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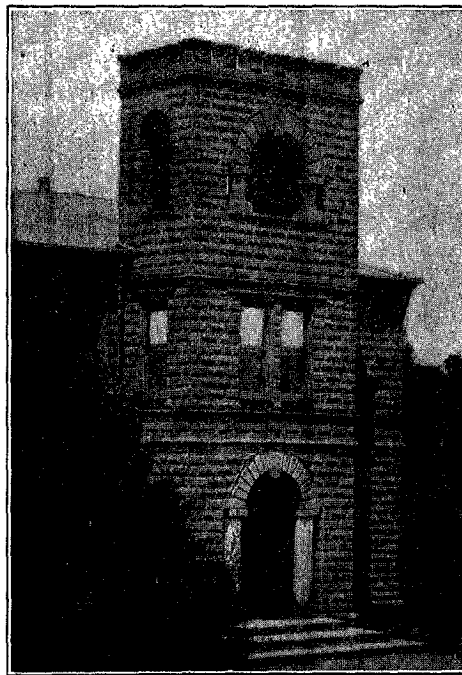
Oakwood Manual Training School Opens This Month



A FEW more days and the Chapel bell at Oakwood will be calling its students back into the class rooms again. School opens Tuesday, September 19, and we are desirous of having all who possibly can, be here on the opening day.

Everything gives promise of the year 1916-17 being the very best year in the history of the institution. A most excellent faculty is provided. Careful instruction will be given in every department, and thorough work will be expected of the students. The ministerial department will be in charge of Elder W. L. Bird, who comes to us from Washington College. Elder Bird has had long experience in dealing with the truths of our message and those who have the privilege of sitting in his classes will always appreciate the benefits received.

Miss Florence F. Williams also of Washington College will act as preceptress and help with the academic work. Professor C. S. Corkham, who came to us last year from Pacific Union College, will continue in charge of the commercial and scientific work. Miss Bertha Bartholomew, our Normal Instructor, will have many new things for the teachers in the Normal department, that will prove especially helpful. Miss Etta



Reeder will continue in charge of the Nurses' Training Department.

The mechanical subjects will be taught by Professor F. W. Halladay. Professor and Mrs. G. H. Jeys will carry academic and music responsibilities. Most of the boys who work all or a part of their way through school will become acquainted with Brother J. M. Swofford, our farm

superintendent. Miss Isabella Cartwright will continue as matron. Brother T. J. Buckner will assist with the preparatory classes. Tent-making will be taught by Brother D. H. Lewis, and Mrs. Lewis will carry the sewing and dress making work.

Those who have had opportunity to examine the Course of Study as published in the 1916-17 calendar will observe that it has been enriched with the addition of several important subjects. The time for many other subjects has been lengthened and it will be seen that from one to two years has been added to each of the courses. As it now appears twelve grades are required to complete the Academic course, thirteen for the Ministerial, twelve for the Normal, twelve for the Secretaries' course, ten for the Bible Workers', and ten for the Nurses'. A credit is given for successful work done in a study for three months. Twelve of these Credits are required for the completion of each year's work.

Let every student who comes be conscious of what it is to economize *time* and *means* and of all the other sacrifices that are necessary in order to obtain a Christian Education.

C. J. BOYD.

Report of the Mission Department of the

Southwestern Union Conference

It was my privilege to attend the camp meetings in the North Texas and Oklahoma Missions, also to spend some time in Little Rock, in counsel with the Mission Committee, planning for the work in that Mission. The camp meeting for the North Texas Mission was held in Ennis, July 20-30. This being the date of the camp meeting for the

white people, we were favored with the labors of the general men, which was a great uplift to our meeting for the colored. I am sure the plan of conducting the camp meetings at the same time and place is a good one, especially while the work for the colored people is weak and needs help. Plans were laid by the committees to so conduct the meetings in the future. The business passed off harmoniously, and a good spirit prevailed throughout. The brethren are of good

courage. Plans were laid for more aggressive work in this mission.

We next visited the meeting at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and we were pleased to find a splendidly arranged camp with a large attendance from the outside. Considering the small membership, the attendance at the camp meeting was very good but I am sure the work will grow and many more will attend these annual gatherings. Elder Nunes preceded the camp meeting with a tent effort

of four weeks' duration. Large numbers were attending this meeting. I was told that about eight hundred attended the night he presented the Sabbath question, with the result that about thirty have begun to keep the Sabbath, among whom are some of the best class of people. Definite plans were laid for more aggressive work in the Oklahoma Mission. As in the other meetings, harmony and brotherly love prevailed. The workers are of good courage and expressed their loyalty to the third angel's message.

