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## Colporteur Work In The Southeastern Union

I HAVE just returned from a ten-day trip in the field, helping some of our colored colporters in their fall deliveries. I was glad for this privilege, as this afforded me the opportunity of coming in closer touch with their work, thus enabling me to better understand the real needs for developing this department of the work here in the South. Such an experience as this also enables us to enter into the realities of this work, as we could not otherwise do; and I am fully persuaded that very few of our people can appreciate the experience that our colored colporters have, especially here in what is known as the "Black belt section of the South." I am also fully persuaded that when well trained, they are better able to reach their own people than any one else; and that if this large needy section of country is ever reached with this message, it must be done largely thru their own people.

In view of the above facts, and in view of the shortness of time, it seems to me that our colored friends of the South should keenly feel the heavy responsibilities that rest upon them. Of course, there are many difficulties to surmount, but this has always been so with every important reformation of gospel work; as the lives of such men as Luther, Judson, Carey, and others will testify. So we can not expect it to be otherwise now. It is encouraging to note, however, that the colporteur work is a success here, and one of the best ways of reaching this people. While I was out with one of the colporters in his delivery, he delivered about ninety per cent of his orders. In fact, in delivering \$39.00 worth of books in less than a day, only two orders were not delivered where the parties were at home, and these both promised to have the money ready the next day. The best thing of all was

that a splendid impression is left in the field by the colporteur, so that section of country is left in good condition to be followed by the living teacher.

Several of these colporters that Brother Fulbright and I have been assisting in their deliveries, are students of the Oakwood School. They are making a very good record this year, and will no doubt return to school in better financial condition than at former times. They are not only sending in to the office the amount due for their books as fast as the deliveries are made, but they are also sending in the part that belongs to them, (save just enough to defray the expense of delivery,) for they realize that the money is more secure in the tract society office than in their own pockets or in the bank.

Of course, the work has to be carried on in a very tactful manner, if it is to be a success; for there are conditions here that are not found in some other parts of this country, and for this reason, no one can do it better than those who are living in the South, and are acquainted with its customs. We must look largely to the people on the ground to do the work. I believe there are possibilities in the development of the work that we do well to study.

It is very evident that we need in every local conference, a good reliable, well-drilled colored colporteur to act as helper to our field agent. One who will put in all his spare time, canvassing on his own responsibility; at the same time, hold himself in readiness to be called on by the field agent, when needed to help drill his own people in the work. At such times when the conference employs them to assist in this drill, they will of course be paid by the conference. At other times, they are to carry on their canvassing work as before. One of the conferences of the Southeastern Union has decided to put this method into op-

eration right away, and they have a man on the ground in whom they have confidence to believe he can act the part of this helper in a creditable manner. This brings to mind the statement made by the servant of the Lord, "The call of the hour is met by the coming of the man." It is encouraging to know that whenever there is a great need, the Lord will prepare a people to fill that need.

V. O. COLE.

## Retro Tenn.

OUR little company of believers are progressing nicely despite the fierce opposition we have had to contend with. The onlookers are saying that it seems that we mean business. Of course we do, because it is the Lord's work.

While our numbers have not increased as we hoped, yet the seed is sown and we expect to see it spring into activity in the future. The Sabbath school is improving right along.

They are well established in the message. During the last quarter the S. S. offerings were \$4.07 and tithe \$2.10.

In Soddy are five who are keeping the Sabbath.

The "holy rollers" are sweeping things as they go up in these ridges with their unknown tongue. Many who had an opportunity to accept the truth for this time failed to do so, and the strong delusion which is now seen will indeed compel them to believe a lie and the rest will follow I am sure. Some people are trying to banish the Sabbath from their minds. But the Sabbath comes once at the end of every week whether remembered or not.

We praise the Lord that he has enabled us to differentiate between the holy and unholy. Truly his name is excellent in all the earth. And so is the third angel's message.

J. F. CRICHLAW.



### The Oakwood School

**A** MONTH has passed since the opening of the year's work at Oakwood. In some respects it has been the best month that the school has known.

The numbers were not quite so large as at some other times, but those present are almost without any exception those who are here to be benefited, and who have a mind to work. The spirit of criticism is not in evidence. There may have been those who were dissatisfied, but the general feeling is such that any one who should give expression to such sentiments would at once find himself playing an unpopular tune.

I said that the number was not so large, but I might possibly have left it unsaid, for almost daily now, new students are arriving, and it is already something of a problem to know just what to do with all as they come.

