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Detroit, Mich.

THE year that has just closed has been one in which such rapid changes have taken place that one shudders as he attempts to contemplate them. But, in spite of all of these astounding changes, God's all powerful and conquering Message here and throughout the earth has moved forward with steady growth and development, even while contending with foes without and within.

The church has, by readings, preaching, selling and giving away literature, given many a chance to learn of the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Some have heeded the call of salvation and are awaiting baptism.

We have a good Sabbath school, well attended.

Missionary activity is being kept up by the Y. P. M. V. Society.

The Ladies Aid Society is in a healthy condition, and is striving to do a broader and a more useful work for the advancement of the cause.

The following is a financial showing of the church for the past year.

Tithes	\$431.42
Harvest Ingathering	120.05
Sabbath school	94.21
Miscellaneous	51.14
Sundry missions	23.55

Local

Church expenses	143.30
Several funds	19.51

While only about half of the members did anything at all on the harvest ingathering effort, yet the few that worked on it were able to get in an average of a little more than \$5.00. per member. The total per capita is a little more than \$38.00. per member.

We are far from being pleased with the little that was accomplished in this great city the past year. So by the grace and good hand of our God, much more must be done, this year, to extend the message here, even in the face of

seemingly *unsurmountable* circumstances and oppositions.

We are still greatly in need of a suitable place of worship, but, to secure such a place seems to be beyond possibility, except at a great outlay of means.

Any one desiring to contribute any amount to our church building fund here may send the same to the East Mich. Conf. Treas., *Holly, Mich.*

WM. H. GREEN.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

THREE more were added to our little church this month, making our membership fifteen. Each member has promised to win one soul to the message.

According to our year calendar, we watched the old year out and the new year in. Many of our neighbors asked us if we were going to keep watch meeting. We told them yes, and also at what time we expected to meet, and invited them to meet with us. They were very much surprised to know that at the going down of the sun the change took place and not at midnight, as the other churches have it. After the meeting, the members all met at the writer's home for a social entertainment that several of the sisters had prepared. Fruit and cake were served, after which songs were sung. One sister who knew not the message was among the singers and is now telling her friends that the Adventist are the true worshippers, and she has begun to keep the commandments of God.

The mission school work here is progressing nicely, about fifteen are coming to the school. We need a church and school building very much. Test., Vol. 6, page 100, says, "Whenever a company of believers are raised up, a house of worship should be built. Let not the workers leave the place without accomplishing this. In many places where

the message has been preached and souls have accepted it, they are in limited circumstances, and can do but little toward securing advantages that would give character to the work. 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."

Now we can not build unless you help us. Send all money to

E. M. GATES,

610 E. 17th. St., Pine Bluff, Ark.

Atlanta, Ga.

THE year 1914 has been the best in the history of the church, and work in Atlanta. We have reached and passed our twenty cents per member per week. The Lord has signally blessed us otherwise. Fourteen persons have united with the church by baptism, and there are now five candidates for baptism, while many others are deeply interested.

Our school is the best it has ever been both in members enrolled and tuition received, and souls are being converted, which is the best of all.

Financial report of the church for the year is as follows.—

Tithe	\$658.72
Annual offering	77.82
Colored work	27.75
Harvest Ingathering	109.38
Mid-summer offering	139.10
Religious Liberty	25.70
Sabbath school	225.69
Second Sabbath	47.55
Self denial week	48.04
Y. P. M. V. Society	26.13
Miscellaneous	13.01
Church expense	96.91
Needy poor	65.06
Home missionary work	47.59
Totals	\$1607.20

This shows a gain of \$449.92 over last year.

ANNA KNIGHT.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

As we witness the fulfilment of prophecy concerning the angry nations, and the efforts that are now being put forth by the Christian churches of the United States for a world's confederacy, we can say with Paul, "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for our salvation is nearer than when we believed."

Not knowing what the year 1915 will bring forth, we, the workers and members of Cumberland conference, have resolved that this shall be our banner year in the work of God for soul saving, realizing that soon we must give an account of our stewardship.

We are starting this year with Cary's motto,—

"Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God."

The Lord has greatly blessed us during the past, but we are expecting still greater blessings from him.

The work in Chattanooga is onward. Since the year began, three persons have been added to the church. Four persons gave their hearts to God and accepted the Sabbath.

The interest is good and the outlook encouraging. My wife has organized a Bible class for the children. She started with eight, and at present she has twenty-five who meet three times a week to study God's word. They take a deep interest in the work, and are glad when the time comes for them to assemble for service. We hope by this method to reach many of the parents thru the children, and at the same time instill into the hearts of the little ones the third angel's message.

