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Historical Sketch

IN June, 1913, Elder G. E. Peters and Brother R. Roberts came to the city of Huntsville to labor for the salvation of souls. They pitched their tent in a thickly populated colored settlement on the south side of the city. The meetings were well attended. Many were stirred by the Spirit-filled message preached, and began studying their Bibles with great enthusiasm. There were a few like the noble Bereans that received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were true.

After the meetings had lasted about eleven weeks they were closed with fifteen adherents to the Advent message. This little company found a place of worship in the Brandon building on Church Street, where the church was organized on December 6 of the same year.

A building fund was started to which the Oakwood School faculty, members of the Alabama conference, and many of the citizens of Madison County and the city of Huntsville, donated liberally.

A list of the names of the donors shows receipts from one dollar upward to twenty-five dollars. Many smaller donations were also received. Many of the business houses donated either cash or material. One hundred books donated by the Southern Union Conference were sold by the members of the church, and added to this fund.

A building committee was appointed to choose location and lay plans for a building. A corner lot in the section of the town where the tent meetings were held was purchased for one hundred-fifty dollars.

The building was erected by students of the Oakwood school assisted by members of the church and others.

All of the rough lumber was supplied from the Oakwood sawmill. Prof. Boyd with his force has rendered us faithful

assistance for which we are very grateful. Their liberality has put us on vantage ground as they were very lenient in charges on both labor and material.

Rapid progress was made in erecting the building, but before it was completed Brother R. Roberts who was in charge of the work here was called to Bessemer, Ala., to labor.

He was succeeded by Brother C. A. Blackwood who pushed the work forward until he was called to labor in another field.

The writer entered the field July 5, 1914, finding a progressive work. The building though unfinished was occupied, to cut off rent. Endeavoring to work on

tasy. Others have stepped in and filled the gaps. Two have fallen asleep, but will join us again at the first resurrection.

We are thankful, first to God for what has been accomplished, secondly to those who have so liberally assisted us in our work.

C. A. WILSON.

Waco, Texas

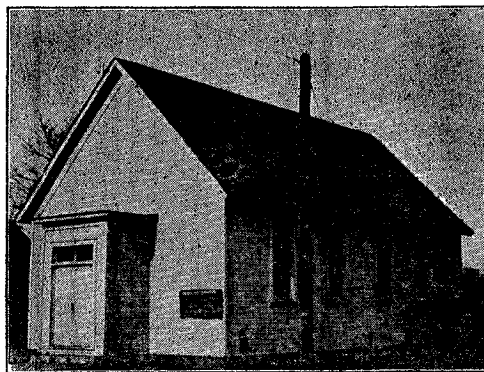
I ARRIVED here Jan. 17. I found the work in a very deplorable condition. The church had split in two. Half had gone with the faction which are now called the "Free S. D. A. church," and the other half were hanging on the body. I began work with the remainder of the church.

I found much sin in the camp irrespective of the split. There is no need of trying to help those on the outside until these on the inside get right with God. From the study of God's word we see that ancient Israel could not prevail as long as sin was in the camp. Neither do we see any provision for modern Israel to succeed until all sin is eliminated from the house of God. It is very true that the churches of the world are Babylon, and yet there are some honest people in them to come out, but we shall never be able to invite them out of Babylon as long as we have Babylon in ourselves.

There is one woman here who belonged to no church. Being away from her home, she wanted to unite with the S. D. A. church, but she saw so many leaks in the church that she feared to do so. She did not until my wife and I came and took up the work that so much needed to be done. This sister is now rejoicing in the truth and praising God for a home with his people.

We shall soon pitch a tent here for the salvation of souls.

THOMAS MURPHY.



S. D. A. church, Madison Street, Huntsville, Ala.

cash basis and to avoid debt, we began to raise funds for the completion of the building. I found the people of Huntsville very favorably disposed towards our work. Both white and colored were quite liberal. Just about this time a sudden change came as a result of the European war and the low price of cotton. This retarded our work considerably, but by persevering efforts we succeeded, for which we ascribe praise, honor, and glory to God.

The church membership has slowly but steadily increased. A few have fallen out of our ranks since the work began, some by the sad misfortune of apos-

Progress of the Negro Race

A LITTLE over fifty years ago, we were not only penniless, but were ourselves assessed as property. We were turned upon the country poor, naked, ignorant, landless laborers. Ninety-nine percent of the laborers were field hands and servants of the lowest type, and were regarded as only fit to be slaves.

