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What if the Light Goes Out?

WHAT if the man who watches the light
Way up in the lighthouse tower
Should say: "I'm tired of the dull routine
Of tending the lamps each hour.

"A little dust on the glass won't hurt;
The wicks don't need trimming to-day;
Though I know the oil won't burn all night,
I'll just hope no ship goes astray?"

And the ship which was nearing its harbor safe
Was dashed on the rocky coast;
Just because no light shone out in the night,
The lives of the crew were lost.

What if a child who had promised to shine
As a light in this world of sin
Should tire of the light-bearer's task and say,
"To live for myself I'll begin"?

Her mite-box lies empty upon the shelf,
To borrow from it was no theft.
A vacant chair in the mission band
Is all of that light-bearer left.

And out in India a little girl
From the mission school is sent
To the awful dark of a heathen home,
For the light-bearer's light was spent.
—*Junior Missionary Magazine.*

Work and Health

AMONG the many methods which have been suggested from time to time, by which an individual may get and keep health and strength, there is one, which, it seems to me, has not been sufficiently emphasized. My own experience is that one of the best means for preserving the mind and body in sound and healthful condition is some definite form of labor.

As a rule, I think it will be found that the people who are constantly sick in body, just as the people who are sick in mind and weak in morals, are the people who have little or nothing to do.

I never remember of seeing a pro-

fessional tramp or loafer whoseemed to me to be in thoroughly good condition physically, and I have noticed that among the wealthier classes of people those who are constantly complaining, who break down nervously and have to be constantly traveling about from one place to another in search of health, are usually people who have nothing to absorb their thought and attention; in short, they have no work.

I never knew or heard of a case of neurasthenia among a people who worked with their hands, and particularly not among those who worked in the open air.

I do not overlook the fact that under the new and complex conditions of modern life there have sprung up kinds of labor that are specially dangerous to human life. It is the duty of the public and of the government to perceive these dangers and improve these conditions. But aside from improvements and safeguards the man who works has in himself a means of overcoming these dangers and difficulties; men who labor show a marvelous ability to adapt themselves to new conditions, to make themselves strong enough to resist these adverse conditions and overcome them. The very effort that is put forth to do a piece of work gives the strength and vigor to withstand hardships and resist diseases.

There is one kind of disease, if I may refer to it in that way, which rarely attacks the man who works, no matter whether his labor is with the head or with the hand. The disease I refer to is pessimism. So long as a man has something to do which absorbs all his thought and attention, he remains

hopeful and, as a whole, contented. If he sees evils, no matter how great they seem, he is pretty likely to be reasonably happy if he finds he is overcoming them, no matter how slowly.

It is when the laboring man goes on a strike or gets out of a job that he becomes dangerous to himself and to society.

In my opinion there is nothing that is so certain to make a man or woman healthy in body, in mind, and in spirit, as to find somewhere in the world a kind of work that he or she can do, something by which to make himself or herself useful to the people around.

The ordinary daily tasks are, under normal conditions, the great source of contentment and happiness, and as such are symptoms of sound minds and healthy bodies. The best insurance against disease and death is a good job, one that taxes all the individual's strength of body, mind, and purpose.

A great task is an inspiration, and the man or woman who has the good fortune to be connected with some part of the world's work has, in my opinion, found the secret, not only to health but to happiness as well.

—*Booker T. Washington.*

Aim High

EVERY one who has the right material in him desires to succeed. By success the great majority, no doubt, mean a high position, large salary, reputation, influence or power.

On the other hand, there are those who are looking for that higher standard of success,—a Christ like life, a life filled with noble unselfish deeds, a pure character.

It is perfectly right for one to aim high,

to desire a noble and good work, to fill responsible positions; but the preparation needed to qualify one for positions of responsibility and trust is often overlooked or disregarded. These attainments cannot be secured without an earnest continuous effort, and a thorough consecration to God.

Every firm, that employs men, knows how hard it is to find just the right ones to fill responsible positions. It is easy enough to fill the ordinary places, but to find men to stand at the head and fill higher positions, where training and character are so essential, is another thing.

Some are honest, industrious, faithful, but lack a trained mind. Others are capable, energetic, and hard working, but there is doubt about their moral strength in times of temptation. Others are honest, true, but lack industry.

