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GENERAL

Orangeburg, S.C.

WE left Winnsboro S.C. March 15 thru a blinding rain storm for Orangeburg S.C., stopping at Columbia, S. C., for a few days. The church at Columbia is progressing nicely. Its spiritual condition is certainly climbing up to greater heights where all is peaceful. I preached twice on the Sabbath for them. In their testimony meeting the spirit of God was present. We reached Orangeburg March 20, 10 a. m.

The first sight that greeted our vision was the rapid blossoming of the various fruit trees. This is a city of six thousand people. It has four institutions of learning, besides the graded schools. Two of these institutions are for the colored. Morning and evening one can see the streets filled with students, making their way to and from their respective schools. To the hundreds of colored people of this place we hope to proclaim the third angel's message. This city is literally walled with the different churches. It reminds me of Jericho of old. Notwithstanding, the message of truth is to go around and then inside. People are asking if we are Seventh Day Adventists. Yes; and we are hoping to add to our number.

Elder M. C. Strachan left us for Jacksonville, Fla., his field of labor. Elder C. G. Manns of Albany, Ga. is located at Spartanburg, S. C., where he will be holding his first tent effort. Since here, I have met with Brother E. N. Lewis, a former student of Oakwood school who is doing exceedingly well in canvassing. He is of good courage in the work.

At a recent meeting of the Negro Mission Committee it was decided that the annual campmeeting for the colored people of this state shall be held at Orangeburg, S. C., Aug. 29 to Sept. 8. I hope that all of our people will

take notice and begin to lay plans at once so that all will have time to be present. Sister Mason will go to Florence, Sumter, and Darlington for a few weeks selling our magazines, and the writer will go canvassing for the same period of time.

I must say in conclusion that the editors of the GOSPEL HERALD deserve to be complimented for the splendid make-up of the paper.

J. F. CRICHLAW.

Houston, Texas

WE have every reason to praise God, and let all our brethren and sisters praise him with us for the six new ones that joined the Sabbath School during the month of March. One of these was a worldly woman and was converted thru the help of Mrs. Gates. She now wants to be baptised.

I believe it is true that God wants us to work these hard places because he has honest souls in these large cities, and sometimes they are right near our door.

Wife and I are trying to make a thorough work of this ministry as we go; knowing that we pass this way but once.

We very much need some colored canvassers over here. We have not one in Texas.

There are thousands of colored people here, and they bought books from me when I canvassed. They bought from my wife when she was canvassing. I know the colored people here do have money and will buy if some one will carry our books to them.

E. M. GATES.

Columbus, Ohio.

THIS company has received a new experience from the visit of the Holy Spirit. On last Sabbath, while reading from Patriarchs and Prophets of the experiences of the children of Israel in the

wilderness, the Spirit of God stopped me in my sermon. In my own strength I made another attempt like Balaam, to go on; but the Lord set me down on the chair again. There was something wrong somewhere. I was then forced by an unseen power with tears in my eyes, off the platform to ask an individual sister pardon for a hard word that I had spoken to her. After returning in a prayerful spirit to my seat, while on my knees the Lord gave me such a chastisement by his Holy Spirit that I was almost forced to the floor in extreme poverty of soul, so that I retained no strength. The sweet Spirit of Christ came into the meeting and a confession was also made by the sister. I am really glad for this, as it helps to destroy the enmity in the souls of others, and to bring about a better understanding.

I also, like Jonah, repented of my lack of faith and courage in God's work. The news spread around, and last night we had a real good living meeting with a number of outsiders. One family has decided to go along with us, and a number of others are deeply interested.

F. HALL.

Birmingham, Ala.

FOR the quarter ending March 31, 1912, twenty-six members or about one half the entire membership paid tithes to the amount of over \$152, nearly half the amount raised in 1911. The Sabbath school donations for missions amounted to \$10.75, \$2.66 for local expenses, and over \$5.00 for the work in India. The missionary bands sold over three hundred periodicals. A policeman said to one of our agents not long ago that he wishes it were possible to put a copy of that paper (Bible Training School) into every house in Birmingham. We are taking advantage of the 'open door' for very soon it will be closed. — J. GERSHOM DASENT.

What Was Abolished by the Death of Christ

THE death of the Son of God on the cross did not abolish the law of God, but gave the strongest possible testimony to the fact that the law of God could not possibly be abolished or changed.

It put an end, not to the law which condemns sin, but (thru faith) to the sin which the law condemns.

It did not change God's standard of righteousness, but changed man's standard so as to bring it into harmony with the divine standard.

It did not reconcile God to human sinfulness, but reconciled sinful man to God, by slaying the enmity which sin had put between them.

It abolished, not the law, but death which man had incurred as the penalty of the law's transgression.

It abolished, not God's rule of right, but the law of sacrificial offerings by which men had shown their faith in the coming true Sacrifice for sin.

It did not obviate the necessity of keeping the law, but provided a way whereby the law might be kept.

