

THE GOSPEL HERALD



Volume VII/

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, JANUARY, 1911

Number 1

THE NEW YEAR

The new year is all before me,
'Tis a blank page, clean and white.
Just what it holds in store for me
Is hidden from my sight.
But this I know, I need not mar
Nor soil the God-given page;
For he will guide aright my hand
Who lives from age to age.
The past is gone beyond recall,
I cannot live it o'er;
And yet I may redeem the time,
And serve him evermore.
O God, I will that thou shalt guide
My wayward feet this year;
That thou shalt choose my path for me,
My duty make quite clear.
I'd humbly walk with thee, my God,
Thy counsel I would take;
I'd learn of thee from day to day:
Thou makest no mistake.

— C. P. Bollman.

"GOD IS STRONGER THAN ALL THE POWERS OF THE FALLEN FOE"

My mind has been burdened over the matter of writing on Old Testament history. I am troubled to see my brethren and sisters bringing into the daily life so little Bible truth. In order for us to be overcomers we must realize that there is a battle to be fought. We rejoice to know that through the strengthening power of God's grace we are sure to win. God is stronger than all the powers of the fallen foe.

The apostle Paul says: "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity (love)." In all our words and acts these three Christian graces are to be interwoven. "The greatest of these is love." If we will cultivate Christ-like love, we can have this grace in large measure.

The early Christian church left their first love. To John on the Isle of Patmos was given the message: "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write:

These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candle sticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

As members of God's remnant church, we must pray with firm faith for the gift of the grace of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law, and is manifested altogether too little among those upon whom has been shining great light. Genuine religion is life and light to every believer.

The Christian graces are given not as ornaments to win admiration, but as talents to be used in accomplishing a work for God. We are to heed the words of Paul, "Quit you like men, be strong." "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of right-

eousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; and above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there-unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

If it was impossible for us to meet these requirements, they would never have been given. In divine grace there is a wonderful power. It can subdue the outbursts of passion in professing believers.

No one should ever permit his mind to get into such a state that he will speak the words prompted by Satan. To accuse the brethren, to discourage them in their work, is to personify Satan and to be his helping hand by putting into the minds of others the evil leaven of criticism, as leaven is put into meal. This evil leaven, so thoughtlessly introduced, leavens the whole lump. The apostle Paul says: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord, looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

How long will those who claim to be Christians tolerate the evil of listening to the criticisms of their brethren, and in turn, communicate these criticisms to others, thus strengthening one another in an evil work? How long will they question the good work that is being done by a few, and stand in the way as hindrances? To clear the pathway of accumulated rubbish placed there by accusers of the brethren takes precious

time, and robs faithful workers of their strength and hope and faith. God's work can be carried on among unbelievers with far greater success than among those who, like the Pharisees, desire to have all things shaped and carried on in accordance with their ideas and preferences.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE WORK

No chosen laborer of God is above house-to-house work.

The great apostle to the Gentiles said in his final charge to the elders of the church of Ephesus, "I have kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to

the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

House-to-house work stands on an equality with laboring in public. To labor publicly and not engage in house-to-house work, would be doing the work of the Lord negligently. He not only labored from house to house, but taught the elders how to do it. This was not in theory merely, but showed them how to do it. Every public laborer should do this. There are many who can do this that cannot labor publicly. Women can do this successfully. It was in this way the women labored with the apostles. There are thousands of both men and women who can do this successfully who cannot labor publicly. No one is exempt from this kind of labor. It is the social talk by the fireside that wins hearts.

—Bible Training School.

BIBLE STUDIES.

HEALTH

I

3 John 1:2. The Lord wishes us to be in health. He is as willing to give health as to forgive sins.

Mark 2: 5-11. The healing of the soul and body are closely related.

Psa. 103: 3. There is no disease beyond the power of God to heal.

Ex. 15:26. Obedience to God will protect from disease.

Jer. 17: 14. When the Lord heals, the work is perfectly done.

Deut. 34:7. Freedom from disease does not insure freedom from death.

Gen. 25: 8; 35:29. There is no mention of sickness or disease in connection with the death of many of the patriarchs; they filled their years and were laid to rest.

Job. 2: 3-8. A perfect life will not insure against disease. God sometimes permits sickness to come upon an individual if thereby His glory can be manifested more fully.

