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The Advent

Christ is coming, he is ready,
Ready to return again,
Coming to reward his faithful,
And to break sin's dreadful reign.
Yes, the bridegroom now is planning,
For his bride he soon will come,
While yet a song the bride is learning,
To cheer that happy, "Home, Sweet Home."
There'll be those who ne'er will learn it,
It's for those who overcome,
And o'er self have won a victory,—
They will sing a welcome home.
Haste thee quickly, come, get ready,
Don a robe of spotless white,
For the day is quickly waning
Soon will come that long dark, night.
Night so dark, so drear, so lonely,
With only Satan left to roam,
While the saints their song are singing,
Praise to God in "Home, Sweet Home."
B. T. BOYD.

The October Collection

OUR readers will remember that the annual offering to support the work among the colored people in this country, is taken the first Sabbath in Oct. This year it comes on the fifth.

The General Conference has made a liberal appropriation for this work, but it depends upon the liberality of our people, whether they are able to send on the funds to pay the workers.

The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of our faithful workers. Hundreds are accepting the truth. Those who are reading the interesting reports in THE GOSPEL HERALD will not need more to convince them that the Lord is preparing the hearts of the colored people for the reception of the message.

In Testimonies for the church Vol. 9, P. 225 we read; "Let us thank God, dear brethren and sisters, and take courage! God is laying bare His arm to do a mighty work in this mission field within the borders of our own land. He is now giving his people unusual opportunities to extend the message rapidly in the South. Especially should we reveal a spirit of beneficence at the time the year-

ly offering for the support of the colored work is taken up. God has reposed confidence in us by making us stewards of means and of his rich grace; and he now points us to the poor and suffering and oppressed, to souls bound in chains of superstition and error, and assures us that if we do good to these, He will accept the deed as though done to Himself. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren,' He declares, 'ye have done it unto me' Matt 25; 40.

"Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them.

"My dear brethren and sisters, Christ is now saying to you: 'Lift up your eyes and look on this Southern field; for it needs workers—sowers of the seed, and reapers. It needs your means for the maintenance of these workers.' The grace of Christ is unlimited, it is God's free gift. Then why should not this neglected people have some hope and courage and faith brought into their lives? There is sunshine in the heart for all who will accept Christ."

We have had to drop some of our workers this year on account of a lack of means. This has been very hard for us to do when the Lord was blessing their efforts, and so many calls were coming in for help. What we shall be able to do in the future, depends upon what our people do October 5.

May the Lord impress you all with the needs of this work, at this time, and help you to make a liberal donation.

A. J. HAYSMEYER.

The Arkansas Campmeeting

THIS meeting was held in the city of Little Rock, July 11-21. The attendance of our people was good. However, some, who it seems could have attended, did not do so. They seemed to

consider it more important to stay with their temporal interests at home.

As the campmeeting for the white people was held in this city at the same time ours was, we were favored with a sermon or other instruction by some of the white ministers nearly every day at either eleven or three o'clock. They also preached two evenings, thus giving the "Meat in due season" to those not of the faith.

One evening, Elder G. F. Watson, our Union Conference president, preached on the saints' inheritance. When he called for a show of hands from those not of the faith, quite a number of hands went up; and when he made a second call for those who desired to take a step further to come and take the front seat, two of those who had raised the hand, a man and his wife, came forward.

Prayer was then offered that the Lord might grant these two persons power to continue in the faith.

The believers contributed quite liberally to the calls, local and general, as far as their circumstances would allow.

The Sabbath after the close of the campmeeting, a church of eight members was organized in this city. Elder J. W. Norwood, assisted by other ministers, perfected the organization.

J. W. DANCER.

Memphis, Tenn.

WE closed our tent effort July 9 with encouraging results. Several persons have accepted the truth, and many are interested.

We are kept busy answering the calls that come to us for Bible readings, etc.

Owing to the new company afore mentioned, we hold two services on each Sabbath. We hope in the near future to consolidate both companies by the erection of a church building. Brother J. C. Miller is an able help. Since he came, he has organized a Bible class among the young people.—S. A. JORDON



Oakwood Cannery

The Oakwood Cannery

THE canning industry has been the all important business at Oakwood for the past few weeks. In all we have canned 25,000 cans of peaches, and about 2,000 cans of tomatoes, okra and cabbage.

The peach crop has been unusually heavy in this part of Alabama, and many of our neighbors brought their fruit to our cannery to have it put up on the shares. We do this for half, the person that furnishes the fruit paying for his own half of the cans. We packed the fruit from our own orchard and also bought a few hundred bushels at from twenty-five to thirty-five cents a bushel.

We use the regular No. 3 standard packers cans with soldered hem caps. They cost us this year \$20.00 a thousand crated F. O. B. Baltimore.

