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HUNGRY?

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Hungry? Yes, so hungry;
But not for mortal bread;
I'm longing for His righteousness
And praying to be fed.

My Saviour asks me to partake;
The table he has spread;
I know he has an ample store
Of sweetest heavenly bread.

And yet I starve while he invites,
Because I know not how
To take the gift he freely gives
When at his feet I bow.

O teach me, Saviour, how to yield
To thy supreme control,
That I may ever feed on thee
And daily be made whole.

Oh, come, and live within my heart;
I the surrender make;
I only ask with thee to walk,
And of thy love partake.

My sins, my life, I give to thee;
Give me thy nature, Lord,
That I may living glorify
The still incarnate Word.

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THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER*

MRS. E. G. WHITE

THROUGH nature and revelation, through his providence, and by the influence of his Spirit, God speaks to us. But these are not enough; we need also to pour out our hearts to him. In order to have spiritual life and energy, we must have actual intercourse with our heavenly Father. Our minds may be drawn out toward him; we may meditate upon his works, his mercies, his blessings; but this is not, in the fullest sense, communing with him. In order to commune with God, we must have something to say to him concerning our actual life.

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to him.

When Jesus was upon the earth, he taught his disciples how to pray. He directed them to present their daily needs before God, and to cast all their care upon him. And the assurance he gave them that their petitions should be heard, is assurance also to us.

Jesus himself, while he dwelt among men, was often in prayer. Our Saviour identified himself with our needs and weaknesses, in that he became a suppliant, a petitioner, seeking from his Father fresh supplies of strength, that he might come forth braced for duty and trial. He is our example in all things. He is a brother in our infirmities, "in all points tempted like as we are;" but as the sinless One his nature recoiled from evil; he endured struggles and torture of soul in a world of sin. His humanity made prayer a necessity and a privilege. He found comfort and joy in communion with his Father. And if the Saviour of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of fervent, constant prayer!

Our heavenly Father waits to bestow upon us the fulness of his blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little! God is ready and willing to hear the sincere prayer of the humblest of his children, and yet there is much manifest reluctance on our part to make known our wants to God. What can the angels of heaven think of poor helpless human beings, who are subject to temptation, when

God's heart of infinite love yearns toward them, ready to give them more than they can ask or think, and yet they pray so little, and have so little faith? The angels love to bow before God; they love to be near him. They regard communion with God as their highest joy; and yet the children of earth, who need so much the help that God only can give, seem satisfied to walk without the light of his Spirit, the companionship of his presence.

The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice them to sin; and it is all because they do not make use of the privileges that God has given them in the divine appointment of prayer. Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence? Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching, we are in danger of growing careless, and of deviating from the right path. The adversary seeks continually to obstruct the way to the mercy-seat, that we may not by earnest supplication and faith obtain grace and power to resist temptation.

When we come to ask mercy and blessing from God, we should have a spirit of love and forgiveness in our own hearts. How can we pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," and yet indulge an unforgiving spirit? If we expect our own prayers to be heard, we must forgive others in the same manner, and to the same extent, as we hope to be forgiven.

There is necessity, for diligence in prayer; let nothing hinder you. Make every effort to keep open the communion between Jesus and your own soul. Seek

*Reprint from "Steps to Christ"

every opportunity to go where prayer is wot to be made. Those who are really seeking for communion with God will be seen in the prayer-meeting, faithful to do their duty, and earnest and anxious to reap all the benefits they can gain. They will improve every opportunity of placing themselves where they can receive the rays of light from heaven.

Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden him; you cannot weary him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to

him to read; no perplexity is too difficult for him to unravel. No calamity can befall the least of his children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which he takes no immediate interest. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul upon the earth to share his watch-care, not another soul for whom he gave his beloved Son.

are told in Gal. 3: 24. Although we cannot keep the law until we come to Christ, this fact does not prevent the law from laying hold upon us. We are not disconnected from the law in either case, but after we have come to Christ our relationship to the law is changed. We are no longer under the schoolmaster. We do not come to Christ by keeping the law, but we come by faith, and then we keep the law because we have come to Christ, and he is dwelling in our hearts by faith. The one thing that we can do when we are outside of Christ, is to sub-



