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Unto Salvation

Go Ye Into All the  
World

# GOSPEL MERALD



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## To A Young Husband

My dear Boy,—

Life looks pleasant to you now. It is well that it does. It would be a mean man who would dampen your present pleasures by croaking about the troubles that lie before you. It is far from my present purpose to say any thing that would in any way be regarded as at all depressing. Contrariwise, I would say something that will help you to preserve the happiness and pleasantness you now have.

You are now embarked on the sea of life with her whom you have chosen as your companion and help.

Hitherto you have regarded it as a pleasure to be in her society, and have counted the hours dreary when you must needs be away from her. Now, it is not only your pleasure, but your duty to be with her to cherish, comfort, and sustain her at all times. Thus far you have regarded no trouble as too great, nor any expense too extravagant that would minister to her happiness. Now you are her chief dependence for the joy and satisfaction that she is to have. As you value your own joy, be wary of ceasing the little amenities which it has hitherto been your pleasure to show. If you do, be very sure your wife will notice the change in your demeanor, and tho she may say nothing, it will have its effects.

Do not count the time lost that is spent in keeping alive the little pleasant courtesies of your pre-married life. You are certain to make some dis-

coveries soon or later. You will find out that you have not married an angel. (Do not find this out for a long time, if you can possibly avoid it.) But let your grief at the discovery be tempered with the consideration that she did not get an angel either, and that if she had, you would doubtless not be occupying the place in her domestic affairs that you do.

You are neither of you angels. Angels neither marry nor are given in marriage.

You will also find out that she has a temper and that when things don't go

I never knew any woman who did not like to be courted, if it was a proper time, place, and person. Now you are the proper person, the time is any time when there is time, and the place is where she is. I am now at the real crux of the situation. Before your wedding your real happiness was to court your sweetheart. Now, the only way is to continue. Be instant, in season, out of season. Keep at it constantly. Learn new and startling ways. Surprise her with some new and unexpected turn in the kaleidoscope of your pleasant attentions, until she is not surprised at anything you do, unless it would be to neglect her.

To much trouble? Ah, my boy, I see trouble ahead for you, if that is the way you look at it. It is just what you promised to do, and if you back down now, and fail to keep your promise, you need not be surprised if you find her making it unpleasant for you some time, because it is too much trouble to do otherwise. Let her happiness be your first consideration, her wishes your first interest, her comfort your first joy.

Too much trouble!

Would you have that it too much trouble to minister to her wishes prior to your marriage? I trow not. Don't you ever say that where she can hear it, or hear of it. Don't you think it. Don't you act it.

In this letter I have given to you \$100.00 worth of advice. If you do not take it you have lost much more than \$100.00.

T. H. J.

## The Sacred Bible

(An Acrostic)

THE Bible is "the Book of books." Its themes  
H ave thrilled as naught else can, the souls of men.  
E ach age bears witness to its depths divine.  
S keptics at its root the axe have laid,  
A mid the clamor of the thoughtless throng.  
C easeless have been their blows, but all in vain;  
R rome's quenchless flame itself did not avail.  
E ncased in never-burning and mysterious sheath  
D id fly the Seed of Truth; it refuge found.  
B ut ere its foes, relentless, were aware,  
I n spite of errors schemes fair Truth to crush,  
B orne on swift wings, back to the self-same spots  
L ike eagles, soon returned the precious seed,  
E ternally to blossom like the rose.

C. C. ROBERTS.

to suit her, she can say positive things. Don't be surprised at this, nor expect her to be patient with you when you are in distress, unless you can keep sweet sometimes when she has an attack of nerves.

Do not loose the art of saying nice little pleasant things. You know how persistently you did it, and with what marvelous effect. You take my word for it, she will like these just as well now.

### To the Golden Gate

LEAVING central Kansas via the Santa Fe, on our return trip from California, we rode twenty-four hours and found ourselves in the city of Chicago.

We had passed some of the flooded districts of Missouri where crops were ruined; crossed the Mississippi river at Ft. Madison, Iowa, and passed the rich productive region of northern Illinois where practically every foot of land is under cultivation. There is little or no waste land, a scene so uncommon in the broad districts that we had passed over on this trip.