It is never safe to say sickness is a sure sign that the sufferer has sinned, for like Job's friends we may be sadly mistaken.

2 Cor. 12:7; Gal. 4: 13, 14. Sickness is sometimes given as a bond to draw the individual nearer to the Lord.

2 Tim. 1: 5; 1 Tim. 5:23. Timothy was a man of faith and yet had "often infirmities."

God permits sickness to draw one nearer to him; but he is often disappointed.

Isa. 39:1-8. Hezekiah's sickness and recovery.

Isa. 39: 1-8. Instead of magnifying God in it, he exalted himself.

Luke 13: 1-5. If we say a person is a sinner because sickness or misfortune comes upon them, they may be less guilty than their accusers.

Matt. 8: 16, 17. Christ has borne our sicknesses as well as our sins, and every soul that claims the promises may be free from disease, if it is for their best good and God's glory.

HEALTH

II

1 Cor. 6: 19, 20. Our body has been purchased as a dwelling place for God's Spirit.

John 2: 18-21. Sinners cannot appreciate this precious truth.

1 Cor. 3: 16, 17. Man may defile the body temple.

Dan. 1: 8. By eating improper food we may defile the body.

1 Cor. 10: 31. We should eat to the glory of God.

Luke 21: 34-36. Take heed to the quantity and quality of food taken. One may surfeit on good food. Improper food causes drunkenness.

Eccl. 10: 17. Eat in due season for strength.

Isa. 55: 2. Money spent for improper food is wasted. Take delight in eating good food.

Job. 36: 16. "That which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness."

Lev. 7: 23. The fat of animals is strictly forbidden.

Deut. 32: 14. Eat the "fat of kidneys of wheat."

Psa. 81: 16. (margin) Psa. 147: 14. (margin.)

Prov. 23: 1-3. What is often considered "dainties" is "deceitful" food.

Psa. 103: 5. It is possible to have one's mouth satisfied with good food, so there will be no desire for deceitful dainties.

Isa. 7: 14, 15. The Saviour himself was perfected by the control of His appetite.

Prov. 24: 13. Eat honey. It is good.

Prov. 25: 16. Be guarded in eating it.

Prov. 25: 27. Too much is not good. In the above texts, is a rule that will regulate the use of sweet foods.

Prov. 15: 17; 17: 1; Prov. 17: 22; Eccl. 9: 7. The state of mind while partaking of the food has much to do with the appetite.

Luke 12: 35-37. The redeemed will partake of food in the kingdom of God.

— Bible Training School.

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION

NOTES

ELLISVILLE Mission School had a fine Thanksgiving program, which was much appreciated by the public; and words of praise were given the work.

Elder T. B. Buckner is now in New Orleans where he will labor in the future. He visited Soso, Mississippi, on his way from Birmingham to New Orleans, and had a profitable meeting and baptized one soul who was added to the number there.

Mobile reports a live interest, and looks for successful work to develop this winter.

Pensacola teachers have created such an interest that they ask for a minister, for a few weeks, at once.

The teachers at Natchez have prepared the ground on the school property, with the children's help, and put out 1000 strawberry plants.

Vicksburg workers have plans in operation which will enable them to paint their building.

Clarksdale School is again opened and

success is sure to follow, because of faithful work on the part of teachers and members there.

All of our teachers are progressive workers. Many of them are spending their evenings in canvassing for our good books.

F. R. ROGERS, Field Sec'y.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

MRS. DASENT joined me in Louisville, Kentucky, in August, and about six weeks later, we were asked to make Birmingham, Ala. our field of labor.

We left Louisville, Oct. 21, and on our way down, we stayed five days in Nashville, and became acquainted with the believers and workers there. We were exceedingly pleased to meet with Mrs. Haysmer, who with her husband labored for many years in the West Indies, my native country.

At the Rock City Sanitarium, we found Dr. Blake and her assistants doing good work.

We reached our destination Oct. 26, safe and well. It did not take me long, after my acquaintance with the members of the church, to see that there is a great work before us; and in performing this work, we shall have to face many difficulties. However, we have sought, and are yet seeking the help and direction of the Lord in all things, so that He may have all the praise for whatever success attends us.

