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OAKWOOD'S LADDER

(Tune, "Jacob's Ladder")

We are climbing Oakwood's ladder, ladder,
We are climbing Oakwood's ladder, ladder,
We are climbing Oakwood's ladder, ladder,
Ten thousand dollar goal.

Every rung's one hundred dollars, dollars,
Every rung's one hundred dollars, dollars,
Every rung's one hundred dollars, dollars,
Climbing toward our goal.

Come and join the Oakwood boosters, boosters,
Come and join the Oakwood boosters, boosters,
Come and join the Oakwood boosters, boosters,
East, West, North and South.

Do you think we'll reach our goal, goal,
Do you think we'll reach our goal, goal,
Do you think we'll reach our goal, goal,
In this great campaign?

Oakwood school has passed its goal, goal,
Oakwood school has passed its goal, goal,
Oakwood school has passed its goal, goal,
And still is marching on.

Rise, shine give God the glory, glory,
Rise, shine give God the glory, glory,
Rise, shine give God the glory, glory,
For the Oakwood Junior College.

—Adapted.

Oakwood Junior College



Students' Association

THE following is a copy of the letter that the members of the Students' Association have been sending out to the workers in our various conferences;—

Dear Friend:

During the last two years over 165 students have enrolled each year at Oakwood. This means that these young people have been under a Christian influence that has put over forty into active field service each year right here in the Southland.

When we say 165 we tell of the total capacity of Oakwood, for with this we have been very crowded and frequently it was necessary to move some one when a new student arrived. In order to accommodate some of these, rooms were provided over the dining room, in what was, before the war, our tent factory.

Last week besides the work done by those in other lines, Oakwood's army of colporteurs took orders for \$9,636.51 worth of denominational books.

This institution has been in operation in a growing way for twenty-three years, and of late it has been very evident that considerable and immediate enlargement must be made. A strong academic work with additional two years of Junior College course is needed to prepare these prospective workers to meet the best Colored population of the Southern States.

These students are not trained in books alone. Many earn half and some all of their school expenses. Under the supervision of the teachers they are instructed in the principles of the department in which they are employed. School credit is given according to the advancement made.

As one result of this system of work by the students it is unnecessary to purchase any of the commodities raised in this section of the South, and for which the school has need, either for the dining depart-

ment or to feed the forty head of live stock.

We have been needing improvements for a long time. In order to obtain them our students have organized themselves into an association which has undertaken to raise \$2,500.00 for immediate use. This is to apply on the large goal of \$10,000.00 which our Colored constituency has undertaken this summer.

To meet our needs we will require the following:

- Boys' dormitory
- Three cottages for teachers
- Three cottages for students
- Trades building for boys
- Trades building for girls
- Water system
- Electric lights
- Sewer system
- New barn
- Seed house

You are asked to join the association in raising this at the earliest possible moment. The students have very little money, but are willing to work hard to construct the material into the above facilities if only we can get it. All moneys will be receipted by our treasurer, so pin your bill or check to this letter and return as soon as possible, remembering that we have not very long to complete this work, and the prospects are that our present accommodations will be overcrowded again this year.

Sincerely yours for the association,

R. LOUDEN *Pres*
Mrs. L. J. PRYOR *Sec.*

Rally of the "Oakwood Boosters"

IN the autumn of 1918 there was organized in the Oakwood Junior College a Students' Association, commonly known as the "Oakwood Boosters." The purpose of the organization was to assist in raising the ten thousand dollars; which, two years previous, the College Board voted to be raised for improvements. The Association set its goal when

organized at Twenty-five Hundred Dollars. This amount was pledged within a week, and then it was decided to raise the goal to Ten Thousand Dollars, or the full amount of the fund. In order to keep the students and others informed of the progress of the campaign, a ladder was made, each rung representing one hundred dollars. Before President Beardsley had made the round of the camp-meetings, the Ten Thousand Dollars had been pledged. After counseling with some of the board members, it was thought advisable to increase this fund to Fifteen Thousand Dollars, as all building materials have advanced so much in price during the past three years. The ladder shows that \$13,366 has been pledged to date, and only \$1,334 remains to be raised in order to reach the last mentioned goal.

On the evening of September 28, the Students' Association, together with the faculty members, assembled in the College chapel for a rally meeting. Elder W. L. Bird acted as chairman, and as the opening hymn, "Showers of Blessing" was sung, those present were impressed of the blessings God had poured upon the work of this organization.

Soon after the organization of the Students' Association a "Bring One" campaign was launched. Brother William Winston told how it was started, and the many bright and happy faces in the audience were a concrete evidence of its success.

