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The Ocean—A Study.

BEHOLD the Ocean vast!
His trackless wastes of waters blue,
Teeming with myriad forms of life,
Varied as his ever changing breast
Of dancing waves
That frolic with the fitful breeze
In playful sport:
Or, roaring, running before the dreadful gale
To break in fragments on the pebbly shore,
The silent witness of his peace or wrath,
Since God forever fixed his bound and space.
See yonder storm-bird soaring high!
Or lighting oft upon the billows crest,
Riding in perfect safety, while
You stoutest ship e'er framed by skilful man
Goes driving onward to the dreaded rocks,
To crash in pieces—a helpless wreck;
Or form, perhaps, a sepulchre
For its impotent master, man.
But see Old Ocean in his quiet moods,
Like a vast mirror, framed and circled in
By the far horizon's bounds,
Reflecting upwards to the azure sky
Ten thousand tints of colors rare
To paint in matchless beauty a
Sunset's glowing charms,
That we might praise our God!

PAGE SHEPARD.

God's Plan of Work.

WHEN the Lord commanded the children of Israel to build the tabernacle, and gave them the plan for the furniture, its curtains, and everything pertaining to it, all were not given the same work. The Lord chose his workers and then fitted them for their work by giving them skill, and imparting to them his wisdom. To each worker was appointed work according to his ability.

No worker was to lay hold of one portion of the work and place himself in the way of his fellow-laborers. Each was to do with the strictest integrity the part appointed him. The plan of the great Deviser was followed, and the tabernacle came forth from the hands of the workers complete, each part in harmony with every other.

Industry in a God-appointed work is as much a part of true religion as is de-

votion. We are not to think that in any of the tabernacle one part was menial and the other not. Every part of God's work means service. He declares of his people, "Ye are laborers together with God." We are to bear the image of God, and every soul saved through the sacrifice of the Son of God must in this life be made complete in Christ. There is much to do in order to fit us for the courts of the Lord. The roughness of spirit, the coarseness of speech, the cheapness of character, must be put away, or we can never wear the garment woven in the heavenly loom,—the righteousness of Christ.

The Lord designs to bring his people as material from the quarry of the world, that he may work them. They are in need of the ax and the hammer, of planing and polishing; for if this work is not done the stones will retain their roughness. They will be unsymmetrical, and unfitted for the place Christ has prepared for every one who will enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who, under the education of Christ, make it possible to reach the highest attainments, will take every divine improvement with them to the higher school. But those who are unwilling to have their characters moulded after the divine similitude, make the angels sad; for by clinging to their sinful habits and practices they spoil the design of God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

What Hath God Wrought? The Publishing Work.

APRIL 6, 1846, the first literature ever published by Seventh-day Adventists appeared. It was a small leaflet by Miss Ellen G. Harmon, now Mrs. Ellen G. White. It contained her first vision:

In July, 1849, the first periodical was printed in behalf of this cause, at Middleton, Conn. This was a paper en-

titled "*Present Truth*." This name was changed in 1850 to "*Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*," which, with a slight change of name, is continued at the present time as the denominational church organ.

With this small beginning the publishing work has grown from year to year as the following will show.

In 1852 we had one small printing outfit worth \$652.93, five employees, and with two periodicals printed in one language.

In 1870 this one publishing house was worth \$64,471.16 with thirty employees, three periodicals, and sold that year \$7,000.00 worth of books.

In 1880 there were four publishing houses worth \$338,565.93, employing 128 laborers. They printed ten periodicals in seven different languages, and sold \$40,009.00 worth of books.

In 1890 there were seven publishing houses worth \$959,260.95, with 412 employees, twenty-four periodicals in twelve languages, and book sales amounting to \$734,397.00.

In 1907 we had twenty-three publishing houses, 466 employees, ninety-six periodicals in fifty-four languages and book sales amounting to \$1,035,565.62.

In 1910 there were twenty-eight publishing houses worth \$1,175,092.39, with 610 employees, one hundred twenty-six periodicals in sixty-seven languages, and \$1,560,510.58 worth of book sales.

What a change! To-day our denomination publishes three hundred sixty-three books, three hundred fifteen pamphlets, twelve hundred tracts and one hundred twenty-six periodicals in sixty-seven languages.

In 1854 samples of all our tracts and pamphlets could be obtained for \$.35. Today it would cost \$525.00 to get one each of all the pamphlets, tracts, periodicals, and of the books in the cheapest binding:

A. J. HAYSMER.



SOUTHERN UNION MISSION



State Agent's Report for five weeks ending Dec. 2, 1911, for colored canvassers in Alabama.

