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Boil It Down

OUR little sheet is small,
We can not publish all—
Two quarts in one, O, no;
You can not make it so.
So, this is our advice,
And we repeat it thrice:
Boil it down, boil it down,
Yes, boil it down.

A long report may wait,
But this will make it late.
"Then use your shears," you say,
"And clip some things away."
But this we hate to do
With friends so good and true.
Why not boil it down?
You boil it down.

We want to hear from you,
And real often, too—
Not one great, long report,
But many good and short.
So this is our advice,
Again we say it thrice:
Boil it down, boil it down,
Please boil it down.—*Selected.*



The Huntsville Ministerial Institute

THE ministerial institute for colored workers was held in the chapel of the Oakwood Manual Training School from March 23 to April 10, 1911. There were some thirty workers in attendance, including ordained ministers, licentiates, and Bible workers. The instructors were Elders Chas. Thompson, C. F. McVagh, A. J. Haysmer, and the writer. Professor H. M. Hiatt delivered three most instructive and interesting lectures on the subject of Christian education, two of which were elaborately illustrated by the use of charts. Dr. M. M. Martinson also contributed to the success of the institute by the aid of a stereopticon lecture and other talks on the question of health.

There were five regular studies conducted each day, with the exception of

the Sabbath, embracing questions of the most practical importance to Gospel workers. This was the first ministerial institute ever held by our people in this country for the benefit of our colored workers; and to say the least, it was greatly appreciated by all, as was evidenced by the marked interest that was manifested by those in attendance. While we aimed to instruct as fully as our limited time permitted regarding the fundamental principles underlying the message concerning the most up-to-date and approved methods of work, we endeavored to maintain a high spiritual tone throughout the entire institute. The Lord came very near on both Sabbaths of the institute, and also at other times during the meetings.

We feel confident that if those who were in attendance carry out in a practical way the instruction they received during the institute, they will be more firmly established in the fundamental principles underlying this message. They will be rooted and grounded on the question of organization; they will be better able to present the message in a methodical and systematic way; they will be better qualified to deal with the affairs of the church, and especially concerning the question of receiving and disciplining of members, which is a very important and delicate question. It is evident that if the instructions are faithfully carried out by these workers, a more substantial and consecrated church membership will be enrolled upon our church records. The greatest caution must be exercised regarding the question of receiving members into the church in view of the almost universal practice that exists among many people in the south in the use of tobacco and other objectionable things.

The time and expense that are involved in the holding of these institutes can not be employed to better advantage in this work, especially among this class of people, who do not often have the privilege of mingling with our ministering brethren of longer experience than they in the work, and are therefore more or less out of touch with our different and various lines of work.

It was indeed gratifying to note the hospitable way in which all were treated by the management of the Oakwood Training School, during the institute. We shall ever reflect with pleasure upon our pleasant sojourn with the Oakwood Training School.

K. C. RUSSELL.



Historical

(A paper read by Prof. W. J. Blake at the time of the dedicatory services.)

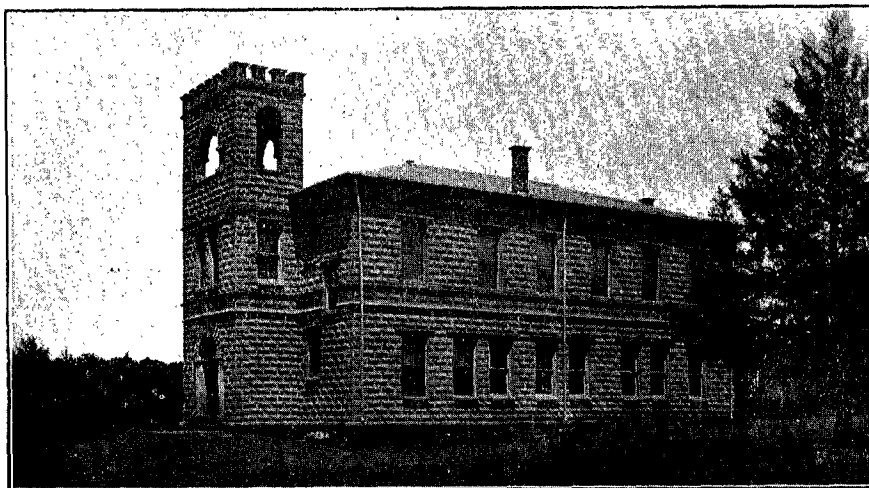
THE year 1895 marks the beginning of Oakwood Manual Training School.

In the autumn of that year it was voted by the denomination to secure property for school. A locating committee spent considerable time in the South, visiting several localities and it was finally decided to purchase a property near Huntsville, Ala. for school purposes.

At the time of its purchase, this plantation was in a state of neglect. Considerable repairing had to be done on the old buildings. The grounds when cleared of a dense growth of briars, and underbrush were, found to be well adapted to school purposes.