An ex-slave; a survivor of anti-war times. Only a few such now remain. They are old, and generally poor, and not many can read, but they are honest and ought to hear the truth.

the wants of his children. "The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." His heart of love is touched by our sorrows, and even by our utterance of them. Take to him everything that perplexes the mind. Nothing is too great for him to bear, for he holds up worlds, he rules over all the affairs of the universe. Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for

THE LAW BRINGS US TO CHRIST

THE law of God is binding upon every person, whether Christian or heathen. The fact that a person makes no profession of Christianity does not release him from condemnation for failure to obey that law. Nor does the fact that it is impossible for any person out of Christ to keep God's law, excuse such an one in disobedience. The law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, we

mit ourselves unto God. His Spirit continually strives with the sinner, and when the sinner yields to its influence, God gives him repentance and faith. This brings him to Christ, and Christ, who kept his Father's commandments and who is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever," will keep the law in the heart of his follower.—L. A. Smith.

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"TEACH me thy statutes."

CHRIST, THE FOUNTAIN

"O CHRIST, he is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted;
More deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fulness
His mercy doth expand,
Where glory, glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land."

EDITORIAL**GO FORWARD**

THE Lord told Moses to speak these words to the Israelites when it seemed there was no possible way of escape for them. The sea was before them, the rugged mountain on one side and the Egyptian host coming behind.

What should they do? To flee was impossible. Terror filled their hearts. Instead of turning to the Lord, who had lately performed such wonders for them, they found fault with Moses, as though it were his work in bringing them out of bondage, and that he was not working under the express command of God.

But Moses had learned to trust God, and he said: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord."

And the Lord did work for them, notwithstanding their unbelief. The word came, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The pillar of cloud which had led them to this place, rose up, passed over, and settled between them and the Egyptians and became a cloud of light to the Israelites, but dense darkness to their enemies.

According to the divine command, Moses stretched out his rod over the sea, and a road was made for them to pass over, but their enemies following were overthrown in the midst of the sea.

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land." If they had not shown their faith by going down to the water's edge the Lord never would have opened the way for them.

Here is a lesson for the Lord's people in these last days. It seems very hard, sometimes, to do what we know to be right, to trust the Lord implicitly. We must not wait to see our way clear, but walk out upon the naked word of God.

God is calling a people out of Egypt now—out of sin into the glorious light of the third angel's message—a people who will leave all murmuring and com-

plaining behind them, and unitedly press on to the heavenly Canaan.

When we feel the Red Sea of difficulties and trials almost engulfing us, let us remember the Lord says to us as well as to his ancient people, "My grace is sufficient for you,—go forward."

Though darkness seems to hide thy way,
And Satan tries thy steps to stay,
Go forward.
Oh! fainting one, when trials arise,
Look up! at last you'll gain the prize;
Go forward.

A. J. H.

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THE SUMMER SCHOOL AND INSTITUTE

AUGUST 24th closed one of the largest, the most interesting, and the most profitable gatherings of colored mission school teachers ever held in the South. This gathering was at the Oakwood Manual Training School, Huntsville, Ala. The instruction given took the form of a teachers' summer school, running from June 1 to August 3. From August 4 to 24 the summer school was merged into a teachers' institute. Never, perhaps, was a more earnest set of workers seen anywhere.

During the past few years there have been four institutes held for the colored teachers, and all of these have helped the teachers to recognize the fact that their work is one; and that in the common responsibilities there is a bond of sympathy, even though each might have special problems to deal with.

It was pleasing to note the emphasis placed upon one ideal—the hope for greater and better progress in the mission school work. The free discussions, the interchange of experiences, were greatly appreciated, and helpful points were treasured by all. Enjoyable as was the hospitality of the Oakwood School managers, yet, it was evident that the teachers were not gathered together for social reasons only; but each teacher was bent on getting a firm grasp upon ideas, methods, and principles to carry back to his home for the assistance of the next forward movement in the educational work.

As our educational system grows, numerous questions arise and confront our mission school teachers. Experiences multiply and become varied. To meet the situation, more thoroughly educated and better trained minds are required. Our youth must be quickly and thor-

oughly prepared to answer calls for service in the Master's great harvest-field. Our mission teachers generally seem to be awake to the demands of the hour; and they are endeavoring to raise the level of their intelligence and fitness, that the product of their schools may successfully meet the great issues that are just ahead of us. It is very clear, therefore, that the fundamental purpose of the gathering was to find how the teachers might best serve the interests of the great army of youth among us.