The beginning of the race in America is traced back to 1619, when a Dutch trading vessel, being in need of supplies, anchored at Jamestown, and exchanged fourteen Negroes for food and supplies. The Jamestown people made slaves of these fourteen Negroes, but did not pass any slave laws until 1662, when the number of slaves in the colony was nearly 2,000, most of whom had been imported from the west coast of Africa. The slaves were not allowed to own property, but there were a few free Negroes at Jamestown. They could vote and bear arms in defense of the colony, but, like the slaves, not for themselves. They were taxed to bear the expense of the government, but could not be educated in the schools they helped to build. Then the "underground school room," some of them managed to acquire some education, and a little property. This offers briefly a faint picture of the early days of the Negro race in America.

From fourteen Negro slaves in 1619 on American soil, nearly 3,000,000 were liberated in 1865. From these have sprung 750,000 farmers, 70,000 teamsters, 55,000 railroaders, 36,000 miners, 33,000 sawmill hands, 34,000 teachers, 7,900 carpenters, 20,000 hatters, 25,000 hires, 22,000 clergymen, 400 tailors, 1,400 masbirs, 28,000 dressmakers, 152 wholesale merchants, 1,000 engineers and firemen, 10,000 blacksmiths, 1,500 lawyers, 25,000 physicians, 7,500 business men, 32 brickmakers, 59 architects, 3,000 contractors and builders, 150 plumbers, 253 undertakers, 400 photographers, 10 opticians, 75 hair-goods manufacturers, 12 buyers and shippers of live stock.

This race operates and entirely controls 75 bakeries, 200 sawmills, 50 furniture factories, 1 automobile factory, 9,000 dry goods stores and groceries, 700 drug stores, 1,000 millinery stores, 20 jewelry stores, 13 warehouses and cold storage plants, 210 laundries, 350 livery stables, 54 banks, 453 moving picture houses.

These enterprises handle an annual in-

come of over \$1,110,000,000, and above all we take pardonable pride in having 2,248,000 mistresses of independent homes, with 3,252,000 children in school.

The above are facts taken from the United States Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Little over 25 years ago, the Seventh-day Adventist denomination began work among the colored people of the United States, and as a result, over 3,500 have been won to the truth. Nine-tenths of the believers are south of Mason and Dixon's line. Over eighty Negro laborers, including Bible workers, are employed in the work, acting as evangelists, pastors, and teachers. There are 25 canvassers, forty school teachers, including some who are employed in lucrative positions in city schools, six physicians, and five real estate dealers.

Should we add the colored believers in the West Indies, South America, and Africa, to the number of believers in the North American Negro Department, the number would be considerably over 7,000 full fledged Negro believers in the third angel's message. The efforts put forth to bring the light to the Negro race have been crowned with success.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

Ye Have Done It Unto Me

THOSE who are in possession of the great Advent truth, should see to it that every phase of it is put into practice. Why? Because the times in which we live demand it. Christ is soon to come, and retrogression of the human race is without limit.

It is true that not all who know the worth of this truth can serve in all parts, but there is one great part of it that every one can do. What is it? I am sure we all can do the missionary work.

Christ, the greatest missionary this world ever saw, has given us the example of an ideal missionary. Yet it is not unusual to see missionary work neglected by those who are charged with this solemn responsibility. Jesus speaking of this sad fact in Matt. 25, said that these in the last day will be surprised to know that it is He they were treating so illy. They will ask a series of questions, excusing themselves saying, "When saw we thee an hungered, or a stranger, or athirst, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?" Then

Jesus shall say "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." On the other hand there will be another class who will be pleasantly surprised to know that the missionary work done to those with whom they come into contact was done to Him.

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON

BROTHER John J. Anderson was born in Virginia, in 1846. He served as a slave for several years. Coming to Midway, Pa., in the prime of life, he led an exemplary Christian life. Many years ago he accepted the third angel's message, and died, Thursday March 2, 1916, in full hope of a part in the first resurrection. Five sons and three daughters are left, but they mourn not as others who have no hope.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist church of Midway, Sunday afternoon, March 5, the writer conducting same, speaking to a congregation of perhaps more than four hundred people, the members and officers of the church included. This was one evidence of how our brother was respected.

The writer spoke on the unconscious state of the dead, and the "means" provided for their reclamation, thru the plan of salvation, using 2 Samuel 14:14.

There was quite a stir afterward, many opposing, while others inquired further. I understood that many Spiritualists were in attendance.

A. N. DURRANT.

WILLS

GIRTLER Ellen Wills was born Jan. 23, 1916. She was sick a very short time before she fell asleep, leaving a mother and a host of relatives and friends. She died at the age of 7 weeks and 6 days.

The writer conducted the service.

BROTHER Lewis Wills, was born April 9, 1891, died at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 12, 1916 at the age of 24 years, 11 months, and 3 days. He leaves a wife and two children, mother, and other relatives. Brother Wills was a loyal member of his church. The bereaved family have the comforting assurance, that he sleeps in hope of a soon coming Savior.