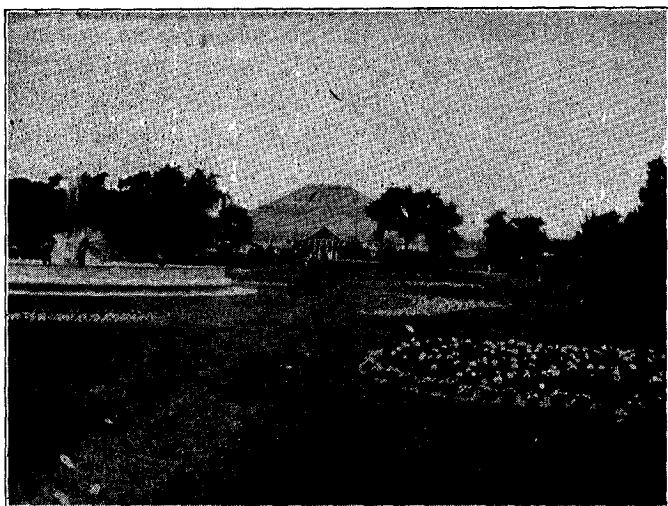
We remained in Chicago four days looking up some matters of business for our institution, but as it has been the purpose of these continued articles which we are now closing, to deal largely with geographic information, or about objects

Mr. Warder was a man with a very active mind. I was in his office but a few minutes, but in that time he gave me a quick oral examination to learn something of my knowledge of growing plants, dictated matters of business to different clerks about him, wrote two letters with his own pen, listened to a salesman's story as he explained the model of a rotary street sweeper, and hired a man (myself) all at the same time. He was one of the rarest men I ever met. He seemed to possess an inexhaustible knowledge of the characteristics and habits of the different varieties and species of growing things. His ideas were authoritative on arrangement of shrubbery, the hardy perennials, and the bedding of the tender annuals. He also possessed an inexhaustible knowledge of forestry.

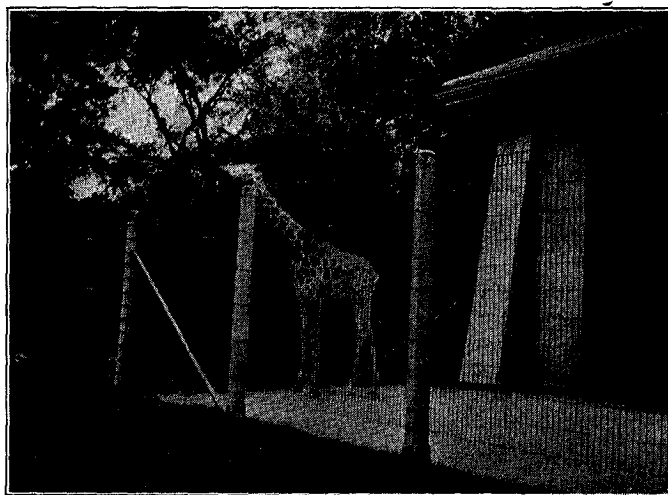
passed. Sometimes I would answer him correctly and sometimes not. I wished not to lead him to believe that I knew more than I really did about such things. I happened to know the name of the alder bush when he pointed to it.

I was left at the palm house, shown in the picture, and placed under supervision of the man in charge of the propagating houses. By faithful work I won my way into the confidence of my overseers. I was released from my work on Sabbath, and my Sunday employment was to stand at the entrance of the palm house, preserving order and directing visitor around to the right. On a bright Sunday twenty-thousand people would sometimes enter those doors.

For regular work, there were greenhouses to ventilate, plants to water and repot, and the outside beds to set and



The Palm House



The Giraffe

of natural interest, I desire at this time to tell our young readers something of Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Fifteen years ago it was my privilege to serve on the staff of landscape gardeners at this park. In many ways I am indebted to this place for lessons in order, neatness, and cleanliness, which the stern discipline of this state institution requires. On the day that I applied for this position I waited at the door of the park superintendent for fully three hours for my turn for an interview with him. He was a very busy man. When my turn finally came, I was admitted into a large spacious office with heavy rug upon the floor, a long library table in the center, a tall vase of flowering gladioli at one end of the table, and the superintendent was writing at his desk at one side of the room.

As I was about to leave his office, he asked me to wait on him just a minute, saying that he would be glad to take me with him on his daily trip about the grounds. I was soon seated beside him in his rubber-tired trap, and found that we were being drawn by a very spirited thorobred horse. Away we went over the circles and macadamized drives of the park. He would spend a few minutes with one squad of his men, and then hastily drive to another. I observed his practical gift as he would take a spade from a man's hand and show him just how to turn the soil and edge the bed, or he would show another how to use the garden hook, one of special manufacture by his own direction. As we drove around I found that my examination continued. He asked me the names of different trees and shrubs that we

care for. One of my regular duties that summer was to watch three of the double aisle propagating houses, each one hundred-twenty-five feet long, that were filled with growing chrysanthemums.

We had 257 varieties, ranging from the great standards eight feet high, with flowers the size of small sunflowers, down thru the bush plants and single stems, to the little pompons which would spread over the top of a four inch pot and bear flowers the size of a button. I remember that our chrysanthemum show was the best anywhere in the northwest.

Lincoln Park is named after the great emancipator whose statue in bronze stands at one of the leading entrances. It contains several hundred acres of land bordering Lake Michigan. It is a favorite

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## What Is Man?

### *Purgatory a Papal Perversion*

Satan wants to fill with terror,  
Doubt and darkness, dread and fear,  
Wants to charge upon our Father  
All the sorrow we find here.