We have started a fund to build us a place in which to worship. Property is very high here, and it is a heavy undertaking for us. So we earnestly appeal to our brethren and sisters in this union to help us. There are no good places available to rent where we can invite the public to come and hear the last warning message. In order to reach the thousands of colored people in this city, we must have a building.

Many of the better class of people, with whom we are laboring, are becoming interested in our work and are studying the message. Some of these, no doubt, will accept the truth, and we have no place where we can invite them to service.

Cumberland has a smaller constituen-

cy than any other conference in the union. Therefore we are appealing for help from every church, both white and colored.

May this appeal find a warm place in the hearts of all who read it, that each will respond with a donation for Chattanooga church No. 2.

W. E. STROTHER.

Wilmington, N. C.

MISSIONARY report of the Wilmington, N. C. church for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1914.

No. of members	100
No. reporting	88
Letters written	54
Letters received	42
Missionary visits	260
Bible readings	203
Periodical subscriptions	14
No. brot to service	21
Papers given away	347
Books sold	114
Books lent	46
No. invited to service	103
Tracts given away	116
Hours of Christian help work	169
Articles of clothing given away	66
No meals provided	272
Treatments given	6
Med. missionary visits	227
Foreign mission offerings	\$ 28.32
Home mission offerings	\$ 17.19
Offerings for local work	13.48

LOTTIE WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

Portsmouth, Va.

THE sister mentioned in last month's HERALD who was ordered to attend her trial at the Divine Baptist Church, accommodated them by attending their meeting.

Her case being brot before the church, she arose and asked for a clearer statement of the charges against her. Said she, "Your accusation seems to be general. Be more specific."

Presiding officer.—"Well, Sister—you know the rules and customs of the Baptist church."

Our sister.—"Can you not make it a little clearer?"

Presiding officer.—"Well, you are keeping Saturday for Sunday, and that is against our church."

She did not present the Sabbath at first, but dwelt on John 3:16, and brot to the hearts of her hearers that this is the one and greatest of all the principles

contained in the perfect law of God.

Interrupted by the congregation.—"We don't want any sermon. Answer if you are guilty, or not guilty."

Our sister.—"I am keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath of the Lord, and my purpose is to *keep it as long as I live.*"

Voices.—"Throw her out."

Two men arose and started toward her. One of the men said, "Yes, I will take hold of you and throw you out;" but he stood before her trembling.

They quietly left her sitting, and proceeded to another case of a member's allowing pool to be played on his premises. W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Newbern, N. C.

REPORT of Newbern Y. P. M. V. Society for year ending Dec. 31, 1914.

Letters written	168
Letters received	92
Missionary visits	1187
Bible readings	641
Periodical subscriptions	25
Papers sold	897
Papers given away	210
Books sold	114
Quilts made and sold	21
Books given away	76
Tracts given away	421
Hours Christian help work	1074
Articles of clothing given	264
Meals provided	878
Scripture cards given	15
Treatments given	142
Temperance pledge signers	71
Foreign mission offering	\$97.50
Home mission offering	10.35
Local work	58.23
Tithes	97.89
No. added to church	3

CHARLOTTE WEEKS.

Legal Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sixth annual meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, Incorporated, will be held at the North Nashville church school building, Twenty-third Avenue North, near Seifried Street, Nashville, Tennessee, at five p. m., Thursday, January 28, 1915.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of trustees and a Board of Counsellors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. N. HASKELL, *Chairman*.

A. J. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

Florida

THE work is progressing very encouragingly in the state of Florida for which we thank and praise the Lord. The laborers during 1914 spent their time among the churches already brot out, nevertheless more than two dozen new believers were brot into the ranks before the close of the year.

During the past year a new building was erected at Miami, and another one at Cocoanut Grove. The believers at Ocala made some additions to their building which adds much to the appearance of their church. The Palatka brethren and sisters purchased a new lot to which they desire to move their church building in the near future.

The camp meeting in October at Orlando was a very happy and helpful gathering, and the believers are still talking about the many good things they learned at the camp meeting. Some have already begun to lay aside camp meeting money for 1915.

Brother and Sister John A. White have recently joined our force of laborers to strengthen the hands of Elder J. S. Green on the east coast. The writer has been assigned to the west coast, and as soon as the weather and other conditions will permit, two tent efforts will be running at the same time, and, with the blessing of the Lord, it is hoped that several new bands of believers will be developed during the year 1915.

The mission schools in the state are now operating with most encouraging prospects before them. Miss Butler at Punta Gorda has a full school, and she has reported conversions already among her pupils. Miss Moore at Ocala is very happy in her school work. She is now planning something on the order of a Teacher and Parents' Association. This will enable her to influence the outsiders as she has never done before. Mr. C. C. Roberts has become settled in his school work at Jacksonville. It is gratifying to us to know that the Jacksonville school has planned to receive the large boys and girls in the future.