I find there is too much "I" in the work of the Lord, and the quicker we can get out of self into Christ the better it will be for us and the work.

"Not I but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted."

We spent the first Sabbath of the week of prayer in prayer and fasting, and a blessed time we had with the Lord. All the believers here, as far as I know, made that week a "week of prayer." The readings were soul-stirring, and as I read of the progress of the message throughout the world, I thanked God and took courage. For these ten years I have been waiting the return of the Lord, and it has been a time of fighting, and I am truly glad to know the battle is almost over.

Our little church in Smithfield, West Birmingham, in which no regular night services have been held for over a year, was opened and lighted each

night of the week of prayer. The attendance was good and we hope to continue night meetings.

It is much colder here than it is in our native country, but we are standing the climate fine, and keeping well. We are all of good courage. Pray for us that we may prove faithful in all things.

J. S. DASENT.

DOTHAN AND MONTGOMERY

DURING my stay at Dothan, I held services every night, and had access to the homes of the people, to give them Bible readings from morning till night. The power of the Lord was manifested during all the meetings.

As the result of these meetings, twelve earnest persons signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God. In the number mentioned, are a Baptist preacher, a lady school teacher, and a store-keeper. Some of the new ones are also learning to eat and drink to God's glory.

I had several encouraging experiences at this place and shall mention one, which may be of interest to all.

It was my privilege to gain the attention of a certain man, who had made no religious profession. He was convinced of the Sabbath, but felt unworthy to keep the Lord's day while using tobacco. I saw that he was almost persuaded, and I felt that it was time for the Lord to work. At my request he knelt and I offered a fervent prayer that God might give him the victory. After prayer I left, promising to call again later.

When I arrived that evening, he told me that he threw his pipe into the fire after I left him, and had planned to give away all the tobacco he had in his possession. I advised him to burn it. This he did, and then signed the covenant. This brother is growing stronger and is a surprise to many.

I returned to Montgomery in time to conduct the services of the Week of Prayer. We had a precious time. The whole church consecrated themselves anew to God, and promised to be more faithful in giving the Lord his own.

At the last meeting, Dec. 17th, two of our new Sabbath-keepers united with the church, subject to baptism;

also a liberal offering for foreign missions was taken.

In a few days I shall again visit Dothan, and spend about two weeks with the new Sabbath-keepers.

Dear readers, when you approach the throne of grace, please remember us in your prayers.

"Lord of harvest, send forth reapers!

Hear us Lord, to Thee we cry;

Send them now the sheaves to gather,

Ere the harvest time pass by."

GEO. E. PETERS.

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION

Treasurer's Report

For quarter ending Sept. 30, 1910.

Birmingham, Ala.	58.60
Brookhaven, Miss.	2.50
Clarksdale, Miss.	32.50
Columbus, Miss.	17.88
Decatur, Ala.	23.63
Edgefield, Tenn.	3.00
Gadsden, Ala.	36.98
Georgiana, Ala.	1.00
Greenwood, Miss.	15.47
Hattiesburg, Miss.	26.03
Individual,	118.76
Jackson, Miss.	38.50
Lexington, Ky.	44.00
Memphis, Tenn.	39.58
Mobile, Ala.	3.64
Montgomery, Ala.	39.03
Nashville, Tenn.	47.36
Natchez, Miss.	13.60
New Orleans, La.	68.50
Pensacola, Fla.	98.09
Richmond, Ky.	4.00
Sylacauga, Ala.	16.25
Vicksburg, Miss.	19.75
Yazoo City, Miss.	22.35
Total	791.09

Trust Funds

First-Day Offerings	6.61
Midsummer Offerings	61.25
Missions	6.79
\$150,000.00 Fund	1.00
Sabbath-School Offerings	114.13
Self-Denial	5.49
Total	195.75

P.E. PALMER, Treas.

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."

SYLACAUGA, ALA.

I SUPPOSE the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD would like to hear from the work in Sylacauga again, so I will write a brief report of the year's work.

We opened school Aug. 1, with thirteen students, and continued till the middle of Oct., when we closed about two weeks for cotton-picking. We opened again Nov. 1, and now have an enrolment of thirty-five.

While the year has been one of a discouraging nature in some respects, yet we have had constant reminders that we are under the benediction of Heaven.