In 1899 a boys dormitory and study hall combined, was added to the school equipment. The building was 30 x 65 feet, three stories and a basement.

Nearly all the work was done by the



STUDY HALL AT OAKWOOD

students, and since, in the erection of all the school buildings, the same policy has been pursued.

In the early evening of October 11th 1906, the students of the Oakwood School, as was their usual custom, quietly gathered for chapel exercises, when suddenly a bright light attracted a passer-by. Hastily an examination was made, and it was found that the basement of the first and only school building was a seething furnace. The entire building melted down as the snow before the April sun. The students all escaped but one.

The chapel service on that eventful night was postponed but not abandoned; for, after the fury of the flame had abated a sorrowful company of young people together with their teachers met in a large room of the old home building for a praise service, and you may ask why a praise service under such distressing circumstances? To which we would reply that there was at least two things to thank the Lord for, even in that dark hour,— the majority of the students had been saved from the burning building without injury. Had the fire occurred in the night the results must have necessarily been more disastrous.

The next morning as we looked upon the smoking embers of what, just a few hours before, was our chapel and dormitory, the future seemed a little dark, but a bright spot appeared on the horizon.

Even before the ruins ceased to smoke, a representative committee of the denomination came to the scene, and laid plans for rebuilding. Instead of one to replace the burned structure, it was decided to erect four or five in the form of the open court.

Five years ago, when we were looking into the future and thinking of the materialization of these buildings, it seemed a long, time to wait for them. But the hours quickly passed into days, and the days into months, and months into years. The sound of the hammer, the click of the trowel, have been heard; and to-day as the reward of patient toil on the part of students and teachers, we have met under these favorable circumstances to set apart these buildings to the service of God.

It may be of interest on this occasion to speak more definitely of the buildings in the interest of which this service is being held.

Study Hall, the first of the group to be erected, and the one which affords a home for our exercises this afternoon, is a cement building, practically fire proof, and is used entirely for school work and offices.

Butler Hall, the second in the group, stands on the northwest side of the square, and affords a very pleasant home for about forty boys.

The sanitarium, erected in 1910 is a neat structure standing on the east side of the campus, and is intended to be a blessing to the sick and suffering. It is well equipped with modern conveniences, and is a much appreciated acquisition to the school equipment.

In conclusion, I desire to say that these years of building have been times of blessed anticipation, seasons of acquiring precious lessons of faith, and to-day we enjoy the fruition of our hopes.

In it all, we can see the guiding hand of God, and at this hour we can truthfully exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

W. J. BLAKE.

"THE way of salvation is wonderfully simple and simply wonderful. The whole Gospel is summarized in these words, "For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



Dedication At Huntsville

THE buildings of the Oakwood school had never been formally dedicated, and as most of the colored laborers from the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences were attending the ministerial institute, it was thought by the board an opportune time for the dedication. Therefore, a program was arranged and the services held Sunday afternoon, April 9th, 1911.

Elder Haysmer, Superintendent of the Negro Department, presided. Prof. W. J. Blake gave a brief recital of the incidents leading up to the present group of buildings and the purposes to be served in their erection, also an interesting statement of what they were doing at the present time in the fulfillment of their purpose. His report was full of courage and enthusiasm.

Elder K. C. Russell, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, of Washington, D. C., was present as one of the instructors at the institute and was requested to preach the dedicatory sermon. He used Ps. 127 : 1. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it," as a foundation, and delivered a most eloquent, inspiring, and helpful sermon, one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The writer offered the dedicatory prayer, formally setting apart the buildings and grounds for the work of training young men and women for the work of the Lord.

Brethren S. M. Jacobs, of Graysville, Tenn., O. R. Staines, of Hillcrest, and Prof. Rogers, formerly connected with the school, and Dr. M. M. Martinson, present medical superintendent of the sanitarium, were present, and each gave a few interesting and timely remarks concerning the rise, progress, and present development of the school.

At night the students gave a temperance program which was the finest the writer was ever privileged to attend. The selections were timely and the recitals

excellent. Those taking part did credit to themselves and to those who have patiently instructed them.

I want to assure those who have contributed of their means for the work at Huntsville, that it has not been in vain. The fruit from the school is excellent. Many are laboring successfully in the field who were trained here, and many more are receiving a fitting up for work. The school deserves the liberal and loyal support of all, and I trust God will put it into the heart of those who have means, to give freely to the Oakwood Training School.

CHAS. THOMPSON.



BOYS' DORMITORY AT OAKWOOD

Oakwood School Notes

THE dining hall is rapidly nearing completion.

The Oakwood band recently went, by invitation to the home of one of Huntsville's prominent citizens, and spent an evening. Both the host and the guests enjoyed the occasion.

Professor Williams recently went to Atlanta Ga, to audit the accounts of the Southeastern Union conference.

After an uninterrupted service of nearly seven years as principal of the Oakwood school, Professor W. J. Blake severed his connection with the institution, and took his departure May 3 for Lornesdale Academy, Ontario, Canada. We are sad at his departure but bid him God speed in his new field.