I met with the Mission Committee of the Arkansas Conference in Little Rock, and gave careful study to the work in that Mission. Plans were laid to conduct a strong city effort in Little Rock as soon as possible. As their camp meeting will not begin until the seventeenth, (I was there on the 9th of August), I could not remain to attend because of urgent calls to attend camp meetings in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences. However, we were very much encouraged by the outlook for more aggressive work in this Mission. The conference officers and the workers have a burden to quickly present the message to the people, and I am sure with the advanced organization perfected, the work in the Southwestern Union will take on new life and that in the near future, we shall have strong churches in the large cities in this Union.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

The Dragon is Wroth With The Woman

THE characteristics of the remnant church are that "They keep the commandments of God and have (or hold, A. R. V.) the Testimony of Jesus Christ." "The Testimony of Jesus Christ is the spirit of prophecy." This enrages the dragon against them. As he incites distrust in the commandments of God, so he will incite distrust in the "Spirit of Prophecy."

This will be his work, but so concealed with deception that many among us will be deceived; for when they least expect it, he has worked doubt and unbelief in them against the very thing which God has said he has put in our midst, the "Spirit of Prophecy." "God hath set these gifts in the church, each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him." I Cor. 12:18, A. R. V. And He said, "I do always those things

that are pleasing to Him." Jno. 8:29.

Lucifer could not be pleased before his fall, and was cast out. Neither will he be pleased after his fall, for the same spirit which actuated him before the fall is still exhibited but with greater deception; for he must do his work with those in our church whom he has deceived in regard to the truthfulness of the Testimonies. He must work his deceptions with them to make them continue to disbelieve the divine origin of these revelations. Doubt was sown by him in the hearts of our first parents and he continues to insinuate doubt in the minds of the children of Adam.

He will keep the ministers from discharging their duty of thoroughly instructing the people in regard to the spirit of prophecy. When new converts are received into the church and we speak of the testimonies, they doubt them because they desire the place, or dislike the teachings that condemn their practices, so they will arise and speak against them.

We should see that every one that has responsibility, or is given responsibility, is wholly in harmony with the testimonies and that he instructs his flock with reference to them.

Satan will cause a death-stupor to come over our lay members causing them to neglect the reading of the instruction which God has given to the church. Especially is this true of the young. This has been one of the ways by which Satan has caused some to doubt. Again he will lead in detracting from the thought and purposes of the given light. "They do not mean this" they say. So they add their thoughts and imaginations. This causes doubt in the minds of some, and thru this Satan has caused them to wrangling, and souls are lost as result.

"O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, let thine anger and thy wrath, I pray thee, be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, from thy holy mountain: because of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are around about us." Dan. 9:16. Reproach has been brot upon the church from the outside thru those who have not been cautious.

"And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body: is it not therefore of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole body

hearing, where were the smelling? But now they are many members but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. But God hath set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him."

As in the natural, so in the spiritual. Saith Jesus, "If I have told you earthly things and ye believed not, how shall ye believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

Yes, this is God's movement, and now he is completing it. Gamaliel said, "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown. But if it be of God ye will not be able to overthrow it. Lest hapily ye be found even to be fighting against God."

Triumph At Last

"Soon our eyes were drawn to the east, for a small black cloud had appeared just about the size of a man's hand, which we all knew was the sign of the Son of Man. We all in solemn silence gazed on the cloud as it drew nearer and brighter, glorious and still more glorious until it was a great white cloud."

E. W. p. 11. W. H. SEBASTAIN.

Suspicion

My brother looks askance at me,
There's something wrong as I can see.
I fancy he would do me harm,
And so at once I feel alarm.

I put together this and that,
And think, "I'll give him tit for tat."
I surmise this and surmise that,
Until, quite ready for a "spat,"

I square myself and ask to know
The reason he has used me so.
"Why, friend," he says, "I thought no harm
There is no cause for your alarm."

Wearied I was with many cares,
And, doubtless, passed you unawares.
I'm sorry that unkind I seemed;
Of ill to you I never dreamed."

Ah, now ashamed, my fault I own,
And thus endeavor to atone
For what's both sinful and unwise,
Namely, suspicion and surmise.

These little foxes spoil the vine;
They run the trench, they lay the mine,
Whereby in an unguarded hour
We fall before the tempter's power.

O God, help me to think no ill;
Do only right and then be still;
To be at peace with all mankind,
With thine own charity aligned.

