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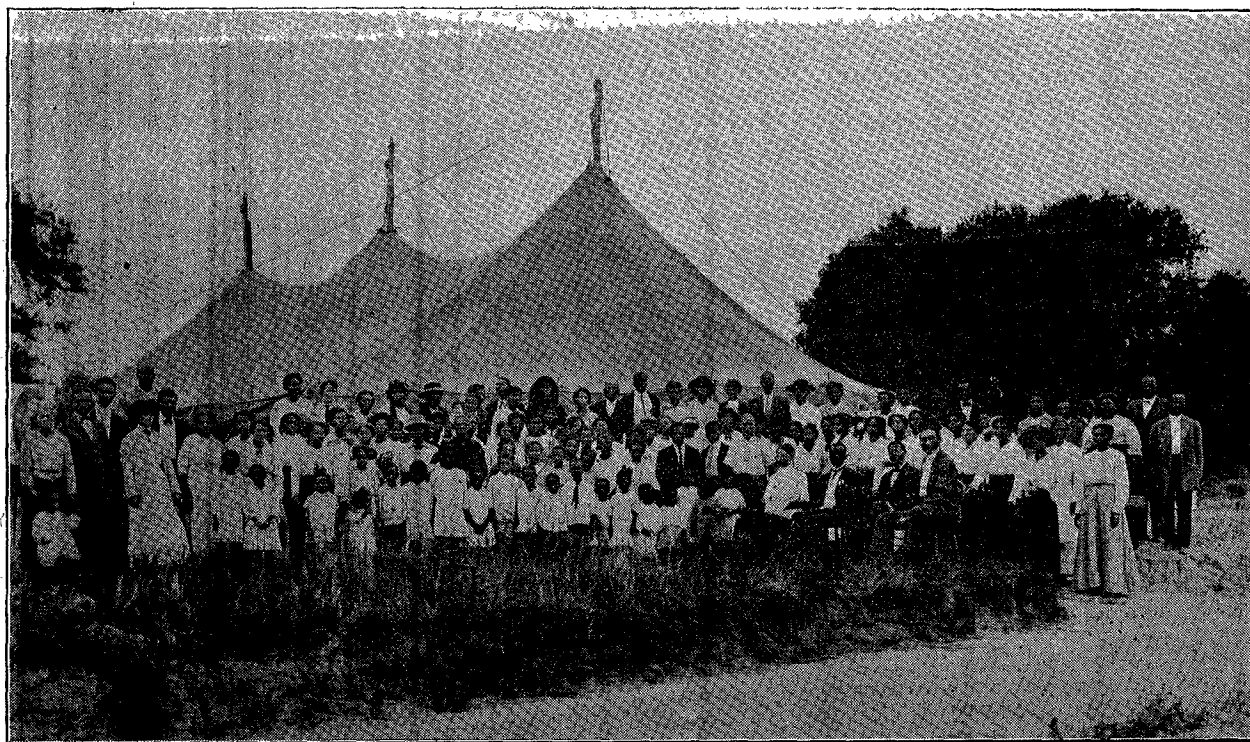
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FLORIDA CAMP MEETING



View of Camp ground at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Florida Camp Meeting

THE camp meeting for the Florida Conference Mission was held at St. Petersburg, Florida, September 29 to October 8. St. Petersburg is a beautiful little city overlooking Tampa Bay. It is one of the important tourist centers of Florida. Its clean, well-paved streets, beautiful homes, and landscape decorations of tropical growth, are certainly impressive. Our camp ground was located on one of the main thoroughfares about a mile back from the bay. Here nearly two hundred of our brethren and

sisters, with their children, assembled for the ten days' meeting. Many of them came early, arriving on the grounds Tuesday, when the meeting did not open until Thursday, and with but one or two exceptions, all remained until the last service of the meeting had been held. This simply illustrates the deep interest which was shown by our lay members in this annual encampment. The tents were nicely arranged. Besides the family tents, there was a large three-center-poled pavilion, a dining tent, with kitchen adjoining, a tent for the children

and young people's meetings, and for the first time in the history of our encampment in the state, a tent store was operated. A little way back of the pavilion in a private, quiet nook, was another little tent which to me was rather interesting. Over it were these words: "Where prayer was wont to be heard." I am glad to say that this little tent was used.

The camp was in charge of Elder and Mrs. M. C. Strachan. The services were nicely planned. There were two choirs; one made up of adults, and the



Company of believers at Pensacola, Florida. C. A. Wilson in the rear row at left in charge

other made up of young people, who rendered splendid music throughout the meetings. It was especially interesting to see the young people march into the tent on time and occupy their places on the large stand.