Agent	Place	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Wright Battle, Union Springs		B. F.	186	93	\$102.50	\$11.50	\$114.00	\$15.50
Geo. H. Brown, Maplesville		B. F.	165	23	25.00	25.00	50.00	24.00
J. T. Burke, Pensacola		P. P. & F.	2	2	4.00	50	4.50	8.50
Isadore Evans, Union Springs		B. F.	213	44	66.00	5.00	71.00	13.00
Chas Griffith	" "	B. F.	189	58	87.00	9.00	96.00	
S. S. Guilford, Letohatchee		B. F.	198	21	30.50	2.00	32.50	54.00
M. L. Ivory, Camden		B. F.	205	74	111.00	15.75	126.75	88.00
E. N. Lewis, Union Springs		B. F.	92	30				50.00
I. W. Peevy, Benton		B. F.	167	37	55.00	28.50	83.50	30.19
			1417	382	481.00	97.25	578.25	283.10

Wright Battle, Chas Griffith and, Isadore Evans, are now preparing to return to school. Bro. E. N. Lewis has returned. This will considerably reduce our force.

We are now planning for our 1912 Canvasser's institutes. I will be glad to hear from those who are interested in this line of work and who are thinking of taking it up.

R. I. KEATE,
State Agent.

Louisville, Kentucky

Ten persons were baptised here by Elder J. H. Lawrence, during the month of October. I am here in Louisville uniting my efforts with those of the Bibleworker in this place.

The Canvasser's institute held here Oct. 28, to Nov. 12, was attended with much success. Eternity alone will reveal the good that has been done, as a result of the instruction given by Brethren A. F. Harrison and C. F. Dart. at this institute.

As a result, several new ones are entering the canvassing work, and those who have entered, have been wonderfully blessed, finding manyeager for the printed pages of truth.

The Lord has been blessing the efforts of Elder J. H. Lawrence in getting a place where the new believers can meet to receive instruction from time to time.

Since the tent meetings held this summer by Elders Jordan and Lawrence, Satan has been at work to weaken the the faith of these new believers and thus scatter them. We regret very much that this place could not have been obtained sooner, as much that has been done during the tent effort, has to be done over again.

The building was formerly a dwelling house with three rooms. The partition has been taken down, but much repair remains to be done on both outside and inside; remodeling, plastering, papering

and painting, to make it comfortable and inviting as possible; a place where the Lord will be pleased to meet with us.

CELIA HART.

North Alabama

I VISITED Selma Nov. 28. I took some of the Harvest Ingathering Number of the Signs of the Times with me, which I distributed along the way and about the city, collecting several dimes for foreign mission work. There is at the present time one Sabbath keeper in the city proper and another who left Birmingham early this year located about six miles in the country. I made a few visits, distributed hundreds of pages of tracts, sold what papers I had with me, and returned to Birmingham in time for the week of prayer meetings.

After opening these meetings and arranging for their continuing, I visited Gadsden, and spent the remainder of the week with the believers there. Despite the very bad weather, meetings were held each night at the home of the members. On Sabbath we all met in the little hall for worship. Just before reading the article for the day, I spoke on the brevity of time. Brother and Sister Rice are of good courage and are doing their best to help the message. My papers were gladly received in this city and I collected five dollars for missions.

December 18 I went to Anniston. To my

surprise, I found believers there.

About six years ago a lady from this city visited her daughter in Los Angeles.

On her return home, she commenced keeping the Sabbath and to tell others of it. About three years later a canvasser came to this city and remained three months selling books and giving Bible readings. Last summer the daughter of the lady above mentioned returned the visit of her mother and watered the seed which had been sown. When she left, there were seven or eight keeping the Sabbath. Some have become discouraged, not having a leader.

I gave a few readings and made several visits and collected one dollar for missions.

I reached Sylacauga December 20, and found Brother and Sister Gaskin hard at work and of good courage. The work has improved greatly since they have been there. There are twelve boarding students, and about double that number who attend school daily. I found everything clean and in good working order.

The church in Birmingham is fast becoming an ideal one in missionary work. Five-hundred Signs have already been distributed and since their distribution, donations have been received on them every Sabbath. The attendance at church service is good. We are all of good courage; praying, fighting, and working.

J. GERSHOM DASENT

Houston Texas.

I HAVE been very busy since I got back to my work in Houston. We went away and left our work and were gone about three months. When we left, the interest among our readers was good and we regretted very much to leave it where it was. The opposers of our work go after our readers while we are away. They keep every day holy, they say; that Christ is the Sabbath, that we are not under the law but under grace, etc. We have some strange spirits to meet.

Wife and myself went on an electric car which was crowded with people. Mrs. Gates began offering the papers to them; several bought copies. One lady said, "This is an Adventist paper. I am a Seventh day Adventist. We all should offer more of these good papers to the people."

