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THERE is a colored church of about thirty members in this city of more than one million inhabitants. There are seventy-five thousand colored people for whom very little has been done, as far as giving them the third angel's message is concerned.

A little over a year ago I came here from the West Indies to labor for this people. We reorganized, and started to build up the work in every way possible. The Lord has been blessing our efforts. There has been an addition of ten or twelve members, and a marked increase in tithes and offerings. All are poor in this world's goods, but the majority are faithful in their support of the work.

Recently I was advised by the conference committee to plan for a two days' general meeting, when all the isolated members could gather for a close study of our God-given work. I did accordingly. We planned a good program, rented an old Baptist church, invited Elder J. K. Humphrey of New York to help. Elder Underwood, the conference president, and other workers were with us, most or all of the time, till we were forced to abandon our program.

The snow-fall of November eighth and ninth, caused the roof of the old church to give way, and we were chased out of the building on Sunday afternoon in the midst of our program. The good Lord saved us; for had the roof come down suddenly, fifty or more of us would have been killed. To him be all the praise! The building is no use as it is now.

For the past seven or eight years this little church has been moving from place to place, into seven or more different places. It has now become an actual reproach to the cause, and is a hindrance to the advancement of the work. With twelve or more large churches around us, it is not easy to get people to leave their churches, and go wandering

about with us. We do not know at this writing, where we will hold our services.

The need of a permanent place is urgent. The conference officers are in deep sympathy with us, but have no money now to help.

Of several properties examined, we have been advised to take hold of a brick building, with a vacant lot, for six thousand dollars, in a location "beautiful for situation." This property is offered very cheap, considering its position. The building can be remodeled at little cost and used as a chapel, and parsonage. But we need two thousand or fifteen hundred dollars at least to tackle it. We have in cash and pledges about five hundred dollars. If we do not raise the money early we will lose the place, as there are demands for properties on this avenue.

We are at a loss to know what to do! We are praying and stretching every nerve, but we greatly need help from other sources. Will not some reader of this article have regard for, and compassion on the situation, and send us help?

Had you been with us when we ran out of the falling building, your hearts would have been touched to sacrifice, and help such a languishing cause! You can imagine our feelings.

Any one desiring to help, may send to Elder R. A. Underwood, 7155 Mt. Vernon St. Pittsburgh, Pa., or to the writer at the same address. In case it is sent to the former, please be sure to designate that it is for the house of worship for colored church of Pittsburgh.

A. N. DURRANT.

Devall's Bluff School

OUR school opened on the first Monday with six bright faces, all very glad to get back into class work again.

I am very glad to know that the time has come for sending in our report of

the work being done here at our school.

Our enrollment was cut very short for this school year by some moving away, but we expect others, about the last of this month to fill the seats. Several of the members of the church met at the school the morning of the opening, and welcomed the new teacher.

The members of our church here are still spiritually alive and that missionary ring seems to be in the testimony of each one. The first Sabbath in November we all pledged ourselves to set apart certain hours each week for soul winning missionary work. Some pledged five hours a week and some less. The following is a copy of the pledge with exception of the hours; as stated above some pledged more time than others.

"I pledge myself to the dear Lord and the members of my church, to do five hours missionary work some time during each week with my Bible and tracts, beginning in my home first, and then on to my friends and neighbors. As often as necessary, I will relate my experience of the week to the members for their comfort."

We hope this is a move in the right direction and will be guided by the holy Spirit, and much good may follow. It is very cold here today, but three of those who pledged themselves went right on to their missionary work.

Elder Baxter our president was over to the school a few days ago, and spent part of two days. He gave us some encouraging talks about missionary work, and the need of more prayer.

We have been receiving some valuable help in clothing, etc, for which we are thankful to the S. D. A churches of Omaha Neb., Berrien Springs, Mich., Kansas City, Kansas, and Clio, Mich.

We need a blacksmithing outfit very much. Will be very glad to hear from any one along this line.

E. M. GATES.

Let Your Light So Shine

EVERY believer is now to be wide-awake and intensely in earnest; for we are near the close of this earth's history. We have no time now to act as worldlings. We are to seek and to save those who are lost. My brethren and sisters, take your candle out from under the bushel and set it out where its rays will shine forth to give light to those who are in ignorance of what is coming upon our world. There are special things to be done in making special effort to let the light shine forth from the Scriptures in clear, distinct rays.

A great work is to be done in foreign fields, and just as verily a great work is to be done in the home field. Why do we keep ourselves so much shut away from unbelievers? How much good would be accomplished if all who know the truth would make it known in every possible way and on every possible occasion? How many would be brought to Christ if all of God's people would work for those who need so much to understand Bible truth! Heavenly angels unseen, would help those to whom we speak to hear and understand the things of God.

