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The New Department

As we talk with our men from different parts of the field, we hear that it is a hard year, and some of you have told us so in your letters. We believe it all, but so far as the tent department of Oakwood is concerned we have not felt it very much. The work in this department is onward.

We have prospects for a good large run of work this season. During the past week we have received one single order for \$1178.00 worth of tents and another for \$700.00 worth, and with some smaller ones we have on the book approximately \$2300.00 worth of tents that we must actually make. Then there are the "talked of" orders that have not landed anywhere yet.

The fact that you have not heard much from us, only as the editor can catch a little note, is no evidence that the tent factory is asleep, on the sick list, or dead. We are here, pushing the business just as rapidly as possible. We are thankful for the support given this new department. We are convinced that the Lord is blessing our efforts, or the above figures would be smaller. To Him belongs all the praise, for when He wants a thing to succeed, it will succeed.

We have been shown favors from mills here and elsewhere, and these we gladly pass on to those who are placing their orders with us.

You remember we are baby among the Oakwood departments, but we have crept to New Jersey, East Michigan, West Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, and back to Alabama, and in each place we found nice orders which we brought home. We have the promise of more when we get thru with these. Maybe you have one you want to send before we get these all done; if so, send it on.

D. H. LEWIS.

History Repeats Itself

PAINTED on the earlier pages of this world, is one of the most calamitous events, known as The Thirty Years' War. It begun in the year 1618, and ended in 1648.

This war in its earlier existence was a crusade; but soon the vicissitudes of war changed it to a horrid tragedy in which

all wars, the leaders of that campaign saw the opportunity to pave the way for a perpetual blood-shed, thus the scene changed from crusade to political revolution in which many of the foregoing countries suffered fearfully.

We are told that at the beginning of the Thirty Years' War, Germany's population was thirty-one million, and when it ended, was twelve million. Does the present war mean a repetition?

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

Jesus' Second Coming

Has Jesus been once to this world?

Yes. Matt. 1:21, Dan. 9:25, Gal. 4:4.

Is he coming the second time?

Yes. Heb. 9:28, Jno. 14:1-3.

Is the exact date unknown?

Yes. Matt. 24:36, Acts 1:7.

Can it be known when the time is near?

Yes. Matt. 24:33, Mark 13:29.

Are most of the signs fulfilled?

Yes. Matt. 24:29, Dan. 2:36-44.

Are some signs now fulfilling?

Yes. Dan. 12:1.

Will people be crying "peace, peace"?

Yes. Jer. 6:14, Isa. 2:3-5, Jer. 28:3-9.

Will such be surprised and disappointed?

Yes. 1 Thes. 5:3, Jer. 12:20.

Will deceptive miracles be wrought?

Yes. Rev. 16:14-16, Deut. 13:1-5.

Are there any signs yet unfulfilled?

Yes. Matt. 24:14.

Will some rejoice at Jesus' coming?

Yes. Isa. 25:9, Isa. 35:10, Titus 2:11.

Will others fear?

Yes. Rev. 6:15-17.

Will you rejoice? 1 Kings 18:21.

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Montgomery, Ala.

MISSIONARY report for quarter ending March 31, 1915.

Letters written	16
Letters received	10
Missionary visits	88
Bible readings held	38
No. attending meetings	49
No. interested	11
Watchman subscriptions	17
Papers sold	31
Papers given away	109
Books lent	5
Tracts given away	278
Hours Christian help work	53
Persons sup. food and clothes	30
Persons supplied financial aid	20
Off. home mission work	5.40

MRS. J. MILLS, Secretary.

From an Old Pioneer

SISTER M. T. Cole, of Port Townsend, Washington, writes us, renewing her subscription to GOSPEL HERALD, and says,—"This cruel war means the soon coming of Jesus, but first the seven last plagues and the battle of Armageddon. O let us be ready.

I take the WATCHMAN and also many of our other papers. Altho 81 years of age last June, I walk about a mile to Sabbath school."

Sister Cole also encloses a poem of her own, which we give in another column.

the Bohemians, Danes, Swedes, French, and Germans were engaged! The object was no longer to adjust differences of opinion as to whether the Catholic faith was the true one; but being actuated by the adversary, who is the originator of

Knoxville, Tenn.