The funeral was conducted by the writer.
J. H. STAFFORD.

Talks to My Students

Christ or Self

PAUL, writing his Corinthian brethren said, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." 2 Cor. 2:14. He proved by his daily life that the statement is true. Not the love *for* Christ, tho that doubtless is included, but the love of Christ,—that love which only Christ is able to impart, his own mind and spirit.

It is wholly contrary to the ways of the world. With citizens of the earth the love of self is the ruling principle.

For this the maddened nations are now grappling in a death struggle. For this the world's great men have planned, and schemed, and waged war, and slain their fellow men. The love of self sends men searching in frozen fields for fame, only to return to earth's habitable portions, to quarrel bitterly because some one else claims the honor, or else to torrid regions to endure fever, floods, famines, or fear of warring natives. All these, men gladly endure, that they may add to their fame or fortune.

But the love of Christ constrains him in whose heart it burns, to face the dangers or difficulties involved for the joy set before him of seeing those for whom Jesus died, and whom sin has stricken, restored and redeemed.

It is well that we carefully study our own plans and purposes, examine carefully the springs of action moving us to the things we do, to see if it is the love of Christ or the love of self that constrains us.

For it is easy to settle back into self-righteous satisfaction, imagining that we are bearing the fruits of the Spirit, when only the works of the fleshly mind are in evidence.

A form of Godliness without the power is of no more value now than in the days of Paul, and the love of self is no better at Oakwood than elsewhere in this poor selfish, sin-darkened planet. Would you know how to test the matter for yourself? Watch a few items named from many that might be given. Does the love of Christ constrain you to spend your nickle at the picture show, or give to missions? to buy some gaudy array, or give to missions? to buy an automobile, or give to missions? to purchase fine furniture, or give to missions? to indulge in selfish gratification of any kind, or give to missions?

Perhaps you may say, "Are not

Christians to have any pleasure?"

Yes, indeed. And therein lies the test. Whence comes your pleasure? Is it in self-pleasing? Then be sure it is the love of self that constrains you.

Perhaps it is not always best to be severe on those who love pleasure more than they love God. They will be different when they are converted. Possibly some who are members of the church, and whose names are on the lists of church activities, have been stricken by that insidious malady which only the blood of Jesus can cure. Church officers are not immune. Your Bible teacher needs to examine his own heart to know what spirit he is of.

O, boys and girls! Is it the love of Christ that constrains you to do the things you do from day to day?

Now one word of counsel and encouragement. When you look into your own heart and discover how desperately wicked it is, and how selfishness mars and spoils all your righteousness; when you see that the love of self is so large, and the love of Christ has such small place in you; when by reason of your discoveries you are heart-sick and much hurt; just cast it all down before him who loves you with an everlasting love, and who can do all things except turn away from the helpless sinner who cries, "Lord I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

What They Say

WE herewith give brief copies of some letters received with reference to our little book, *THE MYSTERY*. We hope many will wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of reading and circulating this little book. Special terms to those who expect to use it in raising means for church building.

Elder W. H. Sebastian of Portsmouth, Va., says, "I am sure that the time you gave to the little book, *THE MYSTERY*, will not be lost. Souls I believe will be blest from the reading of the book. It would be a blessing to all our people, including the young people, to purchase it and take a view of Jehovah's purposes and plans. It will be a blessing for all to have it with their other good books.

The purpose for which the author has designed it, viz., church building and school support, should arouse many to enter heartily into the enterprise. I have

received a blessing from reading *THE MYSTERY*. My prayer shall be for the success of the book."

Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference, writes, "It is quite an interesting presentation in verse, of the plan of salvation, different to anything we have on this subject. I think many will read it with interest and profit, and that it will be particularly interesting to those who enjoy poetry.

It appears to adhere quite closely to the Bible story, and this is in its favor, for so many Bible stories do not follow this rule."

Brother A. F. Harrison, field missionary for the Southwestern Union Conference writes, "I have not had time to examine your little book thoroughly yet, but so far as I have seen, I am well pleased with it and shall do what I can to encourage its circulation."

Elder S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Union Conference says, "I received your little book entitled *THE MYSTERY*, and was much pleased with its contents. You have told the story of redemption in a way that is pleasing to every lover of poetry. It should be in the library of every seeker of truth."

Elder Chas. Thompson, president of the Northern Union Conference, says, "I have looked over your little book, *THE MYSTERY*. I find some very valuable matter in a very readable form.

I have not had time to read it all yet, but will carry it with me and read it as time and opportunity permit."

Little Rock, Ark.