Several students related various experiences in connection with the work of the Association. One student raised \$36.50 by personal solicitation from home to home. President Beardsley related his experience in raising the hundred dollars which he pledged. Sister Pryor gave a report of the Oakwood students who attended the Birmingham campmeeting, where thirteen hundred dollars were pledged. At this point, the entire congregation sang "Climbing Oakwood's Ladder," and

then Brother Richard Loudon, President of the Association, made several pointed remarks with reference to future plans for raising the remainder of the Fifteen Thousand Dollars, and in lifting on the October collection.

The work of this Association is only an illustration of what may be accomplished through united, determined, effort, when thoroughly mixed with our consecration to the cause, and a good supply of grit and stick-to-it-iveness.

MARY M. DAY.

A Student's Appeal

God has blessed us with possibilities and opportunities, which, if we would only embrace would bring us manifold blessings, and light would be radiated to all about us to the glory of God. On every hand we are confronted by skepticism and unbelief. In order to meet this rising tide we must secure for our youth and workers a thorough training in Christian Education. To us as never before, comes the Macedonian call for trained workers that the light given may be disseminated in all the world.

In order that this may be accomplished the Oakwood school was created by God's direction twenty four years ago, and has been the means of training many workers for the field. Many of our classmates are having success in the Master's vineyard. Souls have been brought to the truth as the result of their efforts.

As the years have come and gone the school has been enlarged and now, to meet the demands of the times, its facilities must be increased. In order that this may be done we are asking our people everywhere to join us in this effort to provide better and more extensive equipment for our education. We ask that you give of your means and assist us in securing an education that will fit us for service among our people. We appreciate what our brethren have done for us in the past and feel grateful for their self-sacrificing efforts. Will you not, in the Master's name, take this opportunity of aiding us to provide

for the training of many workers for service in the needy Southland?

RICHARD THOMPSON.

The October Collection

THE coming collection for our Colored work in October is one of very great importance for both Oakwood Junior College, our training school for Colored young men and women, and for the building of churches for Colored believers. One thing that ought greatly to encourage every believer to give all he can on this occasion is the very active part taken by the teachers and students of the Oakwood school in undertaking to raise a fund of fifteen thousand dollars. This was first set at ten thousand dollars, but such good progress was made toward reaching this sum before the camp meeting season was over, that it was thought best to raise it to fifteen thousand. It will be a great encouragement to those who are giving annually to the support of this important work to know that our students and teachers are getting under the burden so actively and successfully.

The work among the ten million Colored people in this country is more promising in souls than ever before. The Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of the people as our ministers and workers press home the burning truths for this time. The believers themselves are largely awake to their privileges as Christians and are seeking actively to spread the light of truth to their neighbors and friends. Our young men and women have had unusual success in the selling of literature the past season. Some of them have made records that will compare most favorably with the work of our white colporteurs throughout the field.

There is great need for a larger number of well-trained teachers to supply the church schools that are springing up among our Colord believers everywhere. The mission schools, too, are in need of more and better trained teachers. The Oakwood school has recently secured the services of a new Normal Director who will do excellent work

in the development of teachers if funds and facilities are made available.

Everyone will recall the many earnest appeals sent to our people by Sister White in behalf of the Colored work. She bore a burden for them equal to that for any other race, and her sympathetic setting forth of their needs ought to appeal strongly to our believers everywhere to contribute all they can of the goods which the Lord has entrusted them, to promote the interests of this needy work.

W. E. HOWELL.

The Needs Of Oakwood

TWENTY-FIVE years ago Elders O. A. OLSEN and G. A. IRWIN were sent by our General Conference to choose a suitable location for establishing a training school among the Negroes. As the result of their investigations a beginning was made on a farm of 358 acres five miles northwest of Huntsville, Alabama. A few years later when it seemed to some that too large an undertaking had been launched the Testimony said: "I am so glad we have this farm. One came to me and said, 'I think it is a mistake to keep that land. . . . I think that they might better turn it back to the conference.' That night instruction was given me concerning the matter. It was God's purpose that the school should be located near Huntsville. . . . It is to educate hundreds."—*The Huntsville School, page 10.*

A quarter of a century has made evident the truthfulness of this instruction, and each year sees more workers enter the denominational endeavor in the South.

Recent years have seen the homes crowded to their utmost capacity, and all our facilities taxed to care for those in attendance. This year all space was applied for before the opening of school on September 24. Then applicants were advised that their accommodations would have to be very meager, and some were encouraged to wait till next school year. At our regular services last Sabbath all the seats in our chapel were filled.

