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Prepare for Campmeeting

WHAT is the campmeeting held for?

First. The campmeeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement,—ambition, war, pleasure, and money making. Satan sees that his time is short and he has set all his agencies at work to cause that men shall be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut. It is our work to give to the whole world the saving truths of the third angel's message. But it has been a difficult problem to know how to reach the people in the great centers of population. We are not allowed entrance to the churches. In the cities the large halls are expensive, and in most cases but few will come out to the best halls. We have been spoken against by those who were not acquainted with us. The reasons of our faith are not understood by the people, and we have been regarded as fanatics, who were ignorantly keeping Saturday for Sunday. In our work we have been perplexed to know how to break thru the barriers of worldliness and prejudice, and bring before the people the truth. The Lord has instructed us that the campmeeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the accomplishment of this work.

Second. Our campmeetings have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people. The world in its wisdom knew not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the holiness of divine truth. And in order that men may understand this, there must be a channel thru which it shall come to the world. The church has been made that channel. Christ reveals himself to us, that we may reveal

him to others. Thru his people are to be manifested the riches and glory of his unspeakable gift.

Third. God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Saviour as the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may train their children and send forth from the sanctuary of the home all their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand much concerning the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plans and labor.

Surely if there are any who need the preparation given at the campmeeting to better fit them for presenting the truth to their people, it is the colored believers.

Begin now to make preparation for the campmeeting by laying aside five, ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five cents at a time. We ought to have a hundred colored brethren and sisters in attendance at each of our campmeetings this year.

A. C. CHATMAN.

Nashville, Tenn.

THE work here is advancing. Since Elder Scott's arrival our membership has increased twenty-two. Many of these are new converts who took their stand for the truth as the result of my last

summer's Bible work. I thank the Lord for this evidence of his approval of my feeble efforts.

We are now busily engaged in organizing mission Sunday schools. I am safe in saying, that ere this reaches the press, we will have four well organized mission Sunday schools in perfect running order with a membership of considerably more than one-hundred.

One of our mission Sunday schools is held in a beautiful little church building on which we have a lease for one year with an option of three. The building belongs to one of the wealthiest and most influential white men of the neighborhood. It is in a section of the city densely populated by colored people.

In north Nashville, situated in one of the city's most desirable precincts, is another of our mission Sunday schools, held in an elegant little church building, owned by a prominent colored business man of that section. We are also carrying on a mission Sunday school in the vicinity of Fisk University with a good attendance.

It is not only among the better class that we are directing our efforts. We are now working for the establishment of a mission Sunday school in a section known as black bottom, a very undesirable tho needy part of the city.

We have divided our church into five bands. Once every week I meet with each of these bands for prayer and counsel.

We are also planning for a big tent efforts here this summer. Already we have in sight a beautiful location for our tent. We are expecting great things of the Lord in this strong hold of the enemy. We are sure of victory because of the leadership of Him who is mighty. We do not fear for he is with us. The city is ours, for the golden wedge has been brought forth, and Achan is dead.

RANDALL JOHNSON.

Visit to Oakwood

DURING the latter part of January I attended a board meeting of the Oakwood school. It is ten years since I had seen the place. Many changes had taken place, and the general appearance of the place was good.

I visited the different industrial departments, and some of the class recitations, and was much pleased.

At the board meeting plans were voted for the next school term that will serve to make the school better fitted to do its appointed work.

Friday afternoon I arrived in Huntsville and hastened to get to some stopping place in the city, instead of going out to the school, as the Sabbath was so near. At the home of Brother Calvin Powers I received a hearty welcome, and spent the night. Sabbath I accompanied him and his wife to the services. Here I met the elder, Brother Roberts, his wife, the congregation newly raised up, and the one who led me into this light nineteen years ago, Elder T. B. Buckner. It was indeed a pleasure to me to preach to this little flock at 3 p. m.

Now just a little about the GOSPEL HERALD. As is quite well known, this paper is the only one we have as a people that is dedicated solely to the colored work. Nevertheless it has not received the support from us which its importance demands. I have reason to believe that there are a good many S. D. A. families who do not know that such a paper exists. And there are many who know of it, but do not take it.

What reason can be given why it should not be circulated freely among those not of our faith? The only reason I know of, is that heretofore it has had principally reports of the work over the field, which is of special interest only to our own people. But in a counsel meeting held while we were together at Oakwood, it was decided that a number of articles on different phases of present truth are to be published, thus making the paper useful in missionary work, while keeping us informed of the progress of the work over the field also.