EARLY in March, Elder M. Jones paid a visit to this church and remained with us a little over two weeks. His efforts in reshaping matters, and selecting officers for another year, proved a success, and none who were present could say anything else than that the Lord directed in all things.

The canvassers' institute was held here March 12-17, during which time the union and local conference presidents with the various agents who are pushing the book work gave excellent service. From the Bible class in the morning, the canvassers timely institute in the day, and sermons at night by Elder Jones, all felt a new life, and gathered strength to continue our duties for another year. W. DOBSON.

What is Man?

Some Questions Answered

Men have that the soul immortal,
Thot that death is heaven's portal,
Have believed what others taught them,
Have received what others brot them.

Many are who have been taught so,
From their earliest days they thot so,
Took it from their childhood teaching,
Heard it in their pastor's preaching.

Jesus rouses their attention,
By his Spirit's intervention ;
Thot on thot comes by suggestion
As with eagerness they question,

"What about the thieves repentance,
And the Saviour's simple sentence
That the poor thief, even he
Shall with Christ in heaven be ?
Luke 23:43.

"What of Dives ? How explain
Of the begger who had lain
At the rich man's palace doors
Where the dogs had licked his sores,
Luke 16:19-31.

"Whom when dead, an angel band
Carried to a better land.
And the rich man, dead as well,
And when burried, and in hell,

"Lifted up his eyes and cried,
'Please send Lazarus to my side,
Let him minister to me
Help in my extremity.'

"If dead people never knew
Of the things the living do,
Surely, they at least can tell
What is going on in hell."

These and many questions more,
Are repeated o'er and o'er.
Let us watch, and we shall see
What God's sure reply shall be.

First of all let it be known
That God's word is truth alone.
What at first may seem to be
Contradiction, we shall see

Are but parts of his great plan
For enlightenment of man ;
Parts, which, fitted in their place,
Do but show his boundless grace.

If I should begin to tell you
That the trees can clap their hands,
Or that each one has a language
Which the other understands,
Isa. 55:12.

And should cite the ninth of Judges
As a proof of my contention,
Or should quote a Psalm of David,
Or some others I could mention,
Judges 9:8-15. Ps. 96:12.

How would you proceed to show me
My conclusions were not true ?
How convince me of my error,
If the task were given you ?

Or if I should say, "The Bible
Teaches us that blood can cry.
For in Genesis it says it,
You can read it if you try."

What would you say to the statement
Plainly in the Bible found,
That the blood of Abel crieth
Unto God from off the ground ?
Gen. 4:10.

You would say, "It is a figure ;
Blood in fact cries not at all ;
Trees do not talk to each other,
Nor upon each other call."

Well, since thus you choose to answer,
(And I think your answer sound)
Have you not by your replying,
Answer to *your* question found ?

If when in our Bible study
We read of the dead who talk,
Or a disembodied spirit
That is said to rise and walk,

May I not with equal sureness
Say, "A figure here is used,
Metaphor, or allegory,
And we should not be confused ?"

But if you should be contentious,
And insist that dead men know
Things transpiring all around us,
Since the Bible tell you so,

Then I answer, "Just so surely
Does the Bible say that trees
Talk, and choose a king among them,
He who reads in Judges, sees.

"More than that, no Scripture tells us,
'Not a tree knows anything,'
But that very form of statement
From the Bible I can bring,
Ecc1. 9:5.

"Saying that the dead know nothing,
That they have no love nor hate ;
Tho there friends may be in trouble
Dead men know not of their state."
Job 14:21.

What then must be our conclusion ?
Dead men talk ? and trees converse ?
Or, if you say yes to either,
Which conclusion is the worse ?

Ah! The dead go down to silence.
All their memory is gone ;
Love and hatred all are perished
Till the resurrection morn.
Ecc1. 9:5.

With this view, all is consistent,
All harmonious the plan ;
Vindicated are God's dealings
With the race of sinful man.

T. H. J.

A Bible Talk

WHILE visiting one of the local churches of the city when a funeral service was being conducted, I noticed how forcibly the two preachers stated that the dead sister had gone on to heaven, where the angels are crying holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. After the service one of the preachers went with me to the cemetery in a carriage which I was driving. After we had gone some distance I asked this elder if one was real good and died, would he go on to heaven? He said yes, immediately, and if bad, he would go right on to hell as soon as he died.

I then began to mention some scriptures to him. He claimed that Christ comes every time one dies. I told him that the Bible says "As the lightning cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the West, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." I told him that when he comes every eye shall see him, I also told him that Job says that he would wait until his change came and if he waits, the grave would be his house. Paul tells us that the change comes at the last trump from mortal to immortality, from corruption to incorruption, and Paul says again, for the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then I asked him when did this sister die, and did she hear the trump of God? He then smiled and said that he had been thinking of these very same things that I was telling him. I pray for the good Baptist preacher that he may not only think of these things, but that he will preach them also.