Our little sanitarium is crowded

with employees and their families not for treatments, but for shelter.

When a few more of the expected applicants arrive every seat in the dining room will be taken. Already it has every table that can possibly be crowded in. If it were not that our Academic grades recite in the forenoon and the grammar grades in the afternoon, we would hardly have half enough class rooms. As it is, one teacher uses the chapel for a recitation room, and another the Sanitarium Parlor. Frequently if a student wishes to leave the library several must move to enable him to do so. Our boys' dormitory has far outlived its capacity and accommodations. For some time the attic, divided into two large rooms, has housed from twelve to sixteen of our young men. This increased attendance has made necessary a larger supply and equipment for every one of our departments. Especially do we need two trades buildings which will enable us to give our students the training that is provided in this class of schools.

To meet these needs the Colored believers have pledged \$10,700 at the various camp-meetings during the season. Our school family had previously pledged \$2600. When it is remembered that the number of believers is small this is really an excellent showing.

Every year we are overwhelmed with calls for workers far beyond our power to fill. We must have room and better facilities in order to meet the demands upon us.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

Oakwood Ministers

B. W. Abney of South Carolina spent some years at Oakwood. His wife was Celia Hart of Indiana. He has labored several years as an evangelist and at the time of the union of the Carolinas into one conference was the State Evangelist of the North Carolina Mission.

W. H. Maynor attended school from 1908 to 1911. Sister Maynor, also an old student, was Helen Duncan. Elder Maynor has labored since his school experience in South Carolina. He has served that conference very efficiently as a pastor of city churches.

J. S. Greene came to Oakwood in 1907 and from the school was called to the work in Florida where he has labored several years very successfully. A report of his recent effort in Jacksonville, Florida is found in this issue.

Sydney Scott of Oklahoma was one of the very first students on the ground at Oakwood. He helped to clean up the old farm, once a plantation, and improve the place. He has seen Oakwood grow from its first stages through its succeeding years to a Junior College. He has labored successfully in most of the conferences in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences and at present is engaged as Union Evangelist in the Southwestern Union Conference.

Rosco Watkins came to us from Virginia about 1910. He left before graduation but has been successful in his ministerial work.

D. V. Barnes has been doing Ministerial and Bible Work in the state of Mississippi for the last eight years. His wife is also an old Oakwood student. We had the privilege of having her at the Summer School this summer.

G. E. Peters came to us from the West Indies in 1907. He attended school but a short time when he was called to the field. He was shortly ordained. Elder Peters has labored very successfully, raising up many churches throughout the Southern Field. For several years he has been Union Evangelist for the Southeastern Union Conference.

Robert Hancock of Augusta Georgia was also one of Oakwood's earliest students. He has become a staunch and faithful worker.

E. M. Gates is known to many of the readers of this paper as a faithful contributor. He and his wife have labored hard to build up the work in the great state of Texas.

Thomas Murphy another of our old students, came to us from Vicksburg Miss. He was one of the first converts of that place developed by the workers on the steamer "Morning Star", a picture of which hangs in our chapel. He has labored successfully in many places in the South. His present field is in Texas.

H. D. Greene came to Oakwood in knee pants from Savannah Geor-

gia. He graduated in 1917 from the Ministerial Course. Elder Greene earned his way through school in the printing office and later served the institution as stenographer in the Principal's office. He was called to labor in the Texas Conference and is now pastor of the church in Houston. His wife, Eugenia Davidson-Greene, was a graduate of the Nurse's Course in 1918.

M. G. Nunes, now State Evangelist of Oklahoma, also earned his way through school in this printing office. Elder Nunes has built up the work in his field and has encouraged many young people to attend Oakwood school.

John Allison is another student of the early days when Oakwood was new. He too would be surprised to see the old dining room now serving the institution as a place for the electric light plant. He has labored in the states of Mississippi, Oklahoma and others in the South.

Mason Jackson came from Birmingham, Alabama in the early days of Oakwood when Brother S. M. Jacobs and his family led out in the work. In those days "Old Mansion" served as Dormitory, School room, Kitchen, Dining room, etc. Brother Jackson has served well the cause by assisting our leading evangelists as pianist. This year he is with Elder Peters in his effort in Charlotte, North Carolina.

J. H. Lawrence from St. Kitts was a student about fourteen years ago. His first work was as a teacher in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and later he was ordained and served the field several years as one of our most successful ministers. He is at present Union Evangelist of the Southern Union Conference. His wife, once Geneva Wilson, is also an old student.

