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The Gospel Commission

"I am now about to leave you
You will now for me be witness
Of the things that I have told you.
Go and preach to every creature,
Teaching them to keep the sayings,
Whatsoever I command you.
As you go, I will be with you
By the presence of the Spirit,
Even to the consumation.

"Tarry ye here in Jerusalem
Till the promise of the Father
Shall be poured in fullness on you.
Then begin within the city
To declare the blessed message,
And from here into Samaria.
So, in ever widening circles,
Into all the world proclaim it."
Thus the closing words are spoken,
Thus He gives the Great Commission
To His little band of servants,
As He is about to leave them.

Lifting up His hands in blessing,
He is separated from them
And is carried into heaven.

The Mystery.

Sound Speech

"Who can understand his errors?" asks the Psalmist, in Psalms 19:12. He knew by experience something of the deceitfulness of sin, and also of the treachery of the human heart which, says Jeremiah, is deceitful above all things, so that none can know it. Jer. 17:9.

God must be our helper if we are

CONFERENCES

	TENN.	GA.	N. C.	S. C.	FLA.
Letters written	109	257	352	398	449
Letters received	76	204	381	264	391
Missionary visits	373	1304	1502	1209	1151
Bible readings	222	558	523	561	585
Subscriptions for periodicals	12	28	35	118	22
Papers sold	265	1591	893	617	798
Papers given away	270	1092	414	708	741
Books sold	23	487	430	413	115
Books lent or given away	96	124	185	237	273
Tracts sold	179	180	371	54	53
Tracts lent or given	320	1453	990	1257	1393
Hours of Christian help work	509	518	880	995	803
Articles of clothing provided	87	230	124	215	265
Treatments given	29	60	156	306	166
Signers to temperance pledge	17	12	16	28	16
Conversions				1	
Value of meals provided	\$23 90	\$33 35	\$74 19	\$110 57	\$46 90
Offerings to home missions	25	51 32	48 74	55 72	12 62

This is a splendid report considering that it came in the camp meeting season when so many of our people were planning to go, and so could not devote all the time to this line of work that they usually give to it. We hope the report for the last quarter will be the best of the year, and it should be, for all of the Harvest Gathering papers should be reported, and we certainly have no excuse for not using them, for they are furnished to us free, and it will only require a little of our time. Let every member try to raise not less than \$5.00 on the Goal for this year. Only fifty papers at ten cents each will do the work, and I am sure every member can do that much if we just get at it. Will you not try? Go praying, and do not give up until you have won your goal. It can be done! Let the Mission department work as never before. We must not fail in this!

I am counting on you and praying for you, and I trust you will be victorious in this undertaking.

ANNA KNIGHT.

to escape those errors we cannot understand. There are two ways in which the nineteenth Psalm indicates that we must seek this aid. First we must pray for it; and the Psalmist himself suggests a prayer: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer." Verse 14. But we must do more than pray.

We have opportunities to cooperate with God in making the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts what they should be. We must hide the Word of God in our hearts that we may not sin against him. Ps. 119:11. That Word has in it cleansing virtue enlightening the eyes. Ps. 19:8. Its counsels make wise the simple. Verse 7. "Moreover by them is (Continued on page 4)

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE

AFTER a summer spent in caring for our thrifty crops with a vacation family of more than thirty, school opened September 18, with an enrollment of seventy-seven, and has grown to 110. More than half of these are in the Academic and College Departments. During the vacation our teachers met and planned for the work of the year as follows: grades nine to fourteen to meet the six periods of forty-five minutes each, from 7:00 to 12:00 a. m., with a thirty minute chapel period midway in the session. The grammar department, consisting of grades six, seven and eight, meets from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m., with four teachers to conduct the work. Thus the students of each department have a half of the day for work, and our industries are not waiting for hands, and then rushed with an over supply.

