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See! the dear Savior is
prone on the tree. Gone
are his garments, and
plainly we see marking
His body from shoulders
to hips, stripes dark and
swollen, from which the
blood drips. Every one quiet! With hammers in hand,
waiting to hear the centurion's command, stand the
rough soldiers. The moment has come! Let all creation
with sorrow be dumb. Hark! The centurion in words
short and low, gives the command; and a sickening blow
sounds thru the air. Lo, the dark deed is done; nailed
to the cross is God's innocent son. Mary the mother in
agony stands, harrowed
with horror and wringing
her hands. Fainting, she
falls, and Oblivion kind,
mercifully hides the dread
sight from her mind.
Swiftly and roughly the
cross is upreared, and
thrust in the hollow
beforehand prepared. Thus
the torn hands of the Sav-
ior of men, bleeding and
quivering, are mangled
again. Over his head
Pilate's writing is placed.
In Hebrew, and Latin, and
Greek it is traced; all
may the writing decipher
who choose; 'tis
"Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews."

The Crucifixion

A symposium by the New Testament History class of Oakwood Junior College.

We have just completed the study of the life and crucifixion of Christ. As I had viewed the cross on which the Saviour hung, and contemplated His suffering and death, my heart has been impressed as never before. Crucifixion itself was an unspeakably awful form of suffering and death. Cicero, himself a Roman, says, "It was the most cruel and shameful of all punishments."

In the cross we see: God's love to man; God's justice in forgiving sin and upholding the honour of His law; the terrible results of transgression that demanded such an infinite sacrifice; and the utter impossibility of entering heaven without being cleansed from sin.

LESLIE J. PRYOR.

"In the cross of Christ I glory." Why? First, because He bore it so patiently; and second, because He bore it for me. I love Him because He first loved me. Though denied Divine or human sympathy, He made no murmur of complaint. His face remained calm and serene, but great drops of sweat stood upon His brow. There was no pitying hand to wipe the death-dew from His face, nor words of sympathy and unchanging loyalty to stay His human heart. He could not even have a reviving drink of water. Instead, He was offered a stupefying cup. One gleam of comfort came to Jesus on the cross. This was the prayer of the penitent thief. Beyond this He looked to the redeemed host in the Kingdom of God. Thus he was enabled "to endure the cross," dispise the shame, and sit down "at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

MARGARET E. PONS.

In our sinful state our minds are too weak to comprehend the fulness of God's precious gift in giving His Son to die for us. He bore the cruel wounds of the nails in His hands and feet, wore the thorny crown, endured the mockery, scourging and tortures of the agents of Satan, and finally surrendered His all, even His life upon the cross for us.

MINNIE RILEY.

To heaven by the way of the cross, is the path that our Saviour trod, and it becomes every true believer in Christ to follow in His footsteps. The cross magnified and made broad the law, upheld its dignity and made it possible for sinful man to obey its holy precepts.

The redemption of this world with its rebellious inhabitants depended on the issues centering at the cross. That day forever settled the destiny of Satan. Angels then could see that his punishment was just, that he was a rebel against the government of God and unworthy of a place in His universe. We should see new beauty in every look at the cross, and pray to be transformed in character by its influence until the Master returns, and we see His face in peace.

JESSE R. FORDHAM.

The crucifixion during the first advent of Christ was the central event in earth's history of the past. With the cross in clear view, we should look forward into the future to the second coming of Christ when the plan of redemption made sure at the cross will be completed. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us in providing for us such an infinite gift.

LENORA ELDON.

For the redemption of sinful humanity, the sinless Saviour shed His precious life blood upon the cross of Calvary. It was thus He "redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." Seven times He was tried before the Jewish and Roman authorities, being subjected to the grossest insult and mockery. He was made to carry the cross on which He was to suffer. Three times He fell fainting under the burden. He suffered an ignominious death "that He might sanctify the people with His own blood."

When finite mind can be brought in touch with infinite, then only can it realize the fulness of such a valuable gift—even the Son of God.

ETHEL E. GRAVES.

The cross, to which He was to be nailed, was laid on the Saviour. He was then rudely forced to bear it to the place of crucifixion. Thrice He fell beneath the cross, until some one relieved Him of the heavy burden. The fatal spot was

at last reached, and the Saviour was nailed to the cross. He was weak and faint from hunger, while the sun scorched His naked body, and the sin of the world pressed upon His sinking soul; yet He bore His burdens patiently, and drank the bitter cup to its dregs. He could have come down from the cross, and let man die, but He chose rather to give Himself a ransom for the guilty race.