So it is in selecting workers for the Lord's vineyard. There is a great dearth of consecrated, true, faithful, successful laborers in every department of the work. One of the greatest needs is men and women who have qualifications and training to fill positions of trust. Such are sought for daily.

There are some who blame those in charge of different departments because they are not placed in the work. Others criticise because they are not pushed ahead faster and given more responsible positions, but there is usually a reason for these delays. Our brethren see defects in training or character that would mar the work of God. If we desire to work for the Lord, let us show that we have a burden for souls, and get that fitting up that is needed to make us successful in winning souls to Christ.

It pains me when I receive letters, asking me to find other places for certain workers, as they are not meeting with success. On the other hand, there are laborers who are in great demand. Many desire their services. This is the way it should be, and why is it? It is not because they were born better laborers, but because they have a burden for perishing souls and have been diligent in getting a preparation to labor for them. They have improved their opportunities, they have sought counsel and taken advice, and observed carefully those who are meeting with success; and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

Let us not be satisfied with our present attainments but improve every opportunity to develop mentally, physically,

and spiritually. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

"And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and true before the Lord his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did with all his heart, and prospered.

"Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be, that I may apprehend that for which also I was apprehended by Christ Jesus.

"Sad will be that day for any man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is living, with the thoughts he is thinking, and the deeds he is doing; when there is not forever beating at the door of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows he was meant and made to do because he is a child of God.

"Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before."

"Waste not thy energies in vain regretting,
But strive thy present duties to fulfil.
The past is dead; it is beyond recalling,
But we may mould the future if we will."

A. J. H.

A Negro's Achievement

THERE is a Negro farmer in Georgia whose name and deeds deserve to be perpetuated in enduring fashion.

His name is Henry Mitchell, and he has a fifty-acre farm near Thomasville.

He bought it on credit five years ago and at once set to work to pay for it.

He has done so, his only assistant in the mortgage lifting being one little red ox. With this humble beast of burden Mitchell did all his plowing, hauling and everything else of that nature; and now he owns his farm clear of all incumbrance, and has besides in the five years built himself a comfortable house.

Here is a man who started with practically nothing and in half a decade is an independent property owner, living well all the time.—*Nashville Tennessean*.

A Touching Experience

WHILE a German brother, whose heart was full of love, was canvassing in a portion of South Carolina, he was informed that it would be of no use at all to try to

get permission to canvass the Negroes of a certain plantation, as the owner desired to keep them in ignorance, and was himself an ungodly man.

Nearing the plantation, our brother sought God most earnestly in a grove by the roadside, that the owner's heart might be touched somehow by the Spirit, so that he would give permission for his Negroes to purchase the truth. His whole soul was so wrapped in his prayer that he did not hear the approach of a stranger. Upon arising from his prayer, with tears coursing down his cheeks, he saw the man before him on the other side of the fence. Hastily wiping away his tears, he approached the man, and, producing his book, asked his permission to show it. Without taking the time necessary, he inquired the price and ordered the book, remarking that he was the plantation owner mentioned in the prayer, and that the canvasser could have full access to all his Negroes.

This incident is so eloquent in itself that comment would spoil its power. But how can we refrain from praying, "Father, give me such a heart as that."

—C. J. Tolf, in *Atlantic Union Gleaner*.

THE death of Bishop Abraham Grant in Kansas City, Mo., last week is a loss to the African Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was one of the foremost influences. He was elected bishop in 1888, had been for many years a trusted adviser of Booker T. Washington, and was at the head of the financial board of his church. He was a trustee of Wilberforce and Western Universities, and a member of the board of trustees of both the Slater and the Jeanes educational funds. He had traveled extensively in this country and abroad. This leader of his race was born in an ox cart while his mother was on the way to a slave market. He knew all the dark side of slave life, and only bought himself and his mother a short time before emancipation came.

—*The Springfield Republican*.

Bible Celebration Planned

MARCH 26 has been set apart for the celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the publication of the Authorized Version of the Bible. The exact date, on which the Authorized Version first appeared, is not known as all of the documents have been

destroyed by fire.

J. H. Rilson, secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, writing about the preparations for the celebration, says: "The event is not strictly connected with our foreign work. It is the jubilee of our own Bible, and we are naturally anxious to give it the international character it merits by reminding the English-speaking people everywhere of all that they owe to the Bible."