Now it is apparent to every one that to meet this two-fold object successfully the articles must necessarily be short and to the point. It is usually the bringing in of many little details that make an article long. So let us all "boil down" our articles.

I would suggest that, to begin with, the articles be on points of truth, or subjects which are not likely to create prejudice; and in case some of the others are presented, they be "clothed."

Last, but not least, let us all do what we can to obtain subscribers for the paper. Try to have some to send in each month, or oftener if possible. The easiest way I have found to get subscribers for our periodicals from outsiders is to loan or sell them copies a few times, thus creating an interest in the paper, then urge them to subscribe and have the paper come thru the mail. We talked this over also, and it was decided that those who wished to use a club of papers in this way can have as many as they can use at a very reasonable price.

J. W. DANCER.

Be Strong

THERE are many today who desire to be strong in the cause of truth, but like some in the past ages, are lamenting and repining in the fog of confusion because of weakness. Thousands have spent many dollars for books and papers to read, that sometimes may be found to stimulate spiritual life and growth. The Bible is the only book of prayer. When one reads its pages and believes, and shows faith by doing, great blessings will result.

I am acquainted with a woman who had become weak spiritually. Apparently she put forth every endeavor to regain spiritual fervor. She would attend sacred concerts, be present at large religious assemblies and would sacrifice a great share of her wealth to the needy, and yet she found herself becoming weaker and weaker as the years passed by. One day it dawned on her mind that reading a book of romantic nature would answer her need, so she went to a book store and bought the history of Frank and Jesse James. To her surprise, the more she read the weaker she became. One day while reading quietly in her parlor, she found herself mentally trying to rob a bank; then she imagined herself holding up a stage. Lastly, she saw herself being chased across the state of Missouri and the prairies of Kansas on horse-back, finally ending in the penitentiary. It is true we try to imitate the acts we read about, and on which our minds feed.

The Bible is the only book that really

can enlighten the mind, give peace to the soul, and strengthen the life. It was written by "holy men," inspired by One who never made a mistake. The Scriptures are the ribs of a Christian character, and all characters which are built on a foundation without these stays, will be as a house erected upon the sand. Matt. 7: 24-27.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." Many persons desire to be strong, and at the same time hold to one or more of these sins.

The exhortation Paul gave the church at Ephesus is good for Christians today; "Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might," Eph. 6: 10. To be strong is the privilege of every one. God is not responsible for our weakness. No, for he is the source of power and strength.

When the five spiritual senses are actively engaged in service in the Master's vineyard, the soul will "be strong in the power of His might."

The highest essentials to the development of Christian life and character are, a pure atmosphere, (Phil. 2: 8) a good appetite, (Mat. 5: 6.) good bread, (Jno. 6: 51) milk, (1 Pet. 2: 2) meat, (1 Cor. 3: 2) sunshine, (Mal. 4: 2) light, (2 Cor. 4: 6) light exercise, (Eph. 5: 15) then a little harder, (1 Cor. 8: 24) rest, (Mark 6: 31) while resting keep quiet. (Isa. 30: 15) It is God's will that we should be strong physically, (3 John 2) mentally, (2 Tim. 1: 7) keep eyes open, (Eph. 1: 18) feet shod. (Eph. 6: 15). "God hath commanded thy strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint." Isa. 40: 31. SYDNEY SCOTT.

"It is no use to grumble and complain, It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice. When God sorts out the weather and sends rain, Why, rain's my choice."

What if Jesus Should Come Now ?

Concluded

GOD's work in ancient as well as in modern times, has always met with obstacles, and perils, and suffered from lack of money, but in every instance worthy of notice, our Father has always been equal to the situation, and has always, through his own people at times, and at other times through even unconsecrated channels, come to the rescue of his cause.

In the days of Ezra, when the fullness of time had come for the Jews to return to Jerusalem, rebuild the city, and re-establish the worship of God, the Lord moved upon the heathen king, Artaxerxes, who made provision to meet the entire needs of the cause, with "silver and gold" and "whatsoever" was needed. See Ezra 7.

Also in the days of Nehemiah, when the treasuries were depleted, and the house of God forsaken, the Levites had all fled to the farm, because many of God's people had been robbing him of the tithes and offerings, Nehemiah was raised up as a reformer in every sense of the word, to show God's people their sin. The Spirit of God was near to work upon hearts, and the people responded loyally, and thus the cause was saved from reproach. Neh. 13.

Again, in the days of the apostles, when the message of a crucified and risen Lord was due to the world, they that had, "sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." Acts 2.