Our hall meetings which closed Sunday night have been blessed wonderfully. From the first night there was a good attendance. When the commandments and the Sabbath truth were presented, there were not enough seats to accommodate the people, and many had to stand. God gave the victory when "Jesus and the world were tried for the change of his Sabbath." This night many expressed their willingness to keep the commandments of God and keep the Sabbath. Thirteen names were voluntarily given, among whom four were white. We trust these will stand loyal to their vows. The meetings were enjoyed, not by our visitors only, but they have been a blessing to the church, whose determination is to work as never before for the salvation of souls. The success of the meeting is due to the blessing of God, the hearty cooperation of the church in attending regularly, and the faithful work of our Bible worker, Sister McGlocklin. We had the pleasure of having with us last Sabbath Elder Stephenson, who spoke to us. At the close of the sermon, seven made application to be connected with the church.—*H. N. Gemon in Field Tidings.*

Alabama

The work in Bessemer looks very encouraging. Our meetings on Sabbath and Sunday get better each week. We meet in Sutton's Hall on Twenty-first Street, between First and Carline Avenues. Our interest is good, and tho the people of this city have been having a hard time because of nearly all the factories being closed, yet the Lord has wonderfully blessed those that trust him. The enemy is pressing hard his thots of unbelief. But even tho some waver, one more has accepted the truth. We can see and realize that all things are working together for the good of God's people, who will soon be gathered home.

The Birmingham Church has received a new impetus, and the missionary spirit is alive. Recently we have had four additions, and expect to add a good many more in a week or two. The missionary bands are active, and results are being seen from their faithful efforts. Everywhere I go I can see souls ready for this message. We are indeed in the

harvest time. May God send us sheaves to gather into his garner before it be too late. Our missionary society has given one hundred and thirty-two Bible readings, with an attendance of one hundred and seventy persons. Think what rejoicing it would cause in heaven to hear these souls cry out, "What shall we do to be saved?"

The work at Sylacauga is onward. God has blessed his people, and their hearts are blended together in Christian love. Some have made a new start to follow the Lord wherever he leadeth. Others confessed their weakness, and by his help resolved to trust in his promises. Backsliders have returned to the fold with softened hearts. Seven additions have been made by baptism to this church, and officers full of zeal established. The company at Sycamore unites with this church in an active missionary campaign. May God bless his people and grant them souls for their hire that will bring glory to his name.—*R. Roberts in Southern Union Worker.*

Montgomery, Ala.

The canvassing work has in it the message of salvation. The books we carry have the message of warning in them, the glad tidings of the soon coming Saviour. How blessed is this good work! how precious it is to be a colaborer with our Maker! What a blessed privilege it is to make preparation to meet Him!

I came to the house of a minister the other day who had four of our large books, and after placing his order for Daniel and the Revelation he asked if I had any other book. On being told, he said for me to bring the price list along with me when I come to deliver.

Another person after studying the state of the dead subject a while with me, said she wanted all the books I carried.

Unaware, I stepped into a white home. The lady came and asked my business. She would not excuse me but had me show my book. She said, "I love good books too. And this is indeed a very good one." She not only wanted one for herself, but one for her mother also. She then gave me a writing and sent me to her white neighbors right in the heart of the town.

Today a gentleman asked me if my

book spoke anything about an angel flying in heaven. I opened my book to page 763 for him, and the good Lord led him into the light. He was glad, for he had been troubled over this subject for a long time.

I enjoy my work for the salvation of my fellow beings, and I am glad for a part in it.

I find the people here in Montgomery quite sociable, kind, and easy to be intreated. Altho the message has been preached here for years, I find no prejudice, very little opposition, little or no combativeness. I have been here three months.

Our church here is doing well. Elder Dasent does not fail to present the truth in its beauty. The church membership is divided into two working bands, east and west, for the purpose of home missionary work. Both bands are in good working order. All seem to be willing to work. Our Sabbath school is alive. The superintendent is Sister Sadie Davenport. Our secretary is Brother George Morgan. Five classes are in the school.

We are having the church building wired up for electric lights. This has been a long felt need. We are glad at this time to have the work done.

L. M. IVORY.

Newbern, N. C.

REPORT Newbern Y. P. M. V. Society for quarter ending March 27, 1915.

Letters written	29
Letters received	11
Missionary visits	332
Bible readings	170
Sub. for periodicals	1
Papers sold	53
Papers given	57
Books lent or given	6
Tracts lent or given	96
Hours of Christian help work	216
Articles of clothing given	26
Meals provided	165
Scripture cards given	6
Treatments given	18
Signers obtained to tem. pledge	3
Young people added to church	1
Offering for foreign mission	\$30.00
Offering for home mission	.27
Offering for local work	.62
Tithes paid to ch. treasurer	\$21.28
Needy poor	\$2.83

CHARLOTTE WEEKS.

True Holy Ghost No. 2

Our Teachers, and a Spirit Filled Life

MANY persons who were led to believe that they were filled with the Holy Ghost, have also strangely held the notion that they themselves had no further need for human aids and guides,—human instrumentalities, thru which light might be borne to them. They have felt that 1 Jno. 2: 27 was their declaration of emancipation from all men teachers.

Jesus sent out into the world twelve men as teachers. Matt. 10: 1-42. He afterwards sent out seventy others. Luke 10: 1-16. Read the great commission. Matt. 28: 19. Note Jesus praying for these teachers. Jno. 17: 18.

There can be no virtue in despising our God-sent messengers. Luke 10:16, Matt. 10: 14, 15, Jno. 13: 20, 1 Jno. 4: 3-6.

