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Teachers' Institute,-- Oakwood Manual Training School

for the summer of 1916 has just drawn to a close. The last three days were spent in the arduous work of examination. Creditable work has been done by most of the class, and suitable certificates will be awarded by the respective Union Conference Educational Secretaries.

We are all glad for the atmosphere of good will that prevailed among the teachers and instructors throughout this entire six weeks. While the weather was hot at times, and all connected with the work were made to perspire quite freely, and although

our campus was drenched with rain, and mud was in abundance during the last two weeks of the summer school, yet pleasant smiles and cheerful words were also in abundance. The complete enrolment was thirty-two. Class work was carried on from 7:00 until 12:00 m., and 3:15 to 5:30 p. m. Elder L. A. Hoopes, of the Southern Training School, had charge of the Bible work. His studies were entered into with enthusiasm on the part of the students. He also had charge of morning and evening worship, and conducted a series of Bible studies for the farm boys. The "Morning Watch" verses were also studied with deep interest. Professor Lynn H. Wood, the Educational Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, carried the work in drawing, paper cutting, Bible nature, and had charge of the round



Teachers in Attendance at the Institute

table. The Round Table hour was a time of special interest, as some thirty or forty important school problems received discussion at those meetings. Professor Leo Thiel, Educational Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, had charge of the work in history, geography and arithmetic. Mrs. Marian Marshall, Normal Instructor at the Southern Training School, Graysville Tenn., taught the class in primary methods and the manumental work. We believe her work in behalf of the teachers will prove exceptionally helpful to them in their future work. Mrs Mande Wood taught the class in grammar and assisted in the manumental work Miss Bertha Bartholomew, Normal Instructor at Oakwood, conducted for a time a model school and also assisted with the manumental work. Miss Etta Reeder, Superintendent of the

Nurses' Training Department of Oakwood, carried the work in physiology. She also made some "First Aid " demonstrations at round table and gave each of the teachers a thorough examination, notes of which are preserved in the regular records of the Institution. Professor P. C. Parks (colord), who is connected with the U.S. Agricultural Department, gave one lecture each week on farm and home topics. An effort was made throughout the entire institute to arouse an interest in the subject of school gardens, poultry, dairy, canning, and topics of general inter-

est to social workers and community work. The writer carried the work in spelling and some work in arithmetic. At the morning chapel talks, subjects of interest to educators were taken up by various teachers. The talks and charts of Elder Hoopes on Organization were profitable and timely.

We feel that the influence of this Institute will be felt throughout the educational ranks of our colored people. We believe that the efforts put forth will prove of a lasting benefit for good. It is our desire to see this work open in a more substantial way, and we know the strength gained by these teachers will qualify them to do better work in schools among our colored constituency in the South.

C. J. Boyd.

"The older I am," says Habit, "the longer I shall live."

The Present European War

Its Cause and Results

No one needs to be told that the most fearful war of all the ages is now in progress. All the wars of the past shrink to mere skirmishes when compared with the gigantic strife now in evidence.

And this is in the age when statesmen and philosophers have declared that the world is growing better, that war is to be displaced by diplomacy, the madness of strife by the coming of peace.

The one who can speak with authority

now, giving well founded reasons for his position taken, who can throw definite light on the present situation, need not lack for appreciative listeners.

I do not profess to be wiser than any living, nor do I assume any superior knowledge, yet even I may know what my eyes can see. Added to this knowledge is the further and much greater information furnished by the Scriptures of Truth.

The real cause of the present war is the desire of Russia to obtain possession of the Dardanells that she might have an open waterway to the Mediterranean Sea.

On the other hand, Germany has attempted to build a great transcontinental railway to the far East, traversing Austria, Bulgaria, Asia Minor, Palestine, and Arabia with an ultimate objective of India and Africa.

Turkey forms the meeting point of these two world powers, the crossing of the two proposed lines of conflicting national interests. And "on this cross was crucified the peace of the world in the breaking forth of hostilities in the summer of 1914."

