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Antithesis

DARKNESS

The sky is cloudy; and the evening
Damp and dismal, drops her curtain
Upon a day that has been dark and drear.
From out the shadows, flickering, faint, uncertain,
The wind brings dirges, knell of hopes departed,
Like wails of woe, or cries of pain and fear.

So too, my life is filled with shadow;
So clouds and darkness compass me about;
I am beset with fierce and sharp temptations;
Fightings and fears within, failure and foes without.
Gloom and sorrow threaten to overwhelm me,
Satan obstructs my way, and keeps my comfort out.

LIGHT

Physical

Morning is breaking, the day is awaking,
Shadows are fleeing, the darkness is past,
Rising, the sun starts his circuit to run;
The darkness of night before him cannot last.

Spiritual

So too my life with its sorrow and strife
Is brightened by Jesus, the sun of my soul.
I say to my heart, let thy sorrow depart.
Tis Jesus thy Savior who maketh thee whole.
T. H. J.

Laborers Needed.

MANY fields are open for the proclamation of the gospel of truth. One thing is certain. We must have more laborers. I know of no other way of obtaining them than by praying most earnestly to our heavenly Father. I am satisfied that God's people need the impartation of the Holy Spirit. When they receive the Spirit they will go to work to do what needs to be done. They need to awake to a realization of their half hearted way of working. I cannot see how they dare to stand in their present position,—a position of spiritual indifference. Is not the warning in the Word of God of sufficiently grave import to lead them to make an unreserved consecration of themselves to God's service?

"These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works that thou hast a name, that thou livest and art dead. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how that thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent. If therefore thou shalt not

watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments: and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed with white raiment, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels."

We need more zeal and animation in the Lord's work, more genuine interest in matters of eternal importance. When we know that the Lord cannot be glorified in us unless we surrender all to Him, why do we not cast our helpless souls upon Him? Why do we not abide in Him that He may abide in us? When we do this, we shall be a living power in the world. The change in our spiritual experience will witness to the power of the truth. We shall be bright lights, shining amid the moral darkness of the world. Since the Lord has declared that He is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him, than parents are to give good gifts to their children, why do we not accept the promise so freely made? Why do we not conse-

crate ourselves to God? Entire surrender to the Lord is something that is revealed in the daily life, and it exerts an influence upon other lives.

In the sermon on the mount, Christ has given a definition of true sanctification. He lived a life of holiness. He was an object lesson of what His followers are to be. We are to be crucified with Christ, buried with Him, and then quickened by His Spirit. Then we are filled with his life. —Mrs. E. G. White.



Why

WE herewith present to our readers short articles written by two members of our Ministerial band. These set forth, from the student's standpoint, the reason why colored students should come to Oakwood.

We commend these articles to the careful reading of all friends of the colored race. Scattered here and there, in the highways and byways of earth, are many youth of bright mind who could, with suitable training, become acceptable laborers in the message. Not only the colored believers, but every one should be alert to find those who can be interested in this matter.

On page 58 is shown a group of the Ministerial band of 1912.—Ed.

THE Oakwood School has done much for me both mentally and spiritually. I am spending my fourth year here.

During this time my teachers have taken much pains to instruct me thoroughly in the knowledge of the truth and how to impart that knowledge.

This is the place for Christian men and women who have a definite purpose in view, viz., the salvation of souls. If you are not able to pay cash you may work a part of your way or possibly all.

It may be that your friends will persuade you not to come, or you may think

you have not enough fine clothes or that you have not enough money. There may be many other things that seem to be a hindering cause. But whatever the difficulty may be, come anyway, and get a training that will enable you to present this message. While you are here in training, you are not only preparing for service in this world: you are forming a character that you will carry through eternity.—WALTER E. STROTHER.

MANY are undecided, whether to attend one of our schools or not. They ask themselves would my doing so prove a failure. Should this be the doubt in your mind, permit me to encourage you. My decision to attend the Oakwood Manual Training School, was made while canvassing in the island of Jamaica. Since my stay here, I have definite reasons for advising any one to attend school this year. I have made progress in Mathematics, English, and other subjects, but my greatest advancement has been in a knowledge of the Scriptures. I feel that I shall sometime be prepared to enter the Master's vineyard.

To industrious students, the school offers the opportunity of working part of their way through school. This privilege if taken hold of with determination to succeed, will prove a great help. It is doing so for me.

Should it be your desire to make yourself serviceable to the Lord? Or are the many ifs and wonderings of the mind trying to choke and kill this desire? Banish these imps of discouragement where they can never be remembered.

