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North Carolina

New Bern

IN the month of March, my wife and I spent about two weeks with the New Bern church. Services were held every night and at three o'clock each evening. Mrs. Peters, on invitation from the organist, took charge of the music. The second Sabbath of my stay was a special day with this church. The weather was very inclement, but we had a full attendance. During the morning service, hearts were deeply stirred, faults were confessed, and wrongs righted. The whole church reconsecrated themselves to the Lord and took a stand for "higher ground." The day following, eight candidates followed their Lord in baptism.

The Y. P. M. V. society still continue their good work. The last Sabbath of March, seven bands turned in \$30, their self-denial offering for foreign missions. Band no. 1, under the leadership of Miss Annie Ward, turned in \$7.00. This band is composed of children of from 5 to 12 years old. The members of this church worship in a rented building. At a business meeting which I conducted in the month of January, new resolutions were formed and plans laid to secure a lot and build. They now hold a clear deed for the lot, and will start building just as soon as I can return and counsel with our building committee. "The people have a mind to work."

Wilmington

Leaving New Bern, we arrived at Wilmington, April 8. I held five meetings with this church, including a business meeting. Before leaving, I baptized five candidates. These were new Sabbath-keepers that united with the church under my previous labors. Our members here are now worshipping in their new church building, which is not quite completed. The building is a

handsome one and will be a credit to our work when finished. The Sabbath school here raised \$21.00 for missions on the thirteenth Sabbath, March 27.

Durham

I returned to Durham April 14, and found the believers of excellent courage. This church was organized last November with 17 members. Since then, seven have applied for membership. Some of these will be baptized in a few days and the others will be still further instructed.

Hamlet

I was called to Hamlet to conduct the funeral service of a brother whom I had baptized about six weeks before. This brother and his aunt were the only Sabbath keepers there. The officers of the Baptist church offered the use of their church for the funeral services. We had several hundred people present, and the truths presented made a profound impression. We secured the town hall for two services the following day, Sunday.

The remaining days of the week, I conducted services each night in the auditorium of the Masonic building. Mrs. Peters took charge of the music. As results of this week's meeting, four have taken a decided stand for present truth. Several others are deeply stirred and doubtless will take their stand with us as soon as we can arrange for some one to follow up the interest. I shall return to Durham to baptize the candidates that are waiting, and make all necessary arrangements for tent meetings.

G. E. PETERS.

Alabama

THE annual camp meeting of the Alabama Mission will be held at Bessemer, Ala., on or about the first week in September. The exact date will appear in next issue of the HERALD.

We would like the meeting this year

to be the richest feast ever enjoyed by our people and the greatest gathering ever held in the mission. Begin now to prepare for it. Every church and company in the mission should be well represented.

The campmeeting will be preceded by a tent effort.

J. G. DASENT.

Wilson, N. C.

ELDER G. E. Peters with his company of workers has commenced his evangelical campaign for the season. Already the people of the town have begun to recognize a new light. Sunday afternoon June 9, we had a temperance program. The writer was one of the speakers. One of the professors of the town also helped us with an interesting speech. We had a large audience.

The field here is ripe, and we are praying and working hard for a good harvest of souls. I believe that the experiences of the children of Israel are ours to study and profit withal. Exodus 17, reveals the experiences of the Israelites before Amalek. We are virtually engaged against Amalek today. Please bear up our arms by prayer.

N. J. GRANT.

Mobile, Ala.

WE are looking forward to a rich harvest of souls as the result of the tent effort now going on in Mobile Ala. under the leadership of Elder J. G. Dasent. The tent company consists of Elder and Mrs. Dasent, Brother Reuben Roberts, Brotner S. D. Miller and wife, and the writer and his wife. We hear from day to day the people as they pass, saying,— "this is surely the kind of lectures we need inasmuch as we have been led wrong so long." Others have already accepted the truth and are worshipping with us under the tent on the Sabbath.

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

True Holy Ghost

No. 4.

His Office Work

THE Holy Spirit is distinctly God's working power, not ours; God's representative, not ours; God's agent, not ours. There has been no divorcement between God and the Holy Spirit. God still directs and controls its operations, and not we ourselves.

God employed this power as his agent in the creation. Gen. 1:2, Job. 26:13, 33:4, Ps. 104:30.

It is God's agent which has been concerned in the affairs of men ever since the creation of the world.

He employs this agent to heal the sick, Acts 3:6, restore the afflicted, 1 Cor. 12:9, 10, raise the dead, 1 Pet. 3:18, Rom. 8:11, and perform other miracles. Rom. 15:18-19.

That mighty power operating in the conversion and the new birth of man is God's Holy Spirit. Jno. 3:3, 5, 8. Titus 3:5, 6. Of course the blood and Word have a share to perform.

When God desires to strengthen man to resist and overcome evil he employs the Holy Spirit. Eph. 3:19, Rom. 8:13, 26.

The Holy Spirit is the agent which God sends to enable man to do his will at all times and under all circumstances. Micah 3:8.

Revelations of the truth of God come to man through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Jno. 16:13.

Thru the Holy Spirit, God moves upon his servants to go into different parts of the world to proclaim his message. Luke 1:15-17, Isa. 61:1.

Rejecting God's servants grieves away the Holy Spirit. Neh. 9:30, Isa. 63:10, Acts 7:51, Gen. 6:3.

M. C. STRACHAN.

North Texas

THE work in the North Texas Conference has made progress numerically, financially, working equipment, and spiritually, within the last year, for which we give the Lord of heaven the praise.

Waco

During the month of March there was conducted at this place a very profitable institute for colored canvassers, the first in the history of the work here. Elder Watson and the writer held preaching services each night of the institute, and the Lord came near and blessed.

Since the institute, this church, which has been undergoing quite an experience in trials, has made good. The old members have taken a new start, and the new members are rejoicing. The new additions are now awaiting baptism. Financially our people respond to the calls. When the matter of a new gospel tent was put before them, and latter the necessity of good tent lamps, we collected from this church \$72.00, all paid in one month. They are quite regular with tithes and general offerings. This church has a local elder, and receives two visits per quarter from the regular minister. They own their building and lot, all paid for.