The British and Foreign Bible Society is the parent of all the Bible Societies, and was established March 7, 1804, one hundred seven years ago. The Bible is now printed in five hundred sixty-two different languages and dialects. The work of translating the Bible into every existing language requires no little effort. In many cases these languages and dialects have no written form, and our missionaries have to arrange an alphabet and a grammar. But the work is being pushed ahead with great earnestness, and the motto is "the Bible to the whole world in this generation."

God has a special message to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in this generation and our motto is "the Gospel to all the world in this generation." But the Bible must be translated and printed in these tongues before we can give the message; and we believe God, by His Holy Spirit, is impressing the hearts of many noble men and women to give of their means to publish His word in different tongues, as well as those who are giving the last message to the world at this time. May the Lord's blessing attend every effort for the upbuilding of His kingdom.

A. J. H.

REPORTS

Hazen, Ark.

It has been some time since we reported our work, but we are glad to say our silence has not been because we have had nothing to report. We are so busy with our daily program, that it is a hard matter for us to find time to report.

Our school is the only one in the Southwestern Union Conference, and, being an industrial school, it is quite a busy place.

It would do our readers good to see

our students take hold of the humble facilities given them with which to earn their expenses in school. I am quite sure many would be pleased to assist them in obtaining a better equipment.

All our students are making preparation to enter the Master's cause. Every one is a soldier for King Emmanuel.

Our week of prayer brought us this signal victory. Last year we had this same result. These are indeed encouraging experiences.

We thank the Lord that we are permitted to have a part in this closing message to the world. Our hearts are made glad as we daily behold those of our own race who, being less fortunate than we, are preparing themselves for association with Christ and heavenly angels, both here and in the future world.

In this delicate work, the training of the human mind, we feel our insufficiency. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all God's people that we may be humble and meek, that our works may be manifestations of His Holy Spirit.

We are of good courage in the Lord, who is guiding our work.

R. L. BRADFORD.

Chicago, Ill.

As we continue to work among the fifty thousand colored people of Chicago, our experiences lead us to thank God and take courage.

During the past year thousands of papers, the silent messengers of truth, have found entrance into the homes of the people. Bible studies have been given, which have awakened an interest in the truths for these last days. The Bible is a new book to our readers, and they pursue the studies with remarkable interest.

Since my arrival, we have had ten added to the church. The seed is being sown and we believe that the harvest time is near.

Our church building is nearing completion, and we expect to be able to dedicate it some time early in April. It has cost a great deal of effort to erect this church in this city, and we feel sure that God will enable us to gather many souls into it, who will themselves be temples for the habitation of the Holy Spirit.

We greatly need the prayers of God's people; for the work is closing up rapidly, and the cities must be warned.

W. D. FORDE.

Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: To be a member of God's peculiar people, means more than to be a member of any other denomination. It means work for the saving of perishing souls, and the spread of this grand and glorious message. I am grateful to my Saviour to have a part with His people, and my earnest desire is to render to my Lord whole-hearted service.

I am assisting Sister Whetsel in her school and I enjoy my work. It is only in working for the Master that we find real joy and happiness. I sincerely want more of that joy manifested in my life, as I endeavor to win souls for His kingdom. We have, at present, an enrolment of one hundred and nine pupils. It is true we can't do as well as we would like with such a large crowd in a small room, but we are doing the best we can.

Poor as conditions are, the people are pleased with the school. In one of my visits, a mother remarked, "It is a God-sent school." She also said that even the songs, which are taught, are cheering and comforting. The parents frequently tell how well pleased they are with their children's progress, and how different our school is from other schools.

Pray for me that I may ever be faithful in the work committed to my charge.

"Give of your best to the Master,
Give of the strength of your youth,
Throw your souls fresh glowing ardor,
Into the battle for truth."

FELICIA M. PALMER.

Birmingham, Ala.

UNDER the leadership of Brother Dacent, the members of the Tract and Missionary Society are actively trying to build up the cause at this place. Some are doing Bible work, while others are distributing our literature, and engaging in other lines of missionary work. Having consecrated ourselves to the service of the Lord, we expect to work the city thoroughly.