On receiving the fruit it is first emptied, six bushel at a time, into the washing vat. There it is thoroughly washed and sorted. The choice fruit is then taken to the peelers, and the inferior fruit is simply cut off of the seed and packed as pie peaches. The peeled fruit is divided, pitted, and placed into the can immediately from the hand of the pitter.

The full cans are gathered up and piled in rows on the soldering tables. Here they are filled with syrup and then wiped and a cap laid on them. For soldering we use the entire circle cap-

ping steel which is heated on the forge, filed, cleaned, and placed with a twist on each cap.

The cans are then tipped and placed in a large steel crate which holds 120 cans. Our retort, which was just installed last fall, was donated to us by the Sprague Canning Machinery Co., Chicago. It holds three of these crates. There are six crates with the retort thus allowing three of them to be filled while the other three are being processed.

This retort resembles a boiler. It is six feet long, thirty inches in diameter, and is set upright in the concrete floor. It extends three feet below the floor and three feet above. A steam pipe connects it with the engine, which stands just back of the building. The filled crates weigh over 300 pounds. They are let down into the retort by means of a large crane and double blocks. We are highly pleased with the efficiency of this addition to our canning equipment, as the work can be done with dispatch. Peaches can be cooked in three minutes at 250 degrees or in twelve minutes at 212 degrees.

The advantage of the retort is that fruit and vegetables can be processed with a more intense heat in a closed vessel where pressure can be applied, than they can be cooked in an ordinary vessel. It is impossible to heat water above 212 degrees in an ordinary vessel; but with one where pressure can be applied,

a more intense and penetrating heat is obtained. Thus corn and vegetables that are hard to keep, can be much more successfully canned with it.

To remove the crates from the retort the pressure must first be let off, and the lever screws that hold down its heavy lid must be loosened and the crates hoisted. The cans are then slightly cooled by the throwing on of cold water. They are then carefully looked over and should there be any leaky ones they are passed back for another touch of the soldering iron. They are then trucked on to the storage room, where they are set in temporary stacks and will all be looked over and rowed up in permanent piles in from ten days to three weeks. All that show any signs of swelling will likely manifest it by that time.

We are highly pleased with the efficiency of our cannery, for it is built in such proportions as are well adapted to our needs and also the needs of the neighborhood. It is constructed 40 x 40 on cedar posts that are set three feet in the ground ten feet apart each way. It has a hip roof with a ventilator at the top, and is covered with tarred roofing. The floor is solid concrete high in the center and slanting to an outside gutter. This floor can be flooded after each days' work and thoroughly cleaned.

During the peach season our neighbors took a great delight in bringing their loaded wagons and having a little establishment like ours, where they can bring their surplus fruit and vegetables and have it saved. The time to save stuff is when it is plenty. Consuming the large amount of food that we do as a school, we too, appreciate the privilege of sharing in the abundance of the produce of the country, while at the same time making the school of real service to the community.

C. J. BOYD.

The Will Of God

The hardest, the sweetest, the last lesson which man has to learn upon this earth, is submission to the will of God. It is the hardest lesson, because to our blinded eye-sight it often seems a cruel will. It is a severe lesson, because it can be only taught by the blighting of much that has been most dear. It is the last lesson, because when a man has learned that, he is fit to be transplanted from a world of willfulness to a world of willingness.—F. W. Robertson.

An Open Letter

SOMETIMES a word of proper criticism is helpful, both to the giver and the receiver. To the receiver, because he may thus be helped to better methods, and the giver, for sometimes explanations can then be made that will be helpful to both.

Such is a kindly communication recently received from one of our good brethren in the field. We append our reply without further explanation or apology.—Ed.

Huntsville, Alabama, July 15, 1912.

Dear Brother,—

Your letter of 9th inst. is received and contents carefully noted. I thank you for the interest you manifest in the GOSPEL HERALD matter. Since you ask me to write you about it I make bold to tell you how you may help us.

You say there are some who have not received their paper. Please ask them to notify us promptly on failure to receive it, and I shall take pleasure in supplying the lack. If you could send me the names of those who have complained we would gladly do all we can from this end to remedy the trouble.

There are at least five ways by which regular mail fails to get to its destination.

Any one of these is sufficient to cause annoyance to the subscriber and perplexity to the publisher.

1. The subscriber may fail to give proper address. I now have in my office a letter in which we are asked to send the GOSPEL HERALD to Mrs. M. E. Bryson, R. F. D. 3, Box 24.

But, since neither post office nor state is given, we cannot send her the paper, and possibly she is now much incensed at us for our carelessness.

2. Sometimes papers are misplaced by local postmasters.

3. Sometimes friends, neighbors, or acquaintances take mail from the post office and do not promptly deliver it. Once in N. C., I found in the home of one of our brethren several unopened Reviews belonging to one of the friends in the neighborhood.