It did not abolish that which condemned the carnal heart, but abolished the thing that was condemned, putting in its place a new heart which God approves.

It did not abolish the law, but abolished the curse of the law, "Christ being made a curse for us."

It did not destroy the law which the devil had so long and persistently warred against, but made sure the destruction of the devil, who has opposed that law.

It provided not that the law should be abolished, but that the righteousness of the law should be fulfilled in those who walk by faith.

Without the law, there could be no foundation for the Gospel.

L. A. SMITH.



Sent up

A RICH lady dreamed that she went to heaven and there saw a mansion being built. "Whom is that for?" she asked of the guide.

"For your gardener."

"But he lives in the tiniest cottage down on earth, with barely room enough for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much to the

miserable poor folks." Further on she saw a tiny cottage being built.

"Whom is that for?" said she with sudden interest.

"That is for you."

"But I live in a mansion on earth. I would not know how to live in a cottage."

The words she heard in reply were full of meaning: "The Master Builder is doing his best with the material that is being sent up."

Then she awoke resolving to lay up treasure in heaven. —Anon



Talks to my Students

Be Cautious

I HAVE noticed in young people,—older ones too, sometimes—a disposition to pick out some one whom they regard as inferior to themselves in mental strength or accomplishments, and make him the butt of every jest, the object of every joke, the recipient of every practical prank.

Nothing can be a surer evidence of a man's lack of true refinement than such an exhibition. He thus proclaims himself a boor, a blockhead, a man of little culture, and with a very limited idea of what constitutes the real gentleman. He proclaims himself a coward, for he delights in making someone uncomfortable whom he regards weaker than himself. He shows himself a man of little observation, for it frequently happens that those whom he annoys are smarter than himself. He exhibits little discernment, for sooner or later he will be "hoist with his own petard" and will receive scant sympathy from onlookers.

"Why is your nose so short," said a grown man to a little lad whom he was badgering. "So it wont poke into other people's business," replied the boy, much to the discomfiture of the would-be wag, and the amusement of the listeners.

Be not among those who think it smart to make sport of the peculiarities of others; who watch for opportunity to raise a laugh at the expense of some one less strong, or bright, or accomplished than themselves.

A few years, sometimes, makes much difference. The slow plodder of today, may be the successful man of affairs tomorrow. The bright sky-rocket of the night, looks suspiciously like an ordi-

nary stick the next morning. Be careful that you do not take a position that will subject yourself to the same indignities you have practiced upon others.

Above all else, as Christian students, remember that your Master was ever tender and gentle to all men. The sick, the maimed, the blind, the poor crazed demoniac, the leper, the palsied, the helpless of every kind, were the special objects of his tender care.

Zacheus was a little man. I cannot conceive of Jesus making a joke and raising a laugh about the size of the publican, or his ungainly appearance up in the sycamore tree. Bartimaeus made a noise out on the Jericho road, but Jesus made not light of the sound, tho to be sure there were some who were annoyed by the cry of distress.

Be kind. Be courteous. Be careful. Be cautious.

Accusing

THE devil began it, Satan still does it, the great adversary will continue it, until he shall be completely and eternally destroyed. It is he of whom the heavenly voice declares, "The accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night."

Observe that it does not say "falsely accuses them." Just accuses. A truth may be told with such a spirit of accusation that it becomes positively devilish.

The Lord would have his children hide a multitude of sins,—not in the sense of conniving or excusing evil, but in looking for the good and encouraging the sinner to repent. When we indulge a spirit of criticism, of hardness, of harshness, of evil speaking, we are only throwing ourselves into the devil's own work, and tempting him to tempt us.

The student who indulges or encourages such a disposition is not only himself unhappy but he likewise can bring great unhappiness upon others.

It is well to be swift to hear (good) and slow to speak (evil.) Whatsoever things are pure, true, of good report, we may safely think upon and speak.

T. H. J.



Against the epidemic of small pox now raging, we vaccinate with calf lymph. That's body pox. Against the soul pox, far more and eternally deadly, we must have the Lamb's Blood. The plague shall not be upon you whose souls' posts and lintels have the Blood.