E. M. GATES.

Items

THE tithes and offerings for 1910 were as follows:— In the United States, \$1,620,440.79. Europe \$297,860.74. Australasia \$127,322.90. Canadian, \$57,737.95. Mission fields, \$120,405.14. Making a total of \$2,223,767.95. An average of \$21.27 for each Seventh Day Adventist.

The United States has one Sabbath keeper to every 1,439 of its inhabitants. Canada, one to every 2,108, Europe one to every 24,175, and mission fields one to every 64,486.

In the United States there is one evangelist to every twenty-eight Sabbath keepers. Canada one to every twenty-one, Europe one to every twenty, the mission fields, one to every eighteen.

If the population of the world were divided into as many congregations as we have Seventh-day Adventists, in the United States each one would have a congregation of 1,439, while those outside of the United States would have a congregation that would number twenty-three times as large, or 32,810 and some countries much larger, as in India, it would be 531,187.

"My people are destroyed (cut off, margin) for lack of knowledge." Life and Health, the national health magazine is filled each month with health topics, just such as are needed by our own people and our neighbors. What are we doing to get the light on health principals into our own homes and those of our friends and neighbors?

The money pledged last summer to better equip our Training School is coming in, and the school faculty and students are busy making the improvements. We trust the Lord will open the way for those who have not paid to do so soon, so we can put in the industries that are so much needed. We have a good class of students again this year. There are many that would like to come if they were able.

Miss M. M. Osborn who has been connected with the colored work in the South for many years, and recently in Nashville Tenn., has accepted a call to labor in the W. Va. Conference. We are glad that a work can be carried on in a definite way in that state. We wish Sister Osborn health and abundant fruits for her efforts in her new field.

I had the privilege of attending the last day of the ministerial institute held at Battle Creek, Mich. I was glad to

meet several former associates in the work. One could easily discern that the Spirit of God had been in the meetings.

I was glad to meet Elds. W. D. Forde of Chicago, L. W. Browne of Southern Ill., and brother J. W. Owens of Detroit, Mich. They all gave a good report of the work among the colored people in their respective fields. We were also glad to meet the president of the Indiana Conference and have a talk with him about plans for the advancement of the work among the colored people of his state.

The Hinds County Mississippi grand jury in its report bewails the fact that the use of cocaine is alarming, principally among the colored people who in some sections of the country, when short of cash, have actually bartered their farm for the drug. We are glad that this closing message is broad enough to cover all the needs of mankind. Let us hasten to carry it to every home.

A. J. H.

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The World Ripe for the Message.

WHENEVER God has a message to go to the world, he not only provides men and means to carry it; but in some way prepares the fields for the reception of the message.

The Lord has a three-fold message to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, in the last generation, and it is interesting to note how he has prepared the field so that it can be carried.

A great change has been brought about in the last century. Under the title "A Century of Progress in Missions", the 'Missionary Review' gives the following:--

1810

Nearly every country in Asia and Africa was closed to the gospel.

There were practically no Protestant Christians in heathen lands.

Only one hundred foreign missionaries had been sent out.

The Bible was translated into only sixty-five languages.

1910

Practically every nation in the world is open to missionaries.

All evangelical churches are interested in missions. To speak against missions is counted a disgrace.

More than two million Protestant Christians have been gathered in heathen lands—besides all who have died in the faith.

There are nearly twenty-two thousand foreign missionaries in the world.

Only a few thousands of dollars were given yearly to missions.

There were no medical missionaries.

There were no mission hospitals or orphanages.

There were no unmarried women missionaries, and no organized work for women.

There was no native Christian ministry.

Total foreign missionary contribution amount to nearly \$25,000,000 annually.

The Bible has been translated into about five hundred languages and dialects.

Thousands of medical missionaries in the heathen lands treat three million patients a year.

There are four hundred mission hospitals and over five hundred orphanages and asylums in foreign lands, operated by missionaries.

There are over six thousand unmarried women missionaries to heathen women and children.

There are about ninety-three thousand native pastors, evangelists, etc., working among their own people.

There are nearly thirty thousand schools and colleges conducted by Protestant missionaries in foreign lands.

There are over one hundred sixty publishing houses and mission presses, and four hundred Christian periodicals are published on the mission fields.

Thousands of college students are on the mission field, and thousands are preparing to go.

A. J. H.

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Chicago, Ill.

Since the erection and dedication of our church building there has been a growing interest in our work here in Chicago. Our Sabbath services are well attended by members and visitors. Sunday evenings, the church is filled. The Lord is leading, despite many obstacles that confront us. Several are receiving Bible studies weekly. Ten have been added this year to our number, seven by letter, and three by baptism. Two of our visitors lately expressed a desire to unite with us.