Let nothing hinder you from attending the Oakwood Manual Training School this year.—HUBERT N. GEMON.

Savannah, Ga.

PLEASE take notice that the colored campmeeting previously announced to be held at Macon, Ga. will be held at Savannah, instead. We anticipate the best campmeeting ever held in Georgia, and expect many of the brethren from different parts of the state to attend. Especially do we look forward to see some from Atlanta, Macon, Albany, and Austelle.

We are planning to have the best accommodations. They will be reasonably arranged to suit every one. Let all do their best to attend.

J. W. MANNS.



OAKWOOD MINISTERIAL BAND

First row, front, reading from left to right.—C. Griffiths, H. Gemon, W. E. Strother, J. Spraggs, B. W. Abney, R. Roberts.

Second row,—L. J. Easterling, V. McPhall, E. Wade, M. Strother, B. Hart, L. Jones, M. Clark, E. Bryan.

Third row,—J. W. Wade, W. E. Adams, L. Carter, A. Pruitte, M. Gauntlett, A. Gossom, A. Cooke.

Fourth row,—H. Richmond, W. Battle, J. Stephens, R. Johnson, I. Evans, A. Osterman, T. Battle.

Nashville, Tenn.

THE work in Nashville is moving very smoothly and upward.

As the result of Bible work two substantial people have been added to the church, and others are coming into the truth. The church is being aroused to greater activity and the preaching every Sunday afternoon at the river end of Third Street is growing in interest and hearers. We do something in nearly all lines of the work and are striving to do more.

C. M. KINNV.

Georgia Campmeeting

IT has been decided to hold the colored campmeeting this year in Savannah instead of Macon. The reason for this is the large number who have recently accepted the truth in Savannah, and our desire not to neglect the increasing interest until a good work is developed.

The latter part of April, Elder J. W. Manns, assisted by R. E. Williams and some Bible workers, started a tent meeting in Savannah for colored. From the first, there has been a remarkable

interest. Some ninety souls have taken their stand for the truth, seventy-five of whom are ready for baptism. The present attendance is from 300 to 1000 every night. Some nights there have been as high as 2000 people out to hear the message.

We can by no means afford to neglect an interest of this kind. So, notwithstanding it will be inconvenient for some of our colored people to attend, we think it best to hold the campmeeting in Savannah, rather than arouse another interest elsewhere. The date will be August 15—25. We trust there may be an excellent attendance. Good help will be provided.—LEROY T. CRISLER.

Pres., Georgia Conf.

“Perhaps the first consideration in the battle with consumption,” says Dr. A. B. Olsen, in June *Life and Health*, “is the personal factor. The fighter must keep himself in fighting trim if he is to win; and this is profoundly true in the campaign against tuberculosis. To keep one's self physically fit continually, means to lead a clean life. It means avoiding tobacco, strong drink,—every bad habit.”

**Report for the Colored Colporters
in the
S. E. Union for May, 1912**

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Delivered
Georgia					
Mrs. R. E. Williams	B. F. L.	19	33	\$42.50	
E. L. Sherrell	"	40	39	52.50	\$36.00
Dora Morris	"	15	22	33.75	57.50
Cornelia Scroggins	"	19			
S. H. Shivers	C. K.	105	29	31.50	42.00
Total		198	120	160.25	135.50
N. Carolina					
Lena McGen	B. F. L.	138	27	34.50	37.35
E. A. Godley	"	147	20	24.50	40.00
E. L. Page	"	109	29	38.25	25.55
Total		394	76	97.25	102.90
S. Carolina					
J. A. Bookhart	B. F. L.	99	86	119.00	62.00
J. N. Moore	"	141	122	184.40	
E. N. Lewis	"	172	127	163.50	
Irregular	"	150	200	351.30	117.70
Total		562	515	818.20	179.70
Cumberland					
Mrs. L. J. Easterling		29		3.20	3.20
Henrietta Kincaide		27		2.20	2.20
Total		56		5.40	5.40
Florida					
Hattie Reed	B. F. L.	66	31	42.23	49.57
F. H. Stephens	C. K.	10			60.50
Mary Lawrence	B. F. L.	23	9	17.00	17.50
Fannie Jones		150		15.00	15.00
Total		239	40	74.13	132.57

V. O. COLE.

Our Canvassers

THE last evening of the Oakwood canvassers institute was occupied by those present expressing appreciation for the gathering.

Following are some of the statements made:—

Anna Pruitte—I have felt that I wanted to do something for the Lord, and have regretted going back to my old trade, sewing. The opportunity of canvassing opens up a work for me, and I am going to make good use of it.