If, therefore, any virtue be,
If any good that I can see,
If any praise I might bestow,
If any truth that I might know,

Help me to full obey thy Word;
To think of only these things, Lord;
For I transformed by truth would be,
That I thy face may one day see.

—C. P. Bollman in Southern Union Worker.

Examine Yourself

EXAMINE yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove yourselves." 2 Cor. 13:5.

How may we examine ourselves, and by what means may we know if we are in the faith?

There may be more than one answer to this question, but the scriptures give us one way of testing the reality of our profession which is worthy of study.

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:17, 20.

It is by the outward actions of the daily life that the inward conversion will be manifested. The life of the true believer is summed up in these words: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20.

If Christ lives in a person, the life of that person will be like the life Christ lived on earth. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6. The great aim and purpose of Christ's life was the salvation of sinners, the winning of souls for his kingdom. This will be the purpose of all who love Jesus.

"All who receive the gospel message into the heart will long to proclaim it. The heaven-born love of Christ must find expression. . . . It is unnatural for any to keep these things secret, and those who are filled with the love of Christ will not do so. In proportion as the Lord has made them the depositories of sacred truth will be their desire that others shall receive the same blessing." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 125.

These statements make plain one way by which we may examine ourselves. Let us take our Morning Watch Calendar, and carefully note down all we have done during the day to make known to others the love of Christ and the last message connected with His second coming. As we put these things down, and see what proportion of our thought and time has been given to soul-winning, we will better realize what is our spiritual standing. This is doubtless why the Lord has led to the connection of the reporting system with our missionary work. He knows human hearts and their need of something that will help

them to know if the love of Christ is really working in and through them. It is so easy for us to deceive ourselves and think that we are all right, when we are really far from God.

"Many who profess to be Christians neglect the claims of God, and yet they do not feel that in this there is any wrong. They know that the blasphemer, the murderer, the adulterer, deserves punishment; but as for them, they enjoy the services of religion. They love to hear the gospel preached, and therefore they think themselves Christians. Though they have spent their lives in caring for themselves, they will be as much surprised as was the unfaithful servant in the parable to hear the sentence; 'Take the talent from him.' Like the Jews, they mistake the enjoyment of their blessings for the use they should make of them." *Id.* p. 365.

I would therefore urge all our people to try this plan of daily noting down in the Morning Watch Calendar the home missionary work they do, and when it is set down, of laying it before God, and praying that the efforts that have been made, small though they may be, may be used by him in his great work for souls. This habit has been cultivated by some, and they say it is a continual inspiration to them. It has increased their love for God and for perishing souls. What it has done for some it will do for all who will follow the plan.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

"He Saved Others, Himself He Cannot Save" Matt. 27:42

THIS is the object of Christ in coming to Earth. Infinite love and pity forbade the Saviour refrain from delivering earth's inhabitants from the awful destruction into which they have fallen.

For man's salvation the Son of God came to this earth; came of the City of Nazareth of the loins of David, the Lion of the tribe of Judea, the promised seed of Abraham in whom all nations of the earth shall be blessed. That He might be a blessing to the world, he had to accept the most horrible curse that ever came to any man. He has been "made a curse for us," Gal. 3:13, that we might be blessed. He who knew no sin was made "to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor. 5:21.

The great red dragon of Revelation 12 attempted his destruction at his earliest appearance to earth. "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, because they were not." Jer. 31:15. Herod, empowered by the serpent, the devil, played the part of the red dragon, destroying Bethlehem's babies from two years and under, in his effort to destroy Christ, the seed of blessing.

Hated of earth, despised by the creatures of his own making, he was doomed-to-be-crucified by those who professed the most sacred nearness to the Messiah of God.

Passing swiftly over the history of the life of him who willingly accepted my curse that I might be saved, and that he might "Save others," we find him prostrated in Gethsemane's Garden. The anguish of soul, the hellish blow yet to be brot to bear against him, all seem to bear on him at once to crush his life-work. He poured out his soul in a most agonizing way. "My God! If it is possible let this cup pass away," and again in the same words, he reminds his Father of his anguish, but quickly adds "not my will, but thine be done."

The cup, of course, he had accepted for human deliverance had stung to the depths of his soul, but his great love and pity for the race of the lost, forbade him to shrink from the task. "How can I give thee up, Ephraim? How can I deliver thee, Israel?"

"He saved others; himself he cannot save." Driven by swords and staves, mocked and abused at Caiaphas' palace, condemned and scourged at Pilate's judgment bar, reviled and scourged on Calvary's cross, your Saviour "trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none that would help."

