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## Day By Day

I heard a voice at evening softly say,  
 Bear not thy yesterday into to-morrow,  
 Nor load this week with last week's load of sorrow.  
 Lift all thy burdens as they come, nor try  
 To weigh the present with the by and by.  
 One step and then another, take thy way;  
 Live day by day.

Live day by day.

Though autumn leaves are withering round thy way,  
 Walk in the sunshine. It is all for thee.  
 Push straight ahead, as long as thou canst see;  
 Dread not the winter whither thou mayest go,  
 But when it comes, be thankful for the snow.  
 Onward and upward. Look and smile and pray;  
 Live day by day.

Live day by day.

The path before thee doth not lead astray  
 Do the next duty. It must surely be  
 The Christ is in the one that's close to thee.  
 Onward, still onward, with a sunny smile,  
 Till step shall end in mile by mile;  
 "I'll do my best," unto conscience say;  
 Live day by day.

Live day by day.

Why art thou bending toward the backward way?  
 One summit and then another thou shalt mount;  
 Why stop at every round the space to count?  
 The past mistake if thou must still remember,  
 Watch not the ashes of the dying ember.  
 Kindle thy hope. Put all thy fears away;  
 Live day by day.

—Anon.

## The North American Negro Department

SINCE the message is worldwide in its scope and must be given quickly to all nations so that the end of all things earthly may soon come, it becomes absolutely necessary that the denomination put forward every wise, just and righteous move to reach the twelve millions of my people (Negroes) at its very door, along with its other efforts to reach the rest of the human family.

Therefore we are trying to bring before all the pressing needs of this

Department to finance its work regarding the school at Huntsville, Ala., that was recently raised to a Junior College to meet the growing needs of our educational and evangelical work and other similar needs, hoping that all will not only give us their moral support and prayers—for which we are grateful—but that they will give freely to the collection to be taken Sabbath, September 7, for our Department as set by the General Conference, recently held in California, for making that appeal. We hope to raise \$50,000. We trust that everyone will view

this appeal in the light of what the Lord said concerning this phase of the great message, and feel it a great privilege and blessing to give liberally to this call for means which will not be spent in vain. For our people are giving freely, even far beyond their wealth, in the several offerings after paying—an almost—faithful tithes.

Now when you take into account that this annual call is made in the interest of a loyal people to our cause and to our Nation whose forefathers have recently come from a most fleecing state of bondage, while still being pursued by many disadvantages to gain a living on account of their own short-comings and conditions fixed about them, and when you read the words that I refer you to in closing this appeal, I am sure you will give freely, for which we thank you in advance.

SOUTHERN WORK, PP. 38 AND 52.

"God cares for the colored people, and if we should co-operate with Him for the salvation of their souls, we must care for them, too, and become laborers together with Him. We need to repent before God, because we have neglected missionary work in the most abandoned part of God's moral vineyard. There needs to be a stirring up among the members of our churches. There needs to be concern created for our colored brethren at the great heart of the work. We should rouse up to the interest that true Christians ought to feel for those who are depressed and morally degraded. The fact that the skin is dark does not prove that they are sinners above the white people. Much of their depravity is the fruit of the neglect of the white people. They have not felt for the abandoned and wretched. Those who profess to love Christ should have worked for their colored brethren until hope would have sprung up in their hearts. We have been very neglectful of our colored brethren, and are not

yet prepared for the coming of our Lord. The cries of these neglected people have come up before God. Who has entered into the work since their deliverance from bondage to teach them the knowledge of God? The condition of the colored people is no more helpless than was the condition of the Hebrew slaves. . . . Perhaps some of us have felt sad over their wretchedness, but what have we done to save them from the slavery of sin? Who has taken upon them the burden of presenting to them spiritual freedom that has been purchased for them at an infinite price? Have we not left them beaten, bruised, despised, and forsaken by the way? Is that the example that God has given us in the history of the deliverance of the children of Israel? By no means."

W. H. GREEN, *Secretary*,—  
Detroit, Mich., 638 30th St.  
in *Field Tidings*.

### Key West, Florida

At the council meeting held at Orlando in February it was decided for the writer to conduct a tent effort at Key West. After spending six weeks with the colored churches on the east coast of Florida, preparations were made for the work in the island city. Key West is one of the strongest Catholic cities in Florida. Nearly all of the leading colored people of this place are Roman Catholics. No special effort had been put forth here for the colored work. For years this city has been looked upon as a very hard field by both white and colored laborers.