The word comes to me, "Let those who understand the truth find opportunities to speak to others the words of Christ. Many places in many fields are destitute of workers. There are many in the crowded cities who know not the truth. In every city, in every town, in every village, there is a work to be done. How can we feel clear before God unless we do our part to make the truth known to those perishing in darkness?"

In the day of judgement, when everyone will be rewarded according to his works, many of the lost will charge their neighbors with neglect, saying, "You knew the truth regarding the requirements of the Bible, but you did not stop to think that close behind your own door there were souls who were in error, and who needed to be given instruction."

The judgement will reveal sins of omissions as well as sins of commission. When Seventh-day Adventist know that the world is perishing in ignorance of Bible truth, why do they not go forth to hunt and fish for souls? If they do not do this, how will they be able to answer the question that in the great day of reckoning will be put to them by the lost, "Why did you not give to us the warning regarding God's requirements?"

Let every Sabbath-keeping family awake, and take upon their souls the work of making the truth known to those who are transgressing God's requirements.

Not only are our ministers and other workers to heed and practice the lessons of Christ, but fathers and mothers are also to learn lessons from the word of God, and these lessons they are to teach their children. In a Christ-like manner they are to educate and train their children.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Parents, will you awake to the God-given responsibility resting upon you? Never speak harshly or angrily to your children or to each other. God expects you, in spirit, and word, and act, to be representatives of him. He expects you to do what Christ would do were he in your place. Your words are to be well chosen, never showing impatience. You are to keep the tongue under restraint. Your lives are to reveal the sanctification of true godliness. Do not let Satan control your tongue. Be true missionaries in the home. Remember that the training you are giving your children is making them either Christlike in word and deed, or like the fallen angel, Lucifer, who, because he was determined to have his own way and be above Christ, was cast out of heaven.

My brethren and sisters, as you read this article, will you determine to take heed to the lessons given in the Scriptures? Satan is striving to mould all into his likeness. Christ came to our world to give human beings power to resist the enemy's temptations. Fathers and mothers, in the little time you have left,—for the end of all things is at hand,—will you be daily converted, that you may be the Saviour's helpers, speaking and acting in such a way that the enemy can obtain no advantage in your family? Remember that if henceforth you work wisely, striving earnestly to glorify God, many of your neighbours will, by your example, be won to Christ.

Among us as a people a great neglect of opportunities has become common. In your association with unbelievers, do

you keep your lips closed regarding the truth for this time? Do they receive no light from you as to the best means of serving and glorifying God? There is a world to be warned. Will those who in the past have felt no responsibility resting upon them, now realize that they are working either for or against Christ? Will you not let your light so shine before men that they, seeing your good works, may be led to glorify the One who gave his life in order that you might not perish, but have everlasting life? The Lord will help you if you will act your part intelligently.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Savannah School

THE beginning of our school was very encouraging. The first morning forty-three bright faces came beaming full of joy that school had started again. The greater number of these were last year students. They show by their coming back again that they were well pleased with our school. By the end of the second week our number had increased to fifty-seven.

We are in our new building and the room is well filled. We are getting more of our denominational books in use and the boys and girls seem to like them very much. They are so different to the public school books and so full of real truth. We hope to have more students enrolled with us soon.

I especially need your prayers that I may be instrumental in bringing wayward ones to a knowledge of right-doing.

MARGARETTE F. SIMMONS.

The Mission of A Good Book

"It will go anywhere, sea or land,
Gets into cabin or palace.
Reaches those otherwise unreachable,
Waits its time to be heard.
Travels farther and cheaper than any
other.
Is unaffected by climate, untouched
by fever.
Once started off, calls for no salary.
Costs nothing to feed or clothe.
Never changes its voice, and lasts
forever—until the fire comes."

—Anon.

The Kindly Light

SOME years ago, in New England, there was, as we all know, a young girl named Laura Bridgman. She had been blind and deaf and dumb from her second year. Her only contact with the world was thru her sense of touch, and even that sense had not been cultivated. When she was eight years old, Dr. S. G. Howe, one of the greatest American philanthropists, became interested in her pitiful condition, and sought to help her.

He began by taking her hand in his and reading aloud to her for a quarter of an hour. This he did at the same time every day. Then about the tenth day he omitted the reading and watched to see if she noticed the omission. Week after week passed by but she gave no sign.

Finally, one day when the usual hour had come for the reading and he did not begin, she gave unmistakable signs of annoyance. That marked the first great step. Soon, he tells us, her advance was rapid. In time, Laura Bridgman, thru Dr. Howe's efforts, became an educated and intelligent woman, alive to all the throbbing life of the great world.