Caleb Martin came to us in 1914 from Wilmington North Carolina. Here he found the Savior and became a model Christian in his exemplary life. Since leaving school he has assisted in the evangelistic work in the Western States.

James Martin, the latest of Oakwood's students to be called into the field, was another student from North Carolina. Soon after graduating from the Academic Course

he was called to the colors, and later to the service of the Master. He has assisted Elder Lawrence in the effort at Birmingham, Alabama the past season where he is at present located as assistant pastor.

Elder F. A. Osterman and Hattie Nance entered upon the work of the Master together in Chattanooga Tennessee. Brother Osterman has become known as an earnest evangelist and faithful laborer.

W. E. Strother has labored in the field many years. For some time he has served the South Carolina Mission Field as State Evangelist which place he has filled most successfully.

Randall Johnson is a graduate of our Ministerial Course of 1913 and has since labored in Texas and Mississippi. His experience has not been unlike his fellow school mates. He with these other men has had the privilege of seeing souls born into the Kingdom as the results of his labor. When the King calls for His many faithful servants these loyal ministers of the Cross will come with rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them.

Some other names not listed above merit mention. Among them are: Alice Martin, Ora Hutson, Frank McRae, Bible Workers; Mary Miles, Elzilah Pearson, Teachers; Jennie Stratton and Maggie Clarke now assisting in the work at Oakwood.

Alabama Colporteurs' Rally

ONE of the most interesting meetings of the Alabama camp-meeting was the one held the last Sabbath afternoon. It was our Colporteurs' meeting. The Lord has greatly blessed this branch of our work this year, and it was a great pleasure and privilege to hear from some of those on "the firing line."

Several Oakwood students have worked in the Alabama field this year, and it is interesting to note that five of them took nearly \$12,000.00 worth of Alabama's orders. One of them, Brother W. C. Mullins, has made the record for Alabama with \$3,400.00 in twelve weeks. To God be all the praise

and glory. Below are a few of the testimonies of the twenty-seven members present.

After Brother J. R. Staton, our Field Secretary, introduced the work and workers, five minutes were given to each one in which to speak.

Brother Richard Thompson's field of labor was Wilcox County. He was asked to lead out, and he told of the rich blessings both financial and spiritual which he had received. He particularly told of a school where he received some substantial orders for *Bible Readings* from all the professors. He said that when he appeared before the large school he felt some qualms, but he offered up a prayer to God and went forward.

The next speaker was Brother W. C. Mullins, who labored in Marengo County with Brother Davis. He told us how the Lord had blessed him with over \$3000.00 worth of orders, and appealed to the brethren to enlist in this great army of workers, and help to finish this work. Brother Mullins is just one year old in the Message, and this is his first year's experience. He is also a student of Oakwood Junior College, and it was while there that he got his inspiration to enter the work.

We next listened to Brother E. Lockett, of the Huntsville church. This is also his first year in the field. He said he had received many rich blessings, and he enjoyed his work and was going back to his field to do a greater work for the Master. His field of labor is Mason County.

Brother Wesley Adair told us of some of his experiences while working in Macon County. He told how sometimes it was hard to find a place to spend the night, nevertheless the Lord has blessed him and provided for his needs. He said he was of good courage and enjoyed his work, and was going to stand by it. This is Brother Adair's first year.

Brother Thomas Fountain, an Oakwood student, who labored in Wilcox County told how the Lord had blessed him remarkably. He canvassed a woman who told him it was no use to show the book to her husband. But in faith he went

forward and presented his book, and the man placed his order for the best binding. This man said he saw in his face something different from the regular agent. Thus while others fail the truth still keeps marching on. Brother Fountain attributes his going out into the field to the strong Christian influence with which he was surrounded while in school, and pleads for more to join the colporteur's army. He took over \$2000 worth of orders.

Brother R. J. Cook, of Tuscaloosa, next told of his successes while in the field, and of how he had been instrumental in leading others to the light, and asked our prayers. He further stated that if anyone wanted to experience the colporteur's joy he should come and join in the work.

Brother Cleveland, who lately returned from France, said he got his inspiration while in the army. The Lord impressed him to take up the colporteur work on returning home, and even impressed upon his mind what state to labor in. He accordingly reported for work when he got back and was sent to Dallas County to work. He has had many rich experiences there, and feels grateful to his Heavenly Father for what He had enabled him to do. He told us he was sick and fourteen miles from home one Friday afternoon, but the Lord remembered his needs and sent a man by in an automobile and took him home. His courage is good and he means to do faithfully his part to finish this work.

