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Our Trip To Tuskegee

EACH year the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute holds a conference of two days during the month of January. The first day is devoted to the display of agricultural exhibits—produce, stock, labor saving devices for the farm, etc.—and the discussion of practical farm matters, in connection with which is also the awarding of prizes to the winners of pig clubs and to the agent bringing the largest delegation from his county. The second day is for the discussion of educational subjects, with especial reference to the upbuilding of rural industrial schools.

It was the privilege of Elder W. L. Bird and the writer to be present at the session held this year, and we thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. To visit Tuskegee is an inspiration. As a result of the many years in which it has been in operation on the principles of its founder, many thousands of young men and women are living higher and nobler lives, and this year another fourteen hundred are getting their training. Cleanliness, regularity, and application appear to be the watch words everywhere. To accomplish these ends military discipline is enforced.

It is to this place that the two thousand farmers and educators are invited each year for their annual conference. For us there was much to learn in regard to the attitude of these people toward the after-war-conditions and current affairs of the world. Throughout all the discussions there was a spirit of developing individual responsibility in each person, providing for the new demands that are being made because of the present day conditions. As a result of the instruction given it is hoped that there will be an added impetus for increasing the food acreage this coming year, and the raising of livestock by the southern farmer, even though he may be a

tenant. Also that there will be a greater spirit of obtaining an education, making it possible for a large number now denied the privilege of schooling, to get the training that this should bring to them.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

Southern Union Mission Workers' Meeting

February 7-10, 1919.

THE meeting was held in Birmingham, Alabama. On account of the joint board and other meetings of the Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern Union Conferences together with the meeting of the Oakwood Junior College constituency, many leading churchmen and educators were present, and the following general men:

Elders A. G. Daniels, G. B. Thompson, W. W. Eastman, N. Z. Town, and Professor W. E. Howell.

The Mission representatives were: Elders J. H. Lawrence, J. C. Dasant, N. B. King, Randall Johnson, Fred Kitts and the writer; and also Brethren G. A. Ogilby, William Fort, T. H. Allison, W. A. S. Henrie, Milton Young, P. M. Boyd, G. W. Williams, C. A. Wilson, R. Bell, S. R. Washington; and Sisters M. N. Hyman, Dora Wilson, Ella Johnson, R. Taylor, A. Pruitt, Radcliff, L. Green, Boyd, Wilson, and Washington.

Our workers received timely instruction from Elders Wight, the Union president, and Thompson, who took the lead in seeking to have the workers get a deeper consecration with a broader vision of the work to be done in order that all, by the grace of God, might do a more efficient finishing service for the Master.

About ten days before the meeting began Elder J. H. Lawrence had begun a series of stirring meetings in a theatre to revive the church, and extend the truth in the city and vicinity. These meetings are being well attended by a good class of in-

terested people. Some have already taken their stand on the side of truth by beginning to observe the Sabbath, even though Brother Lawrence has not yet reached that subject. The collections are very good, amounting to more than \$30 per week, with a steady increase.

Elder Daniels preached to the church on February 1, in the theatre from the leading thought "To Rise and Shine" with the light of truth amid the great spiritual darkness that covers the earth, every word of which was sound and convincing throughout. The next Sabbath Elder W. H. Branson preached—as he always does—an able, soul-searching sermon. The others who took special part in the preaching were Elder G. E. Peters and the writer.

To attend the Oakwood Junior College Constituency Elder G. E. Peters, Southeastern Union Mission Evangelist, Miss Anna Knight, the Union Mission Young People's and Educational Secretary together with several local workers were present. Also Professor J. I. Beardsley, President of the Oakwood Junior College, and most of the teachers. It should be stated in closing that the whole gathering was a most inspiring and profitable one for our workers and visitors.

At the closing of the meeting Brethren Osterman and Kitts were ordained to the ministry.

W. H. GREEN.

Georgia Mission

FOR some months I have not been able to talk to our friends through the medium of our colored paper, neither must I burden the readers with too lengthy a report of our work during that time. Having accepted a call from the Georgia conference we were asked to locate in the city of Augusta, the fourth largest in the old Empire State. Here we have been laboring with a church of earnest

Christian believers in the blessed hope, who accepted the faith of Jesus two years ago, through the faithful and earnest labors of the late Elder R. E. Williams.