The reformation following the Dark Ages was helped by the rich, but more by the poor, who always form the majority of God's flock, and who are always ready to "make a covenant with him by sacrifice."

And to come nearer, our own blessed cause of the third angel's message has not come behind any other heaven-sent movement, for our good people, though but a "remnant weak and small," and not having much of this world's goods, have always stood by the cause we so dearly love.

And now when we seem to be facing a crisis is it not time for every believer in the message to give serious thought to this matter, and prayerfully ask God for help, and wisdom, that we may help to relieve the situation ?

God certainly has enough wealth in this world. He says, "The earth is the

Lord's and the fullness thereof." "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord." Why then should his cause languish ? Why should the leaders of his work be unduly burdened ? But one answer seems to force itself upon us in the words of Malachi: "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." It is evident that there is a lack of devotion to the cause on the part of many, and this makes it doubly hard for the true and faithful.

The conditions seem to demand that every worker be a Nehemiah. Dear reader, let us remember the following facts: (1) the earth and its fullness belong to God; (2) it is God who "giveth thee power to get wealth." (3) He permits us to get wealth that we may sustain his cause; (4) heaven's approbation rests upon us when we give liberally without grudging.

The time is almost here when God's cause will no more need money; when God will have no use for our offerings if we keep them till then. The servant of God has said, "Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth."

Maybe the time has now come, when some who have not been doing much, to dispose of property and means long withheld. The conditions certainly demand a big lift. Can Jesus come now with his cause so burdened ? Would all his professing people be ready ? Shall we not unitedly pray, work, and give as never before, and thus prepare the way for the coming of Jesus ?

A. N. DURRANT.

No Second Probation

THERE is no second probation promised in the Scriptures. To neglect the present opportunity of accepting salvation believing in another chance is to be blindly deceived until there is no hope.

Procrastination is the thief of time, and the hope of another probation is the thief of eternity. As a tree falleth, so it lieth. See Eccl. 11:3.

Only the wise virgins can meet the bridegroom when he comes. The rest knock in vain. They cannot procure oil from the wise, neither can they go and buy, for the door is shut; probation has closed.

Only Two Ways

There are only two ways; the narrow and the broad. The narrow way leadeth to life and only a few find it. The broad way leads to death and many end there. Christ is the leader of those in the narrow way, and he leads them into the city of God.

Satan and his throng finally reach the city, but they are 1000 years too late. Rev. 20: 5-9.

For 1000 years the saints have sat on thrones of judgment, ere this time, to determine if any should have a second chance, or rather to witness that the decision of the investigative judgment is just, and now the wicked are raised and turned over to Satan, the leader of their choice.

There are many in that throng that expected to enter the city, but as they near the gates, they find them shut. To their knock there comes no answer.

Then they cry "Lord Lord open unto us." "Have we not prophesied in thy name; and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name have done many wonderful works?" The reply is "I never knew you."

Two Resurrections

There are only two general resurrections. The first is a resurrection to life, and the second is a resurrection to damnation.

This is sure proof that this life determines which resurrection we will share. We will all either land on the sea of glass before the throne of God, or in the lake of fire outside of the city.

No one without a wedding garment will ever partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The 1000 years of investigation does not discover one case worthy of another chance.

Be not deceived; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. This life is only sowing time. We cannot sow in the reaping time.

If there were three classes, there would need to be a second judgment to determine who rejected the opportunity.

Satan seeks to induce us to risk having another chance in this life, until the last chance is gone, because he knows then our doom is sealed.

His final deception upon all the wicked, is to lead them to believe they can take the city.

E. C. PARKER.

(To be concluded)

Young People's Column

The Neighborhood Broil

A quarrel was in the garden patch,
The plants were in a fight,
The corn and beans had disagreed,
And none could set them right.

The bean was talking to the corn
And laughing at his ears;
Whereat the corn took quick offence
And said with many sneers,—

"Now that's the base ingratitude
You show for what I do.
You've climbed my stalk, I've held you up
To get a better view,

"And now your head is in the air,
And you with gibes and jeers
Can do no better than to laugh
And joke about my ears.

"That you are green is plainly seen,
You're soft as soft can be.
And tho I've tried your fault to hide,
You're impudent to me.

"Please go away some place and stay;
Unwind from round my stalk;
I'll have with you no more to do,
I'm tired of your cheap talk."

At this the bean was fairly green
With anger; and snapped he,
"Don't think I'd stay a single day,
You're much too soft for me."