Sister Sledge, also a new believer, who accepted the truth the same time Brother Purdee did, is now working in Talladega County. Sister Sledge said she nearly became discouraged because of not getting orders, and being unable to find shelter for the night, but in the hour of her extremity God cared for her. She has done successful work and is of good courage.

Sister Brown of the same county, who has been a long time in this message, told how she had some rough times in the swamps, but through all she was of good courage and said that the Lord had graciously blessed her efforts.

Brother James Williams, Senior,

of the Huntsville church, told how he got an inspiration at our last camp-meeting at Anniston to enter the field. He said when he mentioned the colporteur work to his friends they said, "Now your family is going to starve." Nevertheless, he gave up his business at once and answered the call, and he has never been hungry one day, his family has not starved, and he is doing better now than ever before.

Brother Charles Berry also encouraged others to take up this work. He told us how he was blessed and how glad he was to have a part in this work.

There were several more to speak but our time would not permit, so all did not have the opportunity to relate their experiences. In closing the colporteur's meeting a song was sung by the colporteur's quartet. Thus a profitable period was brought to a close. Pray for the workers as they go to make their deliveries. They need your prayers.

The other colporteurs besides those who spoke were: George A. Powers, C. A. Powers, Jesse Davis. Those not at camp-meeting were: Brother and Sister Myers, W. M. Jackson, Rosa Johnson, Lenora Eldon, G. A. Brown, U. Bracey and wife, Charles Hubbard, J. Smith, L. Smith, H. Smith, Hattie Hilliard.

Our Conference goal was \$65,000. We passed that in July, and set another for \$100,000, and have to date \$91,000.

ONE OF THEM.

Lynchburg, Va.

OUR tent effort has closed. One soul has decided to obey the truth. A few have said that they were keeping the Sabbath. Many are fully convinced. These I am reading with. Brother A. J. Evelyn and wife assisted in the effort and rendered excellent service. Sister Evelyn sold about 150 small books besides papers and magazines.

On the 7th I visited the Baptist Church at Pleasant Valley, three and a half miles from Lynchburg. I left some *Harvest Ingathering* papers and brought away over \$3.00. I was invited by the pastor to preach for him at Jacksontown, about two miles from Lynchburg. On the

14th I taught the Bible class and played the organ for them. At twelve o'clock I preached. Between fifty and sixty were present. I left thirteen *Harvest Ingathering* papers and thirteen copies of *Life And Health*, and brought away over \$4.00. The pastor desires me to visit them again at Pleasant Valley. They have a membership of 120. I wrote to him to arrange for the next meeting. The harvest here is ripe; many are eager for the truth.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Oakwood Colporteur Roll Call

H. T. MITCHELL-PALMER
L. E. CUNNINGHAM
LETITIA SAMUELS
C. H. GORDON
RICHARD THOMPSON
BERTHA CADE
LAURINE WOODS
ROSA JOHNSON
FANNIE COX
ALEX COX
WILFRED NATHAN
ADDISON PERKINS
J. B. E. WILLIAMS
THOMAS FOUNTAIN
PANTON JOHNSON
W. C. MULLINS
H. D. GREENE
L. SAWYER
L. J. PRYOR
W. E. ADAMS
W. H. BAKER
CHARLES BERRY
LEONORE ELDON
CHARLES JACKSON
J. E. JERVIS
RAMUS LITTLE
FRANK MCRAE
JAMES MARTIN
MARY MILES
ERIC FRANCIS
C. R. WOOD

Baltimore, Md. Tent Meeting

WE desire to encourage the hearts of our workers all over the Harvest Field in giving to them through the columns of our paper, an account of the tent meetings recently held

among the colored people of East Baltimore by Elder M. C. Strachan.

On the evening of July 13, 1919, the meetings began at the tent on Cross Street near Leadenhall Street. The people of the community were eager and hungry for spiritual food. Men and women, who had not attended church in five, ten, even fifteen years, began attending the tent services. At the close of the second week thirteen persons had asked for prayers, one minister and his wife accepted the truth, three colored and one white person converted.

Aug. 8, Elder Strachan delivered a lecture on the use of drugs and narcotics, and showed the effect of alcohol and tobacco upon the life of a christian, both here and hereafter. At the close of the lecture, men and women, members of other churches, surrendered publicly their snuff boxes, cigarettes, and their pipes, openly confessing their determination to walk in the new light of Bible truth. The speaker's hands and pockets were filled with the packages of cigars and tobacco that were handed him in the tent, while those who surrendered these evils, begged the prayers of God's people that they might be overcomers. When the health topics were discussed, demonstrations in the tent were given, by trained nurses and workers. Treatments were given on the elevated platform that the hundreds gathered might be taught some of the many home treatments given by our people, teaching them the injurious effects of strong medicines and dopes as practiced usually by so many.