Corsicana

The work here is onward. New zeal is shown by all in trying to get the message before the people of the town. God is blessing. Calls are coming weekly for us to hold cottage meetings with the people. We wish we had space to give you some of the testimonies of those who have lately accepted the truth. Suffice it to say that they are taking hold of the principles of the message and are trying to live them out.

We have had no public effort here, but from house studies nine have taken their stand for the truth. It is planned to conduct a tent effort during the coming month.

We have secured a building of our own here. Our outside white friends have helped us considerably by way of donations, which shows that they are not evilly disposed toward us. Tho the times are hard the members are week by week, trying to meet their payments on the building. We must commend this church, as they have bought and paid for land, church seats and general church furnishings. With some help from our interested ones we trust to complete the payment on the building within eight or nine months. While struggling with their debt, they have answered calls along the general donation line. Month by month they have kept faithful in the payment of their tithes and offerings.

Cleburne, Chireno, Jefferson, Isolated

The work in Cleburne is an old work. The writer has not had time to do all that could be done to bring this work to a proper standing. Only one new member has been added to the company. The members are faithful. Around Cleburne there is a good interest. A month

ago I spent two days with the interest and am convinced that much could be done if we had the time. The Cleburne company owns its land and building.

One year ago the work was started at Chireno. From nothing the Lord brought forth a company of nine baptized members, and a Sabbath school membership of seventeen. Three of the eight who are only members of the Sabbath school, have recently taken their stand for the truth and are awaiting instruction, to be baptized. We will organize this company after this coming baptism. The leader, who was a hardened sinner, accepted the truth after we held two weeks' studies with him. I must say for him that he fulfils Prov. 1:7. The meetings of this company are conducted in a hall which we fixed up. Plans are on foot to buy and build.

Last fall we started a two-weeks' series of meetings at Jefferson. We used the Masonic hall. The Lord came near and blessed, altho there was much opposition. There are now nine in the company who are strong in the faith. More took their stand, but when the trials came they fell out. Among these nine there is a physician of wealth. At present he is indisposed physically, but shows strong belief in the message.

The company is doing well, considering their youth, and the fact that they do not have a minister with them all of the time. The interest is still good among some, and the plan is to hold another effort with them during the coming September. We look forward to have a good strong church at this point.

We have isolated members at Ennis, Hearne, Canbyboro, and Eureka. At Dallas there is quite an interest, and we hope that soon we will be able to storm this stronghold of the enemy. From Fort Worth comes the request that we hold studies with the intelligent, earnest families there. Continually calls come from many parts of the field. We need help. Just one minister for the field, with no Bible worker! Yet the Lord is doing a work for his people, for which we are glad.

Besides the work carried on in our own conference, we have given help to other conferences, and the Lord blessed in the work. We see the need of rallying to the standard, for the work will soon be closed among the colored people of the state.—*M. G. Nunes in Southwestern Union Record.*

Montgomery, Ala.

JESUS says,— "Go your way, behold I send you as lambs among wolves." And in Jer. 16:16, He sends for many hunters as well as many fishers. These hunters are to hunt them from every hill and mountain. In Luke's record they are said to go their way.

In the way we find wolves, of course. What else could be expected as we are out in the mountains where wolves live? Who is there among us as a people who does more hunting and fishing than a colporter?

More than two years ago I felt a call and burden for this city. On getting the appointment from the state agent, I entered the city, knowing that it was God's appointment.

Right away Satan tried to throw me. I had to walk a long distance thru the country in the rain to get here, then I had a time in getting suitable quarters. He has switched and changed me about several times since I came.

The way looked so dark at first I was afraid to try to take any orders for my large book, so I handled magazines and small books. I did not despise the day of small things. About the middle of March, I launched out with that grand book, Daniel and Revelation. Up to this writing I have taken 48 orders for it, amounting to \$164.00. One day I took \$17.00 in orders. My list is growing.

The lovely home I have now is a house of three families, not Adventists. The mistress of the whole house said she was truly glad that I had come, so I could help her in the study of the Bible. We study each day in prayer. She is one of my best subscribers for my book, and uses her influence to get others to do so. The house is pleasant and well departed. My work here is a long one, and souls will be converted unto God.

A Baptist preacher, as I called on him in the field plowing, said, "Bring me your good book, and come and stay over with me while you are on this side of town." I did so. He was pleased to know something of the third angel's message. I stopped two nights with him. He seemed hungry for present truth. Another one of my subscribers loved the book so well, that he went with me for a while to hear the canvass. I am just as certain the Lord has called me here as the city itself is here, and I am going to have the biggest success this year.

M. L. IVORY.

Foreign Mission Fund

TREASURER'S report of foreign mission funds for four months ending May 1, 1915.

Mission	Membership	Amount Paid	Rate per week
Alabama	225	\$297.86	.08
Kentucky	100	327.60	.19
Louisiana	110	76.85	.04
Mississippi	168	172.80	.06
Tennessee River	35	69.11	.11 1/2
Total	638	\$944.22	
Union Mission net rate per week			.08 1/2

Comparative report by missions

Mission	1st Quarter 1914.	1st Quarter 1915.
Alabama	\$194.01	\$297.86
Kentucky	59.84	327.60
Louisiana	41.95	76.85
Mississippi	122.15	172.80
Tennessee River	72.04	69.11
Total	\$489.99	\$944.22

With this we are presenting to the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD a report of our foreign funds for the Southern Union Mission. We trust this will be of interest to our people throughout the South.

By an action of the North American Division Conference Executive Committee, the rate for our mission membership in this union has been placed at 10 cents per member beginning with January 1, 1915. Owing to the conditions of the work in the field, this will be a great help to us in raising our full quota, and the report submitted herewith is very encouraging.