G. E. JENKINS.

Christ suffered upon the cruel cross of Calvary to redeem us from death demanded by the law, being made a curse for us. The cross which had been prepared for the sinner, Barabbas, was laid upon His bruised and bleeding shoulders. The Saviour's burden was too heavy for Him in His weak and suffering condition. He had agonized in the garden of Gethsemane in conflict with Satanic agencies. He had endured the anguish of betrayal, and had seen His disciples forsake Him and flee; still He made no complaint; His face remained calm. By faith He rested in Him whom it had ever been His joy to obey. JULIA E. MARTIN.

Though we have sinned, and wandered away like sheep into the wilderness, God did not turn His face from us, but in kindness and tender pity, sent His Son, Jesus, by the way of the cross to find us. Having studied this wonderful lesson, the "Crucifixion", we can appreciate more fully what it meant for Jesus to suffer and die that we might have eternal life, and we are compelled to say, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

"Since I, who was undone and lost, Have pardon thro' His name and work;

Forbid it, then that I should boast,

Save in the cross of Christ my God."

ALEEN YOUNG.

The suffering of the Saviour upon the cross of Calvary is beyond the conception of the human mind. The crushing weight of the cross of wood that prostrated His weakened frame to the ground on the road to Golgotha fails to express His overwhelming soul-burden—the sins of

all mankind. His physical torture while suspended upon the cross, although the most cruel that the archfiend could devise, or his emissaries inflict, pales into insignificance before the anguish of soul that wrung from His dying lips that woeful cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

C. R. WOOD.

There is nothing that will cause the youth to reflect upon Christianity and the life to come like meditating on Christ's sufferings upon the cross. When we consider how He was willing to die the most ignominious death, and all the suffering that He bore for our sakes, our hearts should be stimulated with love and zeal to go forth and carry the message of salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.

ROBERTA CLAIBORNE.

Anniston Church Organization

IT will doubtless be of interest to the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD to learn of the organization of the church at Anniston, Ala., which took place Sunday, March 2, 1919.

The day without was beautiful and all that could be desired, and when the writer arrived, Brother and Sister Peter Boyd, with the company, were gathered at the church waiting for meeting to open.

This company is the result of the tent effort held during the past season, conducted by Elder T. B. Buckner, assisted by Brother Boyd and wife. After the campmeeting at Anniston Brother Boyd and wife were left to follow up the work, and though the field proved to be a hard one, and many obstacles were encountered, yet a nice company was developed. A church of thirteen members was organized. Several more are interested and some will doubtless take their stand before many weeks pass.

Another encouraging feature of the work at this place is the mission school being conducted by Sister Boyd. She is doing excellent work, and through this channel much of the existing prejudice from without is being broken down. She has an interesting class of students.

In behalf of these faithful workers let me request your earnest prayers that God will bless them daily,

keep them humble, and give them many souls for their hire.

J. F. WRIGHT,

Conference President.

Blythe, California Effort

THE Bible Chautauqua Lecture Series began in Blythe, California, March 2, under a large tent. The pavilion is located a few rods from the Blythe Hotel on a popular thoroughfare of this town. The tent was filled the night of the first meeting, and it has continued up to the present time. Many come to the meetings every night who live from three to six miles distant, notwithstanding the cold wind and frost of March. We have put in a large stove to keep the tent comfortable. Soon as this effort is finished I shall go to Roswell, New Mexico to hold a short effort, and from there to Texas for the summer's campaign with a full corps of trained workers. I have been out of the Southwestern Union Conference, since January, to fill a two months' engagement in California. May God's blessing rest abundantly on the work in this field.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

The Carolina Colored Convention

IT WAS my privilege to attend this Home Missionary and Sabbath School Convention held at Sumter, S. C., Feb. 23-26. The Colporteurs' Institute was also held at this place at the same time. All the workers from the Mission Department, church elders, Missionary leaders and Sabbath School superintendents were in attendance.

At the morning hour all joined in the Bible study on the Spirit of Prophecy, conducted by the president of the conference, Elder J. W. MacNeil. This instruction was very timely, showing the value of the Spirit of Prophecy in the remnant church. Brethren D. W. Dillen and W. P. Dougherty conducted the Colporteurs' Institute in a separate room, while all the rest of the delegates joined in the Home Missionary Convention in the forenoon, and the afternoon was devoted to Sabbath School work. Brother A. B. Russel had charge of the Sabbath School part of the convention, and the writer the Home Missionary, and Sister Anna Knight assisted.

All the instruction was of a very practical nature, and the delegates were given a free chance to discuss all questions that came up for consideration. There were no long, prosy papers read on any topic. The question box received considerable attention, as the delegates had the privilege to ask questions on all matters that pertained to their work in their churches.

The night meetings were devoted to preaching, and the church members, with their friends, attended. The last meeting was a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. All expressed their gratitude to God in testimony of song and praise for the blessings that had come into their hearts during the convention, and all went home with a resolute purpose in their hearts to stir up the brethren and sisters to undertake greater things for God.