Years ago the Lord sent us word that there ought to be one-hundred students here, getting a preparation to do work in the cause of God. We are looking forward hopefully to the time when this will be an accomplished fact. Our industrial classes are starting off well. During the fall term, classes in cooking, dress-making, printing, and broom-making are carried. The number in each of these classes is as great as our facilities will permit. A very lively and wholesome interest and enthusiasm is manifested by those taking the classes.

Mrs. C. J. Boyd has charge of the cooking and dress-making classes, Prof. C. J. Boyd conducts the broom-making class, and Elder T. H. Jeys has the class in printing.

The cut given in this issue shows the sewing class.

Brother C. J. Harris and wife are now back at Oakwood from their visit to Fairland Ind. Sister Harris' father Brother Applegate, and Prof. Boyd's

father, Brother T. B. Boyd, came with them and are now visiting at Oakwood.

The sowing of fall wheat is the work that is now claiming first attention on the farm.

Brother Halladay and his crew are busy with the saw mill. The neighbors are hauling logs to us from miles around.

Mrs. J. E. Caldwell and little daughter Mabel, arrived at Oakwood Oct. 13, from Orlando Fla., where Dr. Caldwell had charge previous to connecting with Oakwood. Needless to say the doctor is looking pleased.

Upon invitation of Prof. Buchanan, President of the A. & M. College of Normal Ala., a number of our teachers vis-



SEWING CLASS, O. M. T. S.

ited that institution Sunday, Oct. 12. Elder Jeys preached for them at 11.00 a. m.

Oakwood was recently favored with a visit from Miss J. C. Moore of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Moore works under the auspices of the Baptist missionary society. She has labored for fifty years for the colored people. For a lady of eighty-two she is certainly very active both in mind and body. Her remarks at the Y. P. M. V. meeting were inspiring.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of our Brother F. N. Bartholomew which occurred October 15. He had been at Oakwood since April, 1912, with his daughter, Miss Bertha, our Oakwood matron. A more extended notice later.

### Columbia, S. C.

**T**HE camp-meeting held in Columbia Sep. 4-14, was successful in accomplishing its object. Many good and interesting resolutions were discussed and passed, and it seems from the interest manifested by the members present, that the resolutions will serve as a betterment of the work of the colored department of this state.

All were glad to see by the president's address that the title of the colored work of South Carolina increased last conference year \$400.00. This shows that the colored members of this State are anxious to see the third angel's message preached more extensively, that the Sav-

our's coming may be hastened. We felt ourselves highly favored by having Elder C. B. Stephenson with us a little while. Those soul-stirring words which fell from his lips seemed to rouse the interest of every mind present, toward the truth as never before.

All consecrated themselves anew to the cause.

We also had Elder J. W. Manns with us. He too rendered excellent service. We raised \$156. for missions.

Fourteen were baptized on the last

day of the camp-meeting and a few others are yet to be baptized.

Every body present it seems, left with the determination to do more for the advancement of the present truth.

Brethren Manns and Maynor go to Charleston. The writer remains in Columbia to labor.

We have three colored schools in operation this year viz., Spartanburg, Columbia, and Charleston.

B. W. ABNEY.

"God depends upon the church for the forwarding of his work, and he expects that his professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*



**Wilmington, N. C.**

**S**UNDAY night Sep. 7, I preached to a crowded tent on the subject of "Relation of the Law and Prophets to the coming Kingdom of God." The Lord gave freedom and power to deliver the message and souls were stirred to make decisions. Cards with place for name and address for those who believed in keeping all the commandments, were issued to the audience and nearly forty signed their names. This gave opportunity for the Bible workers to locate and read with the interested ones.

I preached again the next Sunday and God blessed the service greatly, as the solemn message was given on "Cleansing of the Sanctuary."

Monday we moved to another place with the tent according to arrangement with Elder Scott to work the unworked portion of the city. At this writing we have been unable to have a meeting, but hope to begin again soon.

During the interim, after having a special season of prayer, I proceeded to collect cash on the building fund pledges and got something over one-hundred dollars in cash in about a week's time. Plans were laid for duplicating this amount at our next church meeting.

Concerning the work in Newbern, nine were added in last quarter. Five of these were baptized. The prayer bands have early prayer-meetings at the church and neighbor's houses. These meetings are most helpful, and the Spirit of the Lord is present to convict of sin and encouraging holiness of heart.

Strong efforts are made by our Bible band to respond to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering call for foreign missionaries.

Elder Jeys of Oakwood school made a most pointed and telling discourse on the "Lord's needs," during a visit here and stirred all who heard. Some are planning to get an education for the work.