It will be seen we have raised for the first four months of this year \$944.22, this being a rate per week per member of 8 1/2 cents, lacking only 1 1/2 cents per member of being the full amount. We believe that by putting forth a good strong effort with plenty of enthusiasm, we can easily reach this amount and go far beyond it by the end of the year. You will also notice by this report that our rate per week one year ago was but 5 cents per member, showing an increase of 3 1/2 cents.

Further reports will be given from time to time.

G. H. CURTIS.

Treasurer, Southern Union Mission.

Who Shall Be Able to Stand.

"OUR God shall come, and shall not keep silence." "Who shall be able to stand?" "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Jesus made a sacrifice to come to us, so we must make a sacrifice to go where he is. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." To follow the one who made such a great sacrifice for us, we must make a sacrifice to follow him.

Christ gave himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor. He cannot be pleased until we give ourselves to him. Christ did not refuse to give, when God so loved. Then God accomplished thru his Son that which he designed. Christ gave himself, for he pleased not himself, but pleased the Father in all things. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." Christ does not ask us

to do any more than he did himself. When we have made the sacrifice of ourselves, all that we have, goes with the sacrifice.

We are living in the gathering time as well as the "shaking time." Those who were mentioned before will be gathered because they sacrificed, and those who have not made the sacrifice, will be shaken out. Do you really want to be shaken out? To be gathered, we shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

For the Lord himself shall descend. The dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive, shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we be with Him. A glorious gathering!

But those that will not deny themselves will be shaken out from those that have made the sacrifice.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Talks to My Students

Kibroth-Hattaavah

THESE is something more in it than the mere name. It is a big word and rather difficult to pronounce, but not for this is it of special interest. It is the reminder to all generations of the sad mistake of Israel's hosts as they journeyed thru the wilderness.

Look in your margin of Numbers 11, and you will see that it means "The Graves of Lust." It is the name of a cemetery. Unlike the "Greenwoods" or "Pleasantviews" or "Fairlawns" of modern times, the name of this cemetery tells the disease of which its occupants died.

And since "These things happened unto them for ensamples, and are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come," it might be wise to note well the thing that was done, and why.

(1) They fell a lusting. They wished to gratify themselves. They had not been taught to deny themselves anything that could be obtained by clamor. Like Esau, they regarded their life of little value unless they could spend it in self gratification.

(2) They murmured. They encouraged one another in magnifying their discomfords and minimizing their blessings and advantages. It was but a short step from murmuring against Moses and Aaron, to murmuring against God.

(3) When opportunity afforded, they plunged intemperately into the gratification of appetite, and by their efforts to dry their meat, showed their lack of faith in God to supply their daily needs. Could not he who had sent them quails once, have done so again if it had suited his purpose? Could not the One who sent the manna, have cared for his children? Thus they showed their lack of faith, their unbelief.

Because of these things, because of unbelief, they failed to enter into the rest they might have enjoyed. Because of their lust, and murmuring, and hardness of heart they filled the graves of lust. Because of their self love and desire to please self, they fell in the wilderness.

Let us not make their mistake, and thereby suffer the same fate. It is very easy for us to see their fault, but not always quite so easy to see that it is we whose lives are sketched.

Shall not we fear, least a promise be-

ing left us, we should seem to come short and our bodies fall in the wilderness? Shall we die, and shall the angel's pen write Kibroth-Hattavaah over against our names?

FROM darkest Egypt's slavery led,
On angel's food by angels fed,
God's glorious light about them shed,
All Israel in the desert roam
'To reach their promised Canaan home,
But many thousands only come
To Kibroth-Hattaavah.

Their needs supplied with bread from heaven,
They come to loathe the food thus given,
And long for Egypt's flesh and leaven.
With murmuring tone they oft repeat,—
"O who shall give us flesh to eat?"
Till God gives quails to be their meat,
At Kibroth-Hattaavah.

As Israel, marching o'er the sand,
In traveling toward the promised land,
Were ever slow to understand,
So, modern Israel, called to leave
Sin's Egypt land, and to believe,
May only desert graves receive
At Kibroth-Hattaavah.

The men who fill these graves of lust
Have long been sleeping in the dust,
But, tho they sleep, their story must
Memorial be of murmurers' sin
Which kept these men from entering in,
And made their graves what they have been,
At Kibroth-Hattaavah.

O'er many a grave upon the earth,
Of men of high or lowly birth,
And counted much or little worth,
Are written words of praise or fame.
Had angel fingers traced the same,
And we should read, we'd find the name
Of Kibroth-Hattaavah.

Lord keep us from the murmurer's fate.
Make us repent before too late,
And keep contented with our state.
Help us to put our sins away,
From Egypt's lusts to firmly stay,
From graves of sin and lust,—away
From Kibroth-Hattaavah.

T. H. J.

Sylacauga, Ala.

ALTHO, we are few in numbers yet the work is onward and upward. Friday May 14, we were called to Sycamore where two candidates were baptized. Six more are awaiting the rite. The company of believers in Sycamore are active missionaries and are doing a good work in spreading the message. At Childersburg, Brother Robert Cook is holding Bible readings. Four persons have been led to see the light. Two of these have taken their stand for the Sabbath. Others also are interested.

In the city of Sylacauga there is a man and wife who are deeply interested in the Sabbath question, and in all of the commandments of the Lord.

I held a Bible reading with them Sunday, May 16. Both promised that they would keep the commandments. We can see of a truth that the harvest is ripening very fast, and today more than at any time previous. We need to pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest.

SHEPHERD P. ROBINSON.

Ask

THIS word our Saviour used many times to his disciples, as well as to his ancient believers. It can be read by his people to day merely on the lips but what depth of meaning is involved! In this word is enfolded our blessed Saviour's desire to give.

Say's one,—If he knows what we need before we ask him, Why ask?

He wishes us to show to him our desire and willingness to obtain what he desires to give. He is more willing to give to us than we are to receive. Our heavenly Father is waiting eagerly to bestow blessings. God so loved the world that he gave.

Have you ever visited the sea shore? Could you count the sand? God's thots are more than the sand, great is the sum of them!