So he misinterprets Scripture,  
Causes men to do the same,  
Points out all the gloom and horror,  
Puts upon our God the blame.  
Ps. 50:21.

"Man," he says, "was made immortal,  
Has a never dying soul,  
Cannot die, but lives forever,  
While the ceaseless ages roll."  
Gen 3:4.

So, if man continue living,  
When his days on earth are past,  
If, tho all his body perish,  
All his thots for aye shall last,  
Ps. 146:4.

It must follow that the wicked  
Must be conscious, and must know  
All their dreadful, doleful darkness,  
All their misery, pain, and woe.  
Eccl. 9:5.

Papal priests preach to their people  
Purgatory's pains and tears,  
Profit by their loves and sorrows,  
Play upon their dreads and fears.  
Eze. 34:3.

So, when men are torn with anguish,  
And are mourning for their dead,  
Merchandise is made of sorrow  
By the masses to be said.  
Eze. 34:4.

For, of course, if purgatory  
Is the place thru which must go  
All the souls of those who perish  
In this vale of tears below,

And if prayer of priest can hasten  
That sad thing for those who die,  
Shorten for them all the terror,  
As in that dire state they lie,

Where the man or where the woman  
Who would selfishly withhold,  
If priests' pardon can be purchased  
By the use of paltry gold?

Thus it happens that the sorrows  
That at last must come to all  
Are the means of rank extortion  
Which must on the mourner fall.  
Eze. 34:8.

How much better 'twere, to listen  
To the comfort God will give!  
Promising that those who trust him,  
All shall hear his voice and live.  
1 Cor. 15:51-54.

Better to believe instruction  
Spoken by the living Word,  
Better than mere man's opinion,  
Wheresoever it is heard.  
Rom. 4:3.

"Do not put your trust in princes,  
For they die and waste away,  
All their thots and sorrows perish  
Even from that very day."  
Ps. 146:3-5.

After death, the saints know nothing,  
Sleep together in the dust,  
Waiting for the resurrection  
Of the wicked and the just.  
Job. 14:14.

Then when Jesus comes to call them,  
Rouses them from out their sleep,  
Living saints will be translated  
And their long-lost friends they'll greet.  
1 Thes. 4:16.

In the resurrection only,  
May we see God's perfect plan.  
Here we find God's glorious gospel  
For the help of mortal man.  
Phil. 3:10.

O, the Christian's hope is precious!  
And it is not set with fears.  
Tho we now may mourn, our Saviour  
Soon shall wipe away our tears.  
Rev. 21:4.

T. H. J.

### Married

**MCPhall-Green.**—On January 5, 1916, in the New Orleans church number 2, occurred the marriage of Sister Virginia McPhall to Elder John S. Green, both parties being former students of the Oakwood Manual Training School.

Elder Green is now a minister in the Florida mission, and for some time past Sister McPhall has been a resident of the city of New Orleans, and active in church work in the number 2 church of that city. The ceremony was conducted in the auditorium of the new colored church, the writer officiating.

Sister McPhall is well and favorably known in New Orleans, and the church was filled with guests. At the conclusion of the ceremony all passed quietly out of the house to the school room, where the brethren and sisters had arranged for a splendid reception and refreshments.

The couple left the next day for a visit to Bro. Green's old home in Shreveport,

after which they will make Florida their home and field of labor for the Master.

The prayers and best wishes of their brethren and sisters follow them.

R. W. PARMELÉ.

### Pine Bluff, Ark.

By the time this is read we will be located in Corsicana, Texas. Our address will be 305 W. 15th Ave.

The work in Pine Bluff is onward. On coming to this place twenty months ago we found a little company of five members. We began Bible work from house to house, and opened a little mission school. We got the sisters to go among our people selling them our good papers and tracts, and in six months we organized a church of twelve members. We leave a membership of twenty-two, and a very good mission school. We also leave \$37.71 in safe keeping with the Ark. Tract Society to be used in building a church in this city. We have a very nice place to meet here for worship. Altho the rent is high and our people are poor, they meet the rent on time. We hope soon to see a neat little church built here for our people. We are sorry to leave before this could be done.

We go to take up the work in our home field, but our hearts shall ever be turned toward these dear people in this city. We leave many in the valley of decision, some studying their Bibles to gain a more definite knowledge of the things they have learned.

Many of the ministers are fighting the truth from their pulpits.

The book work and magazine selling have been a great help to us, in bringing the message to the people.

We held a counsel meeting with the church before we left, and at its close a farewell meeting that shall not soon be forgotten.

E. M. GATES.

### Notice

Those who desire and are able to help us with a church building for Portsmouth and Norfolk: please send donations to the Virginia Conference, 2705 W. Main St., Richmond, Va., or to the writer, at 2411 Effingham St., Portsmouth, Va. We can also use to excellent advantage second-hand clothing and shoes. W. H. SEBASTIAN.