PAGE SHEPARD.

**The Well of Salvation**

**J**. G. PATON missionary to the Hebrews excited the amazement of the people in that land by digging a well. Altho Paton's influence among them was very good, yet he could not convince them before the well was done that water could be got any other way than from the clouds. The question raised by the people was, "Master can you find water by digging in the ground?" But Paton

knew he was right and he went ahead. He dug the well almost all alone, and after many months of hard work, water was reached. This excited great amazement among them. Paton first drank of the water and gave them to drink. This led them to have greater confidence in the missionary, and success was the result of his labor.

Let us dig down deep in the well of salvation regardless of those who may discourage, so that we may not only surprise our opposers, but have enough to lead others to God.

I am very glad of my part in this campaign as a canvasser, and from experience I find that the Lord is ever standing on the side of the faithful to bless in every effort made to scatter the literature containing the last message to the world. In the homes where our literature has found a place this year, many are led to see the precious light.

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

**Lost!**

**D**IDN'T you lose something yesterday?

No, I think not.

I am quite sure I saw you lose it.

Why what could it have been? I do not think of anything.

Listen, and I will explain.

Your mother asked you to do a small duty. You did it, but with a grudging heart and a lowering brow. You did it with an ungracious air that made it an offense instead of a joy.

Now, what did you lose?

O, I see now. I lost an opportunity of helping my mother in a spirit of loving service.

Yes my dear child, you have lost the chance to do a kindness, a service, a sweetness. You have missed an opportunity that many would be glad to have.

I know, for I have sometimes made the same mistake. What would I not give to be able to do for my mother what you may now do so freely! How very many times have I seen children slighting these opportunities for service, or doing their acts so ungraciously that they lose all their sweetness!

Every selfish withholding of service, every time we yield to a peevish, fretful, petulant, unkind inclination, we lose out of our lives a sweetness that we might have.

When your brother does something unfair, or unkind, or unbrotherly, you

suffered a distinct loss when you grew impatient and gave him the same. You lost the privilege of giving him *better* than he gave, of showing forth the mind of Jesus, of weaving into your life-web the golden thread of loveliness. Take care, take care! Don't lose something.

T. H. J.

**Huntsville, Ala.**

**W**E took our tent down Aug. 10. The Lord blessed us during the summer's labour and at the close of our meetings, we had seventeen persons to sign the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. We also found ourselves with a good interest. Since then we have been holding meetings in Brandon's hall on Church St. There is a good attendance every night, and a growing interest.

Elder Peters has returned from the camp-meeting full of zeal to push things. We are grateful to our brethren for their cooperation and prayers for the work in Huntsville.

Please send in your donations for the building fund at once. We are planning to complete the same by the end of the year.

REUBEN S. ROBERTS.

**Hazelhurst, Miss., Camp-meeting**

**M**ANY blessings attended our camp-meeting. It followed a tent effort. Six persons promised to walk in the commandments of the Lord. There are others here anxiously seeking to know the heavenly way.

There were about fifty campers on the ground. All seem to be greatly benefited as a result of attending camp-meeting, and all anxious to see the message go.

Pledges were made to the amount of \$150.00, for missions, also pledges were taken to sell seven-hundred harvest ingathering Reviews. We are quite sure of seeing a company raised in the little town of Hazelhurst.

N. B. KING.

**The Point Of View**

**T**ROUBLE has a trick of coming

Butt end first;

Viewed approaching, then you've seen it

At its worst.

Once surmounted, straight it dwindles,

Ever small,

And it tapers till there's nothing

Left at all!—W. A. C.



### Talks To My Students

*"We Never Speak."*

A FEW days ago I asked one of my boys to tell another one of the students something, and was met with the statement, "We never speak."

I said nothing at the time, as I was in a great hurry, but later I felt it my duty to inquire into the situation that would arise between students that could so far estrange them that they could not speak together.

Upon inquiry, I found that there had been some misunderstanding and some harsh words had been spoken by both, and now each was too proud to seek a reconciliation.

Perhaps you will say, "nothing very serious. They will get over it all in time." Yes they "speak" now, and I suppose they both think it is all over, but it is not. Nothing of that kind can ever be "all over."

I talked with the boy and he is,—or I hope he is,—heartily ashamed of himself for having been so weak as to indulge in such a babyish method of dealing with an offender. (In saying this I feel like begging the pardon of all the babies for the remark.)

Really we could pardon a little child, who knows no other way of showing his displeasure than by pouting and sulking. But men and women are not to be so easily excused for exhibiting such weakness. Do not, as you value the respect of yourself and all your fellow men, allow yourself to pout like a peevish child. Plunge in like a man and remedy it in a manly, or womanly manner.