The financial report for the state of Florida shows a marked advance over the previous year in tithes and offerings. Our offerings to missions were not what we desired, but Florida has the pleasure of knowing that she fell no lower than to the second place on the union list. Only one other state did better in their

gifts to the regions beyond. We hope to do better in Florida in our offerings to missions. We can already see hopeful signs in the rising tide of our Sabbath school offerings.

Our faithful canvassers are meeting a measure of good success in their work. Sister Hattie Reed is handling our dollar books in Orange County, with headquarters at Orlando. Sisters E. B. Roman and Henrietta Jiles are working with our magazines in Seminola County, with headquarters at Sanford. Sister Roman has had remarkable success in a house to house canvass with the WATCHMAN among the white people of our cities.

Florida presented a most excellent missionary report for the first nine months of 1914, as follows,—

Number of churches	8
Membership of churches	151
Persons reporting	98
Churches holding miss. meetings	6
Churches holding 4th Sab. services	5
Letters written	289
Letters received	192
Missionary visits	482
Cottage meetings	330
Subscriptions for periodicals	69
Papers sold	352
Papers mailed or lent	453
Books sold	44
Books lent or given away	105
Tracts sold	37
Tracts lent or given away	3,906
Hours of Christian help work	239
Articles of clothing given away	154
No. meals provided	195
Treatments given	7
Signers to temperance pledge	8
Offerings to home missious	\$23.50

Remember the work in Florida.

M. C. STRACHAN.

Skipping Hard Things

SOME people have the habit of skipping everything that is difficult. This habit begins in childhood in school. Easy lessons are learned because they need no great effort. But when a hard one comes in the course, it is given a half-hearted trial.

When reading a story, the hard word is skipped over, not mastered. The habit thus allowed to start from childhood easily finds its way into all the life. The boy does the same in the playground. When the game needs no special exertion, he gets through it very fairly. When the game is hotly contested and

the victory can be only won by a struggle, he drops it. He does not have the persistence for a great effort.

The girl who lets her school lessons master her, who leaves the hard words unread and the hard problems unsolved, soon begins to allow other hard things to master her. The home tasks that are disagreeable, or that require special effort, she leaves unattempted, or to her sister.

And so at last the habit of doing only what is easy and pleasant, and skipping what is hard and disagreeable, pervades the whole life, with the result that nothing brave or noble is ever accomplished, and the person never rises to anything above the commonplace.

This habit of leaving and shirking hard things damages our character. The difficult things are in our way, not to stop us in our course, but to call out our strength and develop our energy. If we never have any but easy things to do, things that require no effort, we should never get strong. If we timidly give up whenever we come to something hard, we shall never outgrow childhood.

The Indians say that when a warrior slays a foe, the strength of the conquered man passes into the victor's arm. This is true of the difficulties and obstacles which we master. We get the strength of each victory into our own hearts.

The skipping of hard things, and leaving them behind, has a hurtful influence also on the future.

The lesson is:—Be thorough; go to the root of things. Anybody can conquer when the conflict is easy, when the opposition is feeble, and the enemy is cowardly. There is nothing noble or brave in doing what everyone else can do.—*Selected.*

Myself vs. Others

THERE is great danger of losing our right to the tree of life by watching too closely the actions of others. That is one of the devil's cleverest plans to deceive. When we turn our attention to some one else, we neglect the all important duty of watching ourselves. We cannot watch two persons at the same time and do justice to both. When the devil succeeds in turning our attention to the other person, he succeeds in putting us off our guard and

The Unfailing Promise of God.

God is not a man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent. None of His precious promises have failed. "A God of truth just and right is He." Abraham speaks to this end:—He was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform. "He staggered not at the promises of God thru unbelief; but was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform." Another speaks:—"For he remembered His holy promise." The Lord is not slack concerning His promise. The promises of God are as sure as God Himself. He can not fail; neither can His promises. God is bound by His promise. This gives his children confidence that they need not waver when they ask Him for anything, it will surely come.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might become partakers of the divine nature; having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Can you get anything greater than these exceeding great and precious promises contained in His word? God's word is full of them, and every one for His children. Accept them by faith. Doubt them not. Jesus said unto Mary when he was about to manifest His power in raising her brother:—"Said I not unto thee that if thou believest thou shouldst see the glory of God?" "These words come down to our day to the discouraged, and despondent, the sick, yea to every one.

If we doubt not we shall see the glory of God. Why should we doubt His promises? Listen:—"Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Positive statement! Do you believe?"

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Dothan, Ala.

MAN'S life is somewhat a history whose leaves are his days, its letters are mercy, and the title, "God Be Praised."