Crops were never better in the history of Oakwood. Our forty acres of cotton is as good as any in the vicinity, and our corn likewise. Of the latter we have 120 acres. We have marketed nine bales of cotton at over \$150 a bale, and now we are shredding the corn. Eight hundred bushels of sweet potatoes are in the cellar house for winter consumption, and they are fine, both in size and quality. In the same house is stored the 1447 gallons of sorghum made from our little four-acre patch. School was dismissed one day, and more than fifty students, led by Brethren Bird, Jeys, and Swofford, heads of our Bible, English and Farm Departments, respectively, spent most of the day stripping the cane, which was from ten to fourteen feet in height. For the next two weeks each morning as the sun peeped over the long, level back of Monte Sano, it found Brother Swofford and his boys grinding sorghum with a team of mules, and boiling it down in our evaporator at a rate of over 100 gallons a day. Those who have tasted it say sorghum quality never was better.

In the cellars are 10,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned for winter use. Our patch of peas, gathered, but not yet thrashed, we estimate at 100 bushels. God has been good to us, and kept his

promise to bless faithful efforts put forth to till the land on this farm.

Those who are watching say that the students are developing greater interest in their work, month by month, and this means better returns for the time reported. There is a good spirit of cooperation present, and practically every member of our school family attends religious services. Our teachers are taking up their burdens faithfully and we are looking forward to a year of rich blessing. Pray for the work here at Oakwood, that many may be prepared to go into the vineyard from Oakwood Junior College.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

Ft. Worth, Texas.

AUGUST 24TH, we pitched our big Gospel tent, in a large shady grove, about 16 miles East of Ft. Worth, at the place call Moser Valley. We were about ten days late, in getting our meeting started. We were on the ground in time, with the big tent up, but we could not get our seats. They were lost on the railroad for several days. During the time we were waiting, the Baptists began a two weeks' meeting right near our tent. After finding our seats we began our meetings. The attendance was not very good at the beginning, but as soon as the Baptists closed their meeting, the people came right in and filled our tent night after night. All were impressed very much, and many said that the preaching was the best they had ever heard, many asked us to continue a few days longer, but the cotton picking season had come for the people, and many of them had begun picking, and could not attend the meetings any longer. We had to close the meeting with several just about ready to decide for the Message. Sunday, Sept. the 9th we baptised eight souls. We had the ordinance of humility, and the Lord's supper. There are others ready for baptism at this place, but were refused the right by those of their family, one the wife of a sinner. These dear people are asking for help thru our prayers that the way may be opened soon for them to cast their lot with the people of God. Already this new

company has set to work to build a church. We have ten in this company. They have their homes, and are well able to build a church. Pray for this people, and the workers, Elder Thos. Murphy and wife, and the writer and his wife.

E. M. GATES.

Ala., Mission

WE pitched our tents in the little city of Talladega, June 1. There were six adults and five children in the company. We were hindered the first week because a part of our large tent was left in Montgomery through neglect of the railroad company.

We held our first meeting Wednesday night June the 7th. At the first the people were slow in coming, but as the meetings progressed our large tent with a seating capacity of three hundred began to fill up.

Our choir (directed by Brother F. D. Mills) did excellent service. Some of the best young people of the city, even members of other choirs came to sing with us during the whole effort. The Sabbath question was first presented early in July to a full tent. From this time both interest and opposition increased. Almost every young person in the choir not of our faith accepted the truth, besides others, making fifteen in all. Since then about ten others have joined us. Several of these have gone North, and two of our company are at Oakwood, and one more to go soon.

Our four days' general meeting held here Aug. 24-28 was quite a help to the new company. It was a relief to have Elders C. B. Stephenson, A. L. Miller, and J. H. Lawrence to assist in the preaching during this time. Elder Lawrence came late, but remained several days longer with me than he had planned.

We have taken down the large tent, and rented a hall as the nights are so cool. These meetings are well attended. We opened a church, or mission school Monday, Oct. 8, with sixteen in attendance, and six more promised. Most of these are children from the families of new Sabbath keepers.

We are of good courage as we

work and hope and pray that the good beginning may result in a glorious success. Yours with joy and gladness in the closing work of the Master.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Reflections

GOD has a remnant church in the earth. Rev. 12:17. All who embrace the third angel's message are members of this body. Paul says that we are members in particular of the body of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:27. This brings us into the closest relationship with our Master, and we become more closely related one to another.