"He saved others; himself he cannot save." Christ could have assumed divinity's power and stepped down from the cross. He could have summoned "twelve legions of angels" to his defence, but earth would be left without balm for her healing. You and I would have no Saviour. Humanity would have to suffer the results of its own course. Forever lost! Eternally! But thank God, unmindful of self, "He saved others," and still saves unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him.

R. T. NEWBALL.

Chattanooga, Tennessee

THE tent meeting which commenced July 27 at the above named place has been well attended from the start, having an average attendance of 200 a night. The Sunday night meetings have had between three and four hundred people present. The deciding points of the truth are now given. The night the subject, "Who Changed the Sabbath?" was presented, about 400 people were listening. Many are deciding the eternal question and we hope to see many take their stand for Jesus and his Word. The interest is good.

Second Call to Camp Meeting

Some may be saying, "It will cost too much to attend the camp meeting." "I am in debt." "Have to fix up my place." "Taxes are due", and many other things may present themselves to your mind as obstacles to the blessing you stand so much in need of. Have we stopped to consider that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be present at this meeting? Would you not like to have a personal talk with them? Some may say that we can do this at home. Yes we may, but this is a special visit to the people of God, and he brings special blessings to us at this time.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Come ye apart and rest a while." The servant bearing special instructions to us from the Lord said, "The camp meeting is to promote the spiritual life among the people. The world in its wisdom knows not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the loveliness, the goodness, the holiness of divine truth. And in order that men may understand this, there must be a channel thru which it shall come to the world. This channel is the church."

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

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better to save the money and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way. God calls upon you to take your place

among the ranks 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."

Write immediately to Brother H. N. Gemon, 614 W. 11th St. for tent. Just say you are coming and preparation will be made for you.

Tents, floored, \$3.00. Cots, small charge. Come prepared to board on the grounds as a dining tent will be in operation.

H. N. GEMON.

Pittsburg, Pa.

OUR silence of late to the GOSPEL HERALD is not due to indifference, but to activity. The good hand of God has been blessing our work since the first of the year when we entered our new church. Thus far about twenty-eight members have been added.

We have had several baptisms, the last of which took place Sabbath, August 5, when nine were immersed, all except one being the result of the tent meetings.

This is the ninth week of this series of meetings. We started on June 18. This is the best interest we have ever had. Several others will be baptized before this article is read, and we have more than one hundred names many of whom are deeply interested.

Several of the best members of the most prominent churches have stepped out. As result the ministers are waging a regular war, such as they never before attempted in this city.

One, in tackling an article published in the "Courier," a colored weekly paper, threw out some "Hard Nuts" borrowed from a tract, word for word, for us to crack. Elder Durrant replied in three sermons to these "nuts." Sunday night August 13, the crowd of nearly four hundred voted unanimous satisfaction at the close of the "nut cracking" argument. We are also cracking these nuts in the same paper, which has a circulation of ten thousand weekly, and goes all over this country, even to the Philippines.

Five of our Mt. Vernon students rendered valuable help as colporteurs for

the whole season, placing hundreds of dollars worth of literature in the homes of the people, some of whom have come into the truth already. Too much cannot be said of their faithful service in singing, and visiting on Sundays. We greatly appreciate their help, while they gained quite a valuable experience.

At this writing it is early to report the financial side of the effort, as we have not closed yet.

The Sabbath school has increased since last spring from thirty-five to sixty-five members. Our donations for the month of July were \$37.43, the tithes covers \$104.07. All funds for the month were \$148.50, besides \$35.00 on our church debt.

August 16, we had a pleasant surprise in a call from Professor Boyd. He spoke to us that night of recent developments of the educational work at Oakwood, which did our hearts good.

Our church members have done real good work this summer by helping in various ways. Pittsburg is astir as never before. Some of the preachers have been calling us names and endeavoring to put the people against us, but as Paul truly says, "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth;" therefore they have simply helped the work forward. Pray for us.

M. I. GAUNLETT.

Mary's Occupation

AT the great exposition in Omaha several years ago it was the custom for the people to register or sign their names in the different State buildings. People who registered were asked to give their occupation, so that the book read like this: "John Smith, farmer," "Thomas Brown, carpenter," and so on.

A little golden-haired girl asked that she might register. She was told to write her name and occupation, and this is what she wrote: "Mary Jones, I help mama."

What a beautiful occupation Mary had! Surely, every child who tries to help mama and to please Jesus will have the happiest possible life. —Selected.