SOUTHERN UNION MISSION



**State Agent's Report for the year ending Dec. 30, 1911,
for colored canvassers**

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Wright Battle	B. F.	1333	500	\$ 687.50	\$34.25	721.75	309.70
Indiana Baines	P. P. F.	25	27	41.00	1.50	42.50	5.25
Geo. W. Brown	B. F.	1114	197	267.00	158.00	425.00	309.75
J. T. Burke	P. P. F.	29	10	17.00	.50	17.50	11.50
Robert Cook	B. F.	171	100	157.25	4.70	162.05	68.00
Isadore Evans	B. F.	1174	422	568.00	61.50	629.50	176.10
Chas. Griffith	B. F.	635	275	403.50	37.50	441.00	161.25
S. S. Guilford	B. F.	577	199	292.50	27.25	319.75	137.95
M. L. Ivory	B. F.	2179	693	1037.00	293.00	1330.00	628.15
Maud Ivory	B. F.	53	39	44.50		44.50	8.50
E. W. Lewis	B. F.	779	304	426.00	28.50	454.50	318.25
I. W. Peavy	B. F.	1602	401	593.00	135.05	728.05	407.40
R. Roberts	B. F.	559	177	231.00	134.50	365.50	212.50
Jessie Whatley	B. F.	167	88	93.00		93.00	22.00
Eva Wilson	B. F.	7	6	6.50	.35	6.85	
R. B. Winston	B. F.	14	27	27.00		27.00	5.00
Misc.				56.50		56.50	56.50
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**Alabama Canvassers Institute
Testimony Meeting**

THE following testimonies from the canvassers who attended the late institute at Montgomery are interesting and inspiring. If carefully read, they will provoke others to go and do likewise. —Ed.

"One thing that makes me rejoice is to know that the books I have delivered are taking effect upon the minds of the people. I canvassed the deacon of the Baptist church at Blocton. A few days after, I delivered his book, I passed by his house. He called me, and he and his wife told me of the light that they had received from the Bible Footlights. They are ready to receive the truth.

At Brierfield a Baptist minister bought a book. By reading it, he saw that he had been preaching the wrong doctrine, and is explaining it to those around. Another preacher came along, and after reading a little, took the book away from the first one but paid him for it.

The experience I am receiving in this line of work in giving this message, is a joy to me."

Geo. W. BROWN.

"I thank God that I have a part in carrying his message to the perishing world. I find a good many deeply interested in the message. One brother told me that he would rather have his book

than to have a mule. Another said he was looking for light and had told others the light was coming but since he had his book, he knew the light had come. I have had other thrilling experiences along this line, but have not time nor space to mention them."

S. S. GUILFORD.

"In my effort to save some dear souls by the sale of our good books and by teaching them, I found four or five in the way. One at Cathirne and four at Flatwoods. These are holding Bible readings among themselves and having Sabbath school. They bought Bible Footlights, Best Stories, Ministry of Healing, and Coming King.

They are so filled with the joy of the message that they sit up half the night studying. I love the work above everything else, and hope to remain in it the balance of my time. I ask the prayers of God's people everywhere."

N. L. IVORY.

"Paper work, in my estimation, is one of the most successful ways of bringing the truth to the people of the cities. I enjoy very much the circulation of the Watchman. I do my best work on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. Sometimes I sell twenty five papers in about two or three hours. I endeavor to secure regular customers. This I believe is productive of much good. I once visited a little Baptist church, and at the close of

the meeting, I introduced my papers to the members, and sold twenty-five, all I had. Thus I am encouraged to continue in the good work of soul saving thru papers."

MRS. G. E. PETERS.



Alabama Colored Canvasser's Institute.

ALABAMA Canvasser's Institute for the colored workers was held in Montgomery, March 1 to 10. Elder W. A. Elliot and R. I. Keate conducted the studies on the book work, and M. G. Nunes conducted the morning Bible studies and the night services.

It was an interesting and profitable institute. The regular canvassers left better prepared to do efficient service for the Master. The church was impressed with the great necessity of working while we yet have favorable opportunity and that there is no better way of working than circulating our literature.

Besides the regular studies we took up the study of the canvass of Ministry of Healing, as we felt that all our people, and especially our canvassers, should be doing their best to push that worthy enterprise.

The last Sunday of the Institute—March 10—the new Mission building in which the institute was held was dedicated. Elders A. J. Haysmer and C. F. McVagh were present on this occasion and Elder McVagh preached the dedicatory sermon.

R. I. KEATE.

"THE spider taketh hold with his hands (Prov. 30:28) and is in kings' palaces." The energetic man who takes hold with both hands shall not stand in common places but in king's palaces. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men."

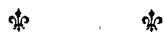
Spider! What an insignificant creature! Yet see where it is? And why it is? Not luck, but pluck. As Shakespeare says, "The question is not: 'Art thou in the nobility, but is the nobility in thee?'"

CARRY your religion into business, and your business into religion. It was the same Jesus at carpentry who preached at Capernaum. Work and worship, trade and truth ought to be related as the body is to the soul.

"We Get More Men."

IN the construction of one branch of the Cape to Cairo Railway, we are told that every tie laid, cost a human life. The construction superintendent, being asked what he did about it, replied, "We got more men." There is nothing so cheap as human life. Even the life of a hog or a chicken is worth more than the life of a human being, if we may judge by comparing the Congressional appropriations to the Bureau of Animal Industry and to the Public Health Service.