G. W. POWERS.

Study at Home

THE Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calendar. Address, C. C. Lewis, principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

Where Art Thou?

Gen. 3:9.

SIN stands a gulf between man and his Creator. The moment man is out of communion with God, he wants to hide. But God seeks him. The very first thing that happened after the fall of man, was that God came down to seek the lost one. As he walks thru the garden, methinks I hear him calling with voice of grace, mercy, and love, "Adam! Adam! Where art thou?"

Adam should have taken the seeker's place, for he was the transgressor. He should have gone up and down Eden crying, "My God! My God! Where art thou?" But God came down not to hurl him from the face of the earth, but to plan an escape from the misery of his sin.

And he finds him where? Hiding from his Creator among the bushes of the garden. We may think our life hid, but God knows it all better than we, and today he asks of three classes, calling every one by name, Where art thou?

1. The professed Christian.
2. The backslider.
3. The sinner.

Professed Christian, have you realized what the apostle means when he says that Christians are to be living epistles known and read of all men? Are you seeking the dark hiding places of sinful man crying, "Sinner, where art thou?" Have you separated yourself from the world?

Many are sleeping while souls all around are perishing. Mother, where is your daughter? Husband, where is your wife? Wife, where is your husband?

Christian, are you seeking the sons of Adam? If not so, may I ask "Why art thou sleeping so near thy blest home?"

Backslider, you were once a professed Christian, member of a church, teacher in Sabbath school, but did not receive the warm welcome you expected. Then you formed the habit of staying away. You have gone so far that you are found in the theater perhaps, and in the company of blasphemers, drunkards. Are you satisfied and happy in that strange, far country? Why not return to your Father?

The prodigal lost his food, the backslider loses the same. He gets no manna from heaven. The prodigal lost his work. He was a Jew. They made him care for swine. The backslider cannot work for God, or eternity. He is a stum-

bling block to the world. The prodigal lost his testimony—Who will believe him? He stands among the swine, barefooted, bareheaded, and in rags. One says to another, "Look at that poor wretch." "What!" he says, "call me a wretch? My Father is a man of wealth and position." That poor wretch the son of a wealthy man? who will believe him? Why not go to his father? Backslider, the world does not believe you are the son or daughter of a King. Listen to the voice of God. Return! He waits to welcome you. Say while it is called today "I will arise and go to my Father."

Sinner, if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly appear? What is to become of you? How shall you escape? Where art thou? Is it true you are without God and without hope in the world? Do you stop to think where you would spend eternity? Come, the Master calleth for you. God, ere he turned Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden, made a coat and covered them. Sinner, come with me to the cross of Christ, it covers every sin, every shame. There is a noise heard; vengeance is near. Your chains will be tighter drawn. Why not flee? Jesus died to set you free. Will you let him die in vain?

A solemn question rings today: Eternity! Where? AMELIA FOWLER.

Corsicana, Texas

WE came here January, 15 and took up the work where Elder Nunes left off. The work is moving along nicely, and all are now planning to do some good steady house-to-house work with the Liberty Extra and other papers. Most of our members are already at work along this line.

Our Sunday night meetings are well attended by the people of other churches.

The house was well nigh full last Sunday night. After the meeting three men came to me and asked that I speak on the seal of God, next Sunday night. I promised them I would if they would come and bring others with them. The members here are very diligent in inviting other people to our meetings. Our people are poor and make but little money, but they are faithful to bring their tithe each month. Nine members paid \$34.85 tithes for February, Sabbath school donation, \$6.75. There is still

room for improvement. Some have to be reminded of their duty some times.

Miss Elizabeth Barnes, a trained nurse from Oakwood school, Huntsville, Ala., is here. She is doing good work among the white people. She gets far more calls than she can fill. One of the best doctors here tells his patients that Sister Barnes is the best nurse in town, white or colored. She does not charge high for her work. Miss Barnes is paying in her tithes here now.

Mrs. Smart of New Orleans, wrote us that she would be here to join Miss Barnes in her work.

Brother C. U. Taylor, came by and spoke for us one night a few weeks ago. His talk was very stirring, and seemed to help waken a new desire to work in the hearts of all. We hope he will come again soon. We shall enjoy having our white brethren give us a call any time. The little church is located on the corner of 7th St. and 13th Ave.

E. M. GATES.

Birmingham, Ala.

I AM sure those who have visited the Birmingham church will be glad to know of the many rich blessings that we are receiving daily from God. In January a seven day's meeting was conducted by Elder J. G. Dasent in a hall in the heart of the city. Notwithstanding the cold rainy weather during the meeting, we had large crowds and many hearts were touched. We have reason to believe that some will take their stand for God. We are still following up the interest. We thank God today that our church is in a good spiritual condition, and that all, from the least to the oldest, are at work. We find this the only way to keep Satan out.

