

Yazoo City, Miss., Dec. 5 1900.

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Dear Sir:-

I write to-day to bring to your attention the Medical Missionary work that is being done here by my wife. It was not many days after we ~~xxxxx~~ reached Yazoo City, that we both met and gained the acquaintance of Dr. Miller, the only colored physician here. The doctor we found to be a rather bright and intelligent young man; having been educated in the East.

He was agreeable and sociable and greeted us with a hearty welcome to the city. He cheerfully gave us the benefit of his short but personal experience with the people of this section of the country; and also gave us the assurance of his hearty sympathy and co-operation in the work that we hoped to do for our people.

He manifested a decided interest in our conversation, and seemed desirous of knowing more about the reforms and rational methods of treating diseases in our institutions. He assured my wife that she would have all the work she desired; her only difficulty would arise in the fact that many of the people would fail to carry out her explicit instructions; which might give rise to a serious embarrassment to her effort.

Never-the-less the doctor said we were engaged in a work which should be highly appreciated, and an immense amount of good would result from such labors. He assured us of his support and commendation.

Since our arrival here, my wife has been looked upon as an experienced nurse, and her advice has been given in many cases of physical ^{disa} debility.

The first case brought to her attention was that of Miss Sallie Turner. Just two weeks after our arrival, Miss Sallie was taken seriously ill with severe ache and fever. With constant attention from my wife, Miss Turner was enabled to resume her work within a very short period. Si

Since then many persons have visited our home in search of advice upon different ailments, and my wife has been called out to give constant attention to as many others.

There is one case that is particularly interesting to know about. There is one woman that gave our people in general, and Bro. Rogers in particular, considerable trouble. A few weeks ago she was taken seriously ill with inflammation of the bowels, also female troubles. Dr. Miller was her attending physician. He gave her medicine daily yet he did not succeed in relieving the complaint. ~~Her~~ Friends advised the woman to send for Mrs. Strachn. But the woman in question replied, - "She is nothing more than another one of those old Adventists." "She dosen't know anything about me".

However, the woman's troubles seemed to be aggravated rather than ameliorated, and she asked her doctor one morning, if he thought it advisable to have Mrs. Strahan come over and look after her. *He immediately gave his consent. This occurred on a Friday. Saturday morning my wife was called in.* She found the woman suffering intense pain in the abdomen. After making a few inquiries to note the symptoms, my wife gave a few orders, returned home to consult the "Home Hand Book". After a short word of prayer, my wife gathered up her little paraphernalia, again entered the home of the sick, read her Bible and again prayed. Then she proceeded to administer a cleansing enema, then to make local application of hot water. This treatment was carried on each day for near nine days occupying from three to four hours each day. Special attention and instruction was given daily in the matter of diet, - in fact many of the meals were prepared and served by my wife.

The woman slowly recovered/ and is to day able to do her own work again. As a result this woman now cherishes a kindly feeling toward the Adventists and their work. She told my wife one day recently of all the mean things she had said about her when we first came. She had no idea that we were so good and kind. The woman's husband seemed to feel so grateful for what we done to his wife, and desired to know what were our

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charges. But he was rather surprised to learn that my wife stoutly refused to accept any compensation. Yet he insists that he will give something and she must accept it.

We all feel that in this one particular case, we have gained what might otherwise have been our bitterest enemy. This woman told my wife that she could not keep the Sabbath and preserve peace and harmony in her home. But there is nothing too hard for our God. So we will not lose hope. My wife is ^a constant visitor and she thinks now that there is no one like Mrs. Strachan.

My wife finds plenty of work of this kind to do, but she is very anxious to have more aid. Sometime this winter she hopes to have as an associate, a Miss Susie A. Willis, now a nurse at the San. A more experienced worker. Together they hope to do better work, also accommodate more people. You might see the young lady and have a talk with her. My wife wishes many times that she could have had a wider experience in the Sanitarium Training School. Never-the-less her limited knowledge gained while but a short while in Battle Creek has already proved a great blessing to many souls here.

My wife and Bro. Warnécks wife have taken several orders for Best Stories. We men have spent but little time as yet in canvassing.///If I could have a week before the holidays I would then be able to run down to Jackson and roll up a heavy list of orders. I have had a successful experience in the past on this particular line.

Hope you are well, also trust that you will soon be settled in Nashville.

I remain Yours in the work for the Master.

M. C. Strachan.

Dear Mother:--This is from one of our school teachers at Yazoo City. This is where Bro. Rogers was driven out. We now see that in putting in colored teachers the difficulty that we had when white teachers were there is somewhat alleviated. But the people themselves are afraid, and so we cannot do what we were doing before. And yet the interest is increasing and the work growing. I am thankful to get so good a report from this worker. She is a fine appearing woman, and all like her. Haste,

J. E. White