

Fellow-workers -2-

again Monday. If you have not got letters sent you Friday, call at P.O. and get them. Let us seek the Lord as never before and take precautions as to every move. From what has been said in the past two days I have thought that your boat would be met on the way back and damage done. So it is well to be careful; but we know that God can head off evil plans laid to hinder his work. Mr. ----- is much excited over it and wrote you to come on train, etc. I think now, however, it is all settled and you can just carry out your plans as intended without any trouble.

Now, I must tell you that the colored people who patronize the school DO appreciate our work. This shows it. Yesterday it was known all over town before half an hour, and young and old flocked in to us, weeping and wailing and bringing in their "mites," 5-10-15-25 cts. and some dollars until we had money enough to leave town, and had plans all laid for our escape. Children, mothers and grandmothers were crying and praying God for our safety and for the school. ~~Sh~~ Surely God would hear Well, I can tell you all when you come. Praying God for the safe keeping of us all, and with thanksgiving for his delivering us, we are sincerely yours in the work."

On receiving these communications we all felt that great caution and much heavenly wisdom was required to enable us to take the proper course in this matter. The testimonies instruct us that great caution must be exercised so that these evilly disposed persons shall not be aroused and the work closed up as a result. It was therefore our decision that we refrain from any work at Yazoo City that would arouse these men. I have advised Bro. Rogers to consult with the man who wrote me in regard to it as quoted in the first part of the letter. He knows the temper of these people, and is better able to judge of what it is best to undertake. I would favor a vacation of the school even till after the holidays. We shall not return with the steamer till that time. We have just as important work to do at Vicksburg and at Calmar as we have in Yazoo City. In fact it is about the most important work for the present time. We will attend to it, and so let the difficulty wear itself away at Yazoo City.

I am planning now to issue an extra of the Gospel Herald. In this we will show our leading denominational institutions, say 24 or 25 of them, and then explain our work. Most of the people down here do not know anything of our work. In this extra we will show that this is just one branch of a great work that is going forward in every nation and among every race in the world. It will explain that we have nothing whatever to do with politics, that we have not come down to invade the customs of the country, but only to make better men, better citizens, better Christians out of the people. The general impression is that we have some kind of a hocus pocus religion that we cannot get the white people to accept, and so have come down to try to get it off on the negroes. The want to know why we do not take it to the white people and not make a business of working among the negroes. This extra will show that we are taking it to ALL classes and races, and the branch we are carrying is only a branch of a great world-wide work.

I have talked with Sister Osborn about it, and she wants copies of it because it will aid her much in the work. The other workers here feel that it will be a very great aid in the work, and we shall issue many extra copies so that we can have them at all times to use as the occasion requires. Our influence with people with whom we talk and whom we desire to influence will be much greater when they know the things which will be presented in this sheet. When we finally return to Yazoo City a copy of this extra will go into every house there. We are sure it will kill anything of the spirit now manifested.

Pray for us that God will overrule all to his glory and the good of the work.

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