W. DURANT FORDE.

Talks to my Students

Quitter or Sticker, Which?

OPEN the window eastward" said the dying prophet. Joash obeyed. As the strength of the young king was exerted and Elisha felt the recoil of the artillery, he cried out, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance."

But now, tho noting physical strength and ability, he must make a further test. "Take the arrows," said Elisha. The king took them in his hand, and stood expectant. "Smite on the ground." The king "smote thrice, and stayed." The prophet was keenly disappointed. Here was a young man full of strength and energy, one who had good ability, but who would not continue. He would grow weary. After a short brilliant effort he would "stay." He was a "quitter." What made it the more distressing was the fact that he stood in a position of responsibility where those under his influence would copy his errors. His disposition to "stay" would be copied by many a promising youth in Israel.

The record says, Elisha was angry and said, "You should have smitten five or six times. Then thou shouldst have smitten Syria five or six times; but now, thou shalt smite them but thrice."

Thus the little things are the signs by which may be quite accurately predicted, the successes or failures of one's life.

The lesson is for us. Do you desire success? Have you put your hand to the plow? Will you run well, or only for a time? It depends upon yourselves.

Many a man of good talent and bright prospect has made failure, or at least but indifferent success, because he has "smitten thrice and stayed."

Here you are in the school. You have been at some expense to get here. Will you now easily give up, and fail of your purpose?

No, I am persuaded better things of you. You will persevere. You will smite "five or six times."

Something for Nothing.

The world is full of people who are trying to get it. Need I add that it cannot be done? We smile at the would be inventor who hopes by a skillful arrangement of cogs, wheels, pullys, and belts, to produce "perpetual motion." His is only the old attempt to get without rendering an equivalent. The men who steal, beg, cheat,—each is trying, in his own chosen way, to get, without re-

turning an equal value.

Paul's statement that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," has a converse statement, equally true, "Whatsoever a man doth *not* sow, that shall he not reap."

That which may appear to be a reaping where one has not sown, is apparent rather than real.

Do not set out in life with a purpose of receiving something for which you have not given value received. Let your chief ambition be, not so much, "what can I get?" as "what am I worth?"

Let it be your greatest effort to make it worth while that you are here. Live so that people will wonder how they got on without you. Carve out a place for yourself that no one can fill so well as yourself,—and then fill the place.

Dismiss from your mind the frequently entertained notion that the world owes you a living. It is a mistake. The world owes you nothing, unless you have made yourself useful to it. The statement is misleading. It contains the elements of dishonesty.

Every tramp who has ever disgraced his manhood by wilfully begging rather than labor, has entertained the idea. Every thief who has put his hand to his neighbor's goods, has likewise believed that he could cheat the inexorable rule of compensations. Every gambler and cheat, every trickster and trader and dishonest trafficker, has fondly hoped that he could evade the rule and be the exception.

When Moses wrote, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," he only recognized the eternal law of compensations. As to Jesus' comments on this text, we must discuss that another time.

Getting Versus Being.

"What can I get for it," is not nearly so important a question, as "What can I be worth." Many a boy and girl, many a man and woman, are much concerned about the former while the latter question gives them no concern.

We may properly desire to receive, but our desire to receive should be tempered by considering that it is only what we sow that we have a right to reap.

"I wish I might fall heir to a million" is likely the wish of every one, sometime; but not many people may inherit so great a sum. "I wish I were worth a million," is a worthy, legitimate, and altogether proper ambition, which every

one may entertain. If you are worth a million, you may not get it; but your life will not have been lived in vain. Usually the people who are worth the least, are the ones who make the most fuss about not getting what they think they are worth.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Let your anxiety be to sow. The reaping will come as a necessary consequence.

Excuses.

Napoleon once said to one of his generals, "You give an excellent excuse. I will dismiss you from your office. A man who is so skillful at making excuses, is rarely good for anything else."

This may seem to us a very severe dealing, but the "Little Corporal" was a good judge of human nature. He had learned that success comes to those who have so carefully planned and wrought, that no excuses are needed. It should be our ambition to eliminate the necessity for excuses.

T. H. J.



Annual Meeting

THE fourth annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Missionary Society, a body corporate under the laws of the State of Tennessee, will be held at their office, Room 511, Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn., at 11 a. m., January 23, 1912, for the election of a board of trustees and for the transaction of such other business as shall legally come before said meeting.

N. B. ---The members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Union Conference are the members of this Society, and under the statutes of the State of Tennessee, each member is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy.