### Talks to My Students

#### *No Reputation*

**I**N the experience of each human being there are times when it is a choice between fighting a battle with self, or fighting with some other human being.

At such times how we do despise the selfish—other person. With what scorn we think of the transparency of his thin veneer of polite polish, and with what clearness of vision we discern his manifest lack of good taste and unselfish purpose.

But not so easy do we see the fact that our own selfish hearts are the principal aggravation. What is the real offence? Why, he has acted selfishly toward *Me*.

When the ten disciples began to be displeased with James and John, it was because the two brothers had nearly got ahead of *them*.

A plate of apples was passed, and a boy picked out the largest one. "You little pig," said his sister, "why did you take that apple? I intended to get that one my self!" I have seen students much stirred up about the room they were to occupy. I have noticed that many times it is a strife as to who shall have the corner rooms in the dormitory.

Two windows instead of one makes these rooms more desirable than the others. Manifestly not all can have the corner rooms, and by that same token, some must take the less desirable ones. At such times it happens occasionally that some one loses a good opportunity to show forth the spirit of the Master and "Make himself of no reputation."

The other person is very selfish, isn't he? He ought to give the thing right up oughtn't he? To be Christ-like, he should make himself of no reputation, shouldn't he?

Sometimes it is the more comfortable chair, or the better position in the chapel, or the preferable seat at the dining table, or any one of thousands of things that we have to do with, from day to day.

The school of Christ is an exacting one, isn't it? But do you not think it is worth while? Ah, my boys and girls, to fight with self is the task of the Christian student. To make one's self of no reputation is the hall mark of scholarship in this great school that Christ has instituted. He has not required his students to do what he would not do. He

has set the example. See Phil. 2:4-7.

#### *Paying or Giving*

Sometimes it happens that persons get their ideas mixed, and cannot discern clearly what they mean by the words they use. The two words that head this article are an instance in point. Some talk of giving when they are only paying.

No man can give tithe. He pays it. It is an obligation. He owes it. He can not give it any more than a man can give his landlord his rent that is due. He who merely pays his rent is not a liberal man. He who pays his tithe is not necessarily a good giver.

There is also another phase of this question that we may consider with profit. No man can be liberal with other men's money. If a person is careless about paying his just obligations, but excuses himself by saying that he gives to this or that good cause, he should be reminded that if he assumes to give when he owes, he is attempting to be liberal with other men's means.

It sometimes happens that such persons are very willing to allow themselves to assume an obligation, and possibly in some hazy sort of way they think that some time they will pay their obligations, but the burden rest so lightly on them, that they are not uncomfortable under it, and easily excuse themselves by saying they cannot pay, or that they have been unfortunate, or that some time they will pay.

Such good people have frequently been known to make further pledges to some good cause, and the prospect of the creditor's getting his pay fades into the dim distance. Such should see that when they do this they are not giving. It is the creditor whom they owe, who is yielding up what rightfully belongs to him. He might be willing to do it, but it is likely that he would prefer to be asked, and have his consent obtained.

I have known of a student's leaving with a debt to the school, but with the promise that it shall be paid. I have known these same ones to feel that they were abused when the school from which they had received their help asked them to come forward and make some effort to pay their bills.

It is not my purpose to heap reproaches on any one. I have great sympathy for the young man or woman who with short means, still tries to get an education. I doubly sympathize with the one

who, going out into the world to meet the storms of life, finds it difficult to discharge promptly every obligation. But I would have such an one to consider that he should not permit his desire for comforts to over-ride his burden to pay his obligations. He should be anxious about it. He should want to do it. He should wish it more than he should wish to wear nice clothes, eat fine food, drive fine rigs, or go to fine places of amusement. It should be as a fire shut up in his bones. He should be consumed with a great ambition to owe no man any thing.

He should be filled with an indomitable spirit that will not be conquered, that will not be defeated. When his debt is paid he should feel light, and as tho he had won a victory,—even as he has.

It is too bad that there are those who are willing to wear fine clothes, and enjoy the luxuries of life, when if they would think carefully, must see that it is other people's clothing they are wearing.

He who who cultivates costly tastes, and who will not miss a chance to gratify them, is in great danger. His notions of honesty grow hazy and indistinct, and ere long if possible he is living beyond his income, hoping that by some indefinite good stroke of fortune he will be able later to recoupe, and discharge his indebtedness.

It is very easily possible that the wrong person will make the application. The one who with all the powers of his being is working hard to meet his obligations, is usually the one who is sensitive to suggestions of this kind. He may say to himself, "Brother Jeys is talking of me."

I am not. I am talking of him who is willing to owe, who is willing to owe more if he can find some one who will let him, who will think that a chance to go into debt is a good opportunity to get, who will loose no sleep in anxiety, who will deny himself no real or imaginary want if it is in his power to supply it.