Wright Battle—I have appreciated the stirring instruction of this institute. It is just what I have needed.

Reuben Roberts—I had not intended to canvass this summer, but since attending the institute I have ordered my prospectus and am going to use it.

Bennie Hart—I am glad that the Lord has put it into my mind to go out and work for him. I am glad for what I have learned here.

L. J. Easterling—I have been planning for some time to canvass for the summer, but I am convinced more than ever of the importance of the work.

Alexander Osterman—I am thankful for the inspiration of the institute.

Virginia McPhall—I am going to can-

vass this summer and I am determined to do my best. I request the prayers of all.

Bessie Hodnett—I am going to have a part in scattering the printed page.

Isadore Evans—"Other sheep have I, not of this fold." I desire to be an instrument in the Lord's hands in bringing sheep into the fold.

Joseph Grandison—I am surely going to have a part in this great work.

Charles Griffiths—I thank the Lord for the instruction of the institute. I have never felt stimulated for work so much as since receiving this instruction. The fact that the harvest is great and the laborers few, appeals to me as demanding great activity in the Lord's work.

Hubert Gemon—I am thankful for the privilege of attending the institute. I want to be right in the Lord's sight; then I know that I shall succeed in his work.

W.E. Strother—I am thankful for the Bible instructions received. While I will not canvass this summer, yet I have received an inspiration to push the work in my ministerial efforts.

Edna Bryan—I am glad for lessons learned, and that I can have a part in this great work.

Maud Gauntlett—I am eager and anx-

ious for a part in the canvassing work.

Lucille Carter—I am determined to do all that I can for the Lord and his work.

Mary Bostic—I am of new courage. I am deeply interested in this great work.

Mamie Strother—I am thankful for the instruction given. I ask your prayers that I may be an instrument in His hands of scattering the printed page.

Henry Richmond—I am glad that I have decided to enter the canvassing work. I am determined to have a part in placing our books in the hands of the people.

J. G. Dasent—I am glad the Lord gives us a part in this closing work. As I think that soon we are to go out to scatter the printed page in the homes of the people, my mind goes to Psalms 68: 11. "The Lord gave the word; great was the company that published it." The prophecy "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God" is to-day being fulfilled. I am grateful to God for the way he has lead us.

R. I. Keate—I am deeply impressed with what I have heard this evening. I have confidence in the spirit that has prompted these words. I have never doubted the success of any one who would take a training and who went out into the field fired with the spirit of this message.

V. O. Cole (in charge of meeting)—I am glad for these interesting testimonies. I know they are pleasing in heaven's sight. It stirs my soul to think of the privilege to have a part in the finishing of the work. The disciples went out by twelves and seventies among the people to make friends for Jesus.

This meeting has been an inspiration to me. I am glad for the earnestness seen on the part of the students. I am also glad for the enthusiastic encouragement offered the canvassing work by the teachers of the Oakwood School. They are on the right track. I have been favorably impressed during my stay here with the great work which is being done.

If a man is to preach the cross, he must himself be a crucified man. By that I mean not simply that he has known an hour when his earthly ambitions were nailed to the cross, but rather that he shall daily prove himself to be the self-less man—one who counts not his own life and ease dear unto himself.

Talks to My Students

Receiving or Resenting.

A FEW days ago, I had occasion to speak to one of our boys concerning his course of action. The reply he made, the tone in which he spoke, his flashing eyes, the expression of face,—all revealed clearly that he resented the counsel.

Since then I have been thinking concerning him and about all my students, as to what attitude each one, myself included, take toward necessary correction. It may be quickly conceded that the administering or receiving of chastisement, is not for the present pleasant, but grievous. The Bible says so. But the same Bible also says that afterward it yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness *unto them that are exercised thereby*. Heb 12:11.

It therefore remains for each one to determine for himself whether he will "be exercised thereby," or whether he will, like Cain, rise up in rebellion against the means ordained of God for his redemption.

When I see a student who refuses to hear, who yields to his natural inclination to willfulness, I know full well that he is laying a sure foundation for life-long regrets.

Why do the parents of these boys and girls go to the expense of keeping them here at Oakwood? It may be replied that it is that they may be taught the sciences. Yes, but the science of right living is the greatest and most important of all, the science of obedience, of meekness, of diligence, of earnestness and painstaking, of honesty and sobriety,—these are worth more than the Geometry of a Euclid.

The student who resents the kind, friendly criticism of his teacher is unwittingly robbing himself of one of his chief school-day assets. Rather, he should invite such; and, tho it may be painful to his vanity to hear the words spoken, he may well remember that vanity wounded in youth, means wisdom encouraged for age.