Ask the saloon man what he does when he graduates his class into drunkard's graves, and he will tell you if he tells the truth, "We get more men," or rather, boys; for it is from the boys' rank that the saloon class is recruited. What are the honor and the character and the life of a boy when the profits to the saloon-keeper, the wholesale liquor dealer, and the liquor manufacturer are in the balance? The cheapest thing on this earth is men and boys and girls,—in the eyes of unholy greed,—and they are exploited and betrayed and despoiled, and the owner of the liquor den, the brothel, and other hells may have good profit with which to shine in society.—*April Life and Health, Washington, D. C.*



Is Prohibition a "Failure."?

PROHIBITION is a failure in the one sense that it has shown who are the potential law-breakers of the community. The average liquor man has absolutely no respect for any law that runs counter to his particular interests. When the people, no matter by how great a majority, declare the sale of liquor illegal in a certain territory, it is the principle and the practice of the liquor dealer to break that law by any means in his power, by bribing the police, by corrupting the courts, by the use of secret doors, and in various ways.

Mr. Liquor Dealer has the same amiable conscience that the counterfeiter has. With him the only problem is to avoid getting caught. Of course, prohibition is a failure; and the law against kidnapping pure girls for immoral purposes is a failure; and a lot of other laws are failures. The failure, however, is not in the law itself, but in the en-

forcement of the law.—*G. H. Heald, in April Life and Health, Washington, D. C.*



Blind Bartimaeus. A Symposium.

RECENTLY as a supplementary exercise, each member of the eighth grade Bible class of Oakwood School wrote a short essay on the healing of blind Bartimaeus. From the papers submitted, the following extracts are taken.—*Ed.*

Nearer and nearer drew the crowd that followed Jesus. Bartimaeus and his companion heard the hum of voices. "It must be the one," said the blind man. Then they lifted up their voices, crying, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on us."

These men not only desired physical sight, but also to be cured of their spiritual blindness. MAGGIE CLARK.

Jesus grants the requests of every earnest truth-seeker. It is a divine miracle to restore spiritual sight to our sin-blinded souls to-day. EDNA BRYAN.

Tho Bartimaeus was commanded to hold his peace, he cried out the more. So should we never be discouraged but persistently make our plea to our Saviour. Then shall the Holy Spirit, the divine eye-salve, be given without measure, to clear our darkened understanding. Then we, like the blind man, can follow Jesus.

HUBERT GEMON.

The strong faith they had, caused them to cry out. The same strong faith caused them to receive their sight. It reminds me of my own experience. Many years I was blind, but Jesus sent his messenger with the truth. Many bade me be still, but I cried for light, and the Lord opened my eyes to this glorious truth. I was not disobedient into the heavenly vision. I long for strength that I in turn may bring light to some other darkened souls, who are longing to see. Jesus stood still. He is willing to pause in his work at the cry of distress. MRS. E. WADE.

The crowd said to the blind man, "be still" but Jesus said "come." So he says to us. LUCINDA JONES.

It was necessary that Bartimaeus, the blind should make a start. So we, tho blind and weak must make an effort. We are in like condition,—blind and unable to come except we are led. But Jesus does not therefore pass us by. We, like Bartimaeus of old may hear the voice of

Jesus, like richest music saying, "bring him to me." R. JOHNSON.

Jesus passes this way but once. This is Bartimaeus' only chance. He had heard of the mighty power of the healer. He would try. He could be no worse. Jesus honors his faith. HENRY RICHMOND.

The world is blind. To those who desire to see, the Healer gives sight.

CHAS. GRIFFITHS.

Jesus hears the first call of distress and is ever ready to help. Those who will be helped must show a willingness to help themselves and must also cast away the filthy garments of self-righteousness that they may have the white linen of perfect purity.

LUCILE CARTER.

The Lord was not more sorry for the blind man whom he healed, than for the Pharisees whom he did not heal.

EDITH CHURCH.

The story of the blind man is a story of faith.

WRIGHT BATTLE.

Bartimaeus was blind; so am I. He was a beggar; so am I. He could be healed; so can I. —Anon.

Bartimaeus asked and received that for which he asked. We get what we ask for. L. J. EASTERLING.

We are to learn never to quit asking until we get what we ask for, even the people may tell us to be still.

ROSCOE WATKINS.

Jesus says to all, "Be of good comfort."

HENRIETTA KINCAIDE.

Jesus asked them what they wanted. This was not because he did not know, but because he likes to hear us ask for things.

MARY BOSTIC.

After our sight is restored we are to follow Jesus.

WALTER ALEXANDER.

If we ask and do not immediately receive, we are to continue to cry out.

BESSIE HODNETT.

Jesus stood still at the cry of distress. He hears all our calls and delights to "stand still" that we may come to him.

MAUD GAUNTLETT.

There was a great multitude making a noise but he heard the blind man anyway, so, he will hear me.

ENGLISH SIMONS.

I too, hope thru the word of the Lord Jesus to see all things clearly. Like the blind man, I will cry to him, and as of old he will stand still and call me.

J. W. WADE.

This is, a lesson to us that we must ask if we hope to receive.