At first it looked as tho we would not be able to secure a good location. The court house square has a very large beautiful lawn. Thru the kindness of Brother Thomas Roberts a white believer, who is very prominent in Key West, we received premission from the county commissioners to pitch our tent on the court house grounds. There is a large settlement of colored people near us. We began our meetings Thursday night May the second. At first our attendance was small, but as we continued the interest grew. Some nights we cannot seat the people and a good number have to stand up from time to time. Our donations up to the present amount

to \$140.18. The Lord has come very near to us in the meetings.

Several Catholics, who never attended a protestant meeting, are coming out to the tent and are deeply interested. We ran our meetings four weeks before preaching the Sabbath question. During these four weeks we did not hold any services whatever on the Sabbath in the tent. After giving different phases of the fourth commandment for one week we held our first Sabbath service on June the ninth. On this day our attendance to the forenoon was 70. At the close of the eleven o'clock sermon a request was made for all to stand who had decided to keep all of God's commandments including the seventh day Sabbath. Thirty adults stood.

One lady who was on the verge of joining the Catholic church, has taken a stand for the truth. She had a number of Catholic relics in her room. She had begun praying on her beads to Mary. As she was attending the meetings every night I paid her a visit, and while there she asked a number of questions on Catholicism. I took the Bible and read a number of scriptures to her. From that time on she put away her beads, stopped saying the Rosary, and gave up her belief in the Roman Catholic church. There are other half believers on the fence whom we expect to see take a full stand for the truth. Some of them have begun attending the Sabbath services.

There are several who were members of the Episcopal church who have taken a stand for the truth. Key West is stirred. The Catholic Priest, the Episcopal priest, the Methodist and Baptist preachers are fighting the tent; however we are of good courage and hope to organize a strong colored church in Key West.

After preaching several nights on the Health and Temperance subject a cooking demonstration was given in the home of Professor Thomas Reid. Every one who attended was satisfied with the dishes which were prepared. Brother John G. Thomas one of the workers of the tent company did the cooking. Before accepting the message Brother Thomas was the head cook in one of the largest tourist hotels in Miami. He has given consider-

able study to healthful cooking since accepting the truth.

Both white and colored have passed their comment on the arrangements and decoration of the tent. Several have given our choir the honor of being the best in Key West. Sister Anna Butler-Thomas has charge of the choir. Those in the tent company are as follows:—

Brother and Sister John G. Thomas of St. Petersburg, Brother and Sister Howard Gray of Clear Water, Sister Emma Johnson of Lakeland, Sister Francis of West Palm Beach, the writer and wife. Four of the workers here are ex-students from Oakwood.

J. S. GREEN.

### Student Colporteurs

REALIZING that every true Seventh-day Adventist is interested in our young people, and many take special interest in the student colporteurs who are now out selling out publications; I thought the readers of *Gospel Herald* would like to know how some of the Oakwood students are getting along this summer. Of course I can only speak for those who are canvassing in the Southern Union Conference territory, but have reason to believe that those who are working in other fields are also doing fairly well.

In Mississippi, Brother Wilfred Nathan seems to be taking the lead, as his sales in June amounted to \$1875.50. Sister Fannie Cox came second with the sales of \$1820.70 and her husband Alex Cox sold \$1303.40 worth.

I have just learned that another student, Brother A. L. Perkins, has lately started in Mississippi and succeeded in selling \$267.00 worth the first week. Brother Perkins is working with Brother Nathan, and is taking the place of one who gave up the work on account of some difficulties, (ill health and otherwise.)

In Alabama, Brother Richard Thompson is working faithfully and has taken \$554.95 worth of orders up to June 31.

Brother U. Bracy, a former student of Oakwood has secured \$1781.45 up to the same date. Brother R. J. Cook, 2421.40 and Brother G. W. Powers \$2008.00 worth.

It is very evident that our schools give strength and stamina to our

students which is very essential for these strenuous times in which we are living.

The Testimonies tell us to "Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by His Holy Spirit has stirred His servants to write. . . . Let inexperienced persons be connected with experienced workers, that they may learn how to work.

"Let those who have been in school go out into the field and put to a practical use the knowledge they have gained. . . . There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing, for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties."

V. O. COLE.

*Southern Union Field Missionary Secretary.*

### With The Colored Church In Mississippi

I AM sure I am not wasting time to write of my travel and experience among the churches in this mission. Since coming to this state in November 1917, I have spent the most of my time visiting and laboring with the many churches, companies and isolated members that go to make up this mission.