Looking back thru my boyhood days, I see many places where my boyish enthusiasm and youthful conceit must have been painfully apparent to all more mature onlookers. If some one had ventured a word of kindly considerate counsel, would I have conceitedly spurned it? Yes, possibly I might have so done.

And so, seeing my own weakness in

others, I make bold to embrace the privilege of the teacher to give you these words of loving advice.

O boys and girls! do not resent, but receive.

Nag.

NOT the word that is used to indicate a little horse, but the transitive verb which Mr. Webster defines, to tease, to scold, annoy. It doesn't take a very smart person to do it. The only real essential is a disposition to be cross and say unpleasant, stinging, words.

The father comes in from the day's work. He meets the children with a snarl. "John, why don't you come to supper? You are always late. Mary, why don't you comb your hair? It's a fright.

Bob, can't you step light? Your feet rattle like pile drivers," and so on until all are asleep. If the baby wakes in the night and asks a drink he remarks, "I'd like to sleep one night in quiet just to see how it would feel." And then as the boys and girls grow up to manhood and womanhood, he wonders why his children don't seem to have much natural affection, nor regard his advice.

The mother too, worn with the daily tasks, forgets that she will have her children with her only a few years, and indulges a peevish disposition to say unpleasant things, much to the discomfort of her helpless little ones. These same children are close observers and quick imitators, and they soon learn to use the same weapons upon one another, and in a few years upon the parents; and thus this hateful, unnecessary, and altogether cowardly habit becomes deeply seated, to appear in other homes, and thus perpetuate and intensify the misery, sadness, bitterness, unhappiness, and woe in this poor, sin-darkened world.

Students, don't nag. If some one does not please you, tell him so, and tell him why. Then, having done that, be sweet and pleasant. You'll be much happier, you'll soon learn to love, when before you hated. There are not many people so bad that no good thing can be found in them. Your pleasant words and tones will have a reflex effect on yourself, and you will begin to really feel that the world is not altogether bad.

The peace of God will shine forth from your face; and men, women, children, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, uncle, aunts, cousins, neighbors,—all will look better and be better to you.

O how many homes of happiness have been needlessly spoiled! How many faces go about with a frown of displeasure that would be transformed, if only the owner would let the words of the mouth breathe forth the words of quietness, of sympathy, of love.

Your Own Way.

WOULD every one like to have it? I presume you say yes. You think if you could only always have your own wish gratified, you would be happy.

But you would be very unhappy. You would be simply "filled with your own way." Prov. 14:14. This is the Lord's pronouncement upon every one who persists in an evil, rebellious, course. The devil and his angels are simply filled with their own ways, and it is this that constitutes the difference between those who are irretrievably lost, and those who may yet return to God.

In Isa. 55:7, the wicked man is admonished to forsake his way—not to persist in having it.

Do not then imagine that if you could have your own wish gratified, it would bring happiness. That is the devil's doctrine. If formulated into a statement, it would read thus; "If any man will come after me, let him gratify himself."

T. H. J.



The Promises to the Fathers

THE first of all promises is found in Gen. 3:15. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel," was the first faint foreshowing of God's plan for the redemption of a sinful race. Wrapped up in this one short verse is found the germ of all the plans and purposes of our God in his dealings with a rebellious world. Every other promise is but the unfolding and development of this primary plan.

To Satan the word is spoken but it is for man. The adversary has apparently succeeded in defeating the counsels of Omnipotence. Man is a sinner and has joined hands with the enemy in rebellion. "See! Here is your man. He revolts against you and cannot keep your rigorous exactions." "Very well. Since the gage of battle is thus cast, let it so be. It shall be seen that from this source, even from her who was first in transgression shall spring him who will buy back that

which is lost." With mingled joy and astonishment, man hears the announcement of the divine purpose. Untaught, as yet, concerning the time to elapse, or the details of the work to be done, he hopes for speedy fulfilment. But these hopes are destined to disappointment.

Cain grows up, and instead of being the promised deliverer as had been hoped, he proves to be "of that wicked one, and slays his brother."

Men multiply, but their thoughts seem evil continually. To those who cherish the memory of God's promise, the prospect seems dark enough.

The slowly revolving centuries only seem to bring greater obscurity, until faith is dimmed, and hope is well nigh crushed. However, at each climax, when human power is naught but helplessness, and man's wisdom is seen to be foolishness only, God reveals himself anew; and reiterates, expands, and elucidates his everlasting purpose for his people.