I want to wake him up. I want him to see how dishonest and cowardly and little such a course is. I want him to be ashamed of himself. I want him to pay his bills and I don't want him to give a quarter to the Sabbath school donations, and make that an excuse for not paying his debts. He didn't give that at all. It belonged to his creditor.

**The Lord's Prayer**

OF all forms of prayer, the one given by our Saviour is the most beautiful and perfect. He being himself God, knew what form of prayer would please him, consequently he taught us the manner in which we should pray to him.

The Lord's prayer may be divided into three parts: the preface, the petition, and the conclusion.

Our Lord, in teaching this petition did not mean that we should say that prayer alone, whenever we are going to pray; it was given as a form according to which we should frame all our addresses to God. And truly he has dictated a most perfect and universal form, comprehending all our real wants, and expressing all our lawful desires. And yet, though this prayer is so beautiful, the form so perfect, how many of us in repeating it pause to consider whether we are really saying what our hearts desire?

It requires very serious thought, especially when we pray,—“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” Very often we have enemies, as we say, present in a meeting, who may have done us a wrong long ago, and whom we never forgave, nor intended to forgive. Often we have just had an opportunity to revenge ourselves on a person who had done us an injury, and we used it. Often we have persons under us, crying out for mercy, but we neglect that cry; and after all this, we find ourselves asking God to forgive us our sins, as we forgave those that sin against us.

Yes, it requires serious thought. We must forgive others in order to be forgiven, and in this petition, we are asking God to forgive us, only in the manner in which we forgive those who do us a wrong; so if we do not pardon our enemies, we in this petition most seriously and solemnly ask God to damn us eternally; for Christ himself said that if we forgive not men their trespasses, neither will our heavenly Father forgive us our trespasses. Therefore before praying we should examine ourselves, find out where we are wanting, and make all right; then pray, bearing in mind that,—

We always say our prayers,  
But do we ever pray?  
And do the wishes of our heart  
Dictate the words we say?

A. FOWLER.

**Thoughts for The Day**

WE are told in Job 28:1-3, that there is a place for gold where they find it.

Iron is taken out of the earth and brass is molten out of stone. He setteth an end to darkness and searcheth out all perfection.

Surely where that is true, God has a place for man's heart and thoughts to be settled.

I often hear people say we can't possibly help from sinning because we sin in thoughts. Yes, we agree with that, so long as our heart is not settled in Christ. When it is settled, then all evil thoughts pass away, and then righteousness and truth take the place. Our hearts are settled in the law and that is where God wants it, for he said, “Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and thy law is the truth.” Psalms 119:142.

VIOLA DUDLEY.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**

SABBATH, December 18, this church worshiped in their new home, thus ending its more than nine years of wandering. Ground was broken Sept. 20. Thus it was made usable in less than three months. The public has marvelled at its progress. We moved in to save a month's rent, while the furnishing was being done. Praise the Lord for all his goodness. Sunday night, Dec. 16, I baptized two candidates, thus christening the baptistry also. Some others are preparing for baptism.

It has meant much taxing labor to have it advanced thus far. For the past three weeks I have worked on the painting, and other items, until near twelve o'clock at night. Certain promised help backed out, but Brother Joseph Konigsmacher, besides donating all the varnish, spent also several days of exceedingly hard work on the finishing. The new year finds me bed-fast, as on December 28 I suffered a collapse. Feeling ill and nervous, I returned from the building, and while endeavoring to reach a bed, I fell to the floor unconscious, exhausted. That day, Brother Konigsmacher kindly varnished the floors, so that the building is now ready for dedication, which will be at 2.30 p. m., Sunday, January 16. Prof. Wilkinson will preach the dedicatory sermon.

I wish herein to thank any who have contributed any help whatever to this

enterprise. We feel very grateful to them and above all, to the good Lord who has helped us so wonderfully.

A. N. DURRANT.

**Detroit, Mich.**

ABOUT the middle of last August, our church by the aid of the Conference, leased a more suitable place of worship, which has added greatly to the progress of our work.

We have opened a church school with eleven pupils. It is conducted by Miss Ida A. Parker, of Logansport, Ind. She is an energetic and capable teacher. The church, Miss Lottie E. Bell the educational sec'y, and others, are rendering good help, in financing the school.

Mrs. Cynthia Bush our Bible worker, and all the members, with few exceptions, have done their best to cause the truth to advance, spiritually and financially, as the following statements will show:—

Tithe	587.96
Sabbath school	148.66
Harvest Ingathering	120.16
Holly Academy	32.75
Church expense	180.21
Other funds	19.00
Total	1088.74

On the basis of a membership of 25, the percapita is as follows,—

Tithe	23.50
Harvest Ingathering	4.80
Missions per week	.22
Total per capita	45.88

No added during the year 20. Of this number, 15 were new converts. The membership for 1916 is 40.

We are still greatly in need of a better place of worship.