We have had many accessions since the first of the year; of these, fourteen were baptised during the month of June. There are many more who are keeping the Sabbath and studying the message with the view of baptism later.

About the middle of June I visited Lambert, about sixty-five miles to the north of Greenwood, where Sister Dora Wilson is doing Bible work. I found an excellent interest. While there I baptised three young-men farmers. Many others in the same community are deeply interested. We have no organized church here at present, though the company there are nine baptised believers, six of whom are men.

This is indeed a fruitful field and without doubt is ready for the harvest, but, "Where are the reapers? O who will come and share in the glory of the harvest home?" As I ride along the road and see plantation after plantation, studded with huts filled with the children of my people, who in very truth are as ignorant of the message as they are of the fact that freedom was ever

declared, I marvel how men who know this message and who have seen and known of the conditions can pass on the other side without so much as appealing for help.

Are there no strong people who are willing to risk something for the advancement of God's Kingdom among men in this field of spiritual right? Our faithful canvassers have, like David in the valley of Elah, taken their lives in their hands and scattered seeds far and wide with no other incentive than that men might be saved; laboring by day and praying by night that the Lord of the harvest would send reapers when the harvest time should come.

Young man, young woman, in view of the fact that all things are now ready won't you volunteer and come? I am sure that for many of us the way to the promised land is by the way of Mississippi.

RANDALL JOHNSON.

### The Little Rock Colored Church

WE have decided to have our own building, not because we are able, but because necessity and the times demand it. God led in the securing and purchase of a building formerly owned by the Methodist, and with some renovation we shall soon be under our own "vine and fig tree." But before we can sit at ease, the \$1400 indebtedness must be lifted. The majority of our members are ladies whose husbands, not being members of our church, cling to the strings of their purse; yet, withal, their pledges are coming in. In spite of the incubus that is upon us, and the difficulties that confront us we are lifting with courage, with joy in having to lift, and with a determination to triumph. The closing part of the fable of Hercules and the wagoner whose vehicle stuck in the mire to the hub, runs as follows: "Put your shoulder to the wheel and then call upon Hercules, and Hercules will help thee." This is just what the Little Rock church is doing, and we dare not, and cannot at this point of the struggle, think of moving our shoulders from under the burden. Allow me, dear reader, to implead and awake your sympathy and devotion to this colored work of the South. The doors of entrance to this people are yet ajar, but they will soon forever swing to their eternal close. Give

us your help by sending all donations to the Arkansas Tract Society, Box 14, Little Rock, Arkansas, or to METHUSELAH JONES, 1722 High St., Little Rock, Arkansas, in *Southwestern Union Record*.

### Alabama Mission

THE writer recently spent several days at Sylacauga holding a series of meetings. These meetings were well attended, and some of the old citizens who had never taken any interest in the meetings of Seventh-day Adventists before, took hold of the truth, and others were much interested, and may take hold soon.

From Sylacauga I went to Montgomery to hold a series of meetings with church No. 2. The interest was good. I was called from there to a meeting of the Oakwood School board, and while there attended the closing exercises of the school, which were very nice, and very well attended by visitors.

From there I went to Birmingham to hold a series of meetings with the Mission church. Sabbath 25, Brother G. B. Jackson, local elder, baptized four. There were several more to receive baptism. Many of the members of this church have gone North, but the interest is good. The faithful work of sister Delia Wilson (Bible worker) is succeeding in bringing in new members.

Sabbath, June 1 Elder A. L. Miller, president of the Alabama Conference was with us in organizing a church of seventeen members at Talladega. Elder Miller spoke in strong terms regarding church organization, and the duties devolving upon the members of such an important body as a Christian church. Four of our new company were absent, having moved away before we could perfect the organization. These added, will make a church of twenty-one for Talladega. Several of these new members will be baptized soon.

T. B. BUCKNER

### The Teachers' Training Course

WHAT has been done in the world since the days of Eden, but has been very little understood, though every human being knows it experimentally? —the child.

How many young men and women

still cherish the root of bitterness in their hearts because of wrong treatment, unfair judgment, mistaken kindness, they received during the growing-up years, admitting however, that parents and teachers intended to do the right thing, but failed through lack of insight into individual needs.

Now these same young people are beginning their duties as parents and teachers. Ask yourselves these questions seriously: What is my mental and spiritual equipment for knowing the young mind? For understanding the shy, brooding, yearning heart? For suiting training to the demands of each peculiar nature?