When we read this remarkable history, the tremendous significance of one particular moment in her development must impress us. It was a mighty moment when the conviction seized her: "Some one is trying to tell me something."

Ever afterward her great purpose in life must have been to learn what that some one had to tell her.

Many, with more advantage at birth have gone through a similar experience. They have looked out on the world, on its joys and its sorrows, its blessings and its tragedies, and found it all meaningless. Then one day it has flashed across them: "There's a meaning in these things! Some one is trying to tell me, and make me understand!"

Then there remains for such a one, as for Laura Bridgman, just one thing—to try to learn what that some one would say.—*Anon.*

Tip's Temptation

THE neatly written slip of paper in the window of Mr. Ward's large grocery store said, "Boy wanted." It caught Tip's eye as he strolled down the street.

"My! how I would like to have a nice place like that, and have a chance to earn something!" and then he turned

around after he had passed the door, straightened himself up, took his hands out of his pocket, and, putting on a brisk, business-like air went into the store.

"Mr. Ward, will you take me?" he asked, walking up to the gentleman, who was busy weighing sugar.

"Got any references?"

The sharp question made Tip's heart sink and he thought that he had no chance here.

"No, sir," he answered meekly, and turned away. What reference could he give, he thought bitterly. "No one would be willing to risk much on my honesty, when I've got a father in jail now for stealing," he said to himself.

"Tip Turner, will you run down to Mr. Ward's and get me two dozen eggs? The boys are off playing somewhere, and I haven't any one to send."

Tip's moody face brightened up at Mrs. Merrill's pleasant voice and he took the basket and promised to make haste.

"The money is wrapped up in a bit of paper in the bottom of the basket," said Mrs. Merrill, and as Tip handed the basket to the clerk he mentioned it to him. The young man meant to take the money out, but he was waiting on Tip and another customer at the same time, and forgot the money. He thought of it as soon as the boy had gone out, and told Mr. Ward so that the eggs might be charged.

Tip was half way back to Mrs. Merrill's when he heard a ringing sound on the pavement, and a silver piece fell at his feet.

"Well, now, where did that come from?" exclaimed Tip in surprise. "I'm mighty sure I didn't have any loose money in my pockets."

And as he stooped to pick it up, another silver piece fell, and then the boy noticed that the money had been left in the bottom of the basket. It had slipped from the paper in which it was wrapped up and had made its way thru the loose wickerwork in the bottom of the basket.

"I got these eggs for nothing then," and Tip gathered the money up and put it in his pocket for safe keeping until he should reach Mrs. Merrill's. Once in his pocket, the temptation came upon him to keep it there.

"Why not?" urged the tempter. "It's the clerk's own fault and he deserves to lose the money for being so careless. Nobody will believe you are

honest anyway so what's the use of being so particular? You might as well keep the money as give it to anyone else, and no one could want it more than you do."

Tip had always been an honest boy, but this morning it seemed very hard to resist keeping the money.

"What's the use of being honest when no one will trust you?" said the tempter, and Tip nearly yielded.

Mrs. Merrill did not ask any questions about the money, but thanked Tip for doing the errand, and gave him a rosy cheeked apple and a handful of cookies; so Tip thought that there was no chance of being found out if he choose to keep the money.

A hard struggle between right and wrong went on in his heart, but at last honesty won the victory. Ten minutes later he marched into the store and put some loose change into Mr. Ward's hand.

"Here's that egg money," he said.

Oh, Mrs. Merrill sent it back, did she? asked Mr. Ward,

No, she didn't know anything about it. I brot it back myself," Tip answered.

"Did you suppose you could keep it without being found out?" asked Mr. Ward watching the boy's face keenly.

"Yes," answered Tip.

"You would have found out your mistake fast enough if you had tried," answered Mr. Ward with a smile. "Tip Turner, I believe you are an honest boy after all, and I've a notion to give you a chance, for you aren't likely to get so many as most boys. I'll try you for a week, and if you suit you'll have a good place."

And Tip did suit. Every day he proved his honesty and rose in favour, and he never had reason to regret that he had overcome temptation.—*Christian at Work.*

Be True

A MAN who measures his treatment of others by their treatment of him has no character of his own. He will never be kind, or generous, or Christian. If he is to be a gentleman he will be so in spite of the boorishness of others. If he be noble, no other meanness will change his nature. Remember this: You lower your own self every time you are guilty of an unworthy action because someone else is. Be true to your best self and no one can drag you down.—*Anon.*

Talks to My Students

Stick To The Nest

I WAS out among my wife's Ancona chickens a few days ago and heard an unusual sound. On investigation, I found that one of the hens was clucking.