How much we ought to be thankful that we are still in the battle field of the Lord, hard at work for the salvation of souls! I read a few weeks ago in one of the leading newspapers of Alabama

that Lord Kitchener, one of England's military experts died, while supervising the English army in France. An entire history of his life is written up, and distributed over the world; and England, tho bereaved at the loss, has viewed retrospectively Kitchener's life and located him among the most zealous patriot soldiers, and generals of his country, because he died at his post of duty. While this is famous among worldly powers, how does Kitchener's fame match against some burdened men and women who are entrusted with the gospel of the kingdom; and thru all difficulties and dangers, must give it to a dying world? "Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." (1 Cor. 9, 25) May God help us to stretch every nerve to win souls, so that our earthly history may correspond with the heavenly.

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

Pine Bluff, Ark.

RECENTLY I spent a few days in Pine Bluff where our colored minister, E. M. Gates, has been at work. I found the work here in very good condition and quite a good interest manifested on the part of several to hear and understand the truth.

The work has been hard here, and Satan has done all he could to discourage and hinder, but at last the truth has triumphed, and Wednesday night, November 11, we organized a church of twelve members. All of these seemed to be well instructed and firm in the truth. I feel that we have there a live working church, and that it will not be long before there will be other members added. Others were ready and would have united with the church but they were out of town. Under the circumstances, it was thot best for them to unite later.

While there I had the privilege of visiting the mission school conducted by Sister Baker. As she was sick I found Sister Constantine teaching in her place that day. The school is growing rapidly and is wielding a good influence for the truth. I was sorry to find Sister Baker sick, but she expected to be at work again in a few days. In the rush of duties she had neglected to take proper care of her health. Let us pray that the work there may grow.—W. E. Baxter in *Southeastern Union Record*.

A New Sabbath School

ON Sabbath November 14, the Jefferson colored Sabbath school was organized. Officers and scholars number ten. We are glad for this nucleus, and by the help of the Lord we intend to build to it and have a strong school that will give prestige to our work in this place.

Sabbath, November 21, the new officers entered upon their duties, and altho new, they conducted the Sabbath school in quite an intelligent manner. The superintendent of the school, Mrs. T. E. Speed, is the wife of the colored doctor of this place.

We are planning to organize a church, in the near future thus putting the work in Marion county on a better basis. The past two weeks our work came before the public, thru the press, in the stand we took on the bringing back of the saloons to Jefferson. The writer submitted two articles against the iniquitous traffic.

Some opposition is shown us by the ministers of other denominations, but this we expect. Our business is to preach the word.

Remember our work at Jefferson as you pray.—M. G. Nunes in *Southwestern Union Record*.

Memphis, Tenn.

I SPENT three and one half months at Nashville with the Bible chautauqua campaign under Evangelist Sydney Scott's excellent instructions, then returned and reestablished my Bible classes which became dispersed during my absence. By divine assistance I have now some large classes under instruction, the largest with an attendance of from sixteen to twenty-five. Others from nine to thirteen at their meetings.

Those being instructed are seemingly much interested and I am hopeful that the Master will increase the flock here thru these readings. We have some energetic brothers and sisters here who now vow they are going to work as never before. They see the end approaching and realize the need of recruits for the Master's work.

Our great handicap is lack of a church building but we believe God will soon provide one for us.

On the whole the outlook here is bright.

H. E. ALSTON.

Which Fear*(Concluded)*

SIXTY-SIX times, the Lord, in his Word, enjoins his people to "fear not," and forty times to "be not afraid," and in the closing book of the Bible the "fearful" are classed among those who shall have their part in the lake of fire.

"For the thing that I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me." Job 3: 25. Fear invites imposition. It greatly weakens us for doing our heaven appointed work. When we approach a home or individual with fear, expecting to meet with a refusal, we unconsciously prepare the way for defeat. To be successful salesmen and efficient soul-winners, we must cultivate a confident spirit and a countenance that beams with the sunshine of the love of Jesus. "As in water, face answereth face, so the heart of man to man." Prov. 27: 19. Those whom we meet usually become a reflection of what we are. A soul overflowing with enthusiasm and joy in the service of God will kindle a warmth in the coldest heart. We should be balls of fire melting walls of ice.

A discouraged man is a defeated man. Even animals despise a coward; but everything and everybody makes way for and respects the person who dares to say, "I am what I am." There is scarcely a prejudice against anything if we are that thing strong enough. What we need is a deeper appreciation of the truth God has given us, and a deeper realization of our high calling as representatives of the government of heaven. The degree of earnestness and conviction in our hearts is disclosed in our voice and manner. The instant we speak we declare ourselves, and people's first estimate of us is not easily changed.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." It is a psychological law of our being that the condition of our mind has much to do with what we are. If we think we are a failure, that very attitude of the mind intimidates every cell and fiber of our body, and prevents us from entering into the duty before us with that enthusiasm and faith in God which would bring success.