You, young teacher, are you putting all your pupils through the same educational mill, expecting each one to grasp on a fly what is suited to his nature?

You, devoted young father and mother, earnestly striving to give your children the best as they grow up, can you analyze each flesh of personality, adjust your discipline and training to each unusual temperament?

The Teachers' Training Course of the Sabbath School Worker for 1918 is planned to help teachers and parents to study their pupils and children in the home, in the Sabbath school, and in the day school. We purpose to co-ordinate the available instruction on child study into a series of year's lessons. The two text books, "Thoroughly Furnished," Part I, The Child, by Coleman, and "Talks to the Training Class," by Margaret Slattery, are used to outline the subject and furnish topics. Reference from other works will be given, especially to those of the Spirit of Prophecy. Many hours are devoted to the planning of the lessons, and the result is offered to any and all who are interested in this mystery,—the child mind and how it should be trained for God.

The lessons are for  
Sabbath School teachers  
Secular teachers  
Fathers and Mothers

Send fifty cents to your tract society for the books.

Subscribe for the Sabbath School Worker, where is printed the lesson outline and references for supplementary reading. The first lesson

appears in the February number.

Each superintendent should organize a Teachers' Training Class, if there is not one already formed. The lessons may be taken as a private reading course if there is no class to join.

May the Lord's blessing be added to your "study to show thy self approved."—in *Southwestern Union Record*.

#### Rules for Killing the Church School

1. Do not visit the school. Ps. 41:4.
2. If you do visit, visit in an inopportune time. Ps. 84:10.
3. If too wet or too dry, too hot or too cold, do not think of visiting the school. Ps. 122.
4. Do not imagine that the teacher or the pupils are glad to see you come, for you might be conceited, you know. Rom. 11:25.
5. Should you happen to visit the school go to find fault. Ps. 10.
6. Do not ever think of praying for the teacher or the school II Thess. 3:1.
7. Do not encourage the teacher but tell her faults to others. Gal. 6:1. If you are pleased with the work she is doing, do not let her know it, for it might make her vain. Num. 13:20.
8. If the teacher does not visit your home as often as she should, treat her very coldly. She has lots of time and could come more often. Matt. 5:44.
9. If the teacher punishes the child, take the child's part. Prov. 13:24.
10. If the teacher makes a mistake, talk it over before the children. 1 Sam. 2:3.
11. In fact if you want the school to succeed, you try to run it. 1 Thes. 4:11.
11. Do not encourage the teacher in any way. Ps. 101:2.—in *Central Union Outlook*.

#### The Kansas City Colored Church

SABBATH, June 15, was spent visiting with the Kansas City Second church. The Sabbath school was well attended and most every member was on time. At 6:45 a. m. a song service was started and when it came time for the opening song, all the classes were in their places ready to begin. The kinder-

garten class was large and all the little ones seemed to take an interest in the lesson-story and seemed anxious to repeat the memory verse.

The eleven o'clock hour was spent in studying the need of home missionary work, its influence upon the church and those for whom we work. The methods of work and the literature that may be used in systematic work were also topics of discussion. All were interested in knowing how to work for those within their influence and seemed determined to put forth more faithful efforts. One young lady had spent a few hours selling magazines and had made up her mind to give more time to the circulation of these truth-laden papers over that large city.

When we engage in the circulation of our literature, we gain a rich experience and also put the truth before many who otherwise would never have it. Will you not determine to circulate the *Signs*, *Watchman* or *Life and Health* in your community? MARY V. WALTER,—in *Central Union Outlook*.

#### Dried Up Religion

IN a legal sense, religion is any system of faith and worship, whether true or false. There has not been a time when the world was without some kind of religion. Today it is filled with professions. From pole to pole there are hundreds of religions, embraced by units of every nation, kindred, tongue and people. A man can have a religion, without God in it. People before the flood had a form of religion, but the true God did not form the backbone of it. Any religion without God is a "dried up religion." It will not work salvation to souls, for it lacks living faith.

Saving faith must have Christ, as an objective, and God's Word to guide it. Profession, minus true faith, and without a reliance on God's word is a religion well dried up from the root. Those who continue in such a Christian experience will certainly receive a baptism in the lake of fire.

A church with a dried up religion is hobbled and cannot move. True religion is full of Christianity and those who practice it are God's filling stations of grace here on earth. "Pure religion and undefiled before

God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." When true religion leaves one's life, it leaves the heart cold, indifferent and hard to be impressed. The practice of the Golden Rule is an outward sigh of religion in the heart.