This is out of the ordinary, for Anconas are non-setters. I told my wife about it but she smiled and said, "That's nothing, she wont set. She just clucks but will not stay on the nest. She has been doing that for several days, but will soon go to laying again, and will forget all about setting."

Well I've thot of that little circumstance several times since. How like some people it is. Indeed it is a rare time when something can not be learned from a flock of chickens.

There's many a man who talks about what he is going to do. He sees in his immagination great success. Like the clucking hen who talks much about raising chickens, he informs all to whom he speaks about the wonderful things he is going to do. But he dosen't do them. He gets off the nest. He may, (to use the figure a little further,) go clucking all about the place, but if he doesn't "stay on the nest," all his clucking is of little use.

Here are you boys who have started to take the ministerial course. Of course the devil doesn't want you to finish. He wants you to quit. Here are some girls who are taking the Bible workers' course. To be sure there will be temptations to go out to do this or that. Stay by your work. Here are some in the teacher's course. Why not finish the course outlined, and have the satisfaction of work well done?

Jesus said of himself, that his meat was to do the will of Him that sent him, and to finish His work. He told one who came to him with the desire to follow Him, "he that putteth his hand to the plow and looking back is not fit for the kingdom of God." He did not say "Shall not enter the kingdom," you will observe, but, "he is not fit." That quality is not the principle that is to rule in the kingdom of Him who did not "fail nor become discouraged."

The world has many quitters. They run well, only for a time. If some obstacle appear, they are discouraged. Like the non-setters, they cluck but do not stay on the nest. Be a sticker, not a quitter.

He Must Increase

WHEN John's disciples came to him with the complaint that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John, the answer they received from him was the very one they did not want to hear.

They wanted John to increase; and any one whose work seemed to interfere with that, they wanted to decrease. Since Jesus' work seemed to be detracting from the popularity of the desert prophet, they wanted it to stop.

How good it was that John did not share their selfish ambitions. He recognized the true principle of Christian service. He was not in the world merely to seek his own honor. He was the messenger. He was the friend of the bridegroom. His joy was in seeing increase of the honor of the one whose servant he was.

The principle is far reaching. Over all the earth and in all ages it is the same. The worthy ambition of every true Christian is that Christ may increase and that self may decrease. "None of self and all of Thee," is the cry of every loyal heart.

Not only is it to be so in the great world of work, but it is likewise to obtain in the individual experience. As the days go by, and the varied fortunes of life are met, we are to see in these the necessary discipline which will eliminate from us the self, and will reveal more and more, the Christ.

The selfishness, the temper, the pride, all the bitterness, strife, vain-glory and ambition, are to be eliminated; and in their stead are to be implanted the divine graces of the Christ life.

Natural? No, it is altogether against Nature, unnatural, or supernatural.

Difficult? Yes, for us it is impossible, but for Him all things are possible.

Painful? Yes, but he who is the great Physician, is also the great Surgeon. He can cut off and build on. He can implant his own lovely attributes instead of our unlovely qualities. Like the dissolving picture, the one will disappear and the other will mysteriously take its place until in that day, "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

O, that loveliest of all characters! And to think that I shall ever have the privilege of being that character! Blessed promise! Who will not wish to decrease in order that Jesus may increase?

The Excellent Spirit

It is said that the king of the Medes, Darius, thot to set Daniel over the entire realm. The reason is given in the same connection,— "an excellent spirit was in him."

Sometimes in reading these accounts of holy men of old, we are likely to make the mistake of supposing that there was some special advantage they enjoyed, but which is denied to ordinary mortals. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The "excellent Spirit" that Daniel had, is the same that Jesus says the Father is more willing to give than we earthly fathers are to give good gifts to our children. Every one may have it. It is as free as the willingness to receive.

The trouble many times is that we wish to have our own spirit. But that may not be, and so long as we cling to the longings of our own unregenerate hearts, we shall go barren of the gift of gifts.

Daniel was in favor with the king, but this was not accomplished by the Lord's catching Darius and pouring into him a love for the prophet, regardless of the king's wish, or Daniel's desire, but rather it was the natural outworking of the prophet's loveliness. The king loved him because he was lovely. The Lord gave him favor in the eyes of the king by giving the spirit of true courtesy and kindliness.

Queen Esther found favor in the eyes of Ahasuerus because she had the Spirit of God with her to help her to act in a becoming and lovely manner.

Joseph found favor with Potipher and later with the prison-keeper and still later with Pharaoh, because the Spirit of God, that "more excellent Spirit," was with him. He was dilligent, respectful, honest, gentle, kind,—in short he had the Spirit and mind of Christ.