The members of the early church were filled with the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:3,4; indicating that the church in all ages has been God's chosen instrument for the carrying on of his work. Eph. 5:18. Only as the individual members have Christ abiding in the heart can they thus bear witness for him. Eph. 3:16-20. In this way Christ will be made manifest in our flesh. 2 Cor. 4:11. Paul in Rom. 10:8 indicates that this spirit speaks to us thru the Word, and in Eph. 6:7, declares that the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

The infilling of the Holy Spirit is one of the conditions of the new covenant. Eze. 6:27. Those who are brought into this covenant relationship with God will become messengers of the gospel to those who are lost. Every member of the body of Christ should find his supreme delight in bearing to others the message found in Revelation, and thus prepare the world for the return of his Lord and Master.

FRANK JEFFERIES.

Camp Meeting In Mississippi

OUR annual meeting convened at Jackson, Miss. September 27th, and continued to October 7. The attendance was not as large as last year's. All present seemed to share and enjoy the Spiritual feast. There were about eighty or more, including children, who left their homes and came aside to meet with the Lord.

Like faithful Moses, who abode in the presence of the Lord until his countenance beamed with Heavenly luster, and the apostle John

also, abiding in the presence of our Heavenly Father, said, "I was in the Spirit," even so we, in our annual gathering, did enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit while we listened to the voice of the Lord thru some of his chosen vessels.

The following visitors were present; Elders S. E. Wight, C. B. Stephenson, I. H. Evans, J. H. Lawrence, Prof. L. N. Wood and W. H. Anderson. The presence of these Godly men gave inspiration to all present. The timely and wholesome instruction given by each of these visiting brethren respectively, was received as a Heaven-sent blessing, and we are sure that lasting impressions were stamped upon the minds of the campers. The keynote seemed to be the soon coming of the Lord and complete salvation from sin. Pledges were taken to the amount of \$500, of which \$14.06 was cash. A large number of subscriptions were taken for the harvest gathering, and we hope to see fruitful results realized from the faithful efforts put forth. The harvest truly is ripe, and the laborers are few.

The unerring prophetic word, Hab. 2, tells of the speaking vision, and as we gaze upon passing events that now obstruct our view, we can assert with all certainty that the vision is now speaking. The apostle John, wrapped in Holy vision, looking down to this our day, saw the nations angry. This prophecy is fulfilled in our day, which is the vision speaking. We are nearing the realization of the blessed hope.

Let us watch and keep ready. I am of good courage. I am yours in the work. N. B. KING.

Every Student A Worker For God

Do not the times in which we live demand that every student attending our Oakwood Junior College prepare for some place in this closing message? When the faithful servant of the Lord gave us volume nine, there appeared on page 199 this strong statement; "Most decided efforts should be made to educate and train colored men and women to labor as missionaries in the Southern States of America."

This message came to us more

than eight years since. During these years our progress has been slow, but now large plans are already laid to make our only training center for the colored people a school second to none in the land. Should not every Seventh-day Adventist in this country seek to carry out the Lord's mind in training our colored youth for this great field? The "Great World War" says plainly that we have but a short time to finish the work.

Then there is a Special message to to our colored youth on page 200, which says, "The Southern field is suffering for workers," and the all important question is asked in the same article, "Will you pass by your people, making no effort to help them, or will you with humble heart work to save the perishing?"

This is enough to make every youth and every other man and woman among us get on his knees at once, and give himself to God and prepare to do his part in finishing the work while the little time that is left remains.

Yours for the Master and his work. T. B. BUCKNER.

Springfield Colored work

AND that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom 13:11.

When I came to this field four months ago, I found that the greatest need of the little company I met here was to realize the import of this scripture and how they could live in a practical manner, by faithfulness in their tithes and offerings, and local missionary work, by visiting and scattering the printed pages in the homes of the people and that in order to take an elevating truth such as we have to the better class of people we must in the first place be ourselves elevated and do all things as Paul says, decently and in order.

The first thing, therefore, for us to do was to renovate both our spiritual and temporal temples and to clear off many old hindrances by way of debts and other things. But money was needed, to pay a faithful tithe, giving God his due first, then we could claim from Him

what we needed. As a result of keeping this before their minds our tithes rose in five months from a twelve dollar average per month to thirty-four dollars, with a reasonable increase in all our mission funds, for which we thank God.

May opened with a zealous campaign for the raising of money for the renovation of the church building and one hundred and sixty-one dollars has been raised, the conference donating thirty dollars to help us, and our little church has been renovated free of debt. The old debts I found unpaid when I entered this field have been cleared up.