The cabbage said, "You hurt my head
With all your noise and fuss.
Do please keep still, for if you will
'Twill please the rest of us."

"Please mind your business," said the corn,
"And speak when spoken to.
You have the big-head, that is plain,
I have no use for you."

The mangle wurtzel nudged the squash
And said, "It's worth a dime
To see and hear the way these folks
Are quarreling all the time."

The Poet came along just then
And, stopping on the spot,
His ear discerned the quarreling sounds
Which others heeded not.

"I soon can settle it," he said;
Some succotash I'll make;
To form this special dish of mine,
Some corn and beans I'll take;

"And tho the ear of corn is long,
It suits my purpose quite;
And tho the bean is soft and green,
'Twill fill the bill all right.

"And when they're safely in the pot,
All men can clearly see,
When they are cooked as succotash
That corn and beans agree.

I'll write of it," the poet said,
"Of how I quelled the riot
By eating up the quarreling ones,
And thus restoring quiet."

T. H. J.

Newbern, N. C.

I BEGAN Bible work August 1913 at Wilmington, N. C. under the leadership of Elder Sydney Scott. The Lord blessed our labor with success. Then I was sent back to my home at Newbern January 1913 to help Elder Page Shepard in the work at this place. I have given from two to four Bible readings daily, and made from one to five visits, held from one to seven meetings weekly, and have done whatever else duty called me to do.

Our pastor having been called to other parts of the waiting field a great part of the time, my work has been in and for the church much of the time. Pastor Shepard baptized five and a goodly number are receiving instruction till the next baptism. Our financial report is as follows:

Tithes	\$603.21
Annual offering	13.48
Colored work	3.05
Harvest ingathering	45.89
S. S. offering	58.37
Weekly offering	4.21
Midsummer offering	1.60
Foreign missions	7.28
Mission band	5.75
Church expences	101.03
Building fund	71.05
Poor fund	17.56
Home mission	21.90
Items of missionary work done,—	
Missionary visits made	1445
Hours of Christian help work	6684
Sick persons assisted	187
Meals provided	592
Articles of clothing given away	367
Signatures to temperance pledge	58
No. tracts given away	440
" papers given away	202
" books lent and given away	251
" papers placed in racks	26
" missionary letters written	110
" " " received	22
" periodicals sold	21
" books sold	12
" Bible readings	997

No. children brot to S. S.	18
" simple treatinents given	187
" meals provided	592
Value of literature given away	\$4.55
Value of literature sold	17.45

A Bible band was organized July 1913, with Sister Charlotte Weeks as leader. They have raised \$24.63, given for missions \$18.30, bought and given away \$6.00 worth of tracts. Sister Weeks is also leader of the Y. P. M. V. Society. They have raised \$11.52.

EDITH A. GODLEY.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE year 1913 brought us many blessings, and steady progress was made along all lines, even though we fell short of the standard we should have reached.

Fourteen members were added to the No. 2 church, ten were dropped. The Sabbath school has grown from sixteen to thirty-eight members, and the donations have now reached three dollars a Sabbath.

The following financial statement will show what progress has been made in trying to help the work at home and abroad:—

Tithes	\$438.29
20 cents-a-week fund	129.80
Church expenses	114.36
Building fund	80.00
Total	762.45

In tithes, and offerings for foreign work, there was an increase over the previous year of \$170.80.

The year 1914 opens with a good interest. A few are now keeping the Sabbath, who we trust will unite with us soon. We have also organized a church missionary society, with Brother Wm. Davis and Sister A. Witcher as leaders. Nearly all the members have started off willingly, in trying to work for others.

Our great need yet is a place of worship. We meet only on Sabbaths, and then in the old Baptist church that nearly fell on us last November. We now pay \$1.50 a meeting.

The Mc Donald company, the second colored church in the conference, has also made some progress. Five members were added during the year, thus making fifteen. Their tithes for the year was \$217.92, and all offerings \$49.67. This company only meet once a quarter as the members are all scattered several miles apart.

A. N. DURRANT.

Talks To My Students

He That Hath an Ear

WHAT is the will of God with reference to the people all over this poor darkened world of ours? If our eyes could be opened to see the things that he sees, and our ears sharpened to hear the things that constantly sound up to him, we should be appalled to know the want of the world.

In darkest Africa, in the frozen regions of Siberia, in densely populated city and barren desert are those who are sending up to God the call for something, they know not what. Here and there and every-where are those who have ears to hear, and God says let them hear.

To whom does he speak?