The number is increasing who are paying tithe, and by the last of this month we expect every member of our church roll will be paying tithe. The tract and missionary society is working hard. The young people's missionary society is at work, and the Sabbath school is very much interested in it's part of the work. —J. J. Pearson in Southern Union Worker.

"Yes, take the conceit out of him, but don't add it to your own supply."

Southeastern Union Mission President's Address

Negro Mission Department.

THE most important, as well as the most solemn biennial period ever witnessed by the people of God has recently closed. As we look back upon the experiences gained in the cause, we see many things to cheer our hearts in the way of victories gained and advancement made, but when we turn to behold the condition of the earth, the picture makes us sick at heart. For many years Seventh-day Adventist have been warning the world that the closing scenes of earth's history would be fraught with terrible carnage and blood-shed, as well as trouble in all the walks of life, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth. We have lived to see these predictions literally fulfilled, and therefore we know that we have not been following cunningly devised fables in proclaiming our message to the world.

Progress has been made in the various departments of the conference and mission work, notwithstanding the many changes that have come in.

Membership

The membership of the Union Negro Mission at the time it was organized was 232. At present it stands at 892. Of this number 47 were gained during the last two years. This would have been larger but for the defection of the Savannah colored church composed of 185 members. By biennial periods the membership has been reported as follows:

1909	1911	1913	1915
232	387	845	892

The Mission has a total of 32 church organizations and 14 meeting houses.

We have as loyal a force of workers as will be found anywhere in the world.

Our total force of laborers numbers 33.

Of these 7 are ordained ministers, 4 are licensed preachers, 9 are licensed missionaries, 8 are colporters, and there are 5 other workers.

Financial

A total of \$15,509.90 in tithe has been paid in by our loyal members during the two years. This is an increase of \$2,870.44 over the years 1912 and 1913. The average yearly per capita for the mission is \$8.70.

The total offering to missions for the two years past have amounted to \$6,883.38. The amount per capita per week

for the year 1914 was \$.069. In 1915 it was \$.084.

Literature Department

Our book sales have been encouraging. \$11,094.91 worth of our truth-filled literature has been scattered in the five conferences during the two years. This represents a gain of \$52.53 over the previous period. The total for the past four years was \$22,137.29. While this is good, yet we feel that it should have been much larger. Many other colored people should be in the field, selling our truth-laden books.

We are operating in this Union Mission 11 church and mission schools with an average enrollment of 408. For the first half of the biennial period we had no Educational and Young People's Secretary, but sometime last year Prof. Leo Thiel of Union College took hold of this department of the work and we trust that a rapid growth will be seen in the near future.

We have nine young people's societies with a membership of 272. This is an increase in membership for the past two years of 93. This does not include the the Florida conference. Our Sabbath school department reports 37 organizations at present with 1095 members.

These Sabbath schools have given during the last period \$2,204.09. This shows an average for the two years of \$.025 per week per church member raised through the Sabbath school department.

Home Missionary

The Home Missionary Department will be able to render a report which we are sure will be very encouraging. We are sure that the finishing of this great work will soon be realized when the rank and file of our membership get under the burden and add their efforts to those of our regular workers. The reports which have been gathered from our churches demonstrate that many of our people realize this, and have set themselves to the task.

Recommendations

In looking over the field and viewing the status of the work in this Union we feel clear in making a few recommendations to the delegates who are here in session. We believe that a special campaign should be entered into, to increase the membership of this Union Mission.

During the past five years the net membership increase has been 661. For the previous quadrennial period we have

no record. It seems to us that with our present force of workers we should plan to increase our membership to 2,000 by the close of the next quadrennial period.

This would mean a net gain of 1208.

We frequently enter into campaigns for other things such as raising a definite sum of money, but we believe that the greatest campaign of all should be for the great ingathering of souls.

We believe that some of our local missions should greatly strengthen their colporter department. The book work is a good thermometer by which the temperature of all lines of the work in the conference can be tested. When the colporter work is booming, usually we find life in other lines as well. When this department lags the whole conference seems dead. The outlook in some of the missions is very bright, but in others we believe that this department needs to be materially strengthened.

We also believe that it is possible for each local mission to increase its donations to Missions sufficiently to make up the entire quota of fifteen cents per week per member set by the North American Division Conference. Of course this will take time, and careful, systematic work on the part of the laborers.

We believe this matter should receive your careful attention, and that some systematic campaign plans should be laid at this meeting. Study should also be given to the matter of increasing the tithe receipts from the local churches.