June 10 we started our summer's work in the tent. Our meetings were largely attended for three weeks when opposition began by the ministers of the first day churches. Many of them attended the meetings for the purpose of keeping their members away but the Lord still blessed us with what we can call a fair attendance every evening, until the street car strike which has hindered our attendance. The church members were very faithful in coming out every evening and helping in the personal work, as I had no other help. In answer to much prayer the blessing of God was with us and fourteen took their stand for the truth and are keeping the Sabbath. Of these there are four men, all heads of families. One sister a week after she took her stand went out and sold twenty *Signs of the Times* in a couple of hours and is going to engage in this work for the Lord for the rest of the summer.

We brought our effort to a close by holding a Convention for the Missionary Volunteer Society and the Sabbath-school officers. In connection with this we held our baptism at 2:30 p. m. Sabbath, Aug. 4. Elder Peterson preached a powerful sermon of instruction to those going forward in baptism, after which he buried seven souls with their Lord in the watery grave. Seven others are awaiting baptism after they have had a further knowledge of the truth. Pray for us that God may continue to bless us with an increase of souls. God is able and willing to help those who will by sacrifice push

the work ahead. We need your prayers.—*Fred. C. Phipps, in Lake Union Herald.*

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thy servant warned." Verse 11. The thoughts of God have in them no admixture of error, no tendency to evil. Upon that Word our minds must feed if the Spiritual faculties are to be in good working order. By that Word our spiritual eyes must be enlightened if they are to be quick to discern the presence of impurity in the tempter's suggestions.

We must always prefer the Word of God to the imaginations of our own hearts. This is necessary, not merely out of loyalty to God, but for our own safety. The heart is deceitful; hence the thoughts and words that flow from it have a tendency to deceive. The more we listen to our own ideas and our own words, the more likely we are to be confused as to what is right and pure.

James gives us a word of warning on this point. He tells us not to be content merely with hearing the Word of God, but to patiently translate it into action, so that it affects not our ears alone but our whole lives, even entering into our habits. Unless we thus incorporate the Word of God we shall certainly be deceived by error. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves." James 1:22.

In such a case delusions become the dietary of the soul, and the man's mind is warped, his judgment becomes untrustworthy, so that he may even come to believe a lie. 2 Thes. 2:11,12. Such a man may call himself a Christian, but what is his profession worth? It is an empty one, says James. "If any man thinketh himself to be religious while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain." James 1:26. R. V.

This is a warning against talking too freely. David prayed that his thoughts and words might be acceptable to God. James tells us to bridle our tongues that we may not deceive our own hearts. Evidently then, to give free rein to our own imaginations and our own

words is dangerous. Our tongues move very easily. It is surprising how inventive and ingenious they can be, how readily they can frame excuses. But while we are attempting by plausible excuses to set our shortcomings before others in the most favorable light, we may be deceiving others also. Our deceitful hearts may be working in combination to blind our minds and make us victims of Satanic sophistries.

We may guard against this danger by bridling our tongues, and not allowing them to speak unless we know that the words uttered are true and right. We may also guard against the peril by taking diligent heed to the Word of God, by which his servants are warned and in keeping of which there is great reward. "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear." Eph. 4:29. R. V.—*from Present Truth.*

Florida Mission Camp Meeting

THE annual camp meeting of the Florida Mission was held in Orlando, October 4-14. The attendance reached 180. This was the largest the Mission has ever enjoyed. The camp was in a good location. Elder M. C. Strachan, the senior evangelist of the Mission was in charge, and he and his associate workers did everything possible to make the meeting a success. The large tent was decorated sensibly and presented a pleasing appearance. In the evenings quite a large number of friends and strangers attended the services giving the speaker an audience of from seven to eight hundred. The choir of about thirty voices under the leadership of Elder Strachan was a helpful feature. It was gratifying to see the number of young people present. Regular meetings were held in the young people's tent, which kept the children and young people occupied from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Sessions were arranged as follows: Primary, Intermediate, Junior, Senior. The entire time at the big tent was given to departmental work and Bible study, as the Mission held no business sessions this year. We considered it a great

privilege to have Elder A. G. Daniels, president of the General Conference preach for us the first Sabbath afternoon of the meeting. Elder Daniels also gave a very impressive lecture the following Monday evening on the progress of the world wide movement. The lecture was illustrated by the stereopticon; about seventy-five slides being used. A lasting impression was made on many not of our faith as well as on our own people.