M. C. S.

REPORTS**OKLAHOMA CAMP-MEETING**

I REACHED the camp-meeting in Oklahoma City, September 2, and found the largest attendance of any of the camp-meetings I have attended this season.

The general expression was that they were having an excellent meeting.

Mission work received its due attention, and several offered themselves for service.

After Elder O. A. Olsen spoke of the needs of the work in other lands and the principles of love and sacrifice that should be among God's remnant people, an offering was taken for the foreign work.

I was glad to meet several of our colored brethren here, and Sunday morning after speaking on the work of the department, Brother Lightner was set apart to the work of the gospel ministry. We are glad for every addition to our working force, as our numbers are so few to carry this message to the multitudes of colored people.

A. J. HAYSMER.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

I AM so glad that it has been made possible for the city of Detroit to mingle her voice of praise in the great choir of the GOSPEL HERALD.

As I go from house to house, I am impressed with the fact more than ever before that Ethiopia has indeed cried unto God; and is still crying. Neither are her cries in vain. The city of Detroit is somewhat different from most cities. It seems to be the hotbed of modern isms; and appears more like that city where Satan's seat is. But I am of strong courage in the Lord, and believe that even in

Detroit there are those who have not yet bowed their knees to Baal.

My work is largely from house to house, which is the most effective way of getting the truth before the people; yet we hope to have, in the near future, a place where we can invite people to come for a deeper study of the Word.

We have in this city about one hundred and fifty who regard the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord. They simply regard it as being such, not keeping it. Among this number, there are something like a dozen or more companies, who have their own teachings

peculiar to themselves. One class claims to have the gift of tongues, and another the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and another something else, and so on. While there are many members of the different classes which I have mentioned who are quite bigoted in their way, yet there are those who feel that there is something else they ought to know, that they do not have. I have many interesting experiences that time and space will not permit me to write, but trust that my next report will be more inspiring and interesting. Remember the work in Detroit.

J. W. OWENS.

THE OAKWOOD SCHOOL

GRADUATION EXERCISES

ACCORDING to appointment, the graduation exercises of the Oakwood School were held on the evenings of August 23 and 24. The weather was delightful and everything passed off as well as could be expected. Seven graduates finished courses as follows: E. A. Dent, the academic; John Green, the elementary Biblical; Mabelle G. Mason and Willie G. Washington, the teachers' course.

A temporary platform was built for the occasion just in front of Study Hall. The arch and the side rails of the rostrum were daintily festooned with bunting, and overlapping all were cedar boughs nicely arranged. Many flowers, such as are grown on the Oakwood School farm, added their beauty and fragrance. The friendly light of the Chinese lanterns and hanging lamps added good cheer to the pretty, but inexpensive decorations, and enabled all to read the beautiful Class Motto, "Forgetfulness of Self for the Good of Others," which hung in the background.

On Tuesday evening the class did themselves credit by rendering an interesting program, consisting in most part of music and addresses, to an appreciative audience. John Green and E. A. Dent gave talks, the former speaker emphasizing the need of perseverance in the great problems of life, and the latter clearly pointed out the necessity of a sound education, as a stepping-stone to a successful career. Hattie Nance, in a very interesting manner, gave the salutatory address, and Willie Washington rehearsed the history of the class. Josie Green rendered an interesting recitation. Linnie Ellis and Mabelle Mason added

much to the musical part of the program.

The chief feature of the program on the second evening was the commencement address delivered by Eld. C. F. McVagh, which was interesting and inspiring to those about to leave school and take up the actual duties of life. The speaker noted the importance of a good, practical education, and encouraged the graduates to go forth with the determination of making life a success by paying attention to the little things, and relying wholly on God for success.

Following the address of Elder McVagh the principal, W. J. Blake, presented diplomas to the graduates, urging them to realize that the most important thing in their experiences of life will be the formation of character.

Following the singing of an appropriate song and the benediction, the audience dispersed, thus closing a very profitable and interesting evening.