Those who have ears to hear will hear. Prov. 9: 9. One of the blessed qualities of a true Christian is an obedient heart.

Fools have gained the reputation of indiscriminately despising instruction. Prov. 1: 7, 15: 5, 13:1, 15:32.

If God's people are meek, and earnestly seek light and truth, they have naught to fear from the false teachers that are in the world. Ps. 25: 9, 97: 11, Matt. 7: 7, Jer. 29: 13.

Tho the Holy Spirit is the great teacher, yet God uses angels and men. Acts 15: 1-5, 9: 1-6, 18: 24-28. There is no question about it. God, in all ages, has commanded men to go forth and teach. Those who were sent had the authority to delegate and appoint others. 1 Cor. 4: 17, 1 Tim. 4: 11, 2 Tim. 2: 2, 1 Cor. 11: 4

A person filled with the Holy Spirit should never divorce himself from a God-sent teacher.

Our teachers may be subjected to a test, they may be tried, judged, or proven: they may be required to reach a certain standard; but never with safety, to ourselves and our interests, may we exile them. This would be suicidal.

One of the gifts of God's Holy Spirit to the church is the gift of teaching, bestowed upon certain individuals. Eph. 4: 11, 12.

We are comforted with the knowledge of the fact that God has not abandoned his people,—has not set us adrift in the world so that we are wholly and absolutely at the mercy of our teachers.

We are not solely dependent upon them for instruction, for God has other agencies at work; besides, we have "an anointing which teacheth us."

M. C. STRACHAN.

Lone Hill, Tex.

I SPENT a week with the company at Lone Hill, six miles from Chireno. This company was organized in June, 1914, with four baptized members and three who were satisfied with their former baptism. Since their organization, they have been doing a good work by living the truth before the people of the community. This has called attention to the message as taught by our people. Thus we see that if those who receive the truth, live it, others will see and take notice.

The week spent with the little company was not wasted. Sermons and studies filled the days, and as a result four conversions were recorded. These are meeting with much opposition from their people because of the truth. Four were added to the church.

We trust that the Lord will direct the lives of these dear people.

As I prepared to leave, they asked me to stay and give them more spiritual food, but others are hungry for the truth so I could not tarry longer. Pray for the colored work.—*M. G. Nunes in the Southwestern Union Record.*

Knoxville, Tenn.

MISSIONARY report for quarter ending March, 1915.

Letters written	30
Letters received	11
Missionary visits	68
Bible readings	20
Subscriptions for periodicals	1
Papers sold	123
Papers given away	158
Books sold	4
Books lent	28
Tracts sold	30
Tracts given away	144
Hours of Christian help work	43
Articles of clothing given away	38
No. meals provided	9
Bouquets given	1
Scripture cards given	18
Treatments given	8
Off. for Foreign Missions	\$ 11.12
Off. for Home Missions	\$ 9.42

HELIER GEMON.

Secretary.

Personal Work.

As the Christian physician sits at the bed side of his patient and his work is effective, so the Christian worker may have the same results from his labors as he talks, reads, and prays with individuals and families. The house to house worker is like leaven. When the worker is stripped of all "leaven of malice and wickedness" and possesses the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, there will be accomplished what we do not now see.

When the worker is all aglow with the Spirit of Christ, results will be seen in larger measure, and souls will respond. They can not remain silent, they will cry out, break down under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and will plead for help.

Notice Jesus method of working,—

1. Walking by the sea, He saw two brethren. Matt. 4: 18.
2. Saw two other brethren. Matt. 4: 21.
3. Went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. Matt. 4: 23.
4. He, seeing a multitude went up into a mountain. Matt. 5: 1.
5. He enters into a ship, went to his own city, saw a man. Matt. 9: 1.
6. He sat in a house and many publicans and sinners came and sat with him. Matt. 9: 10.
7. He sat by the sea side. Matt. 13: 1.
8. He went thru every city and village. Luke. 8: 1.
9. He stopped at a tree and looked up and saved a man. Luke 19: 1, 5.
10. He passed by, saw a man. Jno 9: 1.
11. He sat at a well. Jno. 4: 5, 6.

This is His message to S. D. Adventists,—I say unto you, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. Jno. 4: 35. "Christ's example must be followed by those who claim to be his children. Relieve the physical necessities of your fellow men and their gratitude will break down the barriers, and enable you to reach their hearts. Consider this matter earnestly.

"The believers in the cities are to work for God in the neighborhood of their homes. They are to labor quietly and in humility, carrying with them wherever they go the atmosphere of heaven. If they keep self out of sight, pointing always to Christ, the power of their influence will be felt. Many times women can do a work men can not do."

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Talks to My Students

The Dead Fly

WHEN Solomon talks to us about the fly that causes the apothecary's ointment to be offensive, he was thinking about the natural propensity of the human family to spoil the good that they might do by the evil that was so natural for them. A little folly mixed with much wisdom makes the whole mass undesirable. Eccl. 10:1.