First of all, doubtless he speaks to the angels who have charge of the closing work on earth. Yonder on Sahara's burning sands is one who has ears to hear. The time is come. Let him hear. Over in those islands of the sea are honest hearted ones who will be willing to hear the glad sound. Let them hear. All around and about, are those who are ready, and the hour has struck.

Second, to every human soul comes the same imperative sentence. As those to whom has been intrusted the mighty message that is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, the Lord says to you and me, "Go forth into the great harvest field and work while it is day, and whosoever hath an ear, let him hear.

How am I to let them hear? By sitting supinely down and simply permitting those who may so elect, come to me and receive instruction? Ah no, I must go out and "compel" them.

Instead of this statement of the Spirit being the passive permission, it is the positive command. The blood of souls will be on the garment of him who, knowing the time, sits idly down and lets those who have ears to hear sink to sin-darkened graves. Woe is me, if I let them not hear.

Getting to The Field

Some have been speaking to me about leaving school before they shall have completed the course of study. Several different reasons are offered for the proposed shortening of school days and hurrying away into the broader experiences of the life work. One that seems to be regarded as among the most important, is that time is short, and the work is so great.

In reply to that particular suggestion, I have three observations to make.

(1) The fact that time is short and the work is great, instead of offering any encouragement for superficial educational work, should be the strongest argument in favor of the very best preparation that can be made. If skillful men were ever needed in all the history of the great work, surely that need is felt today. Still, there would be a color of force in the suggestion if it were seen that there is no avenue for Christian work and development in the school days. But look about you. Where in all the wide world can be found a better opportunity for home missionary effort? Where a better place to comfort those who need help? Where more persons who are hopeful subjects for Christian endeavor?

(2) The world is already over full, of half-prepared, illy-equipped pretenders to some kind of ministry. The world needs men from whom can be had real help—men in whose life has been the necessary amount of drill and who can be placed at any point and be depended upon to do well the work assigned. I have no word of censure for those sturdy workers who, despite their handicap of lack of early opportunity for drill, have nevertheless gone out and done what they could. But let it ever be remembered that these men feel very keenly their own limitations, and would be the last persons to advise any one to neglect the necessary preparation, if it can possibly be had.

(3) No amount of native wit or natural talent will take the place of the culture that comes with a liberal education. It is sometimes said that the Spirit of the Lord will give wisdom. To this it may be replied that the Lord never puts a premium upon ignorance, or laziness, or indifference. It is true that we have the Lord's promise to give wisdom to those who lack, but the gift may be consistently looked for only by those who are bending every effort to get what they are praying for.

The real wisdom that comes from above will be exhibited in putting forth the necessary effort to get what the Lord would have us to have.

It is a short sighted policy that would hurry into the field undrilled and uneducated soldiers. It does not spell success, but humiliation, failure, defeat. It is not economical, but expensive. It

is not sensible, but foolish. "Sharpen your scythe," said the old farmer to his men, "there is just as much in whetting as there is in cutting." T. H. J.

Baltimore, Maryland

THE first convention of the colored churches of the Chesapeake Conference held in the new church at Baltimore opened Wednesday night Jan. 14, at eight o'clock with an address by the president of the conference, Elder R. T. Baer. Services were held all day during the convention beginning 7.30 each morning. The visiting ministers were Elder T. H. Branch, Elder F. H. Seeney, Elder J. M. Campbell and the writer.

Good reports from the three churches brought forth words of praise to the Lord for his blessings in the past year. The colored churches in this conference are not large in membership but their liberality to the cause shows that they have the work at heart. With a total membership of no more than one-hundred, these believers have given into the cause about \$1700, and with the money raised for home work added to this, a total of about \$1500, in the past twelve months. Altho the church at Dover was not represented at the convention by any delegate, yet it too has done its share of work.

The needs of the colored are sorely urgent, having but two workers to reach 275,000 people. It is a problem to know how to do it. A Bible worker had been voted to this work at the last annual conference but because of no funds, this cannot be had. The two laborers in this field are praying and working hard to assist the churches to double their membership this year.

During the convention Dr. H. N., and Bourdeau Sisco gave an excellent medical lecture and demonstration.

Excellent services were conducted by Elder Campbell on Friday night, and Elder Branch Sabbath morning, at which services the Lord came very near.

A Sabbath school convention and a young people's convention was held with the church building filled with visitors from the first church as well as from the public.