Subscribe to the Gospel Herald

Now is the time for you to subscribe for the GOSPEL HERALD. The price is twenty-five cents a year. Surely you need the paper and can afford the price. It is full of interest each month, and is the only paper devoted exclusively to the interest of the colored people among Seventh-day Adventists.

Mobile, Ala.

THE time is near when I shall sever my personal connection with the work in the city of Mobile, Ala., but I shall not be separated in a spiritual sense from the Master's work here. On coming to Mobile four years ago, we found the work had gone down. After one year of earnest, prayerful labor, Elder G. E. Peters, assisted by the writer, reorganized the Mobile church. Since then many additions have been made to the church. Some have fallen away, not being able to stand the test. Therefore we are made to realize the fact that we are really in the "shaking time." Not only the younger converts but those who are older in the truth are feeling the ire of satan and are either drawing nearer Jesus or falling out by the way. Six of our flock have been laid to rest during the past four years.

During the past month, May, three souls were added to the church, and on June 3, seven were baptized. We thank and praise the Lord for a good number of faithful souls in the church here, and we pray earnestly that the work will continue to grow, here and elsewhere, until the Master shall call us from labor to reward. S. D. MILLER.

The King's Answer

A STORY is told of a man who once asked an Eastern king if he could tell how to avoid temptation.

The king told the man to take a vessel brimful of oil, and to carry it thru the streets of the city without spilling a drop.

"If one drop is spilt," said the king, "your head shall be cut off." And he ordered two executioners, with drawn swords, to walk behind the man, and to carry out his orders.

There happened to be a fair going on in town, and the streets were crowded with people. However, the man was very careful, and returned to the king without having spilled one drop of the oil. Then the king asked:

"Did you see anyone whilst you were walking thru the streets?"

"No," said the man, "I was thinking only of the oil; I noticed nothing else."

"Then," said the king, "you have learned how to avoid temptation. Fix your mind as firmly on God as you did on the vessel of oil. You will not be tempted to sin."—*Anon*

The Value of Prayer

NO individual, or church will know the value of anything until they possess it. They cannot put an estimate upon it until they know something concerning it. Some things we have valued beyond what they were worth. But prayer is worth everything to the believing child of God. Its value is beyond our finite minds, especially when we seldom pray.

Prayer gives us access to all Heaven and the blessings promised for our necessities in this life. Our prayers should not be for the necessities only, but for a change of character that will give us possession of all things. There must be an inward craving, a longing desire for communion with the One whom His disciples asked, "Teach us to pray, Master, as John taught his disciples." As they beheld the Master in earnest prayer it created a yearning in their souls for the thing most needed. So much could be said concerning prayer that it would take volumes to hold it.

It brings a soul into personal acquaintance with the Giver of all things. It changes the individual as it wrought a change in our Master.

"And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistening."

"Sweet hour of prayer:

'That calls us from the world of care,
'That bids me to my Father's throne."

Prayer brings relief to all our infirmities and troubles. Wonderful in its effect! It unburdens the soul when burdened. Prayer is beyond worth. How little we esteem it! "Haven't time," says the busily engaged. But when confronted with obstacles how quickly we take time. Plenty of rushing; but no time for communion.

Take time to pray. Moments spent in earnest persevering prayers are never lost. Results will be seen and you will be glad for the time spent in communion with Heaven. Heaven is nearer to you than before. How often Heaven seems so far away when prayer is neglected. We often forget that we are children of that Heavenly Place. Then should we not be in communion frequently?

All of our undertakings should be preceded by earnest prayer: This wrought strength in Abraham when told to carry out a certain task. He was unable to reach the top of the mountain until he uttered, "Abide ye here with the ass

and I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you." There was no failure in this journey. Neither will there be any failure in our tasks and undertakings if we employ a few moments in communion.

How often could the young be strengthened if they would spend more time in prayer. When this is neglected, satan has more access to them. And often he overcomes them. O, flee to your knees, my young people! Flee to your knees! Plead for help. It will surely come.

When the enemy tempts you with frivolity, jesting, joking and evil amusements, then you should flee to the stronghold. "Go to the throne of Grace that ye may find help in time of need."