How many men there are who are entirely spoiled for the highest usefulness by their natural tendency to untruthfulness, or instability, or criticism, or dishonesty, or some other wicked thing that they have let come into their lives.

I have not the slightest doubt that Satan is much interested to get every student here careless about some thing that will insidiously creep into his life and thereby be the "dead fly" that will unfit him for usefulness.

How well pleased would he be to get each one so busy with fault finding, with criticizing his teachers, with discontent, and murmuring, and complaining, that every thing would look forbidding and hopeless.

One complainer, one who has become soured and peevish, can do much to turn the current of opinion, so that many will be dissatisfied.

And really it doesn't take such a smart person to be a grumbler! Most any little dead fly is sufficient to spoil the ointment!

It is a fact worth noticing that grumblers never really do so much to help the conditions of which they complain. The doers are usually so busy that they have no time for complaining. Those who are really helpers, those whose presence is desirable, and who will have a welcome wherever they go, are the ones who do not make the mistake of spending their energies in fault-finding. Don't be a "dead fly."

Ye Know Not

With his deep insight, and clearer vision, Jesus repeatedly suggested to his little band of followers that there was much he could see, which, with their duller apprehension, they could not discern. "Ye know not what spirit ye are of," he said to James and John. "Ye know not what ye ask," he said to them on another occasion. "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot hear them now," he told all the disciples. "No

man knoweth the Father but the Son," he declared, at a time when he was longing for even human sympathy.

The poet has truthfully said,—

"Sin has darkened all the mind,

And veiled the heavenly light."

There is a pretended knowledge in the earth that is a counterfeit of the true wisdom. The children of this world, proud and haughty, imagine themselves wise. The Pharisees said of Jesus, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned." They thought themselves wise, but showed that they were fools. Thinking themselves filled with knowledge, they knew nothing yet as they ought to have known it. Caiaphas the priest spoke truly when he prophesied saying, "Ye know nothing at all."

But there is a true wisdom; and we may know. Tho it is humiliating to admit it, the first step toward true knowledge is to recognize that we know nothing. Then we may begin to receive the true wisdom. Then we may be trusted to receive, with no attempt to mingle our own wisdom with that imparted by the Lord. A long stride toward real knowledge is taken when we see that our wisdom is but foolishness.

We must know God, for this is life eternal. It is the beginning of all true knowledge. Without it, the Athenians became "too superstitious," and the blind worshipers of an "unknown God."

This knowledge is given that we may know ourselves, and, knowing ourselves, may know others and how to help them.

You boys and girls are here in school to get knowledge. I counsel you to begin aright. Let the fear of God be before your eyes. Only by so doing can you really know.

Gabriel tells us thru Daniel that "they that be wise, (teachers, margin) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." Would you be teachers? preachers? colporters? nurses? If so, you must know what you go forth to dispense. Do not preach honesty until you are honest. Do not teach promptness until you know this virtue in your own experience. Boys, when you go out to preach, do not admonish your congregation to come promptly to meeting unless you yourselves know what the word means. Be what you teach. Learn also to be as prompt at quitting as in beginning. I shall now set you the example by stopping on time. T. H. J.

History Repeats

AND the dragon was wroth (or waxed wroth) with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed."

It has been the attitude of Satan ever since his rebellion in heaven, to persecute and to cause persecution against God's chosen. From the earliest days till the present, we can see his work. He is still busy, and more so; because he knows that he has but a short time. Of course his object is to get many souls on his side. Now is the time for God's children to keep close to Jesus and not be deceived by his devices. The angels who followed Lucifer's leading were cast out of heaven. Sad fate! Our first parents were led out of their beautiful home given them by the Creator. If there is any time in which Satan will work it is in these closing days.

God is able to keep his children if they will not be led away by the arch enemy. Jesus says: "My sheep hear my voice, and they know me, and they follow me." Thus our only safety is to hear his voice instead of listening to Satan's voice and suggestions.

There is only one class which the dragon is wroth with. They are described in Rev. 12:17. They do something, and they have something. They keep the commandments, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Satan will work mightily against the souls who will take their stand for the ten precepts. When they acknowledge his creative power, which has his seal inscribed, then Satan is wroth, for they have received a perfect knowledge of the Creator which he before kept hid from their sight.

"And have the testimony of Jesus Christ." This is clearly explained in Rev. 19:10.

This is one of the gifts of the Spirit which is to be manifested among the people whom God has called out, (and who have obeyed the call) from among the people. He would not have us ignorant of this gift; nor the other gifts. He does not want us to come behind in any gift. He would not have us ignorant—without knowledge.

God had blessed this people with those gifts. They are manifested in the "remnant church." They contain information that will be a benefit to every one. No church should be without this good instruction.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Mind Your Own Business

To Peter, Jesus pointed out

The work for him to go about.