Once there was a white settler in South Africa, who one day found a native loitering around his stable. The settler accused him of trying to steal a horse. The native denied the accusation, saying that he was only making his way home to his kraal. The settler insisted that he was a thief and, in spite of his frantic protests, dragged the unfortunate Kaffir to a tree and there with one blow of an ax cut off his right hand. A few months later the settler was overtaken by night a long way from home. He came to a native Kraal and was admitted by the Kaffir owner, who gave him food and lodging for the night. The next morning, when he was about to depart, his Kaffir host stood before him and holding up his right arm, asked the man he had befriended if he knew him. The white man turned pale—the hand was gone. The Kaffir looking on his trembling guest, said, "You are in my power. I could have killed you. Revenge said, 'Kill the man who has maimed you for life,' but I replied, 'NO! I am a Christian and will forgive.'" The story illustrates the principles of two religions—one a dried up religion and the other the pure, practical one.

Ahab and Jezebel had a religion, but the devil's stamp was on it. A religion without Christ and faith based on God's Word is breathless and dead. One hindrance to the progress of the work of God today is that many of its members are trying to do a live work for God with a dried up religion. Cain had a religion, but the end of it was murder, and all who have a dried up religion are murdering themselves and influencing others to do the same thing. Judas had a religion, but, it did not keep him from stealing. Annanias and Sapphira had a religion but it failed to break the power of covetousness. Simon, of Samaria, had a religion, but it had for its aim filthy lucre. All

who are nursing a dried up religion will surely find some of these characteristics in themselves. They are the ruling factors in the hearts and lives of many of the members of the church today.

May God help us to have a live religion that the work may be finished in this generation.

SYDNEY SCOTT,—  
*in Southwestern Union Record.*

### Angelic Schedule

THE Angelic host is waiting and yearning to work with human beings in this closing message. We must move faster if we desire to keep up with them. They are far in advance of us. They are "ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." They go every where in this wide harvest field, and if we were more in earnest, we could see many places where they have been, and would see the hearts that they have influenced to buy our books and papers. Many people in the world are in a state of unrest. God is stirring the peoples' minds to what he is about to do.

Angels are constantly busy opening the way for us. How can we idle our precious time away? They (the Angels) are far in advance of us. They are willing and ready to cooperate with us. Would you like to begin with the "Angelic Schedule"?

"Yea, while I was speaking in prayer—(this is a necessity) even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning being caused to fly—swiftly—touched me." How did the Angel fly? "swiftly."

"And the living creatures ran and turned as the appearance of a flash of lightening." This is called the "Angelic Schedule."

"Ministering Angels will cooperate with every member of the church who will labor unselfishly for the Master."

"Heavenly intelligences have been waiting to cooperate with human agencies, but we have not discerned their presence."

"Angels of God are ready to cooperate with human instrumentalities in ministering to souls."

One part of the ministry of heavenly Angels is to visit our world and oversee the work of the Lord

in the hands of his stewards. In every time of necessity they minister to those who as coworkers with God are striving to carry forward his work in the earth. These heavenly intelligences are represented as desiring to look into the plan of redemption," (their eagerness ought to arouse us to action)" and they rejoice whenever any part of God's work prospers.

"Angels are interested in the spiritual welfare of all who are seeking to restore God's moral image in man; and the earthly family are to connect with the heavenly family in binding up the wounds and bruises that sin has made."

"Angelic agencies, though invisible, are cooperating with visible human agencies, forming a relief-association with men. The very angels who when Satan was seeking the supremacy fought the battle in the heavenly courts, and triumphed on the side of God; the very angels who shouted for joy over the creation of our world and its sinless inhabitants; the angels who witnessed the fall of man and his expulsion from his Eden home,—these very heavenly messengers are most intensely interested to work in union with the fallen redeemed race for the salvation of human beings perishing in their sins.

Human agencies are the hands of heavenly instrumentalities; for heavenly Angels employ human hands in practical ministry.

Human agencies as hand-helpers are to work out the knowledge and use the facilities of heavenly beings. By uniting with these powers that are omnipotent we are benefited by their higher education and experience. Thus we become partakers of the divine nature, and separate selfishness from our lives, special talents for helping one another are granted us. This is heaven's way of administering saving power.

"Is there not something stimulating and inspiring in the thought that the human agent stands as the visible instrument to confer the blessings of angelic agencies? The knowledge and activity of the heavenly workers, united with the knowledge and power that are important to human agencies, bringing relief to the oppressed and distressed." Id. pp. 456, 457.