It is said that Washington Irving was chosen as the speaker of the evening for a banquet. He at first refused;

but his friends, feeling that he was the man for the occasion, urged him to prepare a speech. He consented, but told several that he felt that he was not equal to the task, and feared that he would fail. The occasion came, and before a brilliant gathering Irving arose to speak. His audience was charmed with his gems of thought and fluent delivery; but fear of failure seized him, and he suddenly stopped, and, sitting down, whispered to a friend, "I told you I would fail and I did." It was not lack of ability, but fear—that caused the failure. He previously prepared to fail by depreciating his ability to do the thing. Similarly, the people who are constantly saying, "I can not sell books, or meet people in the capacity of a missionary," defeat the purposes of God for the use of their talents in the salvation of souls.

There are two steps which every Christian must take to make a success in representing his divine Master. He must first say, "I can of mine own self do nothing." Many take this step and go no farther. They thus become "idlers in the market-place," and are often a source of discouragement to others.

Activity is the law of life. A ship can be guided only while it is in motion. The Lord promises that "all the requisite talent, courage, faith, tact, and perseverance will come as we put the whole armor on." The Red Sea did not open till the children of Israel obeyed the command, "Go forward." The dread of meeting people will vanish from our lives as we forget self and enter heartily into the work to which the Lord is calling us. "The love of Jesus abiding in the heart will enable us to devise ways and means of gaining access to individuals and families."—*J. H. McEachern in Central Union Outlook.*

A Remarkable Negro

BISHOP Capers of Fayetteville, N. C., says: "But the most remarkable man in Fayetteville when I went there, and who died during my stay, was a negro by the name of Henry Evans. I say the most remarkable in view of his class; and I call him negro with unfeigned respect. He was of that race without any admixture of another. The name simply designates the race and it is vul-

gar to regard it with opprobrium. I have known and loved and honored not a few negroes in my life, who were probably as pure of heart as Evans, or anybody else. Such were my old friends, Castile Selby and John Boquet of Charleston, Will Campbell and Harry Myric of Wilmington, York Cohen of Savannah, and others I might name. These I might call remarkable for their goodness. But I use the word in a broader sense for Henry Evans, who was confessedly the father of the Methodist church, white and black, in Fayetteville, and the best preacher of his time in that quarter; and who was so remarkable as to have become the greatest curiosity of the town, insomuch that distinguished visitors hardly felt that they could pass a Sunday in Fayetteville without hearing him preach."—*From the Southern Workman.*

Appreciation

THE following extracts from letters give a good idea of the cheerfulness with which our subscribers are renewing.—Ed.

I have long neglected to send in my renewal to your little paper, and will now fulfil my duty along that line. I very much enjoy reading of the advancement of the work in the Southland. Many of the names of the laborers are familiar to me. I spent four years in the island of Barbados as a missionary, going over there at the time Elder Sweany went. I met Brother Dasent at Elder Sweany's house in Trinidad. I wish you success in your work.

Enclosed please find one dollar, I do not know how much I am behind, but your books will tell you.

Your sister in the Master's work,

Mrs. M. H. HONEYWELL.

I hope you will pardon me for my neglect to send in my renewal. I thank you for sending my paper altho I was behind. Enclosed find one dollar for renewal and to pay ahead as far as it will go.

Yours truly,

ADOLPH DALEGE.

I have enclosed a one dollar bill for the renewal to the GOSPEL HERALD. As long as time lasts, it will be paid for in advance.

I have this paper to come to me to keep posted up on the colored work. It has some very good articles in every issue.

AUSTIN STITZEL.

False Holy Ghost No. 5

Special Spiritual Signs

IN addition to the ordinary operation of the Spirit of God upon the sinner, and the recognized fruits of the Spirit, (Gal. 5: 22) our Saviour promised that special signs, special gifts, special power, would be bestowed by the baptism of the Spirit. Joel 2: 28, 29, Eze. 39: 29, Acts 1: 8, Jno. 14: 16-17, 26, 16: 7.

The special gifts that will be manifested are as follows. 1 Cor. 12: 1-13, 28, Eph. 4: 8, 11.

(a) WORDS OF WISDOM.—The whole doctrine of the gospel. 1 Cor. 2: 6-7, Eph. 3: 3-6.

(b) WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE.—Knowledge of former writings and revelations of Moses and the prophets. Hosea 4: 6, Mal. 2: 7 Dan. 1: 17, 5: 12, Jer. 3: 15, Rom. 15: 14.

(c) FAITH.—Special in degree and kind. For a special purpose. Matt. 17: 19, 20.