All holy men of old have likewise been so situated. And, tho there have been times when the Lord has worked a miracle to aid his servants, it has much more often happened that the prosperity that has come to them has come because of what the world would recognize as natural causes, but which we know full well are just as much the gift of God as any of the recognized miracles.

Of one thing we may be sure,— The Lord will never work a miracle to accomplish for us what we should have done ourselves by the aid of his "more excellent Spirit."

T. H. J.

Newbern, N. C.

OUR Bible band has become a most helpful factor in the missionary work of the church. Organized after a glorious quarterly meeting with a few earnest young people desiring to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord, it has steadily grown in number, enthusiasm, and efficiency. Our meetings held Sunday afternoons 3 p. m. are attended by earnest seekers after truth, who say they can not afford to miss the meetings.

After the Bible studies given, short pointed testimonies follow which are very edifying and encouraging. As a result, some are debating the question which must decide the destiny of their souls.

Since the announcement by the General Conference of their purpose of sending 150 missionaries to the foreign fields, and that a collection for the purpose would be taken up the thirteenth Sabbath of the third quarter, our band leader Sister Charlotte Weeks has rallied to the call for means with all her heart. Her enthusiasm and zeal has been caught by the entire band, and they have devoted all their collections to missions.

Sunday, Sep. 28, seven dollars was taken up from the Bible band. With \$6.05 taken up before, and \$5.00 from the Y. P. M. V. society, \$18.00 was realized. This means much in a place where wages are small. This Bible band is a real joy. I thank God for the precious souls the Spirit has gathered into the fold to assist in the labor of love.

PAGE SHEPARD.

El Paso, Tex.

It is with no small effort that good Christian work can be maintained in this city. It is situated on the border of the Mexican Republic with Roman Catholicism as the prevailing religion, and many questionable places of resort for pleasure and entertainment. The private and public haunts of vices and crimes exert a tendency on the mere professors of religion. Their true character is unmasked as they cross the river into the Mexican territory, not only to witness but to take part in all the games which the enemy of souls has caused an idolatrous people to invent. As a consequence, the leading colored churches have a varying attendance of from one to seventeen, while the enrollment shows as high as three hundred.

Our little company is struggling amid this darkness, to hold the sacred trust God has given us.

November, 1912, I took charge of the work here and found two sisters and four children. Today our school has a membership of eleven besides the workers, with a regular weekly ratio almost as good as any of the other denominations.

The lesson on giving is harder to be made practical now than ever, because many have abused the blessing, and caused the heart of most of our people to turn from it almost in disgust. One is almost embarrassed on urging strongly the necessity of giving. The statement is often met "You are becoming like the other denominations in begging." But the book of truth not only justifies the act of receiving offering for the cause of God but will afford comfort and protection to any who in the discharge of this duty, may be censured by any one.

Our Sabbath school donations and tithe for the quarter ended Sept. 30, amounted to \$32.36.

There is a great territory to be occupied here. The work is in its infancy and its progress among the colored people does not go by leaps and bounds. The outlook is encouraging. We are expecting at least four more to join our number soon.

METHUSELAH JONES.

Denver, Col.

THE work here is gradually gaining strength, and our hearts are of good courage in the Lord.

On a recent Sabbath, we were made to rejoice at the baptism of another person. This sister accepted the truth under the efforts of Sister Ragan, a Bible worker who lives near Englewood.

Our church has gone thru many trying experiences. One was the paying of \$18.50 per month for a place to worship. We could have this hall on Sabbaths, Sunday evenings, and one night thru the week.

This was our condition, but the Lord had something better for us. Now we are comfortably located in our own church. This building is a six room cottage, with a lot and a half of ground. It was purchased for the sum of \$2,500, \$650 of this was paid in cash, leaving \$1,850 to be paid in three payments, one each year. Our first payment, \$400

comes due May 29, 1914, and the second payment, \$400, a year from that date, and so on, until the debt is paid. We feel grateful, indeed, to the conference committee for the oneness of spirit shown toward our work.

Lately I was privileged to meet a large number of the members of the Boulder church in the interest of the work in Denver. We sincerely appreciate the interest shown in this work by their liberality.

There are those whom the Lord has made stewards over much of this world's goods. May the Lord impress their hearts with the great need of this phase of his work. Would be pleased to correspond with any one who may feel inclined to help lift this indebtedness from our house of worship. Contributions may be sent to me at 2917 Glenarm St., or to the conference treasurer, 1112 Kalamath St. In case it is sent to the conference treasurer, please designate plainly its purpose.