Evening services were largely conducted by Elder G. E. Peters, the Southeastern Union Mission Evangelist. The large pavilion was crowded every night and the Lord certainly blessed Elder Peters, giving him freedom and power to make plain the gospel truths to these large and earnest congregations.

Elder C. B. Stephenson, Secretary of the Mission Department of our North American Division Conference, was present and gave splendid help, both by sermons and in the conference business meetings. These conference sessions were attended with interest by all the brethren. Sister Anna Knight, who has charge of the Home Missionary Work in the Southeastern Union Mission, gave encouraging help in all discussions, as did also the local workers of the Florida Mission.

The tithe for the Florida Mission for the year amounted to \$2050.77. The Sabbath School collection for the two Sabbaths during camp meeting amounted to \$63.17. On the last day of the camp meeting Elder Heckman, president of the Florida Conference, made a call in behalf of missions. The brethren re-

sponded with cash and pledges to the amount of \$381.58. The camp meeting evening collections amounted to \$50.26.

On the last Sunday morning, fifteen who had previously given their hearts to the Lord were baptized in the bay. As a result of the camp meeting, six of the residents of the city of St. Petersburg promised to obey the commandments of God. At one special service during the meeting, mothers brought their children and dedicated them to the Lord and his service.

This was my first visit with our brethren and sisters in Florida, and to me the occasion was a real personal pleasure. Our friends in the state had requested my presence at these annual gatherings for a number of years, but as the meetings are usually held down there after the opening of our school at Oakwood, I have heretofore found it impossible to go, but this year I took occasion to plan the details of my work at the school so that I might be away for a time. The brethren at the camp ground had notice of my coming and I received a very enthusiastic welcome when I arrived. When I first appeared in the pavilion, I was surprised to see my name written on a little panel blackboard posted in a conspicuous place, over which was the word "welcome", and throughout the remainder of the meeting I enjoyed to the fullest extent my visits with both old

and young. As we took up our educational work we found many responsive hearts. There were some twelve or fifteen who are planning definitely to come to Oakwood this year or next. It is gratifying to meet those who are interested in a Christian education, and we are glad for these opportunities of urging our young people to let nothing stand in their way of obtaining it.

Before closing this article I should also mention that the camp meeting for our white brethren was conducted at the same time in another part of the city, and it was quite a privilege for our colored people to enjoy services conducted by some of our general men who took occasion from time to time to come over from the other camp. The stereopticon lecture given by Elder Shaw on our work in India was both interesting and instructing. Elder Paap's sermons on Home Missionary Work were well taken by all.

On my return trip from St Petersburg we crossed the bay to Tampa and coming by way of Orlando and Jacksonville, I spent a day at each of these places, both of which will furnish students for our school this year. I met a number of our old Oakwood students while in the state, and found most of them prospering in the work. The cause is advancing in a remarkable manner in that land of sunshine and smiles.

C. J. BOYD.

Shreveport, La.

Our tent meeting is now closed down and we are busy binding off the interest. Ten signed the covenant to walk with their Lord and keep his ten commandments. These men continue to attend our meetings. As we are now in a hall, we only have meeting three times a week. Some of these souls are tied up with the cares of this world. Others, jobs are giving them trouble. Boss men are offering two day's pay for the Sabbath if they would but work. Others offer to give two other days off if they would only work Saturday. And in many other ways the enemy is trying to entangle these honest souls. Yet their testimony is strong for Jesus. At the Throne of Grace let earnest petitions ascend to God in behalf of these struggling ones that they may be able to surrender all to Jesus and step out on faith and claim His promises. Brother A. R. Bell, Sister Lucile Williams, and Sister Lucile McDonald, with the writer are still united here in building up the work.

R. ROBERTS.

One of Our Rally Songs

THE department in giving careful study to our united efforts in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign has selected several songs, believing that the singing of these will wonderfully help in lifting the load. The words of the Harvest Ingathering songs are given in the October, number of the *Church Officer's Gazette*. One of these will be sung to the tune, "It Must Be the Breaking of the Day." If you do not have this song you can secure it by sending direct to the writer, Tokoma Park, Washington, D.C. Price, single copy, 5 cents; ten copies, 25 cents.

F. W. PAAP.

From South Dakota

WE clip the following from the *North-ern Union Reaper* as an item that will interest the many friends of our former editor, Eld. T. H. Jeys—

On Sabbath, August 26, I baptized six, all adults, at Montrose. One of these was a lady whose Catholic husband had driven her away. Since then he has gladly received her back to her home with provision that she shall not be molested in her religious views.