Thus he speaks to Noah "But with thee will I establish my covenant." Gen. 6:18. And to Abraham, "As for me, behold my covenant is with him." Gen. 7:14. And again to Jacob, saying, "In thee and thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Gen. 28:14. And still again to David, saying, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that has gone out of my lips. . . . his seed shall endure forever, and his throne, as the sun before me." Ps. 89:34-36.

Each of these promises is but the re-statement in new form and under different circumstances, of the original plan.

When more than three thousand years have passed, the plot has far enough developed so the Lord shows to Daniel the exact time for the birth of the promised seed, together with the wonderful outline of the world's doings up to the time of the final consummation.

Note the particulars plainly revealed in Daniel 7.

1. Babylon was to pass away.
2. Medo-Persia to come next.
3. To be succeeded by Greece.
4. Which is to be followed by Rome.
5. Rome to develop a unique phase, diverse from all others.
6. Who is to bear sway over all the earth, and destroy, hurt, and kill, the servants of God.
7. The final triumph of the truth of God and vindication of the divine character and law.

The last is the most important, the

climax; the fulfilment of the promises made to the fathers; without which, all other would be pointless and uncalled for.

The same great outline is repeated in Daniel 8 with some most interesting additional particulars. Here we are shown, not only scenes on earth, but also happenings in heaven, even in the very sanctuary of God, the place whither our High Priest, our Fore-runner has gone. These are not visionary, chimerical, vain imaginings, but facts, revealed to us by our Father, who will have us understand that every promise made to the fathers is to be fulfilled.

The heavenly scene is of vast importance to earth; for an earth representative is there and carrying on a work in which every earth-born one is concerned. And so the answer to the question, How long? is perhaps for the first time in the history of the race definitely given. "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Dan. 8:14.

How Daniel's heart must have leaped as he heard this announcement, and though he did not fully understand, it was to him the blazing forth of a great revelation.

Since then, light has continued to shine; and we may now understand that the sanctuary there referred to, is in heaven; that its cleansing is to be at the close of the 2300 days; that these days ended in 1844; that the cleansing is the removal of sin, and involves an examination of the books of record; that Jesus, the seed of the woman, stands as the representative of his earthly kindred to plead at the bar of justice; and, most solemn of all, that this work must soon be finished.

As Jesus our High Priest stands in the heavenly court, and as the books of record are opened, revealing the secrets of men's lives, he pleads the merits of his shed blood. In this the time of judgment, sins are blotted out. Soon all shall be finished. Soon our High Priest shall put off his priestly garb and assume the royal robe of Kingly authority. Soon the temple shall be filled with smoke so that no man may enter. Probation hastens to its close. Let us likewise hasten to seek shelter under the all prevailing blood.

We are living in this grand and awful time,—the time when every promise to the fathers is soon to be fulfilled.

Concluding, it may be interesting to

note the most prominent phases of those promises.

1. The cleansing of the records or blotting out of sin.
2. The coming of the Redeemer.
3. The resurrection of the dead in Christ.
4. The translation of the living righteous.
5. The destruction of Satan and wicked men.
6. The restitution of all things.

T. H. J.

Punta Gorda, Fla. Mission School

THE closing exercises of the mission school were conducted May 13, 8 p. m.

The pavillion was elaborately decorated with flowers and crepe paper.

An excellent program was rendered by the pupils. The large audience listened with untiring interest and pleasure. They all seemed highly pleased and surprised with the way the children rendered their different parts in singing and reciting.

The scripture lesson was repeating Bible verses in alphabetic order from A to Z.

On examination day the parents were out and were gratified with the progress the children had made in their studies.

The industrial work, sewing and artificial flowers were displayed and were quite a credit to the school.

On the evening of June 14, a lawn reception was given for the encouragement of the pupils.

We feel to give praise to God for the manifestation of his power through the school.

Their spiritual as well as mental growth is worth mentioning.

Five have been converted and baptized. All seem to have a thorough knowledge of the love Jesus has for them, and of the invitation that he extends to the little ones to come unto him.

It was encouraging to see the efforts they put forth in trying to learn their Bible lessons each day, and in visiting Young People's, and temperance meetings. Surely the seeds of truth will develop some of these children into useful men and women for God.

Realizing that God can use me for even better work, I consecrate my life anew to his service.

ANNIE V. BUTLER.

How Much He Loves

I WONDERED why my path is dark and drear,
And pondered if I were the Saviour's child.
I wanted not to have this doubt and fear,
But follow Him, my Master, sweet and mild.

I could not feel the presence of my guide,
And doubted that He cared so much for me.
My weary feet were slipping, and
Oh! for that "Faith that is the victory"

He bade me lift my eyes to yonder hill
And see my Saviour, torn and bleeding, there;
I fixed my eyes upon that cross, until
I knew for such as I, He had a care.