Then we must speed to keep up with the "Angelic Schedule."

Hearts are waiting and looking to us to come. Let us move along with the angels.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

### Make Friends of Editors

As the result of the work of the Press Bureau and of our men and women who are writing so efficiently for the newspapers in various places, articles concerning the work and doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists are appearing more and more frequently in the public press. If all our brethren and sisters who see such articles would write to or call on the editor or publisher of the paper and express appreciation of these articles, it would help to open the way for other similar ones. In this way, too, an acquaintance might be formed with the editors and publishers which would prove mutually helpful.

It would also be a real help to the Press Bureau if all who see articles concerning our work and doctrines would send a copy to us for our files. If the article is clipped out and enclosed in an envelope, the name and date of the paper in which it appeared should be written on the clipping.

Those connected with the Press Bureau at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. will greatly appreciate your cooperation in these matters.

B. P. FOOTE,—  
*in Southwestern Union Record.*

### Fear Not

**F**EAR thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

The time which is termed "perilous" has come. Men's hearts are failing them for fear; the world is covered with darkness and gross darkness the people and no telescope of human invention can pierce through it. The great men of the world have been noticing the times and realize that serious trouble confronts them. The president of the United States said, "A supreme moment of history has come. The eyes of the people are opened and they see. The hand of God is laid on the nations. He will show them His favor, I devoutly believe, only

if they rise to the clear heights of His justice and mercy." The only way for this to be accomplished is a return to the discarded word of Jehovah. David said in Psalm 119:105th verse, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Of the great events now being staged, Dr. Butler another eminent writer has said, "The clock of time is about to strike the most portentous hour in all history." Bishop Usher declares, "Upon this moment of time hangs all eternity." To this we can say "Amen".

Now what should the true believer do? Those who are of the blessed hope, can take the printed pages, the Heaven to a stricken world.

Ancient Israel had to build the temple of God in troublous times, Modern Israel may be forced to do the same, however dark it may seem. Let us remember these words of Isa 41:10, "Fear thou not."

R. S. LITTLE.

### New Orleans, La.

**O**UR tent meeting has been in progress a little more than two weeks. We have had a good attendance every night since we began. Last Sunday night we had about five hundred or more in attendance. Our tent was crowded and on the outside, crowds were standing.

Surely we have reached the time when people are anxiously seeking the blessed word of truth. We have had many hindrances in getting started, but at this juncture, we have every reason to rejoice, because every night our tent is filled with apparently earnest seekers; and we feel sure that the Lord will send conviction to the honest heart and results will be realized. We have given ourselves wholly to the Lord, and pleading with him to use us effectually in breaking the bread of life. We had the City Attorney to visit us, desiring to speak to the congregation on the importance of purchasing war-saving stamps. After he had spoken, he asked the privilege of speaking the following Thursday night. At the appointed time, he came bringing others with him, and the meeting was turned over to them and many pledges were secured for war-saving stamps.

The people seem to be glad of an opportunity to respond to the call of our government. We are of good courage, looking forward to a fruitful harvest as a result of the efforts put forth.

J. H. LAWRENCE,  
N. B. KING.

### Tennessee Mission Campmeeting

**T**HE annual campmeeting of the Tennessee River Mission will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, Aug. 15-25, 1918. As this will be the first meeting of this kind in many years, and as it is quite early in the season, just at a time when all will need a spiritual uplift, we hope to make it the most interesting and spiritual meeting our people have ever attended; and to make this possible much will depend upon those who attend. Therefore we are taking this opportunity of urging upon our people the importance of attending this spiritual feast.

Our Lord has said through his servant in Vol. VI, p. 32, "Our campmeetings are to promote spiritual life among our own people: the world in its wisdom knows not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the loveliness, the goodness, the holiness, of divine truth. Through his people are to be manifested the riches and glory of his unspeakable gift. God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction that we may be able to perform this work.... We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work at home." From the above we see that not only the conference workers, but every member of the church needs this blessing.

The cost will be very small. The camp will be furnished with a sanitary dining tent, the meals being served on the cafeteria plan. The dwelling tents will be furnished with table and chairs, the floors sawdusted, but will be floored for \$1.50 or \$2.00. Cots will be furnished at a small cost. Tent rents will be as follows:

Family tent, \$2.50  
Two in a tent, 1.50 each  
Three in tent, 1.00 each  
Four in tent, .75 each



The camp is two blocks from the end of the Jefferson Street car line. For further information write Eld. J. G. Dasent, 1718 Heiman St., Nashville, Tenn.