W. R. BURROW, President

W. A. WILCOX, Secretary



Notice

THE annual meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, incorporated, will be held in the North Nashville school building, Nashville, Tennessee, at 4 p. m. Thursday January 25, 1912. The purpose of the meeting is the election of trustees and a board of counsellors, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A. J. HAYSMER, Chairman

A. J. HARRIS, Secretary

SOUHEASERN UNION MISSION

Macon, Ga.

We are of good courage, for the work is moving onward nicely, altho the enemy is working mightily.

The week of prayer has brought us a blessing. We have consecrated ourselves anew to the Lord for service; and that means our pocket-books, too.

I have visited the Austell company and spent a few days with them. They are of good courage.

Some of neighbors were laughing at Brother Cantrell's family, saying that they cannot keep the Sabbath and make good crops. God has convinced them, for they have made this year, twenty-seven bales of cotton.

They have more chickens now than ever before. Of potatoes, corn, milk, and butter, they have plenty. Their neighbors have to go to them for supply. Indeed, God has said that his people should be the head and not the tail. Deut. 28:13. When God blesses with this world's goods, it is that they should be a blessing to others.

Later report

The work in Macon is moving on nicely two of our members have taken up the canvassing work. We are planning to raise \$40 from the Harvest Ingathering papers for missions.

Our Saviour has promised to cut short the work and finish it in righteousness. Satan too, is working to destroy the inhabitants of the earth. Knowing this brethren and sisters, let us by God's help work for the salvation of souls.

We are glad to have Sister Leonard with us. She has started a mission school in connection with our work. We are still contributing toward our land fund. Those who have made promises at our campmeeting toward the same, please remember them. We are also calling on the readers of this paper to help us. Send all donations thru the regular channels. The victory is almost gained; let us press the battle to the gate.

R. E. WILLIAMS



Winston-Salem, N. C.

For over two weeks I have been in Winston-Salem. Early morning prayer meetings have been held every morning

since coming here. They have been of much value to us in getting near to God.

The straight testimony has been borne and the spirit of humbling and confession has come in. The presence of the Spirit has been marked. Weeping over neglected duties and earnest desires to stand on higher ground has characterized the testimonies given.

Strangers are attending the services. A favorable interest has been created. Our little place can hardly hold the visitors. I praise the Lord for freedom in presenting the solemn message with directness, simplicity, and clearness. My own soul is being watered as well as the soul of those who hear.

PAGE SHEPARD



Pensacola, Fla.

When coming to this city three and a half months ago, I found that there was much work to be done. Some of our members had become cold, and were not attending the meetings.

The word of God always has remedies for the various ills of his church, therefore fasting and prayer was called for, that we might know how to better ourselves. Our people are now rejoicing in a changed experience.

A man and wife who were interested, took their stand for the commandments of God and were baptized, during a visit by Elder Peters to this place.

This brother has lately met with an accident. Falling from a car while at work loading it, he broke his right forearm. He was taken to the sanitarium. After a few days blood poison showed itself and to save his life, the arm was amputated. He is still strong in the Lord. God moved on the hearts of the company in whose employ he was, and they gave him \$250. He is trading on this, to make himself a living.

Last week a druggist visited me and asked many questions concerning life in the next world. Prior to this I had had many talks with him. He left quite satisfied, and said, by God's help he was going to keep the Sabbath. The book "Change of the Sabbath" was loaned him, the which he is now reading with much interest. I have several calls for Bible studies.

The mission school is progressing. Many from the outside send their children.

We have a flourishing Y. P. M. V. Society.

Our church building has not yet been fully paid for. Pensacola bids fair to be one of our important centers here in the South.

M. G. NUNES



Orlando, Florida.

At the close of the Sanford Campmeeting, the Beacon Light Gospel tent Company came to Orlando and began meetings Nov. 5 with a small attendance which increased every night, until on Sunday night the tent was well filled with attentive hearers. Our crowds are composed of people who remain until the close of the meeting. One of the citizens of this place writes in the ORLANDO REPORTER-STAR as follows:

"During the past four weeks the colored people of Orlando and vicinity have been favored with a series of practical and helpful talks from the Bible by Evangelists J. W. Manns and J. S. Green, under their large water-proof tent, located on the corner of Veach and Shelby streets.

These Christian workers believe the Bible to be one of the best instruments of a lasting reform in any community, and they are advising every one to secure a copy and read it, or have it read to them twice a day.

They are teaching the people the lofty character of honest daily toil; they are persuading them to develop habits of industry; they are revealing to them the blessings of unity and benevolence; and they are appealing to them to raise their standard of morals and piety in the home, at work, and on the street. Of a truth, Bible truths are being made so plain that not one can go away without an understanding.