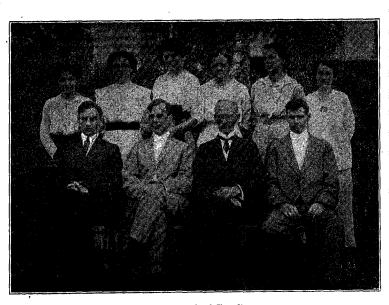
In the years past, the various nations of Europe have seen fit to stand in the way of Russia as she attempted to realize her desire to absorb the territory of the "Unspeakable Turk," but now Great Britian and France are united with Russia in the attempt to absorb the Mohammedan possessions. This of course is not because of some great love that has sprung up for Russia and Russian tra

ditions and ambitions, but because of fear of Teutonic domination. Thus we have the strange spectacle of all these nations endorsing, aiding, and abetting a national project which but a few years ago they would have fought to hinder.

The Effect

What will be the result? When will peace come? And at what price? Here again we are confronted with conflicting opinions and interpretations. We may not know whether the Allies or the Entente will tritumph, whether it shall be

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the victory of Teutonic militarism over Slav ambition, or whether Russia's long cherished ambition shall at last be gratified, whether the map of future Europe will mark expansion, contraction, or obliteration of any one of the great powers.

When we dip into the future we are utterly at a loss unless we have recourse to the sure word of prophecy. But when we turn to the Scripture a great illumination is at once apparent. Here are resolved in clear outline events that are startling and paramount. Before these stupendous events, the ambitions, suc cesses, and failures of kings and nations shrink to the degree of the trivial and unimportant. For these world-conflicts are but the premonitory symptoms of the breaking up of all earthly rule, the signal for the standing up of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the ushering in of the mild rule of the Prince of Peace.

That it may be seen that this is no fancy conclusion we need only read the statement made by Gabriel to the prophet concerning Turkey, that "He shall come to his end and none shall help him." This in connection with the statement in Daniel 12:1 that "At that time shall Michael stand up," shows that the present state of international affairs is a definite evidence, an ocular demonstration of the near approach of the greatest of all great events, the coming of Jesus

Christ in the clouds of heaven.

The great European war then means.—

- 1. The shifting in international affairs so that Turkey, "The Sick Man of the East," shall lose the support of the nations who heretofore have upheld him.
- 2. The coming to his end with none to help.
- 3. The moving of the Turkish seat of government from Constantinople to Jerusalem in Palestine.
- 4. The standing up of Michael, which means the establishment of everlasting peace, the destruction of sin and the reign of Jesus.
 - 5. The deliverance of the

saints of God from the evils of the present world.

What momentous events then are presaged by the present European war! With what eager attention should men view the progress of the great drama! How little and insignificant are the petty plots and plans and ambitions of feeble earthly rulers! And how soon will their ambitious dreams of earthly grandeur be dispelled by the breaking of earth's everlasting day! T. H. Jays.

[&]quot;So easy to say what another should do, So easy to settle his cares,

So easy to tell him what road to pursue,
And dispose of the burden he bears.

It is easy to bid him be brave and be strong,

And to make all his shortcomings known;

But it is so hard when the care and the wrong

And the dangers we face are our own!"

—Selected.

Know God

"I know not the Lord." It seems strange that king Pharaoh, the monarch of perhaps what was then the ruling and most powerful nation of antiquity, should fail to know the Lord in spite of his matchless greatness, marvelous revelations and omnipresence. Yet, and sad as it may seem, he did not "know the Lord" in the sense which God ought to be known. And there are men and women today who do not know God in this particular sense; and altho they may not not say in the language of Pharaoh, "Who is the Lord that I should know his voice," and, "I know not the Lord," still they are virtually declaring by their acts of disobedience, impatience, injustice and other selfish aggrandizement and devilish manifestation that they know not the Lord.

In Isa. 1:3 we read, "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." In Titus 1:16 we learn that they profess to know God yet deny him in works. These and many other evidences will prove conclusively that it is not only among the uncivilized and unlearned that a knowledge of God is needed, but also among professed Christian men and women.