OLA LONGWARE.

This miracle, like all others done by Jesus was done by faith. Without faith it is impossible to please him.

MARY BELLE WINSTON.

Some one may tell us to hold our peace; that the hour of God's judgment is *not* come; that the seventh day is *not* the Sabbath; but let us cry out the more.

B. W. ABNEY.

Jesus sent somebody to Bartimaeus. So he sends *us* to people with good news.

MILTON SPEER.

When we pray we should ask for what we need, expecting to receive.

ISADORE EVANS.

When our eyes are opened, we shall follow Jesus.

MAY W. SHEPARD.

The blind man followed Jesus, seeing. Only as we follow shall we see. Jesus called Bartimaeus. He calls us too.

JEFF STEVENS.

We learn from this story that Jesus can do all things, and that he will give us what we need when we ask.

AGNES COOK.

Notes From The Field.

By The Secretary of The Southern Union Mission.

I HAVE just returned to Nashville from a trip through the field. After visiting and counseling with the workers at Montgomery and Mobile, Ala., New Orleans, La., Meridian, Ellisville, Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn. I am glad to report that the work is onward and the outlook bright in the prospect of an aggressive and successful work this summer.

While the available facilities are not all that could be desired, there is a spirit of cooperation and consecration to make the most of what we have, that will surely bring success.

At Montgomery it was my privilege

to be present at the dedication of a very neat mission building. The Lord has greatly blessed the work for the colored people here but there is a great work yet to be done. Elder Peters will go into the field this summer with a strong tent company and is planning for two pitchings in new places probably at Greenville and Brewton on the L. & N. R. R. between Montgomery and Mobile. At the close of the second effort it is planned to have the Alabama camp-meeting.

At Meridian, Miss., the work of Elders Chatman and King and the camp-meeting last summer still presents a substantial and hopeful appearance. Elder Chatman and Elder King will probably join forces again this summer and pitch first in Meridian, on the opposite side of the city, and later in the season at some point on the I. C. R. R. south of Jackson, Miss., probably at Brookhaven or Crystal Springs; and at the close of this effort, the camp-meeting for Mississippi and Louisiana will be held.

In New Orleans, a tent meeting for colored people will not be permitted by the authorities; but Elder Buckner finds many openings and pleads for more workers and better facilities for that great city. Their meeting place is overcrowded and unsuitable for any aggressive public work, and he pleads for a modest church building suitably located. Land is very expensive in New Orleans and the local church, while one of the most faithful in the mission is, staggered at the problem of providing a place for themselves. They are accumulating a building fund, and it would be a great blessing if some who are more favorably situated would assist financially to establish the work more firmly in New Orleans.

Elder Murphy has asked the privilege of developing an interest that has been awakened by a faithful canvasser about eighteen miles from Natchez in the country. It is hoped that a strong new company of commandment keepers will be brought out here this summer.

At Memphis, Tenn., Elder Jordan is active. He has already selected two sites for tent efforts and is rallying the church in expectation of a strong work this summer. It is planned that Elder Lawrence will join him in an early effort beginning in May, if the weather will permit. What has been said of the need of a church building in New Orleans is also largely true of Memphis.

Here a lot has been purchased in a good location and all that is needed is the money to pay for material to go ahead with the building. A modest building will cost not less than \$1500. If someone could loan a part of this at a low rate of interest the church could return it in small monthly payments. They are raising a building fund averaging one dollar a month a member.

Elder Lawrence is planning a strong effort in Louisville following the Camp-meeting in July. The church in Louisville is working nobly to pay for the meeting places secured there during the last year. The local mission plan becomes effective April 1.

C. F. McVAGH.
Field Sec.



Contagiousness of Health.

A CERTAIN lecturer once said that if he had been present when the world was made he would have offered the suggestion of "making health contagious instead of disease." But he was laboring under a very foolish and mistaken idea, for in reality health is contagious. We catch health easily, but it is hard work to catch disease. For instance if a man wishes to get small pox, he must go and hunt up some one who has the disease in order to secure it. If he desires typhoid fever he will have to swallow typhoid fever germs and weaken his system in other ways in order to be susceptible to it.

The man who gets tuberculosis must prepare for it year after year before he can get it, and is likely to catch consumption. That is the reason why boys and girls are not likely to have this disease. It takes years to wear away enough of the natural strength of the constitution so that the germs can thrive and grow in the body. The same is also true of dyspepsia; think how hard a man has to work in eating unwholesome things in order to make a real monumental dyspeptic; it takes no small amount of trial and trouble to make a gigantic dyspeptic.

We must be engaged with the thought of cultivating health sufficiently that we may live above the germ line. What the chronic invalid needs is to get above disease and live above it.

— Good Health.

Young People's Column

The Calf Path.

ONE day through the primeval wood,
A calf walked home, as good calves should,
But made a trail, all bent askew—
A crooked trail as all calves do.

