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Chattanooga, Tenn.

I SPENT Sabbath March 13, with the colored church in Chattanooga. It was a beautiful day and there was a good attendance. The little hall was crowded with earnest worshippers. The Sabbath school exercises were interesting and impressive. The missionary idea was kept prominently before the school. This is as it should be. A church or Sabbath-school that is not filled with the missionary spirit will soon die. Without missions, the church would be like a locomotive without wheels or a bird without wings. The general activity and usefulness of the church is measured by the interest it takes in the spreading of the gospel message beyond its immediate borders. A clock is used to register the donations.

I spoke on the subject of the Christian's hope which is realized at the glorious appearing of the Lord, and called attention to the many increasing signs which show the event to be much nearer than when we first believed. One feature about the truth is, that with the unfolding of it, every point is strengthened; and so our faith is advanced from one degree to another, "from faith to faith." It would seem that God does everything possible, not only to encourage those who believe to greater confidence and activity, but also to make the light so plain that even the unbeliever must be constrained to say, surely this message is from God, for it is God's word at work before our eyes.

The church came together at two o'clock in the afternoon, and we enjoyed a splendid program by the Young People's Society. Appropriate pieces were recited by the children. A short Bible reading on the plan of redemption was given by sister Clarke. It was full of good things.

This company is very much in need of a church home. They meet in a little close hall which is uncomfortable.

Would you like to help them? If so, send your donations to the Cumberland Conference office. It will be appreciated.
C. B. STEPHENSON.

Only Sabbath Keepers in Heaven

OFTEN, in giving a reading on the Sabbath question, as soon as it is shown that God will admit no people into the kingdom except they have previously kept every commandment in the decalogue, the Sabbath included, (Eccl. 12:13, James 2:10, Rev. 22:24) the question will arise,—

"What will be the fate of those living up to all the light of their time, and dying without light on the Sabbath?"

God winked at or excused the ignorance of those so dying, (Acts 17:30) yet this act of divine clemency is never applicable to those who received light on the Sabbath and rejected the same. Heb. 10:26.

But they cannot enter the city of the great King except they keep the Sabbath.

"How then can they keep the Sabbath before entering heaven, seeing that Christ resurrects his people in a moment, (1 Thess 15:51) and takes them directly to heaven with him?" John 14:3.

With God nothing is impossible, (Luke 1:37) and he has provided a way. Jer. 32:27.

The half-hour referred to in Rev. 8:1, is prophetic, and means more than thirty minutes, ordinary time. Ezek. 4:6, shows that a prophetic day equals one Jewish year or 360 common days.

Since a prophetic day equals 1 year or 360 common days and there are 24 hours to a day, one prophetic hour must be 1/24 of 360 days or 15 days and since 1 hour equals 15 days, 1/2 prophetic hour will be 1/2 of 15 days or 7 1/2 days.

This silence is occasioned by the departure and absence from heaven by all

of its inhabitants for the period above specified, seeing that when the Son returns for his people (John 14:3) He is accompanied by the Father and all the holy angels. Luke 9:26.

In every weekly cycle of seven days there comes a Sabbath, and as heaven will be vacated for over seven days, a Sabbath will necessarily overtake this mighty concourse of heavenly beings and redeemed ones on the way, and the Son and all the holy angels in obedience to Jehovah's ever blessed commands will then and there keep holy the Sabbath day, (Ex. 20:8) and participating in this holy day of rest will be all of the redeemed ones, including those who died without receiving light on the Sabbath.

Thus it can be seen that tho they died ignorant, and God winked at their ignorance, they will have kept a Sabbath before entering heaven, making it possible for God to say of all that mighty throng "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in thru the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14.

H. E. ALSTON.

Knoxville, Tenn.

MISSIONARY report of Young People's Society for month ending February 28 1915.

Letters written	13
Letters received	4
Missionary visits	22
Bible readings	5
Papers sold	79
Papers given away	24
Books lent	3
Tracts sold	30
Tracts given away	4
Hours of Christian help work	17
Articles of clothing given away	4
Off. for Foreign Missions	\$4.30
Off. for Home Missions	\$3.70

HELIER GEMON.—Secretary.

Alabama

THO many work shops and other places of business are closed, many people are out of employment, and money very scarce, and despite the gloom brot about by prevailing conditions, our workers are full of courage.

Oakwood

On my way back from the bookmen's convention held in Nashville, Tenn. early in January, in company with Elder T. B. Buckner of New Orleans La., I visited Oakwood. The students were in good spirits, and many were eager for the time to come when they could enter the field and have a part in the closing work. It would be well if parents would visit Oakwood. They would be pleased I know. I spoke to the students one evening on the European War, as a Sign of the End."

Huntsville

From Oakwood. I visited Huntsville. Here I found Brother and Sister C. A. Wilson of good courage. He reported recent additions to the church. An opportunity was given me to speak at the chapel the evening of Monday, Jan. 4.