4. Many times people change their addresses. Of course we cannot know when, nor where, unless notified.

5. We sometimes make mistakes here at our office. We are working carefully to eliminate this. We do not claim to be perfect, but we do claim to be trying.

We hardly think that all annoyance is

due to the fifth. Again I thank you for your kindly interest, and ask that when complaints come to your ears, you will send in the specific trouble, the name of the one or ones aggrieved, and any additional particulars that will help us to remedy the evil.



N. Y. City

I REJOICE in the progress of the work reported in the GOSPEL HERALD.

Some of the blessings have fallen this way also, and quite a few are now rejoicing as a consequence.

On Sunday July 7, I had the privilege of baptizing nine persons. A few spectators were present to witness the rite; We all felt glad at what the Lord had wrought. Our tent effort this season is in Brooklyn, at the corner of Ralph Ave. and Seran St. It would have been an ideal spot but for the roaring of the cars that pass right by the doors. The interest is very good even after the Sabbath truth has been presented. The people keep coming and manifest a saving interest in what they hear. Two were out on this Sabbath, July 20, for the first time.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Elder A. J. Haysmer, the secretary of the Department. The workers were all glad to see him, and expressed a wish to see him oftener.

Now a word about the building at 184, W. 135th St. We are moving on as fast as we can by paying off the second mortgage which after our next payment will still be in round figures, \$3,000. We need help from all who are interested in the work that is being done among the colored people in the North. We are endeavoring to establish treatment rooms in the basement of the building, as soon as we can get sufficient funds to do so. The need for this kind of work among our people here is very pressing and cannot be overstated.

J. K. HUMPHREY.



Baltimore, Md.

THE number 3 church at Baltimore Md., enjoyed a visit from Elder A. J. Haysmer. The many friends and members enjoyed the words of admonition and encouragement. The work in Baltimore is prospering under the blessings of the Lord. A large up-to-date hall

has been secured for the Sunday night services and a good sized audience attends every service. Even during the hot weather the hall is filled to overflowing. Nine have joined the church as the result of the hall effort, four being baptized June 23, over 200 witnessing the baptism. Two more are awaiting baptism and several are keeping the Sabbath whom we expect to see united with the church.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.



Orangeburg S. C.

What kind of doctrine is it that these tent people are teaching? I have never before heard the Bible explained as those people explain it, have you?

This seems to be the cry throughout the city of Orangeburg.

We pitched the tent here May 10. We have had some things to contend with that others possibly have not had.

There were some people here (and are here yet) going through the streets telling the people that if they do not keep Saturday and stop eating hog meat they will go to hell.

They also said that they were connected with the tent and by this means envy was created among the people against us. These people, with their doctrine, had zeal all right, but it was not according to knowledge.

The pastors have instructed their members not to come to the tent because their minds would be confused. But in the midst of all of this some are keeping the Sabbath, and others are interested in all of the Bible subjects and discourses.

We hope that they will soon take their stand for present truth. The theologians are striking after us with what power they have, but we have placed ourselves upon the sure foundation, the Scripture of truth, lest at any time we should be carried off by a theological thunder storm.

The annual campmeeting will be held here from Aug. 29 to Sept. 8. Quite a number are expected to attend.

The Lord is blessing the work. Some ladies here are planning to go to Oakwood to become missionaries for Christ. They are members of the Sabbath school which we have recently organized.

B. W. ABNEY.

Modesty in success, and courage in the face of failure,—this is true greatness.

Talks to my Students

Pur

WEBSTER once had an old cat in our home. I was very fond of her. Ordinarily, I do not take kindly to cats, but this one was an exception.

Why? Well, "thereby hangs a tale." It was not her looks. She was a very ordinary looking puss. Nor was it her good manners, especially; for I have known her to get onto the table when opportunity seemed to offer. She had some of the vices that are common to the feline tribe, such as being out late of nights at cat, conventions etc.

But all this I forgave her, *for she purred*. Not just passively but actively. She was friendly. Not just merely willing to be friends, but anxious. Many times has she sidled up to me, and arched her back as she came in contact with my chair, emitting that friendly sound.

I never questioned her sincerity an instant. Her ability in this line was her fortune, so far as our family was concerned. Other cats might have well taken notice, and imitated her example. While they may have been better mousters, wore richer fur, moved in higher circles, or boasted of more aristocratic blood, none of these things counted with us children like old Tabby's "song," as we called it.

Well, a good many years have passed since then. I have been acquainted with many cats of high and low degree. I have also met many students first and last, and I have noticed in some of them, the same admirable qualities that I liked in pussy of Auld Lang Syne.

They can say the nicest little speeches in the nicest way, and every one is pleased when they are present.

They probably have their troubles too, but they don't empty their annoyances into the ears of others. They purr.