Another is a brother who has had a fierce struggle with tobacco but who has been victorious thru Him who always gives strength. He has known of the message for some time, but has sought for a way to escape the duty of obedience. Now he is full of thankfulness that the Lord continued to call.

The little company at Montrose are fully determined to hold up the light, and keep the work moving. They will rent a place for weekly meetings and will invite their interested friends to meet with them.

I held the closing service in the tent on Sunday evening, August 27, and on Tuesday, the 29th, shipped our camp outfit to the conference storehouse.

Sabbath, September 2, I visited Sioux Falls, and baptized one sister. Her husband believes our message, and I hope he may soon be baptized and be united fully with us in the work. He is a young man of good mind, and I covet him for the work of God.

Some of our young people of Sioux Falls are preparing to attend school at Redfield. I feel that there are some others who should likewise be planning in a definite way for a part in the third

angel's message. Soon it may be too late.

Monday September 4, we took train for Redfield. At this writing (Sept. 17) most of the teachers are here, and a few students are on the ground. The school matron and her helpers are rapidly preparing the rooms for occupancy, and we are confidently expecting a good attendance from the very first day.

T. H. JEYS.

A Visit at Oakwood

THE forepart of the month I had the pleasure of meeting with the Oakwood Manual Training School, and also with the church at Huntsville.

The school has an excellent patronage this year, one of the best in its history so near the beginning of the term. The students are from the different parts of the South and from the islands.

The crops are fine, the best in the neighborhood. While I was with them they were busy picking cotton, making molasses, and filling the silo. All were busy and seemed to be happy.

I spoke twice to the students relative to the necessary preparation to meet their Lord in peace, and the preparation needful that they may be workers for the Master. The talks were well received. We looked forward for a good corps of laborers from the present body of students.

I met on the proper meeting evening with the church in the city. We are pleased to see the Huntsville Church in so good a condition. Every part of the work is well looked after. Being then the first week in October, the church had already over nineteen dollars for Harvest Ingathering. Other churches will have to work hard or Huntsville will stand at the head this year.

A. L. MILLER.

Victory to Faith through Debate

IT will be a point of interest to the readers of the *HERALD* to know that the debate on the Sabbath and Sunday issue resulted in a victory for the truth.

Mr. Arlington Wilson, pastor of the largest Baptist church in the city, sent his challenge to us stating that he would expose the errors of Adventists.

After changing the place of debate three times our Sunday representative decided to hold the debate at the A.M.E.

Church. This building held 650 persons. The evening of September 18 was agreed on. Every effort was made to show that the first day of the week is the Sabbath. Much time was spent in belittling Adventists. This occupied one hour, leaving twenty minutes to rebut my argument. I occupied one hour and fifteen minutes. The Lord helped in presenting the message for this time.

Seeing the truth gaining ground, our opponent used his twenty minutes in rebuttal to my presentation of the message, in burlesque and rude assertions concerning Sabbath keepers. D. H. Canright's book was used freely to show our general standing. All this helped to give victory to the cause. II Cor. 13:8. Lastly our affirmative became angry. Thus truth received a victory that night.

Crowds come to our Sabbath and Sunday night meetings. We wish we could give you some testimonies from colored and white. Remember the work in Muskogee.

M. G. NUNES.

The Kentucky Mission General Meeting

THE writer was cordially invited by the President of the Kentucky Conference (Elder B. W. Brown) and Elder J. H. Lawrence, the Kentucky Mission evangelist, to attend the four days' general meeting for the Kentucky Mission held in the first S. D. A. Church on Chestnut Street, Louisville.

There were present Elder A. C. Chatman, of Lexington, F. S. Keitts, of Bowling Green, William Winston, of Owensboro to meet with the brethren of the Shelby Street and Chestnut Street Churches in council. A goodly number of the members were present in most of the meetings. Elder Brown presided.

This was the first meeting of this kind for the Kentucky Mission. The writer was asked to participate in the business meetings. Some very good reports of the work done in the mission were read, and accepted with rejoicing that the good work of the Kentucky Mission was climbing to victory. The mission committee was enlarged from three to six, three of these being colored.

Sabbath morning October one, Elder Lawrence baptized twelve new converts to the faith in the clear waters of the Ohio River.

I had the privilege of speaking several times and greatly enjoyed my short visit among the brethren and sisters of the Kentucky Mission. T. B. BUCKNER.

