

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1901.

Dear Brother:--

Some time ago plans were laid to hold a general or annual meeting of the Southern Missionary Society, and to have representative men from different places to be here at this meeting, so as to examine into the workings of the Society, and to see its needs before going to General Conference. We have been writing in different directions ~~and have been trying~~ in regard to this and trying to plan for the meeting, but there were two delegations we could not hear definitely from, and so we have been waiting until we could hear from them. But the time is ^{approaching} ~~appearing~~ so rapidly, so that a definite appointment must now be made, and at the meeting of the directors, held yesterday, it was decided that the meeting would be held at Nashville Tuesday and ~~Monday~~ ~~day~~ ~~Monday~~ Wednesday, March 19 and 20. This date is given from the fact that some of those who will attend this meeting belong to the auditing committee of the General Conference who will be obliged to leave for Battle Creek immediately after this meeting. But those who can go from this place to Vicksburg, will take the cars Thursday, arriving in Vicksburg Thursday night or Friday morning. At this place we can examine the school system as being conducted at that place on Friday, and dedicate the church at Vicksburg on Sabbath and Sunday if necessary, according to the best time for the appointment, and perhaps take a little excursion on the steamer "Morning Star" in Centennial lake, and perhaps run out on the Mississippi, and then be ready to leave Monday for the North. Some will perhaps want to go to Yazoo City and Columbus to see the schools at those places. There will be plenty of time to do all this, and yet reach Battle Creek before Friday, the 29th. This is the best arrangement that we can make under the circumstances. It is hoped that mother will be with us at Nashville at the time mentioned above. It is also hoped that the Michigan delegation will not only be at the meeting at Nash-

ville but go to the meetings further South. All the Southern workers and especially the members of the Southern Executive Committee, we shall be glad to have go South with us if they can.

We find it necessary to reorganize the Southern Missionary Society, or rather re-incorporate it here at Nashville, and an attorney is drawing up papers, but I presume they will not be acted upon until the meeting at Nashville on the nineteenth. Then the incorporation will be decided upon, and the board of directors selected, and this board of directors will be the ones who will incorporate, and their position will be held for the first year. Then we want to plan to change the Mississippi organization to the Tennessee organization, so that all the meetings can be held at Nashville, hereafter.

Yours very truly,

J. E. White

Dictated to Graphophone.

IM.

W.C.W.:--

The above decision was made only last evening. I have been waiting hoping for something definite from Cal. and from Mich. But we cannot hold the matter any longer. Now, I hope mother can come this way, and it would suit us as well if she could come before this meeting, but I wish you could be at the meeting. We are getting our office into pretty good condition, and hope to have it so it will show to good advantage at the time of the meeting. The treatment rooms for colored are also getting into shape. I feel that it is very important that our people some of them become familiar with our work, and see the need of it. I do hope mother and you can come before Conf. Now, if you can get some of the substantial Conf. men of Cal. to be at this meeting I shall be very glad, but I have no desire to see any representatives of P.P. I think they would not be prepared to consider the work in an unbiased manner. But it is Friday afternoon, and I have others to notify. Haste,
J.E.W.