During the months of June, July, and a part of August, I conducted a summer effort in the McGregor Hall of the Haines Institute, the most prominent place of meeting for colored people. As a result, fifteen have been baptized, and many are still attending our services that are being held in a large spacious building.

The *Harvest Ingathering* goal of the church of \$200.00 has been reached. The church has been spiritually revived from the services during the Week of Prayer. The meetings were held in the early morning at 5:30 o'clock. Almost the entire church came out, and many have been greatly blessed as a result of seeking the Lord in the still hours of the morning.

We are now beginning work on a house of worship, which will be 30x55-6, having an apartment of 14 feet for a day school. The foundation has been laid at this writing, and we are planning to commence framing next Monday. We hope to have a photograph of our building in some future copy of the *HERALD*. H. N. GEMON.

Work In Ohio

AFTER my journey through the South, I visited several places in Ohio where the work has been started. There are five workers in the state including one Bible worker, who is Miss Wiggins, located at Columbus.

The work in Cincinnati, which has been started for some time is now well located with a nice building with a Chapel in it that will seat about one hundred-fifty persons. Brother R. R. Roberts has recently taken up that work. They are buying the property for about \$3,500 on good terms. There are living rooms above the Chapel which are now rented, that may be used for the minister to live in later.

Brother J. E. Cox, who has the work in charge in Columbus, is putting real life in the cause in that rent and torn city. There is

a live little church there and they have secured a neat, well situated property for \$3,000.00 which they are using as a chapel below, with rooms for the pastor and his family above. But they had to remodel the place before it was thus suited for use.

Brother H. A. Rossin has taken charge of the work, newly organized, in the great city of Cleveland, which seems to be blessed of the Lord from its start. For they have already a nice church property nicely located for giving the Message to our people. It cost them \$5,000.00. It has a good chapel that will easily seat 250 persons, also two school rooms, with a fine flat above for the minister and his family. There are about fifty members in the church.

Brother George Johnson is laboring at Youngstown. He has been there only a short time, but is trying to get hold of the situation and build up a strong work.

Brother Cox looks after the church in Springfield, which has been organized for several years. He reports that they are doing well, but are in need of a place of worship. There are other needy places in the state where a special work should be done to reach our people.

It should be stated by way of gratitude, that the President, Elder Robbins, and his officers are doing much to encourage, set in order, and push forward the work for our needy people along with his other heavy duties.

W. H. GREEN, *Secretary*.

Jefferson, Texas

THINGS are beginning to brighten up again, since the influenza scourge. Our Sunday night meetings are well attended by the people living near the school house, where we are holding our services. Some bring their Bibles, and all seem to enjoy the meetings. The young lady teacher at the school, has attended the Sunday night meetings regularly, and has taken quite an interest in the Bible studies. She promises to meet with us next Sabbath.

A young man and his wife moving back home from Dallas, were at the meeting last Sunday night.

The man became so deeply interested in the study, he kept us standing in the road for a long time asking many questions. His wife kept her first Sabbath with us yesterday.

When all the adults are in Sabbath School here, there are twelve of them, and about as many children. The rough roads, and bad weather, hinder our work in the country. Some make these conditions excuses for being absent, although others come five miles through the mud to Sabbath School.

My wife and myself walked five miles last Sabbath to meeting, making the ten mile trip on foot, loaning our horse and wagon to some older ones to go with us to church. We are very glad to deny ourselves a ten mile ride for others to hear the truth. This we have promised to do next Sabbath also. The pamphlet (Marked Bible) is doing much good among the people.

E. M. GATES.

Summer School at Oakwood

AT THE recent conference at Birmingham the workers showed a very commendable interest in having a summer school at Oakwood this vacation. Accordingly the Educational Secretaries of the three southern unions, the General Conference Educational Secretary, and the President of Oakwood were appointed a committee on final arrangements. This committee held a meeting in Chattanooga, February 12, and laid plans for a six-weeks' session to begin June 10.

We shall endeavor to keep our readers informed of the plans as they are perfected, for we desire that at least fifty teachers and prospective teachers be in attendance. Arrangements are being made for competent help, and to plan for just the work that will be of the greatest benefit to those who are expected to be in attendance.

The conferences showed a very good spirit in kindly voting to assist in financing their teachers, and making it possible for all to attend. We will be glad to hear from those interested, and thus have a roll in advance. Write us and we will list you, and send you the plans as they are worked out. Address, The President, Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Ala.