And after all, isn't it better? Is the rough and seamy side of life any more inviting when constantly dwelt upon? Do our trials grow lighter as we tell them? Rather, shall we not learn a lesson from Pussy, and when we meet some of our fellow travelers, instead of a dismal recital of real or imaginary troubles, shall we not purr?

Modest

WEBSTER defines the word as, "not boastful, presumptuous, or arrogant; reserved; unobtrusive; diffident." I like the word, the definition, and the quality.

The world cares not much for the boaster. He may persuade himself to think that people believe his boasting, but they only smile at his egotism. They may be too polite to say it to him, but they will say to themselves, "Poor fellow, he doesn't know how ridiculous he makes himself appear. Too bad that he cannot cultivate more modesty."

Do not fear that people will not find out how smart you are. They will discover it quick enough, without any overweening anxiety on your part. If you are a good and acceptable laborer in any capacity, be satisfied to let others tell about it. If your congregation was large, say the attendance was good; Do not say "Vast crowds hung spell-bound upon the words of the speaker." If you are holding tent meetings, do not write about the "Mammoth pavillion."

If you have treated some patient and he has got well, do not speak of it as a "marvelous recovery under the skillful treatment of the renowned Dr. Quack." Just say he has got well.

Yes, it is better to say he got well, than to say he is convalescent.

Say "the students are making good progress;" but do not write that "the advancement of the pupils under the tuition of the talented Prof. Puff, is little short of marvelous."

Remember the three rules of the fisherman; they apply with equal force to fishers of men.

1. Keep yourself out of sight.
2. Keep yourself *more* out of sight.
3. Keep yourself *wholly* out of sight.

Brother-keepers

When Cain said "Am I my brother's keeper?" he used a figure of speech called interrogation. He asked, not for information, but to imply the opposite.

Many since Cain's day have declared with that wicked son of Adam, "I am not my brother's keeper. I repudiate any responsibility in the matter." But does the formal refusal make the individual any less responsible?

Our God has made each one mutually dependent on his fellows. No man lives or dies to himself. We are each an integral thread in the great web of humanity. My brother is my keeper. I am my brother's keeper.

With this great solemn truth in mind, how doubly responsible should you feel who have a knowledge of the last great gospel message! Where are the brothers

whom you might have helped into the light? Where the poor sick-unto-death invalid, bitten with the serpent of secret sin, whose languid head you may raise, whose dulled hearing you may succeed in rousing, whose rapidly running sands of life you may check?

His soul is near to dwell in silence. Hasten to him with the message that has gladdened your own life. The night will soon be here. Already now we hear the sounds that betoken closing day. Where is thy brother?—T. H. J.



The Blues

MR. B. Guillaume and Mr. R. Carlos were at breakfast one morning at the little retreat where they were both recuperating, when Mr. Guillaume began complaining of his bad feelings, and finding fault with every thing; which was to one acquainted with him simply a "continuation of the series." Mr. Carlos, who had tried every known means to get his friend to look at the bright side of the things to no purpose, made use of the following which proved the salvation of Mr. Guillaume, who from that day became a cheerful and happy man; much to the joy of his family and the whole neighborhood:—"I don't want to hear you. I would not listen to your groanings and bad feelings. If you have not slept, or if you have slept, or if you have headache, or sciatica or leprosy, or thunderstroke, I beseech you by all angels, to hold your peace, and not pollute the morning, to which all the housemates bring serene and pleasant thoughts, by corruption and by groans. If you are not satisfied to live in whatever state you find yourself, you have no right by me at the breakfast table. Why should you eat and prolong what is to you a miserable life? Get a gun, blow off your brains, and say amen, amen. As bad as this old world is, there are lots of folks who are satisfied to live in it as long as they can. If you are not satisfied to live in it yourself, you have no right to help make this world a hell for those of us who do our best to live in it all we can. It is the best we have. People, no matter how much they may like to sympathize, do not want to listen to groans all the time, and look up to bad faces. Get out of it, and love the day. God has seen fit to let you live, why not

be thankful for the privilege of living? Why not place a higher value on the breath of life? Get out under the trees and listen to the little birds as they sing praises to their Creator, thanking him for bringing them into being; for the privilege of blending their voices in life's great song. And after you have listened to them, come back, eat, drink, and be merry."—C. R.



Spartanburg, S.C.

We praise the Lord for the success that he has given to the work in this town. We have fourteen new Sabbath-keepers to add to the church. Our Sabbath-school has increased to thirty-five.

On Sunday nights our tent is full. Elder C. G. Manns spoke on the subject of "Babylon's Goods." Sunday night July 14. And the following Sunday I presented the subject of the United States as foretold in prophesy. The tent was crowded. The subject was announced in the daily papers and a large number of the white citizens were present to hear the discourse. The people were surprised to know that these things are mentioned in the Bible.

Elder Manns is leaving for Johnson, S.C., to hold a week's meeting with the church, and from there he will go to Orangeburg to assist in preparing for our annual camp meeting. I am left in Spartanburg to keep up the interest until time for the campmeeting.