Southeastern Union Mission Home Missionary Department

For Quarter ending September 30, 1916

	Cumber land	Georgia Car.	South Car.	North Car.	Florida	Totals
Letters written	52	165	168	215	326	926
Letters received	33	121	127	226	317	824
Missionary visits	468	1012	1049	888	681	4098
Bible readings	216	285	301	316	290	1408
Subscriptions taken	1	47		33	17	88
Papers sold	137	386	193	122	377	1215
Papers lent	133	520	329	566	428	1976
Books sold	31	39	19	84	100	173
Books lent	50	91	16	88	103	248
Tracts sold	65	30	1	28	27	151
Tracts lent	142	369	3156	886	372	4925
Hours C. H. work	158	888	375	428	392	2241
Articles of clothing given	16	209	142	163	304	834
No. meals provided	84	434	438	550	320	1826
Treatments given	78	47	95	140	101	461
Signers to temp. pledge					2	2
Offerings	\$3.50	\$31.90	\$10.29	\$21.36	\$28.60	\$95.65

Surely these figures should mean a great deal to those of us who are trying to finish the Lord's work in the earth. And as a result, from the testimonies born by some of our home workers at our camp meetings, at least 20 persons have been won to the truth.

We are hereby asking all our dear members in all our churches and companies in this mission not to be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Let us be faithful in sowing the seed and watering it by prayers and letters and visits as occasion seems best, and our God will do the rest.

Quite a few failed to send in their reports on time, hence they are not included in this report, for which I am very sorry. Please try to be prompt next time.

ANNA KNIGHT, Sec'y.

How To Become a Successful Colporteur

FIRST, your heart must be in the work.

Next, go to Oakwood Manual Training School and get started right. (The object of this school is to prepare Christian young men and women to become skillful workers in the Lord's vineyard on earth, that they might enter the Paradise of God.) Then go out in the canvassing field filled with the missionary zeal laboring under the conviction that it is the very work the Lord desires, and take advantage of every opportunity to show the people Bible facts, (not doctrinal points). Put in honest time. Pray always. Labor as tho you were in the very sight of Heaven and success is yours. This is the plan I have taken up

in the canvassing field, and when delivery was ready to be made I delivered \$310.20 worth of books in 86 hours. Would you desire to earn a scholarship easier than that? The Lord is calling for more workers and the call is answered by the coming of the man. Do you think it is safe to refuse? You might not have the opportunity again.

The Church was organized for service and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. The members of the church, those who have been called out of darkness into the marvelous light, are to show forth the glory of God. Can you sit idle and be justified in singing, "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord?"

W. H. BAKER.

Muskogee, Okla.

OUR present building seats 200. Last Sunday night we had to turn some away as there was no room on the inside.

We may say that the general fixtures and appearance of the temporary quarter have attracted many. In order to reach our better thinking class we must be able to meet them.

Our present class for full church membership is fifty.

M. G. NUNES.

Huntsville, Ala.

LEAVING Louisville, Monday night, Oct. 2, I arrived in Huntsville, Tuesday evening, Oct. 3. I visited the Oakwood School a few hours before beginning a series of meetings in our little church in the city of Huntsville.

I met my old friend and brother Eld. W. L. Bird who is now connected with the Oakwood School and is on the editorial staff of the GOSPEL HERALD.

There are ninety students in attendance at this writing, and more coming; so we are beginning to fear there will not be room enough to accommodate all and may have to look out for some new buildings at Oakwood.

We are glad that the curriculum of the school has been raised to the 13th grade. The present faculty seem to be doing all they can to make the work in the school a success.

Let us water the good seed being sown in the hearts of our dear children in attendance at the Oakwood School. I hope that every church in the Southern Union Conference, and in other Conferences will roll up a larger number of subscriptions for the GOSPEL HERALD than ever before.

There are some real good articles appearing in the GOSPEL HERALD every month, which are not only helpful to our own people, but to others who may chance to read them.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Search thine own heart. What paineth Thee in others, in thyself may be; All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;

Be thou the true man thou dost seek.

Whittier

"Some men's religion is all located in their Sunday suit of clothes, and hung up in the closet during the week."

The Alabama Mission

I WAS invited by the Southern Union Conference to labor in the Alabama Mission, (my old field of labor). So I left the Louisiana Mission, June the first, after laboring in that state for more than five years, began a tent effort at Dothan, Alabama, a beautiful little city in the south-eastern part of the state, June 11. It rained most of the time during our effort. The uncommon tropical storm of July last, which devastated the growing crops of central, and southern Alabama came upon us, and came near destroying our tent, but the Lord was with us, and some dear souls came out of Babylon, joined the church at Dothan, and were baptized along with others who were awaiting baptism.

At the close of the meeting Brother C. A. Blackwood was ordained elder of the Dothan church, so he could labor more freely in that place. He and his wife and my daughter Mary were associated with me in the tent effort at Dothan. This was Mary's first experience in tent work. She was our organist. Our organ was put out of commission for more than a week by the great storms. The repairs cost us six dollars, but one friend whose wife signed the covenant gave us five dollars to help out with expenses.