Elder T. H. Jeys of Campobello, S. C. arrived at Oakwood April 25 to take up his work as Bible instructor and teacher of English. He will also assume the duties of local editor for the GOSPEL HERALD.

Elder A. J. Haysmer paid us a flying visit April 30.

These are busy days on the farm and in the garden. Prof. Boyd hopes to produce a good supply of choice bulbs and seeds for home use and for sale.

Several of our students are out in the field canvassing during the month of

vacation now on. Edna Bryan and Maggie Clark canvass in Fayetteville, Tenn., Roscoe Watkins near his home in Virginia, Ella Pruitt near her home in Alabama, Louise Lawrence, Greenbrier Tenn., Mary Gresham, Atlanta Ga.

John Surrell and Alexander Wood, former Oakwood students, were welcome visitors at our school home recently.

Our readers will be interested to read of the marriage of Mrs. L. P. Whetsel, recently of Florida, to Elder L. C. Sheafe of Washington D C.

Mrs. C. J. Harris was called by telegram recently to her old home in Fairand, Ind. on account of the death of her mother.

Every available student is now busy in the strawberry field, helping to harvest the rapidly ripening fruit.

T. H. J.

"THERE is no excellence without labor."

Oakwood Sanitarium Notes

OUR medical superintendant, Dr. M. M. Martinson, delivered a lecture at the Huntsville state normal, May 4, on the subject of tuberculosis.

Mrs. Emily McGlocklin, of Chattanooga, Tenn, has lately undergone a surgical operation here and is now recovering nicely. Dr. O. M. Haywood of Chattanooga assisted Dr. Martinson in the work. Mrs. McGlocklin is one of Tennessee's faithful Bible workers.

The sanitarium at Oakwood which has been so long desired, so earnestly prayed for, so frequently mentioned by the Spirit of Prophecy, and that has cost so much earnest effort, is now entirely complete and ready for work. It is fully equipped to do medical and surgical work, both as to physicians, nurses, and appliances.

Dr. Martinson went to Atlanta May 6, to do some surgical work in that city.

The doctor's ability as a surgeon is quickly recognized wherever he is known.

T. H. J.

ELDER J. K. Humphrey met with what might have been a very serious accident recently in a gas explosion at his home. While he received bad burns, yet we understand he is improving, and we trust under the blessing of the Lord that he will soon fully recover.

—Atlantic Union Gleaner

Fort Smith, Ark.

IT has been some time since I have furnished anything for publication in these columns, but it has not been because I have been idle; for I have not. I have been continually sowing the good seed,—preaching some, giving Bible readings in the homes, selling our denominational books, and also some Bibles as I come across those who need them. Also, the editor of the only Negro journal published in this city offered me the privilege of furnishing articles for publication in it on points of our faith. So far, an article from my pen has been published in it every week for two months and a half. During this time I have written articles on "The Second Coming of Christ," "The Nearness of His Coming," "Christmas," "A Scriptural Solution of the Negro Problem," "State of the Dead," "Immortality of the Soul," and two articles on the Sabbath and first day of the week.

This paper has a pretty good circulation here in the city, and besides, it goes to over two-hundred and fifty postoffices outside. And so these articles have been read by many people all over the country, and I believe I have done some good through this effort.

Five persons have begun to keep the Sabbath since I began laboring in this city last summer,—a man and his wife, and three other women. They seem to be in earnest, and attend Sabbath services quite regularly. There are others who are much interested, and we expect to see some of this number take their stand ere long. Though I am not able to make a great report, yet I am thankful to be able to say this much.

I ask the prayers of the believers that the Lord's blessings may continue with me, and that I may accomplish much more in the future than I have in the past in this blessed work of soul saving.

J. W. DANCER.

IN the United States there is one ordained minister for every 546 persons. In the empire of China there is one ordained minister for every 267,000 persons. In the whole non-Christian world there is only one ordained minister for every 275,000 persons. The Christian Observer well says: "This is a tremendous call to every Christian to become a worker to win souls for Christ, and to help send a substitute to work in the lands of heathen darkness."—Selected

The Colored Work in Columbia, S. C.

IN September 1909, I began tent efforts in this city. At first we were hedged in on all sides with perplexing difficulties. This is the capital and represents society of every caste and has educational advantages above any other in South Carolina. This city has six colleges and universities of which three are for colored people. The negro institutions, have an enrollment of nearly 2000 students, representing homes from every nook and corner in South Carolina.

Spiritually, this city is controlled by the most intelligent clergy force I ever witnessed. The people think if they are turned out of their churches they are turned out of heaven. It was under such circumstances, that we began the first tent effort in this city. Elder W. H. Armstrong had preceded us with literature sowing, which partly accounts for our good success.