Saturday night July 20, Elder W. H. Branson made a flying trip to Spartanburg, to solemnize the marriage of Elder C. G. Manns and Miss Louisa Lawrence. We wish for them heaven's best blessings as they begin life together.

W. E. STROTHER.



In The East

JUNE 4, I left Nashville, Tenn., to attend campmeetings in the Atlantic and Columbia Unions. I stopped in Washington a few hours, and had a talk with Elder Mc Elhany in regard to the work there.

My first camp-meeting was at Westerlo, R. I. From there I went to Attleboro, Mass., to see a young man who was desirous of getting into our Oakwood school. I then attended the Mass. camp-meeting at Taunton. We had an excellent meeting. Several colored people were in attendance. Arrangements

were made for one sister to go to the Oakwood school. On Sabbath I went to Boston and met with our colored church. I found a nice company gathered. I enjoyed meeting with them very much.

While at the Mass., camp-meeting I received a letter from Elder G. E. Peters of Alabama, stating that the tent he was using would never do to pitch again. I brought this need before our people and a collection was taken to get a new tent for the colored work in Alabama.

My next meeting was at Durnkirk, N. Y. Several of our colored people were at this meeting. Some, we hope, will attend our training school at Oakwood in the near future. From here I went to Plainfield, N. J. Scarcely anything has been done in this state for the nearly 90,000 colored people, yet a few are accepting the message. A good worker for this conference is greatly needed.—A. J. H.



Opelika, Ala.

We arrived here safe, and have found the field ripe already for harvest. There are many souls crying for light upon the word of God, and as I present the book to them and the wonderful truths that are contained therein, they become as it were speechless for a time, and can scarcely keep from crying, as they see the Lord has answered their prayers and the book is just the thing they have been longing for. I can scarcely keep from shedding tears, as I think, will the blood of any be required at my hands? and am I doing faithfully that which the Lord has committed to me?

The Lord has blessed my efforts since I have been here. I have taken the two weeks I have been canvassing, 107 orders, which amounts to \$160.50. Brother Charlie has taken about one hundred dollars worth of orders.

It is true that the Lord's hand is over his work, and he is guiding his people.

WRIGHT BATTLE.



Lord, for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray;
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin
Just for today,
Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for today.
Let me be slow to do my will,
Prompt to obey. —Sel.

Louisville, Ky.

I feel to speak of the splendid success that the Adventists are having in the city of Louisville. Last July a year ago they pitched a tent in the southeastern part of the city. Brother Jordan assisted in this meeting and the words which fell from his lips seemed to act as a two edged sword. The people thronged to hear this wonderful gospel.

Many believed and were convinced of the truth. Just as they were in their zenith they had to take down their tent and leave. Many were sorry to see them leave. Christ told his disciples when he left that he would send the comforter, and so it was with these people.

There were sent to them two lady Bible workers, who worked with great zeal. These ladies were Miss Delia Wilson and Miss Celia Hart. They came forth like true soldiers and endured many hardships for the Master's sake. They went from house to house reading and instructing the people and held prayer meetings with the people in their homes. By so doing they soon helped to establish a mission out on Shelby St.

Brother Lawrence the pastor, and Brethern Minnis and Winston labored hard to show the people about this great truth.

Miss Delia Wilson was the first superintendent of the Sabbath school of this new mission. Miss Celia Hart was one of the Sabbath school teachers. The children loved her dearly, and came in droves to hear her teach.

When she was about to leave, the children and older people wept bitterly to think she would not be with them any longer.

The weather was never too cold for these ladies to do their duty.

The school at Huntsville Ala. is doing a good work in educating and sending forth such able men and women to instruct the people about God's message, for the one thing the world needs is Bible instructors who are able to make the truth known among all nations.

I hope they may be able to send out more and more of these teachers.

I am one who was much benefitted, and now I am endeavoring to keep the commandments of God. I do not keep Sunday as I used to do, but now I am keeping the Sabbath, and it is a delight.

A. B. GIBSON.

Florida

Let all note the following features which we hope to make very popular at the coming Florida camp-meeting in Ocala, October 3-14.

The canvasser may sow beside all waters; in other words, he has very few limitations in his work. In order to make our camp-meeting a source of direct help to the canvasser, we shall arrange for a systematic course of instruction for regular canvassers, and also prospective ones. Our publications may do a far greater work than the ministry of the word alone. If you are interested in this feature and wish to have a part in this work, come to the camp-meeting.

We shall try to make the camp-meeting a practical school for church officers. Experienced laborers will give instruction in matters of church order and government. The duty of all officers will be clearly outlined. A point of special importance which we have listed in this connection is, the question of church etiquette.