But what is it to know God? Is it to climb the highest mountains of our ambition and sit upon their intellectual summit, to direct and control all the machines of the educational world? Or is it to have authority, a membership in some church, or even the approval of men? No. Saul of Tarsus possessed these; yet with all his ability and influence both in the religious and civil courts he did not know the Lord; for when God called he inquired, "Who art thou Lord?" as if to say "My Lord, I don't know who you are."

Saul used not his ability to help the poor and innocent people of God, but to suppress them. He was not the only one that had fine educational advantages, yet lacked a proper knowledge of God. Martin Luther, who afterwards became a great leader in the Protestant Reformation, a champion for conscience and a hero for the cross of Christ, tho he received the degree of Bachelor in the year 1503, won the title Doctor of Philosophy in 1505, taught particular classes in Aristotle and Philosophy, still he de-

clared that there was a longing in his soul for knowledge, that knowledge which the schools, colleges, and universities could not give--an individual conviction of God in the soul. Thanks be to God, he found it. Jesus said, "They that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled."

To know God in the sense that he ought to be known is to know him in the sense that Joseph knew him, to endure hardness like a good soldier of Christ. Watch Joseph as he endured the hates, and spites, and ridicules of his brethren. Imagine his feelings as they lay hold of him and plunge him into that dismal pit, then finally sell him to that band of Ishmalitish merchants. But don't stop there. Follow him still a little further. Notice him in Potiphar's house, look at him as he meekly but firmly said to the facinating wife of Potiphar, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against my God?" Then see how he endures the scandal and disgrace of the one who was supposed to be his mistress. He was cast into prison, but the record says the Lord was with him. When a man knows God, God stays with him.

To know God is to keep his commandments. "He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." I John 2:4.

Enoch knew God, for he walked with him. Elijah knew him, for he was called the man of God, and after he proved to Israel and the prophets of Baal that Jehovah was the true God, he was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire. And time would fail to speak of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, men, who because of their proper conception of God, kept his commandments, maintained their integrities, wrought wonders, stemmed the evil currents of their day, and became prominent in the cause of God.

Not only does the proper knowledge of God enable one to endure hardness and keep his commandments, but it gives courage and power to the soul. Because of the proper knowledge of God, the three Hebrew boys were not afraid of the fiery furnace, nor Daniel of the lion's den. The disciples, threatened, beaten, and imprisoned, declared, "We ought to obey God rather than man."

The man who knows God is not a reed

shaken by the wind. When Martin Luther knew God rightly, he refused to climb further the twenty-eight steps of the Scata Santa, returned to Wurtenburg Cathedral and nailed his ninety-five theses to its door; then, pregnant as it were, with celestial fire and holy zeal, the courageous man burned the papal bull and, amid the rage, fury, and wrath of emperor, prince, pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, and even demons, he declared his conviction, "it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience."

The man who knows God knows that He changes not, but is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He also knows that the seventh-day is the Sabbath of Jehovah, regardless of what men and the majority may say or do. When we know God, we will believe that the dead know not anything, for the scriptures declare it; and altho sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, yet we know that those who continue to disobey the commandments of God will not go unpunished. Pharaoh met his fate in the Red Sea. If God did not spare the old world, but brought in the flood, just saving Noah the preacher of righteousness and his family, turned the city of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, delivering just Lot, and if he spared not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell and reserved them in chains of darkness to the judgment, how much less will He spare a generation with so much greater light and advantages as we possess?

A knowledge of God brings a burden for souls. It was so with the woman of Samaria. Upon her conviction, she left her water pot, and forgetting her own interest, sought to bring her people to a knowledge of the Saviour.

Let us "know God". We also, like Moses and Aaron, the woman of Samaria, and even Martin Luther, have a message for the people of our day. The third angel's message is to be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people in this generation. The first step in knowing God is to take heed, respond and obey when He calls or speaks. Such was the secret of Samuel's success. He said, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

[&]quot;WHEN one becomes too good for the church, and too wise for sermons, he invariably is the first to discover it."

Greenville, S. C.