It is a source of satisfaction to know that these young people have been faithful in their studies and have been able to finish their courses. As they go out into the great harvest-field to take up the various duties assigned them, we wish them success, and pray that God may direct them in all their work. They can but succeed if they but carry out their class motto. May God give them grace and courage of convictions to always look away from self to others with a view of becoming a blessing to all with whom they associate.

W. J. BLAKE, *Prin.*

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"THE soul of the diligent shall be made fat."

SCHOOL ITEMS

STUDENTS and faculty are just now enjoying a brief vacation, but it will only be a short one for class work will be resumed on September 18th, when the new term opens.

Dr. Martinson, superintendent of the Oakwood Sanitarium, has just returned to the school after a pleasant and profitable visit to the North Carolina and Cumberland camp-meetings.

The writer recently visited the camp-meeting held at Greenville, Miss., in the interest of the educational work, and found an interesting meeting in progress. Various lines of work were considered, and undoubtedly the Greenville camp-meeting will add much strength to the work in that part of the field.

The institute work closed August 24th with a very interesting social meeting. The consensus of opinion, as expressed by the teachers themselves, seems to be that the institute just closed, has been the best, by far, of any ever held at Oakwood. The work was of a practical nature, such as will be of special help to the teacher in school-room duties. Examinations were held at the close, and the teachers who passed were granted certificates.

Several students have recently left us to take up work in various parts of the field. While we miss their presence at chapel, and in many other ways, yet we are glad they are able to go out from us and bear greater responsibilities in the field.

John Green has gone home on a visit, preparatory to going to Florida to enter the ministerial work.

Essie and Felicia Palmer have gone to Florida to engage in school work.

Mabelle Mason has charge of an interesting school in Asheville, N. C.

Willie Washington is teaching in Decatur, Ala.

Josie Green-Dent is now visiting her parents in Natchez, Miss., but expects to enter school work in the near future.

Katie Baker is teaching in Ellisville, Miss.

Hattie Nance is at home, at present, but will take up nursing soon.

We wish these laborers success in the various lines of work in which they are engaged.

A very quiet wedding took place in the Sanitarium parlor on the evening of August 27th at which time Ernest Dent and Josie Green were united in marriage.

by Professor Halliday. The school extends congratulations, and wishes the new couple a happy and prosperous life.

We were very glad, recently, to welcome back to our school three former students, Herbert and Clarence Crowe and E. E. Dolloway. We also note the arrival of Thos. H. Bailey, of Asheville, N. C., and Roscoe Watkins, of Toano, Va.

Our industrial departments have presented busy scenes of activity the past few days. A good force has been filling the silo. The cannery has been running full capacity, preserving the apple crop.

Those in charge of the printing office are busy getting out an edition of "The Practical Reader."

On the evening of the twenty-second an interesting program was rendered by the musical department, which has been under the able directions of Miss Ida Dunlap during the past year. At the close of the exercises, "Certificates of Promotion" were granted to those completing the various grades on the organ or piano. Grades from one to four have been completed the past year.

Miss Dunlap, who has efficiently carried the music department the past two years, has severed her connection with the work at the school and gone to her home in Michigan to enjoy a much needed, and well earned rest.

W. J. BLAKE.

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Not a man of Jehoshaphat's great army did anything save to go out and gather up the spoils. "They were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much." And on the fourth day they had a praise meeting and went home singing praises to God. This is one of the greatest victories recorded in the Bible. 2 Chron. 20: 20-34.

The account of this battle can be studied with a great deal of profit, as there are many practical lessons taught in it. One, and perhaps the most important, is that there is more power to prevail with God in prayer and praise, than in the mightiest army ever assembled on earth. It is nothing with God to help, whether with few or many, and to his people he says, "Be of good courage, and I will strengthen thine heart."