Our school is advancing nicely. Our present enrolment is about thirty. It is encouraging to visit the homes of the parents, and listen to their remarks with respect to the advancement which their children are making in the school. They seem especially interested to know that their little ones are learning the ways of the Lord.

We cannot cease to work because of

the opposition, and ideas of the people. We are working for one whose plans never fail. Let us work, and pray without ceasing. This will hasten the glorious appearing of our Lord, and we shall hear the "well done" said unto us.

"If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door."

VICTOR WOLTERDING.

Philadelphia, Pa.

IN a letter received from Elder T. H. Branch, Philadelphia, Pa., he says:—

"The work of giving the message among the thousands of this great city is going nicely. While fixing up our little chapel, and experiencing a week of seeking the Lord by prayer, and consecration, the people began to come in without solicitation, and are continuing to come, bringing others with them. The work is great, but God has sent out his angels before us, and is awakening the people.

Sister Branch and I are working this immediate neighborhood with the Home Bible Studies. We are striving to get the people to reading and searching the Scriptures for themselves.

Our youngest son is doing a good work with the "Glorious Appearing."

Many are asking for Bible readings at their homes. Pray for the work here in this great city."

A. J. H.

Greenville, Miss.

THE lessons in the book of Acts are greatly benefiting us and the Holy Spirit is impressing upon each the necessity of being of one heart and one mind. While we have not reached perfection, yet there is a general coming up along all lines.

We have organized our missionary society and the reports, brought in, are encouraging.

We were glad to have Elder S. A. Jordan with us, and enjoyed his instruction in the things of God. Sabbath evening we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house and one dear soul united with our little company.

Sabbath morning, our hearts were well prepared to enjoy the feast of good things which the Lord, through his servant, gave us from Isa. 4: 1, and our very souls were fed. A testimony meeting followed in which all seemed to rejoice.

After the Bible study on Sunday, we

held our business meeting and the Spirit of the Lord was manifested. All are encouraged to labor till the Master comes.

Our school work is advancing. Pray for us.

MRS. M. W. PORTIES.

The Work in New Orleans

SINCE my last report, I have been studying the situation more carefully in this city,— the greatest of all the cities of the sunny South.

The president of the Southern Union Conference in notifying me, last October, that I had been recommended for the New Orleans city mission work said,

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**Don't worry
over dead
Yesterday and
unborn
To-morrow.
To-day is what
Counts.**

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"Surely its 107,000 colored population appeals to you, and I hope you have not lost the burden you had for it one year ago."

As I am on the ground, and can see for myself the grave situation, the burden grows heavier, and I long to see facilities created here which will give our work character.

Truly, this is a strong hold of Catholicism, but four Protestant denominations have established institutions of learning and respectable places of worship for the colored people of New Orleans, and have succeeded in winning thousands to their ranks. But now, it remains for us to win

some from all denominations; "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

I see clearly that, in order for us to succeed here, we must have facilities to give the work character, or else our efforts are in vain.

The president of the Southern Union Conference said that the prospects were bright to do a good work in New Orleans, that the city needed a good place of worship, and that he would "do all in his power to get a suitable building." The same statement was made by the general field secretary, Eld. A. J. Haysmer in a recent letter to me. Both expressed their sorrow that there was no money in sight with which to purchase a place.

But I think I can see why the president said that the prospects were bright; he has confidence in our people which leads him to believe that they will not suffer thousands of precious souls, in the very midst of most refined civilization, to perish for the lack of facilities to reach them. We profess to have the last message of salvation to all people, nations, kindreds, and tongues, and must act accordingly.

T. B. BUCKNER.

The Organization of the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., February 11, 1911