Since then two hundred years have fled,
And I infer the calf is dead;
But still he left behind his trail,
And thereby hangs my moral tale.

The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way;
And then a wise bell-weather sheep,
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him too,
As good bell-weather always do.
And from that day o'er hill and glade,
Thru those old woods a path was made.
And many men wound in and out
And dodged and turned and bent about,
And uttered words of righteous wrath
Because 'twas such a crooked path;
But still they followed—do not laugh
The first migration of that calf;
And thru this winding wood-way stalked,
Because he wobbled as he walked.

This forest path became a lane
That bent and turned and turned again.
This crooked lane became a road
Where many a poor horse with his load
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,
And traveled some three miles in one,
And thus a century and a half
They trod the footsteps of that calf.

The years passed on in swiftness fleet;
The road became a village street,
And this, before men were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare
And soon the central street was this
Of a renowned metropolis;
And men two centuries and a half
Trod in the footsteps of that calf;
Each day a hundred thousand route
Followed the zig-zag calf about,
And o'er his crooked journey went
The traffic of a continent;
A hundred thousand men were led
By one calf near three centuries dead;
They followed still his crooked way
And lost a hundred miles a day,
For thus such reverence is lent
To well-established precedent.

A moral lesson this might teach
Were I ordained and called to preach,
For men are prone to go it blind
Along the calf-paths of the mind,
And work away from sun to sun
To do what other men have done;
They in the beaten track
And out and in and forth and back,
And still their devious course pursue
To keep the path the others do.
But how the wise old wood-gods laugh
Who saw the first primeval calf!
And many things this tale might teach
But I am not ordained to preach.

SAM. W. FOSS.

Deaf and Dumb.

"AND they bring unto Him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech Him to put His hand upon him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers into his ears, and He spit, and touched his tongue." Mark 7: 32-33.

"And He took him aside from the multitude." Just see His kind considerateness. He will not needlessly parade our imperfection. He will correct us aside from the multitude—privately. Like the respectful physician, regardful to our woes and wounds, He will not expose us to the crowd's rude gaze. His clinics are strictly confidential and private. Those scornful laughers must all be put out. Only the sympathizing father and mother may stay with nurses Peter, James and John. Mark 5:35-40.

"And he put His fingers into his ears." Let Christ's index finger in your ear suggest that He would have you *do* what you *hear*. He that hath ears to hear let him hear that not the hearers only but the doers shall be justified and blessed." Rom. 2:13; James 2: 22-25; Matt. 7: 20-21.

"And He spit and touched his tongue." Repeat after Him. Thou shalt not lie. Thou shalt not contradict thy Maker. What He says you say. When He says A, don't say Z; when He says Yes, don't say No; when He says Seventh, don't you say First. Let your tongue transcribe what His dictates. Your voice an echo of His. An oracle—that is to say, *little mouth* for God. Mouth for mouth. Mouth from mouth. Mouth to mouth.

Do you grasp the meaning that Jesus' Name is "The Word of God?" Jno. 1: 1-14;

Hence, He was the Truth. He rehearsed what He heard. Jno. 5:38; 7: 16-17; 8: 26-29; 12: 49-50; 14:31.

As He was to the Father so must we be to Him. Jno. 17: 18-23.

The Father spoke. The Son repeated the Father. The Holy Ghost repeated the Son. Jno. 16: 13-15; 1 Jno. 5:7.

Open your mouth wide, but let Him fill it. Ps. 49:10. Find His words and eat them. Jer. 15:16. Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you in all wisdom. Col. 3:16.

In the Triple Alliance bound

I've Father, Son, and Spirit found—
These Three. And lo, a fourth I see
Whose form is man, and all agree.

Outside this square all men are liars.
Outside this confederacy, pope or potentate,
people, parson, priest or prince—
all hands of you were rebels.

PHILIP GIDDINGS.



Birmingham, Ala.

SOMETIMES we think it is boasting to write or tell our experiences, we feel that in so doing we are publishing or advertising ourselves to no profit, but the Lord has this way to help and encourage others. It is the gospel idea to help others, and those of us who are in any way connected with God's work feel free to tell of his goodness.

By the help of the Lord I am putting the truth into the homes of some dear souls. Some are getting the light in these good books. I have a reading circle near by me. I lend out my Review, Watchman, Life and Health, and some other books to interested ones. Some of my readers see the truth thru different subjects: some on Baptism, others on the State of the Dead, and others on the Nature of Man. Many of us colporteurs think sometimes that the agitation of the Sabbath question stops our book sales. To this point five or more have taken their stand, and last week were turned out of the Methodist church. The agitation is so high the pastor tackled me on the train about it. And although quite angry, yet with others of his members, wants the books that they may see what can be in them.

The enemy has circulated many false and hurtful reports about the work and worker, but this has only increased the desire of the better class of people to know the truth. I believe the Lord is working on the hearts of his lost sheep to bring them to his fold.