West Pennsylvania

A BRIEF word concerning our work here will reveal that the hand of Providence has been over us during the past year, in spite of the severe tests brought to us in various ways. We feel profoundly grateful to God for the way He has blessed our humble efforts.

We had no public effort in 1918, but thirty-one members were added, twenty of these by baptism, so that our membership now stands at about one hundred thirty. The finances for the Pittsburgh No. 2 church are as follows: Tithes \$3,858.97 as against \$2264.31 in 1917. Foreign mission offerings through Sabbath School, Harvest Ingathering, Camp meeting pledges, Week of prayer offerings, etc., \$1,471.87, as compared with \$794.07 the previous year. To Oakwood school, \$109.10, Church expense and debt paid on building and all other local offerings \$1,080.33. To the above must be added from the McDonald company of eighteen, Tithes \$581.77, an increase over the previous year of \$71.22; Foreign mission offerings \$359.43 as against \$145.92 the year before; and for home work \$24.00. Thus it will be seen that our Colored membership of both companies contributed for the year a total of \$4,440.74 tithes, and for foreign missions \$1,831.30, and all local expense, and home missions, \$1,104.33, or a grand total of \$7,376.37, for the one hundred forty-eight members. Six and one-half years ago, our tithes (combined) were not more than about three hundred dollars, and S. S. offerings as low as twenty-two cents a Sabbath. But with the few faithful members we found on coming here, we started in the fear of God, and now our hearts rejoice to see how the good Lord has blessed our feeble efforts, especially in view of our many mistakes.

In three years after we took charge a fine but small house of worship was built in Pittsburgh at a cost of about \$5,500.00. As I write today (January 16th.) the third anniversary of its dedication, I greatly rejoice that I am able to report that the debt of more than twenty-two hundred dollars then, has been reduced to about six hundred, and also that the place has

become too small. It can seat two hundred people, but we are actually confused at certain times to manage our S. S. classes, and at quarterly occasions. This is one other case to demonstrate that it is profitable, from every viewpoint to build and, encourage aggressive work among the colored people, even in the large cities.

Now with our enlarged membership, it has become an imperative need that certain neglected phases of our work be considered, as for instance, the church school work. We are now preparing to launch one, but the present building being unsuited altogether, we realize that we must look for other quarters soon. Then too, there are many other cities in our conference with good sized colored populations that we must begin work for. And so with trust in God for future help, we humbly ask Him to pardon our past mistakes, and accept our all again for better and continued service, while we earnestly solicit the prayers of all interested. Truly we feel to accept the following lines as our heart's sentiment:

"My spirit on thy care,
Blest Savior I recline;
Thou wilt not leave me to despair,
For thou art love divine.
In thee I place my trust,
On thee I calmly rest;
I know thee good, I know thee just,
And count thy choice the best.
Whate'er events betide,
Thy will they all perform;
Safe in thy breast my head I hide;
Nor fear the coming storm.
Let good or ill befall,
It must be good for me,
Secure of having thee in all,
Of having all in thee."

A. N. DURRANT.

Among The Churches

THERE WAS no campmeeting in Virginia the past year for our people, as several union meetings were held in different places among nearby churches. It was my good fortune to attend one of these held at Portsmouth, Virginia, November 29 to December 21 for the companies at Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth, and other scattered brethren. Brother R. H. Watkins,

the conference minister laboring in this state had worked up a good attendance for this gathering.

In view of the solemn times in which we live every one seemed glad for the pointed instruction given from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, and pledged anew their loyalty and devotion to the cause.

Aside from the local workers present were Elders Washburn, Mallory, and the writer. Elder Washburn gave us a sound, able, and soul rousing sermon, which was greatly appreciated by the people. The church at Portsmouth has been favored in securing a well-located stone building on good terms where their services are now being continued. After leaving this place I spent sometime with the workers in Washington and Baltimore where our work is progressing nicely. I then passed on to Pittsburg where Elder Durrant is located. In spite of the opposition and discouragements, the work is progressing nicely in all these places.

I wish to mention the presidents of these conferences in this union as men who loyally support our work, and who are endeavoring to build it up to the greatest degree of success possible. Elder B. G. Wilkinson, the president of the union, is carrying along with other heavy and perplexing burdens the interest and care of our department. I wish to thank all for their past and future cooperation. W. H. GREEN.