We are conscious of mistakes, yet sincerely believe our gracious Master has covered and overruled them to his and our good.

During the year, I have had the pleasure of baptizing eight of our students.

We have in the home five earnest young people, four of whom were baptized this year. They represent four different states. They are rejoicing in the truth, and are learning, with their teachers, from actual experiences, the lessons of self-denial.

The Lord has blessed us with a dry fall for which we are very thankful, because some of the buildings need new roofs. This is especially true of the school building. But we have realized from our missionary cotton patch this year about nine dollars, and with an addition of about twelve dollars, raised by the church, we expect to purchase and put on the shingles Christmas week.

Now if any of the readers of this paper wish to help this school by donations of cash, clothing, quilts, maps, etc., correspond with the North American Negro Department, 61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

D. V. BARNES.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

THE Lord has wonderfully blessed in the work in Pensacola. My heart swells with pride as I look into the faces of thirty boys and girls.

I opened school Sept. 12th, with nine pupils. By Oct. 14th the number had increased to twenty, and now I have thirty.

My grades are first, second, third, fourth, and sixth, some of the grades

having two divisions. Mrs. G. Hurley helps me with the little ones, two and one-half hours each morning.

With some exceptions, they are all bright in their studies, and eager to learn all they can. The children are especially interested in Bible, vocal music, and physiology.

One of my children, a little Catholic girl, asked to be excused from Bible, saying, "It is against the rule for us to study the Protestant Bible." I excused her that day, but next day, brought in the Bible lesson before she had finished her other lessons. Now she asks permission to study with the others.

We started the sewing classes the first week of school. The patrons are much pleased with the work in general, and no complaint has been made excepting that our books are "very dear."

There is a public school above us, but we have had no trouble with the children. Occasionally I hear one shouting "Seven Day's school!"

Our night school has three grades,—second, fourth, and seventh. The children of this school are members of the church.

Pensacola is a pretty little place, with its fragrant flowers, beautiful beach, and verdant fields. The sea-breezes are life-giving.

I am happy in my work, and God has blessed me. I am thankful for a part in this closing message, and am determined not to give my Master anything less than my best. My courage is good. I know there are always two in the Lord's work; for he says, "I will be with thee." Joshua 1: 5-9.

Remember us in your prayers. Yours for His glorious appearing.

LUCILE CARTER.

NOTES FROM THE ROCK CITY
SANITARIUM

SINCE our last writing, we have been doing quite a little house-to-house work, canvassing, selling papers, and giving Bible readings, and instructing along lines of healthful living. The results have been very gratifying. We feel certain, one sister, who has spent several Sabbaths with us in church, will take her stand for the truth.

A mothers' meeting has been organized, which meets at the Sanitarium every Monday afternoon; at the first meeting there were nearly thirty

present, among whom were the wives of some of the prominent ministers. All manifest quite an interest in the meetings, and we hope much good will be accomplished.

One of our patients visited a professor of Fiske University not long ago, and in conversation, the professor told of some physical ailments for which he had sought relief at the hands of physicians but without the desired result; this friend promptly recommended him to our place and methods.

Having been acquainted with our methods, he gladly accepted the invitation to give us a trial. He called up the same day, and made arrangements for a series of treatments; he has thus far taken fifteen and intends to continue them indefinitely; his improvement is very gratifying to himself, his friends, and relatives.

A week ago this gentleman brought his brother over and introduced him, and he too is having treatments daily; thus we see what one good satisfied, influential patient can do.

Our work is moving slowly, but surely—thank the Lord—like the little brooklet, gathering a few drops here and there until it develops into a flourishing stream, and then into a river. We believe our sanitarium will grow in usefulness and importance until it reaches the magnitude of a great beacon-light, from which the truths of the message will shine to bless those with whom it comes in contact.

D. E. BLAKE.

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

WRITE deep in your heart this New Year's Day this word of sublime confidence, Jehovah-Jireh. It tells you that you can trust God always, that no promises of his ever fails, that He doeth all things well, that out of seeming loss and destruction of human hopes, He brings blessings. You have not passed this way heretofore. There will be sorrows and joys, failures and successes, this year, just as there were last year. You cannot forecast individual experiences. You cannot see a step before your feet. Yet Jehovah-jireh calls you to enter the new year with calm trust. It bids you put away all anxiety and forebodings—"The Lord will provide." —Selected.