In ancient time the Lord said to a servant of his,—"Ask what I shall give thee?" What parent does not long to give to his children?

Yet this asking implies what we should ask for. "If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." On a certain occasion the disciples asked Jesus if they could bring fire down from heaven and destroy those who were not pleasing to them. And in another instance they asked a place in his kingdom.

"Grant" said they "that we sit, one at thy right hand and the other at thy left in thy kingdom." This was not the right desire. This was not the right asking. The motive was wrong. The things that our heavenly Father sees are for our good, he will not withhold from them that walk uprightly.

"Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the salvation of God?" Yes, He desires to show us, as well as to give.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

In The Southern Union Conference

BEGINNING in Nashville, Tenn., May 8th, Sabbath, I spent two weeks visiting the colored churches in some of the large cities in the Southern Union Conference.

At Nashville, we were much pleased to find the church very nicely located in a prominent section of the city on a corner lot with sufficient room for a school house. The building has been purchased recently at a very reasonable price and has a seating capacity of three hundred with two vestries for Sabbath-school, and for the day school.

This church has increased in membership the last three years from about twenty to sixty five, with a corresponding increase in tithes and offerings.

I visited Louisville, Ky. next, spending one day and speaking to the church Sunday night. Here we have two churches, one located in the best part of the city, a nice brick building with a seating capacity of two hundred I should judge. The membership is nearly one-hundred and fifty. The house was filled and we felt much freedom in presenting the message of the baptism of the Holy Ghost for service. Five years ago this church consisted of a membership of eighteen, and conducted meetings in a private home. The tithes and offerings are good, thus showing consecration.

My next appointment brought me to Memphis, Tenn., Monday night. Elder Elliott, the president of the conference met me, and we spent some time in studying the work. We met with the little company at night, and felt the same good Spirit which was present in the other meetings. We have no church house there. A hall is being used which is not all that we desire. Plans are being made however to begin work on a new church soon. With the new church and a strong tent effort, I am sure Memphis will follow Nashville and Louisville.

I next stopped at Lexington Miss., where I spoke in the Presbyterian church one night. I reached Jackson Miss., for the Sabbath.

Elder Wiest met me, and gave assistance in my work in his conference by studying the various conditions and the best methods of work for this race. I spoke twice while in Jackson, Friday night to church number one, and Sabbath morning to number two. We have a church building there with a membership of forty. Plans are made to hold a

strong tent effort preceeding the camp meeting which we hope will bring the membership up some.

Monday night I met with the church at Vicksburg. At this place the Morning Star landed with a few faithful missionaries years ago, who felt a call from heaven to do something for the colored people of the South. Elder J. E. White and others began work at this place. This resulted in the erection of a commodious house of worship, with residence in connection. While there are but few of the old charter members there now, the membership has kept up very well. I think there are some thirty members. No doubt the time will soon come when strong efforts will be made to build up the work there.

From Vicksburg I went to Yazoo City where we have a nice church and a live membership. The Lord came very near as we studied the message which God has so graciously given unto us to present to a lost world, dwelling upon the importance of a depth of consecration which meets the divine requirements, and will bring into the life power for more efficient service.

My next stop was in Meridian, Miss. While our company there is small, they are hard at work to add to their number. They have purchased a small house for service and are quite nicely located. A few hundred dollars would go a long way in helping some of these small, weak churches to prepare suitable houses of worship to which they could invite the public. Where we have such churches, the work is making much more rapid progress. Does this appeal to you my dear reader?

My last appointment brot me to Birmingham, Ala. Brother Miller, the president of the conference was out on his work, but I had a pleasant visit at his office. Brother Roberts had all things ready for the service. The Lord met with us in a marked manner and blessed the presentation of his word. We studied the experience of the early church in receiving from the Lord himself the great commission to go and preach this gospel to all the world, dwelling upon the preparedness of the church and conditions which brot the promise of the Father and the bestowal of the necessary power to carry forward the work of saving souls. They have a church house but it is not located so well and is not the class of building a city like Birmingham

should have. Plans are being made to erect or procure a better house soon.

I found in every place a desire on the part of the members to consecrate themselves to God for better service and a burden for their fellow men. The greatest need is for more workers and more means with which to work. I tried to impress upon every one the importance of personal service, every one a worker in some way, in some place for God.

My next work will be in the North and South-west. I am planning to spend May in these places and then return in time to attend some of the camp meetings in the South.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

A Colporter's Experience

ON Tuesday of last week I worked all day in a neighborhood where they were seemingly very much prejudiced toward me. I was not discouraged, and prayed often, and when it was nearly dark and I had asked several places for entertainment and received the answer that they could not keep me, I saw it was going to be hard to get a place—and only one house more. Kneeling down before I went to the last house, I prayed,—“This is thy work, O God. I thank thee for the part thou hast given me in it. Help my unbelief that I may wait and see the care which is best for me.”

I arose and went about one hundred and fifty yards to this house. The lady came to the door and I at once told my work in the neighborhood and asked if her husband was in. She told me she was a widow, then I told her that I was trying to get a place to stop over night. She said she was a Christian and would not turn me away. She then opened the screen for me to come in and gave me a seat. I sat down and she stood and talked to me a few minutes and then went into the dining room and started into the room where I was, with a lamp in her hand. At the door she exclaimed, “I did not know you were colored, I cannot keep you.” I told her I would appreciate any accommodation she could give me, as it would be very hard for me to find a place if I left there. She said there was no place for me except outdoors on the porch on a cot. I told her all right, if she had cover enough.

By this time the hired man and the

public school teacher, who was a man, had heard thru her son of some one there to stay. One of them, a man who had been out in the world and had had experiences of this kind, sent word by the teacher that I could stay in his house even if my face was black, and that I was just as good as they were, so to come to his house and stay.

I prayed with these men. Neither are Christians. One said it had been many years since any one had prayed for or with him. I saw him encouraged in life.—*J. T. North in Central Union Outlook.*

Wisdom

Synopsis of Baccalaureate sermon preached to the Oakwood graduating class, Sabbath, May 23, 1915.