Good papers were read and discussed. Solos, duets, quartets and speeches made the afternoon one that will long be remembered. Sunday the meetings were excellent, the last business session lasting four hours. Elder Seeney preached a

very stirring sermon on the seven last plagues. The congregation was stirred, and we expect to see souls come to Christ as the result of that meeting. At the close of the convention, those present said it was the best meeting they had ever attended. Following are the resolutions passed at the convention,—

Resolved that we pledge ourselves to a fuller consecration, and renewed activity in service during the coming year.

We recommend, (a) That those who can spend but part of their time in the field, be known as "Home Workers."

(b) That those working 25 or more hours per week, be known as "Regular Colporters."

We recommend that colporters credentials be granted only to those who have spent at least six months in the field as resident canvassers.

We recommend that whenever for the good of the work it be thought best to request the presence of any colporter holding credentials at any institute or meeting, that expenses with suitable compensation be granted for such time as he is obliged to be away from his work.

We recommend that our colporters improve suitable opportunities for providing for their expenses by selling our ten cent magazines Saturday nights and Sundays.

Home Missionary Work

We recommend that the home missionary work be promoted,—

(a) By organizing a missionary society in every church.

(b) By setting the churches to work selling and giving away our books, magazines, pamphlets, and tracts.

(c) By selecting a strong missionary secretary for the church.

(d) By advising our young people to spend as much time as possible visiting among their neighbors doing Christian help work.

Resolved that we most cheerfully cooperate in the general plan to have our mission offerings average twenty cents per week per member for the full year of 1914.

We recommend that a camp meeting be held during the year of 1915 and that the colored churches of the District of Columbia conference with East Pennsylvania conference be invited to join in it, and further we recommend that the executive committee of the Chesapeake Conference arrange for this meeting.

We recommend that all conference workers, church officers, and parents cooperate with and encourage our youth in carrying out the well defined policy of the missionary volunteer department in our conference.

Resolved that we express our devotion to the Review and Herald by having it come to our home regularly.

We recommend, (a) That earnest and persistent efforts be made by the Conference Sabbath School secretary, aided by all conference workers and Sabbath School Supt., to get every Sabbath keeper to study the S. S. lessons daily.

(b) That earnest efforts be made to raise the standard of teaching by encouraging teachers to study helps, as recommended by the General Conference S. S. department, and by encouraging teacher's meetings.

(c) That consecration services be held in our Sabbath schools at least once a year, that the S. S. secretary of the conference appoint the dates and plan therefor in connection with each S. S. superintendent.

(d) That S. S. work be given a place on the programmes of institutes and general meetings.

Church Schools

We recommend that the churches of our colored people in this conference pledge themselves to activity in the establishment and maintenance of church schools.

Temperance

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to cooperate with all legitimate efforts to eradicate the liquor curse.

That we approve of national legislation favoring a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and promiscuous use of alcoholic beverages.

Resolved that we tender the executive committee of the Chesapeake Conference our sincere thanks for their interest and willingness to cooperate with all plans to make this convention a success.

Resolved that our gratitude and appreciation be made known to the Third Church of Baltimore for their splendid entertainment afforded us in our stay during the convention.

G. R. RODGERS.

"Do not pass by the little things and look for a larger work."

The Hidden Mystery

"**G**OD works in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform. He plants his footsteps on the sea, and rides upon the storm."

God's work seems a mystery to us, and only as we see the wonders of God are we able to understand the mystery.

This can be seen in the case of Peter (Act 10 34-35) when he said, "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

In the English language there is one part of speech called the Adjective. Comparison is a variation of the Adjective used to express quality in three different degrees, Positive, Comparative, Superlative. By the use of this rule (of comparison) we select persons on whom we may put greater or less responsibility, show greater or less honor.

Once a king wanted boys for service in his home. He sent his messenger to select boys from the best families, so that he in turn could make his choice. Accordingly the boys were brought. He divided them into three companies. The good he returned home, the better he made his servants, but the best he took for his companions and friends. In this we see men's rule of dealing with men.

But how different from this does God deal with men. Are we not glad that he does not thus deal with us? God has need for men. He sends his messenger not to the better and best classes only, but to all, even the worst, and having been brought in his presence, He sees us in his sight only as good. Matt. 25:23. God's number therefore is only one (that is good)

No wonder Isaiah tells us for God "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor my ways your ways." Isaiah 55:8. Not until God's power manifests itself in us are we able to understand his mystery.

CHAS. GRIFFITHS.

"The members of the churches should be made to understand that they are the light of the world, and, according to their several ability, the Lord expects that his professed followers will enlighten and bless those around them.