"Feed," said the Master, "Feed my sheep,
My little lambs are yours to keep."

And Peter said, (with John in view)

"Lord, tell us, what shall this man do?"

The Lord replied, "What's that to thee?

Do thou but only follow me."

Since Peter, standing by the sea,

The shores of his own Galilee,

This question asked, full many more

Have asked the self same question o'er.

And now, as then, the Master speaks,

(For shepherds still he ever seeks)

Feed thou my sheep, feed thou my lambs,"

He says to him who near him stands.

But now, as then, men's feet are slow

In paths of duty straight to go.

And now, as then, they stop to ask

The Lord about some other's task.

O brother! called of God to sound

The call of God the world around,

Pause not to ask of other's work,

Altho their duty they may shirk.

Do well *thy* part, feed well *thy* sheep,

Thy flock of lambs in safety keep,

Thy task perform, be strong and true,

Nor ask "what shall my brother do?"

Or, if you ask his task to see,

Perhaps the Lord may say to thee,

"What if he tarry till I come

To call my faithful shepherds home?"

"Ask not of others' tasks to know,

With earnest zeal to thine own go.

Pray what can be his task to thee?

Do thou but only follow me."

T. H. J.

Wilmington N. C.

THE Lord has done great things for us.
When I first came here, I opened
school with only four children.

I now have an enrollment of twenty-seven. We have quite a large membership here, and each one, I believe, is trying to meet our Saviour when he comes. I feel very grateful to God for his kindness, in every way. Also I want to thank my teachers of the Oakwood School for their interest and care.

I enclose the quarterly report of the Wilmington Church No. 2 Missionary Society.

Membership	42
Letters written	24
Letters received	25
Missionary visits	134
Bible readings	84
Subs. taken for periodicals	2
Papers sold	4
Papers mailed or given away	43

**Report of Home Missionary Work of Negro Mission Department for
Quarter Ending December 31, 1914**

	Cumb.	Fla.	Ga.	N. C.	S. C.	Total
No. churches and companies	3	7	6	5	8	29
Membership of churches	80	151	134	184	153	702
No. persons reporting	17	45	71	139	130	402
No. churches holding missionary meetings weekly		3	1			4
No. churches holding missionary meetings, Sabbath	1			4	3	8
No. churches holding 4th Sab. serv.		1		3	3	7
Memb. conf. ch. & isolated memb.			59	20		79
Letters written	16	56	199	162	70	503
Letters received	2	26	132	121	66	347
Missionary visits	9	60	1173	1272	225	2739
Bible readings or cottage meetings	9	126	608	531	178	1452
Subscriptions for periodicals		9	1	89	23	122
Papers sold	110	108	1841	583	953	3595
Papers lent or given away	73	428	3356	471	849	5177
Books sold	1	25	136	158	11	331
Books lent or given away	4	45	58	104	54	265
Tracts sold		76	209	14		299
Tracts lent or given away	20	169	663	330	390	1572
Hours Christian help work	4	29	322	905	270	1530
Articles of clothing given away	6	16	163	199	113	497
No. meals provided	9	29	234	758	200	1230
Treatments given	3	3	47	137	2	192
Signers to temperance pledge				2		2
No. of conversions	2	3	1	9	3	18
Off. home missionary work		1.00	33.82	92.59	20.02	147.43

W. H. WILLIAMS.

Books sold	59
Books lent or given away	30
Tracts sold	10
Tracts lent or given away	52
Hrs. of Christian help work	66
Articles clothing given away	44
Number meals provided	105
Bouquets given	6
Scripture cards given away	34
Offerings for foreign mission	\$8.50
Offerings for home mission	\$7.89
Tithes pd. church treasurer	\$38.28

MAUDE DICKSON.

Denver, Colo.

OUR time is well occupied in answering the calls that are constantly coming in.

Before the struggle broke out that is now going on in Europe, we gave several courses of study on the Eastern Question and its relation to our times. I wrote several articles for the papers at the same time, dealing with this subject and what the outcome would be. Since the struggle began, because of the accuracy of the prophecies quoted in these articles, many that we could not have reached other-

wise, have been drawn to our meetings. The editors of both of our colored papers in this city have been among our regular callers for two months. They are very anxious to get anything we have for publication.

The most common question asked by them is, "How do Seventh-day Adventists know these things to the exclusion of others?" This is just the question, brethren. How do Seventh-day Adventists know these things? Is it because they have more wisdom than any living? Or is it because there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known what shall be in the latter days? Dan. 2: 28.

One of our former readers, who moved away from the city some time ago, came last week to study the Eastern Question with us again. He said that he had been watching the trend of events in the light of the studies we had had together, and especially so since the forts of the Dardanelles have begun to be attacked by the allied fleet. After studying several phases of the question from the Bible with us, he at last exclaimed,

"What a mine of truth the Bible is!"