Montgomery

At Montgomery we laid plans for the further development and extension of the Home Missionary work. The Missionary Band have planned to do their best in warning souls of the soon coming Saviour.

Bessemer

The company in Bessemer is the result of a tent effort held in that city last year. Brother Reuben Roberts is in charge of the company. I found him hard at work. I made several visits and spoke twice to the believers.

Birmingham

I was in Birmingham when Elder Sydney Scott arrived. We met with the Birmingham church Sabbath, Feb. 6. Elder Scott occupied the pulpit in the morning discourse. After the sermon, Brother Peevey was ordained as church elder and four new members were received into the church. After a baptismal service the evening was spent in considering Home Missionary work. The members were filled with fresh courage. The home work was revived and a leader elected.

Sylacauga

Seven have recently been added to the church at this place. I spoke twice to the church; at the last meeting, I ordain-

ed two brethren to the office of elder and deacon.

Pensacola

Here I held meetings for a week. There is a strong church at this place. For quite a while it has been without a minister but has had the labors of Sister S. McAllister the Bible worker. Sabbath, Feb. 13, will be long remembered by our people here. "Tithes and Offerings" was the subject at the morning services. During the study, hearts were softened, confessions were made, and we were all blessed. At the close of the sermon six adults, the result of Brother and Sister McAllister's labors, were received as members and were baptized. The following morning Brother Johnson was ordained as elder. In the afternoon the Home Missionary Work was taken up and discussed. Quarterly meeting was held also.

Mobile

I found many of our members sick, but their faith was strong. Brother and Sister Miller were of good courage. I made a number of visits, spoke once at the hall, and on Tuesday, Feb. 23, I returned to Montgomery to prepare for the canvasser's institute.

Canvassers' Institute

The annual institute for colored canvassers was held at Montgomery second S. D. A. church March 1-8. Brother J. W. Davis, field agent of the Southern Union Mission, assisted by Brother M. L. Wilson, state agent, and the writer, were the instructors. The attendance was not as large as expected but we were glad to be with the few who met. During the past year, two of these workers left the field for school, and two others for Home Missionary endeavors. Altho these workers passed thru very trying times last year, they were full of courage and anxious to return to their respective field of labors. The keynote of their testimony was the speedy finishing of the work.

We were pleased to have Elder A. J. Miller and Brother O. R. Godsmark with us during the institute. Their assistance was very helpful.

Social

Sabbath afternoon of institute week a canvassers symposium took the place of the young people's meeting. A very enjoyable program was rendered.

After a dinner given in honor of the canvassers Sunday afternoon at the par-

sonage, the Missionary Band of West Montgomery rendered a musical program in which the canvassers figured conspicuously. The Home missionary Society, the East Side Band and Young People's Society, were represented by Sisters Young, Frazer, and Miss Juliet Frazer. After an enjoyable program which consisted of solos, recitations, instrumental duets, speeches, and choruses, refreshment was served. After the singing of "God be with you 'till we meet again," the entertainment was brot to a close.

J. G. DASENT.

Pine Bluff, Ark.

WE thank our dear brethren and sisters very much for the help sent us during last month, to help in building a church for the colored people in this place. We received \$5.00 from a sister in Coats, Kansas, and \$5.00 from a sister in Jones, Okla. They desire that their names be not mentioned.

There is much excitement at present. Several notices have been tacked to the gates of the colored people's homes, ordering them to leave Pine Bluff, or they will be killed. Another warning came out saying for all the negroes to leave. Many of the colored people in Arkansas have been driven from one place to another in the last six months, but the Adventist people are praying and working right on as if nothing had happened. Colored people are given only two weeks in which to get out of town. Some few have heeded the warning. We know not what will take place here in a few days, so we ask our dear brethren and sisters in other parts of the field to pray for us. We hope to start to build our church very soon.

E. M. GATES.

A Few Choice Clusters from the Vine of God's Promises

A new heart will I give them, (Eze. 36:26.)
 New Spirit put within, (Ps. 51:10.)
 From all uncleanness save them, (Eze. 36:29.)
 From every taint of sin.
 From idols will I cleanse them, (Eze. 36:35.)
 Their corn will I increase, (Eze. 36:29.)
 No famine shall attend them, (Eze. 36:29.)
 But I will give them peace. (Isa. 57:19.)

I'll surely gather Jacob home,
 No more shall Israel lonely roam. (Mi. 2:12.)
 Lo I will get them praise and fame, (Zeph. 3:19.)
 In lands where they've been put to shame.

T. H. J.

Talks to My Students

Shamed or Warned

EACH one is to decide for himself which it is to be. The words, written originally to the brethren of Corinth, (1 Cor. 4:14,) come sounding down the ages to us. Paul did not wish them to be shamed but warned.

But one or the other must be. We may refuse to be warned, but if so, the alternative is upon us, and we must eventually be shamed. It lies now in our power, as to which it shall be. We may now choose the warning to the final exclusion of the shaming, or we may turn a deaf ear to the merciful admonition offered, and at last be among the number who, like Adam, find themselves destitute of a covering and hide from the presence of God.