S. N. HASKELL.

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General Matter

THE BATTLES OF THE BIBLE

SINGING WARRIORS

THERE are many strange things recorded in the Bible, and one is, that good King Jehoshaphat, who had an army of over one million warriors, did not dare trust them to go out to battle without *first* being directed by the Lord. He realized that his strength was not in human agencies, that victory was "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Jehoshaphat had an army of five divisions. The first division of three hundred thousand men was under Adnah; they were mighty men of valor. The next was under Jehohanan, who was captain over two hundred and eighty thousand men. Then came "Amasiah the son of Zichri who willingly offered himself . . . with two hundred thousand mighty men of valor." Then came "Eliada, a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield, two hundred thousand." Then came "Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war." These waited on the king, besides those whom the king had in the fenced cities throughout Judah. Here was an army of 1,160,000 men, besides many more in the cities who would defend their homes; yet, with all this army, he dared not go out to battle without special direction from the Lord. 2 Chron. 17: 12-19.

Jehoshaphat's prayer on this occasion is recorded in 2 Chron. 20: 1-13. It

shows, that while he had this vast army, his entire dependence was on the Lord God of heaven, who rules over the kingdoms of the earth, and in whose hand is everything; and that there is nothing that can withstand God.

In answer to this prayer the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel, who arose and gave specific instructions as to how to conduct the battle. He told them *when* to go to battle, and just *where* they would find the enemy: "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; fear not, nor be dismayed: tomorrow go out against them; for the Lord will be with you." 2 Chron. 20: 14-18. A man that did not believe the prophet gave the message from God, would have ridiculed the idea of not fighting after they had gathered such a great army; but the prophet's directions were followed.

Jehoshaphat's last words to his army before the battle were, "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established: believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

He arranged the singers to go before the army and gave them these words to sing: "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever!"

"When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord sent ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah, and they were smitten."

WHY SHOULD MEN STUDY THE BIBLE

BY CLAYTON SEDGWICK COOPER

The Eye Sinks Inward

BIBLE study corrects our individual standards and measurements. It spreads out before us God's plan for human existence. It helps men to put first things first; to see big things big, and small things small. A habit of Bible study is a daily hint that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." To the Bible men have come in all times to find those life visions where, in Matthew Arnold's words:—

"The eye sinks inward, and the heart lies plain,

And what we say we mean, and what we would, we know.

A man becomes aware of his life's flow,
And hears its winding murmur; and he sees
The meadows where it glides, the sun, the breeze

And then he thinks he knows
The hills where his life rose,
And the sea where it goes."

No Longer Chained to the Altar

To be sure, the Bible is no longer chained to the altar as in the medieval days, but it has not really come to its own among the thinking men of the church. As yet a beginning only has been made. In certain sections of our own country we find a lack of Bible study among men in the church which is fairly pitiable. In short, it would be almost a misnomer to speak of it as Bible study. In many churches one is

impressed not so much with a wrong method of Bible study as the entire neglect of the whole question. In the minds of many men the Bible is still a recondite granary of mystifying and other-worldly facts. By many the Book has never really been discovered as a modern guide to personal living, or a practical motive to service.

Must Get Its Men Interested

In some way the church must get its men interested in the Bible. This task, like other important tasks, is not easy. As we visit churches in various parts of the world, the question arises: How many pastors and leaders have really tried to enlist men in the study of this Book? The interesting of men in the Bible involves able and courageous leadership, the study of methods, Bible courses and literature, business ability, money, sacrifice, patience, and, beneath all, an unquenchable conviction that God's revelation in his Word is eternally worth while.

A Question That Must Be Answered

The church needs able, broad-minded, godly men to teach the Bible in men's Bible classes, in the Bible school, and in connection with discussion groups outside the churches. Who will be responsible for the bringing of the Bible to thoughtful young men? This is a question which must be answered by thoughtful laymen of the church, by students in our colleges, by college graduates, and by the modern ministry. Here is a calling of great importance—a teaching ministry. To popularize and dignify the Bible in the hearts of young men is one of the church's opportunities in this generation. Without real Bible study the church loses objective and spiritual dynamic. To the church primarily the Bible is the Book of life.

Increasing Faith in the Common Gospel

Above all the voices of our own times one discerns the call for character. Politics, business, commerce, and religion are under the search-light of moral reform. A new and wide-spread reassessment of men's characters and motives is now proceeding. There never was a greater demand than at present for men whose honesty and devotion are not measurable in dollars and cents. Among men who really shape the creeds and the progress of nations, there is decreasing faith in that mam-

mon gospel which Carlyle said was "driven by galvanism and possessed by the devil."