This brief report and these recommendations we now lay before you as delegates to the fourth biennial session of this Union Conference and you will do with them as you see fit. I pray that God will guide you and that his name may be honored and his cause advanced in all that you may do.

W. H. BRANSON.

"KEEP clear of personalities in conversation. Talk of things, objects, thoughts. The smallest minds occupy themselves with persons. As far as possible, dwell on the good side of human beings. There are family boards where a constant process of depreciating, and cutting up character goes forward. They are not pleasant places. One who is healthy does not wish to dine at a dissecting table. There is evil enough in man, God knows, but it is not our mission to detail and report it."

SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE MISSION

MISSIONARY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1916

	Cumberland	Georgia	Florida	S. Car.	N. Car.	Total	4th qr. 1916
Letters written	44	325	346	162	429	1306	627
Letters received	44	192	248	115	362	961	465
Missionary visits	619	1384	1097	2445	1380	6925	3353
B. Readings or cottage meetings	81	743	445	558	332	2059	1210
Subscriptions for periodicals	8	66	95	9	3	181	125
Papers and magazines sold	93	718	767	785	156	2519	3628
Papers mailed, lent or, given	283	1585	644	1920	318	4750	2470
Books sold	29	76	81	171	199	556	324
Books lent or given	48	186	166	100	90	590	363
Tracts sold	202	163	13	132	60	570	69
Tracts lent or given	1475	794	1123	5200	273	8865	4869
Hours Christian help work	261	654	1008	831	700	3453	1405
Articles clothing given	66	246	207	462	225	1206	803
Number meals provided	29	479	477	725	701	2411	1512
Treatments given	14	198	105	69	96	462	250
Signers to temperance pledge		3	29	30		62	22
Bouquets given					1	1	
Offerings to missions		\$54.59	\$15.75	\$31.40	\$36.53	\$138.28	

I sincerely hope that all the home missionary workers and readers will note and compare the totals of the first quarter of 1916 with the last quarter of 1915. These figures show a very encouraging growth in every line, except that of papers sold. The fall-off here is only due to the fact that the last quarter of 1915 was the time for the "Harvest Ingathering" campaign, and the mission in each conference sold more Harvest Ingathering papers in this Union than ever before, and raised more money too, for missions from that source.

We trust this good report will so stir our hearts that the second quarter of 1916 will exceed the first one as much, or more, as it exceeds the last of 1915. *It can be done!* I am counting on every soldier in the Lord's army to do his or her part in helping to make this the best quarter in our history. That should make us try real hard, but the best of it all lies in the joy of service. Think of the many seeds that will have been sown beside all waters, on all kinds of ground, and only the great day of the Lord will reveal the many precious souls garnered into the fold, as a result of this service.

"We are to work as we have never worked before. We are to seek every opportunity of drawing souls to Christ. The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity."

ANNA KNIGHT, Sec.

Among the Churches

TOWARD the close of last quarter, a tour among the churches was planned. At Little Rock, we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and had election of officers to serve for another year. One was also baptized and received into the church. The institute for the year was held here. Our Bible class at 9 a.m., and the canvassers' instruction classes during the day, were to all very profitable. All went away determined to produce better results in fruit-bearing another year.

The church and school at Devall's Bluff are determined to hold on to success in spite of the almost insurmountable barriers that confront them. At this place Miss Carrie Shaw is doing a good work in the school, and her hands need to be strengthened.

At Pine Bluff the work is onward for the live "timbers of this building" are not only holding things together await-

ing reinforcement, but aggressive work is being done in erecting a suitable place of worship. We ask not only an interest in your prayers for this church, but your financial support, that the heavily burdened shoulders of those directly engaged may be encouraged. Apostasy claimed some at this place, and one of the principal members was sick, yet the honest are showing themselves loyal and true to the message.

Our aim is to arise and build. Send your help to M. Jones, 615 South 9th, Fort Smith Ark., who is in charge of the work. All receipts from donors will be acknowledged thru GOSPEL HERALD.

In the three churches it was the object of the writer to show to all, that the hour has come for every inactive and dormant energy of the soul to be brought into service, and as a result plans were laid, and each member was called upon to move into even lines for the closing up of the work. METHUSELAH JONES.

Newbern N. C.

REPORT of the Newbern, N. C. Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers for quarter ending March 25, 1916.

Letters written	15
Letters received	10
Missionary visits	49
Bible readings	24
Papers mailed or given away	17
Papers sold	10
Tracts lent or given away	29
Hours of C. H. work	83
Articles of clothing given	14
Number of meals provided	73
Scripture cards given	5
Treatments given	9
Foreign Missions	\$16.75
Home Missions (local)	.99
Tithe paid	\$26.83
Needy poor	\$1.55
Building funds	\$20.00
Sabbath school	\$2.22

CHARLOTTE WEEKS, Leader.