A warning implies two things,—a danger and an ignorance of it on the part of the one warned. No one who sees a snare walks deliberately into it. "The net is spread in vain in the sight of any bird," But our enemy is much too wise to attempt any such unskilful work. His plans are hidden, covered, unsuspected.

Had he said to Eve, "I am the devil, I am seeking your destruction, come disobey and thereby bring sorrow, sin, and death," she would no doubt have recoiled with horror and fled in haste to safety.

The devil is just as smart now as he was six-thousand years ago. He deploys his forces no less skilfully now than then. Warnings are yet needed, and if not heeded, shame is the sure result.

A few days ago, one of our girls told with much show of mental disturbance of how she had seen a man at a lonely place in the path. He had followed her she thot. She showed by her manner that, to her, there had seemed danger.

But while a "man" in a lonely spot in the road may be a menace to the safety of some timid person, such a thing is not by any means the greatest danger that can possibly beset that maiden. While there is one case of a highwayman attacking a defenseless person, there are hundreds of instances of some polished fiend finding his way into the homes and parlors, and there working his devilish plans to his satisfaction, and to the everlasting shame and contempt of some too trusting one, who could not be persuaded that there was danger; and therefore refused to be warned.

O girls, be warned ere you be shamed!

Do not, I counsel you, permit any familiarity that you would not be willing for your mother to know about. Do not hear any words you would blush to repeat to her.

Be sure that your teachers here at school are just as safe counselors as you can find, aside from your own parents. Open your hearts to those who have shown that they care for your souls. Be very slow to go in the way of those who lightly regard proper discipline, however friendly they may appear to you, or what ever charms they may possess. Such an one may be plotting your shame and destruction. Be warned and you need not be shamed.

Boys, do not suppose that your superior physical strength can render you immune from the dangers that threaten. There may not be so much danger to you from a lurking highwayman, but the devil whom you can *not* see, and who hates you with an intensity commensurate with his superior power, is planning and plotting for your soul.

A close friendship with one who has not the love of God in the heart is one of his snares by which he captures many an unsuspecting boy, and entangles him in a social web that means either a complete loss of spiritual interest, or a life of sorrow and vexation.

That charming young girl who smiles so entrancingly upon you, if she have not the fear of God, can develop into a scolding virago, who can render your life a galling bondage, and one, too, from which there is no honorable release. She who speaks soft, pleasant words so charmingly, and whom you fondly imagined to be the embodiment of every lovely attribute, will prove to be a clog who not only will not bring you the comfort, satisfaction, and happiness of which you dream, but who will be a constant bar to your advancement.

Be warned, that you be not shamed.

Man or Mule

When David advised us in Psalm 32 not to be like the horse or the mule, he must have been having some experience with some person who was showing forth some of the qualities of these beasts of burden.

The Psalmist does not intimate that these animals are not good beasts, but only admonishes men not to be mules.

Notice the mule's characteristics.

1. He is unreasoning. When once the mule decides to do, or not to do, no amount of logic can move him; for he is incapable of reason. Don't be a mule.

2. He is satisfied with creature comforts. Plenty of grass and grain is his highest ideal. He cares nought for intellectual progress or spiritual culture. He has no ambitions that are not met by his master's crib and barn. Don't be a mule.

3. When his will is crossed he has but one thing to do,—he kicks. It is his whole stock in trade—his repertoire—he kicks. He does not reason, nor argue, he does not plan a counter-campaign, he kicks—just kicks. Don't be a mule.

4. He works for his master with no desire to change masters, for he doesn't know that some masters are better than others. He is only a mule and doesn't know. How sad to see human beings who should be so much smarter, working for their master the devil when they might, by exercising their powers, be absolutely free. Don't be a mule.

5. The mule dies at last and has the mule's burial. See Jer. 22:19. He has lived the mule's life. His usefulness is past, none care for him more. When men choose the low-born life of mere animal existence, they get only the rewards that come to all brute creation.

My purpose, dear boys and girls, is to rouse in you a great desire to be and do more than these faithful but limited beasts of burden. You have capabilities of no mean order. These are given you to be improved. You are to cultivate them. You are to be ambitious. Set your mark high. A mere vegetative life, an animal existence, will do for mules, but should not satisfy you.

It lies within your own power to choose whether you shall be men or be mules. Be all the Lord has made possible for you.

Be men. Don't be mules.

T. H. J.

Huntsville, Ala.

THE young members of the Huntsville church are being abundantly blessed in the beginning of the year 1915. There is so much interest aroused among the people that we cannot get to them as fast as they wish. We are engaged in Bible work every night in the week except Saturday night, giving Bible readings.

Mrs. C. POWERS.

Young People's Column

The Jug and Tin

An oyster tin, with top bent in,
And rusty all around,
Lay in a ditch, not far from which
A broken jug was found.