W. H. GREEN.

**Jacksonville, Fla.**

THIS work seems very dear to me as it is the first work I took up after I left Oakwood. The Lord truly has been my counselor and guide. From the time I opened school up to the present I have an enrollment of thirty-nine pupils. I together with the entire school have enjoyed a very profitable week of prayer season. The children requested me to extend the devotional period a little longer each morning, so that I could have more time to talk to them. They never tire of listening to the explanation of each subject and always regretted for

the closing to come. Many rose asking prayers, that the Lord would help them to be better boys and girls.

Even the children see the necessity of putting away sin from their lives. When I asked, "Who are willing to give their hearts to Jesus?" every hand was raised. I have organized the school into a band called "Busy Bee Band." The band has given seventy-five pennies as a week of prayer offering. I have tried to impress the children with the necessity of making sacrifices in giving to the cause. I dare say some have really denied themselves.

I had put up a box in the school room to put pennies in, and when I opened it, counted the pennies, and found seventy-five cents, they fairly shouted for joy, and asked that I pass them around, so that all could see their little gift to Jesus. We are much encouraged because of the blessings of the Lord.

F. M. PALMER.

#### What They Say

FROM our letters received concerning our little book, *THE MYSTERY*, we select a few extracts—Ed.

Sister Anna Knight, Educational secretary of the Southeastern union mission, writes,—

I have read carefully and thoughtfully your little book "*THE MYSTERY*," and am delighted with it. I would like to see a copy in every home. It is not only interesting, but highly instructive.

Personally I shall take pleasure in calling attention to it. I wish you much of the blessing of the Lord and success in all your work.

Elder J. S. Washburn, of Philadelphia, Pa., writes,—

"I read the little book '*THE MYSTERY*' all thru at one sitting with much interest. I found it to be a very unique, tender, sympathetic story in verse, of the plan God has laid and is working out to save men.

The author's own inimitable style is as strikingly original in verse as in his prose writings.

All may read this new setting of the 'old, old story,' with interest and blessing."

Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Northern Union Conference, writes, "'*THE MYSTERY*' is a very interesting and readable story, covering in brief the history of the world from the introduc-

tion of sin to the final restoration of all things, and I consider it in every way worthy the perusal of those in whose hands it may fall, from the prelude to the amen. It seems to me it would be an excellent book to place in the hands of our young people, and especially of those who have an appetite for reading in rhyme."

Elder G. W. Wells, president of the Minnesota Conference says,—

"I received your little book entitled *THE MYSTERY*, and have read it with interest. I am sure that any one who enjoys reading truth presented in verse will greatly appreciate your little volume.

I have found many gems of truth in the book."

#### God is a Spirit

IN reading the "Articles of Religion" of a certain strong denomination, I came across this statement,— "There is but one living and true God, without body, parts, or passions."

The above statement is believed by almost all Christendom and is supposed to be substantiated by John 4:24, which states that "God is a Spirit."

The text just quoted is regarded as final by the clergy, and is deemed all-sufficient to prove God a nonentity.

We are informed by 1 Cor. 15:44 that there exists both natural and spiritual bodies. Seeing then that God is a spirit, He must possess a spiritual body, and Genesis 1:26-27 gives us an idea of the appearance of our great Maker, for we are told that we are made in his image and after his likeness. So then if we, the vile copy, possess composite parts, why so must the Great Original, as the following texts explain.

Head and hair	Rev. 1:14
Face, eyes, ears	1 Peter 3:12
Eyelids and lips	Ps. 79:34, 11:4
Mouth	Ps. 78:1
Nose	Is. 65:4-5
Nostrils	Job 4:9
Arms and hands	Heb. 10:31, Job 40:9
Fingers	Ex. 31:18
Thighs	Rev. 19:16
Feet	Zech. 14:4
Back parts	Ex. 33:18-23

Very soon the Master will appear, Zeph. 1:4, and we shall see the King in his beauty. Isa. 33:17. Then will all men know that God is a Spirit with beautiful body and parts.

H. E. ALSTON.

#### Wilmington, N. C.

MISSIONARY report of the Wilmington, N. C. missionary society for quarter ending December 31, 1915.—

Letters written	14
Letters received	22
Missionary visits	140
Bible readings	63
Subscriptions taken	4
Papers sold	19
Papers given away	4
Books sold	22
Tracts sold	5
Hours of C.H. work	122
Articles of clothing given	34
Number of meals provided	177
Treatments given	3
Sick visits	33
Persons asked to service	4
Tithes	\$30.18
Home missions	19.58

JENNIE MARTIN, *Librarian.*

#### OBITUARIES

##### THOMAS

JOSEPH G. Thomas died at his home in Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 11, aged 36 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

He accepted present truth a little over three years ago, under the labors of Elder Sydney Scott. At the time of his death he was first deacon of the second S. D. A. church in Wilmington. Brother Thomas was a very faithful church worker and a consistent Christian, and was held in high esteem by all the members of the church. He is survived by his wife, one son, a mother, and a brother.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

G. E. PETERS.

##### GRANT

BROTHER L. A. Grant was born in Augusta, Ga. in the year 1848, and died Dec. 16, 1915, at the age of sixty-seven. Brother Grant was a member of the Shiloh Baptist church until the year 1897, when the message of Rev. 14:6-14 came to him. He accepted the truth and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. He was very faithful to his church and its meetings until his last sickness. He was sick for only seven days, passing away Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. He leaves a wife and six children.