(An May 21st the writer assisted by Bro. F. A. Osterman and wife, began a tent meeting at the above named place. At the opening service three hundred people were present. The interest continues to grow. The people seem anxious to know the truth. When the testing truths were presented, many of them could not keep from shedding tears as they realized that they have been transgressing the commandments of God. Some have turned from error's darkness and are now walking in the marvelous light of God's word. The prospects look bright for a strong church to be raised up at this place. The time for our camp meeting is near at hand. I trust that all the members in South Carolina are I quote the planning to attend. following from the testimonies showing the importance of attending camp meetings:

"It is important that members of our churches attend the camp meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our members are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefit of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it will be better for us to save the money, and give it to the advancement of the work where it is most needed.' Do not reason in this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to repre-

sent the work and cause of God. Do not plead and excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the cooperation of the human agent. Go to the camp meeting, even tho you have to make a sacrifice to do so." Vol. 6, pages 38-40.

From this testimony I am sure you can see the importance of attending the camp meeting, and are going to make an effort to be present. Date, Aug. 17-27.

As we are a progressive people, this should be the best camp meeting ever held in the State. We are depending on every member to help make it so.

W. E. STROTHER.

UNFORGOTTEN

I cannot tell why there should come to me A thought of someone miles and years away In swift insistence on the memory, Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Old friends are far away; we seldom meet
To talk of Jesus or changes day by day,
Of pain, pleasure, triumph or defeat,
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spend thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps my friend just then has firecer fight
A more appalling weakness or decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;
And so in case you need my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude
Unasked upon you on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be sure I need it, therefore pray.

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-- Marianne Farningham

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Alabama Camp Meeting For Colored People

this important occasion has been set this year for August 24, to September 3, 1916. The place is Montgomery, Ala. There are several reasons for selecting Montgomery for the campmeeting. First, it is near the center of the state, and being the capital, too, makes it the most desirable point for all.

The Alabama Conference will hold

the camp meeting there this year, just a few days before the Mission camp meeting. Then we may get some things we may need, without much expense to the Mission.

Small living tents will not cost very much, about fifty or seventy-five cents for each person for the whole ten days.

There will be a dining tent in which meals will be served on the European plan at a minimum above cost. Cots and mattresses can be rented; so you will need only to bring along bedding, such as sheets, quilts, pillows, pillow-cases and other necessities for camping.

We expect a feast of good things. We expect white and colored help in the ministry. Seek the Lord dear brethern and sisters, and come with your souls open to be fed with gospel truth.

Consider the recent disaster caused by the great, wide-spread tropical storms, and especially in Alabama. Thousands of poor people are destitute as the result. They don't know as we do, that the 'end of all things is at hand.' 1 Pet.4:7. Let us hasten to get the truth to them. Come to the campmeeting to learn how.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Jackson, Tenn.

Randall Johnson who has charge of the Gospel Searchlight Tent and his associates were more than gratified to see the number of intelligent faces of Jackson's colored people responding to our invitations broadcasted over the entire colored precincts two days before.

Those attending were deeply interested in the initial lecture and have found it seemingly impossible to cease attending for fear of losing a link in the chain of subjects.

We are fast gaining friends, as God has been taking the lead in affairs here from the beginning.

The recent tropical storm damaged our first pavillion so extensively that we had to dismantle the same, but the brethren came nobly to our assistance and the day after the storm a tent of greater seating capacity was dumped on the ground by the expressmen.

The accident tho seemingly disastrous

was a source of great informatiom to us because we were able thereby to find out what kind of impressions were being made on the minds of our attendants concerning the efforts. From the many expressions of regret for the accident and anxiety for a quick reopening, we were led to the conclusion that our hearers were as much discomfited by the accident as we. Our reopening July 16th brot out a splendid audience to hear the discourse on the Eastern situation. Our little company is indeed grateful to the Master for sending so many out to hear the Word of life.

Our small mumber has been decreased thru the death of Sr. Vick Weddle who departed this life June 22nd. She accepted the truth as a result of studies given her since our coming here and she lived up to all the instructions she had received. We feel hopeful that she will rise in the first resurrection.

HENRY E. ALSTON.