J. B. LOCKEN.

Word comes from Fullerton, Louisiana, of a good work that is being carried on by Brother J. P. Johnson. He reports some keeping the Sabbath, and a general request for a continued effort in that place.

The Home Study Habit

THAT is the habit to form if you cannot 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.*

Sabbath and Sunday, March 8th and 9th were spent at Oakwood in a general consideration of topics relating to Sabbath School interests. Elder J. F. Wright, conference president, and Sister Wright, secretary of this department led out in the exercises. Elder Wright spoke in the morning. All the exercises of the day were conducted specially for this department. Papers were read and the discussion following was profitable. *E. C. Jacobsen, Supt.*

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OAKWOOD NEWS

A part of the Ford land is being cut up into small farms and rented.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of Graysville, Tenn., spent several days recently visiting her brother, W. L. Bird.

The last of our cotton crop, four bales, was ginned recently, making twenty-three for last year's crop.

A crew of boys led by a brother from Mississippi, is setting the posts for a new pasture on the Ford land.

Each Friday evening, after worship, Brother Ward conducts an instructive Bible study with the young men.

Mary Welch, on her way from the college in Washington, D. C., to her home in Mississippi, spent several days visiting her former room mate, Ellen Bird.

The material from the south wing of Old Mansion is being used in repairing buildings on the Ford land to accommodate families wishing to work in connection with the school.

Brother Swofford is selling sweet potatoes in the city each week now. One day recently, he returned with more than \$200.00. He estimates that the last crop brought us better than this amount per acre.

Brother and Sister R. L. Smith have sold their home near Chase, Alabama, and entered the colporteur work, using their automobile as a means of reaching the people. They spent Sabbath and Sunday at Oakwood before going to their field in the eastern part of the state.

The matter on the first page was taken from a poem *The Mystery*, by Elder T. H. Jeys. A few copies of this unique little book are yet for sale. Address this office.

Professor C. J. Boyd, of Ooltewah, Tenn. made us a pleasant call this week. Our readers will be glad to know that he is much improved in health. Professor Boyd is engaged in extension work in the department.

We were much pleased to have Elder and Sister Wright with us several days while they held meetings here, at Huntsville, and at Elkwood. Our Sabbath School Convention is reported in another column.

Our last examination showed the largest number of first grade pupils the school has registered in its recent history. The following names tell who were the successful students: Mildred Champion, Ethel Pons, Pauline Emmanuel, C. R. Wood, William Winston.

This is the first paper printed with our newly installed engine. This machine was recently purchased in good second-hand condition for the printing office. The one that has been taken out will be used upon the farm.

Elder M. L. Wilson of Sheffield, Ala., held meetings at Oakwood and at the church in Huntsville during his visit the last of February and first of March. Professor Peterson and several students went to the Huntsville meetings to assist with the music.

Sunday evening, March 23, a number of our students rendered a literary program in the chapel. The numbers were old standard selections of literature, and were very well rendered. Several old standard songs were sung also, and all declared the program a success.

Elders W. T. Knox and S. E. Wight were with us recently to assist in planning for our improvements for the next two years. While here Elder Knox spoke in chapel at an early morning session.

Since our last issue Dr. M. M. Martinson, of Chattanooga, spent two days with us, giving professional counsel. While here he spoke at our union worship Tuesday evening.

Our new class in printing is making decided progress, and shows considerable interest in its work. This is its third issue of the *Gospel Herald*. This accounts for the shortage in the size of the paper. The next number of the *Bulletin* is also under way.

The continued wet and cold weather has delayed our spring operations, but as we go to press the gardens are being rapidly planted by Professor Jacobsen and crew; our tractor and several teams are preparing ground for corn and cotton. We hope to get our crops all planted in good season and in the best shape possible.

A message called Nancy Thomas to her home in Augusta, Ga., where she arrived too late to see her sister before she passed away. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the students and teachers.

Elder F. W. Halladay and Russell Swofford spent Sabbath, March 22, visiting friends and relatives at Ooltewah, Tenn. Lilly Swofford came back with them. They report everything progressing nicely at our sister school.

Brethren Cole, of the Southern Union, Dillen, of the Southeastern, Staton, of Alabama, and Schmehl, of Mississippi, recently conducted a successful colporteur's institute at Oakwood. About twenty were in attendance. The opening meeting was a rousing colporteur's rally, in which the students who had been in the field told of their experiences, showing that unmistakably God is with His children who undertake His work for Him.

Several of the students who plan to spend the summer at Oakwood are taking advantage of the offer of the school to give them the free use of one-half acre of land on which to raise a crop during spare time to help them in their school expenses. The school furnishes all the stock and tools, while the seed and fertilizer are furnished by the student. The school will advance these if necessary. Sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, corn and cotton are the proposed crops. We hope to make these plots examples of what intensive farming will do at Oakwood.

Read our premium offer.

Plan to attend the Summer School.