(d) GIFT OF HEALING.—Characteristic of the apostolic times. They needed this gift to attest the mission of the true preacher, and to prove the divine origin of Christianity. Jas. 5: 14, 15, Acts 5: 15, 16.

(e) WORKING OF MIRACLES.—By the exercise of supernatural and divine powers in men, wonders are wrought. Acts 5: 9-10, 6: 8.

The days of signs and wonders are not past. What a wonder it would be if some of us would be really discovered to be now possessed with a good humor! What a miracle if some of us would suddenly become patient under suffering and trial! Wonder? yes, wonder at the disciplined characters and sanctified tempers in the world today! Wonders? Miracles? They never escape the ranks of the faithful, the devout, the obedient.

(f) PROPHECY.—A most positive, strong, and sure teaching directed by God's Spirit in such a way as to appeal convincingly to the heart and understanding. Acts 11: 27-30.

(g) DISCERNING OF SPIRITS.—Distinguishing between the working of the divine and the human or the evil. Acts 8: 20-23, 1 Jno. 4: 1, Rev. 2: 1, 2.

(h) DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES.—Not meaningless babblings but languages which men speak, tongues wherein men are born. Acts 2: 4-6, 8, 10: 46.

(i) INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES.—Meaning given to what is spoken in an unfamiliar language. 1 Cor. 14: 27, 28.

(j) APOSTLES.—An apostle is more than a disciple or messenger. He is a special ambassador with special authority and representative power. Luke 6: 12, 13, Acts 15: 1-29.

(k) PROPHETS.—Those who by special gifts of inspiration gave warnings, directions, reproofs, corrections, and instructions. Amos 3: 7, Acts 13: 1, 21: 9.

(l) EVANGELISTS.—Christian agents who have no fixed charge, travelling with the gospel message, and preaching as occasion and opportunity afford. Acts 21: 8, 2 Tim. 4: 5.

(m) PASTORS AND TEACHERS.—Guardians of a local fold or flock. Jer. 3: 15, 10: 21, 12: 10, 11, 23: 1-4.

(n) GOVERNMENTS.—The Hebrew word is said to be derived from a word signifying a rope, and the proper significance of the word here used is, the steersman's art of guiding aright the vessel, God's church. Better speakers, organizers of various departments of the Lord's work. Heb. 13: 24, Titus 1: 5.

The placing of these extraordinary gifts in the earthly church reveals God's purpose, not only to promote his glory and extend his kingdom, but also to add something to the holiness, the happiness, and the usefulness of every true follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. God had in mind the edifying of his church.

M. C. STRACHAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Treatments given	6
Temperance pledge signers	8
No reporting	13
Offerings for missions	\$21.07

WM. D. DAVIS.

Young People's Column

That Bramble Bush

THE sun was down, the night was on,
All faded was the light of day.
Full slowly, for his light was gone,
The poet walked along his way.

With cautious foot, with careful tread,
With hands outstretched his path to find,
Which thru the brush and briars lead,
He stepped like one who had been blind.

The Bramble stood up, stiff and strong.
Stood tall and rank there in her place,
And as the Poet passed along,
She smote him fully in the face.

With mingled pain and sharp surprise
He felt the scratch of prickly thorn.
"T'is well," quoth he, "I saved my eyes
From being by the thorn bush torn."

With careful step, and eye alert,
With slackened speed and cautious tread,
Lest he should yet again be hurt,
By thorns past which his pathway lead,

He carefully and slowly walked,
And groped his way mid gathering shade.
As was his wont, he softly talked
And as he walked some rhymes he made.

I've written down for you to read,
Some of his words I heard him say.
T'will do no harm his word to heed,
A moment listen to his lay.

"The Bramble cannot help but be
A thorny bush, God made her so.
She stretched up tall and scratched at me;
Who past her spot had chanced to go.

"She did no less than we'd expect;
A bramble cannot think, or will.
Or, if she could, and so elect,
She's only a poor bramble still

"But often I have felt the hurt
Inflicted by my fellow man;
By those who might have been expert
In soothing pain on every hand.

"The bramble bush will soon be gone,
It's days of scratching soon be o'er,
The spot its roots now stand upon,
Shall soon that bramble know no more.

"So, man, who chooses still to be
A thorn, and only that has learned,
Shall, like the bramble, find that he
Shall soon be taken, too, and burned."

Now hearken, children; try to learn
The lesson hid in this for you.
Do not my story proudly spurn,
But keep the moral plain in view.

Our God would have all men be men,
Not briars and thorns in this dark world,
To scratch, and hurt, and tear, and then
From off the earth at last be hurled.

T. H. J.

MYSELF, VS. OTHERS

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at once fills our minds with dangerous suspicions.