OBITUARIES

Pine Bluff, Ark.

T is with regret we record the death of Sister Hattie Johnson, who fell asleep in Jesus, May 21, 1916, aged 58 years. She was a devout and ardent member of the church at Pine Bluff and a dear lover of present truth. She was stricken down and confined to bed immediately after our camp meeting of last summer with a complication of diseases. She bore her sufferings with calm resignation, and confiding trust in our Redeemer.

The writer conducted the funeral in the First Baptist church in the city. This courtesy was extended to the deceased by the pastor of the same church because of her life and devotion to Christian causes. Sister Johnson wielded an influence which won the esteem of all who knew her.

We extend our loving sympathy to all the dear children and relatives who are left to mourn their loss.

METHUSELAH JONES.

Shreveport, La.

Thursday July 14, at 4:00 a. m. She was born in New Orleans, La., August 27, 1859, and lived there until two months ago when she came to this city to

be with her daughter during her illness.

In the year 1908 the light of present truth came to Sister McDonald. She accepted joyfully, and has been walking in that light for eight years. Sister McDonald was always at her post of duty, and ever ready to help those in trouble. She died with that blessed hope of rising in the first resurrection. One daughter and a niece survive her. She was laid away to await the return of her Lord. Bro. A. R. Bell and the writer conducted the funeral services at her home.

R. ROBERTS.

The Dragon is Wroth With the Woman

They remnant people of God are described in Revelation 12:17, "They keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." They are called "the saints." Again we are told, "They keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus," "the faith which was delivered unto the saints."

The remnant are also described very fully by the prophet in Zeph. 3:13. "The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth."

The seventeenth verse of Luke, first chapter, especially the latter clause, bears an important message from the Lord, "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." The most important and essential thing is preparation for that event which we as a people believe and teach. The devil is wroth with this remnant. And even among the commandment keepers will be those who will arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.

We are living in perilous times and our dangers are not less than were theirs. We need to guard the interest of this cause with great caution. God will never forsake that which he has established. His watchful eye is constantly guiding his children and protecting every branch of the work. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him." Isa. 59: 19.

"Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints,

144,000 in number, (Rev. 7:1-4: 14:1-5) knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spake the time, he poured upon us the Holy Gliost, and our faces began to light up with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai. The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united." We all can see where this prophecy points. "On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God loved us who could wash one another's feet, and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshipped at our feet." E. W. p 15.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo this is our God; we have waited for him and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we shall be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

A Drive over the Farm

in first came to the corn fields. As we stand on the top of the fence-post and look across these broad spreading acres of rank, dark green verdure, shining in the sunshine, our minds were impressed that hard work, careful cultivation, and the blessings of the Lord will cause our farm to bring forth abundantly. There are ninety acres of corn coming into maturity.

We next come to the field of the late sowed cow peas which have just unfolded their tender shoots after a heavy July rain. Then, there is the field of the young growing corn for the silo, which, at this writing, is only knee high. The sorghum field from which the molasses will be made in the fall is presenting a dense appearance with its heavy foilage. The watermelon vines are lapping across the wide rows. The peanut patch, with its low erect plants, and straight rows, makes a beautiful appearance. In the sweet potato field, the ground is practically hidden from sight by its low, flat. greengrowth. The tomatoes are putting forth their best efforts to hold themselves with green fruit. Thirty-seven acres of clean cotton testify to Oakwood's thrift. What is more interesting than a drive among growing crops.

Brother Swofford and his boys worked long hours thru heat and rain to make this description possible.

C. J. Boyd.

Have Faith in God

As I have been thinking about faith, my mind turned toward Webster's Dictionary for the definition. But I failed in finding that which would satisfy. I saw that the best is given in the Scriptures, and there is none like it. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." Our Saviour admonished His disciples "Have faith in God." The margin reads, "Have the faith of God." Our Saviour knew more about the time the disciples would no doubt meet. Therefore he exhorted them to this end. They had called His attention to the withered figtree, Master look at the figtree! But Jesus, instead of discussing the figtree, discussed the importance of having faith in God.