"Prayer unites us with one another and with God, brings Jesus to our side and gives to the fainting perplexed soul new strength to overcome the world, the flesh and devil, turns aside the attack of Satan." *C. O. L. p. 25.*

W. H. SEBASTAIN.

OBITUARIES

WHITE

John A. White, was born June 30, 1881 in Jackson, North Carolina. A few months after his birth his parents moved to New Berne, where Brother White's boyhood was spent. About 16 years ago he made New York City his home. In this city he married Sister Eleanor Lawrence in 1909. Six months later he accepted present truth in Philadelphia. In 1910 he and his family moved to Ocala, Florida. The next year he was made elder of our Ocala church. During his leadership there, the church increased spiritually, financially, and in its membership. In 1914, he was invited by the Florida Conference to connect with the evangelistic work. He was a man of deep thought and was very humble and submissive. His whole heart was on the finishing up of the work. He died Monday morning, August 7 at West Palm Beach, Florida. The funeral service was held under the tent. Elder I. M. Martin, the writer, and Elder Hendon, the Baptist pastor, conducted the service. The tent was crowded and a good number stood up. He leaves a wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends to mourn. J. S. GREEN.

Pulling Apart

WHEN a denomination builds up a strong constituency among all the races of the earth, it is certainly unfortunate that at some stage in its history one of the races found occasion to separate from the main body.

Every diversion made in the ranks of Christians weakens that cause, in many respects, before the eyes of the rest of the world. Hence a people believing so many things to be Divine Truth, having so many experiences in common and claiming the last warning message to deliver to a doomed world, should never esteem it a privilege nor a duty to labor apart from one another upon separate and independent lines. Unless they present a solid and united front they will surely be handicapped in their work for souls.

In 1845 the Methodist church divided into a Northern and a Southern faction. Since that date other bands have pulled apart and founded independent organizations, until today there are nearly a dozen independent Methodist organizations. Other leading Protestant denominations have suffered the same distraction. The latest news tells me that the High Church Episcopalians are about to split over the question of joining protestantism in the fight against the Roman Catholicism.

It is safe to say that only a few of the differences between factions are absolutely contradictory; the majority of them have been differences which were only different views of the same accepted fact.

It has been confidently hoped that as time went on, and we studied more of the basic principles of the Christian religion, the differences which have stood between factions in denominations, would fade away. But we seem to be making only a little progress in this matter at the present time. For in our age the spirit of strife and disunion pervades the very air, and men appear to enjoy the satisfaction which they think comes from independence.

However, sometime in their experience these factions will have,—if they have not already—the privilege of considering the proposition of uniting their forces again. Experience will reveal the sore embarrassment of a divided people. But the day will dawn when they may wish to consider the advisability

of coming together. When that hour does arrive, and representatives sit in counsel and join voices together in prayer, it may be discovered that one faction made an enormous pother over some matter of trifling importance. For long years positions have been taken causing a wide breach of feelings and activities; but some day these positions may be surrendered for the blessedness of a universal fellowship.

Then why yield to our feelings and take a step now which may afterwards cause us painful regrets? Time has already proven that many of our differences were mere misunderstandings. But O, how much has been lost to a good cause because some individual failed to understand.

M. C. STRACHAN.

Importance and Joy of Service.

"**U** are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command." John 15:14. The tendency is to accept this promise and claim the blessing because we do a few specific acts that please us, while we may completely and entirely overlook its application to those phases of Christian life that are less pleasing and more self-sacrificing. We do well to keep in mind the "whatsoever." This same standard applies to all. There is no respect of person with God. He has appointed to every man his work, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which in heaven, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother." Matt. 12:50.

"In the great Judgment-day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along, carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, pleasing themselves, will be placed by the Judge of all the earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation.

"Many who profess to be Christians neglect the claim of God, and yet they do not feel that in this there is any wrong. They know that the blasphemer, the adulterer, the murderer, deserve punishment; but for them, they enjoy the services of religion. They love to hear the gospel preached, and therefore they think themselves Christians. Tho they have spent their lives in caring for themselves they will be as much surprised as was the unfaithful servant in the parable to hear the sentence, 'Take the talent from him.' Like the Jews, they

mistake the enjoyment of their blessings for the use they should make of them.

"Many who excuse themselves from Christian effort plead their inability for the work. But did God make them so incapable? No, never. This inability has been produced by their own inactivity, and perpetuated by their deliberate choice." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 365.

From the very beginning it has been God's plan to associate man with himself in the great plan of redemption. "Laborers together with God," and there is to be no change in the plan, even in the last days. "Go ye. . . and I will be with you." "Go ye." It does not say, go Mr. Scholar, go Mr. Good-talker, or Mr. Not-afraid. No, but "Go ye." This is addressed to each one of us personally. This important point must be grasped by all who would become true followers of Christ. No true joy can be known apart from Christian service.