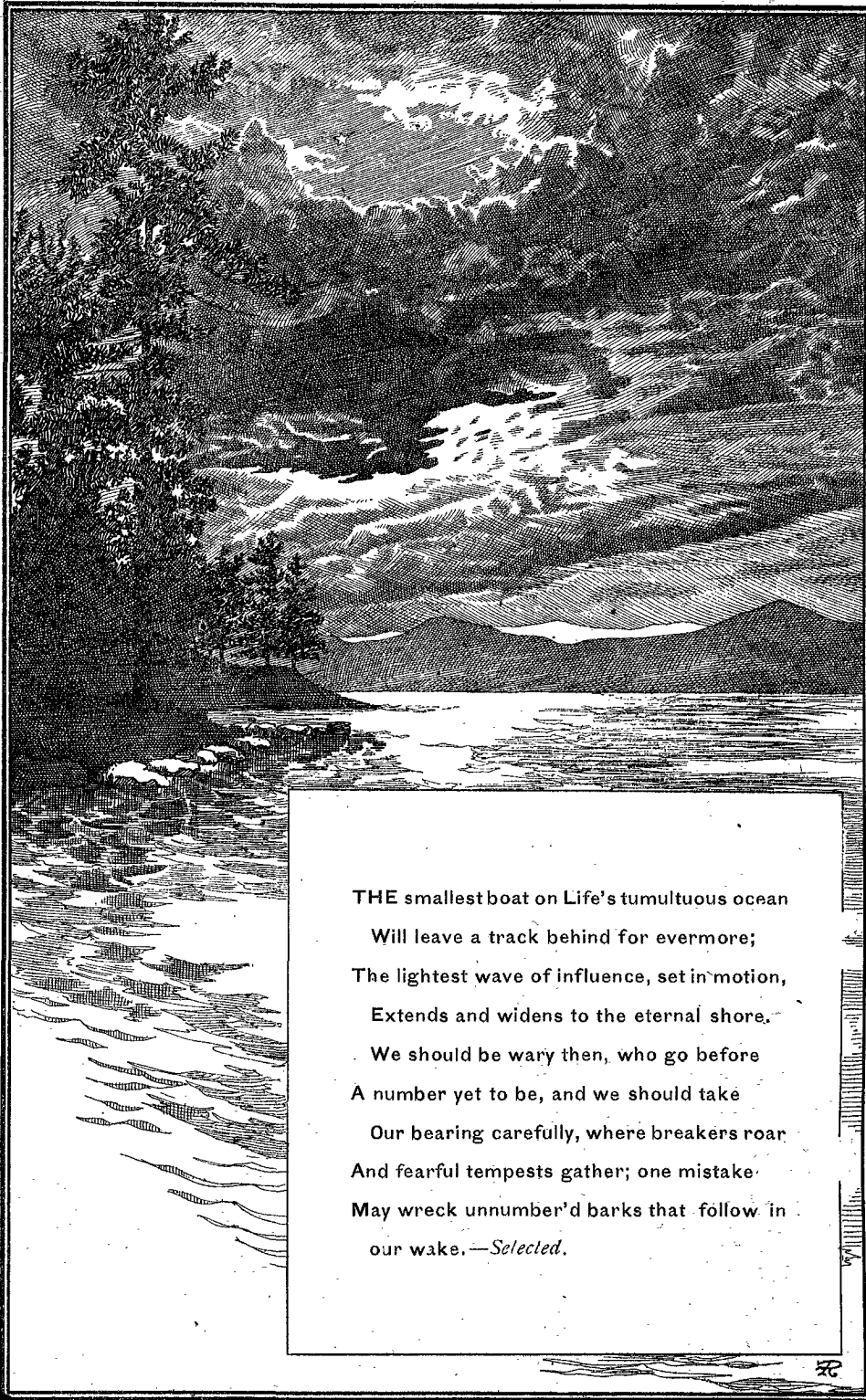
"AND I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

This everlasting gospel message is being preached to all nations by the commandment-keeping people; furthermore, we know that when this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, the end will come.

We are told that in the eastern cities, including Philadelphia, the Lord desires us to proclaim the Third Angel's Message with power. As a result of this admonition, the work has been advanced to meet the needs of all nationalities.

Philadelphia having a Negro population of 107,000, more than any other city in the United States, efforts have been put forth in behalf of this city.