Besides the local workers and conference officials there were present a part or all of the time Elder C. B. Stephenson, secretary of the department; Elder W. H. Branson, president of the Union Conference; Sister Anna Knight, Home Missionary, educational and young people's secretary; Brother W. H. Maynor of South Carolina and the writer. There was manifest on the part of our people an earnest spirit. Elder Stephenson's sermons proved a great spiritual uplift to all; and in his revival service the last Sabbath, nearly all present including several visitors and ministers of other denominations either rose or came forward to consecrate their lives to God. A very interesting feature was the Home Missionary rally planned by Sister Knight. This department showed healthy development in all phases. The Sabbath school department showed about as much accomplished during the first half of 1917 as during the whole of 1916. The first Sabbath of the camp sixty dollars was given to missions in the Sabbath school, and one hundred dollars the last Sabbath. Pledges to missions totaled about \$1200, besides \$75.00 cash collected on old pledges.

Thursday morning after a stirring talk by Elder Stephenson on Rev. 18:1, the book "World War" was introduced. Our people ordered and pledged to sell 36,000 copies of this book.

This was a good camp meeting. It was good to be there. On recommendation of the Union conference, the Union Mission Committee voted that Elder Strachan and Elder Williams of Georgia exchange fields of labor. The change goes into effect December.—G. E. Peters, *Evangelist Southeastern Union Mission.*

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of these schools. Their work is not to be discouraged, but encouraged. They are to receive encouragement and support. Both of these places have advantages of their own. There has been delay in pushing forward the work in these places. Let us delay no longer. At these schools students may gain an education that, with the blessing of God, will prepare them to win souls to Christ. If they unite with the Saviour, they will grow in spirituality, and will be prepared to present the truth to others.

"In every place where schools are established, we are to study what industries can be started that will give the students employment. Small sanitariums should be established in connection with our larger schools, that the students may have an opportunity to gain a knowledge of medical missionary work. This line of work is to be brought into our schools as part of the regular instruction. Such Sanitariums should be established in connection with the schools at Graysville and Huntsville. The Lord will give those in charge of the different lines of the work wisdom to use their talents for the best advancement of the work.

"Believers who are now living in the cities will have to move to the country, that they may save their children from ruin. Attention must be given to the establishment of the industries in which these families can find employment. Those who have charge of the school work at Graysville and Huntsville should see what can be done by these institutions to establish such industries, so that our people desiring to leave the cities, can obtain modest homes without a large outlay of means, and can also find employment. In both Graysville and Huntsville there are favorable and encouraging features for the development of this plan. Study what these features are.

"This barren field is sending up to heaven its pitiful appeal for help. Where can we find another field in which the need is greater?

"Some may say, 'We are being drawn upon continually for means. Will there be no end to these

calls?' We hope not, so long as there are in the world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until all has been done that you can do to save the lost, we ask you not to become weary of our repeated calls. Many have not yet done that which they might do, that which God will enable them to do if they will consecrate themselves unreservedly to Him.

"Especially should we reveal a spirit of beneficence at the time the yearly offering for the support of the colored work is taken up. God has reposed confidence in us by making us stewards of the means of his rich grace; and he now points us to the poor, suffering and oppressed, to souls bound in chains of superstition and error, and assures us that if we do good to these, he will accept the deed as though done to himself. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren,' he declares, 'ye have done it unto me.' Matt. 25:40.

"Thousands of colored people in the South may now become uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them.

"My dear brethren and sisters, Christ is now saying to you: 'Lift up your eyes and look on this Southern field; for it needs workers—sowers of the seed, and reapers. It needs your means for the maintenance of these workers.' The grace of Christ is unlimited, it is God's free gift. Then why should not this neglected people have some hope and courage and faith brought into their lives? There is sunshine in the heart for all who will accept Christ." Vol. 9 pp. 220-226.