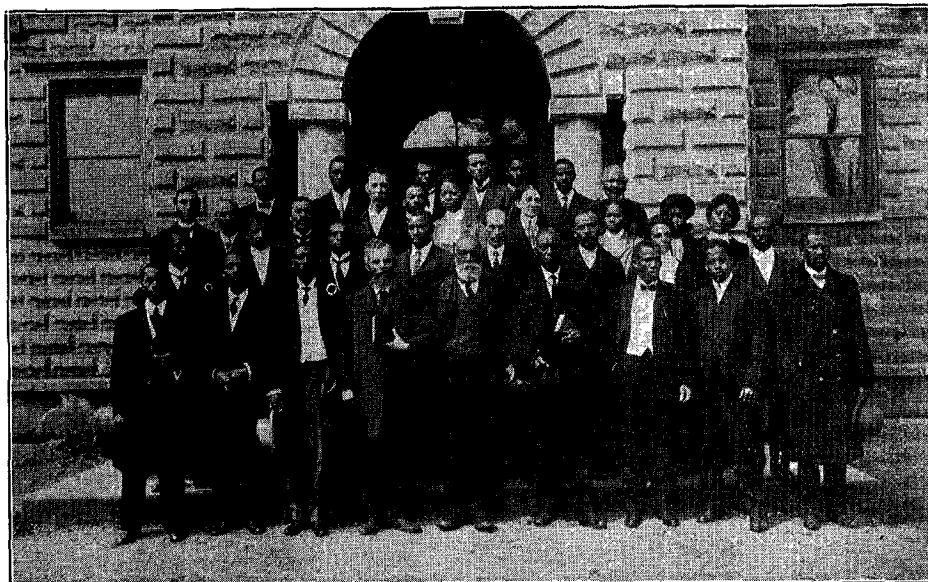
The result proved to be the best in the history of my work. About sixty-five took a stand for the truth, among which are merchants and artificers. Eld. Jeys, the president of the conference, organized a church of forty-five out of the fore-mentioned number March 18 and since, fifteen more have been received. Our sabbath school numbers nearly ninety. When we pitched our tent, there were two loyal believers in the truth who were brought in thru Elder Armstrong's most valuable services two years ago.

I leave this field reluctantly, according to Union Conference recommendation, to begin in another, not my heart's choice. The path of duty is not always plain to him who is called to take up other obligations in some new territory; but He who makes the call will supply the courage and fortitude to meet new difficulties, no matter if it is not the heart's choice. SYDNEY SCOTT.



Conversational Novelty

INSTEAD of talking about the preacher, how would it do to talk occasionally of some of those far more interesting characters, the old Bible prophets? not only are they better worth talking about—for several reasons—but they are more of a conversational novelty. Besides, one could do most of the talking one's self, for the rest of the company are more likely to be familiar with Pastor Blank's wife's shortcomings than with the career of Elijah or John the Baptist.—*Selected.*



Ministers and workers attending the institute held at Oakwood March 23 to April 13, 1911.

Read from left to right.

Front row, G. E. Peters, J. H. Lawrence, W. A. S. Henry, C. M. Kinny, A. Barry, S. A. Jordan, R. E. Williams, Victor Walterding, N. B. King.

Second row. J. G. Dasent, Page Shepard, J. W. Allison, Alex. Osterman, Chas. A. Wilson, A. A. Clark, Mrs. L. C. Sheafe.

Third row. Thomas Murphy, F. Hall, T. B. Buckner, W. H. Maynor, Elizabeth Smith, Anna Knight, Julia Lowe, Mrs. V. E. Kinny, Mrs. Emily McGlocklin.

Fourth row. M. C. Strachan, C. G. Manns, B. W. Abney, J. W. Manns, Sydney Scott, Frank Peterson, Turner Battle, Levi Turner.

The Institute Symposium

Being a testimony meeting of ministers and Bible workers, held through the columns of the Gospel Herald, for the information, benefit, and pleasure of our readers.

Louisville, Ky.

IMAGINE yourself travelling through the great desert of Sahara day after day without seeing anything but a vast ocean of sand as far as the vision extends and the water supply rapidly decreasing. Suddenly from the front of the caravan comes a shout. An oasis is near where there's plenty of pure fresh cooling water, palms, and a beautiful living green to rest the eye. When you imagine this scene then you may have some idea of the effect of the institute in my heart and my appreciation and gratitude to God and my brethren for this Spiritual Oasis,—the institute.

J. H. LAWRENCE.

Nashville, Tenn.

For our Ministerial institute I am truly thankful. I received many new thoughts in our good "institute." I rejoiced for the spirit of harmony manifested, and the many blessings received. The institute has filled my heart with new courage and hope to be more faithful in the message until Jesus comes. Both instructors and workers have my prayers for success.

V. E. KINNY.

Mobile, Ala.