Elder T. H. Branch and family from Denver, Colorado, were procured last September, arriving in Philadelphia, Thursday, September 29, 1910. He



THE smallest boat on Life's tumultuous ocean
Will leave a track behind for evermore;
The lightest wave of influence, set in motion,
Extends and widens to the eternal shore.
We should be wary then, who go before
A number yet to be, and we should take
Our bearing carefully, where breakers roar
And fearful tempests gather; one mistake
May wreck unnumber'd barks that follow in
our wake.—Selected.

entered the work with zeal and earnestness and the Lord has blessed his efforts from the beginning. The colored members of the North Philadelphia church have heartily affiliated with him, and as a result of this co-operation, the First African S. D. A. Church of Philadelphia was organized Sabbath, February 11, 1911. Elder W. H. Heckman conducted the service, his subject being "The Church, Its Organization and Purpose, and the Relation of Individuals to

the Church." The spirit of God came in with power, uniting the hearts of all, so there was not one dissenting voice. After a brief but earnest discourse, the organization was effected with sixteen charter members.

The church officers having been elected, Elder Branch as pastor, a church fund with which to purchase a suitable house of worship was started, and in a very short time over \$300.00 was raised. All were encouraged, and we firmly believe

that with the blessing of God resting upon the beginning of this great work, much will be accomplished, and many will be brought to the knowledge of this last warning message to a dying world.

The ministers who were present and participated in the service were Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the East Pennsylvania Conference, Elder H. Myers, pastor of the First German S. D. A. church, Elder S. D. Hartwell, secretary and treasurer of the East Pennsylvania Conference, and the writer.

Inasmuch as it is God's purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people, let God's people remember in prayer this beginning, that the special blessing of the Lord be over the colored work thus started in Philadelphia.

B. M. HEALD.

Decatur, Ala.

DEAR READERS OF THE GOSPEL HERALD: We recently visited the company of Sabbath-keepers in Decatur, that was raised up by Elder Sebastian, and found them of good courage. Also others who had not taken a definite stand for the truth were deeply interested. Seeing an opportunity to help those who had not fully united with us, we took hold of the work, trusting in the Lord for success.

As students of the Oakwood School and still in training, it is impossible for us to be with them continually, but the way has been provided so that we are able to visit them every two weeks. We have made several visits, and, as the result, three have decided to take a definite stand for the truth.

Such an interest has been created that appeals have been made for a tent during the summer. We earnestly pray that a response may be made to this call. We are of good courage, and sincerely desire the prayers of all who are interested in this great work for the salvation of souls, that we may soon be thoroughly prepared to take a greater part in this closing message.

W. E. STROTHER,
A. OSTERMAN.

Thou hidden Source of calm repose,
Thou all-sufficient Love divine;
My Help and Refuge from my foes,
Secure I am while Thou art mine:
And lot from sin, and grief, and shame,
I hide me, Father, in Thy name.

—Selected.

GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN

Luke 6:28

THERE are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave
 There are souls so pure and true;
 Then give to the world the best you have,
 And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
 A strength in your utmost need;
 Have faith and a score of hearts will show
 They have faith in your word and deed.

For life is the mirror of king and slaves
 'Tis just what we are and do;
 Then give to the world the best you have,
 And the best will come back to you.

Be up and doing while probation lasts,
 "Well done," will be said to you;
 Of all mercies' warnings, we have the last,
 Then with might, what our hands find, do.

This life consists not in the things we have,
 But in what we are and do;
 Then give to the world the best you have,
 And the best will come back to you.

—W. S. Fulbright.

Palmer, Miss.

DEAR READERS: It gives me great pleasure to tell you something of the school here.

I opened school October 10th with two pupils, but since then, the number has increased. With a few exceptions the children are all bright in their studies, and eager to learn all they can about the Bible. My heart is filled with joy in the prayer-meeting on Friday morning as each one says something for the blessed Master.

Many of my pupils ask different questions about the Bible. Some remark, "I believe that Saturday is the Sabbath-day because the Bible says so." Other say, "I would like to keep the Sabbath because I want to be saved, but my mamma doesn't want me to keep it."

Dear readers, help me pray for these dear children. I am happy in my work. The Lord has blessed me in many ways, and I am determined, by the help of God, to press forward.

I would be very thankful to get a few

Bibles and song books; also clothing and shoes as so many of the boys and girls are poorly clad. If you can help, write to A. J. Haysmer, 61 Lindsley ave., Nashville, Tenn. MARY L. WASHINGTON.

A Good Work

WE have received a very interesting letter from a sister in California in which she tells of her deep interest in the colored work in the South, and how she desires to help it forward with her means as far as she is able. She sends on a nice donation from the family self-denial boxes, and expects to save more during the year 1911. She is also praying for the advancement of the work in the southern field.