The citizen of Dothan, white and colored, visited the meetings, and helped us in more ways than one to make the meetings a success. Sometimes we could scarcely seat the audiences that attended the meeting. Some came five miles almost every night to attend.

We took down our tents August 14, and shipped them to Montgomery to prepare for the Mission Camp Meeting, advertised for August 24 to September 3. We got our tents pitched on the Swayne School grounds on Union Street, one of the loveliest spots in the city, centrally located among the better class of colored people. We began on time. The weather was ideal throughout the meetings. We had two showers of rain, which were acceptable to lower temperature of the hot days.

Not many of our people attended the camp meetings, because of the hard times caused by lull of business among colored people of Alabama. Nevertheless we had a good meeting. Elder C. B. Stephenson, Elder Wright of Montgom-

ery, and the Union book men were with us, as the mission camp meeting came immediately following the conference camp meeting.

The night meetings were well attended, our large tent being filled to overflowing night after night. The interest was good, and several signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God.

We raised about sixteen dollars for missions, and nearly all present from our churches pledged to raise five dollars each on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for missions. The business meetings were profitable. Elder Stephenson gave strong spiritual talks every morning from 9:00 to 10:00.

We passed several helpful resolutions.

One was, "that no apostate from the truth should be allowed any thing to say in the mission churches of Alabama."

The threatened railroad strike caused a little stampede among the campers, but after all we believe that success attended our efforts to make the Alabama Mission camp meeting a success.

T. B. BUCKNER.

The Chesapeake Conference

IT has been so long since a report of the colored work has been sent in that perhaps the readers of the HERALD have wondered what was being done in this field. To tell the truth we have been so very busy that not a minute could be spared to write a report. June 26 we went to Wilmington, Delaware to revive the work there with a tent effort. Four weeks were spent in that city,—not really long enough to do justice to the effort, but we were able to create an excellent interest for our workers there to develop. Several of the best people of the city signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath and some additions to the church have been reported. We next pitched the tent at Cheswold, Delaware about forty miles below Wilmington where we have had a church for fifteen years. This church needed reviving, and for that reason we moved to this place. The tent was pitched in a beautiful grove and from the first we had an excellent attendance and an interesting congregation to present the message to every night. The second Sunday there, our choir from Baltimore visited the tent, being brot in a

large auto. The people in Cheswold enjoyed the singing and their presence there did much to advertise the meetings. In short, we spent five weeks there and baptized five from the result of the tent effort. Brother Mosley, at Cheswold is doing splendid work in his effort, preparing more for Baptism. Baltimore was not neglected while the two efforts were on over in Delaware. Every Sabbath I return to Baltimore together with Bro. Cox, our faithful Bible Worker here. We were able to baptize, Sept. 17th thirty-three earnest believers in the coming of the Lord.

Our church in Baltimore grows faster than we are able to develop its growth. The days are too short for us to get in the amount of work necessary to keep up with the church. For an example of the progress and loyalty of the church I perhaps should mention the offerings to mission. For the month of September \$97.85 was sent to the Conference treasurer, besides nearly \$200.00 tithes. Our Offerings for the support of the local work are good; the Sunday night attendance is fine. The church is too small, the seating capacity of 300 is taxed to the limit. We have arranged within the church splendid school rooms, nicely equipped for industrial branches as well as for class studies in grades from 1 to 8. This school is designed to become a northern training for our colored youth; next year we expect to add grades 9 and 10 to the regular courses of studies. We have several students in from neighboring states and others are writing for admittance. The first day we had forty-four to enroll and as soon as the quarantine is lifted prohibiting young pupils to enter any school, we expect to school 75, taking up the various studies in the above mentioned grades. For the beginning we are more than encouraged and with the experienced teachers in charge, we are sure that all in the power of the school will be done to turn out creditable workers for the cause.

In another article we will endeavor to explain more of the workings of this newly established school. But for information immediately desired, address the writer at 1714 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

Habit is a cable; we spin a thread of it every day till at last we can not break it.

Colored Camp Meeting in Cumberland Mission

THE first camp meeting to be held in the Cumberland Mission was a success, and a spiritual awakening to the believers that attended.

The date of the meeting was set for September 7-17, but so anxious were the believers from Knoxville to attend that on the sixth we could say that we had a full delegation. The city of Chattanooga was selected; on a large lot in the western part of the city, the camp was pitched with sixteen tents for the campers, beside the dining tent and the large pavillion tent. On the grounds were about fifty who occupied tents: these were from Chattanooga, Knoxville, Bakewell, Morristown, Nashville, Tenn., Huntsville, Ala. and Dalton, Georgia.