GENERAL

OAKWOOD SCHOOL ITEMS

THE work of Oakwood School is moving on very satisfactorily. We feel that we have enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord during the first term of 1910. The School has made advancement in several ways. The spiritual interest of the students has been strengthened; the class work has been interesting, and very thorough on the part of the majority of the students; progress in our improvement, and general farm work, has been apparent.

In addition to the grade work, we have conducted classes in Algebra, Geometry, Rhetoric, Bible Doctrines and Denominational History.

Miss. Taylor of Keene, Texas, has been added to the school faculty and is in charge of the music department.

Prof. and Mrs. Boyd are now in the North. The former is looking after some business interests of the school, while the latter is enjoying a well-earned vacation.

The autumn brought us beautiful weather, and we have been very successful in our harvest work. A large store of sweet potatoes is in the root house. The usual farm crops have been gathered; and in addition, we have raised a nice supply of flowering bulbs, which we expect to advertise for sale later.

We are glad to report that the orphanage building is now nearly inclosed. This work is under the supervision of Prof. Halliday.

Dr. Martinson and his student-carpenters are very busy, putting up the new dining-room and kitchen. By the time this reaches our readers, the building will be nearly inclosed. The structure will be a very creditable one and will add much to the comfort, and convenience of the boarding department. We have felt for a long time that this improvement should be added to our school equipment; and present indications are that its occupancy will not be long deferred.

Eld. A. J. Haysmer made the school a visit a short time ago. We are always glad to have him with us; but it seems that his recent coming was very timely, as he was with us during the

last two services of the week of prayer, and rendered valuable help in conducting these important meetings. He also gave a very helpful chapel talk the following Sunday evening, urging those, who had just taken an advance stand in Christian living, to put their trust in the Lord and in his Word.

The new term of school began Dec. 11, and arrangements have been made for the following new classes: Astronomy, Book-keeping, and Stenography. If there are other young people who would like to enter yet, they should make application immediately. We can accomodate more boys, and a few more girls, providing that they can pay their expenses in cash. Nothing is more important than a good preparation for the young man, or woman starting out on the difficult problems of life. We shall be glad to furnish all necessary information to all who will write us. Address: Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala.

W. J. BLAKE, PRIN.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT OAKWOOD

THE week of prayer was an interesting season at the Oakwood Manual Training School. Daily meetings were held. These services were attended by the faculty, and student-body. The Spirit of God was present to impress hearts with the great importance of not only hearing the word, but also of obeying it as well.

While these meetings increased in interest from the first to the last, the most interesting of all was the last sabbath service. Eld. Haysmer read the reading for the day, and made an earnest appeal to the unconverted, and discouraged ones. In response, about twenty of our students made a forward move in the service of the Lord. Some of these never had made a profession before. After an interesting testimony service, and an earnest season of prayer, the meeting was dismissed; and all went to their rooms, feeling that the Lord had blessed in a special manner.

W. J. BLAKE.

"If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer, for the most part, among our colored people.

We found a small, but faithful company at Cleburne, Texas; and the dear Lord came near us as we called upon him for help. This church has been reduced by the death of several of their members. We are planning to give them help.

From Cleburne, we went to Waco, Texas, where we have quite a number belonging to the church. This church has been going through a sad time, owing to difficulties among themselves; but we sought the Lord together, and He heard us, and came in by His good Spirit. Everything was confessed and put away. It was good to be there. A full corps of officers were elected for the church, Sabbath-School, and Young People's Society. We look for brighter days for the Waco church.

Our next stop was at Corsicana, Tex. One meeting was held with this church. Death has also claimed some of their number, but there are a faithful few.

Eld. Thomas DeFreeze was with me at the two last named places, and rendered good help. I met once with the church at Houston, Tex. Eld. M. S. Jones, and Bro. Gates, and their families live at this place, and God has given them a few souls during the past summer. These visits among our colored churches, have been a help to me, and their needs must be met in some way.

Now that Eld. DeFreeze has been asked to take up the work again, I hope that God will bless him much.

G. F. WATSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHILE in Washington, attending the General Conference Committee Meeting, I spoke twice to our colored church in Washington and once in Alexandria, Va. I found a nice company of earnest workers in each place.