MARGARET M. BRANDON.

### Educational Day at Oakwood

SINCE August the tenth is Educational Day throughout the land, it is requested that the colored churches in these three unions Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern, fully observe the same and take a liberal collection; especially, for the Junior College at Huntsville, Ala., which is just new in pressing want owing to needed expansion being made by the school since it has been raised to a Junior College.

I am also seizing this change to say that I am deeply concerned in the present and future of the College. So I am pledging it my warmest and unfatiguing support, and also call upon our workers and our people everywhere to pray and work for its success, though its hard struggles. For those who are at its helm and trying to make it succeed are carrying many heavy and perplexing burdens.

Since the Lord has ordained that school to be a place of training for our youth to be prepared to do service in this final message, we should gladly give it our wholehearted support along all potent lines.

Yours in the work,

W. H. GREEN, Secretary,  
Negro Department.

### September Collection

THIS is a very important matter, and should interest every colored man and woman in our mission churches throughout the entire United States. This collection has been taken up in October every year for several years, but it was changed at the last General Conference from that date to September so as to be out of the way of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

God is looking on to see what our people will do to push this great work to a finish among the eleven millions of colored people in this great country. So let the colored people show their loyalty to this important fund, by making up not less than a dollar per member.

Of course, some can give more; some will want to give more.

My dear brethren and sisters of the Seventh-day Adventist churches of America, let us give this matter careful, and prayerful consideration, and begin on time to set aside the money for the September collection for the colored work.

T. B. BUCKNER.

### The Testimony in Every Family

IF asked the question, "What is the greatest unifying force in the Second Advent movement outside of the Bible?" we would say, "The Spirit of Prophecy." This wonderful gift brings to the church in clearer light God's vision, God's viewpoint.

These are days of peril. The enemy has come down with great power knowing that he hath but a short time. He is wroth with the Church, the remnant that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus,—the Spirit of Prophecy.

Especially in a time like this our great Leader would have us "all speak the same thing, be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." "God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism [or division] in the body." 1 Cor. 12:24,25.

There is light for this people in the Testimonies. "It is Satan's special object to pervert this light from coming to the people of God, who so greatly need it amid the perils of these last days." Vol. V, p. 667. Surely it is time that every family in this great movement possessed these precious volumes of truth, and that we all anew set our hearts to obey the light which God has been pleased to give us. In Volume IV, pp. 391, we read: "The volumes of Spirit of Prophecy, and also the Testimonies, should be introduced into every Sabbath-keeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure and have only one set in a church. They should be in the library of every family, and read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many, and let them be worn out in being

read by all the neighbors.

"There should be evening readings, in which one should read aloud to those assembled at the winter fireside. There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God. Much of it is concerning family duties, and instruction is given to meet almost every case and circumstance. Money will be expended for tea, coffee, ribbon, ruffles, and trimmings, and much time and labor spent in preparing the apparel, while the in-work of the heart is neglected. God has caused precious light to be brought out in publications, and these should be owned and read by every family."

Last year there were sold nearly two thousand sets of Testimonies. This year we wish that we might place in the homes of our people at least five thousand sets. And the Home Missionary Department is called upon to push this campaign with all speed. We have no time for delay. Special prices will prevail during this campaign: \$6.80 for the full set in cloth, or \$10.20 in red leather, postage extra. There is nothing that we can do that will so spiritualize us and inspire us one and all to work for souls, as a careful reader of the Testimonies in connection with the study of the Bible. Make every effort, even a great sacrifice if necessary, to get a full set of the Testimonies in your home.

F. W. PAAP,—  
in *Southwestern Union Record*.

### The Colored Work

THE colored work is making very satisfactory progress in Oklahoma. We had hoped that the church-building to be erected in Muskogee might be nearing completion by this time, but unfavorable weather and illness of the contractor have delayed the work. Since the spring weather is coming on now, it will be only a matter of a few weeks to have the building erected and ready for use.