Ten Reasons For Reading the Review

THE *Review and Herald* should be read in the home of every English-speaking Seventh-day Adventist family for the following reasons:

1. It is the official organ of the denomination, and represents the general Division Conferences in all of their varied activities.

2. It is edited by men who are in close touch with the work in all
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Christ Our Pattern

FOR even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." 1 Pet. 2:21.

Christ's temptations in the wilderness were on the three principal points where man is liable to be ensnared. First, food. Christ quoted to him that man must not labor for temporal food only, but spiritual also. Second; not to honor Satan by accepting positions which would cause one to dominate God's commandments, nor try to acquire wealth by foul business plans, etc. Third, not to presume on God's mercy and care, by carelessness and indifference in our work and movements, or by pampering our bad habits which should be gotten rid of at once, for a time which we deem convenient depending on forgiveness whenever we feel pleased to get it. These are the points on which Satan tries to bind men.

At every instance with Christ in the wilderness, he was met with the words "It is written".

Christ did not attempt to argue with the deceiver, nor try to present his own reasoning, but nobly repeated the words of God; thereby proving himself subject to the Father in every respect. "Leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps."

We find ourselves in many instances reasoning with the tempter, which gives him the opportunity to win us. When persuaded by him we make excuses in many ways, saying that, We can't get along without this or that thing; we must have it to be comfortable, thereby making plans contrary to God's, and honoring the deceiver.

But let us stop for a moment and think of our Saviour, denying himself of all his glorious comforts in heaven, and of his strict subjection to the word of God, while a man on this earth, leaving us an example which we must follow, and promising to each of us strength sufficient to do the same. Shall we not grasp this promise in faith and love?

Beloved brethren, being convinced that our weak points were made strong by the overcoming of Jesus Christ, ought we not then

to feed on the word of God, having it ready to meet the tempter whenever he approaches us?

J. E. JERVIS.

The Colored Work of Omaha

I AM glad to report the progress of the colored work in Omaha for the second quarter. Since our last report we have received many blessings for which we are thankful. The work is still onward and upward, despite the efforts of the enemy to retard its progress.

The most encouraging feature of the work is a great desire on the part of most of our members for a richer experience in the things of the Lord. The spirit of confession and forsaking of sin is taking a firm hold on not a few. There is nothing spasmodic about these things, but a steady, onward march.

During the second quarter our numbers have increased by four. There are a few waiting until they can get the victory over some besetment. These we hope to welcome soon to the fold.

Our financial report for the second quarter is very gratifying indeed. Our tithe reached the good sum of \$188.77, and our offerings, \$21.36. This is, of course, small, but when we compare it with \$87.99 tithes for the same period of 1916, and \$8.88 offerings for the same period, we can see the Lord is blessing us wonderfully.

Our home missionary society is still on the increase. Since our last report we have increased the circulation of the weekly *Signs* twenty-five copies. Also our reporting membership has increased.

Our Sabbath school is deriving much good from the lessons we are studying, and in every home we hear words of appreciation for the privilege of studying these timely themes. We are taking seven copies of the *Sabbath School Worker* each month. Our officers have caught the inspiration, and in an endeavor to keep pace and do their bit, we are taking seven copies of the *Church Officers' Gazette*.

We have many difficulties to face in Omaha. There are hundreds of people coming into the city, and they must hear the last warning

message. In the giving of this, we feel our insufficiency. But we are glad the Captain of our Salvation never lost a battle. Daily the need of a deeper work of grace is brought very near. Therefore we welcome September 1 and 2 as a time for fasting and prayer. We pray that God will give us many blessings, both collectively and individually.—*R. L. Bradford, in Central Union Outlook.*

How to Use the Bible

WHEN in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Ps. 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.

When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.

Before church service, read Psalm 84.

When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.

When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.

When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.

When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.

If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.

When doubts come upon you, try John 7:17.

When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.

When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.

For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.

For James idea of religion, read James 1:19-27.

When your need stirring, read Hebrews 11.

When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-36.

When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.

When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.

When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.

When you want Christian assurance, read Romans 8:1-30.

For Paul's secret of happiness, read Colossians 3:12-17.

When you leave home for labor or travel, read Psalm 121.

When you grow bitter or critical read 1 Corinthians 13.

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, read Psalm 67.

For Paul's idea of Christianity,

read 2 Corinthians 5:15-19.