Eld. W. H. Green is located in Washington, and is laboring hard to build up the work there. They are in great need of a permanent place for their services. We trust that plans may be laid so that they can soon have this. Let us all remember the work and workers at the Nation's Capital.

A. J. H.

NEW YORK CITY

THE readers of the GOSPEL HERALD will be glad to hear that the work in the great metropolis of America, New York City, is onward. Eld. J. K. Humphrey, with a faithful corps of workers, held a very successful tent effort there this last season, and a large company accepted present truth.

At the close of the effort, a fine three-story property was bought for a place of worship. This is nicely located so that two other churches meet with them. The cut shows part of the new believers and a portion of the building.

We expected a good report from Eld. Humphrey for this number of the HERALD, but it has not arrived, so we will expect it for our next number.

A. J. H.

PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE

Nov. 12 - 19, I spent in Philadelphia and Baltimore. I was glad to meet Eld. T. M. Branch and family who were just getting settled in the great city of Philadelphia. I do not know where there is a greater need, and better prospects for raising up a good strong church than in this city, with about 100,000 colored people.

Brother Branch seemed to be getting hold of the work, and laying plans to push it forward.

I spent two Sabbaths with the church in Baltimore. I found them of good courage and working with the Harvest Ingathering number of the "Review."

Eld. F. H. Seeney and Bro. L. L. Ashton were both holding services out of the city, with good interest.

Eld. R. T. Baer, the president of the conference, is taking a deep interest in the work among the colored people. We believe the work in that conference will advance rapidly.

There is great need of more workers in all of these places.

A. J. H.

The precious pearls of truth contained in the scriptures can be discerned only by the eye of faith. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."

The very best work you can do, is to come as close to the people as possible, and reveal in life and character the work, wrought upon your own souls by the Spirit of God.—Mrs. E. G. White.



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH AND BELIEVERS, NEW YORK CITY

SOUTHEASTERN UNION MISSION

FLORIDA MISSION TITHE REPORT

Year Ending September, 30, 1910.

Individual	\$ 82.55
Jacksonville	497.93
Lakeland	66.30
Orlando	189.05
Plant City	20.07
Punta Gorda	72.57
Windsor	52.37
E. Palatka	40.06
Ocala	19.18
Total	\$1040.08

The above amount is a considerable increase over the previous year's report. \$816.51 was spent in opening the evangelical work; \$104.29 was paid to the Union as tithe, leaving a balance of \$187.49.

There are evident signs of a real healthy growth in the tithe reports of the churches in the Florida Mission.

M. C. STRACHAN.

CORDELE, GEORGIA

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: We are very glad to know that we are much nearer our Lord's coming today than when we first believed. The time is short, and, "It is high time

to awake out of sleep." Romans 13:11.

The God of Heaven has given to us the last message of mercy for this world. May God give us power to proclaim it in such a way as to win divine approval, and may the "Well done" be said to us.

I came to this town four weeks ago, and began meetings in the First Baptist church. When I had preached one week, the pastor of the church objected to my work as he saw that his members were interested in the truths of the Bible. But God was working, and when he closed the doors of his church, the A. M. E. church was opened to us, and the meetings were continued. Later, this church was also closed, and then we were invited to occupy the M. E. church. We were permitted to remain here two weeks.

As the result of this labor, we now have a company of twelve, who have begun to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

Previous to my coming, Brother Suddeth, a faithful canvasser, had worked Cordele, and directed the minds of the people to the truth, and thus they were better prepared for the Message. We should have many

more earnest canvassers preparing the way for the Gospel minister; as a result, the truth would go much faster.

Brethren, pray for me, and the work in the state of Georgia.

C. G. Manns.

❖ ❖

**A WORD FROM THE FIFTH
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH,
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

THE writer has been engaged in conference work for more than a year, connected with the Fifth Church and the work in general among his people.

The efforts of those in the lead, and those in the ranks have been two-fold,—a striving to bring the message before those professing the truth, in order that they might receive a clearer understanding of the teachings for this time, and be more firmly settled in the Third Angel's Message; and the presenting of the truth to strangers, so that they might be wisely converted to this final message in the true light of all its teachings. The result has been the arousing of the Fifth Church to greater activity, with sounder growth in the truth along all lines. The work among others, in the Conference, has made progress.

