

Savanna
Palatka

I met him--he was the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Palatka, Florida. I told him of going into a new district and how I wanted to build an institution of my own and wanted to go into some congested district where little was being done for my people and he suggested that I start a parochial school in connection with his church. I got to Palatka and started out this community school and worked in the jails two and three times a week, and out to the saw-mills there and in general among the young people in clubs there, and built up there a very interesting setting. I stayed there for five years. Then I made up my mind to go down on the East coast and study the situation there and see what was being done--and found very little being done in that section. The new minister, Reverend S.P. Pratt, who told me he thought I would be interested to see what was happening in that section.

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I had no money I was doing a little insurance work in connection with my other work--I sold insurance for the Afro-American and saved up a little money and went to the coast to study what was being done there. As I studied the situation I saw the importance of someone going down there doing something--so I selected Daytona Beach, a town where very conservative people lived and where James M. Gamble (of the Procter & Gamble Company of Cincinnati); Thomas White, (of the White Sewing Machine Company of Cleveland); and other fine people. A fine club of white women in that section formed a philanthropic group of...Palmetto Club..through whom I thought approaches could be made.

The colored people had little to offer. A splendid man of the Baptist church, Rev. A.L. James; another fine man of the little Methodist Episcopal church. had conferences with these people and a little woman named Mrs. Warn, had some daughters who felt them-

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