Has Worn Well

The Bible is the first book upon ethics. The moral codes of the Christian Scriptures have worn well and are still operative. Righteousness, which continues to be the eternal foundation of nations, is the groundwork of the Bible. The Bible strikes down injustice and wrong wherever these are found. It is the book of right, of integrity, of sincerity, and reality. Its words are "true, and righteous altogether."

Assists in Character Building

The Bible assists in character-forming because it reveals us to ourselves as we really are. It is peculiarly personal. The response of the soul to the Bible message is "search me, O God, and know my heart." Herein lie the riches of a personal daily habit of Bible study. Coleridge says, "The Bible inspires me." Carlyle regarded true greatness as depending entirely upon the capacity of the individual for moral and spiritual development. The message of the Scriptures is directly related, not only to spiritual truth, but to that truth in personal application.

Helps Men in Moral Battles

The Bible makes character by helping men fight their moral battles. It shows men their real battle-ground, which is not always a battle of dollars. It paints sin as it is. It reveals life roughened by tragedies. But it not only points out the rocks in life's voyage, it keeps men steady at the wheel when there are no sun or stars in sight. The Psalms of David have saved many a shipwrecked soul with their songs in the night. A student told me recently that the following words redeemed his life: "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand."

Adds Force to the Will

It is, however, by giving added force to the will that the Bible especially strengthens character. Many a biography has been the tragic story of a high endowment but an insufficient will. What a man has power to will and to do, and continues to do, decides his destiny. John Foster describes character as that "which expresses the habitual tenor of a man's active being."

Reason for Renewed Bible Interest

No man can read and study the Bible with regularity without feeling a new decision gathering force in his life. A friend of mine has the habit of rushing to his New Testament in times of temptation and reading two chapters which invariably fortify his resistance force. There is sufficient reason for the renewed Bible interest of to-day in the fact that the Bible has always been associated with the formation and growth of decisive Christian character.—*Homiletic Review*.

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CHRISTIAN HELP WORK

THERE was a time when many of our churches had organized bands in order to more effectively and systematically carry forward relief and personal work from house to house by means of regular visits. These visits were made according to the seeming needs of the case and the degree of interest manifested by the persons visited. This work accomplished much good to all concerned, and many have accepted the message as a result. Some of our churches are still working in this way. It is hoped that the good work will be generally revived among us, and that personal work will be done wherever opportunity is given.

God is no respecter of persons; and we should pass by no individual or house as unworthy of the overtures of mercy, with which the gospel of the kingdom is freighted in these closing hours of human probation. In the homes of the wealthy, one may often learn of people who are weary of the so-called charms and pleasures of the world, and thus be able to point them to the joys that never fade and the realities of the things which are not seen. Frequently people of this class know of persons who are in real distress through sickness, sorrow, or business reverses, and, while hesitating themselves to offer comfort and relief to them, they will gladly encourage us to do so, and often co-operate with us in the work through financial aid, which they cheerfully offer, and personal influence which they have over others, who in turn are willing to assist us. Such visits, where true love prompts the word or deed, are almost sure to win the esteem and favor of the family, and thus open the way for readings and special studies, which make plain the way that leads to eternal life.

Through the spirit of prophecy, our attention has been called to the opportunities which will be open to medical missionaries when other means shall have failed. To be able, at that time, to accomplish what we will earnestly desire, will mean that we have previously become familiar with medical missionary methods, or Christian help work, and gained an experience in it by doing it. Hence the importance of studying and doing now what lies in our power.

Some try to excuse themselves from regular evangelical missionary work, trusting it all to the regularly appointed workers; but no such pretense of excuse will stand. Every one must be a soul-winner. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Thus, also, it must be in medical missionary work, which, by the way, is only the teachings of Jesus exemplified. While nurses and physicians should feel keenly the solemn and sacred responsibilities of this work, they could not if they would—and should not if they could—release any one, even a child, from individual responsibility in ministering relief and comfort to the afflicted and dying as far as it lies in his power.

Therefore, it behooves every one of us to become familiar with the blessed ministry of healing, and then to practise what we profess and possess, at the same time enlightening our friends and neighbors concerning the perils of the last days; and also, to minister to the sick and dying in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And one of the very best means to assist us and our neighbors in experiencing the blessedness of true, loving, and effective Christian help work is to place in their hands for study and practise a copy of the "Ministry of Healing," which is so replete with precepts and examples of the Medical Missionary Healer of Nazareth, who died that we might live; who lives that we might reign.