The sad part about all this is that the pouter hurts himself more than any one else. By that I do not now mean that he hurts his reputation, or his character, or his chance for progress in this world or in the world to come, tho all that is true, but now I mean that he actually suffers more mental torture himself, right now than any one else. How foolish, then, to do that which is only painful, and which is hurting both now and for all time to come.

*"I Don't Do That Kind of Work."*

For some time I have been wanting to tell you something I heard one boy say to another. As I listened, I thot a thing about the one who made the remark. This is something of the thot expressed,—*"I don't do that kind of work. I do other things but I am not*

going to begin this, for if I do, I will be expected to do it all the time."

I said nothing, for the words were not directed to me, but I did some thinking.

First of all, I would advise any one never to say I don't do this or that. Don't hold yourself above doing any work you can do, if it is honest. All work is honorable. He who commanded all the heavenly hosts, became man and worked at the carpenter's bench.

"Where can I find somebody to carry my suit-case?" inquired a pompous appearing young man at a railway station. "I will carry it for you," said a humble appearing old gentleman who stood near. They started, and as they walked, the young man said, "I am going to visit the honorable William Gladstone."

Arriving at the house, the young man offered to pay the old gentleman, but he refused and went off. The young man inquired of a servant standing near, who the nice old gentleman was. What was his surprise to be told that it was the honorable William Gladstone.

The truly great are not above doing any kind of work that is honest. It is only the snob who thinks he is of some superior kind of dust, and that he must not be asked to do something that does not comport with his dignity.

Now about that idea of being expected to do things. I cannot think of a more miserable existence than that of a person of whom nothing is expected. What do you call such a one? Yes, you call him a fool, for only those who are mentally incompetent are immune from of all the requirements and exactions of society.

Think back over your list of acquaintances and decide what person is the most beloved,—the one who constantly is doing things, or the one who will not do them least people should expect him so to continue.

What woman is always sent for when there is sickness in the family? Is it not she who goes willingly, cheerfully, gladly, yea lovingly? And when some great sorrow comes into your home, who is the one to whom you turn instinctively? Is it not that same little woman who is always expected to be at the bedside of the sick, or in the home of sorrow. Can you imagine Jesus saying that he would not open too many blind eyes, for fear the people would begin to expect it of him?

T. H. J.

### Alabama Mission Resolutions

AT the recent camp-meeting held at Anniston Ala., the following resolutions were discussed and adopted.

Resolved that we acknowledge and express our gratitude to God for his many good gifts.

Resolved that we adopt the recommendation of the General Conference to increase our weekly offerings from fifteen to twenty cents per week. Seventy-five per cent of the amount to go to foreign missions and twenty-five per cent to institutional debt.

We recommend that all our churches, companies, and isolated members take an active part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

We recommend that our ministers encourage and aid in every possible way the canvassing work by encouraging suitable persons to engage in it.

We recommend that our churches be urged to establish church schools.

Resolved that we encourage our churches to take an active part in circulating periodicals and other denominational literature working under the direction of the field missionary agent.

Resolved that we favor the organizing of missionary societies in all our churches and companies.

We recommend that all our people be urged to be more faithful in their tithes and offerings.

Resolved that we give to our union evangelist, Elder Scott, our support by cooperating with him in his work.

We recommend that ministers and church elders take pains in instructing those newly come to the faith.

We recommend our members, and especially our workers, to subscribe for and read REVIEW and HERALD, SIGNS of the TIMES, and other periodicals.

We affirm our confidence in the OAKWOOD SCHOOL, and promise to aid and encourage by our sympathy and prayers the work being done there, and by doing our best to encourage well disposed colored young people to go there for their training.

Resolved that we hold OAKWOOD SANITARIUM in mind, and pledge ourselves to use our influence to send to it any of our neighbors whom we may find in need of medical services in a sanitarium.

We urge all our churches and companies to show their appreciation of the efforts which are put forth annually for their spiritual advancement in the hold-



of camp-meeting, by endeavoring to secure a large attendance to these annual meetings.

There were also resolutions passed favoring advancement in dress reform, the use of the public press in our work, thoro study of the Sabbath school lessons by teachers and pupils, the employment of the regular consecration service for young people, very earnest efforts at all times for the conversion of the young, the organization of Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies where practicable, the taking up of reading courses, and trying for the Standard of Attainment, a vote of thanks to the people of Anniston for their hospitality, the holding of the next camp-meeting at Tuskegee.