In Vol. 6, pages 100-102, timely instruction is given along this line. From page 101, I take the following: "God calls upon his people to make cheerful, united efforts in his cause. Let this be done, and soon will be heard the voice of thanksgiving, 'See what the Lord hath wrought!' There are some cases, however, in which a young church may not be able at once to bear the whole burden of erecting a house of worship. In these cases let the brethren in other churches help them." "Well," some may say, "Let them wait till they are stronger." But listen to the next sentence. "In some cases it may be better to hire some money than not to build."

This is just our case exactly. Our's is a young church, the members of which are largely sisters. They barely make their living by washing and ironing. We can never hope to raise enough money to meet our financial obligations. We must look to our more favored brethren and sisters among us, to whom the Lord has intrusted means sufficient to finish his work.

The feeling that exists in Denver against our work is such, that before we can hope to make much progress, we must have a house of worship of our own. Now that we have taken the step our prayer is that it may be a success. — J. W. Owens, in *Echoes From The Field*.

Calvary

ARRIVING at the place of execution, the prisoners were bound to the instruments of torture. The two thieves wrestled in the hands of those who placed them on the cross; but Jesus made no resistance. The mother of Jesus, supported by John the beloved disciple, had followed the steps of her Son to Calvary. She had seen him fainting under the burden of the cross, and had longed to place a supporting hand beneath his head, and to bathe that brow which had once been pillowed on her bosom. But she was not permitted this mournful privilege.

With the disciples she still cherished the hope that Jesus would manifest his power, and deliver himself from his enemies. Again her heart would sink as she recalled the words in which he had foretold the very scenes that were then taking place. As the thieves were bound to the cross, she looked on with agonizing suspense. Would he who had given life to the dead, suffer himself to be crucified? Would the Son of God suffer himself to be thus cruelly slain? Must she give up her faith that Jesus was the Messiah? Must she witness his shame and sorrow, without even the privilege of ministering to him in his distress? She saw his hands stretched upon the cross; the hammer and the nails were brot, and as the spikes were driven thru the tender flesh, the heart-stricken disciples bore away from the cruel scene the fainting form of the mother of Jesus.

The Saviour made no murmur of complaint. His face remained calm and serene, but great drops of sweat stood upon his brow. There was no pitying hand to wipe the death-dew from his face, nor words of sympathy and unchanging fidelity to stay his human heart.

While the soldiers were doing their fearful work, Jesus prayed for his enemies, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." His mind passed from his own suffering to the

sin of his persecutors, and the terrible retribution that would be theirs. No curses were called down upon the soldiers who were handling him so roughly. No vengeance was invoked upon the priests and rulers, who were gloating over the accomplishment of their purpose. Christ pitied them in their ignorance and guilt. He breathed only a plea for their forgiveness,— "for " said

agony to the Son of God. Pilate then wrote an inscription in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, and place it upon the cross, above the head of Jesus. It read "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." This inscription irritated the Jews. In Pilate's court they had cried "Crucify Him!" "We have no king but Cæsar." They had declared that whoever should acknowledge any other king was a traitor.

Pilate wrote out the sentiment they had expressed. No offense was mentioned, except that Jesus was the King of the Jews. The inscription was a virtual acknowledgement of the allegiance of the Jews to the Roman power. It declared that whoever might claim to be the King of Israel, would be judged by them worthy of death. The priests had overreached themselves. When they were plotting the death of Christ, Caiaphas had declared it expedient that one man should die to save the nation. Now their hypocrisy was revealed. In order to destroy Christ, they had been ready to sacrifice even their national existence.

The priests saw what they had done, and asked Pilate to change the inscription. They said, "Write not, The King of the Jews." But Pilate was angry with himself because of his former weakness, and he thoroughly despised the jealous and artful priests and rulers. He replied coldly, "What I have written I have written."

A higher power than Pilate or the Jews had directed the placing of that inscription above the head of Jesus. In the providence of God it was to awaken thought, and investigation of the Scriptures. The place where Christ was crucified was near to the city. Thousands of people from all lands were then at Jerusalem, and the inscription declaring Jesus of Nazareth the Messiah would come to their

notice. It was a living truth, transcribed by a hand that God had guided. In the sufferings of Christ upon the cross, prophecy was fulfilled.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

See! The dear Saviour
is prone on the tree.
Gone are his garments
and plainly we see,
marking his body from
shoulders to hips,
stripes dark and swollen,
from which the
blood drips. Every

one quiet! With hammers in hand, waiting to hear the centurian's command, stand the rough soldiers. The moment has come. Let all creation with sorrow be dumb. Hark! the centurian in words short and low, gives the command,—and a sickening blow sounds on the air. Lo the dark deed is done. Nailed to the cross is the crucified One. Mary the mother in

agony stands, trembling
in horror, and wringing
her hands. Fainting
she falls, and Oblivion
kind, mercifully hides
the dread sight from
her mind. Swiftly and
roughly the cross is
upreared, and thrust
in the hollow already
prepared. Thus the
torn hands of the Saviour
of men, bleeding
and quivering, are
mangled again. Over
his head Pilate's
writing is placed. In
Hebrew and Latin
and Greek it is
traced. All may the
writing decipher who
choose. 'Tis

"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

T. H. J.

he, "they know not what they do."