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NO MERIT BUT CHRIST'S

HEATHENISM teaches that a person can be saved by his own merits or those of the saints, or that such merits are instrumental in securing his salvation; but Christianity teaches that salvation is secured through the merits of Christ alone. The truth is beautifully expressed in the

following words from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White:—

"Christ accepts the surrender of the soul. He has pledged himself to be our substitute and surety, and he neglects no one. *There is an inexhaustible fund of perfect obedience accruing from his obedience.* How is it that such an infinite treasure is not appreciated? In heaven the merits of Christ, his self-denial and self-sacrifice, are treasured up as incense to be offered up with the prayers of his people. As sincere humble prayers ascend to the throne of God, Christ mingles with them the merits of his life of perfect obedience. *Our prayers are made fragrant by this incense.* Christ has pledged himself to intercede in our behalf, and the Father always hears his Son. Pray then without ceasing; an answer is sure to come. But let me speak in warning. 'If any man regard iniquity in his heart, the Lord will not hear him.'"

STATISTICAL

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN MISSION SABBATH-SCHOOLS

For the Quarter Ending June 30, 1910

<i>Louisiana—</i>				
	Membership	Offerings	Expenses	Missions
Dickard	9	.05	.05	.....
Newellton	22	1.05	....	1.05
New Orleans	47	9.28	....	9.28
<i>Alabama—</i>				
Gadsden	16	5.61	.81	4.80
Birmingham	39	11.99	...	11.99
Mobile	11	3.51	1.84	1.67
Selma	4	2.00	...	2.00
Sylacauga	47	5.36	...	5.36
Pensacola	45	15.31	....	15.31
Huntsville	70	22.20	....	22.20
Montgomery	37	8.15	....	8.15
<i>Mississippi—</i>				
Clarksdale	18	8.68	....	8.68
Greenville	11	2.23	....	2.23
Vicksburg	32	3.21	1.13	2.08
Soso	14	2.06	....	2.06
Brookhaven	14	1.00	....	1.00
Yazoo City	21	7.46	....	7.46
Natchez	21	3.07	.42	2.65
<i>Tennessee—</i>				
Nashville	22	5.32	....	5.32
Memphis	35	7.02	....	7.02
<i>Kentucky—</i>				
Louisville	20	3.40	1.85	1.55
Lexington	16	4.97	4.97	.....
Home Schools...	13	4.11	....	4.11
Totals	584	\$137.04	\$11.07	\$125.97

This report shows us that sixteen of the twenty-three schools, are on the

"honor roll." We are glad to see such a goodly number falling into line, and we hope it will not be long before all will enjoy the honor of giving their entire offering for missions instead of donating most of it to themselves.

Four schools from Mississippi, Jackson, Columbus, Greenwood, and Signal, and one from Alabama, Decatur, failed to send in a report. We hope the schools will see that all reports are sent in next quarter. Help your secretary to remember.

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE,
S. S. Secretary.

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SOUTHERN UNION MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1910

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Birmingham, Ala.	\$ 81 57
Clarksdale, Miss.	34 05
Columbus, Miss.	6 20
Decatur, Ala.	22 62
Edgefield, Tenn.	3 00
Gadsden, Ala.	19 00
Georgiana, Ala.	3 99
Greenville, Miss.	12 88
Greenwood, Miss.	10 00
Hattiesburg, Miss.	15 50
Individuals	41 10
Jackson, Miss.	20 32
Lexington, Ky.	75 15
Louisville, Ky.	38 84
Memphis, Tenn.	47 51
Mobile, Ala.	12 84
Montgomery, Ala.	61 46
Nashville, Tenn.	48 83
Natchez, Miss.	24 94
Newellton, La.	12 42
New Orleans, La.	114 60
Pensacola, Fla.	159 85
Signal, Miss.	3 00
Sylacauga, Ala.	20 99
Vicksburg, Miss.	12 57
Yazoo City, Miss.	45 47

Total\$948 70

TRUST FUNDS

Annual Offering	\$ 3 40
First-day Offerings	6 93
Harvest Ingathering	8 90
Missions	15 98
Orphanages	45
Religious Liberty	1 13
Sabbath-school Offerings	94 05
Self-denial	4 04

Total\$134 88

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At the Diocesan Convention of Southern Virginia, some weeks ago, the race question came up in a remarkable report that is worth telling.