For Paul's rules of how to get along with men, read Romans 12.

When you think of investments and returns, read Mark 10:17-31.

For a great invitation and a great opportunity, read Isaiah 55.

For Jesus' idea of prayer, read Luke 11:1-13, Matthew 6:5-15.

For a prophet's picture of worship that counts, read Isaiah 58:1-12.

For the prophet's idea of religion, read Isaiah 1:10-18, Micah 6:6-8.

Why not follow Psalms 119:11 and hide some of these in your memory?—SELECTED.

Are You Dissatisfied?

DID you hope to be in school this fall? And has the time for opening come and gone, turning your hope to disappointment? Never mind, the Correspondence School is still open to you, and Theodore Roosevelt has said, "I look upon instruction by mail as one of the most wonderful and phenomenal of the developments of this age."

Students are finding out that they can make up, work and keep it up in this way when they are deprived of the privileges of our schools. Our student work has more than trebled the past three years, and our students are doing well. Eld. Daniells says, "I believe your school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people." Write me before you sleep, and let me tell you more about this matter.

Sincerely your friend and brother,

C. C. LEWIS, Principal.

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An Appeal For The Colored Race

THE proclamation that freed the slaves opened doors through which Christian workers should have entered to tell the story of the love of God. In this field there were precious jewels that the Lord's workers should have searched for as for hidden treasures. But tho the colored people have been freed from political slavery, many of them are still in the slavery of ignorance and sin. Many of them are terribly degraded. Is no message of warning to meet them?

Had those to whom God has given great light and many opportunities done the work that he desires them to do, there would today be memorials all through the Southern field; churches, sanitariums, and schools. Men and women of all classes would have been called to the gospel feast.

The Lord is grieved by the woe in the Southern field. Christ has wept at the sight of this woe. Angels have hushed the music of their harps as they have looked upon a people unable, because of their past slavery, to help themselves. And yet those in whose hands God has placed the torch of truth, kindled from the divine altar, have not realized that to them is given the work of carrying the light to this sin-darkened field. There are those who have turned away from the work of rescuing the down-trodden and degraded, refusing to help the helpless. Let the servants of Christ begin at once to redeem their neglect, that the dark stain on their record may be wiped out.

"For many years I have borne a heavy burden in behalf of the Negro race. My heart has ached as I have seen the feeling against this race growing stronger and still stronger, and as I have seen that many Seventh-day Adventists are unable to understand the necessity for an earnest work being done quickly. Years are passing into eternity with apparently little done to help those who were a race of slaves.

"Much might have been accomplished by the people of America if adequate efforts in behalf of the Negro had been put forth by the government and by the Christian churches immediately after the emancipation of the slaves. . . . But the government after a little effort, left the Negro to struggle, unaided, with his burden of difficulties. Some of the strong Christian churches began a good work, but sadly failed to reach more than a comparatively few, and the Seventh-day Adventist church has failed to act its part. . . . Let the colored believers be provided with neat, tasteful houses of worship." *Test. Vol. pp. 204-206.*

"In the night season I was taken from place to place, from city to city, in the Southern field. I saw the great work to be done,—

the work that ought to have been done years ago. We seemed to be looking at many places. Our first interest was for the places where the work has already been established, and for the places where the way was opened for a beginning to be made. I saw the places in the South where institutions have been established for the advancement of the Lord's work. One of the places that I saw was Graysville, and another was Huntsville. The Lord led in the establishment

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JOTTINGS

Elder W. H. Sebastian of Norfolk, Va. makes request for second hand shoes and clothing to be used in his mission work in that city. Please prepay the freight, addressing him at 779 Lexington St., Norfolk, Virginia.

From a report sent in by Elder W. H. Sebastian, Norfolk, Va., we judge that the missionary spirit has taken possession of the church in that place. He reports \$267.15 worth of the *World's Crisis* series, tracts and papers sold from May 15 to September 23, 1917. This is a larger amount than the proceeds of all sales for three years previous.

OBITUARIES

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Mary Townsend was born in Madison, County, Alabama, and died at Huntsville, Alabama, in the seventieth year of her age. She was a faithful and consistent Christian and enjoyed the confidence of her brethren and sisters and of all who knew her. She died in full hope of the first resurrection and rests from her labors while her works of mercy follow her in the lives of her loved ones. Services were conducted by Brother J.D. Stephens of the Oakwood church.