Then he gives us a magnifying glass thru which to look at the object of our distrust. Every time we look, the thing grows larger, until the dark that becomes an established fact with us. The adversary then has us at a place where he can handle us successfully.

The sin of suspicion grows on us so gradually that it becomes a sin unconfessed. The devil has blinded our eyes to our real condition and succeeded in making us think that it is our Christian duty to watch others. This sin is hateful in the sight of God.

"My soul, be on thy guard.

Ten thousand foes arise,

The hosts of sin are pressing hard

To draw thee from the skies."

MARY MILES.

Southern Union Mission

ADVANCEMENT has been made along evangelical lines in the Southern Union Mission during the past year. Orders for nearly \$8000 worth of books have been taken by our colored colporters.

Efforts are being made to revive the school work throughout the mission. Changed modes of operation necessitate a slight change in our primary school work; however, strenuous efforts are being made to foster and reestablish schools wherever conditions warrant.

Our evangelical efforts have been crowned with success in all the local missions. Nine tent efforts were held during the past summer and fall; all were successful. One hundred eighty-four accessions resulted. The running expenses of the efforts were largely met by the congregations in collections.

In the Louisiana mission, the work is moving on in the right direction. In New Orleans a beautiful pebble-dash chapel has been erected and seated with excellent opera pews. A church school is now being conducted in the basement. Evangelical tent efforts are contemplated in several cities during 1915. Shreveport will be the first to be entered.

In Mississippi a successful effort was conducted at Greenville. It is reported that thirty accepted the message from this effort. At Jackson a few were added to the church thru the Bible work

and campmeeting. On the whole, 1914 was a banner year in many respects for this mission.

In Alabama, two efforts were conducted profitably, one at Bessemer, a suburb of Birmingham, the other at Mobile. These efforts added thirty souls to the truth. A church school is being conducted at Birmingham with success. This mission has upwards of 230 members.

In Tennessee, two efforts were held last summer, both at Nashville; one being conducted near Fisk University. About forty were won to the church. A new church location, six blocks from Fisk, has been purchased at a cost of \$3000. The lot 80x160, is at corner 12th Ave. and Harding Street.

This building is well situated, provided with gas and electricity, has an excellent furnace in the basement, and a large bell in the cupola. The main auditorium is 30x60; also, forming a "T" with it, there are two other rooms, each 18x22, and separated by large folding doors. In the event of an overflow of audience, these rooms with two others in front will provide seating capacity for five hundred persons.

In Kentucky, during the past year, the work has developed wonderfully. A few years ago the work in this mission ranked least, but last year there has been a rapid rise of membership. In the city of Bowling Green an earnest effort was conducted by Brethren A. Osterman and Freddie Keitts. Eight were added to the truth. Elder J. H. Lawrence, who has been in Louisville four years, conducted a banner effort last year, and as a result, 65 have been added to the church since January, 1914. The brethren in Louisville, who had been meeting many times in very inconvenient places, are now sheltered in a modern brick edifice located in an enterprising colored district near two car lines. The chapel is provided with opera pews, new reed instrument, choir gallery, and four class rooms attached to the building in the rear. The interior decorations, such as painting, drapery work, stenciling effects, electric wiring, etc., are all appropriate and tasteful. All the work, within and without, was done by members of the church.

In this union mission over \$10,000 has been expended in church properties during 1914. The buildings in New

Orleans, Nashville, Huntsville and Louisville, which were completed last year, are a credit to our denominational efforts in the Southland.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

Obituaries

ALGERS

SISTER Susie Algiers departed this life Dec. 12, age 84 years. She was connected with the Memphis church since 1905. She died rejoicing in the third angel's message. We hope to meet her at the sounding of the last trumpet.

H. E. ALSTON.

JENNISON

SISTER Ida Jennison was born in Jackson, Miss. May 21, 1865, and fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 13, 1914.

She was baptized and united with the Jackson S. D. A. church Sept., 1909. She was deprived of sight for 19 years. She was ever ready to try to help others to see. Tho she could not see to give Bible readings, she would go and have the party read to her while she called out the different chapters. Not satisfied with this, she began selling the WATCHMAN and other magazines in 1910. Still thinking she could do more, she took up regular canvassing work in 1911. She worked with BIBLE FOOTLIGHTS and continued to sell magazines. She visited towns and villages where she was not known, all alone. She would say, when asked how she could sell books, being blind, "The Lord helps me, he always sends some one to meet me when I arrive at a place, and takes care of me until I leave." This greatly strengthened and encouraged her to work, and she worked until she was seized by the dreaded disease, consumption.

She was a patient and cheerful sufferer until the end came. She would tell others to trust God for all things and would say how good it is to pray before getting sick. She never complained. She was faithful and courageous to the end, and died in full triumph of faith.