GEO. E. PETERS.

### Words of Appreciation

**A**NOTHER year has fled since I began taking your little paper. We love its coming. Our hearts are kept warm by seeing and hearing of the good work in the Southern field. Surely there is much need for it. The harvest is plenty and the labourers are few.

As I looked on those earnest faces of the group of students that graduated this past year, I thot of all the work they can do for the cause of God and humanity, and a song of praise was in my heart for the work that is being done for the colored people of the South.

A greeting to all in the school and to all connected with it,—teachers and workers. May the rich blessing of God give speed to all efforts.

MRS. ELLEN STORMS.

### Alabama Camp-meeting

**T**HIS meeting was held at Anniston Sept. 5-14, in a pretty grove in the west part of the city. The attendance was much larger than in previous years.

Seven services were held daily. The preaching and Bible studies were both practical and doctrinal, and proved of great benefit to the people.

All except one of the mission laborers were present. Elder A. J. Miller, president of the Ala. conference, spent two days with us and gave valuable instructions. Other visitors were Brother Mark Wilson, field missionary agent of the Ala. conference, Professor Ryan educational Secretary of the Southern Union conference, Professor F. Bralliar of Hillcrest school, and Dr. J. E. Caldwell, Su-

perintendent of the Oakwood Sanitarium. We were also much pleased to have with us our Union Evangelist, Elder Sydney Scott, who remained with us the latter part of the meeting, assisting in our conference work and preaching every night.

Gains financially and numerically were seen when the report of the mission was read by the conference president. Pledges amounting to \$156.00. and a small amount of cash was raised to apply on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

It was very encouraging to hear the testimonies of all the campers at the closing sunrise meeting. The general expression showed that all were greatly benefited and would leave the meeting on a higher spiritual plane. The friendly attitude of the town people was evidence that a good impression was made by the tent effort that preceeded the camp-meeting.

We wish for brethren J. G. Dasent and W. F. Gaskin, many precious souls as they continue to follow up the interest awakened in that city.

G. E. PETERS.

### Austell, Ga.

**I**AM still rejoicing in the truth and praising the Lord that I have part in this closing message.

I left Hillcrest school for home April 13, 1913. In July I had a call to teach school for the county in a place where a school had never been known. Feeling it a part of the work, and desiring to fill some place in the vinyard, I at once accepted.

I began July 25, and closed Sep. 12 with some experiences in teaching and some good results.

I am now preparing to return to the school.

The Austell church has recently had a visit from the president of the Ga. conference, Elder N. V. Willess. He was visiting all isolated members.

Dr. T. S. Tate of Atlanta will conduct the meeting here every second Sabbath.

EVA M. CANTRELL.

### A Sincere Confession

**T**HE old shepherd put it exactly right when he said, "Lord, I got among the thorns and briars, and was scratched and torn and bleeding; but, Lord, it is only fair to say that it was not on Thy ground; I had wandered out of Thy pastures."—Anon.

### Devall's Bluff School

**T**HE work is moving on nicely, and the Lord is blessing. It seems that he has a hand in all that we are doing.

It has been raining ever since the first Thursday night in September, three and four days each week. We had to plant our wheat between showers but it came up a good stand, and is looking fine.

We received about 250 lbs. of good second hand clothes from the Kansas city church, a few days ago for which we are very thankful. The people in this country are very poor, and when gifts of this kind come to them they appreciate them very much, and they are made happy to know that our white brethren and sisters still keep them in mind.

We are all of good courage in our work here, altho students are not coming in as fast as we would like to see. The harvesting of cotton and other crops is keeping some of them away for a while, and too, some require encouraging a bit to hurry on to school. By the time this is read the writer will have visited several of the near-by cities where our S. D. A. girls and boys live who ought to be in our school. I believe that a personal visit will do more good than writing to them.

We have a good working force here this year.

We are ceiling and papering all the rooms and fixing up things nice. We have over 700 quarts of fruit and much other good things for our students to eat during the winter months.

We have about two acres of sweet potatoes. We will soon be hauling peanuts by wagon loads. We don't want to teach our students to be gormandizers, but we believe the Lord would have each one know how to get his living out of the ground, and not out of tin cans and paper sacks.

Brother T. J. Story of San Francisco Cal., sent us \$2.00 to be applied on sinking a well here on the school farm. We have to carry water quite a distance from a neighbor's well.

We are very badly in need of a blacksmithing outfit on our farm. Does any one know where we might get one donated to us? We are not able to buy, but will pay freight on such an outfit.