The institute was one that will be long remembered by all who were present. Truly the spirit of the Lord was in all of our meetings, and on some special occasions, in large measures. This institute was not planned by the will of men but it was the mind of God, who saw our dire need of a better preparation to carry this last message to the world. This institute revealed myself to me as I have never seen before, and I can truthfully say with Paul that, I am crucified with Christ. I can truly say with Isaiah, "Here am I send me."

THOS. MURPHY.

Meridian, Miss.

This institute reminds me of a Union meeting held at College View Neb. in the winter of 1900. The Lord came into the meeting through the spirit of prophecy with a message to the high and low. So the great truths we hold were leveled up on every side, and all present were inspired with a stronger desire to return to their fields of labor to give the trumpet no uncertain sound. That is what this institute has accomplished for me.

A. C. CHATMAN.

Columbia, S. C.

The institute for colored ministers has closed, but its effect has just begun.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

New Orleans, La.

I have been identified with this denomination for twenty three years. During this time I have attended four institutes for ministers and workers, and received some benefit; but the three weeks institute held at Oakwood, March 23 to April 10 has been the most profitable to me, for several reasons.

In the first place the instructors all seemed to be of one heart and one mind endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. A good spirit prevailed among ministers and workers. Thorough organization was the watchword. I am sure all are much benefited, and have planned to do more aggressive work for the salvation of precious souls.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Asheville, N. C.

I am happy for my privilege of attending the ministerial institute. I have learned many things that will prove a great blessing to me in the ministry of the word. I return to my work with greater powers for service and larger hopes for success.

M. C. STRACHAN.

Yazoo City, Miss.

I have no words to properly express my gratitude to God for the instructions received at the ministerial institute, held at Oakwood. Now I return to my field of labor freighted with heaven sent blessings, and praying that the Lord will make me a blessing to others.

N. B. KING.

Atlanta, Ga.

It was a glorious day when the spirit of God moved upon the hearts of the brethren to conduct the ministerial institute. I would not take one thousand dollars for the instructions received from spirit filled brethren. It helped me intellectually, physically and spiritually.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

Huntsville, Ala.

On my way from Jamaica, British West Indies to the Oakwood School, I stopped at Washington and Nashville. I reached Oakwood just in time to enjoy a portion of the institute. I have not attended a better series of meetings for a long time. The old time ring of the message was apparent. The pure Gospel was preached. The message was presented in a new setting, and it penetrated and helped many sick and wounded hearts. May God continue to bless and preserve his ministers, especially those who are taking such deep interest in the colored work.

F. HALL.

Orlando, Fla.

I am very grateful to God for the privilege of attending the institute and for the blessings received. The lessons given will be a great help to me in my labors in the field. I praise God for this. My associations with the brethren have been most profitable. I rejoice in having met so many of like precious faith.

J. W. MANNS.

Knoxville, Tenn.

I desire to express my sincere gratitude for the privilege of attending the ministers institute, to better prepare myself to do an efficient work for the Lord.

I am very much interested in the work for my people. I want them to be saved in the kingdom of God. The third angel's message is the only message by which they can be saved. I have been helped and for this I praise the Lord.

W. H. MAYNOR.

Birmingham, Ala.

The institute is now past, but it will be long remembered by those who are connected with the work for the colored people in the South. The instructions given during the convention were such as would tend to the development of soul and body, and just what we need in these days of apostasy and infidelity.

J. G. DASENT.

Memphis, Tenn.

I can say with the greatest assurance that this institute has been one of the greatest blessings to me. I have new zeal to study God's word as never before. May God bless our instructors, is my prayer.

S. A. JORDAN.

Vicksburg, Miss.

The benefit of this institute to me are many fold. It has deepened thought, aroused action, given impetus to aspiration, brightened hope, fostered zeal, and stimulated energy, integrity, honesty, patience, courage and diligence. Only the judgment will reveal the results. I praise the Lord for the institute.

J. W. ALLISON.

Cordele, Ga.

Dear brethren and sisters, the ministerial institute was indeed a blessing to me. I am determined to do more this year, than I did last. Truly we thank God for His presence, and for the kind treatment of our Oakwood brethren, and students.

May God ever bless the efforts which are being put forth for the training of workers for this most needy field. Pray for me that I may ever prove faithful to God.

C. G. MANNS.

Dothan, Ala.

I thank God, and those who planned the ministerial institute. As I participated in the deep studies and listened to the lectures and touching experiences my soul was filled with joy and praises to him from whom all blessings flow. Truly the spirit of the Lord was present in each meeting. I leave for my place of labor with new aspirations. I desire to be one through whom the Lord can bless others.

CHAS. A. WILSON.

Greenville, S. C.

The Lord is mindful of his people. His name is excellent in all the earth. I praise and give thanks unto the Lord for impressing his trusty servants to convene such an institute as this one which has brought the workers from the different parts of the field to be more fully instructed in the system of truth which constitutes the third angel's message.

Personally, I have been greatly blessed by the precious truth which has been brought out by the instructors.

J. F. CHRICHLOW.

Brunswick, Ga.