Every colored man and woman should plan to attend, and not miss a single meeting. One of the most attractive and popular features is the singing of up-to-date songs by the choir. Jennie McDuffie, a trained organist, is the musical director."

While we have some who are praising the meetings, there are others who are bitterly opposing in different ways, yet we are thankful that the truth is enter-

ing the homes of the people. As the result of our work here so far, five have begun to walk in the light of God's word. The believers at this place are planning on building a house of worship.

J. W. MANNS,
J. S. GREEN.

Philadelphia, Pa.

THE Lord is blessing in the work of soul saving among the colored people in this large city. November 11, two of our Sabbath School pupils, young girls, were baptized. Nov., 18 four persons united with the church. Indeed we are all rejoicing that the dear Saviour is, by his Holy Spirit working among our young people, bringing them to take their stand for the truth. While I am searching in the by-ways and hedges for perishing souls, I find many who have formerly walked in the light of present truth, but becoming careless, have lost their way and gone into the world again. With patient work and prayer some of these are reclaimed from darkness, others seem satisfied to be filled with the husk of the world, so they slumber on.

The church is at work with Harvest Ingathering number of the Signs. We hope to turn in a neat sum for the mission work.

T. H. BRANCH.

Columbus, Ohio.

IARRIVED here from Oakwood on the Sep. 17, for the purpose of succeeding Elder D. E. Blake, who is now laboring in Nashville, Tenn.

This is a city of over 179,000 inhabitants including 35,000 colored.

Many of them are steeped in all kinds of secret societies, but the present truth will, I believe, help some to obey. Our location was at S. Oakley Ave., about four miles west, but since November 10, we removed the mission nearer our people on 861 Milton Ave. While at Oakley, the owner wanted his house, so we had to leave, and as the bulk of the colored people is nearer our mission, we thought best to locate there.

There is a number of interested individuals all through this city. Since coming, I have been doing house-to-house work, holding Bible readings, attending the sick and distributing tracts, also holding cottage meetings.

Two are keeping the Sabbath and are

trying to know more about the truth.

Our present meeting house is about twenty by thirty feet. We have sufficient seats to hold about sixty.

For the last three weeks, I have been doing some carpentry inside the building. On account of the lack of means, we cannot put in lights to start our meetings for the outsiders.

Elder Haysmer paid us a flying visit in November, and was much pleased with the location, but was burdened for greater facilities in the extension of the work in Columbus and other cities where the colored population is so great. His presence was a source of comfort and courage to us.

F. HALL.

But !

IT is a little word. Only three letters. Most children can spell it. Most all use it. It has its place. It sometimes gets out of its proper position, and there is where the trouble begins.

Somewhere I have read a little sentence saying, "Don't be a Knocker; put up your little hammer, and be friendly with your fellow man."

Paraphrasing we might say, "Don't be a Butter; hang up your disjunctive conjunction and leave unrecited the evil deeds that this little word would introduce."

If you try it once—or several times—you will like the happy result.

"What a nice young lady Miss Blank is." Yes, *but*,—"and then follows the telling of some unsavory thing, and a cloud has fallen over the bright sunshine of kindly inclination.

"Pastor Fifthly is a most excellent preacher." "Yes, *but*,—"and the milk of human kindness is soured by the suggestiveness of this little word of three letters, and the mind of some kindly disposed fellow creature is kinked.

When the sun shines, let it shine. Let the cloudy days come when they must, *but*, for the sake of your race, for the good of your neighbors, for your own happiness and peace of mind, do not go thru life on the lookout for some unhappy condition that you can mention to offset the good that may be spoken. Let the dead bury their dead. If a good word can be spoken, let it be spoken. Don't be a "butter."

T. H. J.

The Nonsuch Professor

(Concluded from last month.)

IT is our bounden duty to live in obedience, but it will prove our utter ruin to live *on* obedience. Heaven is either the gift of mercy, or the reward of duty; if the latter, Christ is dead in vain; but if the former, we boast in vain. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Thus we see that heaven is not the product of man's labor, but the token of God's good pleasure.

Many proud sinners will labor hard in the storms of life and hurricanes of death, rather than cry out with Peter, "Lord, save, I perish!" But God is determined that every one shall die a malefactor, who dies without a mediator.

The dignity of good works does not lie in their merit, but in God's grace alone; for were he to examine them according to the rigor of the law, and separate from Christ, instead of their being valuable as refined gold, they would be as despicable as worthless tinsel. Our highest perfections are darkened with the blackest shades of imperfection. If Christ be not the foundation of our perfection on earth, he will not be the topstone of our salvation in heaven.