Address, The Arkansas Tract Society Fayetteville, Ark., or the writer at Hazen, Ark., Route 5. E. M. GATES.



**Charlotte Amelia  
St. Thomas, D. W. I.**

**I** LEFT Hinsdale Sanitarium, July 7, to take up the work in St. Thomas and other neighboring islands under the direction of the East Caribbean Conference.

I stopped over at Columbus and treated an old patient of mine, arrived at Pittsburg July 8, and remained until July 22, when I was united in marriage to my present wife and left the same evening.

During our eight days stay in New York, I assisted Brother Humphrey in his tent effort. The blessing of the Lord is attending this work. At an appeal one night to sinners, seventeen persons took their stand. This however, brot the iron hand of the enemy against the work. New York needs a Sanitarium for the colored people. We arrived at Santiago de Cuba Aug. 7, and paid a visit to the city. We enjoyed ourselves a few hours, returned to the vessel, and left the same evening for Kingston. On Friday morning Aug. 8, we reached the beautiful shores of Jamaica.

Sabbath, we visited the Kingston church, meeting with old friends in the message. Elders Shultz, Haysmer, and myself, conducted the meetings of the day. Elder Haysmer gave a very interesting talk on the past history of the work in Kingston, how it began, its struggles and successes. On Monday I went to Manchester for my two little girls, Nellie and Olive. This was a blessed reunion, the gathering of my three children once more around my table.

Friday we left for St. Thomas, reaching there after a voyage of twelve days. The first port touched was Port au Prince, where I went to shore to inquire for Brother Norde Isaaks, our native French worker.

Aug. 28, we arrived at Charlotte Amelia, St. Thomas. This little town presents a very beautiful appearance from the sea. The island is very hilly and has no rivers. Water is supplied from wells and cisterns. The town is built on four sloping ridges. The construction of the houses show the people are modern in their ideas. We were met by Sister Widgery. Last Sabbath, I spoke for the first time for God in this place. I found a well instructed, spiritual people living up to the message. Elder Widgery is away to one of the other is-

lands, but Mrs. Widgery is bearing the burdens joyfully. Sunday night I spoke to a very respectable congregation including a number of strangers. The church school will be opened in September. We hope to do all we can to extend the Master's kingdom in this part of the harvest field.

F. HALL.

**Miami, Fla.**

**S**OON after our camp-meeting in Ocala last fall, the Florida committee invited me to connect with Elder J. S. Greene in a tent effort at Miami in southeastern Florida. This was to be a new experience for me in conference work. I returned to Jacksonville, gave up my business as contractor and builder, gave up my home, sold a number of things for which I had no further need, and, together with my wife, came to Miami early last December.

We pitched our tent in an excellent location. By the middle of December all things were ready. Brother Greene began his course of lectures and I acted as tent master and did some Bible work. My wife played the organ. The interest grew from the very beginning and the attendance soon became greater than we were able to accommodate.

Miami is a new town, seventeen years old, but it grows rapidly every day. The population is about fifteen thousand, one third of which are colored. Our tent is right in the midst of the colored people. There are six colored churches within calling distance of us. Our attendance has been good and the basket collections have more than paid the operating expenses of our tent. We have electric lights surrounding the outside as well as on the inside of our tent. We also have good comfortable seats.

We found six adults here who had been keeping the Sabbath before we came, but our meeting soon developed nineteen more. Then while the meetings were shut down a while and Brother Greene was in Washington attending the general conference, four more new ones began, the observance of the Sabbath. July 1, Elder M. C. Strachan connected with the effort here and began a new series of lectures, with the result that seven more began the observance of the Lord's day. Thus at this writing a company of thirty-six have accepted the truth, and still others inquiring for a knowledge of the truth.

Our tent has been standing since last December, but the interest to hear the lectures has not been broken as yet. Sunday nights when there is no rain, our seating capacity is taxed and many stand up around the edge of the tent.

Since Elder Strachan's arrival we have had a regular systematic course of lectures on the Gospel of Health. Among the subjects presented were the following list.—

"Nature's Laws God's Laws,"

"Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene,"

"Tobacco and Strong Drink,"

"Hog and Health,"

"Patent Medicines and Rational Remedies,"

"Diet and Vegetarianism,"

"Fresh Air, Deep Breathing, Tight Clothing."

These lectures have proven extremely popular and have won many supporters to our principles of healthful living.