I cannot thank God enough for this institute. Before coming, the language of my heart was "That which I see not, teach thou me." And as each subject was presented, the Spirit life of the Word was received into my heart. Therefore I am resolved to be more faithful, and untiring in my efforts for the salvation of souls. The power and working of the Spirit, Organization, Religious Liberty, and many other subjects were a real feast of good things from beginning to end.

ELIZABETH SMITH.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Altho I came here very weak physically, yet I have been privileged to attend nearly all the meetings of the ministers' institute, and this has been a feast to my soul.

Many things have been made plain to us from God's Holy Word.

Discussions of various subjects, and the free use of the "question box" have been great helps to us, as workers.

It has been very refreshing to exchange ideas, and to obtain a "thus saith the Lord," for many questions we meet almost daily.

I praise the Lord for this institute and thank Him for the blessings I have so freely received.

MRS. EMILY MCGLOCKLIN.

Mobile, Ala.

Language fails me to express the benefits I have received from the ministerial institute. My presence was demanded at my field of labor at the beginning, yet the subjects presented during my stay were invaluable to me. The testimonies and reports of my co-laborers have given me a new impetus to do a better work for Jesus.

As Nehemiah, I have fully realized from this institute what a "great work" is to be done and this is no time to "come down," lest the work be hindered and our Master's return delayed.

W. A. S. HENRY.

Nashville, Tenn.

I am very grateful to God for this institute and for such an efficient corps of faithful instructors, who were untiring in their efforts to present to us the way of life more perfectly.

In each subject that was presented I received just the food for which my soul hungered. As a result my spiritual strength has been renewed, my heart filled with courage and faith to labor more earnestly than ever before for the salvation of souls.

I am joyfully looking forward to a similar institute the coming year. My prayer is that God may abundantly bless the effort of each worker when they shall have returned to their respective fields of labor.

JULIA P. LOWE.

Nashville, Tenn.

The first ministerial institute for the colored people is now a part of the glorious history of the message. It was a significant epoch,—a mile post of progress. I prized it above silver and gold and enjoyed it more than rubies and diamonds.

Its value and benefit to the ministers and workers cannot be overestimated and its fruits will be seen in increased knowledge and faith, and a more united and harmonious action.

The spirit of unity, brotherly love, meekness, and humility, and the absence of selfishness were pleasing to the Lord. The Spirit of God was felt throughout the institute, and especially on several occasions when the Comforter convicted us of sins which were confessed, forgiven and put away forever, if we keep our word, which may the Lord help us all to do. May the Lord continue to prosper the school and bless the workers as they enter upon their work.

C. M. KINNEY.

Ashville, N. C.

The institute at Huntsville has been a great blessing to me. The important points of the message were made to show out with great boldness. Organization was seen in all its glory and as an absolute necessity for the successful carrying forward of the work of God in heaven and earth. Eld. Thompson, president of the Southeastern Union, was instructor in this theme.

The work of the Holy Spirit as brought to view by Elder Haysmer causes me to dedicate myself anew to the service of God with filial submission. The putting up of a tent and how to care for it was a very interesting feature of practical instruction for which I am very thankful. I saw the necessity of the Religious Liberty department as never before.

For all these benefits I bless and praise the God of heaven.

A. A. CLARK.

Greensboro, N. C.

Words fail me to express my heartfelt gratitude to my heavenly Father for the incalculable benefits the institute has been to me, for the precious victories obtained through faith, and for the instruction I have received.

Each study was given in the power of the Spirit and was most illuminating in character. My soul was fed, and I rejoice with joy unspeakable, and say with all confidence that as a result of this institute, the work in the field will go forward with more convincing power, for which I praise God with a full heart.

PAGE SHEPARD.

Birmingham, Ala.

This institute has proven a great benefit to me. It has strengthened, encouraged, and given me more zeal to labor untiringly for the Master.

VICTOR WOLTERDING.

Montgomery, Ala.

I praise God for the rich blessings this institute has brought me. That it was ordained of God who can doubt?

Am confident that the outlay of means required to bring together all the workers of both missions, also the careful and patient instructions afforded by those in charge, will be largely repaid by a great harvest of souls rescued from the enemy's hand.

May God help me to retain and put in practice the wonderful lessons learned. I am leaving this institute full of courage and better prepared to fight the Lord's battles.

G. E. PETERS.

News and Notes**From the Southeastern Union.****Florida**

MISS M. SIMMONS is connected with one of Jacksonville's colored hospitals as nurse.

Miss M. L. Moore, of Lakeland, has been enjoying a much needed rest this spring. Soon she will return to her medical missionary work.

Miss Gracie Hunter, at Jacksonville is still pushing the sale of our literature in that important metropolis.

Mr. I. Palmer, at Jacksonville, also gives much of his time to the good work of scattering the printed page.

Mr. F. R. Lester spent a few weeks this winter at Datona handling our publications.