Plans are laid also for a rousing Sabbath school convention, in which papers will be read on topics that have been assigned to different ones in our state. The general discussions of the points in each paper presented will be lively and interesting. You will certainly profit much by the exchange of ideas. So be sure to come to the Sabbath school convention.

Every mother in the conference should attend the camp-meeting if for no other purpose save to get the valuable lessons that shall be presented at the daily mothers' meetings. Our homes are God's sanctuaries. Ignorance in regard to heaven's claims upon us with reference to the home may continue to bar the angel visitors from entering there.

Our children are God's heritage. A neglect of our duty toward them in the matter of their proper training may mean the loss of heaven to us. Realizing the importance of this matter we have arranged in the program an hour a day for the mothers' meetings. We shall not weary you with incessant lectures, but intersperse with open discussions and round-table talks. Are you a successful mother and home keeper? Then come to the camp-meeting and give others the benefit of your experience. If, on the other hand, you yourself feel the need of special help in this matter, then by all

means, be present at the first meeting.

Thousands may be reached in the spread of this message thru the simple efforts of our consecrated young people. Are you young, and are you numbered among the consecrated? Do you wish to know how to labor with greater success among your associates? Come to the camp-meeting. But dear young people, we know that some of you have no burden to be a worker in this cause, but come to the camp-meeting anyhow.

We are studying your need of entertainment as well as your need of helpful instruction. We are determined to make this the best camp-meeting you ever attended.

Have you for some time been longing for a good spiritual feast? Well, you shall be sure to find one at the Ocala campmeeting. The early morning prayer meetings, the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house, the able discourses from our visiting ministers, will all combine to make this the best camp meeting ever held for our people in the state of Florida. Be sure to reach the grounds the morning of October 3 and come prepared to stay the entire ten days.

M. C. STRACHAN.



Chattanooga, Tenn.

I AM getting along just fine and the Lord is blessing the work. I am canvassing for the Coming King, and for this month have orders for thirty-five dollars worth of books.

"If you strike a thorn or rose,
Keep a-goin'.
If it hails or if it snows,
Keep a-goin'.
'Tis no use to sit and whine,
Keep a-goin'.
When the fish aren't on your line,
Bait your hook and keep on tryin',
Keep a-goin'".

L. J. EASTERLING.



Washington, D. C.

THE work at Washington D. C. and vicinity as viewed from the fifth church is onward and upward. We were glad to receive a visit from Elder Haysmer and we wish he could have stayed longer.

We arranged for two girls to attend school at Huntsville, Ala. They went there July 1. It is hoped that they will

remain and prepare themselves for the work, and too, we hope that they will do well while they are at school.

Since we are living in such stirring times, and Satan is at work among the nations, getting them arrayed for the final great conflict; we should ever be on the watch, that we may meet him in every battle with the word of truth.

It was not thought best, under all the circumstances, to hold a tent meeting in the city this season among our people; but that Bible work should be kept up.

W. H. GREEN.



Orangeburg, S.C.

WE began meetings May 10 with a fair attendance but on account of circumstances which we could not control, we had to seek another location, which was very hard to obtain. The people of this city are very slow to attend religious services apart from their churches. They have reasons for so doing, I am told. The colored ministers have counseled against us; advising their flock to keep away from the tent.

They say we go around from city to city tearing up the churches. Then too, we have to contend with the bad influence of a very ignorant man and his wife who are posing as street preachers of the third angels' message. They tell the people to keep Saturday and say they were sent in advance of the tent to prepare the way. Of course they don't belong to our organized work. The people despise them and thought we were of the same kind.

Notwithstanding we are having a goodly attendance every night, and a lively interest is manifested. A lady who is regular in attendance told me if she stops one night she feels she has lost something. Also a baptist preacher said to me he was glad to hear us and that we are preaching the Bible so much to the contrary from what was told him. His family attends the meetings regularly.

The time is drawing near for our annual camp-meeting which will be held here at Orangeburg, S. C. August 29 to September 8. I hope all of our people are planning to attend this annual feast of good things which the Lord has provided for them. The real object of the camp-meeting is that we come together to seek the Lord for a higher spiritual experience.

A dining tent will be on the grounds

and hot meals will be served at reasonable rate. All who desire to have tents on the grounds, write me at once. As a result of our meetings a few have begun to keep the Sabbath of the Lord and others are deeply interested. We are of good courage in the work.

J. F. CRICHLLOW.



Houston, Tex.

THE Lord met with us at the waters' edge on Sabbath, June, 29, and a sister was baptized, the writer officiating. We have others that will be baptized later.

We have a better place for our worship now but the rent is very high and we are poor, but I know the dear Lord will help us pay the rent.