The present membership in the Conference is 94; with four workers, one minister, Elder M. G. Nunes, and three Bible workers, Brother W. S. North, Sister Millicent Jordan, and Sister Ella Jackson. There are some fine young people developing into workers. Some of them are in

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the training school at Huntsville,  
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According to the remittances for 1917, it is clearly seen that the colored work is advancing in financial as well as in evangelistic lines. The tithe amounted to \$1220.14. This certainly is very good. In this, as well as in other lines of missionary endeavor, the people show a love for the truth, and are taking active part in the closing work of the message. We have all reasons to believe that the colored work will soon be self-supporting. Every person that is taken into church fellowship is thoroughly indoctrinated and understands our organization and principles of faith before he is taken in. Our colored workers are very careful in this matter and the Lord is greatly blessing them. Our need now is more good workers, and we are looking to our young people of this field. So it is hoped that our young people will feel the responsibility that rests upon them to give their service to the work of God.

JOHN ISAAC,—  
*in Southwestern Union Outlook.*

## Vacation At Oakwood

FEWER students than usual remained at Oakwood when school closed the last of May. This caused some alarm in department circles, but, due to the fact that those who remained did so because they wanted to see things at the school prosper, and because a few of our boys, who planned to spend the summer in colporteur work, did not leave until they had the assurance that so far as help was concerned Oakwood's crops were safe for the season, we have a most promising outlook for good returns

from our farm and garden. God has been very good to us, and for this we are thankful.

On the farm Brother Swofford has for help Walter Bryant, Eric Francis, Joseph Hall, Earl Herriot, Howard Bailey, Isadore Evans, Robert Morgan and Raymond Woods. L. E. Cuuvingham, Addison Pinkney, Mitchel Palmer, Pantton Johnson, Frank McRae and Rouse McLeod remained to help in this department before leaving for their homes and fields of labor. About thirty acres of our farm is being cultivated on shares by the Orphanage, under the direction of Brother and Sister Wade. The children apparently take a good interest in their work, and may be seen most any day following Brother Wade, armed with their hoes. Later they will be gathering their corn and cotton, stripping their cane and gathering their sweet potatoes, and have an opportunity to realize upon the results of their labors.

Until lately there have been three employed in the printing shop, but Albert Burgess was called to Washington, D. C., to assist in the tent effort, and Brother Jeys went to the Foreign Mission Seminary, so now Oscar Buckner has the shop pretty much to himself.

In the garden Professor Bird has been assisted by Jeff Stephens, Herodote Lanoix, Levi Conolly. Minette Ward and Rosa Johnson have also helped in this department considerably. Espie Carter has been helping Brethren Halladay and Clark in the mechanical department. Aside from extensive repairs to the machinery in the saw mill and printing office, and keeping up the farm tools, they have installed the machinery in the laundry, and have it nearly ready for operation.

In the offices we have had the assistance of James Martin, who does much of the transportation work between Oakwood and Huntsville. Until his departure three weeks since for Chattanooga, Professor F. L. Peterson cared for our fruit. This did not yield very heavily, but the plums, apples and wild blackberries were very acceptable, and we have promise of pears a little later.

The following residents of Henderson Hall attended to the various

duties that usually fall to our girls: Corinne Bass, Tennessee Echols, Leonora Eldon, Pauline Emmanuel, Orabella Fine, Elsie Graves, Francis Griffin, Margaret, Pons, Viola Rivers, Georgiana Rice, Pearl Walker, and Florence Woods. Mary Miles, also helped till her departure a few days since to canvass in Virginia. Ora Hutson is working in Professor Bird's home, and Roberta Claiborne where she has spent the past year.

In Old Mansion Brother Baker and family, and Sisters Adams, Rich and Sawyer are making their homes while attending their crops.

To the above list we can add the names of two new students who joined us: Mrs. Lucy McDonald, of Hammond, La., and Zelph Neal, of Augusta, Ga., who have recently taken their places in the school family.

The days are busy, and yet we have had time for some little outings. The boys had two, and the summer school students had one to close their session. The girls have one planned for the near future. Our evening worship sessions and Sabbath services are well attended, and as we discuss the rapidly progressing events of the times, we are impressed that we are living in a time when we all need the supporting care of an all wise heavenly father.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

## NOTICE

### Alabama Mission

THE Camp Meeting for the colored will be held in Anniston Alabama, September 12-22 instead of Bessemer. The reason is the tent effort was hindered four weeks, hence the interest would be lost if tents were pulled up and moved. Get ready now to attend. Fast and pray for success.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Elder Sydney Scott of Dallas, Texas sends us a newspaper clipping which gives a synopsis of a sermon in the tent at that place. A later arrival of the notice and a paper already full for the press prevents us from printing the copy.

"No man can avoid his own company, so he had best make it as good as possible."