C. G. MANNS.

TO THE GOLDEN GATE

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resort for Chicago's thousands, as well as hundreds more from a distance. As a breathing place, it is a great blessing to the many children that frequent its shady banks and grassy nooks. It has a large zoo where birds and animals of nearly every description can be found, interesting the crowds that hang about the cages or pens. One of the largest herds of American Bison to be found in our country is here.

I carried my kodak with me and got several good snaps, but I am showing to you herewith only two, the palm house, the conservatory where I used to work, and my old friend, the giraffe. I know of no place where earth's flora and fauna, things of God's creation, are exhibited in any greater variety than in Lincoln Park, Chicago. If any of my young readers have occasion to visit this city, let them not fail to spend a few hours in recreation at this park.

Leaving Chicago, I spent Sabbath and Sunday with my parents at Muncie, Indiana, my old home and birth place. I had a short visit of two hours in Indianapolis with our former associate workers at Oakwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harris. From there I came on to Nashville and Huntsville to greet my family and friends at Oakwood. I had been away from home six weeks. Had traveled five thousand miles and am now convinced that even in a world of sin, this earth presents many beautiful and interesting things. Shall we, dear reader, hope to be among that number that shall see the earth in its purity and live the experience that is mentioned in sacred writ, where it states, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

C. J. BOYD.

Bessemer, Ala.

Sabbath January 15 was a good day for Bessemer. A number of the Birmingham church were present. Elder A. L. Miller then organized thirteen members of the Bessemer company into a church. Elder J. G. Dasent and Brother M. L. Wilson rendered valuable assistance. We listened to a good sermon from Elder A. L. Miller. His subject was The Fundamental Principles of Christianity. He placed very much emphasis

upon the first principle, The Divinity of Christ. Our souls were made fresh and our hearts were made glad, to know that God thru his servants had established another ensign to represent his character, and to warn the people of Bessemer to prepare to meet the coming King. Elder Dasent is now engaged in a ten days series of meetings in Birmingham.

R. ROBERTS.

Newbern, N. C

MISSIONARY Volunteer report of the Newbern N. C. Y. P. M. V. society for year ending December 31, 1915.

Letters written	88
Letters received	27
Missionary visits	949
Bible readings	385
Subscriptions taken	17
Papers sold	325
Papers mailed	238
Books sold	5
Books lent or given	40
Tracts lent or given	683
Hours of C. H. work	707
Articles of clothing given	90
No. meals provided	389
Bouquets given	3
Scripture cards	14
Treatments given	35
Signers to temperance pledge	4
Children brot to S. S.	16
Foreign missions	\$123.05
Home missions	79
Tithe	96.86
Needy poor	8.03
Building fund	20.00
Harvest Ingathering	7.20
Foreign Missions thru S. S.	13.36

CHARLOTTE WEEKS.

Atlanta, Ga.

TO God be the glory for his guiding hand and manifestation of power.

With eyes and heart opened to the solemnity of the times in which we are living, we have decided to do more for the cause of God this year than we have ever done in the past.

The financial report of the church for 1915 is as follows:

Tithe	619.61
Second sabbath offering	9.41
Annual offering	13.80
Y. P. M. V. Society	36.93
Sabbath School offering	280.30
Church expense	143.10
Church poor	20.68

Signs of The Times	123.01
Colored work	9.55
Religious Liberty	8.52
Colored tent	27.24
Oakwood School	9.05
Midsummer offering	19.74
Harvest Ingathering	84.77
Total	\$1,405.71

I have visited the Macon and Austell churches several times during the year 1915, and their determination is to push the work of God. Indeed the Master has said that his people will be "willing in the day of his power." Ps. 110:3.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

Baltimore, Md.

ANOTHER year of activity and visible advance in the proclamation of the last message of mercy, closes with the determination of each of our members in this large city to do more for the Lord than ever in their lives. The past has brought so many blessings, and we are sure the future has more. During the summer of 1915 Elder F. H. Seeney and I held a successful tent effort, at the first baptism from which there were 30 precious souls buried with the Lord. Since then we have baptized 21 more, really the result of the tent effort, making 51 all told.

From last January to the time of tent work, 20 had united with the church, making for the year a total of 71 additions to the truth and with the other baptisms 68 have obeyed this command.

Our church building is rapidly getting too small for the members, tho we have a comfortable gallery, seating 100.