I truly thank the Lord for a part in this great work of soul saving. And more especially for strength to stand up amidst these trying conflicts. It seems to me that this scripture is being fulfilled. "We can do nothing against the truth but for the truth." And "If God be for us, who can be against us?" I love my work and am encouraged to continue in it.

M. L. IVORY.

What shall Jesus do with me *Hereafter*? is answered by What I shall do with Jesus *Here*. Matt. 10: 32-33.

Beware

PAUL, writing to Timothy, thot it not out of place to warn the young minister concerning the special dangers of his position. "Of whom be thou ware also, for he hath greatly withstood our words," he said concerning Alexander, the coppersmith.

Now, as of old, there are those who are a menace to the cause of God, and of whom the flock should beware. There are continually traveling about from place to place those whose only apparent purpose is to live from the hospitality of the brethren. They put on a pious air, represent themselves to be ministers, doctors, nurses, convassers, or workers in some capacity. It has been and is true that our brethren are glad to meet and entertain those of like faith, and so, in many instances these impostors not only partake of the hospitality of our people but sometimes have so ingratiated themselves that they have succeeded in getting money or other valuables, promising, of course, a return or equivalent.

Generally too late, it is discovered that the visitor is a fake, and that confidence has been misplaced.

This works a harm in two ways. 1. The mind of the entertainer is shocked and embittered, so that he looks with suspicion upon every stranger, and closes up his heart and hospitality to all comers. 2. All persons, unknown to the brethren, become the helpless objects of unmerited suspicion; for it is well known that the burnt child dreads the fire. Thus a real hardship may be worked upon those who might in every way be worthy of the confidence and help of their brethren.

For these things there is a remedy. No minister in good standing need go without credentials from his conference. No brother need travel without a letter of recommendation from his church.

When strangers present themselves without these, it is an evidence of one of two conditions, — 1. They are careless, and have not provided themselves with the necessary papers or, 2. they are swindlers who cannot get the endorsement of any church or conference. It is well for some caution to be exercised in all such cases.

More and more, as time goes on, Satan will try to deceive and annoy the church. The Lord has made provision

in the regulations and customs of church order, to safe-guard his people against these deceptions and annoyances.

The question may be asked whether an individual has not the right to use his own private judgement in such matters. It is perhaps a sufficient answer to say that such a right does exist and may sometimes be exercised; but it should be remembered that the one who chooses thus to do, must not complain if, having ignored the provisions for safe-guarding the common interests, he finds himself the victim of the common enemy.

T. H. J.

**Hazen, Ark.**

WE are glad to report through the columns of our good little paper, the work of our school here at Devalls Bluff. Though it has been some time since we have sent in a report, yet we have not been idle.

We have a nice selection of students again this year. Some of the brightest little ones that one sees anywhere. Our advanced students are also making rapid progress. It is inspiring to see them so anxious to finish so that they can be a help in this great cause. If these that we have with us at the present time continue in school, they will be a strength to this needy cause sometime.

We must now make hay while the sun shines. Our farm is improving every year, and we hope to see even better results from it this year than ever. If there are any that are wanting the opportunity to work their way through school, we are offering a good inducement. Will be glad to correspond with any that want to avail themselves of this chance.

We are of good courage as we see the results of our labor, every student in our school being a baptized believer in this message.

Spiritually they are a live working set. They take an active part in the church, Sabbath school, and the Y. P. M. V. society. The latter is growing in interest.

We are thankful for the assistance we have received from those that have responded to our pleas through the columns of the Herald. We still need suitable articles of clothing and furniture.

R. L. BRADFORD.

Florida

AFTER returning from the Union Conference held at Graysville Tenn., Jan. 8 to 15, in harmony with the direction of the Negro committee of the Florida mission, I began at Ocala for a visit among the churches. Our brethren there are of good courage, and are trying to live out the truth day by day. As a result of their visiting, and giving out papers, and tracts quite a few are much interested. I was here five days holding meetings nightly. Although the inclement weather interfered, we had good attendance. Here four united with the church and will be baptized soon.

At Lakeland the brethren are of good courage. I spent two days and nights with them, speaking to them of the wonderful providence of God in leading out in this movement, and the certainty of its final triumph in the near future.

At Tampa we have a faithful little company. We have not been able to give them much help, but I hope to know that something will be done soon. They are standing firm for the truth.

Brother Henry DeNeal, lives alone at Palmetto, but he loves the third angel's message. He was glad to know that he was not forgotten because of his being so far away from any church.

At Plant City at one time the largest mission school in the state was conducted by sisters E. L. Sanks and Lula Modford. At present it is not what we would like to see. A public school is near by, which has caused some hindrance, nevertheless, our brethren are not discouraged.

I next visited Bartow. At this place lives Brother and Sister Baker, and also Sister Martha Green. These are members of our Lakeland church thirteen miles away. They are full of cheer.