The spirit of the Lord was manifested in a marked manner during the meetings. The Lord blessed Elder Stephenson who preached several sermons on *faith*. Others who rendered much help and instruction were Elder R. W. Parmele, the president of the conference, Elder Heald, Elder Peters, Miss Anna Knight, Professor C. J. Boyd of Oakwood, and Brother L. L. Lawrence, the field Missionary agent.

The closing day of the meeting was one of rejoicing as we witnessed the burial of eighteen candidates in the waters of the Tennessee river. In all twenty-five were added to the several churches as the result of the tent and camp meetings.

Not only was the spirit of the Lord present to help us to enjoy the spiritual sermons, but the spirit of liberality to the cause of missions was seen. Fifty-five dollars were collected for the foreign fields during the Sabbath Schools of the camp meeting.

The expression of many on leaving was, "Surely it was good to be here for the Lord was in this place." The determination on the part of the believers is to work energetically for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. H. N. GEMON.

Study Languages Thru Correspondence

THE Fireside Correspondence School, Tokoma Park, D. C., desires to announce the completion of arrangements for the study of German, French, Spanish, and Italian thru correspondence, either with or without the phonograph. For particulars and the "Nutshell Catalog", address as above.

C. C. LEWIS, *Principal*

Camp Meetings of the Southeastern Union Mission

AT this date September 24, all but one of our camp meetings in the Southeastern Union Mission have convened. It has been the privilege of the writer to attend the camp meetings at Sumter, S. C., Kinston, N. C., and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Thus far our camp meetings this year have been highly successful. Resolutions were discussed in the conference meetings as follows:—

Gratitude to God for his blessings during the past year; The Home Missionary work; The Young People's work; Cooperation with the Oakwood school; Harvest Ingathering Campaign; Religious Liberty; Temperance, Loyalty to the Movement.

The Sumter camp meeting had a large delegation representing about seven churches. The meetings were a spiritual feast throughout. Twenty-eight souls were converted to the message. Fifteen were baptized at the meeting. Sixty dollars in cash were raised for foreign missions. Besides the conference president, Elder Shuler, we were privileged to have with us Elder C. B. Stevenson, secretary of the N. A. Negro department, Elder W. E. Strother, Bro. W. H. Maynor, and Brother Alex. Osterman.

Kinston: This was the second annual camp meeting for the North Carolina mission. Unlike the other places mentioned we have no church in this city. Elder Abney had developed a splendid interest, however, by the time the camp meeting convened. Delegates were present from Wilmington, Newbern, Wilson, Durham, and High Point. The delegation was not as large as we anticipated. Thirty-three dollars were raised for foreign missions, and a number of subscriptions were taken for the *Testimonies*, *Review and Herald*, and the GOSPEL HERALD.

Elder Branson and the president of the conference Elder J. B. Locken, took the initiative in the conference meetings and in the most of the day services. These brethren preached spirit-filled sermons that will long be remembered by all. Miss Knight took charge of the Home Missionary work and the Young People's Meetings. The outside interest was gratifying. When the Sabbath question was presented thirty-six persons

promised to obey. Before the close of the camp meeting Brother Abney was ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder Branson preached the ordination sermon, and gave the charge; Elder Locken offered the ordination prayer, and the writer extended the welcome. Four souls were baptized the last sabbath of the meeting. Elder Abney will remain at this place and follow up the interest.

Chattanooga: Here the Cumberland mission camp meeting was held. This was the first camp meeting, but it was truly a credit to those in charge. The conference officers did everything possible to make the camp attractive. One of the colored citizens gave the free use of his lot, and another furnished running water in the dining tent free. The conference operated a dining tent which was screened and modern throughout. Most of the day preaching was done by Elder Stephenson. The conference president Elder Parmele, presided in most of the conference meetings. Miss Knight took charge of the Home Missionary and Young People's work. The night services were principally for the benefit of those not of our faith. This camp meeting was preceded by a six weeks' tent effort conducted by Elder H. N. Gemon. Brother Gemon is doing faithful work in the Cumberland mission. During the camp meeting a number of children and young people gave their hearts to God. These and some of the fruits of the tent effort resulted in the baptism of nineteen souls, the last day of the camp. On the closing day a splendid program was rendered by the young people, followed by a plain, pointed, practical lecture by Miss Knight.

The Florida camp meeting will be held in the near future. Brother Strachan sent in a suggestive program for the meeting. This program seems to indicate that the best wine is saved for the last.