My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me." Prov. 27:11.

The Bible gives its own definition of wisdom. The Psalmist has said that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Gabriel said to David,—"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." To be wise in the true sense then, is to be Godly, to be holy, to be a partaker of the divine nature, to lose self and find God. And it is this wisdom to which you, my boys and girls, are invited today.

There is a false wisdom possessed by him who was said to be "wiser than Daniel,"—a wisdom that finds its center in self, that wisdom spoken of by the prophet when he said,—"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom." Avoid the latter. Cultivate the former.

The admonition is given by him who was said to be the wisest man. Hear the advice and note three phases,—view it from three standpoints, viz.,—

1. Your parents,
2. Your God,
3. Your Alma Mater.

1. It is the desire of your parents that you shall prosper, shall be happy, shall be successful. For you they will toil and sacrifice. For you they will endure hardships, suffering, privation. Their hearts will rejoice at your wisdom. If you will be wise, their joy will be full. To you they would say "My son, be wise, that my heart may rejoice."

2. But however fondly your parents

Southeastern Union Mission

REPORT of home missionary work for quarter ending March 31, 1915.

	Cumb.	Florida	Georgia	North Car.	South Car.	Total
No. churches and cos.	4	7	5	5	7	28
Memb. of churches	83	155	134	190	204	766
Letters written	48	69	78	48	72	315
Letters received	24	22	28	84	52	210
Missionary visits	153	195	241	924	354	1867
Bible readings	105	33	106	415	225	2455
Subs. for periodicals	1	1	7	3	22	34
Papers sold	155	12	889	451	948	884
Papers given away	290	199	1484	146	328	2447
Books lent	59	9	45	52	28	193
Tracts sold	30		32	30	4	96
Tracts given away	282	28	157	629	416	1512
Hours of Christian help work	155	114	132	359	152	912
Articles of clothing given away	137	33	91	162	76	499
No. meals provided	49	51	58	365	216	739
Treatments given	24	5	3	50	28	110
Temp. pledge signers				3	11	14
Books sold	70		29	10	31	140
No. conversions	2			5	3	10
Offerings for home missionary work	14.39	1.65	1.75	25.03	4.75	47.57

W. H. WILLIAMS.

may regard you, or however lavish they may be with their help, their interest is not, nor can be so great as God's love and care for you. So we are to hear in this the call of our heavenly Father to true wisdom. How yearningly he views our lives, how he longs to impart to us the eternal riches!

3. Your teachers have a real interest in you. Your success is their glory. Your failure is their sadness. They too say to you, "My son, be wise and make my heart glad."

Note, too, the reason assigned for the admonition,—“that I may answer him that reproacheth me.”

In this world of sadness and wickedness there will ever be those who will speak words of blame, or suspicion, or envy. What a comfort to the father and mother to be able to point to that noble son, that quiet, virtuous daughter, and say,—“no reproach can be truthfully brot against that one.” Ah! These parents are “able to answer him that reproacheth” them.

How many times has the accuser of the brethren “accused them before our God day and night.” And how good it is that the Father can point to a Job, or a Daniel, or a Joseph, and “answer him that reproacheth!”

When he, the great “accuser of the

brethern” is at last put down, and all the contumely that he has heaped upon God's elect is forever answered, it will be as it was with that noble patriarch of old who said,—“Shall we receive good from the Lord, and shall we not also receive evil?” The God of all grace can point to a world of sinners redeemed by the provision made by his own priceless Gift, and can have to “answer him that reproacheth.”

Lastly, as teachers, we take to us the words of the text and say to you, the class of 1915, My sons, my daughters, be wise, and make our hearts glad, that we may answer him that reproacheth us. We desire to point to you as evidences of our earnestness, diligence, devotion. And if disparaging words be spoken, may we not with pardonable pride point to your wise, noble, self-sacrificing, and skillful work, as an irrefutable evidence that Oakwood has not been established for naught, and our work has not been in vain?

T. H. J.

Mississippi Camp Meeting

IT has been decided to hold the camp-meeting of the Mississippi colored mission at Jackson, Mississippi, August 8-18, 1915. We are preparing for a large attendance.

A. C. CHATMAN.

South Carolina

ON May 23, the "Life Boat Gospel Tent" was pitched for meeting on the corner of Purdy and Bartlett streets, Sumter, S. C. We are able to seat 300 people and if they continue to come as they have so far, we shall have to put in more seats. Last Sunday night the people were standing in crowds on the outside of the tent.

Not only on Sunday night is the tent full but it is full every night, rain or no rain. Donations last Sunday night were \$6.17. Our donations thus far amount to \$16.52. The people are indeed willing to help. They seem to be ready for the message, and I believe we came here at the right time.

Just one week before we began to prepare to hold our meetings, there was a white minister here by the name of Bob Jones, holding a union meeting, and it is believed that he did a great work. Well, he has done some good, for he had the colored people ready and willing to come to hear a colored minister, so the Lord sent a Seventh day Adventist minister, with a big tent, right at the close of his meeting to save those who are seeking for the truth of God. I thank God for sending me here at such a time.

About six or seven years ago, Elder Sidney Scott held a tent meeting here in Sumter and a few accepted the truth. Some of these have gone back and some moved away, there are only two standing faithful at present. We hope to bring out a strong working church in Sumter before we leave.

The work in Florence is moving along nicely.

The Charleston church is of good courage and they are now worshiping in their new church.

The Ridgeway company has been organized into a church, and they are of good courage. I baptized six new ones out there a few weeks ago.

The Orangeburg company has also been organized into a church, and four were recently baptized.

There were eight baptized at Columbia a few weeks ago by the elder of the Columbia church.

The churches are moving nicely at Spartanburg and Greenville. We hope to hold a tent meeting at Greenville soon.

The Darlington church is being blessed with a tent meeting conducted by brethren B. Abney and W. H. Maynor.