One daughter, two brothers, the Jackson S. D. A. church, and a host of friends mourn her loss. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder A. C. Chatman, from Isa. 48: 10, 11.

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Note and Comment

DURING the closing days of 1914, Oakwood was favored by visits from Elders I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, C. W. Flaize, J. J. Ireland, and Prof. Frederick Griggs. These brethren were making a tour of the South, visiting institutions. We appreciated much their presence and counsel.

The paragraph in the December GOSPEL HERALD mentioning the night of play, should have read New year, instead of Christmas. On Christmas eve, the brethren mentioned in the preceding item spoke to the school.

Brother Reuben Roberts of the Alabama mission, one of our ex-students, and now of Bessemer, Ala., was a caller at the school a few days last month. Brother Roberts has been assisting in the evangelical effort at Bessemer.

We have also been favored with calls from Elder T. B. Buckner of New Orleans, La., and Elder J. G. Dasent of Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Harold Harris of Fairland, Ind., is visiting his brother, Prof. C. J. Harris of the Oakwood School.

In the "lock up" of pages 11 and 14 of this issue, the two pages were accidentally transposed. The mistake was not discovered until the form was nearly all run. The best that we can do is to confess our fault and try to be more careful in the future. "Eternal vigilance" is the price of not making mistakes, and in spite of all the best of hu-

man efforts, the work of man is imperfect. While we are striving for perfection, how cheering it is to remember that human frailties are covered by the perfect strength and beauty of the Christ life.

Oakwood Rug Department is now prepared to weave your rugs or carpets. Our weaver asks us to say that fine rags make nicer and better rugs than coarse ones. If heavy fabric is desired, it should be remembered that fine rags will make up heavy if properly worked, and make much better and nicer goods. Heavy cloth, like overcoats and similar heavy garments, never make good carpet, no matter how fine they are cut. Write us your needs and we will be glad to give all needed information.

We hope our readers will not fail to look at the wrapper on the GOSPEL HERALD. It tells what time your subscription is paid to. We are certain that many want the little paper to continue to visit the home, but forget from time to time that subscriptions lapse, and that the man whose name was Pay Dup last year, may become De Linquent this year. We recognize the right of people to cease their patronage if they so choose. We do not wish to force our paper on any one. But we do not wish to lose one reader who wants to continue with us. Now, just now while you think of it, go and send in the renewal. No charge for the advice.

Our printer boys have just finished a new edition of the little tract "I Believe." The tract is just the size to slip into an envelope without extra postage. It gives a brief scriptural reason for the principal features of our faith. Price 20 for 10 cents, or 35 cents per 100, post paid.

The calendar number of the OAKWOOD BULLETIN will soon be off the press and will be sent free on application. Address OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL, Huntsville, Ala.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

WE have a good school here and the hearts of the people are in the work. They seem to be glad to have the school. They prove it by their patronage. I opened my school Oct. 5 with sixteen children. Now I have forty. We need a larger place.

We have many poor children whose clothes are thin, and would be glad

for anything you can give us. In addition, we have a mission Sunday school, and would be glad to get back numbers of literature.

Above all, we need your prayer that some souls may be converted. Help us to save these boys and girls.

L. J. EASTERLING.

Corsicana, Tex.

REPORT of Missionary work of Corsicana Missionary Society for quarter ending December 31, 1914.

No. missionary visits	19
Hours of Christian help work	8
No. of sick persons visited	3
No. treatments given	5
Articles of clothing given	8
Value of literature given	.30
Value of literature sold	\$9.00
Bible readings held	1
Children brot to Sab. school	1
Missionary letters written	4
Missionary letters received	4
No. meals provided	3

IDA MCGREW, *Secretary.*

Sanctified Snap

IT takes sanctified snap to make it go when the weather's dry and the crops won't grow; and when it is cold and the air is chill, with mud in the valley and snow on the hill. You'll stand in need of the same snap still when you meet many who won't, and few who will. You'll need of sanctified snap a goodly store as you trudge, day after day, from door to door. And this snap doesn't win by merely resolving; one must get down to work and do some hard delving. There's snap and there's snap galore in the land, and business energy, too, seen on every hand; but the snap that we want is deep love for men, and wisdom from God to know how, where, and when. It won't do to snarl, and snap like a trap, and fancied delinquents over the knuckles to rap. But the snap that we want makes us quite quick to see, and keeps us as busy as busy can be. It doesn't, of course, mean the snap that's much sought by some who tho living, show signs of dry rot. It means steady plodding and putting in time, ever stepping up manfully, keeping in line. This snap means devotion to God and to man, is means keeping at it, ever saying, I can.—C. P. Bollman in *South-ern Union Worker.*