The hateful thorns I saw upon his head.
He hung upon that cruel cursed tree.
These words I oft' and oft' have said,—
"He led me to the cross that I might see."

Sometimes the way again is dark to me;
I feel it is the chastening of His hand;
And then I go to Calvary's cross to see
How much He loves, and partly understand.
MRS. K. L. DAVIS.

New Orleans, La.

THE membership of New Orleans church number two, has doubled within the last eighteen months. Sabbath, June 8, we baptized twelve persons,— five men and seven women. While the church is of good courage, and adding some money to its building fund every month, we still have a problem. How can this great city be worked? We have the workers, but cannot put them on for lack of means.

The whole state of Louisiana has only three workers for the colored. There is not a single S. D. A. church or school building in the state for colored. Africa has schools and churches already for our work. That puts them ahead of the state of Louisiana.

I trust that the good friends of the colored work will assist the city of New Orleans to get on foot so we can begin to do aggressive work for this people before it is too late.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Doloroso, Miss.

THE battle has just begun here in the capacity of a tent meeting. For several years there has been a constant call for a worker to come to this place, but no response has been made till May 27, 1912, when I arrived on the ground.

A little house was offered to dwell in and also to hold meetings in until my tent should come. From then until June 12 we had good interest in the little

house, and June 14 we pitched our tent and, up till now, the interest has been very good.

Bro. D. V. Barnes and family arrived on the ground June 7, to assist in the tent-work. We enjoy the work together and truly believe that the Lord has some honest souls here who desire to keep all the commandments.

The people are not thickly settled here as they are in cities and towns, and they do not come in crowds except on Sunday; but we do have some every night to speak to, who give us their best attention.

To some folks it may appear that the time is lost in pitching a tent in the country; but the Lord has said to his servants to go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. So it is our privilege to respond to the call to go into the hedges and compel the few honest souls to come to Christ.

THOS. MURPHY.

Detroit Mich.

THE progress of the work, for the past two months, has been a source of much satisfaction to us.

Our organized band is doing systematic work. Its aim is to give the twenty thousand colored people of this city an opportunity to receive present truth.

Our method of operation is through the printed page, visiting from house to house, holding Bible readings wherever opportunity affords, and lecturing in the hall.

The Lord has, indeed, blessed our efforts; and we are still of good courage in the power of his might.

During the past two weeks, we have sold six-hundred fifty Signs and Watchman; and have distributed an assortment of four hundred tracts, containing cardinal points of the message.

As a result of former seed-sowing, we are unable to meet the demands and calls that come to us. The spirit of the Lord is working mightily with this people, and the effects are seen by the calls that come.

We are much pleased with the results of Sunday evening lectures. There are many inspiring experiences that time and space will not permit us to tell, but suffice it to say the Lord is impressing hearts. We believe that some will take their stand for the truth.

J. W. OWENS.

Wilmington, N. C.

I LEFT Newberh, N. C., June 7, and arrived in Wilmington the evening of the same day.

After much tedious labor we found a lot and began our meetings June 16. Our tents are nicely located near a popular thoroughfare. We have canvass benches to accommodate nearly 500 persons. As early as 7.30 every pew is taken. Last Sunday over 800 were present. No night has the tent been large enough to accommodate the hearers. Our choir is under the management of Mason Jackson, who has been connected with the campaign for four years without an interruption.

The daily papers give space free for articles, such as extracts from sermons.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

Houston, Tex.

WE are working to reach some of the older people of our race because they add such strength to the church every way. They are honest in paying their tithes, and coming to church.

Thru the help of God's spirit and the Bible studies, two more accepted the truth, and say they are ready to become members of our church. One of them is an old lady ninety years old. The other is the son of the woman. They both are truly happy in the third angel's message. She has no more desire for the pipe which she smoked for nearly a century, nor for swine flesh which just had to be on the table at meal time.

Both of them are learning and practicing health reform.

We need a church building very badly here. It seems that the nearer to the end we come, the harder the work is.

E. M. GATES.

A Successful Palliative Treatment for Pellagra

IN the June *Life and Health* (Washington, D. C.) is an account of a man who for four years has used rational treatments in an advanced case of pellagra. The remarkable success of the treatments gives evidence of their value even though they did not completely check the disease.

Any one desiring suggestions for home palliative treatment for this disease should send 10 cents for this issue of *Life and Health*, which also contains a valuable additional article on pellagra and one on hookworm disease.

The Cross.