On leaving, this young man purchased for more extensive study, a copy of "Daniel and Revelation" and also a copy of the "World's Crisis."

Our church is of good courage, and we are forging ahead. At the close of the meeting a few Sabbaths ago, the oldest member in the church, and perhaps the oldest in the message, requested baptism. This sister has passed the century line. We are laboring with others who are contemplating taking this step, that all may be baptized together.—*J. W. Owens in Central Union Outlook.*

Waco, Tex.

I WISH to speak a few words about our colored institute at Waco, which has just closed. I had no idea we had so many colored people in the North Texas Conference. There were from twelve to fifteen in attendance all of the time, and ten who took instruction with the purpose of entering the book and paper work.

The interest was good from the opening of the institute, and nearly all expressed their determination to stay with the work. Others are planning on attending our next institute. I trust that we will not forget these workers in our prayers.

Elder G. F. Watson, Elder M. G. Nunes, Brother N. H. Conway, and myself, assisted in giving instruction. The Bible lessons were especially good.

Our colored institute at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, will open April 2. Elder Watson expects to attend this meeting also. We are praying that the Lord will pour out his Spirit on that occasion as he did in the meeting just closed, and that a good class of workers may be secured to enter the field.—*A. F. Harrison in Southwestern Union Record.*

The Failure

BUT to fail! the girl cried, passionately, "I could have stood anything else. I was willing to work—to sacrifice anything. And then to have it all end this way!"

"You were willing to do anything for God except fail?" her pastor suggested.

The girl looked startled. "But God doesn't want failures," she protested. "He wants strong, shining lives. That is what Christian lives ought to be—

you've preached it again and again."

"Thirty years ago," her pastor answered, "the church to which I belonged had a young people's society. We used to have meetings just before the Sunday evening service. For a year or two the society did good work; then for some reason, it began to deteriorate. We still had meetings but there was little interest.

"Our pastor tried one plan after another in vain. Finally, he asked Mattie Crandall to lead the next meeting. I happened to be with her at the time. Mattie was a dear girl—everybody loved her, but she was painfully shy. She could never 'speak', as most of us did—she always read her part; but the leader must speak, and offer prayer as well. Mattie turned absolutely white; then she said in a curious voice, 'I shall fail—I know I shall fail,—but if you want me to, I'll do it, even if I fail.'

"The word spread that Mattie Crandall was to lead, and next Sunday the room was crowded. Everybody was curious to see if Mattie would do it. It was pitiful to see her nervousness, but she got thru it somehow till she had begun her prayer; then she broke down. As long as I live I shall never forget the silence that followed: it seemed to last minutes, tho I suppose it was only a few seconds; and then the pastor's voice took up the prayer. After the meeting, when Mattie, with tears in her eyes, stammered something about failing, he cried, "Child, you haven't failed; God needed you—you will see."

"She did see. A new spirit came into the meetings. One boy who had been fighting against going into the ministry because he feared he might not succeed in it, gave up the fight that night. He saw clearly that he could not evade it, that what God wanted was a will so completely surrendered that it would be willing even to fail for Him."

A silence fell upon the room. Then the pastor asked gently, "Do you see, child?"

And the girl answered, gravely, "I see—now."—*Youth's Companion.*

Health Principles

WE are living in the crowning age of this world's history. All science and human research is being developed to its extreme limit, so far as this world

is concerned, and a fitness for the next depends.

Taking this into our account, the most important and far reaching consideration would be a preparation of body and mind for the things of the great hereafter.

God is the owner of the whole man. Soul, and spirit are his. God gave his only begotten Son for the body as well as the soul, and our entire life belongs to God, to be consecrated to his service, that thru the exercise of every faculty he has given, we may glorify him. As God claims each portion, He therefore has a right to require much of them. We are God's workmanship and his Word declares that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

He has prepared this living habitation for the mind; it is "curiously wrought," a temple which the Lord himself has fitted up for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In order that the mind may produce the best results, should not the body be kept in the most perfect condition?

The physical organism should have special care, that the power of the body may not be dwarfed, but developed to their full extent.

Our happiness and well being depend much upon our knowledge of the science of the body. "Health, strength, and happiness depend upon immutable laws; but these laws cannot be obeyed when there is no anxiety to become acquainted with them. A knowledge of the laws by which health is secured and preserved is of pre-eminent importance."

Knowing that the science of life is of the highest importance in this age, and realizing we are living in the end of this world's history, "Let it ever be kept before the mind that the great object of hygienic reform is to secure the highest possible development of mind and soul, and body." At his appearing we shall receive a rich reward.

W. A. RUNNELS.

A Good Example

PLEASE pay up all arrears on papers going to Mrs. M. Johnson, and Mrs. N. Reynolds, Clio, Mich, and with whatever remains of the enclosed dollar, continue our names on your mailing list as we greatly enjoy its monthly visits, and do not wish to be without it. Very truly, MRS. N. REYNOLDS.