As soon as Jesus was nailed to the cross, it was lifted by strong men, and with great violence thrust into the place prepared for it. This caused intense

Encouraging Words for Seed Sowers

I HAVE just been reading the GOSPEL HERALD and my heart has been so touched by the articles and reports I have read, that I feel to respond by sending a few lines myself, hoping it may find space in your excellent paper.

Since visiting the Oakwood School in the spring of the present year, I have felt my interest enlisted in the splendid work being done there. I have watched with pleasure the reports from the students who went from the school into the field to work for their people. It has been truly encouraging to see the success attending their efforts.

Those who have been selling our books and magazines have found a large field in which they can engage in successful soul winning work for the Master. Not only have they received rich personal blessings, but the Lord has enabled them, while doing this splendid work, to secure means with which to continue their preparation in school.

And now while continuing their studies, they may be sure the books and magazines placed in the homes of the people through their efforts the last summer will be read by many during the winter. Hearts are opening to light as they search the Scripture for the truths to which their attention has been directed by the books they have purchased.

I give below a copy of a letter received recently by one of our publishing houses. It bears date of October 25, 1913, and reads as follows:—

"Gentlemen:—

I have the pleasure of getting hold of one of your publications, the book 'Bible Readings,' and find it to be the sentiments of my heart, and it contains the very thing I believe. I am a minister and I belong to no church except the one we read of in the Bible. I have been preaching since March 1882, and have never met with anything that has helped me along more in the study of the Bible than this book has.

Will you please send a catalog of your books that I might select some book that would serve as a ready reference to a man that has not the time to pursue the Bible and get the testimonies bearing upon any subject; and if you have no agent in this locality, I wish you would place one here.

I have 'Daniel and Revelation,' and find it to be very fine, and can recommend the same to any one. I want the Bible testimony on all subjects. Will you please let me hear from you soon?

Your friend and brother in Christ."

We can see from the above that even the ministers are being influenced and helped through the books sold by our faithful colporteurs. This letter is only a sample of the many that are continually coming to our publishing house from all classes of people all over the world.

It is a blessed privilege for our students to have part in this work while getting an education in our schools, and it is to be hoped that many more will go from Oakwood in the future to work for their people, not only in the great "Southland," but throughout the world.

W. W. EASTMAN.

Arkansas

THE work in this state is doing well.

The believers have returned home, and are putting into practice the resolutions passed at our recent camp-meeting respecting home missionary work; and as a result, here and there souls are accepting the truth thru the efforts of the believers. I visited Pine Bluff recently and baptized three, and I have been informed that there are others at other points who have recently accepted the truth.

There is a family in Pine Bluff who very likely would accept the truth if our work there was on a better footing. The lady is in heart already a Seventh-day Adventist, but since the believers have no place to meet in, except a room in the dwelling of one of the believers, she hesitates to step out. However, she has manifested a desire to help strengthen the work there.

It is on this wise: Not wishing to send their children to the public school they have fostered a small private school for many years, providing the room and school fixtures, employing a teacher, etc. This time she stated to some of the believers that she is anxious to have a Seventh-day Adventist take charge of the school that the children might be taught the truth. I visited her while I was in Pine Bluff and she was glad to meet me. We had a brief conversation about the truth, and also concerning the little school. She had secured Sister Mae Rice to teach the school this session,

and she expressed herself as much pleased that the school is now being conducted by a Seventh-day Adventist. She said it would require much carefulness to get the truth instilled into the children, however, without raising prejudice in the parents, and thus cause some at least to take their children out of the school.

I next visited the school and found Sister Rice doing nicely, and seeming to enjoy her work very much. Now when people are willing to take an active part in the advancing of this message I don't think it will be a great while before they will be constrained to become a part of it themselves.

It has been quite a hard pull to get the work established in Little Rock; but the situation is much better now. For the most part heretofore the services have been held in a room of some one's dwelling; but immediately on locating here last spring I began looking around for more public quarters. Presently the Church of God people offered us the privilege of holding our services in the little store which they had rented and had fitted up for their church services. So as they were quite reasonable in their charges, we accepted their offer. About two months ago they moved out without giving us even a hint. And so when I found they had given up the house I went and rented it, and within a week or two we had it nicely seated with folding chairs. The sister who acts as organist loaned her organ permanently, thus relieving the church of the expense of providing one, and everything else really necessary for a modest place of worship has been provided.

