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To the Executive Committee of the Southern Union Conference

Dear Brethren:--

Your Committee appointed to consider the needs of our colored schools, and of the colored people needing education, and to suggest a financial basis, and working plans for these schools respectfully submit the following:--

As regards the Oakwood Industrial Academy:--

We find, That the present attendance is about 41 students. ~~15xxx~~ 15 young men, and 26 young women. The building would easily accommodate 20 more young men, and with moderate expense in finishing the third floor of the Boy's Hall, would accommodate 40 men.

With efficient and economical management, the large farm has been made to furnish, during the last three or four years, the food for the school family.

From the beginning of the school the salaries of teachers have been paid by the General Conference or Mission Board treasury. This has amounted to about \$1200 to \$1600 annually.

The general and incidental expenses of the school, as well as the buildings, stock, machinery, etc., have been paid for principally by the gifts from the friends of colored education.

We believe:--

That the farm may be improved, especially by the planting of orchards and small fruits, so that it will bring greater returns, and that this ought to be done without delay.

That a few industries, such as broom making, carpenter and cabinet work, and blacksmithing, also knitting, dressmaking, and the manufacture of boys' clothing, should be established at once under competent instructors, as a means of education, and support.

That with these increased facilities, the school, with an attendance of 50 students, under economical and efficient management, could earn from the farm and the shops, with five or six hours' labor a day, the board and residence expenses, amounting to about one dollar each per week.

That a faculty of sufficient strength to carry forward the work now being done, and that contemplated in the foregoing, would, if the school was operated 52 weeks in the year, require salaries amounting to \$2500, or one dollar a week for each student.

Therefore, we recommend:--

That the faculty be strengthened, the industries mentioned be added as soon as possible.

That the farm be improved, both as a means of education and support.

That the S.U.C.Com. approve of and second the request of the School Board, that the Gen.Conf.Com. aid them in securing donations of the education of the colored people to the amount of \$500 for the establishment of the above mentioned industries, and \$1000 for the planting and development of a 50 acre fruit orchard.

That instead of drawing the amount of teachers' salaries from the general mission fund, as at present, that representatives of the school, approved by the S.U.C. be sent to our churches throughout the land, to present the needs of the school, and solicit aid for its improvement, and funds for tuition