During the month of November a successful school of health was held in the basement of the church, and we believe that many persons were helped in the way of preparing food free from flesh meats. The night of the school was devoted to distributing the dishes (mock roast turkey stuffed, mock mince pie, potato croquets, brown gravy and rolls,) to at least 250 persons, including some of the city physicians, dentists, and heads of city schools. Doctors Sisco and B. Sisso and Kress were the principal speakers, and all wished it could be repeated every week. We find that we can reach the professional men thru services of this kind, who could not be induced to attend other meetings so easily.

The members of the church are earnest and zealously working along sensible



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lines to cement the work here, so that  
our church will always stand forth as a  
beacon light.

We find that our brethren and sisters  
are becoming more and more faithful to  
their vows as the following will show:  
during the year 1915 the church raised

Tithe	1584.86
For foreign missions	632.16
Church debt	1900.00

This leaves us at present to raise  
\$3250.00 to make us free of debt. We  
have much before us for this year, and  
we hope to double all our past efforts  
in soul winning, debt cancelling, tithe  
paying, and offerings to missions.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

## Note and Comment

ELDER C. B. Stephenson was a welcome  
visitor recently.

Prof. Boyd and Brother Swofford, our  
farm manager were off for a few days,  
Prof. Boyd to attend a committee meet-  
ing of the Alabama conference, and  
Brother Swofford to go to the farmers'  
institute at Tuskegee.

Our policy of not saying a word about  
renewals seems to be working well.  
They are coming in at a very satisfac-  
tory rate, so we are going to continue  
the same tactics again this month, and  
not say a word about it.

Brother. D H. Lewis, our tent maker,  
says you better order your tent now and  
avoid the rush.

The following letter recently came to  
us thru the mail,—

Dear Sir,—

I have picked up one  
of your advertisements, and as I would  
like to change climates, please send me  
full particulars concerning the land for  
which you are agent."

Yours respectfully,

## Southeastern Union Mission

REPORT of home missionary department of the S. E. U. Mission for quarter end-  
ing Dec. 31, 1915.—

	Cumberland	Georgia	Florida	South Car.	North Car.	Totals
Letters written	29	184	273	101	40	627
Letters received	29	133	182	82	39	465
Missionary visits	361	1348	1053	299	292	3353
Bible readings	122	471	295	191	131	1210
Subscriptions taken	1	33	22	61	8	125
Papers sold	462	1731	918	450	67	3628
Papers given away	136	965	668	682	19	2470
Books sold	12	134	61	86	31	324
Books lent or given	15	143	107	86	12	363
Tracts sold		45	5	10	9	69
Tracts lent or given	158	857	521	288	3045	4869
Hours of C. H. work	59	499	503	162	182	1405
Articles of clothing given	42	254	223	188	96	803
Number of meals provided	68	377	465	318	284	1512
Treatments given		84	98	43	25	250
Signers temperance pledge			9	13		22
Feather bed		1				1

The above is quite an increase over last quarter as will be observed, but it is not all that has been done, for there are several churches and companies that have not sent in their reports. I trust they will be sufficiently interested and encouraged by this, to see to it that their reports are sent in on time hereafter, in order that the summary for the conference may really show the work being done.

During this quarter I have labored with the Tampa, Lakeland, Orlando, Sanford, Ocala, and Jacksonville churches of Florida, and visited the Macon and Atlanta churches in Ga. Labored with the Knoxville church in Cumberland, and the Spartanburg, and Columbia churches in S. C. In all these places there is progress; and a devotion to the message and work that is very gratifying indeed.

The greatest need now, next to the Holy Spirit, is more literature with which to prosecute the work. Will not some of our friends please send us back numbers of the FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER, or REVIEW specials, or tracts? In fact, we will be grateful for any quantity. Send to the writer at 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

ANNA KNIGHT, Sec.

To this we answered as follows,—

Dear Madam,—

Replying to your inquiry of recent date, beg to say that there is still opportunity to get land in this country of which you inquire. It can not be bought at any price, but the Owner will give a home free to any one who wishes it and will make the necessary preparation. You must consent to be adopted into His family, and let Him direct you in all your ways. The owner is Jesus Christ and the land is known as the "New Earth." It will be open for settlement at the end of the Millenium, but the time for making entry is much closer.

Just how soon this time will pass is not known. One of the most happy facts about this is that no matter where your home is now, nor how poor you are, you can have an equal chance with the rich, and need not leave your present

abode to secure perfect title, as the owner Himself undertakes to secure it to those who make application.

Hoping you will be sure to get a home there, I am very truly your brother,

Would you like to see the advertisement that called forth this inquiry? Send 5 cents for ten, or 35 cents for 100 of the little tract called "Land."

While you are sending why not get some of the "I Believe" tracts, or the "Sabbath or Sunday" leaflets? They are all the same size and price. Be sure to ask for a price list. It's free.

## Thanks

WE appreciate very much the hearty response to the call that was made for the boys and girls of eastern Texas. In behalf of the companies that received clothing, we say many thanks.

M. G. NUNES.