeting every week, and the number varies from 13 to 17 or 18. I believe they are the best meetings I ever attended. Brother Amadon enjoys himself with us very much and is a great help in the church work. We are very glad he is here.

A few days ago I wrote you about the Huntsville school and the effort to get brother Rogers to take charge of this school. The more I think of this the more I think it is not best for us to mix up with the Huntsville school. There has been more or less trouble and confusion in regard to it all the way through. The conference has not been able to run it in a satisfactory successful manner. I am beginning to see that the sentiment is that the conference should still manage the school but that they should take brother Rogers away from the work in Mississippi and put him in charge of it with the idea that he can still look after the work in Mississippi. Now I want to say in regard to this that if funds come in so that our Society can open up some new lines of work there will be more work to be done in Mississippi and in

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some of the states near by within reach than brother Rogers can possibly attend to. I still feel that the work in Mississippi is really more important to the cause than the Huntsville school. Certainly the results are more apparent. Experience now proves that wherever a mission school is established a church is raised up. More than this our people come in contact with educated people such as will not come to the Huntsville school, and quite a number of these have already been converted to the truth and are now active intelligent workers in the cause. What we need is a little more money so that we can start schools in two or three places where there is already a demand for them and keep brother Rogers still there pushing the work along. I feel very sure that if brother Rogers should leave Mississippi that the work would not go on successfully. It is the most difficult work to manage that there is in the whole cause today. The Huntsville school has come to be a white elephant on the hands of the denomination. They have never known how to manage it and they have never supported it properly. It has not met the requirements of such a school, but I do not like the thought of this responsibility coming on the Society or brother Rogers being taken from his work to help build up this enterprise.

There is another thing in connection with the Southern Missionary Society. I have felt all along that one of the greatest features of our success would be to keep our work small, that it not have it reach after these other lines of work that have been carried by the conference. I want the work of this Society to be kept where we can control it and make it continue to do a good work like it is doing. When we connect with it a great conference school then I fear we shall get into position where the conference will feel they should control the whole work, and then I know about what the end would be. We want to do what is right.

A few days ago I wrote you in regard to going to Omaha to that big Book Committee meeting. I will be frank and say that I despise to go to these committee meetings. If I read the testimonies right it is that those who have a duty to do in writing books and work of this kind should not be kept going to committee meetings. I expect there would be a great cry if I did not go to this one so I suppose I must go.

As I am going to this meeting I want it to count for the benefit of our Publishing House, and I ask you plainly, Mother, do you believe it is right for the Pacific Press and the Review & Herald to divide between them about all the best of the territory of the United States and leave this Southern office with the very poorest and barren part of the whole field? Is it not right that this house should have a share of the good territory so that from it can be returned money to help forward the missionary cause down here in this field?

It may be said that we are a long ways from that territory. In answer I will say that we are some distance but we are not as far away as eighter of the other offices. Now I claim after we look over the whole United States that this office should have at least one-third of the valuable territory, that is that an equal division should be made between the three houses, the Pacific Press, the Review & Herald, and the Southern Publishing Association. Not simply by recounting the States but as to the intrinsic value of the territory. I believe I am right in this claim.

So far as the size of the office, the Review & Herald has been reduced to practically nothing, the Pacific Press is just preparing to start entirely new, and when this is done our Publishing House will be the largest Adventist publishing house in the land. It is now becoming one of the best equipped and an atmosphere is coming in which rejoices us very much. It is a different place from what it has been for two years in the past.

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Now, Mother, if I am right on this point I wish you would let me hear from you by return mail, for I believe that the principles of this are thoroughly known to you and that you are interested that right and justice should be done.

I will not weary you further in this matter but I did want to lay these things before you.

As ever your son,

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