Now as the jug lay close and snug
And gazed out on the scene,
He spied the tin with top bent in,—
'Twas but a step between.

With manner gruff, and words full rough
The jug spoke up and said,
'You useless tin, how came you in
This ditch here by my head?'

'I own this land on which I stand
And all that lies about.
Do not stay, sir, get away sir!
Come, hurry up, get out!

The oyster tin with top bent in,
Looked up and feebly smiled.
'Please let me stay another day,'
He said in accents mild.

'Please sir,' said he, 'Please let me be
Here in the ditch by you.
I would not know which way to go,
Nor how to act nor do.'

The jug replied with pomp and pride,
'You cannot stay by me;
I'd be disgraced to have you placed
So near, where folks can see.'

The oyster tin with top bent in
Smiled still, but did not go.
The jug rolled round upon the ground
And tumbled to and fro.

And tho he raged, tho war he waged,
And stormed from where he stood,
All his abuse was little use,
It did but little good.

I cannot tell what all befell
The bent top oyster tin,
But this I know,—he did not go,
But staid as he had been.

The Poet passed. Tho going fast,
He paused and looked around.
'Tis plain, said he, for all to see
The moral to be found.

'The garbage man will get the can,
The jug he'll take along.
They'll both go plump into the dump,
Just where they both belong.

'For every thing at last will bring
Its value in the earth,
Or jug, or tin,—they both go in
For near their actual worth.

'And tho the jug is smooth and snug,
And does not show his crack,
Tis plain to see, (tho proud is he)
He'll always have his lack.

'He tries to be thot wise, tho he
Is neither wise nor strong.
But at the last he's surely classed
About where he belongs.

'How like a man, this oyster can,
How like a jug some others!
For some will fuss and scramble thus
With neighbors or with brothers.

'And one will smile, serene, the while,—
You'll think you've scared him to it.
But wait a while; for, tho he smile,
He really will not do it.

'When all is past, all men at last
Will get their proper rating.
So let's keep sweet, our trials to meet,
And smile while we are waiting.'

T. H. J.

Colportering in Kansas

SINCE coming to my old home state,
I have been able to get out a few of
God's messengers among my relatives
and friends.

Many thanks to those who are so
kind as to send me scores of papers,
magazines, and tracts. I have used
them with much prayer.

I could use to good advantage whole
bunches of tracts, especially "Apples
of Gold" series. I have a mailing list
of from fifty to seventy-five to whom I
wish I could send one up-to-date copy
each month. These persons are among
the best class of our race in this state.
Remember that the literature will reach
many more than our preachers can reach,
and where it is heeded it will do much
good, and bring back more means and
money. If any of the readers feel im-
pressed to help the colored work, a club
of the SIGNS, WATCHMAN, LIFE AND
HEALTH sent to me at 402 North Mon-
roe Street, Hutchinson, Kans., would be
greatly appreciated.

We are planning to have a special
tent effort in Hutchinson this tent sea-
son, and at this moment I ought to be dis-
tributing one thousand tracts on the
various points of our message, so that
the ground will be tilled when the com-
pany of colored workers arrive to begin
work. We want to raise up in Hutch-
inson one of the best colored Seventh-
day Adventist churches in the state.
The material is here, if we are only wise
enough, under God, to gather the
sheaves.

I am away from my family, who are
in Pueblo, Colo., 1502 East 13th Street.
Any kindness that the Lord may im-
press you to show will be appreciated.
It is only as you assist me in the good

work that I can succeed. I am self-sup-
porting, and need your special prayers.
My wife would be glad to hear from any
of our Kansas sisters.

Below is a report of the papers I have
given away since camp meeting:—

Reviews	340
Signs (sold part of them)	450
Life and Health	45
Youth's Instructor	165
Little Friend	5
Liberty	100
Protestant Magazine (sold)	75
Bible Training School	30
Bible Talks & Cottage Meetings	35
"Past, Present, & Future" (sold)	25
"Bible Readings" (sold)	25
Home Workers' Books	30

I also addressed the Baptist young
people ten times, and distributed one
seven dollar and a one dollar package of
tracts.—*W. S. North in Central Union
Outlook.*

God's Ways and Thots, not Ours

THE contrast between our Heavenly
Father's way and our own is brot to
view in Isa. 55: 8, 9. True, as the
preceeding verse mentions, we were all
as an unclean thing until Jesus was al-
lowed to have his way with us. Then
our ways and thots were established.
Yet even now, our ways are not God's.
The prophet Jeremiah says, "O Lord,
I know that the way of man is not in
himself: it is not in man that walketh
to direct his steps."

If we were going to direct ourselves
or were capable of doing so, why have
such a mighty Helper? When the indi-
vidual surrenders to the full control of
the Holy Spirit, then he is used by God,
and not the individual himself. It is
His good pleasure that He designs to
work out thru us.