"In our life here, earthly, sin-restricted, though it is, the greatest joy and the highest education is in service. And in the future state, untrammled by the limitations of sinful humanity. It is in service that our greatest joy and our highest education will be found,—witnessing, and ever as we witness learning anew "the riches of the glory of this mystery;" "which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." *Education*. p. 309.

"God expects personal service from every one to whom he has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." *Testimonies for the Church*. Vol. IX, p. 30.

"Those who do not impart the light they have received will one day realize that they have sustained a fearful loss." *Id.* p. 32.

Shall we not—every one—enter into a fuller, deeper consecration to God, and put forth the same untiring, unflagging zeal in behalf of the cost that Christ brot into his labors?"

F. W. PAAP.

From a personal letter from Elder Sydney Scott we quote the following item: "Our meetings are well attended. We have a steady audience of five hundred each week, and from six to seven hundred Sunday nights." Elder Scott is conducting an evangelistic effort in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, and I am sure all will be glad to know of the success attending his efforts. We publish a report from his own pen on another page.

Only a smile, yes, only a smile,
That a woman o'er burdened with grief
Expected from you; 'twould have given relief,
For her heart ached sore the while.
But weary and cheerless she went away,
Because, as it happened that very day,
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a word, yes, only a word,
That the Spirit's small voice whispered, "Speak."
But the worker passed onward, unblest and weak,
Whom you were meant to have stirred
To courage, devotion, and love anew,
Because when the message came to you,
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note,
To a friend in a distant land;
The Spirit said, "Write," but then you had planned
Some different work, and you thought,
"It matters little." You did not know
'Twould have saved a soul from sin and woe—
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a song, yes, only a song,
That the Spirit said, "Sing tonight,
Thy voice is thy Master's by purchased right."
But you thought, "Mid this motely throng,
I care not to sing of the City of God";
And the heart your words might have reached grew cold—
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day,
But, oh, can you guess my friend,
Where the influence reaches and where it will end
Or the hours that you frittered away?
The Master's command is, "Abide in Me;"
And fruitless and vain will your service be
If out of touch with your Lord.

—Selected.

The Call to be a Missionary

FOR my part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the thot in such a view, and with such a thot! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a foregoig of the common conveniences and charities of this life, make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink, but let this be for only a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which he made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us: "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."—*David Livingstone.*

Colored Work in Memphis, Tenn.

ABOUT five weeks ago, Elder Sydney Scott began holding tent meetings in the city of Memphis. It was Satan's plan not to permit this meeting, for the city officials refused him a permit to erect his cloth pavilion; but by the help of the Lord this was overcome and a hearty welcome was accorded him. From the first the meetings have been well attended, there being from 300 to 500 every night in the meeting, and on Sunday nights the audience has reached the 700 mark. Tuesday night, August the eighth, a temperance meeting was held with some of the city board of health physicians on the program. Dr. Jas. L. Anderson, president of the Board of Health, was the principal speaker. The reporter of the *Commercial Appeal*, the leading daily paper of the city, reported 900 persons in attendance at this meeting.

Memphis is one among the largest southern cities, and there are about 75,000 colored people in the city and in the suburbs. Elder Scott is preaching every evening to many of the "better class" of his people.

For eight or ten years, plans have been on foot to build a church building here for the colored people, but so far we have not succeeded, and this has been a great loss to our cause. At this time we are determined to push this department of our work forward. The colored believers of the city have purchased a nice lot at the cost of \$900.00 cash, and we are praying that this effort which Elder Scott is conducting will bring forth visible results in a building and many souls added to the cause. There is no doubt but that out of this large attendance there will be a good number who will keep the Sabbath, and all the commandments of God; but if they have no church building where will they go? The foundation of this building ought to be laid soon so the new believers as well as the old could see that something real was being accomplished for their church in this city.

As the colored people of the South are poor, being deprived of many advantages, to shoulder the burden themselves is beyond their financial strength. The colored people are loyal to the denominational work; they share in general funds to foreign fields, and attempt to answer other calls for finance to build up the local work. This building will cost not less than \$4,000. The lot costs \$900.00 and it is paid for. I wonder if the readers of this journal feel like helping to lift the burden among the colored people in this city? If any one is impressed to send help, kindly direct it to the Tennessee River conference treasurer; 2014-23rd Ave., North, Nashville, Tennessee. The work is closing up fast in the Southland, and what we do must be done now. We are glad to see the work moving onward in this city.