Elder Strachan also devoted one week to a series of regular revival sermons, talks suited to the unconverted. As a result, thirteen young men and women from the world followed this series each night and offered themselves for prayer that they might be converted. While all these have not as yet made a complete surrender to God, nevertheless, two have made an open confession of Christ and are now living consistent Christian lives, while the rest have broken off some of their wicked habits and still beg an interest in the prayers of the tent workers.

One Sunday night was devoted to a special temperance rally. Our workers and most of our believers wore tiny white ribbons. Mrs. Edward T. Nelson, president of the local W. C. T. U., her husband, and three other temperance workers were present. Mrs. Nelson delivered a stirring address to an immense crowd on the spiritual, mental, and physical effects of intoxicating liquors. Several temperance recitations and songs were rendered. A lasting impression for good was made upon the audience.

We have launched a campaign for the raising of sufficient funds to purchase a lot and build a church here, and we expect to be able to hold public worship in our new building before Christmas. Donations to this enterprise have been quite liberal and we almost have the required amount.

J. P. PEGUES.



## Alabama Mission Report

STATEMENT of Receipts and Disbursements of the Alabama Mission for the year ending June 30, 1913.

## RECEIPTS

## Tithe

Pensacola	\$455.13
Montgomery	336.29
Birmingham	300.83
Decatur	228.38
Dothan	136.05
Sylacagna	123.92
Mobile	90.44
Gadsden	31.23
Brewton	23.58
Individual	5.20
Total tithe	\$1731.05
Appropriation	1755.65
Dothan Church Bldg.	12.50
Pensacola " "	10.00
School work	1.25
Expense refund by worker	.50
Sabbath-school Offering	217.53
Weekly Offerings	63.16
Harvest Ingathering	45.40
Annual offering	35.63
Thirteenth Sabbath	18.69
Colored work	9.49
Loma-Linda	8.82
Mid-Summer	7.44
Religious Liberty	3.47
Home Missions	1.40
Total receipts for the year	\$3921.98

## DISBURSEMENTS

Salary and expense	\$3240.32
Tithe to Southern Mission	174.75
Sustentation Fund	87.38
Five per cent to missions	87.39
Expense	12.03
Sabbath-school donations	217.72
Weekly Offerings	50.49
Harvest Ingathering	47.40
Annual Offering	35.61
Thirteenth Sabbath	17.67
Colored work	9.49
Loma-Linda	8.82
Midsummer Offering	7.44
Religious Liberty	2.93
Total Disbursements	3999.34

Total Receipts	3921.98
Cash on hand July 1, 1912	218.94
Grand Total	4140.92

Total disbursements	3999.34
Balance July 1, 1913,	141.58

G. E. PETERS.

## Chicago, Ill.

It is almost four years since I answered the call to labor in Chicago among the fifty thousand colored population of this city. On arriving I found a nucleus of twenty-two members who were worshipping in a store-front.

The need of a church building was very apparent: accordingly plans were set on foot whereby a becoming place of worship might be erected. Elder Covert, then president of the conference took a leading part towards the realization of the object. With the consent of the conference, the writer visited churches within the conference boundary and in some of the neighboring conferences by special permission, and thus raised a great part of the money needed. Today we have for colored people a neat brick structure with a seating capacity of about two hundred.

The membership has increased from twenty-two to sixty-two. Four years ago the tithes averaged about \$18 per month, this winter it reached \$80 in one month.

The Sabbath-school has steadily increased in membership, and the Y. P. M. V. Society, which was organized soon after my arrival, has done good work.

Two are now awaiting baptism, one of whom was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church. Two more are soon to unite by letter, while two or three from two families to whom I have been giving studies for some time, may take their stand.

As I leave the field to take up another branch of the Master's work I regret that much more has not been accomplished, yet I am very thankful for what has been done. I shall ever remember and pray for the progress of the work in Chicago.—*W. D. Forde in Lake Union Herald.*

## Philadelphia, Pa.

OCTOBER 5, two were united with us in baptism. Slowly but surely the Lord is sending us a few more laborers into the great needy field.

The work is not going very fast, but we know, "Not to the swift is the race, not to the strong is the battle, yet to the true and the faithful victory is promised thru grace." For that reason we are very courageous, giving Bible readings where ever we can.

We have moved into the southern part of the city where are many colored peo-

ple, also many oppositions to meet, but, thank God, we are not left alone to do this work. "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

M. G. WALLACE.

## Notice

SISTER Dora Wilson of Hazelhurst, Miss., writes that she is in need of two charts, viz.: The chart of the Gospel church of Rev. 12:1, and the apostate church of Rev. 17:3-4. The last named is the one in which the woman is seated on the scarlet-colored beast.