We look at the great work that is being done today by the faithful few. Some are in the magazine work. We actually say, Lord how can these things be? And will I ever be able to do likewise? To that soul comes home the admonition, you have faith in God. The faith that will move mountains, the faith that can do all things. But Oh! I need it not for that, but I need it to remove the nenious and hateful dreaded enemy, yea, Sin which is called by its right name, Sin which is spoiling all humanity for the last great conflict. We are in no less position than the disciples, who failed to heal the demoniac.

The Bible worker, the canvasser, we need more faith. The same faith that will move men. And if this faith of God be in our lives, our work will not be such a task. We would see success before we start. The great curtain or cloud of thick darkness that is a snare of the enemy would be removed because faith which is the evidence of things not seen has already been fastened in our lives and fixes a determination within us most invincible, a determination which is unlike that of Alexander the Great and scores of other men who have failed and lost out completely without even conquering self.

Martin Luther and Alexander cannot rank together. No, -- it is the faith of God. That faith that makes men stand, -- yea, no demon dare withstand. And it speaks in no less tone today than in the days of our blessed Lord, saying, "Be thou clean." "Arise and walk." "Come down, Zacchaeus," "Go wash." Today, when men's hearts and minds are deceived, when their destiny will be forever sealed, and lost in eternity, they will be without a God. We are privileged to go forward with this faith and turn the view point of men who are possessed of every evil propensity, and who know not how near their probation lingers. Jesus now says to us, "Have the faith of God."

F. H. McRAE.

The County Training School

THERE is being developed in the South a new type of school for Negro youth known as the county training school. This development is being fostered by the Slater Board, cooperating with public school authorities in the counties.

Any system of publicly supported education in the South is based upon the county as a unit. This is as true of the white public schools. The fostering of a county system, adequately supported, adequately supervised, occupies the efforts of educational forces at work in the field today.

A number of agencies are helping in this development. Eight Southern states, thru cooperation with the General Education Board, employ supervisors of their rural elementary Negro schools who devote their time to the improvement of these schools in the several counties, and also help to bring about better supervision on the part of the public school authorities. The Jeans Fund assists in this development by bearing a portion of the expense necessary to employ the supervising industrial teachers. Their effort has been, not only to teach elementary industries to boys and girls, but to stimulate general improvement in the physical condition of school buildings and grounds, and to reach the homes of he children, developing the spirit of community cooperation. There is also the Rosenwald Fund, which has brot about directly the erection of new rural school buildings, properly equipped, by securing the cooperation of all the forces in the communty, both public and private, of both races. All the forces involved in the establishment of a public system of elementary education seem, therefore, to have been set in motion.

James L. Sibley-in the Southern Workman.

Atlanta, Ga.

In this part of the Lord's vineyard we are doing with our might what our hands find to do. Elder U.S. Willis and the writer began a series of meetings in this city. The attendance did not come up to our expectations, and we are planning after so long a time to move the tent to another part of the city; but as we began to take up the testing points of the truth, the attendance increased. Last Sunday night an appeal was made to the congregation to stand for the truth, and with few exceptions, all stood. Pray that souls may be gathered out to meet our Saviour when He comes.

On June 15 our hearts were made sad by the death of Sister Mattie Purifoy, a member of the Atlanta No. 2 Church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. With longing hearts we are awaiting that great day when there will be perfect harmony between the families of heaven and earth. Brothers, sisters, will you be the next to be laid away to await the resurrection morning? Indeed it is a solemn question. Get ready, get ready, get ready. R. E. WILLIAMS.

The Cumberland Colored Camp-Meeting

A CAMP MEETING for colored believers in the Cumberland mission will be held in Chattanooga, Sept. 7-17. For some weeks prior Elder Gemon, with a good crops of assistants, will hold a tent effort, thus paving the way for a general round-up at the camp meeting.

This is the first camp meeting attempted in Cumberland for colored believers, and we believe it will be largely attended. The notice is sufficiently early for all to lay aside the means necessary for the expenses of the meeting.