Our mission school teacher at Punta Gorda, Miss Anna Butler, writes that thus far one soul has been saved from the curse of strong drink as a result of her temperance organization.

Our teacher at Fernandina, Miss Essie Palmer, writes encouragingly of her work. She says the school is progressing. This is as it should be.

Mr. J. S. Green has been teaching the East Palatka school since January. They have a new building now at that place.

Miss Janie McDuffie and Miss Felecia Palmer are in charge of the Jacksonville school. The enrollment has reached 117.

Elder J. W. Manns and his helpers are arranging for a vigorous tent effort this summer at Jacksonville.

Georgia

Mr. F. Wicks has been operating a night school in connection with the day school at Brunswick.

Mrs. Anna Cheshire and Mrs. E. A. Dent are still teaching the Atlanta school. The music classes have now become a strong feature in this school.

Mrs. F. A. Lockett at Macon, is developing into a successful Bible worker. Although a new Sabbath-keeper herself, she is winning other souls into the truth.

Miss Knight continues her Bible work in the city of Atlanta. New believers have recently developed as a result of her efforts.

Mrs. E. Smith is laying plans for an interesting season of Bible work this summer at Savannah.

Elder C. G. Manns and R. E. Williams will begin tent work this summer at Columbus. They hope to push on later to Savannah.

S. Carolina

A new company of seven believers was recently organized at Lincolntonville.

South Carolina has several promising youth in training at our Huntsville and Hillcrest schools.

Mrs. A. Crichlow is planning the closing exercises of her school at Greenville May 11th.

Brethren L. Mullin and S. W. McLoughlin are laboring together at Marion. Their post office address is at Florence.

The writer and Brother J. F. Crichlow recently conducted a three weeks effort at Johnston with most encouraging results.

A large company of tent workers will enter Columbia again this summer. The writer and brother J. F. Crichlow are to be in charge.

N. Carolina

Mr. T. H. Bailey is canvassing with good success in Asheville and vicinity.

Miss M. G. Mason, our teacher at Asheville, is still engaged in the good work of spreading our tracts and papers.

Elder Sydney Scott and brother Page Shepard will begin an aggressive tent campaign in North Carolina this summer. In all probability one of the large cities will be entered first.

Cumberland

Mrs. Helen Maynor, our Knoxville teacher, is making the industrial arts a strong feature in her work with the children.

The believers at Chattanooga regret very much the illness of their Bible worker, Mrs. E. McGlocklin. Recently she registered as a patient in the Oakwood Sanitarium. Let us all pray for her speedy recovery.

Brother W. H. Maynor continues his Bible work in Knoxville and vicinity.

M. C. STRACHAN, *Field Sec.*

**Sylacauga, Ala.**

DEAR Readers: It is a long season since we have reported our work but that is not an evidence that we have been idle.

Besides my teaching and evangelistic work at Clarksdale, Miss., I have visited several towns, villages and plantations in Mississippi and have sold many of our good books.

We are now in Alabama. We came here last month. Our new field is Sylacauga; we are located about four miles in the country on an industrial school farm.

Since coming here we have found much work to do. Besides teaching in the day and also at night, we hold services four times every Sabbath. These meetings are well attended.

The Sunday night meeting is well attended; there is an increase weekly. I am giving the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation at these services, and the sermon on the mount every Sabbath.

We have found three home students here, a young lady and two boys who are working their way through school. We expect more in the fall, but better accommodation should be provided, such as beds, mattresses, chairs, etc. We also need a cooking stove, and an organ for the church. The one here is very old and out of repair. Who will lend a helping hand? The buildings are in a dilapidated state.

We are making many visits, and getting acquainted with the people. We are working the city too, by canvassing for books.

Last Sabbath an old gentleman about seventy-seven years old came eleven miles to service. It was very touching to me when he told us by what means he reached us.

The membership here is nearly fifty including Sabbath school.

If any of the readers desire to assist in the work at Sylacauga, please write to the office 61 Lindsley, Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

W. F. GASKIN.

**Work and Pray**

DEVOTION is not all. Peter wish to stay on the mount of transfiguration, to go back no more to the cold, sin-stricken world below: but no; down at the mountain's base, human suffering and sorrow were waiting for the coming of the Healer, and the Master and His disciple must leave the rapture of heavenly communion, and hasten down to carry healing and comfort. It is always so. While we enjoy the blessedness of fellowship with God in the closet, there come in at our closed doors, and break upon our ears, the cries of human need and sorrow outside. The truest religious life is one whose devotion gives food and strength for service. The way to spiritual health lies in the paths of consecrated activity.

—Miller



TRUE goodness is true greatness.

Louisville, Kentucky

It has been quite a while since my last report, but I have not been idle.

I delayed my report for a picture of our church building which was not then completed, but thank the Lord, we had our formal opening on Sabbath March 5. Our tent meeting which begun late last season was as successful as could be desired. We could only hold one effort and that in a small section of this large city. About twenty promised to observe the commandments of God. Of this number we can count fourteen still faithful to their promise.

