

SUNSHINE COLUMN

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY.
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MRS. RANSIER'S LETTER.

Miscellaneous Sunny Suggestions From Sunshine Headquarters.

Here comes a shut-in from way out in Oklahoma. This sister is evidently weary at heart. Will not some one write her a good neighborly letter and cheer her up a bit? She's tired and nervous, and the little annoyances of life are making her unhappy, because of her tired nerves and heart; she's lonesome and homesick. We all get that way at times, and can't you write and make her life a little brighter by a friendly word? You know we gladly furnish the full address to all who are interested and write for it.

I.

"Sunshiner Friend: Our Sunshine sister of Kansas City has written that you have a cottage at Hendersonville, N. C., where rooms are furnished free. You must be one of the 'Kings Daughters.' I am in this new country, very barren, with my son; he is a farmer. I am wretched. The fleas are so bad. I have had paralysis a great many years; get around with the help of a small chair. Can do many things as well as ever, but my means are small. Will you please describe Hendersonville; everything you can think of, climate, everything for and against the place? The high winds here often keep me in-doors. It is too new here for fruit. What kind of a country is it surrounding Hendersonville? We were raised on a fine old farm, where things were favorable, climate, water good, and fruit.

"About the furnished rooms: are there real sick people there? Is the idea that Northern ladies go there for a while in winter? What would be the expense? You will doubtless think for a stranger I write very freely. You know as I cannot see you, I must talk with my pen. Fleas and flies make me nearly wild here. We are way off from a road. New country will do for young people, but not a place for older people.

"Your sunshine friend,
 "MRS. J. R. QUEEN."

I have sent Mrs. Queen a printed pamphlet of Hendersonville, but all of these printed circulars, as you know, tell all the "for" but keep silence about the "against" any place. There are fleas, too, here, my sister; but we do have good water and fruit, and raise some things on what land is left on the rocks and clay after the spring cloud-bursts have carried off the good, rich surface earth down the mountains to South Carolina. However, terracing the mountain sides and plowing deep and constant watching will keep you a farm going up here in the mountains where a warrant deed alone won't hold it.

Our Sunshine free cottage is for outings for Southerners or Northerners or Westerners, and anybody who wishes a month's outing at the time of year they want it, provided some one else is not already occupying it. Then their turn will come. Somebody write this poor old lady and cheer her up a bit. Surely you can do that, and if you have a pretty little Scripture promise or verse or poem or little pretty something to brighten the wall of her new home, send it along too.

II.

Now here, last but not least by any means, comes a letter from our own State:

"Dear Mrs. Ransier: I have been intending every week to write to you and tell you I would send something for Fair booth. I do not know exactly what I will send, but will be something salable. May I ask my friends to make a donation and send along with mine? I think this Sunshine work the next greatest work to missions.

"Hoping your a great success, I am,

"Prayerfully yours,
 "MRS. F. A."

Bless your dear heart, sister. That's the kind of letters we are looking for, and wishing for, just now. We like to hear from the shut-ins, and we are going to have this sale of things for their benefit, but we have about one hundred and fifty isolated shut-ins now on our list looking to us for some little sunshine in their so darkened lives, and we have had so comparatively few letters as yet like this of Mrs. A. They are coming, of course, and you are going to write one yourself some time; but in the mean time old Father Time is leaping and raising his old auto along at top speed and the Fair will be upon us before we are half ready for it, so please do hurry up and write and send and help what you can right away—quick.

Indeed, dear Sister A., you can ask your friends and neighbors to donate, and please do; and not only Mrs. A., but you who are reading this now, "Go thou and do likewise," if you want the Sunshine booth a success, and to help our poor shut-ins, you must get a hustle on yourself and do what you can. Many of those on our shut-in list are in our own State, and Sunshine always shines at home first; so all Sunshine passed on goes to those in our own State first; but we are going to sell the work of all shut-ins who send and help them all we can that way.

III.

Now please, Sunshiners, don't forget that we also have to have a little money to make that booth—nails, boards, and some little drapings in our Sunshine colors (yellow and white), so in asking your friends to donate, or in donating yourself, if you're a man, or can't do other things, send in a donation no matter how small to meet this expense. You may not all be able to send exhibits to the Fair proper, but there's not one of you that can't be represented in and help to make our State Sunshine booth and the Fair a success. Write your name and address on everything sent; also the price at which it is to be sold. I know you take pride in our own State and our own Sunshine, so let's make it a big success. Come on! Hurry up!

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