Warts or Fingers

ONCE there was a large healthy ambitious wart on a man's hand. There were also some fingers on the same hand.

The fingers were usually very busy, but the wart did nothing except grow. And the wart said to the finger,—“I don't see what use you are. I am sure the man cares more for me than for all of you, for I notice that he gives more attention to me than to any or all of you. I hope he will cut you off, for then there will be more room for me. He is very careful not to hurt me, but he is constantly driving you from place to place and making you work. I am certain that he intends to do something for me, for lately he took me to show me to a man he called a doctor. From all these and many others things I feel sure that a great career is opening before me.”

The fingers were too busy to say anything in reply, so the wart was more and more impressed with his own value and importance. He was fully convinced that the man could not get on without him, and wondered what men do who don't have warts.

When the man spoke, he said,—“O what shall I do! This miserable wart is getting more and more painful. It is growing larger and becomes more of a discomfort every day. I shall go to the surgeon and have it off.”

But the wart heard not, nor heeded the words of the man, for warts do not heed nor hear. They just grow, and become sore, and are warts.

So the man cut the wart off; but he did not cut the fingers off, but kept them all; for fingers work, and do not boast.

Moral,—Do not be a wart.

T. H. J.

Ridgeway, S. C.

WE are always glad to hear from our erstwhile students. We have recently received a very interesting letter from sister Naomi Warnick-Simons. She says,—

We hope the work at the school is onward. We have not failed to pray for the teachers and students, and for the continued success of Dear Old Oakwood. While we cannot be there with you in person, our hearts are with you.

English sometime speaks of returning to finish his course, and I hope that he may do so.

He is farming at present, and I have

a promising garden coming on, and just in the midst of all our plans we find that God has other plans for us. The call has come for us to engage in tent work this summer, he to act as tent master and assist in other ways, and his other half to do magazine work.

We are thankful that God has helped us to be willing to leave our “nets” and follow Him. We desire that you may pray for us that we may be faithful in every thing and be successful in winning souls from darkness to the light of this truth.

No doubt you would be interested to know about the progress of the work here at Ridgeway, S. C. On the second Sabbath of December last, we reorganized our Sabbath school, and from a small beginning, our membership grew to 21 during last quarter.

This quarter the membership will be increased, for five adults have just accepted the truth, and they, with their families, will be with us.

Elder C. G. Manns is now conducting a series of meetings at this place, and we hope to see others accept the truth before the meetings close.

Recently Elder Shuler came up and organized this little company of believers into a church, which numbers 15. My husband and I joined, subject to letters from the Oakwood church. The clerk has been instructed to write for our letters.

We are thankful that the Lord has to this extent answered the prayers of Brethren A. N. and J. W. Simons, who have, for so long, labored and prayed for the work in this place.

Three of the believers were baptized yesterday morning, one an elderly sister who has bitterly fought the truth for years. The other two were her sons. There are more to be baptized next Thursday.

NAOMI WARNICK-SIMONS.

Obituaries

JONES

BROTHER Thomas Harry Jones, of 121 Chestnut Street, Macon, Ga., was born in Macon, Ga., Jan. 1, 1866. He accepted the truth in California, and became a member of the Second S. D. A. church at Macon, in 1910. At the time of his death he was the elder of the church and superintendent of the Sabbath school.

He is survived by his wife, son, and brother. He will be greatly missed in his home and the church, but we look forward to the great reunion on the morning of the first resurrection.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

ELLIOTT

MATTIE Elliott was born in the city of Cambridge Md., Oct. 24, 1890, and died at Baltimore March 27, 1915. She received the light of the present truth during the tent effort held in the city of Baltimore during the summer of 1914, and was baptized and joined the 3d Seventh-day Adventist church in the fall of the same year. During her short association with our church work, Sister Elliott proved herself to be a faithful member in every respect, dying, after one week's illness, in full triumph of faith. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. She was laid to rest until the Life Giver shall come to awaken all the dead in Christ. A husband, two small children, a mother, a sister, and other relatives, are left who will greatly miss this cheerful yet quiet soldier of the cross.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

ADAIR

BROTHER James Adair of the Sylacagua church, died April 1, 1915. At the funeral services, held at the Baptist Union Church, the building was filled. Those who came to sorrow with the bereaved ones, heard of that blessed hope.

Brother Adair was born in Clay County, Ala., and died at the age of 55.

He was laid to rest in the burial ground of the Baptist Church Union.

R. ROBERTS.

SHEPARD

WILLIAM Lee Shepard was born in Macon Co. N. C., July 22, 1880, and died in Pittsburg, Pa., April 13, 1915, of pneumonia. He leaves a wife, two boys, an aged mother, four brothers and four sisters to mourn.