We believe that there are many others who are interested in the colored people. How many, like the sister mentioned above, will begin, at once, to save means with which to help the work onward, and how many will also pray for great victories during the present year?

W. J. B.

Statistics

The following statistics will give some idea of the growth of the work in the past ten years:—

IN 1900 there were two Union Conferences, 31 Local Conferences in the United States, and 14 in countries outside of the United States,—a total of 41 Local Conferences in all. In 1910 there were 10 Union Conferences in the United States, and 13 in countries outside of the United States, making a total of 23. The same year there were 60 Local Conferences in the United States, 45 in Foreign countries,—a total of 105 in all. In 1900 we had 1,524 churches in the United States and a membership of 61,235. In Foreign countries we had 368 churches with a membership of 14,532,—or a total of 1,892 churches with a membership of 75,767. In 1909 we had 1,826 churches in the United States with a membership of 65,122. In Foreign countries there were 865 churches with a membership of 35,809,—making a total of 2,691 churches, and a membership of over 100,000.

In 1906 the Southern Union Conference, which at that time comprised the territory of what is now the Southeastern and Southern Union Conferences, had a membership of 3,342, and paid a tithe that year of \$39,298.72. In 1910 the membership of the Southeastern Union was 2,009, and the tithe was \$29,654.85 or a per capita rate of \$14.76. We do not have the figures for the Southern Union for 1910, but in 1909 the membership was 1,756 and the tithe \$24,040.53, or a per capita rate of \$13.69. Since the division of the Southern Union into the two Unions there has been a gain of 423 members, and \$14,406.66 in tithe. Much labor has been done among the churches in the line of cutting off dead members and bringing the membership of the church down to what it really is.

G. B. THOMPSON.

The Canvassing Work in Alabama

IN 1910 Alabama canvassers reported \$8212.44 worth of books delivered. Of this our colored brethren delivered \$3011.84 worth. Though twenty had some part in working up this amount, most of them did not put in much time. Five delivered \$2498.99 worth. Brother R. Roberts made the best record by delivering \$946.80 worth.

Two colored brethren, R. Roberts and M. L. Ivory, earned their way to the Bookmen's Convention held in Nashville by working over the 1600 hours required. They were the only colored brethren there.

There is a large section of this state which is a fine field for our colored brethren to work in, as by far the larger part of the population is colored.

Our next colored Institute will be held about April 10,—probably in Birmingham, but at this writing it is not fully settled.

The railroad fare to the institute and back to the field of labor of the regular canvassers will be paid. We would be glad to have all who are interested in this important work to attend. R. I. KEATE, *Field Missionary Agent, Fort Payne, Ala.*

Chattanooga, Tenn.

For some time past we have been devoting our thought and attention to our colored work here in Chattanooga.

Down in a little quiet valley, just back of our home upon Missionary Ridge, nestles a neat, well kept church building, belonging to our people.

Each Sabbath, as the hour of worship arrives, our brethren, with their families, prepared to participate in the divine services of the hour, can be seen quietly coming from the hillslopes, where they own their little houses.

We have often made it convenient to meet with them during the six years of our stay in Chattanooga and have endeavored to teach them the principles of the truth which we, as a people, hold so dear.

The condition of this race, cut off, as they are, from the many avenues of learning ever open to their more favored brethren, has long appealed to me personally; and when the Sabbath came in which we were to fast, and pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His vineyard, I said to myself, what more fruitful and needy field can be presented than this very one that lies spread out before me. I will do what I can to answer my prayer, and with the help of the Lord I will devote my thought and attention to the helping of this very people who need so much.