Monday night August, 25, a big breakfast and dinner table was set in the tent, following the service. The plan was an ideal one and \$25.00 were expended in preparing this ideal breakfast and dinner from fruits, nuts, and many vegetables which were served without cost, teaching the people, how God would have them to live. When the Sabbath question was presented, it was a scene never to be forgotten, to see men and women all over the tent standing up for the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. A well organized Sunday School was carried on during the eight

week's meeting and each week the numbers in attendance increased. Every Sunday morning the Pastor and his workers gathered at the tent and from that place five thousand hand bills, announcing the studies for the week, were distributed over the city.

The tent meeting closed Sunday night September 7, with an overwhelming crowd, a gathering that gave expressions of appreciation for the benefits gained. Representative men and business firms wrote letters endorsing the good work. More than 500 requests for prayers were made, and more than fifty stood for the truth. Between twenty-five and thirty are ready to be baptized on September 28, 1919.

Elder Strachan preached or lectured every night of the eight weeks and looked better when the meeting closed than when it started. The collections amounted to nearly five hundred dollars.

C. B. CONNELLY,
Reporter.

Jacksonville, Fla.

IN JANUARY it was decided to conduct a tent meeting at Jacksonville this summer. We accordingly began to look for a location in Lavilla, the largest and thickest Colored settlements in the city. At first it seemed as though we would not find a vacant lot. Finally a corner on two main thoroughfares was cleared away for the erection of a large theater. Just as soon as the spot was cleared the theatre man turned it down. I went to the owner of the land to secure it for a three months' tent effort. We managed to get it by paying \$50.00 a month.

After securing my land I went to the city engineer and made application for a permit to erect my tent on Kings Avenue and Davis Street. The engineer would not grant me a permit and said that nothing but brick and stone could be put up in that part of the city. With angry words he further said that he was tired of tent meetings in the city, and would see to it that there would not be another one in Jacksonville. So I took the matter over his head to the city council. Just before taking such a step I

called the church together and had special prayer that God would give us the desires of our hearts. So the council passed on our permit and granted our request.

On Wednesday night, June 4, we opened our service in the tent with a good number present. Our attendance from the first has been very good. On Sunday nights we could not seat the people. As many as 1400 were present at the Sunday night services. The tent was in the midst of thirteen churches. The report came to us that the attendance at the churches was greatly reduced by the tent. After the meetings had run six weeks all the pastors of the city organized against the tent. They sent a special committee to the city council and asked them to please close the tent meeting. The council asked them why. They replied that every church in the city was torn up, and for the sake of peace have the Adventist minister to close his tent meeting. The council then had two policemen to come out to the tent and see what was going on. They came several nights and then reported to the council that they wished that every preacher in the city would preach what they heard at the tent.

After the ministers of the city failed through the council to close the meeting they got up another plan. They told their respective members that they would be disfellowshipped if they continued to attend. A good number have been turned out already. Regardless of the opposition the crowds continued to come. The whole city has been stirred.

Seventy-two adults have begun to keep the Sabbath. Sixty-three have joined the church subject to baptism. Of this number forty-six have been baptized. The others will be baptized soon. Among the number is Professor Walker, the owner and head of the largest colored business college in America. His wife also accepted the message and was baptized with him.

We closed our tent meeting Sunday night, August 24, because of our camp-meeting which will convene at Orlando, September 11 to 21. The last night of the tent effort was very rainy; however, this inclement

weather did not keep back the crowd. We could not seat the people and a good number had to stand. We are now holding services in the church building.

Since the first of the year ninety-two members have been added to the church. Our tent meeting donation amounted to \$488.53. The money raised from August 1918 to August 1919 is as follows: tithes, \$3053.64; offerings to missions, \$577.42; offerings to mission school supplies, \$27.39; money raised on the church building, \$1433.53, making the grand total for the past twelve months \$5091.98.

J. S. GREEN.

OBITUARY

Thomas: Earline Thomas was born in Sumter, S. C., August 7, 1902. At the age of 14 she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized in the Sumter S. D. A. Church. Her parents at once gave her to the Lord and placed her in the Oakwood Junior College that she might be prepared for His service. It was a short but faithful life. Being a firm believer in the Third Angel's Message, she held fast her confidence to the end. After a short illness she departed this life on August 24, 1919, at the age of 17 years and 17 days. She leaves a devoted mother, a sister, a brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn while she rests in that glorious hope of a soon coming Saviour.