Reader, what person would thank you for holding a candle to assist the light of the sun; or what prince would praise you for setting a rough pebble in his crown of precious diamonds? How then can it be supposed that those works which are pregnant with mischief, can be pleasing to God?

If man lay too much weight upon the pillars raised by his own hands, he will pull down the building upon his own head. God, who cannot lie, has said, "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God who showeth mercy." It is not of him that willeth, though it be never so heartily; nor of him that runneth, tho it be never so hastily. Man's crown of glory, is only made by the hand of God's mercy.

Man's working is not the cause of God's grace, but God's grace is the cause of his working: the creature may do something against grace, but he can do nothing without it. It is dangerous to hang the weight of eternity upon the slender wires of activity.

William Secker.

Young People's Column Greeting

To all our young people we extend greeting, wishing for each one a happy New Year. This column is especially for our young people,—and old people with young hearts. If there be those who do not enjoy the eagerness and enthusiasm of the young; who would frown upon a little innocent, childish, fun; who think it wicked to smile, and a waste of time to play;—then this column is not for them.

But if there be those who believe that it is well for all to unbend sometimes, and be children with the children; who enjoy the bright cheery presence of the young people, and can in imagination renew their youth as they watch the keen pleasure of innocent childhood; we welcome all such "young old" people, and invite each to contribute his part toward making this column one of live, profitable, constant interest to all young people from 5 to 95.

Especially do we invite contributions to this column from the boys and girls themselves. Such articles should be short and right to the point. Try it, boys and girls. You will some of you surprise yourself by discovering that you can write for the press. Of course we cannot print all that may come, but we can print some. Write about something that you know, and do not undertake too heavy a subject first.

T. H. J.



The Infidel Converted.

A little girl went to visit her uncle. He was an infidel, that is, he did not believe in God. Hanging on his office wall, was a motto which said "God is nowhere." The little girl saw this and read it over carefully. Her little face grew sad and downcast as these wicked words impressed her mind. "O uncle" she cried "do take that wicked sentence off your wall. It makes me afraid!" Then she looked at it again, and fell to studying it.

Finally a happy thought seemed to come to her. Her face lighted

up with smiles. "O, now I see," she said, "it says 'God is now here.' O I am so glad, uncle, that you believe that God is here." The man's heart was much moved. Falling upon his knees, with tears streaming from his own eyes, he gave himself to that God who is in every place and who sent the little child to lead him to the Savior.



An Imp=etrable Band of Imps.

1. An imp who is cross.
2. An imp who deceives.
3. An imp who commands.
4. An imp almost necessary.
5. An imp for a king.
6. An imp like Simon Peter.
7. An imp who will not repent.
8. An imp who cannot be conquered.
9. An imp who gets in one's way.
10. An imp who ships in goods.
11. An imp who is saucy.
12. An imp that hangs over.
13. An imp who gets better.
14. An imp who should not be encouraged.
15. An imp who is unfinished.
16. An imp who makes one poor.
17. An imp who respects no one.
18. An imp who holds back.
19. An imp who pushes forward.
20. An imp who says you can't give the names of all these twenty imps.

Answers next month



Mobile, Ala.

ON coming to this city from Greenville, Miss. in Sept., I found the church practically dead. Only one of the old members was standing firm. Six promised to obey the Lord as a result of the tent effort of Elders Peters and Murphy, during the summer; but only one is now connected with the S. D. A. church. We have some that, came in later, however, and the little company are fast falling into line with the teachings of the Lord. They are also paying tithes faithfully.

Our school is growing rapidly, having an enrollment of eighty students with good attendance. Mrs. Miller and I are putting many pages of present truth into the hands of the people here.

S. D. MILLER.



A Word From the South-west.

As the year 1911 is fast closing up its history, we are thinking of the past, with all its blessings, privileges and opportunities for doing good, some of which we fear have been slighted.

But after all, we can truly say that the Master whom we have served, has, in spite of our mistakes, given us victories. We have had in our union some hard places to cross in our work for the colored people, but we look back and thank God for this and that victory, which gives us courage to press the battle a little harder the coming year, if permitted to live, and have a part in the work of saving souls.

G. F. WATSON.

— OBITUARIES —

Brooks

DIED, Nov 27, 1911, of tuberculosis, at San Antonio, Texas, Sister Corean Brooks. Her sickness was brief. She was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, well and favorably known among her neighbors and friends. She leaves a husband and four little children.

MRS. L. J. EASTERLING.