There are some people building a large church right against the house which I am living in. The head carpenter in buying pies at a small store owned by a colored woman, got a back of one of our magazines wrapped around one of his pies and when he took the paper off the pie, he noticed the heading and saw that it was an S. D. A. magazine. He began to read it and found on it a list of tracts about the Sabbath. He, knowing I was a Sabbath keeper, brought the paper to me and asked me if I could get him the tracts on the Sabbath question. We got them for him, he went home with ten cents worth of tracts all on the Sabbath.

He came back the next morning, went right to the preacher that is having the church built, took his Bible with the tracts, and very soon both of them were convinced that the Seventh day is the Sabbath, but the minister said he kept the First day because he was converted on that day. The wife said she kept the First day because she found the people keeping it when she came into the world.

The carpenter is a sinner, but this kind of reasoning from a Baptist minister and his wife did not sound like Bible to him. He says if he ever gives his heart to the Lord he will be a Sabbath keeper.—E. M. GATES.



Letters From Our Students.

REPORTS from our Oakwood canvassers in the field breathe hope and courage. We glean the following from pri-

vate letters received at the principal's office—Ed.

Mrs. E. P. Campbell writes,—During my stay at Greenwood, Miss., I was instrumental in bringing two faithful sisters into the truth. I received a letter from them recently stating how they love the Sabbath. After attending our institute at Vicksburg, I came here to the gulf coast and am canvassing the saw mill towns. It is the best field I ever entered, and the Lord is blessing me wonderfully. I am canvassing some whites as they have been enquiring about my books. The people are very friendly. Sunday morning a young white lad came where I am stopping and asked to see my books. He gave me an order for three dollars worth.

I have never met such friendly Baptist preachers. I have taken several orders for Seer of Patmos from them. I have also given them lectures in their churches. From a little town called Kola, several whom I have interested will be at camp meeting, the Lord willing. I wish there could be some one sent here now to follow up the interest for the harvest truly is ripe. For all my success I give God the praise. People are waiting for some one to bring them the truth.

Chas. Griffiths writes from Newnan, Ga.—I am of splendid courage in the canvassing work. One week I took \$74.40 worth of orders, and in another \$81.00 worth. I feel like working. I have been sick most of this week, but have been working some anyway. One day I took \$18.00 worth of orders. Times are a little dull here, but the people are very fond of books. If things were a little more prosperous I believe that I could take \$100.00 of orders each week. I hope to do it any way a little later when people begin to put their cotton on the market.

I like my field of labor. However, the people live a long way apart in most places and one has to hustle to make a success. I have often to pass long weary distances uninhabited. I received your package of calendars for the school. I am trying my best to find worthy students. In all we have three who are planning to return with us and enter school this fall. We are out of calendars. Please send us some more. One young lady wrote you for information. I trust she will receive a reply soon. I am still in the battlefield.

R. Roberts, Eufola, Ala., says:—In 410 hours I took 259 orders for Bible Footlights, 175 for Best Stories and fifteen Bibles. I delivered about 125 Bible Footlights, 100 Best Stories, and eight Bibles. Through the power of God, many difficulties have been surmounted. I have been able to pay my tithes to the church and am of good courage pressing onward, soon to close the summer's work and return to school to continue my studies.

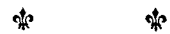
Edna Bryan says:—We have canvassed La Grange and West Point, Ga., and will soon be ready for new territory. In the short time that I have been at work I have taken \$156.00 worth of orders, and am confident that I shall earn my scholarship this summer. I am sure that if I do my best the Lord will help me. We are full of courage and enjoy going from house to house to carry the last message. Sister Mary Bostic who is working with me is doing nicely on her scholarship. I expect to return to Oakwood in September and am thankful for the experience gained. I can see where I need to quickly prepare myself for service in this needy field.

Anna Pruitte writes,—

I arrived in Memphis May 31, and began my work June 3. I have only been able to put in 196 hours during the eight weeks I have been here, and I have delivered \$28.50 worth of books and sold \$5.00 worth of magazines, and have \$70.00 worth of orders to be delivered in next month.

This is a hard territory, but I am not at all discouraged.

I hope soon to meet all my old schoolmates, back at Oakwood this fall. I will close with much love and best wishes to all my teachers and classmates.



An Appeal to Young Men

I appeal to you on your own manhood. Most boys begin using tobacco because it seems manly to do so. If they fully realized that it dwarfs the body, benumbs the brain, and weakens the character, they would never take up the habit, even though this damage might be comparatively small.

You will be larger, more efficient, and more brainy; you will have better health, and will be more trustworthy, if you do not use it. Is that not enough?

G. H. Heald, M. D., in *June Life and Health*, Washington, D. C.

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SABBATH, July 27, 1912, the young people of the African S. D. A. church of Philadelphia, met in convention.

exercises began by singing that old familiar hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name". Prayer was offered by Dr. J. M. Hyatt, of West Africa. Mrs. Medley, presiding, gave an address of welcome to the many friends and visitors. Elder T. H. Branch spoke of the object of the convention, giving some statistics concerning our colored people who are right at our door and in ignorance of this last message. The history and work done by the society was read by Mrs. Amelia Robinson the secretary. Dr. J. M. Hyatt set before the convention the importance of the young peoples' work. He gave some scripture texts showing how Jonathan wrought a great work for Israel. 1 Sam. 14: 6, 14, 15.