J. A. BOOKHART.

NEWS ITEMS

The boiler for the light plant has been laid down at Oakwood. The building in which the plant is located is being rapidly finished. It is one of the neatest and most pleasing buildings on the campus.

Professor Jacobsen and family are now comfortably located in Shady Nook. They are smiling and happy. Sister Jacobsen and child suffered much from heat during the summer. They all will enjoy the comforts of their new home.

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OAKWOOD NEWS

Four bales of cotton are all ready for the market.

Sister Stratton has returned to Oakwood from summer school.

Professor Peterson arrived on Tuesday and has taken up his school work.

Sister Reeder is rapidly improving in health and is entering on her part of the work of the school year.

West Hall has recently had a call from the carpenters and builders. This building has long needed some repairs that have made it both comfortable and convenient.

Sister Maggie Clark has joined our corps of workers. She comes to us from Chattanooga, Tenn., and will engage in teaching in the "grades" department of the institution.

A car load of building material, in the form of a combination of lath and sheathing called bishopric, is being unloaded. This material is used both for outside and inside purposes.

Brother Swofford made a visit to the Ooltewah school recently. His daughter has gone there for schooling the coming year. Brother Swofford reports conditions favorable at the school.

Butler Hall is receiving its share of attention for the housing of the young men. There is a sound as from a busy hive of bees on both sides of the campus which makes us feel that both our homes are filled with happy, contented and determined young people.

Elder Wight made us a flying visit recently. He always brings a smiling face and a word of cheer. He is busy preparing for the Fall Council. When he returns we hope to have him make us a more extended visit.

Professor Thompson, our new printer and Science teacher, has arrived at Oakwood. He has entered upon his work with earnestness and courage. We expect Professor Thompson to become a strong factor in the work at Oakwood.

The corn is being rapidly placed in shocks. Our silo is now filled and we are already gathering cotton from our fields. Brother Swofford says we have the best crop that has been produced at Oakwood.

Our new preceptress, Sister Baugh, who has been with us since the opening of the summer school, is rendering efficient service in Henderson Hall. Sister Baugh has been a successful teacher in Atlanta, Ga., and has revealed adaptability for this branch of the work. We feel that she has been sent to us at this time of need, and will be able to render valuable help in this department.

Our campus certainly looks beautiful at night encircled by a line of large, reflecting electric lights. Our buildings are all being wired and attached to the system. Our electricians tell us that our dynamo and plant are well able to serve the whole school with its connected buildings and departments.

School opened Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, September 24. On account of the camp-meeting season the opening had been postponed one week. Extensive preparations had been made for this occasion. The campus and Study Hall received their share of attention. Shades had been replaced which shed a soft light upon the brown walls of the building. A large flag of our country is festooned behind the platform and over all is the motto, "Oakwood's Best Year." Walla Walla College has remembered us by sending us some photographs of its campus and buildings.

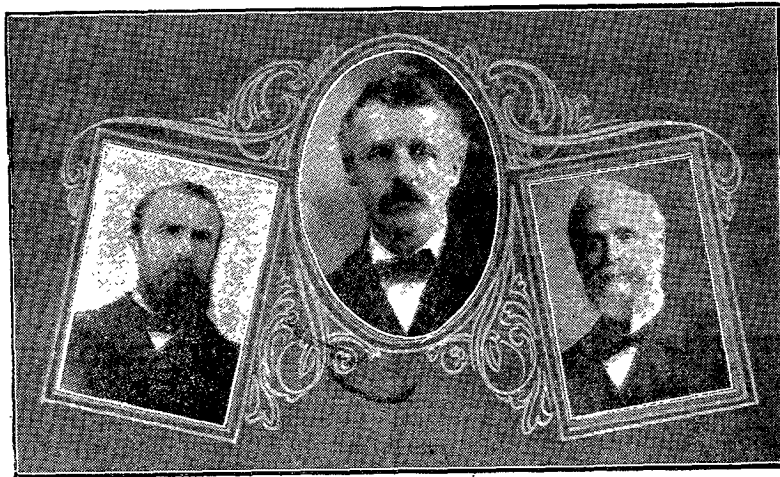
Sister Stafford, our Normal teacher, has been busily engaged in directing a company of painters and workers in renewing the floors

and walls of the school rooms in Old Mansion. These rooms have not looked so bright and cheery for more than half a century. The prospects are bright for a successful school year in this department. We are hopeful of seeing a strong Normal Department built up in connection with this institution.