When it is noted that there is a great multitude of colored people (about 100,000) here, who know nothing of this truth—save a very few who have taken time to look into it—one can appreciate the task before us. Yet progress has been made along all lines in the strength of the Eternal, in spite of the many obstacles we have had to surmount; for He is with His cause. Though foes arise within and without, He will surely win.

The membership of the church has grown from about thirty-two to fifty-two. Since the middle of November 1909, there has been an increase of twenty, most of whom are newly converted to the faith.

The tithes and offerings are as follows:—

Tithe	668.83
Sabbath-School	35.73
Harvest Ingathering	41.24
\$300,000 Fund	12.00
Annual Offerings	5.00
Mission Funds and Supplies	32.69
Church Expenses	306.72
Total	1102.21

Tent meetings were held last summer in this city for about three months with but little visible results, but it is hoped that

eternal good will yet come from the effort.

It should be noted that efforts have been put forth the past year in getting our books and periodicals before the people, and we trust that this year will show a marked increase in this line of work.

The church is in need of a suitable place of worship, which will be in keeping with the great Message that we are proclaiming, and it is hoped that, this year, this need will be supplied.

We trust that the brethren and sisters will remember this department of the great work at the headquarters, and that we may have your sincere prayers.

W. H. GREEN.

❖ ❖

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

I FEEL greatly encouraged as I glance over the progress of the work during the past month. The Lord has, indeed, wrought wonderfully in our favor.

On Dec. 3rd, we completed a series of lectures which began Nov. 27th. Each of these was well attended. While there were none who took their stand for the truth, yet we feel that our labor was not in vain. Many persons became interested in the subjects presented, and as a result doors have been opened for Bible readings that, heretofore, were closed to the truth.

We plan to give a series of lectures about every two weeks. The prospect is bright, and we are of good courage in the Lord's work.

On last Sabbath, Dec. 17th our hearts were made to "burn within us," as we sat and listened to the last reading of the week of prayer, given by Eld. E. I. Beebe. It was, indeed, a "high day" with us. We most earnestly plead again, to be remembered in your prayers, that God may continue to increase the work and workers here.

J. W. OWENS.

❖ ❖

FROM a report from West Virginia in the "Columbia Union Visitor," we take the following:—

"The members of the colored church report a great interest among the people to whom they are giving the 'Family Bible Teacher.' One brother states that one of his readers has decided to keep the Sabbath. We praise the Lord for this soul."

— OBITUARIES —

ISBELL.—Mamie Louise Isbell was born in Columbus, April 1, 1882, and died in Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 17, 1910, aged 28 years, 8 months, and 16 days. At the age of 14 she joined the Union Grove Baptist church. In 1896 she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and has continued to be a firm believer and a consistent member. Just before the end came she told her sister, Dr. Blake, that she was not afraid, and soon she was asleep and free from all care. Having decided to give her life to missionary nursing, she took her training in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, finishing in 1907. While nursing a very severe case of typhoid fever she overworked and contracted the fever, and laid down her life nine days after the death of the patient she had tried so hard to save. Her parents, grandmother, two brothers, and two sisters are left to mourn, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends. The service was held in the Union Grove church, where a large audience had gathered to pay their last respects. Words of comfort were spoken from Mark 14:8 (first part) by the writer, assisted by Brother A. H. T. Walker. The deceased was laid to rest in Green Lawn, to await the resurrection morn.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTEAD.

ADAIR.—Sister Kinnie Adair died of tuberculosis, at her home, near Sylacauga, Ala., Nov. 4, 1910, aged 23 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

She accepted present truth about seven years ago under the labors of Eld. Woodford.

Since then, she has lived faithful to the cause she loved; and her earnest desire was to become a more efficient worker for the Master. During her sickness, not a murmur escaped her lips. She was conscious till the last, and said, "I am going to sleep in Jesus." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Brother G. B. Jackson, from 2 Samuel 14:14, after which we laid her to rest in the Union Cemetery to await the call of Him who doeth all things well.

D. V. BARNES.

❖ ❖

"Pride doeth its own will; humility, the will of God."