The Lord has certainly met with us

Report of the Southern Union Mission Sabbath-schools for the Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1910

Alabama	Membership	Offerings	Expenses	Missions
Birmingham,	29.....	7.78.....		7.78
E. Birmingham,	12.....	3.05.....		3.05
Mobile,	14.....	6.87.....		6.87
Gadsden,	22.....	3.23.....		3.23
Sylacauga,	48.....	5.54.....		5.54
Decatur,	11.....	3.00.....	2.00.....	1.00
Oakwood School,	90.....	15.26.....		15.26
Mississippi				
Hattiesburg,	14.....	2.00.....		2.00
Soso,	13.....	2.47.....		2.47
Columbus,	6.....	1.96.....		1.96
Natchez,	17.....	2.77.....		2.77
Jackson,	19.....	5.15.....		5.15
Clarksdale,	9.....	6.17.....		6.17
Vicksburg,	32.....	4.15.....	2.09.....	2.06
Greenville,	14.....	4.17.....		4.17
Yazoo City,	23.....	9.06.....		9.06
Kentucky				
Lexington,	17.....	3.59.....	3.09.....	5.0
Louisville,		16.28.....		16.28
Tennessee				
N. Nashville,	9.....	4.21.....		4.21
Nashville,	29.....	6.54.....		6.54
Memphis,	40.....	11.81.....		11.81
Louisiana				
Dickard,	7.....	65.....		.65
Newellton,	31.....	3.15.....		3.15
New Orleans,	46.....	13.00.....		13.00
Home Schools,	5.....	3.14.....		3.14
Total,				
		557.....	145.00.....	7.18.....137.82

Mrs. HELEN M. KEATE, *Sec'y.*

and the sacred, solemn presence of the angels of God has been in our meetings.

We have tried to stand as a father to them and to teach them the many lines of truth that they, and we so much need. A spirit of courage and hope has come in among them, and the work is taking on a more aggressive form.

Besides the little company that gathers each Tuesday night and Sabbath-day for divine worship out from the city, we have also another company that meets for Sabbath-school and meeting in the city.

We met, for the first time, with this company, some weeks ago and were pleased to find several new ones who are just learning the message, and have taken their stand for the Sabbath of our Lord and all that it embraces. Nothing can be more refreshing than to meet and study with those who are just coming into the light of this last

message.

We are in hopes, before this report shall reach our readers, to have still another company established in another part of the city, so that we will meet with each company every third Sabbath. We ask an interest in your prayers.

O. C. GODSMARK.

The Burning of the Second Springfield Church

ON the night of February 24, about twelve o'clock, the writer received the sad news that the church was burning. When I arrived at the scene of conflagration I found the firemen busily engaged in fighting the flames so as to protect the building to the north. It took fire from the house south of it, which was supposedly set on fire by an overheated stove. Thanks to the neighbors, all the furniture was saved excepting the school desks which had been fastened to the floor.

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This great loss, which is partially covered by insurance, which we now sustain, is appreciated not only by us, the members of this church, and the Southern Illinois Conference, but also by those who have graciously contributed in the past for the purchasing of this property, and for the work in general among the colored people of Springfield. We know we have your heartfelt sympathy and that you will manifest it in a material way; therefore we do not ask you to help us again, but those who have never had the privilege of assisting us in the past are now especially requested to aid us in rebuilding a monument for the commandment-keeping colored people of this city. All donations should be sent to the treasurer of the conference, Miss Nettie Eaton, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.—*L. W. Browne, in Lake Union Herald.*

Ministerial Institute

It has been decided to hold the workers' institute, at the Oakwood Training School, March 23 to April 13. The Southeastern Union Mission has united with the Southern Union Mission and the workers of both unions will attend. This will be a very important gathering. This is the first time in the history of our work when the colored ministers have been brought together to spend three weeks seeking the Lord, and in study for a better fitting up to do the work resting upon us. We believe this will mark a new era in our work. I trust none will be kept away. Bring your Bible, Christ in Song, Testimonies for the Church, Gospel

Workers, Early Writings, and any other work that you think you will need in studying this great message. Let us now begin to seek God as never before, and come to this institute, expecting great things from God. Bring your bedding, pillows, towels, etc. The school cannot furnish these things.

A. J. H.

Ministry of Healing Campaign

On account of the Ministerial Institute to be held at Huntsville, March 23 to April 13, our workers in the two Unions represented, will not be able to engage in the Ministry of Healing Campaign during the first two weeks in April. But we must lay plans to push this work as soon as the institute closes.

This work will be considered during the time we are together.

A. J. H.

"THE SEA OF LIFE" is the title of a new and beautiful song, published by Brother Chas. P. Whitford, Miami, Fla. The price is only twenty-five cents. We feel sure that those who order will be well pleased; for the song breathes a spirit of helpfulness and courage to those who are interested in Christian living. Address as above.

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