Begin now to prepare for this feast. Many could earn a sufficient amount by selling the Home Workers' books, or our good magazines in spare moments. The effort would certainly be worth while, for besides earning the expenses of the meeting, the pages of present truth would be placed in the hands of the people. Others have done this in the past. Why not try it, brethren?

R. W. PARMELE.

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Covington, Ga.

J HERRBY express thankfulness to God for the many blessings bestowed upon me since leaving Oakwood School. After leaving Oakwood, I went directly to the canvassing field in company with Brother W. H. Baker. I began canvassing in Newton County, State of Georgia. The Lord has blessed our efforts beyond our expectations. To his name be my highest praise. We have just finished canvassing the county-have worked six weeks. During the six weeks I have taken orders for 225 "Bible Readings;" sold twelve "Best Stories" and forty "Old Poems." For this I thank and praise our God. With fresh courage I will leave here Monday July 17, to begin work in Walton County. The prospect is good thus far for a good delivery. The canvassing work is not an easy work, but it is a good work because it is the work of God. I do not know of any work that will develop Christian experience more and bring one nearer to God than the canvassing work. If your spiritual life is waning, and your Soul withering, come out into the harvest field and help us, for the field is white and ready to harvest, and many poor souls are being lost because there are no reapers.

Many are the afflictions of the canvasser, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Of course it is hard work but all you need to do is to just *Hustle* and *Smile* and pray and then *Hustle* and *Smile* and pray, that is the way to succeed. We are planning to work two Counties thoroughly by the last of September make our delivery in October and return to school.

L. E. CUNNINGHAM.

What Are You Doing?

THE question that comes very forcibly to my mind is this: "What are you doing?"

Waiting to do some great thing often prevents us from doing the important little things that are just at our hand.

God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. Can we sit idle and see these precious souls wander