BLEST they who seek,
While in their youth,
With spirits meek
The way of truth.

To them the sacred volume doth display
Christ as the only true and living way;
His precious blood on Cavalry given,
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven.
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessings of His sovereign grace.

For them he bore
His Father's frown,
For them he wore
The thorny crown.
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That His life's loss,
Might be their gain.
Then haste to choose
The BETTER part,
Nor DARE refuse
The Lord your heart,
Lest He DECLARE;
"I know you not,"
Then deep despair
Will be your lot!

REFLECTION.

The past—where is it? It has fled.
The future? It may never come.
Our friends departed? with the dead;
Ourselves? Fast hastening to the tomb.
What are earth's joys? The dew of morn.
Its honors? Ocean's wreathing foam.
Where's peace? In trials meekly borne.
And joy? In heaven the Christian's home.

Brewton, Ala.

THIS is now our fifth week in the tent effort at this place. God has certainly been with us or we should have had to close long ago.

This is a saw mill town where the colored out number the white. We began our work here May 26. We have been having fair attendance until the Sabbath and it's change was presented. As in Christ's day, many that were keeping right up with us have gone back saying, "this is a hard saying, who can hear it?" Some faithful ones will be gathered out here. Many stood to keep the Sabbath, but it was a test.

The truth of the Sabbath has made the preachers enraged and they have asked the city authorities to put us out of town.

This they are now trying to do but we trust in God. One morning while at worship in the tent a policeman walked in and told us the mayor sent us word not to hold another meeting until we had seen him.

We had already received permission to hold our meetings. We complied with this request and saw him. He informed us that the colored preacher told him we

were trying to get the people to stop their work on Saturday and that, on a whole our doctrine was doing much hurt.

We explained our position to him and he said that we could go on and he would send the chief of police to the meeting to learn of our message. Later in the day the chief saw us and said that they did not want any Saturday meetings in this town. We asked him if he believed in Religious Liberty. He said yes. We then told him that we were teaching the word of God in its purity, and that we invite the preachers to attend our meetings and disprove these things. On leaving us he said he would visit the meeting and speak to us the next time he saw us. We are now waiting on him. We think that we will have to take the tent down and carry on hall work. I may say that the best class of colored people in the town are on our side.

Strange to say, the authorities are divided; some for us and others against. We were asked to hold services for the prisoners at the jail. This we have done. Wednesday night two sheriffs visited our meeting. Bro. Nunes was speaking on the first angel's message. They sat thru the meeting and at its close expressed themselves satisfied.

We were again asked by the sheriffs to hold meeting with the prisoners. We try to be wise as serpents, as these two factions might join and make trouble for us.

Brewton is a hard field. Some time ago our brethren were here with a tent, and after a short stay had to take down and leave.

Many have said that the preachers were not giving them all the truth. This has made the preachers angry and so they are using all their influence to get us away.

A man who is manager of a turpentine still has taken hold and as he can't get the owner of the business to give him the Sabbath, is planning to leave for another place. Last Thursday night four sheriffs came to the meeting. After its close the high sheriff, Mr. Ralley shook hands with us and said he was delighted with the singing and preaching. We will go to the jail on Sunday morning to speak to the prisoners. There is a preacher here in jail. We are still waiting on final word from the mayor.

The sheriffs gave us a collection.

G. E. PETERS.

M. G. NUNES.

Here is Your Opportunity!

Would you like to help the colored work, and at the same time give yourself a real treat? If so, send fifty cent to A.J. Haysmeier, Huntsville, Ala., box 414, and receive a copy of *THE RESCUE*, by Harriet Elizabeth Buchheim; a new book by a new author who has donated to the colored work all profits on books ordered thru the department.

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**Clarksdale, Miss.**

OUR School closed June 5 with a picnic. We thought that putting before the people a good vegetarian dinner would be a good way to teach them how to prepare their food without the use of swine's flesh and the result was that before they had finished eating, many of them asked if they could come to our home and have Mrs. Johnson teach them how to prepare the food that way. We invited the teachers from the public school. Since school closed, we have been doing Bible work.

Have given Bible readings and held seven public meetings. My wife is canvassing. She began in the northern part of town and worked across.

A Methodist pastor here, seems to be interested in Present Truth. He attends Sabbath services.—PHILIP J. JOHNSON.

**An Interesting Experience**

I STARTED to make a delivery last Monday. I met a young lady. She was not ready for her book, but after talking with her a while, I saw the opportunity for the sowing of seed in the heart; for the Lord had the heart prepared, and at six o'clock I left that soul rejoicing in the goodness of the message. Last but not least, she has promised to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and to hurry to finish her crop, and enter the Oakwood School.