We are not embarrassed now in inviting people to our services as heretofore, and some are responding, and their interest is growing; so much so that they are beginning to inquire about becoming full members.

J. W. DANCER.

"How few there are who are truly humble, devoted, God-fearing servants in the cause of Christ, whose hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving, because they are called to act a part in the work of God, being co-labourers with Jesus Christ, partakers with Christ of his sufferings.

Have your practices been in harmony with your light? with your privileges? with the opportunities granted?"

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Oakwood Notes

THE latest new industry to be installed at our school is the carpet weaving department. Tho we have had our loom for some time, it has not been within our power to begin the work before. This will offer one more opportunity for some of our girls to earn their way thru school, and at the same time learn a useful trade, and one that can be followed to good advantage almost anywhere.

Now that we have our loom started, we would like to receive donations of good clean rags such as will be suitable for carpet. Also old ingrain carpet can be used to good advantage. We feel free to ask this of our brethren, since it is a work from which no private individual is to receive any profit. If any gain is to be realized, it will go to the school.

Still our old students return. It is a matter of real satisfaction to the management, to have those who have been with us, return after a period of time spent in the field. It makes us know that the advantages offered here are appreciated

by those who have been with us before.

We have now the largest attendance that has ever been at this season of the year. For this we acknowledge our obligation to our workers in the field, who have loyally stood by the work, and have encouraged the young people to attend. In doing this they have done themselves, the student, and the school, a favor.

The sewing department wishes to announce that they have shirts to offer to the trade at seventy-five cents, one dollar, and one twenty-five. Samples of material will be sent on application. Do yourself a favor by ordering your shirts from us. You will at the same time be doing us a favor.

Our mission school opened Monday Nov. 10. There is an excellent attendance. Sister Ethel Williams is the teacher.

The pleasant fall days are being put to good use by putting in wheat, and otherwise forwarding the farm work.

Oakwood was recently favored with a visit from Brother R. I. Keate. Brother Keate is now laboring at Elkwood. The brethren there will build a new church.

Those who have been at Oakwood in the years past will remember how much a good road has been needed from the school to Huntsville. It would seem that this need is soon to be supplied. It has come as the result of perserving and constant effort on the part of the school.

The history of the work is briefly this, —Prof. Boyd has, like the importunate widow, constantly presented the needs to the board of county commissioners. Less persistence would doubtless have been rewarded with nothing, but by constantly agitating the question, the consent of the board was obtained to build a pike, providing the neighborhood would grade and fix the road for the gravel. Then the school and interested neighbors got busy. The new road grader, donated to the school this year, came into good place, and Brother Harris and his force of boys soon had the road ready for the haulers of gravel.

Now for several weeks, they have been putting the gravel on the prepared road bed. The haulers rise at 4 a. m., and have their first load on the place by soon after sunrise.

Next winter, instead of wading mud to the knee, we shall have the comfort of going to the city dry shod.

Bowling Green, Ky.

WE closed our meetings October 5, the weather being too cool to hold meetings longer in the tent. Fourteen took their stand for the truth, and a goodly number manifested an interest in our work. After taking down the tent, it was difficult to find a building near the tent location in which to continue the meetings.

After we had prayed, and looked around the neighborhood, the Lord directed us to a man who had a building in reserve for us. We told him our need, and he said we could have the building without charge. Several had gone to him to rent it for a grocery, but he refused them. We realized that it was the Lord who touched his heart; for he not only gave the building, but paint also, and greatest of all gifts was to give himself to the Lord to obey all the truth in which he is now rejoicing.

We can seat from sixty to seventy-five very comfortably. Brother Winston has returned to Louisville on account of poor health and will assist in Bible work until he recuperates. We are planning to hold a baptismal service soon, and organize a church.

The interest is increasing, and many are calling for Bible readings in their homes. ALEXANDER OSTERMAN.

Memphis, Tenn.

WE lately had with us Elder J. W. Norwood, president of the Tennessee River Conference, and Brother Pounds, our state canvassing agent.

Brother Norwood spoke to us from Zech. 4:1. Our souls were stirred with courage to go forward with new zeal to the work.

We have also lately been favored with a visit from Brother J. W. Davis, our Union Conference agent. He gave us an excellent talk on the different lines of work.

We are pressing the Harvest Ingathering campaign to our greatest ability. Our church is prospering. New ones are coming from time to time and casting their lot with us. Still others are much interested. I ask the prayers of God's people. S. A. JORDAN.

"Whatever may be our occupations, we are to be missionaries, having for our aim the winning of souls for Christ."