The Johnston church is still alive. I

hope to visit more of the churches before camp-meeting, which begins August 12, 1915. Let every church be represented at the camp-meeting. It will be held at Sumter.

The Aiken company, is of good courage. This is another place that needs a tent meeting.

The workers with me here at Sumter, are Brother and Sister English Simons, Sister Louise Anderson, and Sister Syrene Simons. C. G. MANNS.

North Carolina Camp Meeting

THIS meeting will be held at Wilson, N. C., July 1-10, 1915.

Our brethren and sisters felt glad at the news that a camp-meeting will be held in North Carolina for our colored people. As this is the first one of the kind ever held in this conference, we believe it will be a great help to us in deepening our spiritual experiences and planning for speedily finishing the work.

There will be present at this meeting some of our leading brethren from the North American Division and South-eastern Union Conferences, as well as those of our local conferences, and best of all the angels of God and the Holy Spirit. We hope our brethren and sisters will begin to pray from now on for the success of the gathering, and lay plans to attend.

Elder G. E. Peters is at present at Wilson conducting a tent meeting, and all who desire tents, cots, etc., should write him at once, as we should know how many are needed.

The price of tents will be as follows,—12x14, \$2.50; 14x14, \$3.00; flies 50 cents extra. Lumber for floors and other things needful for camp life will be secured providing the order is sent at once to Elder G. E. Peters. All should bring their own bedding, and come prepared to care for themselves in the way of board, as no dining tent can be secured at this time. J. H. BEHRENS.

Tampa, Fla.

THE West Coast tent effort began in Tampa, Fla., Tuesday night, May 11, with Elder M. C. Strachan in charge. Associated with him as workers are,—Sisters M. E. Strachan, E. B. Romans, Henrietta Giles and the writer.

The song service begins at 7 p. m. and preaching at 8 o'clock. A few minutes each evening, questions are answered.

One of the interesting features of the meeting is the Monday night lectures on health principles. They are attracting much attention from white and colored. A prominent colored physician, Dr. Anderson, made an address on sanitary conditions, following Elder Strachan's lecture on "Nature's Laws." Dr. Anderson expressed himself as being glad to have us in Tampa.

Our tents are located in a very convenient part of the city; only two blocks from the Union Station, yet we are not disturbed by traffic. The gospel tent is well lighted by electricity and is quite cool and pleasant during the hot nights.

The majority of the people who attend the meetings seem deeply interested. A number of them have manifested a desire to live better lives. We hope this effort will result in a large company of believers here.

MAGGIE M. CLARK.

Obituaries

DRAN

MRS. Margaret Dean, aged 65 years, died May 21. Her birth place was Nassau, Bahamas, N. P. Under the labors of the writer she accepted present truth, and on Sept. 20, 1913, united with the Seventh-day Adventist church No. 2 of Miami, Fla. She was made deaconess, and held this office until her death.

She was one of our heaviest-tithe payers, and a faithful worker for the church. She rejoiced in the thought of a soon coming Saviour.

Four sons and four daughters are left to mourn. Funeral services were conducted in the Miami church by the writer. J. S. GREEN.

POPE

Brother Julius Pope of Sylacagua church died Tuesday, April 27, and was buried at the Union Baptist Church cemetery. Fully five hundred people were present at the church where the services were held. Brother Pope was born near Sylacagua Ala., forty years ago, and had been a loyal member of the S. D. A. church for fourteen years. At time of his death he was the clerk of the church.

He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, six children, and many friends to mourn.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13.

SHEPARD P. ROBINSON.

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Note and Comment

PROF. C. J. Boyd left Oakwood Thursday, May 27, for St Helena Calif., where he attended the educational counsel held there. Following the counsel, he visited several places of interest.

Wednesday, May 26, Brother and Sister C. J. Harris took leave of Oakwood. They have been with the school for over four years. Brother Harris acted as farm manager until the last year, when he took the work of assistant business manager. Sister Harris has been connected with the work in various ways. She was matron of the girls' home for a time, and has taught in various classes. During the last two years she has taught the church school, conducted for the children of the teachers.

The teachers gathered on the sanitarium veranda to bid them farewell. The moist eye and choked utterance, bore silent witness to the sorrow at parting. The teachers gave to Brother Harris a fountain pen, and to Sister Harris an umbrella, as tokens of esteem, and desire for kindly remembrance. They went to Fairland, Ind., their previous home.

Oakwood also loses this spring, in the person of Miss L. Mae Holingsworth, an able and enthusiastic worker. For four years Miss Holingsworth has been our music teacher. In addition to her work as music director she has taught various classes and carried responsibilities in the business office. With regret

we saw her take her departure, but we are reminded that in this world of change, we "have no abiding city." She goes to Florida for a few weeks, and then,—but that would be telling.

In a private letter from Brother English Simons he says,— "We are located on the corner of Purdy and Bartlett Streets in Sumter, S. C. It is a colored district on the west side of town. We began meeting Sunday night with a good attendance and it is increasing every day. We have only two Sabbath keepers who live here in Sumter, but we hope we shall have such success that we shall organize a church before we leave."

The farm at Oakwood gives promise of abundant crops. The wheat is not so heavy as on previous years, but the corn is looking excellent. Unless some unforeseen accident happens, there will be a good crop.

Our new book, "The Mystery," is now off the press, and ready for delivery. All who have sent in advance orders should have received their books by the time this item is read. If not, we will thank you to notify us.

The book is in three parts. Part I., PROMISES TO THE FATHERS; Part II., THE PASION; Part III., THE GLORY. It briefly sketches the fall of man, the life of Jesus, and the final restoration. There are over 150 pages, 21 illustrations, and over 100 sub headings. Price, 35 cents, post paid.

Have you noticed your wrapper to see if your subscription is paid up? If not, let us kindly remind you to do this and may be your conscience will smite you and you will write us and say.— "Dear Brother, please pardon my carelessness. Here is money order for \$1.00, please apply on my subscription." While you are writing the above letter, may be you will also say,— "Enclosed you will also find 35 cents for that new book, THE MYSTERY."