W. R. BURROW,

The old shepherd put it exactly right when he said, "Lord, I got among the thorns and briars, and was scratched and torn and bleeding; but, Lord, it is only fair to say it was not on thy ground; I wandered out of thy pastures."

—Anon.

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Oakwood Jottings

Word from our principal, enclosing an article for publication, states that he is having a pleasant and profitable visit among his friends in Indiana. He expects to return to Oakwood about August 28.

Work is being pushed on our new steam laundry. The boiler and engine, and the water system are now in place, and the laundry machinery will be installed at once.

There is still opportunity for ambitious, earnest, young people to enter Oakwood school for the coming school year. God wants *Educated* young men and women in his service, and furthermore the burden of finishing the work of the third angel is to fall upon the young. *Are you prepared?* If not, why not?

In a recent letter from one of the church school teachers who was at the summer school and who took home a number of the charts we advertised last month, we find the following, "The charts sold on sight. Send me some more at once."

We are offering attractive discounts to agents. Better investigate.

Our teamsters are busy hauling coal for the winter. Altho it is warm now, we must prepare for the frost that will surely come, and it is with satisfaction that we see our coal bins heaped with fuel.

Brother J. M. Swofford left Oakwood Sunday, August 13, for South Carolina where he will attend the camp meeting to be held at Sumter.

We wish to call the special attention of all students who are planning to attend Oakwood the following year, to the fact that we have a flourishing Orchestra, and are expecting to make it a special feature the coming year. Let all who have orchestra instruments, bring them, and plan to become members of this organization.

Elder C. B. Stephenson stopped over one day with us on his return from the Southwest where he has been attending camp-meetings. A report of his work appears in another column.

Professor C. S. Corkham left us Tuesday August 15 for Graysville, Tennessee where he expects to spend a week visiting friends.

Miss Irma Halladay returned to Oakwood August 14, having spent ten days in Nashville, Tennessee attending the camp meeting there. She reports a pleasant and profitable visit.

On page 70 we promised an article from Elder Scott. We apologize for this mistake, but trust all will read the report from Memphis written by Brother Burrow.

The Oakwood melon patch is now yielding a good supply of luscious fruit.

The crops being laid by, a number of our farm boys spent a week the past month helping one of our neighbors with his nursery work.

How One Woman Works to Gather Money for the Ellen G. White Hospital.

A LETTER recently received from a good sister in one of our Eastern Conferences tells the following interesting story of how she is obtaining money for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital:

"Perhaps it would be interesting to you and others to know how I am going to raise the amount of money which I Pledged to the Hospital. I am selling 'Practical Guide,' also sewing and saving my income which is given me daily for running my home expenses, so that I may have a few dollars left from that each week. Where there is a will there is always a way, and especially we are working for the Lord. God blesses every effort which we put forth. I am so glad for the privilege of being able to give a helping hand in His cause. May God bless you in all your work for Him. Enclosed you will find a check for \$25,

and just as fast as I can make the rest, you shall receive it.

Your sister in Christ."

This letter breathes a splendid spirit of faith and sacrifice and we trust will stimulate others to work.

PERCY T. MAGAN, M. D.

Loma Linda, Cal.

West Palm Beach, Florida

THE work at West Palm Beach is onward. The believers here were organized into a church on Sabbath June 24. Of this number ten were baptized. Palm Beach being on the ocean we had our baptism in the Atlantic. We went to the water side very early before sunrise while the ocean was quiet and had a very solemn ceremony. This was Sunday, June 25. Since then others have been baptized.

Our church building here is being erected. By the time this is read the believers hope to be in their house of worship. Our tent has stood on the same spot fifteen months. The believers are very glad that they will go from the tent to their new church. Since May 27, 1915, the meetings in the tent here have continued. We have had good attendance. While the writer was in Louisiana last winter on a visit, Brother J. A. White had charge of all the services; during that time the believers raised enough money to buy a \$210.00 lot.

One of our colored brothers gave \$67.00 on the lumber bill. Three of our members lent twenty dollars each on the lumber to the church. At the same time all of the believers and some of the outsiders gave something on our house of worship.

One of our carpenters here Brother W. J. Harrington, had the oversight of the erection of our Miami church which was built two years ago. Brother E. A. Francis our local elder here at West Palm Beach, is also a first class carpenter and boat builder. He also donates his work on the church. Other brothers of the church are giving their labor on the building. So far our carpenter work has not cost anything.

We should have started a tent effort in another town by the first of July but have been detained here on account of the building. We thank the Lord that we can see a house of worship here before we leave. The believers here are of good courage.

J. S. GREEN.