Any one who has these charts and will donate them to Sister Wilson will confer on her a great favor and will materially help in the Bible work she is carrying on at that place. Some one has those charts and would rather they were in use than not. Sister Wilson also needs clean copies of OUR LITTLE FRIEND and tracts on the various phases of the message, to use in her work. Please correspond with Sister Wilson.

## Obituaries

## OWENS

DIED September 13, 1913, my dear husband James Charles Owens. He was born in Charleston S. C. in 1856, reared in Mobile Ala., and Palmer Miss. He was very highly respected by all that knew him. He had done much for the people here in giving many of them homes.

He accepted present truth six years ago.

He had helped our people much by giving a nice place for the mission school which has been held here for six terms.

His firm trust in the Lord gives me the assurance that I shall again meet him when Christ comes to gather his ransomed ones home.

MARY LOU OWENS.

## "We Must Away"

( Our Missionaries )

We've had our feast before the Lord;  
Our hearts are bent with one accord  
To hasten back to fields all whitening,  
Eager, waiting truth's enlightening.  
We can not linger, we haste away,—  
Souls in darkness wait the day.

MRS. L. E. LABONTE.



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### Knoxville, Tenn.

**I**N January I was asked to come here to take charge of the mission school. The work was new to me and especially difficult as the foundation was laid by some one else, and I was left alone to finish as best I could. I was not well, and things picked up so slowly as if I were in the way. I began to become discouraged, but the Lord was with me and enabled me to carry the work on till the close of the term in May.

Sept. 15 I opened school again with 12 pupils. Since then seven more are added to the roll and still more expect to start soon. This is encouraging because there seems to be more faithfulness manifested. Each child attends quite regularly, and on time. These children are mostly in the truth or their parents are. The Bible is used to draw their minds out of the world and its frivolity to the true and living God. I ask them sometimes why do they come to school? what do they want to learn for? Most every one says, "to learn so I can teach other girls and boys and to tell them the commandments and read to old people who can not read."

The amusements of the cities are quite a temptation. If these girls and boys are strong and faithful they will soon be in the field of labor carrying the message. I want to do more and more each day.

Outside of my school two have accepted the truth but are spiritually weak.

Time is short, the work is great, laborers are few, and this is a needy field.

FLORENCE K. WOLTERDING.

### Portsmouth Va.

**T**HE work in Portsmouth is progressing. The Lord has blessed us with twenty-one souls, and prospects of others taking their stand soon. The outlook is very encouraging.

We have entered upon the fourth month of labor here. We have closed our tent effort and are now holding services in a church one block away. We pay fifteen dollars per month. This is the best we can do at present. We want to encourage the new believers for Satan will sow his deceptions, saying,—"Those people have not any building and will leave you; and you had better go back to your same church." We desire to buy or build soon. The building, that we anticipate securing, or building will cost

about \$2,000. We would gladly receive any amount from our brethren, sisters, or friends on this fund. Send donations to Virginia Conference 2705 W. Main St. Richmond Va., stating that it is for Portsmouth colored church.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

J. B. MALLOREY.

### Greenville, Miss.

**W**e yet live and are trying to get ready to meet the Lord when he comes.

Altho we were feeling cold, the Lord remembered us again and sent us help. On September 18 Elder C. S. Wiest the conference president was with us and preached us a good sermon from Exodus 20: 7. We could not help but say, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us by the way." It caused us to see ourselves as never before.

We had about 30 at the meeting, some stayed outdoors but they heard the words of God just the same. I heard some of them say they was greatly benefited, so we believe that the Lord sent him to help us in the time of need.

A. A. JOHNSON.

### Oakwood Business

We are having a gratifying sale on the tract, "Land, Land!" We have sent out about two-thousand in the last two weeks. We are now running a new edition and can supply all who desire them. The tract is just the right size to slip into a letter without extra postage. Price 35 cents per 100, post paid. Order from Oakwood Press, Huntsville, Ala.

The Oakwood poultry yards offer for sale some excellent trios of White Wyandottes at \$3.00 per trio, f. o. b. Huntsville, Ala. Also a few mottled Anconas brown Leghorns, and white Leghorns at same price. Eggs for setting, \$1.50 per 13, post paid. If you want to get something nice at small cost, write us.

We have dahlia, gladiola, canna, caladium, and tuberose bulbs for sale.

We occasionally receive orders for shirts. We believe if our people knew how easily they can buy our shirts, and how satisfactory they are, there would be many more sending in orders. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per piece. In ordering, the neck size should be given. Every garment sold, means work by which some girl at Oakwood is paying her way thru school.