Oakwood

ANOTHER year of school endeavor is now in the past, and Oakwood's class rooms are silent and deserted. In many ways the year's work has proved very pleasant and, we trust, very profitable to some. The closing exercises passed off quietly and pleasantly. On Sabbath May 23, the writer preached the baccalaureate sermon, a brief synopsis of which is found in another column. The

class reception was held on Sunday evening May 24, and commencement day was Wednesday May 26. The different members of the class of 1915 rendered well their parts.

Diplomas were granted as follow,— E. A. Brodie, Ministerial; Mary Jones Teacher's; Herbert D. Greene and Olive L. Smith, Secretaries'.

Industrial certificates were granted to the following,— Arthur V. Horne and Herbert D. Greene, Printing; Cleveland L. Laws, Carpentry; Chas. D. Griffiths, Broom making; Irene Williams, Sacred Music.

The commencement address was delivered by Elder C. B. Stephenson of Graysville Tenn., the secretary of the Negro Department of the North American Division Conference. The theme was "True Education." The speaker with his usual masterly skill pictured the elements that must obtain in the true and well rounded education. All who heard the address are unanimous in commending it.

Thus closes another pleasant year on "Dear Old Oakwood." How many more will there be before He to whom Oakwood belongs shall say, "It is enough. You are promoted to a higher school. Come ye blessed of my Father."?

May the reader, the writer, and every one of these dear boys and girls be ready to graduate into that higher course.

T. H. J.

Pine Bluff, Ark.

THE Pine Bluff mission school closed May 26. We had a simple program of recitations and songs rendered by the students, after which Elder M. Jones addressed the school on the importance of Christian Education. Mr. L. Nelson, one of Pine Bluff's leading citizens, also addressed the school. His remarks were full of courage.

After the program the parents and students had a social time while refreshments were served. All seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. All the pupils except one made their grades. The one exception was a student who had lost much time by illness.

We thank our friends for their assistance and prayers.

The tent work is progressing nicely, and some have already expressed their determination to obey. Others are near deciding.

KATIE E. BAKER.

*Supplement***To the Golden Gate**

The following series of articles will be largely geographic in nature, and we invite our young people to refer to a map of our country in order to acquire the fullest information.

LEAVING Oakwood Thursday afternoon, May 27, I found myself in the city of St. Louis at 7:00 o'clock the next morning. St. Louis is a cosmopolitan place. Its colored population is 43,000, a most promising field for the earnest efforts of some of our meek, God-fearing workers. Passing down one of the important streets in the residential district, I was told that almost every house for more than a mile was owned and occupied by colored families. These buildings of brick and stone testified of the thrift and activity of the inmates.

Leaving St. Louis in the evening, I spent Sabbath at St. Clair, Mo., with my sister, her husband and children, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Kitchell. It is useless to say that one always enjoy a visit with dear ones whom he has not seen for a long time.

The next day (Sunday) I stopped off at Neutral, Kansas. It was on a farm near this village that six years of my boyhood days were spent, days when things seem so real, and life so interesting.

I visited the old farm. Twenty-seven years had passed. I remember the feeling expressed by Oliver Goldsmith in the "Deserted Village" when he returned and found that the spirit of commercialism had turned his native village into a sheep pasture. I saw that the apple orchard, the mulberry trees, the front yard, the barn, the barnyard, the drive to the house, had all been swept away and turned into a cornfield. The house was there, but deserted. The windows were broken in. A few large shade trees were still standing near, and some neglected rose bushes putting forth a feeble effort to bloom, but on three sides of the house the plow share had turned the soil well up to the doors.

I saw the twenty acre field that I plowed for my first time, a reminder of the sweats of early duties. I saw the old pond, a reminder of early sports. I visited the village Sunday school that morning, and found one of the old parsons still there, his locks now silvery white. Upon request I gave a little talk dwelling upon early impressions of the

place, and upon reference to old friends and neighbors, long since passed away, tears came to the eyes of many who sat before me. After the service a hand shaking revealed a number of my old school mates, whose acquaintance I was glad to renew.

A tent pitched in this village at the time we lived there was the means of bringing my parents with other members of the household to a knowledge of present truth.

From here I went to Columbus, the county seat, in an automobile. I walked around the court house, and in reading the inscription on the corner stone, I observed the date, 1887. I remembered being on that ground on a hot day in June when that corner stone was laid. With the inquisitive disposition of a boy I came and was reading at the lettering on the stone as it lay on its side on a temporary platform above the newly laid foundation. Suddenly an officer gave me a broad-handed spank, asking me away from there,—an early lesson in staying away from things unless invited.

On westward that night and the following day, we crossed the high, broad plains of western Kansas and eastern Colorado. Along the right of way could be plainly seen an occasional town of prairie dogs, the occupants in twos and threes playing or standing upright about their holes. The jack rabbit with his long, thin, upright ears, frightened at the sound of our locomotive, could very frequently be seen running from the track, dropping his ear suddenly upon his back as he arrived at his stopping place.

There is something inspiring about these great expansive plains. One is reminded of the time when the whole earth will be made a plain. There seems to be no limit to one's vision." Cattle in grazing herds in the distance, thru the crisp, clear air of that morning, appeared as mere specks. When we were yet a hundred miles or more from the Rocky Mountains their snowy peaks began to appear above the horizon.

Arriving at Denver in company with some tourists, we walked to the State House. As we ascended the steps we read from a brass inscription. "the top of this step is one mile above sea level." Taking elevator up four floors, and climbing sixty feet by spiral stairs brought us

to the dome, which afforded a broad view. The city lying at our feet, the foot hills thirty miles to the west, with snow capped mountains towering back, Pike's Peak, standing out in bold relief seventy-five miles to the south was the picture before us.

Colorado has been called the "Switzerland of America." Since travelers are excluded from Europe because of the raging conflict, "See America First," has become a slogan among tourists. Already a broad and comprehensive plan is being worked out by authorities in Colorado, linking Pike's Peak with a number of other peaks in the State by road and trail. Inns will be established and ultimately every park center and point of scenic attraction will be connected. At present only the wealthy can afford the expense of visiting these places; but in the future the common people, the school teachers, who train the youth of the land, can enjoy the privilege at moderate expense.