The Gospel Herald

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE
North American Negro Department
61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

*The Oakwood Manual Training School,
Printers, Huntsville, Ala.*

EDITOR: A. J. Haysmer. Editorial contribu-
tors: M. C. Strachan, F. R. Rogers, T. B.
Buckner.

*Application for entry as second class matter
at the postoffice at Huntsville, pending.*

Price Per Year, 25 Cents.

Address all communications to GOSPEL
HERALD, 61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville,
Tennessee.

CHANGE IN PLACE OF PUBLICATION

OUR readers will be glad to learn that arrangements have been made to have the GOSPEL HERALD printed at the Oakwood Manual Training School near Huntsville, Ala. The present issue is the first printed at the school.

For some time, we have felt that the paper should be printed there as it will enable our young people to learn printing, also to work their way through school.

We have refused about thirty applicants, as they did not have money to pay their way through school and we did not have enough industries to enable them to work their way.

We need about two-hundred dollars, to buy type, paper-cutter, proof-press, etc. Then our office will be quite well equipped. This will enable about eight students to pay their way.

We wish to thank those who have contributed to this press fund.

A. J. H.

WE learn from a recent letter from Eld. William Covert, President of the Northern Illinois Conference, that work is progressing nicely on the church for the colored people, in the city of Chicago. The brick work is finished, and the carpenter work has been commenced.

We rejoice with our colored brethren and sisters in Chicago, that they will soon have a good comfortable house of worship.

NOTICE

THE Southern Publishing Association has on hand a large quantity of monthly "Watchman" for the year 1909 and would be glad to sell them to missionary societies or individuals in any quantities at one-half cent each, post-paid.

The "Watchman" began to come out in monthly magazine form February, 1909. These back numbers are cheap, and the truths they contain are just as valuable now as when first printed.

Send your orders to the Southern Publishing Association, 2119 - 2123 Twenty-fourth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

Again we would like to ask our readers to notice the slip on the wrapper of their paper, and see if their subscription is about to expire. If so, will you not please renew at once?

BIRMINGHAM TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

WE have organized a Church Tract and Missionary Society, and I have been elected secretary and librarian.

We have ordered a small supply of tracts, "Watchman," and "Life and Health," but we are much in need of means and facilities.

The city of Birmingham is a large one, and there is much work to be done in and out of the church. We want to work the city through the Tract Society. We have a few faithful members here, and with them we hope to do systematic work with our literature.

We believe the best way a Seventh-day Adventist can cause his light to shine to others, is by living the truth in his own home, and by endeavoring to get it into the homes of his neighbors and friends. A living church is a working church. A church tract and missionary society is the church at work.

C. ESTELLE DASENT.

"ASK God to show you your duty, and then do that duty well; and from that point you mount to the very peak of vision."

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

THE work in Philadelphia is progressing nicely. I have established a mission at 1700 Woodstock St. We are holding meetings, and much interest is manifested.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the advancement of the message in this city.

T. H. BRANCH.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

I am truly glad to state the progress of the work in Memphis Church, No. 2, for the year 1910. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the work notwithstanding difficulties, and the disadvantages of our places of worship.

There have been twenty-six happy souls added to our number, and they are rejoicing in the truth; sixteen of these were baptized. Several others have taken a stand for the truth, but have not cast their lot with us yet. We are also planning to buy, or build, a place of worship.

On my trip to the churches and companies in the northern part of Mississippi, I first visited Clarksdale. The little company is of good courage; I baptized five and administered the ordinances.

I next visited Greenwood, Mississippi, and found that the little company had scattered somewhat, not having a leader; but after laboring two or three days, I was very much encouraged, and believe much can be done here. At West Point, Mississippi, I found two or three souls strong in the truth.

During my visit at Columbus, Mississippi, there were four added to the church, two were baptized, and the ordinances were administered. I found the few in Crawford much encouraged.

At Springville, Tennessee, I found four strong members and a fine Sabbath-School, consisting of eight members or more, conducted by sister Parker.

I beg the prayers of God's people in behalf of this work.

S. A. JORDAN.

THE Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala., has some fine summer flowering bulbs for sale,—Cannas, Dahlias, Gladiolus, Tuberoses, and Caladiums. Every order received will help the school, and we are sure you will be pleased with these beautiful flowers. If interested, send for descriptive price-list.