In this report by Archdeacon Russell concerning the industrial school for colored boys and girls at Lawrenceville, it is shown that in twenty-two years not one of its three thousand pupils has ever been before a magistrate or had a collision with a white person, and that in that county where the negroes number three to two whites, the greater part of the year the jail is without a prisoner and that the negro problem there is solved.

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OF NATIONAL INTEREST

"WHAT will Georgia do with Hoke Smith's candidacy for the governorship?" asks the Springfield Republican of August 25. "The answer returned to this question at the Democratic primaries should be of national interest," continues that paper. Here is an abridgment of his latest speech by the Atlanta Georgian:—

"He not only was glad of the negro

disfranchisement, but he went further and favored the repeal of the 14th and 15th amendments to the federal Constitution, which would take away from the negro all over the country the right to vote. He thought the matter should be carried so far that the negro should be removed from competition with the white laborer and that racial supremacy should be established by law complete in every respect. He did not believe, he said, the negro was a white man with a black skin, but a creature entirely distinct and different to the white man, to whom he was an inferior. He talked along this line for several minutes, being frequently interrupted with loud and hearty applause.

"There could, of course, be but one outcome of the Hoke Smith program as here plotted—the restoration of negro slavery in Georgia. The success of Smith at the primaries this week obviously means that the majority of Democrats in Georgia favor a return substantially to slavery for the colored race."

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TO THE MISSION SCHOOL TEACHERS

THOSE who would like song-books and clothing to use in their work will please write me, as there are those who are ready to send these things, but we do not know those in need of such help.

A. J. HAYSMER,
61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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NOTICE

CAMP-MEETING for central and northern Alabama district will be held at Gadsden, Alabama, beginning September 22. A good attendance is much desired of all believers in this section. We hope to see a large number from the churches at Montgomery, Birmingham, Selma, Gadsden, and Sylacauga present, as well as all isolated Sabbath-keepers. Come and invite your friends.

For further information, address T. B. Buckner, Cove Avenue and East Street, Birmingham, Ala.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

WE are pleased to state that in spite of the opposing foes, God is blessing our feeble efforts. We can safely report, that we have at this writing four for baptism, and many apparently interested as a result of house-to-house efforts.

Our tent is located between two op-

posing tents. These have attracted many that might have visited our meetings. We are contemplating a change of location. This will be our second location.

We are of good courage. Pray for the success of the work at this place.

S. A. JORDAN,
N. B. KING.

August 7, 1910.

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THE PROTESTANT MAGAZINE

THERE is something associated with the Protestant Magazine that causes people to be interested in it. To illustrate: A party received a sample copy of Liberty that contained an ad. for the Protestant Magazine. This ad. so impressed this party that he took it without a copy of the Protestant Magazine and solicited subscriptions for the Protestant, and succeeded in securing eighteen yearly subscriptions for the Protestant Magazine from this ad. alone.

Another party examined for a few minutes a copy of the Protestant Magazine that a friend had. He sent his subscription direct to the publishers, and was very particular to have all the back numbers from the very beginning, and desired his subscription set forward for two years in advance.

Another party picked up a part of a copy of the Protestant Magazine on the street. The part he read was so interesting to him that he sent in his subscription, finding the address on the part of the paper he found.

The Protestant Magazine contains the very core of the third angel's message. It seems to have the power to arrest the attention of the people. We believe the message it contains will work upon the minds and hearts of many.

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OBITUARY

HOLLEE.—Died at Vicksburg, Miss., July 6, 1910, Mrs. Mary Ann Hollee, at the age of more than ninety years. Sister Hollee lost her physical sight some years before her death, but her spiritual perception was better than that of many who think they see clearly. She embraced present truth some years ago under the labors of Brother Page Shepard, and remained faithful until the end of her life. She expressed a desire to see Jesus, and was ready to lie down to rest until he shall come.

CHAS. A. WILSON.