The next morning we journeyed on over the Denver and Rio Grande R. R. south, past Castle Rock and Colorado Springs to Pueblo, our route at this point turning westward to the upper course of the Arkansas River.

After six hours out of Denver we entered the Royal Gorge. The engines are double, and an open observation coach is attached to the rear of our train, which now winds its way along the river. Royal Gorge is a gigantic chasm in the heart of the mountains cut from the lofty peaks to the very foundation stone. The railroad follows up the river, an engineering feat once looked upon as well nigh impossible. As we penetrate the canon farther, like the Christian way, it is very narrow. The walls become higher. At this point it is thirty feet wide at the base, while the walls rise two thousand six hundred twenty-seven feet above the track. There is not sufficient room for the railroad and river side by side, and hence it is necessary to build the famous hanging bridge which is suspended parallel with the river by steel supporters buried in the granite walls on either side. Ten miles of nature's grandeur takes us thru the gorge, and three hours more of fast up grade puffing, winding and twisting at every point, brings us, just at sunset to "Tennessee Pass," the backbone of the Rockies. Our

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train is now ten thousand, two hundred forty feet above sea level. We have almost reached the snow line. Our second engine is disconnected, the trainmen arrange their brakes and prepare for the long descent. We have now traced the Arkansas river to its very source. With interest we saw the miniature streamlet of clear cold water that would dash for hours in its downward plunge against the rocks we had just past. Its waters finally find their way to the Atlantic ocean. Just a stone throw ahead of us we saw the beginning of another stream whose waters would find their way to the Pacific. How wonderful! Yet, how like the lives of some of us; standing at the same point and with the same opportunities, we take different courses and in time find ourselves so far apart.

In our next article, we will tell of the remainder of the journey also about the Educational Convention held at St. Helena, California, June 4-14.

C. J. BOYD.

Nashville Tenn.

WE see no reason for discouragement as long as we can see a steady progress. While our ranks are thinned occasionally by members moving away, we manage to fill their places by new recruits. At present I am having an amusing experience with an apostate who is known to our leading brethren here. He is going about with a long list of accusations against me, trying to hurt my influence. Since to accuse the brethren is a job peculiar to the devil, I take all that he is doing and saying as an indication that the devil is here. And so after the admonition of my Saviour, I must "rejoice and be exceeding glad," for in my favor it is a strong evidence that I must be on the side opposed to the accuser.

Thus far for 1915, we have had nine additions, one of these having joined by letter. Following is a report of our Home Missionary Department, for quarter ending March 31, 1915.

Letters written	6
" " received	4
Missionary visits	230
Bible readings	278
Papers sold	257
" " given away	145
Books sold	80
" " lent or given	41

Tracts sold	100
" " given away	133
Hrs. of Christian help work	62
Articles of clothing given	59
Meals provided	32
Treatments given	41
Signers to temperance pledge	1
Home Missionary offering	\$11.80

We are also doing work in the prison. Sister Francis Martin, who is leader of the Home Missionary Society, her husband, and myself, each teach a Sunday school class in the state penitentiary.

R. JOHNSON.

Oakwood Students Make Good

BROTHER J. W. Siler, field missionary in North Carolina writes of the work in the state. We take the liberty to tell something he says about the Oakwood boys.—Ed.

"Just a few lines with reference to the two boys you sent us from Oakwood. I will say that we are very glad to get them and when your school is out again and you have some more like these, just send them over to us and we'll do our best to give them good territory. And I want to whisper in your ear that we have some very good territory in this state."

Here are extracts from their letters,— "I have just finished my first week's canvassing. I have tramped over a territory extending more than eleven miles, and visited a great number of homes.

I like the work well and as time goes on I hope to do much better by God's grace.

I canvassed a man. After listening until I was finished, he said,— Will you give up this job you are on now, and come to my business? You will make all the money you want for yourself, and much more for me. I told him I was doing the Lord's work at present, and could not agree to go over to him. He gave me an order next day and also told me of a man whom he had persuaded to purchase. He made his offer again, stating that he needed three young men to be canvassing agents for him, and who would take as much interest in it as I am taking in my work. Of course I need not mention that I politely refused."

M. J. WILLIAMS.

"I am still pressing forward in the canvassing work with confidence. The

daily experiences are not all pleasant, but I am satisfied they are bringing me nearer to God.

I want to be drawn nearer to him that I may have power to persuade men, and get these pages of truth into their homes.

J. S. SPRAGGS.

In the report that accompanies these letters it is seen that Brother Williams took orders to the amount of \$54.50 for the week, and that Brother Spraggs during the same time took \$60.00 worth.

We of Oakwood take much satisfaction in the success of our students in the field. As the title at the head of this article says,— "Oakwood students make good."

Mississippi Camp Meeting

THE Mississippi camp meeting will be held at Jackson Aug. 8-18. Plans are being laid to conduct it on a practical basis to the good of all. To do this successfully, let each individual begin to prepare for the meeting by closely and critically examining his own heart at home. We should come prepared for the visitation of the Holy Spirit to fit us to do the work assigned to us.

Let the preparation for eating and dressing be a secondary matter, but let deep heart searching commence at home. Then we may confidently claim the blessing promised at the camp meeting. Remember that we are going to live in tents; bring sufficient covering, a water pail, wash basin, and wraps for cold nights.

A. C. CHATMAN.

S. D. A. Ministers, Attention

HAVE you ever been put to your wits' end to know what kind of a marriage certificate to give the newly wedded pair?

The GOSPEL HERALD office has lately issued a nice, modest, neat, little booklet, in which with appropriate lettering there is provided a place for the title of the book, then the following—The Place, The Date, The Bride, The Groom, The Bridesmaid, The Groomsman, The Minister, The Rite, The Certificate, Bride's History, Groom's History, The Blessing, Records.

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