God thru his Holy Spirit will accom-
plish this great work if we give him a
chance. We need not fret nor worry
about being used; just surrender and
see the salvation of God. He will work
a mighty work in these closing days of
earth's history if all our selfishness is
put away. The Spirit will give us utter-
ance as was manifested on the day of
Pentecost.

There will be many times when we
may not know all of God's leadings,
but as was told his ancient worthy,
"Get out from thy kindred unto a land
that I will show thee, and he went out

not knowing whither he went. He obeyed, then he saw. We will not at all times have that full realization of his leadings, but we will move in fear and by faith. Noah did not see all, but moved by faith.

When Jesus came to Peter to wash his feet, Peter questioned, "Dost thou wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." The wise man adds, "Man's goings are of the Lord, how can man then understand his own way. The preparation of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord."

The Lord asked Moses, "Who made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say."

Individuals surrendered themselves, laid aside their differences, their misunderstandings, criticism, backbiting, faultfinding, hatred, envy, and every thing unlike the Master. Then, and not until then, could he manifest before that people that Jehovah rules.

We are only vessels for God's filling and for his using. God desires his Spirit to have full control of us so that he can use us to his glory. Self must be surrendered fully.

He told Philip to go down to Gaza. Jesus knew all about the work that he had for Philip to do.

God is capable of directing his work. He will use us if we surrender fully.

Then a mighty power will attend every effort. We may expect great things from the Lord as his servant has said. Yes, indeed! our God will work thru empty vessels, and will fill us with his Spirit. Will we allow him to fill and use us this year?

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Abraham's Children

THE ability to determine parentage is well worth while. By this, many a hard problem has been solved.

Sometimes, the love of the parent is the test as in the case of the two women who came with the same child, and whose case was decided by king Solomon. 1 Kings 3: 16-28.

Sometimes it is the likeness of the child to the parent.

Sometimes, and most frequently, the true child or the true parent is discover-

ed by noticing the characteristics of the child.

There remains a rule which is infallible, one which the Saviour employed. To the Jews who said "We have Abraham for our father," he replied, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the deeds of Abraham." Jno. 8: 39. To make his meaning clear, he said, "But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth. This did not Abraham." Jno. 8: 40.

From the above, it can be clearly seen they were relying on their fleshly descent, while manifestly, Christ was speaking of spiritual, eternal descent.

If we concede the contention of the Jews, that salvation belongs to them because of their ancestry, we must also admit that salvation is vouchsafed to Ishmael's descendants. By this same parity of reasoning, the offspring of Abraham by Keturah, his second wife, could lay claim to salvation.

But God himself has given the rule by which every man who puts forth the claim to be an heir of Abraham, must be measured. To be Abraham's seed, one must be a child of the promise. Rom. 9: 8. That is, one must be a child of faith. Gal. 3: 7. He must be full of faith—for Abraham is the father of the faithful. Rom. 4: 16. Faith is composed of belief and willingness to obey.

Abraham believed God, and therefore became his friend. The Jews of Christ's day disbelieved God, and therefore became his enemies—sought to take His life.

1. The children of Abraham love the God of Abraham for he was a friend of God.

2. They will keep the commandments of God, for this was a characteristic of Abraham, their great ancestor. Gen. 26: 5.

3. They will esteem others better than themselves, (Phil. 2: 3) for Abraham esteemed his nephew better than himself in the matter of choosing the grazing grounds of Sidim. Gen. 13: 5, 13.

4. They will willingly entertain strangers, (Heb. 13: 1) for this Abraham did. Gen. 18.

5. They will think no sacrifice too great when God calls, for, like God who gave his only begotten, Abraham offered the only son of promise. Gen. 22.

6. Last, but by no means least, the children of Abraham will, like him, sojourn in this world as in a strange land,

and look for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11: 9, 10.

Jesus is coming again, and unto those that look for him will he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation, (Heb. 9: 28) to gather Abraham's seed. And, if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3: 29. Let us choose to be true children of Abraham.

N. W. OLVIN.

Kansas

DURING the past year the Lord has greatly blessed our work by the addition of new members to the churches and by strengthening them along spiritual and financial lines. However, there is a tinge of regret in our hearts for the failure to make good use of the opportunities and privileges that have come to us. The officers for the new year have been elected in all of our churches, and I have every reason to believe that with the new set of officers and our present system of instruction in the official duties of the church officers, we shall strive harder than ever before to bring up our quota for missions and encourage greater activity in home missionary work. We are getting these goals laid clearly before our churches.

During the week of prayer, the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Under the deep movings of the Holy Spirit, hearts of stone, blackened by sin, were melted; sins were confessed and forsaken; and a complete and a full surrender to God for service was made by some.

We thank the Lord for the showers of blessings that attended the work during the past year. The Kansas Conference now enjoys the largest colored constituency in the Central Union Conference. We have four churches, with a combined membership of about 115, besides the isolated ones. We thank our president and conference committee for recently strengthening our work by employing Brother Henry Miller, of Kansas City, Mo., who is located in Atchison, where he is doing house-to-house work and establishing more firmly in the truth the little church of seventeen. This church is little past a year old. I am sure our workers will find many anxious hearts crying for the bread of life. We believe Brother Miller and wife will make us good strong workers.—J. W. Allison in *Central Union Outlook*.