The faithful little band at Punta Gorda have had a little trouble in the past, with some who are not fully in harmony with all points of the message, but they are yet faithful. Four young people from Sister Butler's mission school were baptized here.

Our brethren at Orlando will soon have their little church ready for service.

At Jacksonville, the faithful working members of the church are meeting in their new building erected last fall.

I now leave Florida for Georgia, which will be my future field of labor.

J. W. MANNS.



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Oakwood Items

The Oakwood school board met for their spring session Monday, April 8. There were present Elders A. J. Haysmer, S. E. Wight, C. B. Stephenson, C. F. McVagh, C. P. Bollman, and Brother W. H. Williams. The meeting was pleasant and profitable. All took their departure Tuesday afternoon, April 9.

Elder T. H. Jeyes went to Nashville recently to spend a few days in the S. P. A. printing office. The trip was taken that he might perfect his knowledge of certain branches of the printing business. The brethren at Nashville were very kind and courteous, rendering all the help in their power.

Oakwood school would like to correspond at once with a young man who desires to work his way thru school by working the gardens. Must be strong, able and willing to work. A good opening for some one.

Oakwood poultry yards have a limited number of eggs from their flock of thorough bred Chinese geese. Prices named on inquiry.

Miss Bertha Bartholomew, recently of Campobello, S. C., has accepted the invitation to connect with Oakwood School. This change has been made necessary by the desire of Sister Harris to be relieved of the duties of matron.

At the recent meeting of the Oakwood school board, it was thought best not to hold a teachers' institute the coming summer. This does not in any way

affect the arrangement for the regular school term which begins July 3.

The Oakwood Sanitarium is issuing a very neat little brochure of eight pages, announcing the advantages to be here obtained in medical lines. If your friend is sick, why not tell him where he can get relief? Send for some of these leaflets, and thus be a real evangelist of medical missions.

Oakwood printing department is now prepared to fill orders for Practical Readers. Price 25 cents.

Commencing April 15, Brethren V. O. Cole, and C. D. Wolfe, field agents of the Southeastern and Southern Unions respectively, held a very interesting and profitable canvasser's institute at Oakwood. A goodly number of our boys and girls took the instruction and will go out to canvass thru the summer.

April 15 Professor Boyd went to Tuskegee to attend the world conference of workers for colored people. He reports most excellent interest and promises a written account of his trip for our next issue.

T. H. J.



Florida

ELDER Strachan baptized five recently in the St. Johns river at Jacksonville. Three of these were new believers.

Miss Jennie McDuffie is still assisting in the meetings at Jacksonville.

For a month or more in the recent past the Jacksonville daily papers have given out most excellent reports of the work of the Adventist denomination.

Miss F. M. Palmer and Mrs. Mamie Pegues, the Jacksonville mission school teachers, have been on the sick list the past month.

Miss M. Simons, our efficient trained nurse, is still engaged in her profession among some of the best white people of Jacksonville.

Miss Grace Hunter, Mrs. Fannie Jones, and Mr. Floyd Stephens are still scattering the printed page in Jacksonville and vicinity.

Brother J. S. Green is assisting the Orlando church on their new building.

The Ocala church also enjoys the honor of having recently erected a new building for religious services.

Miss Essie Palmer writes that early work on the farms in her vicinity has thinned the attendance at her school at

Riveria. However, her courage is good yet.

Miss Anna Butler writes encouragingly of her work in Punto Gorda.

The state committee has advised that Elder Strachan make a short visit to all the churches before the tent gins.

M. C. STRACHAN

Progress

The days of spring at Oakwood are most beautiful. The exceptionally cold weather for this latitude held back all plant growth until the season was well advanced, and when the warm sunshine did come, the long pent up buds burst forth with an earnestness that has made the lovers of nature glad.

Our succession of flowering shrubs, that bloom from April until September in front of the buildings surrounding our campus, are making their annual display. Spirae, lilac, and snow-ball have made themselves especially conspicuous in their gorgeous splendor. Our prospects for fruit is most encouraging. The grapes have been pruned back quite closely, and the few buds remaining have put forth strong shoots. It appears that when the peach blossoms fall, each bloom left under it a fruit which is fast developing.

New beds of strawberries and dewberries have been set. The sweet potatoes have all been bedded, and we are hopeful of an abundance of slips that can soon be transferred to the field, the soil of which has already been prepared and is awaiting their setting.

We have just experienced the usual rush of disposing of our sweet potatoes that were kept through the winter, to our neighbors and farmers in this part of Madison County. They have been sought for eagerly at the doors of our potato house at the good price of \$1.00 a bushel.

Considerable work has been done the past few weeks cutting timber and hauling logs with our six teams to our sawmill. The lumber that is produced is being used for our new tool house, bridges, fences, and new cottages. We have also made several thousand shingles to be used in various improvements.

The Oakwood School is signally blessed in having an abundance of red cedar which is being used for posts in the construction of our five miles of new fencing.

C. J. B.