C. A. POWERS.

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of its phases, and who are in sympathy with every line of work representing the third angel's message.

3. It contains reports from all our leading men concerning the growth and progress of the work in fields they visit, and the demands of the cause in various parts of the world.

4. It represents our foreign fields. We have no other paper in the country published in behalf of missions, save the *Review*. It speaks for all lands, setting forth the work that is being done, and fields that should be entered.

5. It gives a survey of the work being done by our missionaries in various parts of the world, so that our people can be in touch with the work in remote Africa, far-away India, Benighted China, and all other sections, where we are carrying on missionary activities.

6. It speaks for our home work in all its varied interests. It contains reports of general meetings, camp meetings, and conferences, and all important general appointments as no other paper.

7. The *Review* represents all departments of the work, Home, Educational, Religious Liberty, Home Missionary, and Young People's. It tries to reach all classes of our people in the line of work in which they are especially interested. We have no other periodical that does this.

8. It will contain notices and reports of the forth-coming sessions of the General Conference to be held next spring.

9. All should take the Union Conference paper which is printed in their territory, but no Union

Conference paper can take the place of the *Review* in the home of a loyal Seventh-day Adventist. The Conference paper does not speak from the same standpoint, and is not circulated for the same purpose, and hence is not a substitute for the good *Review*.

10. The strong, spiritual editorials and special articles feed the soul, help the reader to a deeper, fuller consecration to the cause of God, and give variety and keep one in close touch with the spirit of our work. We do not think one can backslide and be a constant reader of the *Review*.

I. H. EVANS.

Guthrie, Oklahoma

WE are glad to report the progress of the work in Guthrie, the former capital of this great oil state.

On October the 6th, the new building of the Guthrie Church No. 2 was dedicated. Our Union and Local Conference presidents were with us, and officiated. Among our visiting friends from the city were Dr. T. M. Green of the A. M. E. Church, and Prof. and Mrs. Andrew Scales of the Douglass City School, who rendered their services in the singing.

We had quite a crowded house, that listened attentively to the dedicatory sermon preached by Elder J. W. Christian the Union president. The offerings amounted to \$26.00 in cash. You will praise the Lord with us for this building which was much needed in Guthrie. We next plan to erect the Muskogee building; this we hope will be by the close of the year.

M. G. NUNES.

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Muskogee, Okla.

Nuptials

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the solemnization of holy matrimony between Brother C. C. Roberts of Jacksonville, Florida, and Miss A. G. Diggs, of Berea, Ky. The ceremony was performed September 18, in the city of Jacksonville, Elder G. E. Peters officiating. Brother and Sister Roberts have been invited by the Florida conference to take charge of the work in the city of Miami.

We extend congratulations and best wishes to this newly married couple.

ON Sunday of the Florida Camp meeting, Sister Mattie K. Denifield was united in marriage to Brother F. H. Stevens, tent master to Eld. G. E. Peters; Elder M. C. Strachan officiating. The simple service was followed by refreshments in the dining tent.

JOTTINGS

We have been favored by a visit from Professor Griggs, the secretary of the Department of Education, who has recently returned from an extensive tour in the Far East. He spoke in our Chapel, giving many interesting experiences of his trip, and encouraging the students to make the most of their opportunities. He also held a meeting with our Faculty at which he expressed himself much pleased with his findings at the School.

Our music department under the direction of Prof. F. L. Peterson, is one of the most encouraging features of our work. About thirty are taking piano lessons and more are calling for them.

The orchestra is being reorganized and we are promised some excellent chapel music. An effort is being made to purchase a bass viol to complete the instrumentation.

The chorus is already under way and the band is being organized. We wish all our readers could visit the school and see and hear for themselves. The musical programs rendered last year by our students were said to be equal to any that our visitors had ever heard. This year we promise those who have the privilege of attending our various exercises the programs of 1917-18 shall be as interesting and helpful as those of the past.

Our tenth bale of cotton left the farm this morning. Cotton is bringing a handsome price and the farm is reaping the return for the labor bestowed during the summer months. We hope for about 30 bales this fall. The price so far has been about one hundred dollars.