True Holy Ghost

No. 1.

Spirit-filled Life

FOR several issues of GOSPEL HERALD, Elder Strachan has written of the various workings and exercises of a counterfeit spirit, purporting to be the Holy Ghost. In these articles he has laid out in clear lines the proofs and evidences.

Those who have followed with interest these articles will be pleased to read the forthcoming numbers as he turns his attention now to the true Holy Spirit. We bespeak for this series a careful reading.—Ed.

"Be filled with the Spirit." Eph, 5:18. This expression may be termed a holy commandment. Rather than despise it, may we seriously consider it.

It is safe to say nothing else can meet the deepest need and yearning of our time as can the Spirit-filled life. But let it be remembered at the outset that we must not presume to feign to possess such a life. This would be the height of folly. The Spirit-filled life is that which God alone bestows.

Let there be no labored effort to persuade men to believe that our lives are filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. For where the Spirit-filled life appears, the good influences of that life will be so immeasurably strong and so extraordinarily pronounced that men may not easily be mistaken.

What a marked difference between the early Christian experience of the apostles and their later experiences after Pentecost. They were woefully dull of comprehension, and blunt in their perception of things divine. But with the Spirit-filled life, there was seen an awakened, stronger, and more refined spiritual sense. Luke 24:25.

Then there was also a more intimate acquaintance with things divine. Sentences like the following abound in Luke's record. "The angel of the Lord said unto me." "The Spirit said to Philip." "And the Lord said to Ananias." "The Spirit said to Peter."

What an astonishing revelation of knowledge and acquaintance between the divine and human! This is a life and a power to be coveted with the strongest desire.

Accompanying the Spirit-filled life is a peculiar certainty and definiteness of work. "This one thing I do." Phil. 3:13-14.

Thus is manifest also that unconquerable zeal and holy enthusiasm. "Obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29.

Also a joy and satisfaction the world can neither give nor take away.

One fact deserving special attention in this connection is this. A Spirit-filled life is a stream refreshing not only one's self, but others as well. Let emphasis here be laid upon the word "others." Look with suspicion upon any power representing itself as being the Holy Spirit which proves an apparent blessing to none save one's self. The Holy Ghost is given to scatter comfort and blessing,—

Like the rain that falls from heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky.

There is a positive change in the life and character of a Spirit-filled man or woman. They who were negative, hesitant, uncertain, lacking in persistent force are now seen to be steady and firm. They who once were weak before the power and influence of the tempter, are now strong and victorious.

Human beings are subject to three intense spiritual needs,—

(1) Thirst of the mind for truth.

Truth liberates, emancipates.

Error sickens, poisons, paralyzes.

(2) Thirst of the conscience for liberty, and freedom from sin's stain and sin's guilt.

(3) Thirst of the heart for power to be right and to do right. Righteousness.

Many of us since our conversion, yes, since we received a clean heart, have become defiled again. 2 Pet. 2:20. Luke 11:24,25. How often have we longed for a power that would give us a security against such an experience.

It is the blessing of the Holy Spirit that is needed. We know too little of the Spirit-filled life. Have we not, like Hagar, had only a bottle of water when we might have enjoyed the wells? Gen. 21:6-21. Human need can not be supplied on life's wide desert with the bottle of water. Hagar, both thou and thy child take courage! there is help! Jno. 7:38-39.

Many of us, like the Samaritan woman, have sat on the modern Jacob's wells. Weary with the toilsome journey, we seek the water which satisfies. Jno. 4:15.—that we thirst not,—nor come hither to draw.

But no Jacob's well, however sacred its

memory, no well of earthly pleasure, however deep we may draw, no rope in human hands, however long, no bucket however large, no individual here on earth can satisfy our intense desire for the living water.

For years we have prayed for a better life, a higher life, a Spirit-filled life. Our cry too has been put into song. But hardly have our steps advanced any further. We know not that there is still another course which we must pursue if we would obtain the promised blessing. What this is will be shown in the subsequent lessons which may appear in the GOSPEL HERALD.

The writer of these Bible readings wishes all who are interested to gather and preserve all former readings which he has published in the HERALD, and also preserve the later lessons which may appear in each monthly issue.

M. C. STRACHAN.

In the Midst of Disorder

OUR habits of neatness should not make us difficult to live with. But often they do—not because we are neat, but because we are mistakenly miserable when we are with some one who is not neat. In a searching little study of "Environment," based on Paul's word in Acts 20:24, "None of these things move me," a writer has said that God "puts one who is orderly with one who is untidy, that both may learn lessons. Often our environment is but an answer to our prayers." Thus the orderly person may pray for joy, and be placed in the midst of untidiness and slovenliness that he may learn that the true secret of joy is, not what is round about him, but Christ within him. When we learn that secret, we shall not be irritable and critical toward those near us whose failures may be evident, but we shall give them reason to marvel at our undisturbed joy and love. And only then will our own best habits have the opportunity of carrying their lessons most effectively to those who are in need.—*Sunday School Times*.