Sister Shepard accepted present truth and was baptised by the writer over eighteen months ago. The deceased endeavored to shape his work to keep the Sabbath, but he was deprived of the privilege thru death. He was a good tithe payer for a year, and expected soon to be baptized. He died fully reconciled to his Saviour. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

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Note and Comment

IN a private letter from Brother Reuben Roberts he says,—

"The work in Birmingham, Bessemer, Sylacagua, and Sycamore looks very encouraging. Many are being drawn to a knowledge of the truth. A few new ones have started to be Sabbath keepers.

March 6, Brother E. L. Sims and Sister Winnie Strickland were united in marriage. Both are members of the Birmingham church."

Those Bible reading postals seem to be filling a real want. Orders continue to come, and we are still able to handle all that come. A new subject is added this month. A card is published on the coming of the Lord. We will publish others from time to time. Ten cents per doz. post paid. The Bible reading in another column is a facsimile of the card.

Mr. Lloyd Simkin of Nashville, Tenn, was a visitor at Oakwood during the month of April. He came overland on his motor cycle.

Brother G. H. Curtis, the Southern Union auditor, was at Oakwood during the month of April, attending to his duties in connection with the books and accounts of the O. M. T. S.

The foundation of the girls' dormitory is now complete, and by the time this paper is being read, doubtless the superstructure will be under way. We are promised a picture for GOSPEL HERALD just as soon as it can be procured.

• We take the liberty to quote the following interesting item from a private

letter written by Sister Anna L. Flagg of Keene, N. H.,—

"My dear old father came into this blessed truth when 81 years old, and, tho losing his hold on many other things, still holds to Bible truths and promises in a wonderful way. For 8 years I worked, and prayed, and read him the Word. This joyful end pays me grandly for all I have been thru of light affliction."

On Sabbath, April 17, there was held at the water's edge a very pleasant little service by the Oakwood church. On that date 15 of Oakwood's students went forward in baptism. As these dear young people thus formally connect themselves with God's repnant church, we wish them the presence and help of the Holy Spirit. Below follow the names and home addresses of those baptized.

Olive Smith,	Lakeland, Fla.
Stella Olvin,	Moorehead, Miss.
Katie Chapman,	Talledaga, Ala.
Mary Martin,	Bessemer, Ala.
Lura Strachan,	Orlando, Fla.
Oscar Buckner,	New Orleans, La.
Tandy Gossom,	Gherkin, Ky.
Kermit Dobbins,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Amelia Swett,	Wilmington, N. C.
Ida Williams,	Huntsville, Ala.
Arnold Williams,	Huntsville, Ala.
Dolly McGlathery,	Huntsville, Ala.
Simmie Smith,	New Smyrna, Fla.
Maudelia Allen,	Birmingham, Ala.
Jennie Stratton,	Memphis, Tenn.

Immortality

PRAISE God, who made the heavens and earth,
Who gave to all creation birth.
He spake, and all things formed in line
To laud the Maker all divine.

Alas that man, pronounced so good,
Should fail to praise Him as he should,
And so when in the balance weighed,
For him a ransom must be paid.

The ransom's paid! O praise the Lord!
We read it in His holy Word.
If pure in heart, I soon shall see
The Christ who gave His life me.

MRS. M. T. COLR.

When We Live the Truth.

WHAT our people stand for temperance, and they live that truth. This has brought us before the public many times. Whenever we live all phases of our message it has its telling influence for good.

Recently the wife of one of the leading physicians asked me to make the opening address to the state convention of

the colored temperance society. The lady in question said—"We know your ministers stand for temperance."

We trust that in the remarks that shall be made, something will be said to lead many to live the life of temperance.

M. G. NUNES.

Notice

THE Southern Publishing Association has a few thousand copies of the "Turkey War Extra of THE WATCHMAN on hand, which they are offering, as long as they last, at the reduced price of \$3.00 per thousand.

While the newspapers are filled with stories of the war in Europe, why not use this opportunity to give the people something that will tell the meaning of these things? Place your order early with your tract society for a thousand or more of these "Extras," and hand them to your friends and neighbors.

Dothan, Ala.

WE thank God for the third angel's message and the way it is being received by the people with whom we are laboring in Dothan. The admonition is, "Fear God and keep his commandments;" this being so, greater efforts are being put forth to educate along this line. But in many instances, we are meeting with stubborn resistance. These hindrances are a help to many inasmuch that they are studying the Bible with greater earnestness. Yet this is not all. Many are finding the importance of attending our meetings to learn more. It was my privilege to speak to a large crowd of visitors on Sunday night, March 14, in our little church. They all expressed themselves as being greatly helped, and said they would do everything they could to hold up the work in this city.

Our Sabbath school is increasing in membership. The mission school has attracted the attention of some of the pupils and drawn them into the Sabbath school. Our school is doing well, tho we have not quite as large an enrolment as we had expected. This is due to the hard times. There are many who desire to send their children, but for lack of funds they have been unable to do so. Our average attendance is about thirty-nine. Taken all in all, the future looks hopeful.—C. A. Blackwood in Southern Union Worker.