"The ability God has given, if not exercised, will degenerate, and men and women unemployed will become as tools that rust from inaction."

Devall Bluff School

I FEEL it my duty to notify all of our friends concerning the change that has taken place in our work here. We have had to sell out the entire school business. I feel sure that this will be strange news to those who have been sending us help from time to time. Now the school is sold, but that does not stop the educational work for our colored people in this union conference. Our conference president is working hard for this line of work, among our people. He was here a few days ago and spent several days with us, planning the work for the summer, and closing out the sale on everything that is to be sold at present. He preached every night during the time that he was with us, and made all understand that we will have mission schools for our people in this state. This will leave my wife and myself to go back into the field to do Bible work. There are many hindrances that could be mentioned which have been the cause of the work not prospering here, so the dear Lord saw that it was best to close out and make a new start in a better place. We ask all our friends not to send anything more to this school in the way of clothing, send all money to the Ark. Tract Society, Fayetteville.

E. M. GATES.

Portsmouth, Va.

THE work in Portsmouth is progressing. The outlook is encouraging. The Lord has done great things for us and we thank him for his precious promise of doing greater things. We are of good courage. The church members are burning with zeal to make known this truth to their neighbors. They are having blessed experiences. Our church was organized Dec. 28, 1913, with 18 members. Elder W. J. Stone, president of the conference was present and gave us instruction that was highly appreciated. Also a few members from No. 1 church were present. We have now moved to another church building the rent being much cheaper; with privilege of buying. We anticipate opening our church school soon. Would be glad if our brethren and sisters would send us a barrel or two of clothing and shoes for the poor, freight paid. We would gladly accept help for our building at Portsmouth and Norfolk. Our work at Norfolk Va. is growing nicely. Many souls

are interested. We need a building at this place. The Lord has spoken in regard to establishing memorials in the cities and villages.

Is it time to build?

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Farm For Sale

BROTHER James C. Atkinson, now of Hillcrest School, has a farm in Graham County, Kansas. Brother Atkinson describes the farm as follows,—

The land is located in Kansas, five miles south, and three miles west of Hill City, the county seat, and about the same distance from Penokee, a station west of the above named town, both on Lincoln Branch of the U. P. R. R.

The farm consists of three quarter sections (480 acres) described as follows:—the north 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4, and the south 1/2 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 8, also the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 9, also the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 9, also the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 16, all in Township 9 S., Range 23 West.

It ranges from high to low bottom land, suitable to a variety of crops, and stock raising, being located in the vicinity of Bush Creek, one of the best watered sections in the state.

A pasture of about 140 acres and two wells on the quarter where the buildings are, and a pasture of about seventy acres across the road to the east.

About 200 acres under cultivation. Thirty-five or forty acres of grass land, from which prairie hay has been cut in suitable seasons.

One-hundred acres or more is being prepared for wheat this fall.

Improvements consist of a frame two-room house, small stable, cow shed, granary, buggy shed, and hen house adjoining, also a bank stable for cattle and horses. A small peach orchard.

Good neighbors, public school near. The Lord blessed us while we lived there, and gave us a good living.

One of my neighbors sold a farm this summer in adjoining sections to ours for \$32 per acre. Another farm in a neighborhood near us was sold twice in 1910, one time for \$7,500, again for \$10,000. Still another in an adjoining section to us sold for \$52 per acre.

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Opportunity.

MEN should take the advantage of their opportunities. They should improve their time and learn to do things well, and think wisely. What ever their hands find to do, they should do those with all their might, and success will be assured. There are men who have not had opportunities in their previous years to accomplish good things. Then there are others who have thought to be useful men, but some unforeseen trouble has prevented them from reaching their aim, and failure has been the result. There are thousands of men today who have failed to grasp their opportunities that God has given them, and today they regret their mistake. Men should always have an aim in life, strive hard, trust in God, and they will reach their goal.

One opportunity opens the way for another. Men should grasp good things, and become good moral citizens in the community. Young men should embrace their opportunities, and attend schools of learning. Today's preparation of building will develop ultimately.

Remember, what you sow, you will surely reap. Determine now to improve, and use your time wisely. If men have children they should give them an education. Train them to be gentle.

Education

Education fits young men for higher and nobler things of life. Education gives men power to think and enables them to conduct themselves properly.