R. ROBERTS.

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Note and Comment

FRUIT canning has been the order of the day (and sometimes the night) for several weeks at Oakwood. Our own orchards are loaded to breaking, and our neighbors bring their fruit to our cannery from miles around. So great has been the demand that it has been found necessary to order 10000 extra, no. 3 cans.

Dr. Haysmer went Monday July 8 to Montgomery, Ala. He successfully took the state medical examination while there.

It has been found necessary because of our rush of work at the cannery, to lay a pipe line. This gives us a good supply of water where before we had to haul.

Last month we omitted to mention the baptism of six persons, which took place Sabbath, June 22. Most of these were students who have been converted at the school.

Sabbath July 13, Brother Randall Johnson, second elder of the Oakwood church, went to Elkwood and held a very interesting meeting over Sabbath and Sunday. On Sunday, he baptized four persons and received them into the Oakwood church.

An article from Elder A. J. Haysmer, descriptive of his trip in the Atlantic and Columbia Union Conferences, arrives at our office just as we go to press. It will appear next month. He is find-

ing interest where he goes, and students are coming to Oakwood already, from that field as a result of his visit.—T.H.J.

Florida Items

THOSE desiring to rent rooms at the Ocala campmeeting, October 3-14, should write early and make arrangements for the same with Elder A. White number 41 South Magnolia street, Ocala.

Miss Annie Butler, our Punta Gorda teacher, is in Bartow for the Summer.

Mrs. Fannie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stephens of Jacksonville, have gone to the western part of the state to visit friends until camp-meeting.

Mr. Scott in Ocala has been very ill the past few weeks.

Elder Strachan baptized two new Sabbath keepers in Jacksonville on July 14.

Miss Essie Palmer, Miss Felicia Palmer, and Mrs. Mamie Pegues, are selling magazines in connection with tent meetings at Lake City.

Elder M. C. Strachan and J. S. Green are having a very successful meeting at Lake City. At the time of this writing the testing points of our faith have not been presented. One of their strongest features is the choir. It is attracting large crowds each night. Lilly May Harris plays the organ.

M. C. STRACHAN.

Sylacauga, Ala.

IAM kept busy day and night. The blessed Redeemer approves of what we have done and are doing, tho the enemy is quite busy; for the work is progressing and prospering both temporally and spiritually.

Several improvements have been made and much more is needed in order to save the buildings from ruin, and make the home decent and comfortable.

Three of the buildings were in a very bad condition. We have covered one already, and have started on another. The money for this second building has been sent me by the Southern Missionary Society, thru the agency of Elder A. J. Haysmer. The barn needs covering very much.

Two barrels of clothing have been sent us from California, for the benefit of the poor students. Some of the poorest members of our church with their

children have participated in the charity.

Much thanks to the donors.

On the first Sabbath of this month, quarterly meeting was held. After holding service at the chapel at 6, we marched to the creek, and seven youths were baptized. Besides them, two more, a man and his wife, were received by vote on the same day, making a total of nine. This makes sixteen new members added to the Sylacauga church since last October.

W. F. GASKIN.

Brookhaven Miss. Camp-meeting

THE date of our camp-meeting has been changed to August 30, and continuing to September 8. Those expecting to attend should supply themselves with sheets and a quilt. Meals will be furnished at a reasonable rate.

A. C. CHATMAN.

From Our Student Canvassers

Boiled down to "night message" style to fit the space.

Left Oakwood May 10. Arrived Batesville May 13. Have worked 410 hours, taken 250 orders for B.F.L., 175 B.S., 15 bibles. Delivered 125 B.F.L., 100 B.S., 8 bibles. Soon to close work. Be back to Oakwood fall term. Many difficulties. Not discouraged.—R. ROBERTS.

Second week, \$74.50 worth orders, third. \$91.00 worth. Poor health few days. Better now. Times dull, but people love our books. Must have them.

Country sparsely settled. Therefore much walking. Kind regards teachers and classmates. CHARLES GRIFFITHS.

Been very busy. LaGrange and West Point soon finished. Go new field Aug. 8. \$136.00 worth orders. Think shall get scholarship all right. Sister Bostic and I both full of courage. Glad for a part in God's work.—EDNA BRYAN.

Savannah, Ga.

WE have organized a church here of forty-four. Twenty-eight of this number have already been baptized and the other sixteen have been received subject to baptism. There are sixty-five adults and thirty children who are keeping the Sabbath. The work is progressing rapidly. Savannah is much stirred.

J. W. MANNS.