A Home Where There Is No Winter

AFTER years of labor in South and Central America, Elder and Mrs. A. N. Allen are now in the States to educate their children, and wish to sell their home in Cuba. It is located near the center of the island and consists of twenty acres with a good house. It is only three-eighths of a mile from the station and will make a good home for some one wishing a home in a mild and pleasant climate.

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OAKWOOD NEWS

In a recent meeting the teachers appointed a committee to perfect plans for a night school. Plans were also laid to have one or more lectures given by competent people from a distance, and to have a mid-week chapel service each Tuesday evening at 6:45.

Elder Strother of the Carolina Conference and Elder Osterman and wife of Cumberland Conference all stopped at Oakwood on their way back to their fields of labor after attending the Birmingham meetings. The Elders both spoke to the students at chapel.

Elder Meade Mac Guire, Field Secretary of the Young People's Department of the General Conference, spent a few days in the interest of the young people. He spoke to us on Friday night, twice on Sabbath, and twice on Sunday. We all enjoyed the services, and obtained valuable instruction in Bible truths. It was unanimously requested that Elder Mac Guire visit us again.

Mrs. R. G. Stringer, secretary of the Sabbath School and Educational departments of the Florida Conference, surprised Oakwood with a short visit on her return home from the Birmingham meetings. She was more than welcomed by the students and teachers, especially by those that have known her previously. While here Sister Stringer spoke to the girls of Henderson Hall at worship hour, also to the students of both the forenoon and afternoon sessions.

Elder Buhalts, president, and Miss Smith, secretary of the Mississippi Conference made a short trip to Oakwood in the interest of future workers.

The buildings on the Ford land have been vacated by the previous tenants, and are being repaired to be occupied by Oakwood people. There will be room for four families in these quarters, and later we hope to make room for others.

Among our recent visitors we noticed one especially familiar face, that of Professor C. J. Boyd who has charge of the Extension Work of the Negro Department of the General Conference. One purpose of his visit was to obtain some cuttings of shrubbery for the Southern Junior College at Ooltewah, Tenn. Wherever you find Professor Boyd you may always expect to find beautiful shrubbery. It is one of his greatest delights to plant and care for this branch of God's creation. Oakwood owes much of its beauty to the hard work and care which Professor Boyd has put forth during the past ten years to improve the appearance of the campus.

Several of our teachers attended the recent Constituency meeting of the Oakwood Junior College held at Birmingham, Ala. Those that remained were always found at their post of duty, and no doubt they were not sorry to see the others return and relieve them of the added responsibility. They are due commendation for their faithful services at this time.

Among the improvements contemplated are, a home for our farmer, a barn for the Orphanage, a new store and office building, a boys' dormitory, a dairy barn, a water supply system and a sewage system, fencing the Ford land, and a new pasture.

At the annual board meeting held in connection with the meetings at Birmingham the members voted favorably to establish a night school, to purchase a tractor for the farm, and to change our present herd of unsatisfactory cows for a practical dairy herd. They also chose Brother Abernathy, of the Southeastern Union as Auditor of the Institution.

Some of the projects favorably considered by the Constituency at Birmingham were the immediate use of \$25,000 from the \$60,000 fund for improvements; \$600 for laboratory equipment; and a six weeks summer school to be held this summer. They also elected the following as the new College Board: S. E. Wight, W. E. Howell, J. I. Beardsley, W. H. Green, W. H. Branson, Morris Lukens, G. E. Peters, J. H. Lawrence, J. W. Allison, W. L. Adams, J. A. Tucker, J. C. Thompson.

Opportunities exist at Oakwood for young people to come this spring, the month of March preferred, and work up a credit before the opening of school next fall, by assisting in the various departments of school work. There are openings for several young men if they come soon. Such will also have access to the night school, which it is hoped will continue during the summer. It is possible for each student to arrange with the school for a small plot of ground on which to do some intensive farming of his own, under the guidance of our instructors in agriculture. If you are interested in getting an education it would be well for you to place yourself in the channel of training as soon as possible. You will find those at Oakwood ready to assist you. Write the school about it.

The annual Colporteurs' Institute will be held at Oakwood Junior College March 21 to 30. Brethren Cole, of the Southern Union Conference, and Dillon, of the Southeastern Union Conference, will be present, and perhaps some of the local conferences will be represented as well.

The Home Study Habit

THAT is the habit to form if you can not go to school. And the Fireside Correspondence School was organized to help you form this habit. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe this school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people."

For full particulars write to-day to the *Principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, D. C.*