Our church was raised up about twentyfive years ago by Eld. A. Barry, one of our oldest ministers, and this was one of our first colored churches in the South. Since this time meetings were held in halls and from house to house.

Near the close of our tent effort we began looking up a suitable location for a church building. After searching for sometime we found a place for one thousand dollars, but we had only about one hundred fiftyfour dollars in bank. One day while visiting I was directed after prayer to visit a certain family. I obeyed and after stating that I had found a place, an interested gentleman offered me fifty dollars. With this offer I began negotiating for a place. We paid two hundred dollars down and arranged to pay fortyfive dollars per quarter with six per cent interest payable semi-annually. The building is practically new, and we all think we secured it very reasonable. We then borrowed eighty dollars from the Southern Missionary Society, or rather the Society borrowed it for us for six months to assist us in remodeling. We began work the latter part of December and had our formal opening March 5. As we did the work ourselves with few exceptions, the cost was cut down considerably.

Every visitor has had a good word to say for it. It is a neat and attractive edifice and our hearts flow with gratitude to God for His blessing to us. We had much opposition, but the Lord gave the victory.

I must also state that our treasurer reports quite an increase in tithes and offerings.

The Spiritual thermometer is also rising and we are of better courage, but we are not satisfied. Our aim is "higher ground." Any reader of this article,

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desiring to help those who first help themselves, as we have tried to do before calling for help, may send the same to A. J. Haysmer 61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn. stating that it is for the Louisville Church. Any amount will be highly appreciated from one cent to six-hundred dollars, the amount due on our building. J. H. LAWRENCE.

Salutatory

As Professor Blake takes his departure from Oakwood, and consequently severs his editorial connection with the GOSPEL HERALD, it has become necessary that some one be chosen to fill the place thus made vacant. This choice has fallen upon the writer.

While not assuming the power to do so well, or to meet the needs of the paper so satisfactorily as has been done by the professor, it is still hoped that the readers of our little paper will be patient with mistakes, and consider that any failure is of the head, or hand, but never of the heart.

Elder Haysmer is still editor-in-chief, and will as heretofore continue to put forth his most earnest efforts to build up our work on a substantial and meritorious basis. We solicit the continued co-operation of our brethren in the great ripening field, in making our paper the very best. There are two ways in which all may help.

1. By writing short newsy items concerning the work in the field

2. Solicit subscriptions for us. Our price is low and we intend to make our paper worth the money, and more.

Yours for continued progress.

T. H. JEYS.

Huntsville, Ala.

May 10, 1911.

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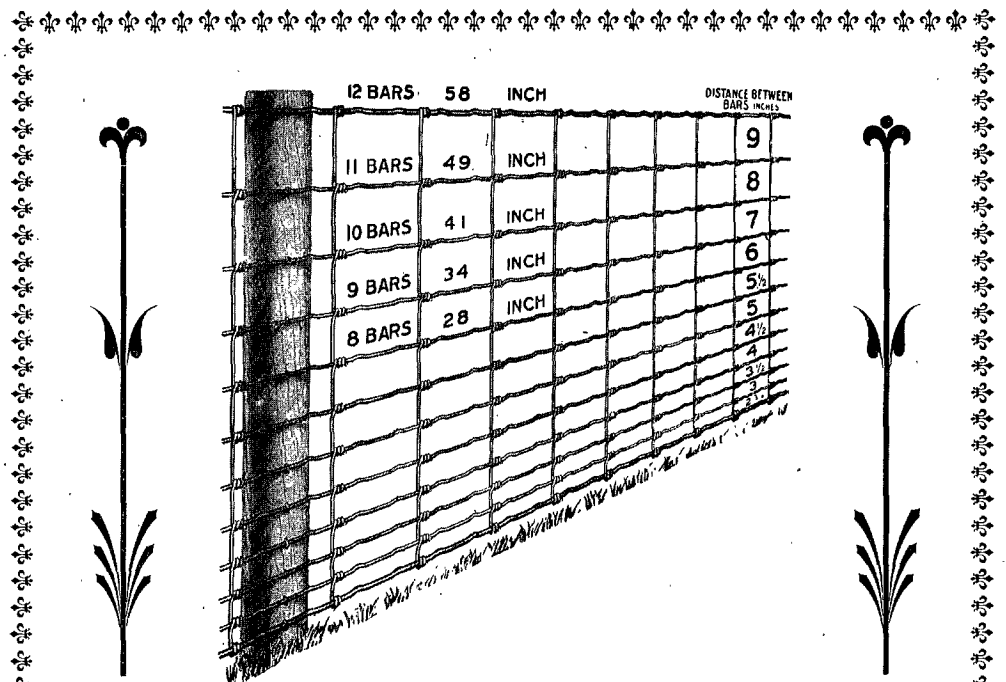
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