G. E. PETERS.

"The man who wins is an average man,
Not built on any particular plan,
Not blest with any peculiar luck;
Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.
"For the man who wins is the man who works,
Who neither labor nor trouble shirks,
Who uses his hand, his head, his eyes;
The man who wins is the man who tries."

North Texas.

It has been about three months since we reported our work from this field. We closed our camp meeting at Ennis, Texas with some to stand for the Truth. Five were ready for baptism, but we could not find any water at that place that was clean enough. It was regretted very much by all present. Elders Jones and Murphy went to every place that had been used for the purpose, but found only mud and a little dirty water. The candidates all promised to be faithful, and stand ready for the ordinance, at the earliest convenient opportunity. About September 15 we had our tent meetings going nicely, in Fort Worth, altho we found it very hard to hold the people to a regular attendance as there were a number of other revivals in town, and also the Ham and Ramsey prohibition lecturers. These two men were in Fort Worth several months with an attendance of 8,000 to 10,000 every night. We had to close out our tent effort because of sickness and cool nights. Elder Murphy and wife have returned to their work in Waco. The writer with his family is staying by the interest created as the result of the tent effort. We have about four families who are just waiting to see what kind of a place we can find for worship. There are no colored Adventists in Fort Worth, this great city of 99,000 inhabitants, but my family and me. We need the prayers of God's people here. My wife is not so well and cannot take a very big part in the Harvest Ingathering work, but I have ordered fifty copies for myself. The Corsicana church made a big order last Sabbath, the 7th. While we have not seen as great number accept the Message as we hoped to see, yet we are not discouraged, and neither have we given up.

E. M. GATES.

Birmingham and Decatur

AFTER a few hours spent at Oakwood, I visited our little church in Huntsville. The members are alive, and doing real good work. They reported 49 Bible readings last quarter, and brot in four new members.

I would that all the mission churches were as busy working and praying for the salvation of precious soul. The whole church voted the resolution passed at our Montgomery camp meeting.

I spent several days with the church

at Decatur. The brethren seated and lighted the store of Brother Harris in which to hold three night meetings while I was there. They are struggling hard to build a church building. Bro. Harris has donated a lot for the enterprise.

Brother J. A. Williams was elected elder of the church while the writer was there. The Decatur church voted to support the resolution passed by the Montgomery camp meetings, also. The church at Decatur needs our prayers and cooperation.

I left Decatur for Birmingham Friday Oct. 13, and began a series of meetings with the mission church. Brother J. J. Pearson, the elder, is working hard to make a success of the work in Birmingham. Several new members have been added recently, and the good work is moving on. They voted to support the camp meeting resolutions also. After spending a week with the Birmingham church, I visited the church at Bessemer Brethren Bracy and Coleman (who seem to be pillars) in the Bessemer church are of good courage. The work is new in Bessemer, and needs to be cared for in faith and humble prayer on the part of the little membership, that members may be added as they are in our new mission church in the town of Huntsville.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Collection for the Colored Work

THE usual collection for the colored work will be taken this year on November 18. This collection is necessary because the appropriations to the Colored department are not sufficient to meet the demands made upon the Division Conference to carry the work forward in a strong way in the South. The appropriations, of course, must be made from funds that come into the treasury, which, are always too small to meet the demands which makes it necessary to cut down the requests. The shaving of the appropriations has made it necessary to cut down operating expenses in the field, close schools, etc.

The above collection is intended to make up in part, at least, for the cut in the appropriations. We hope this offering will be the largest ever lifted, as the present demands are most urgent. We should have fifteen thousand dollars at least to meet the demands upon us for means to place the work on a substan-

tial basis. We must open mission schools in many places throughout the South, and also in the North for the large class of our young people, who must soon take an active part in proclaiming the message. There is a crying need for such schools and we must answer these calls at once. We are planning already to open quite a number of schools and shall need money to pay teachers, and we shall expect this collection to provide this money to a large extent. Other improvements are necessary. Shall not our colored constituency come forward with a most liberal offering, thus manifesting a real interest in this work? Take this call to the Lord in prayer and come to the church Sabbath, November 18, with the offering that you feel the Lord would have you make. Do not forget the date, and to call the attention of your church to this matter a week beforehand.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Sec'y. of the Department.

A Letter

IN a personal letter to the editor, Elder A. L. Miller, president of the Alabama Conference, says:

"I enjoyed my visit with you very much. The prospects seem bright for an excellent school this year.

"We had some good meetings here.

"Two united with the church. I go today to Jasper. We have a company there but no church. Will get home Monday." "I hope when you take the students out for a Harvest Ingathering day you will have excellent success.

"With best wishes and kind regards, I am your Christian brother."

Watch Yourself Go By

Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by;

Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I."

Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you,

And try to make your estimate ring true.

The thoughts of others then will dwarf and shrink,

Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link.

When you with "he" as substitute for "I"

Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

—Selected

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Oakwood Jottings

Sunday, October 22, Oakwood was the recipient of a pleasant visit from about sixty of the most progressive and enthusiastic Negro educational workers in Madison County. The purpose of the gathering was to arouse and promote more interest and enthusiasm among the colored people of the county, in the building of suitable school houses for the Negro youth. This company made an extensive tour of the county and it is to be hoped that much good will result from the enthusiastic and vivid presentations of the need of better school houses. Among the prominent members of the company were Prof. Buchanan, President of the A. & M. College, Normal, Ala., Prof. Booker T. Washington, Jr., of Tuskegee Normal Institute, and Prof. P. C. Parks also of A. & M. College, the last named being the promoter of the movement in this county.

Oakwood has been favored this month by visits from Elder C. B. Stephenson, well known to GOSPEL HERALD readers, Mrs. A. S. Steele, who conducts a home for colored orphans in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dr. Stella C. Martinson of Chattanooga. Elder Stephenson spoke to the students while here, telling of the growth and progress of the work in North America. All felt greatly encouraged as we heard of the splendid progress our cause has made among the colored people.

At this writing all available rooms in our dormitories are filled with students, and many more have made application to enter. Nearly all seem eager and determined to secure a training that will fit them for active service in the third

angel's message. Surely this is as it should be. The harvest fields are ripe and from Oakwood must come a goodly number of well trained young men and women who will bear the burden of the work among the colored millions of the United States and the islands of the seas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jeys of Oakwood faculty are the proud parents of a little six pound baby girl who arrived Sabbath, October 21.

Oakwood has occasion to be proud of the chorus organized and conducted by Professor Corkham. Already one of the large colored churches in Huntsville has invited the chorus to come to that city and render some special music. Much good we believe can be accomplished by consecrated music.

Do no fail to note the article by Bro. Paap on the Harvest Ingathering. The outlook for a large and successful fund is very encouraging. If each will keep his shoulder to the wheel we will certainly reach our goal of \$100,000.00.

Great Second Advent Movement

Dear Brethren:

WE come to you at this time with gratitude and thankfulness to God for the light of the present truth, and for the wonderful privilege of being laborers together with Christ and the Holy Angels in the finishing of the great mystery.

For nearly two weeks now we have been assembled in council. Many weighty and important questions have been brought to our attention. We are made to realize that perilous times are upon us. Indications of a most striking character point to the great fact that the end is near. The hour has struck when we should lay plans for advance moves all along the line. The calls for men and means are more than we can possibly supply. Consequent upon our lack of funds we have had to refuse appeals of the greatest urgency. Nearly \$100,000.00 was denied the fields because of the lack of funds.

It is needless to say what delay means in many instances. God is opening doors, and the Macedonian call is sounding from every land, "Come over and help us." Can we refuse to go? Can we say "Not now? Conditions are changing so rapidly and the enemy is pre-occupying the field. We dare not delay.

Right at this time a campaign, in which there are really no limits, is being carried on in behalf of Foreign Missions. We refer to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. What are the results to date? This can be measured largely by the activities of the individual. Many of the conferences set the individual goal at \$5.00, and this we feel sure is within reach of all who will earnestly and enthusiastically address themselves to the task. Just think what it would mean if eighty-thousand believers in the North American Division Conference each gathered five dollars—four hundred-thousand dollars! Many will do considerably more. Already four conferences have reported that they have reached their quota. Eight hundred-thousand papers have been sent out.

We notice that the larger amount of this Ingathering money is collected in sums ranging from five to twenty-five cents. All that is necessary to raise the full amount is to keep right at it.

Because of the shortage of funds—because of the tremendous need for money to help us fill the many and urgent calls from earth's teeming millions, we earnestly beg our dear people everywhere to double their energies and, with a burden for the perishing of earth, prosecute this Harvest Ingathering Campaign with zeal and enthusiasm till the entire goal is reached.

We feel confident that the placing of this special issue, of the Signs Weekly will enlighten the public mind with reference to this great movement. The service required of this people to accomplish this task brings growth and development as only activity can bring, and the money raised will enable us to greatly extend the work. We earnestly hope that we shall secure one hundred-thousand dollars above all expenses connected with the campaign.

Yours for the finishing of the work.
(Signed) THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
AND THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION
COUNCIL IN SESSION.

P. S. It is earnestly requested that this letter be read in all our churches on the Sabbath day; and that every proper and possible effort be made on the part of the local leaders to make it count for the most.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.