Miss Anna Holmes read an interesting paper, "Who will go for us?" showing that in the past God accepted the efforts put forth, and used human instrumentalities to forward his cause in the earth.

There was a cry from Macedonia, "come and help us." God furnished the required help. Also at the time of the great Reformation, God brought forth Martin Luther. Later when a servant was needed by the Lord in these latter days, Mrs. E. G. White was found. So the Lord is calling today.

We certainly rejoiced to hear this pa-

per by sister Holmes, who was converted and baptized at our campmeeting, held recently, in Allentown.

A call for volunteers was a paper read by Miss Verna Martin, showing the importance of volunteering for faithful service. Miss E. M. Talmag, of young peoples' department, addressed the convention, urging all to take the morning watch calendar that the study of the scriptures given would be of great help to every one. She also spoke of the reading course which will begin Oct. 1. The meeting convened in the afternoon, when other papers were read and addresses made.

Mrs. N. L. Holmes made a stirring appeal to all. What shall be the outcome of this good meeting? Shall we not arise and go forward onto the enemy's ground; into his tents, and rescue precious souls who are bound by him at his will? To this appeal came a hearty amen from all. The exercises of the day closed by an expression for a full consecration to the work.

Mrs. H. P. BRANCH.

The Ala. Campmeeting

The campmeeting for our colored people will be held in Greenville, Ala. Sept. 27 to Oct. 5.

Bring your own bedding. Other accommodations will be reasonable.

Note and Comment

PRIDE is wicked. We do not wish to encourage it, either in ourselves or others; but we think it quite proper to express satisfaction at the fact that the reports in this issue from Spartanburg, S. C., Chattanooga, Tenn., Greenwood, Miss., Newnan, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., La Grange, Ga., Houston, Tex., Columbus, O., Opelika, Ala., are sent in by those who are, or have been Oakwood students.

Thursday night, Aug. 22, Prof. C. J. Boyd left for a trip thru northern Ohio in the interests of Oakwood.

Immediately at the close of the summer term, Elder Jeys went to attend campmeetings in the Southeastern Union. Before returning he will visit North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Our sanitarium is gradually becoming known; and as people learn of the advantages to be had here, they will still further give their patronage. We now

have more patients than at any previous time in the history of the institution.

There is still room for a few more earnest boys and girls to join the nurses class to begin work at the commencement of the fall term, Sept. 23.

THE commencement exercises of the Oakwood Manual Training School were held Aug. 21. Despite the fact that the evening was a rainy one a goodly number of visitors was present to witness the program.

Our chapel building has recently undergone some repairs. Its walls were retinted, and this, together with tasty decorations, contributed to making the occasion a pleasant one.

The graduates, six in number, were seated on the platform in front of the choir, and all took part in the exercises. Maggie Wilson delivered the welcome address in a very pleasing manner. E. E. Dolloway gave an enthusiastic talk on Health. Mary Smart read a paper on the Work of a Medical Missionary Nurse. Alexander Osterman delivered an earnest address on Noble Characters. Marie Gordon gave a lengthy and interesting recitation on the Use of Obstacles.

Elder O. Montgomery, president of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered the commencement address. It was a plain and concise discourse on the principles of christian education and the great work that is being carried on by Seventh-day Adventists of which the work of the Oakwood School is a part. He set forth faith as the basic principle of christian education, stating that the child is taught to approach every question in life, every proposition, from the standpoint of faith. In contrast to this, worldly education teaches the student to approach every proposition from the standpoint of doubt or question.

He dwelt upon the thought that God's people "Shall be willing," "Offer themselves willingly," "Be a freewill offering," in this the day of God's power, and that the young people of this denomination are to be to the work of God as the dew of morning. Ps. 110: 3 revised version, margin.

A Baritone Solo was rendered by Alexander Osterman which highly pleased the audience.

Diplomas were then presented by the Principal, who exhorted the graduates to a life of usefulness and service in contrast to the indifference that is flooding the world.

At the conclusion of the exercises President Buchanan of the A. & M. College, who was a guest, was invited to talk, whereupon the President enumerated in a brief way opportunities and duties that lie before the missionary nurse. He gave a number of interesting facts and figures showing that the death rate of colored people in the south from tuberculosis and other diseases was higher than it ought to be.

Four of our graduates were those who completed the nurses course, one the academic, and one the ministerial. As these young people go forth from our institution we wish them God-speed in their work, and trust that Heaven's choicest blessings will rest upon them as they enter the cause of usefulness and service to mankind.