Lightner

DIED in Weeping Water, Neb., Nov. 19, 1911, Hermonia Marjoria, the little two year old daughter of Eld. and Mrs. Chas. Lightner. They were visiting Mrs. Lightner's relatives in Nebraska, where the child sickened and died. They sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Hicks

Delia Hicks died at the home of her brother in Pensacola, Fla. Nov. 13, 1911 aged 32 years. Sister Hicks was a God fearing woman. When the third angel's message came to her, she gladly accepted it, and at the time of her death was a member of the Pensacola S. D. A. church.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer. M. G. NUNES

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Oakwood Items

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harris are absent on a holiday visit to the home of their parents in Muncie, Ind.

Elder A. J. Haysmer spent Sabbath, Jan. 6, with us. He spoke to the school at the 11 o'clock service on 'Thankfulness.'

Dr. M. M. Martinson who has been absent some time, is now on his way back to Oakwood. He will return via Graysville, Tenn., to spend a few hours at the Southeastern Union Conference.

Elder T. H. Jeys and Dr. Stella Martinson, each spent a few days at the Graysville Conference.

Our new saw-mill is just about ready to begin work. Already some of our neighbours are hauling us logs, and doubtless by the time this paper reaches its readers, we shall be sawing.

Prof. Boyd opens his class in broom-making this week. A temporary shop is fitted up in the north end of the new sewing room.

Oakwood poultry yards will have eggs to sell. We have three breeds, — Buff Orpingtons, Brown Leghorns, and White Leghorns. Our fowls are bred for utility rather than show purposes. Price for either breed \$1.00 per 13.

At a recent meeting of the Oakwood Y. P. M. V. the general subject of discussion was the canvassing work. Several of our boys, lately returned from the

canvassing field, gave interesting talks on their experiences out in the work. We hope to see a goodly number taking up this important work in the coming year.

On New Year's night the program announced in the December Gospel Herald, was rendered in the Oakwood chapel. It was well executed, but because of inclement weather, few, out side of the school were present.

T. H. J.

New Orleans, La.

AFTER laboring for one year in the great crescent of the South, I think the friends of the colored work will like to have a kind of annual report of what is done here. The work is progressing, tho not without strong opposition. Eighteen new members have been added during the year just past. Fifteen of these have been baptized, the three, who joined us the last Sabbath of the week of prayer are waiting baptism.

Brother V. Wolterding is standing by me nobly in this battle. The work here is so great. We have scarcely touched it with the tips of our fingers. We cannot hold tent meetings here for the colored, neither can we rent a hall. Our greatest need is facility.

Two of our young people are in Oakwood school preparing for the work. Some are preparing to go to "Hillcrest."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Tithes	\$563.17
Sabbath School Offering	30.18
Church Expense	136.97
Colored Work	10.34
Week of Prayer Offerings	8.65
Harvest Ingathering	30.00
Other Mission Purposes	22.19
Tract Society Dept.	33.00
Organ Debt	7.50
Total	\$842.00

Besides this, we have raised money for the Poor Fund and for Home Mission work. The members have a mind to work.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Philadelphia, Pa.

SABBATH Oct. 28 six precious souls united with the church, three by letter, three by baptism. Two others desire baptism in the near future. Truly the Lord is working for us. The work is growing in interest among the colored people of the city. Calls are constantly

coming in for us to come and teach the Scriptures. To the Lord be all the praise. I visited a little company of believers who meet in the home of J. W. Scott. While they are few in number, they are of good courage and are working diligently that others may be brought to the knowledge of the truth.

T. H. BRANCH.

Newbern, N. C.

EIGHTY new believers rejoice with us in the truth. Seventy-five united with the church. The people on the whole have responded liberally to the cause. Our Sabbath-school numbers 110.

The young people's society gave an interesting program Sunday night, Dec. 31. We had a full house.

In Senator Simmon's service, Caesar's household, so to speak, we have a convert to the truth; and the senator has given her the privilege to be true to her conviction in keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, commending her consistency.

A Baptist minister has taken up the earnest study of the Sabbath question. He has written for literature covering the subject, and we have supplied him.

Elder Sidney Scott has been granted a two months, furlough. He will leave for the West in a few days. His address will be Ellensburg, Washington. The writer remains to follow up the work.

PAGE SHEPARD

THE typographical error on page 5 was not discovered until our edition was nearly run. We can not ask to be excused, for of course it is inexcusable. We hope however our readers will forgive us the blunder; or, if not, we shall willingly submit to be punished; provided only, however, that some printer who never made any mistake shall administer the punishment.

A nice list of interesting items arrived at our office from Elder M. C. Strachan, secretary of the Southeastern Union Mission, just a little too late for this issue. It will appear in our next.

WE just have room in this corner to tell our many friends who write for the GOSPEL HERALD, that matter intended for our paper must be in our hands by the first of the month. We thank our many friends for their help, and hope they will continue to write for us.