DAISY, COLLINS Sec.

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Note and Comment

ELDER S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Union Conference was a welcome caller at our school recently.

Prof. Boyd has been treating himself to a new automobile. His frequent trips to the city and elsewhere may now be done with neatness and dispatch.

Prof. G. H. Jeys and wife spent Sabbath and Sunday April 15 and 16 at Nashville, Tenn., visiting his brother Earl Jeys, who works in the S. P. A. printing department.

Brother C. A. Wilson, whose article appears in another column, has been called to labor in Pensacola, Fla. The brethren of Huntsville will miss his earnest labor.

Oakwood is now one mass of "billowy bloom." The shrubbery of various kinds is now at its most attractive stage. Visitors at our institution unite in saying that ours is a school "Beautiful for situation."

Before another issue of the GOSPEL HERALD reaches its readers, this year of school will have closed. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sabbath May 20, class reception, Sunday May 21, commencement, Wednesday, May 24.

This has been a year singularly free from many of the ordinary trials of school life. For the evidences of God's favor, we express thanks to him. We look forward hopefully to the future, not doubting that he who has kept us hitherto will be with us still.

A number of good reports and articles came to our office just a little too late for insertion in this issue. This is because we must close our columns by the twentieth of each month. Articles received after this date must usually wait until the month following for publication.

Write us for special terms on books for church and school purposes. We can show you something of interest.

West Palm Beach, Fla.

REPORT of the West Palm Beach Missionary Society for quarter ending December 31, 1915, and March 31, 1916.

	1915	1916
Letters written	37	28
Letters received	09	05
Missionary visits	281	246
Bible readings	84	70
Subscriptions taken	00	10
Papers sold	54	300
Papers given away	47	20
Books sold	15	07
Books lent or given	08	02
Tracts sold	00	00
Tracts given away	100	325
Hours of C. H. work	83	13
Articles of clothing given	40	67
Meals provided	57	67
Treatments given	08	07
Signers to T. pledge	06	07

We were organized into a company Sept. 11, 1915.

The Lord has blessed the work here and is waiting to bestow greater blessings. May God unite us together to finish the well begun work on the earth.

ELEANOR D. WHITE, *Leader*
CLEARETA NORTH, *Sec.*

Wilmington, N. C.

MISSIONARY report of Wilmington society for qr. ending March 31, 1916.

Letters written	21
Letters received	31
Missionary visits	171
Bible readings	113
Papers given away	13
Books sold	119
Tracts given away	16
Hours of C. H. work	74
Articles of clothing given	52
Meals provided	108
Persons asked to service	30
Visits to sick	62
Books given away	13
Persons brot to service	8
Treatments given	13
Periodical subscriptions	1
Tithes	\$29.16
Home missions	\$12.62
Foreign missions	\$8.57

JENNIE MARTIN, *Sec.*

Atlanta, Ga.

THE Union meeting held in Atlanta, March 29, to April 4 proved a great blessing to our people. God has wonderfully helped in the deliberations.

The Atlanta no. 2 church received great spiritual help, and is determined as never before to finish the Lord's work.

It was a joy and inspiration to the church when the delegates came in, but when the time came for them to go, we "When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again."

The date for the Georgia colored camp-meeting has been changed to Aug. 3-13. We believe that this change will be for the best. We are expecting you to attend.
R. E. WILLIAMS.

Pittsburg, Pa.

THROUGH the blessing of God it is now being demonstrated that it was his will that a permanent place of worship should be procured by the colored church here. We had found by experience that as long as the church was on the Moving Wagon, little progress could be made.

From the end of December to March 31, nine members were added by baptism making a membership of about 40 at present, and some others are now preparing for baptism.

The tithes for the quarter were \$167.14 as against \$135.96 the previous quarter, an increase of \$31.18. The offerings for missions and home work were good also, as the Sabbath school alone raised for its membership of about 35, \$78.34, including the thirteenth Sabbath offerings, which amounted to \$23.51, thus enabling the school to reach its goal. Offerings for missions brought the total to 84.35, while \$34.50 was collected and used as church expense, plus \$88.75 on church indebtedness, not counting the contributions from the Mc Donald company to this enterprise.

The missionary spirit has taken hold of nearly all, if not all. The church missionary society, and the newly organized young people's society are doing good work. For the quarter they have bought and used in various ways \$50.68 worth of literature.

Sunday, March 26, Brother Christman, the state agent, assisted by others, conducted a very profitable meeting. Special instruction was given on selling our books and periodicals. Some have taken up the periodical work and are having very encouraging experiences.

A. N. DURRANT.