"In the face of what might be done will the church sleep on, or will they feel the responsibility and the honor that is conferred upon them thru the merciful providence of God, and gather up their hereditary trust and advantage of present light, and feel the necessity of rising to the urgent emergency?"

Baltimore, Md.

OUR readers no doubt remember that we reported fifty-five additions to our church as the result of the tent work of last summer. These united with the church before the fall conference, held in the city of Baltimore. Since that time there has been forty-nine more that have joined our ranks, and each Sabbath finds some ready to cast all upon the Lord and unite with our church. These members are loyal, faithful, determined soldiers of the cross.

We have installed steam heat in our baptistry. Another baptism will be held April 4. Twelve are waiting for that time.

From less than \$200.00 a year our tithe has increased until we pay over \$100.00 a month. The tithe in January was \$120.00 and in February \$109.00. Our offerings to Missions are on the increase as well. In 1911 the offerings were \$28.40 for the whole year, and during the month of January 1915 the offerings were over \$45.00. Our church building is too small for the membership, and we are planning to put in a gallery that will seat at least 100 persons. We are planning for another strong effort this summer. We have our church divided into various organizations and every one is at work. All enjoy doing something for the Master. Our goal for the year 1915 is 200 souls, and as to the money we have no fears. If the spirituality of our church is kept at high water mark, the faithfulness of the members will surely be seen in their liberality. The outside attendance is very good.

We are invited to preach in the very largest churches in the city, and we believe that this is the Lord's doings. For, many come to our own church to hear the message in its fullness. We are very careful to take advantage of every chance to present the truth, for we realize that soon these opportunities will be over.

We want more of God's Spirit, to be better able to help in finishing the work.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

Knoxville, Tenn.

AS I have been reading the good reports from many old acquaintances in GOSPEL HERALD my spirit has been revived, so I shall let our good word of success be in the HERALD.

Coming here in the month of December, we found a spiritual church to co-operate and work for the cause of King Emmanuel. We reorganized our Home Missionary, and Young People's Volunteer societies, and started out in earnest to make their influence felt. The result is, souls are being won to the truth, and we are enjoying a higher spiritual atmosphere. There are at present seven candidates for baptism.

A temperance program was rendered by the Young People's department, in charge of sister Edna Bryan. One of the prominent physicians of the town was present. In his address he remarked that "this was the most instructive meeting he ever attended." He said he did not know the Bible and science harmonized so closely. Our school has made remarkable progress. With an enrollment of 13 in the month of November, the number has grown to 25. Not only has the head of the little one been filled with book learning, but his heart is also taught religion. We feel that we cannot allow such a teacher as Sister Bryan to depart from us.

We are now in the height of a series of hall meetings, which begun March 1. The interest is good. We have as many as 100 visitors some nights. The prospect is bright for the work in Knoxville.

H. N. GEMON.

Florida Items

RECENTLY the Jacksonville church lost by death three of its beloved members. Sister M. Clairborne, O. Stephens, and J. Mitchell.

Our faithful magazine sellers, Sisters Celestia Wilson, H. J. Jiles and E. B. Romans have recently enjoyed a much needed rest at Daytona.

Sister Beuna Matthews has piled up a substantial list of orders for our dollar books at Gainesville and vicinity, while Sister Hattie Reed has done the same thru Orange County.

Our mission teachers are now busy preparing for their school closing exercises. Our list of instructors now are, A. V. Butler, M. L. Moore, and C. C. Roberts.

Elder J. S. Green and Brother J. A. White are still located with their tent at Ft. Lauderdale. For several weeks Elder Strachan has been instructing the believers at Sanford.

M. C. STRACHAN.

True Greatness

ON the pages of history we have recorded the lives of such men as Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonaparte, Lord Nelson, and many others. Each one in turn acted skillfully his part in the great drama of this world, and are recorded as being great.

Alexander in an incredibly short time conquered the then known world and wept because there was not another for him to conquer. But he filled a drunkard's grave at the early age of thirty-two.

Napoleon Bonaparte the great general and warrior, who almost conquered the world, finally died in exile.

But what really constitutes true greatness? It is not the men who die by the end of the spear, or who conquer nations, that are truly great. We search in vain the pages of profane history for a record of John Baptist. He did not conquer nations, he did not dwell in king's palaces, nor did he wear fine clothes, yet the Lord says of him, that of those who are born of women there is not a greater.

True greatness depends largely upon our home and school life, upon the way in which we treat our fellow students, our teachers, parents, and all around us.

In the first recorded statement of the child-life of Christ we find a principle which fitted him for his work. "He went home and was subject to his parents" Christ set us this example, and it is the foundation principle of "true greatness."