Ideal

What is the value of an ideal? Have you ever attempted to estimate its worth? Have you ever tried to measure its value in dollars and cents? If you would know the pecuniary value of an ideal, go into the home of some man of great wealth who has an only son; go into that home when the son has gone downward in a path of dissipation until the father no longer hopes for his reform, and ask the father what an ideal would have been worth that would have made a man out of his son, instead of a wreck. He will tell you that all the money that he has or could have, he would gladly give for an ideal of life that would turn his boy's steps upward instead of downward. His ideal is above price. It means the difference between a noble life and a disgraceful career, and it sometimes means the difference between life and death.

HERBERT G. SAVOY.

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Note and Comment.

ONE of the most important decisions of the late Oakwood board meeting, was to raise the ministerial course grade from the eleventh to the twelfth grade. With the onward march of progress in all lines, it is highly essential that our ministers who go out into the field should be men of deep culture, and able to meet men of the world who are educated.

It is of the highest importance that in this, the greatest message that has ever gone to the world, there should be skillful work done. The men who go out to do it should be skillful men.

Of course it is true that no amount of mere book learning can fit a man for the work. But it is also certain that no man is so well fitted to do the work, unless he has made the necessary preparation.

Our readers will be interested to know that during the first week in February the Oakwood poultry pens turned off to the local market, 36 head of poultry in single birds, pairs, and trios. None sold for less than \$1.00 per bird, and

one pair sold for \$5.00. We are adding to our stock of thorobred fowls for our spring pens, and will be able to furnish eggs from excellent strains of the following breeds,—White Wyandottes, White Leghorns, Brown Leghorns, Mottled Auconas, Barred Rocks, Black Minorcas, Indian Runner ducks.

As we go to press the boys are in the act of felling one of Oakwood's landmarks,—the giant oak near the kitchen. It was becoming unsafe.

Ellisville, Miss.

I HAVE been here at Ellisville since October, 1913. I have now over 40 students enrolled, with an average daily attendance of about 28.

During the week of prayer we were glad to have with us Elder A. C. Chatman. Tho it rained, we had several of my students and their parents to hear him.

I have been holding public meeting three times a week. Last Sabbath one stood up signifying that she wanted to put on the whole armor.

There are three who desire baptism as soon as possible.

Feb. 6, Elder Wiest and Brother Burke were with us. They gave some timely remarks on thoroughness. The students were much interested and benefitted.

P. J. JOHNSON.

New Orleans, La.

SUNDAY night Feb. 8, 1914, New Orleans colored church had a grand rally.

Our president, Elder Parmele, and conference secretary, Brother C. B. C., well were present to assist with the rally.

Elder Parmele had prepared a financial clock, also a drawing on a black-board to represent a church building under construction.

At 8 p. m. just as we closed our Young People's meeting, which was an interesting one and well attended, we started out to raise \$700, the amount needed to make up the \$1200 which the conference committee voted that we should have before we start to build the church.

After a few brief remarks from the president, Elder Parmele, stating the purpose of the drawing on the black-board and the financial clock, the writer was called on to assist in raising the \$700.00.

The plan for raising the money was a

novelty to the church, but all soon became interested. The different parts of the church, such as doors, windows, boards, etc. were priced at from \$1.00 to \$25.00 each.

While the church members are poor in this world's goods and have been lifting all they knew how, for several years to get a church building fund, all began to lift again with cash donations, and pledges even beyond their financial ability. In a very short time, we had raised about \$400.00 in cash and pledges leaving \$300.00 yet to be raised, but how are we going to get the \$300.00?—

The Lord only knows, as we have gone to our limit. But we have the promise of the Lord, that when we have done all that we can he will open the way for us to get the three-hundred dollars. Our conference office address is 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Savannah, Ga.

Most pleasurable and profitable at the Union Conference. The power of the Almighty over us is significantly proven on my trip to Mobile, Ala. The train was held up for over two hours by train bandits, who robbed the express coach, but harmed no one. For this deliverance I am grateful to God.

On my return to Savannah I found the church strong and hopeful as ever.

I immediately laid before them the recommendation of the Union Conference that the churches be organized into working bands. This was gladly received and the territory divided into thirteen districts, a district to each captain. Among these are three bands headed by ladies, also one juvenile band.

Speedily they began the work, and God went before them. As they chose the Master for the commander-in-chief, they easily found quarters in homes in the city where they can regularly meet.

Their first report was made last Sabbath, and it would have made the hearts of the brethren thrill to hear them.

J. W. MANNS.

Mississippi Campmeeting

THE Mississippi campmeeting will be held this year at Jackson, Miss., from July 23, to Aug. 2. Announcement is made thus early, that all may have ample time to prepare.