Southeastern Union Conference Mission

ISSIONARY report for quarter ending June 30, 1916.

	~~~	Cumberland	Georgi	a Florida	South Car.	North Car	r. Total
	Letters written	69	153	585	183	140	1130
	Letters received	52	86	381	124	129	772
	Missionary visits	338	1159	1452	1665	1114	5728
	Bible readings	249	298	870	561	319	2297
	Subscriptions taken	3	6	48	23	27	107
	Papers sold	154	385	969	485	60	2053
	Papers given away	193	765	1268	1202	174	3602
	Books sold	28	60	237	9	106	440
	Books lent or given	54	126	200	33	103	516
	Tracts sold	143	63	532	3	17	758
	Tracts lent or given	1774	771	1168	4662	565	8940
	Hours of C. H. work	281	755	961	847	<b>3</b> 96	<b>3</b> 240
	Articles of clothing give	zen 114	286	274	173	147	994
	Meals provided	60	562	1273	503	397	2795
•	Preatments given	72	65	227	165	168	697
,	Signers temperance ple	edge	7	3	20	23	53
]	Membership		152		163	164	
]	No. reporting		71		99	130	
I	H. M. Offerings	\$11.97	33.82	\$28.65    \$	38.75	\$19.97 \$	133.16
1	No. attending		60		134	113	

The second quarter of 1916 has closed, and half of the year is in the past. I wonder if we are half way to our goal?

In this report we are glad to note that there has been an increase of five lines of work,—letters written, Bible readings, tracts sold, tracts lent or given away, and hours of Christian help work. For this we are thankful, but on the other hand there has been a loss on every line, except the above. We regret this very much. It is partially due to the fact that some of our churches have failed to send in their reports. In some the number of persons reporting is less. I hereby request all our dear people everywhere to pray much over these things, and during these summer months while work is plentiful and expenses few, try and make up this loss. Be faithful in working and in reporting. It can be done! Who will set the pace? Don't put it off—"Go work today in my vineyard." 'Tis Jesus' command. Come, soldiers, let us do our honest part.

Anna Knight, See'y.

amid darkness, fog and error, dying unwarned and unsaved? Are we giving of our best to the Master to bring them back to the fold? Are we putting forth every effort to bring the light of present truth to those who honestly desire to worship the true God? Or are we waiting for a position in the Conference.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us wake up to our duty as never before. There is a work for each of us to do. Let us do the work that's near us. From my own experience I find there is a great work to do in the canvassing field. The harvest is indeed ripe, but the laborers are few. There are many honest hearts waiting for the truth which sets men free. Many souls can be reached thru the canvassing work that will not be reached otherwise. We must give an account

of the talent placed in our possession.

I am glad to say after six weeks of diligent service I have finished my canvassing work in this county, and the Lord has helped me to take orders amounting to \$813.85. I believe He will help me in delivering.

When the jailer asked Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Had he asked them, "what must I do to be lost?" I believe they would have said, "do nothing."

W. H. BAKER.

WE must get the wrinkles out of our brows, and we must have smiling faces. The world is after the best thing, and we must show them that we have something better than they have.—Moody

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#### Oakwood Jottings

Elder Stephenson made us a brief visit on his way to Texas, stopping over for Sabbath, the 22nd.

A party consisting of Prof. and Mrs. Boyd, their son, Harold, Miss Bartholomew, and Miss Etta Reeder, left Oakwood by auto for a trip thru Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. As our principal and his party depart for a much needed respite from regular routine, we wish them Godspeed.

Prof. A. N. Atteberry made us a brief call Friday, July 21. Prof. Atteberry is the able business manager of the Southern Training School.

Mrs. R. G. Stringer, S. S. Secretary of the Florida Conference, made Oakwood a flying visit the past month. She expressed herself as much pleased with the work being carried on at the Oakwood Manual Training School.

Our cannery is operating again, after a winter's rest. String beans and peaches are being stored for winter use.

The farm, in spite of the long continued rains, is looking fine. The acres of dark green corn clear of weeds, and the rank growth of cotton in our fields are sights to make our hearts glad. Our farmer and his energetic force of boys have worked faithfully to produce a good crop, and we are glad to see their efforts so well repaid.

Our tent maker, Brother D. H. Lewis has taken his family to Michigan for a brief vacation. He expects to return in late August or early September.

Sister Anna Knight, Home Missionary Secretary of the Southeastern Union Negro Mission, spent a few days with us at the close of the teacher's institute. We were greatly inspired by her enthusiastic talks on missions and missionary work.

Recent word from Elder T. H. Jeys who is now in South Dakota conducting a tent effort at Montrose, reports himself and family well. On another page we publish an article from his pen.

Brother Ernest Watkins, one of the graduates from this year's ministerial class left us the past month to join Elder Gemon in a tent effort in the Cumberland conference. Brother Watkins has been a faithful student, and we have every confidence that he will be a help to the tent company, and be blessed of the Lord in his efforts to help forward the third angel's message.

#### Minimizing Race Differences

In these days of emphasis on national and race differences it should be useful to recall the achievements of a man who was not dowered with the features of the Caucasian, enjoyed no bring-up in Indo-European speech, and had the disadvantage of being trained from birth to maturity in the ways of the Dark Continent. There is a profound race lesson, mingled with much that is romantic, in the career of Lewanika, King of Ba-

rotse Land, whose death has been reported from Livingstone.

His is a story that needs to be read and thot over in times like these, when lines of nationality are being drawn more than ever, and when we seem to be threatened with a recrudesence of the old kind of race feeling, based on mere differences of physiognomy, color, and speech. It is the blunder of this method of estimating men that it catches at the unessentials and ignores the essentials. People not much accustomed to thinking allow themselves to be overimpressed with the visible concrete of things and make little or no allowance for that which does not 'hit' them thru their organs of sense. Faces noticeably different from ours strike us as signs of inferiority, mainly because they are different; native capacities and endowments of mind not on the surface we are apt to regard as non-existent. There are enough of these differences in the "foreigner" of our own race stock to betray us into underestimates of him. How much more do we look down on the African, the Chinaman, and the Japanese! It has been supposed that these surface differences are indications of profound unlikeness of physical and mental make-up. How close is the association, and how deep does it go? The modern anthropological science is in the direction of minimzing race differences and magnifying race likenesses.

Edmund Noble -in the Southern Workman

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