B. LENNARD.

Obituary**NEAL**

Died, at Pine Bluff, Ark., March 3, 1915, our sister, Beatrice Neal.

She was one of the new Sabbath keepers at this place. She had been in ill health about eight months. Her sickness was a complication of diseases.

She had some dear friends who were members of the Baptist church and they wished to have the funeral services held in their large church. This we were very glad to do.

Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thes. 4:13-18, and Isa. 65:17-18.

Many were surprised to learn that she will not go to heaven till the first resurrection and that then all the faithful of every age will go together and reign with Christ thru the thousand years.

E. M. GATES.

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Note and Comment

WE are much gratified at the good patronage that our tent department is having. Brother Lewis, foreman of the department says that there is promise of a full season. Orders are being placed in a very gratifying manner. Every tent made at Oakwood means not only the best tent that can be produced for the price, but it also means work for some boy or girl by which expenses thru school are paid.

The members of our board met at the school during the first of March to attend to business connected with Oakwood. By reason of the heavy interests involved in the building of the new dormitory, and because a number of the board members were not present, it was thot best to call another meeting for March 30, at which it was hoped that a full representation could be had. We go to press before this meeting, but will be able to give a fuller account in next month's HERALD.

Have you ordered some postal cards on the Change of the Sabbath? You should do so at once. One society has ordered ten dozen and they are going right along. In this age when people send postal cards, and Satan has the stores filled with comic and foolish goods of this kind, not to say any thing about the suggestively vulgar, obscene, or profane, why should not the children of light be wise to use something that will be suggestive of the truth? Ask for a dozen Sabbath

postals and enclose ten cents in stamps. Address GOSPEL HERALD, Huntsville, Ala. If you would like to see a sample of postals and other supplies for sale by the O. M. T. S., send a two cent stamp and ask for them. They are free for the asking and the postage.

An excellent opportunity to work for scholarships is offered by the Oakwood school during the coming summer. The new dormitory is to be built, and it is designed to do it largely with the labor of students who wish thus to pay their way thru school. There is also much work to be done on the farm. Let those who have little money, but who have two hands which they are willing to use, write at once to make inquiries. Address, OAKWOOD SCHOOL, Huntsville, Ala.

Our printers are now very busy on the new book, THE MYSTERY, written by the editor. It is hoped to have it ready by May or June. The price will be 35 cents. We will fill advance orders at 20 per cent discount. It is written in three parts. Part I. describes the creation, fall of man, and gives briefly the promises as made to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and others. Part II. records the birth and earthly experiences of our Lord, and includes the arrest, trial, crucifixion, ascension, and gospel commission. Part III. gives the closing work of God on the earth, including Sabbath reform, and the complete surrender of the Lord's people to him. It briefly describes the Lord's coming, and closes with a view of the new earth. We solicit your advance orders.

We will gladly send sample signatures for a two cent stamp. Write us, asking for them. Address, GOSPEL HERALD, Huntsville, Ala.

Work on the new dormitory is already under way. The foundation is of concrete and the size 38x96. The main entrance is in the west side. It is to be three stories high and will be heated by steam. The parlor and matron's room will be on the ground floor. The two upper stories are devoted to students' appartments. Those who have been at Oakwood and know something of the difficulties and hardships of life in "Old Mansion," as the building that has served for so long as a girl's home is called, will rejoice with us in the prospect of this much needed improvement.

Montgomery, Ala.

OUR colporter's institute held March 1-8, was indeed a good one and proved to be a great spiritual uplift to us.

Our instructors were Brother J. W. Davis and M. L. Wilson. Elder J. G. Dasent and Elder Miller also paid us a visit.

The institute opened with only eight but we came promptly and regularly and the meetings were of thrilling interest.

Elder Dasent held revival services each night. The Spirit of the Lord came in and softened and subdued hearts.

Among the regular colporters present were brother George W. Brown of Elmer, S. S. Gilford of Tuskegee, B. D. Crawford of Dadeville, and the writer.

Monday evening we bade each other good bye. As we go out once more to our fields of labor, we feel much encouraged.

Sunday evening we were pleasantly surprised by a well prepared banquet given expressly for the colporters by the the South Side Band. They made the canvassers feel that we are not yet the despised of all men.

Truly we do highly appreciate this their token of respect they have for the work and workers.

The church here showed its deep love for the colporters and their work.

M. L. IVORY.

An Appeal

As the Lord has spoken in regard to the establishing of memorials in our cities and villages, we desire to see one of influence established in Norfolk and Portsmouth. We are making a strong effort to add to our building fund. We appeal to our dear brethren and sisters who are able, to help us in our undertaking, by sending donation to Va. Conference, 2705 W. Main St., Richmond Va, or to the writer, W. H. Sebastian 2419 Pine St., Portsmouth, Va., stating that it is for the building fund for colored people. God will bless you. Also we will thank you for second hand shoes or othes you may send us for missionary work. We thank those who have sent us donations and clothing.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

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