Sister Lewis, our new matron, is working earnestly and successfully to make the dining hall a most helpful and remunerative department. She and her helpers have done their part in giving the campus and buildings a tidy and inviting appearance. Her family of workers are taking hold of their department work with a will and co-operating for the success of this branch of the work.

Things are booming in our mechanical department. We were more than delighted to have our new lights for our opening exercises and chapel. When the lights came on for the first time a thrill ran through the assembly. We felt for once that some real substantial improvement had been accomplished. Brother Lewis has been working not only by day, but often by night, to have this plant in operation for our school opening. We feel that we owe much to him for his earnest efforts in this enterprise. Brother Stafford has also rendered helpful service in this department since his arrival. We appreciate very much the hearty co-operation of these workers.

Dr. Robert R. Moton of the Tuskegee Institute and a corps of his teachers, and Professor Buchanan and a body of his fellow workers visited Oakwood October 1. These educational men are making a tour of this part of the state in the interests of rural education. Dr. Moton spoke of education as being a preparation for life and said it included more than that obtained from books. He complimented Oakwood for its thorough going manner of carrying on its work. Professor Buchanan in his remarks called Dr. Moton's attention to the fact that the chairs and desks used by the students were made at the school and by student labor. These educators are always welcome at Oakwood.



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SOME OF OAKWOOD'S MINISTERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES



A GROUP OF OAKWOOD COLPORTEURS

Oakwood Graduates

Name	Date	Course
	1909.	
Crowe, Sarah		Nurses
Green, Lacotte		Nurses
Knapp, Amelia		Nurses
Moore, Mary		Nurses
Parkins, Anna		Nurses
	1910.	
Dent, Ernest		Academic
Ellis, Linnie		Nurses
Green, Josie		Nurses
Mason, Mabel		Normal
Nance, Hattie		Nurses
Washington, Willie		Normal
	1911.	
Barrow, Sarah		Nurses
Buckner, T. J.		Commercial
Hill, Clifford		Nurses
	1912.	
Dolloway, E. E.		Nurses
Gordon, Marie		Nurses
Smart, Mary		Nurses
Osterman, Alexander		Ministerial
Washington, Willie		Academic
Wilson, Maggie		Nurses
	1913.	
Blackwood, C. A.		Ministerial
Gemon, H. N.		Ministerial
Johnson, Randall		Ministerial
Roberts, Reuben		Ministerial
Tait, T. S.		Ministerial
Carter, Lucile		Normal
Baker, Katie		Normal
Bryan, Edna		Normal
Clark, Maggie		Normal
Harris, Evangeline		Normal
Church, Edith		Nurses
Gauntlett, Maud		Nurses
Anna Gossom		Nurses
Roberts, Reuben		Nurses
Clark, Maggie		Secretary
Winston, Mary Belle		Secretary
	1914.	
Newball, R. T.		Ministerial
Strother, W. S.		Ministerial
Buckner, T. J.		Academic
Bostic, Mary		Normal
Randolph, Roberta		Normal
Williams, Ethel		Normal
Winston, Mary Belle		Normal
Simmons, Syrene		Nurses
Warnick, Naomi		Nurses

Name	Date	Course
	1915.	
Brodie, Easton A.		Ministerial
Jones, Mary E.		Normal
Green, Herbert D.		Secretary
Smith, Olive L.		Secretary
	1916.	
Abel, J. B. Mery		Ministerial
Grant, N. J.		Ministerial
Watkins, Ernest L.		Ministerial
Crowe, Herbert L.		Bible Worker
Smith, L. N. B.		Bible Worker
Buckner, Mary L.		Secretary
Stratton, Jennie E.		Secretary
Chapman, Katie Lee E.		Nurses
Fowler, Amelia E.		Nurses
Lennard, Beatrice A.		Nurses
Samuels, Letitia B.		Nurses
	1917.	
Green, Herbert D.		Ministerial
Strother, Lena		Ministerial
Brandon, Margaret		Academic
Carter, Espie		Secretary
Gray, Harry		Secretary
Martin, James		Secretary
Bivins, Dorence		Normal
Miles, Mary		Normal
Price, Maggie		Normal
Gittins, Clarice		Bible Worker
Long, Lucile		Bible Worker
	1918.	
Brandon, Margaret		Junior College
Strother, Lena		Junior College
Berry, Charles A.		Academic
Carter, Epsie U.		Academic
Frazier, Juliette		Academic
Gray, Harry W.		Academic
Martin, James		Academic
Miles, Mary		Academic
Pean, Arioste		Academic
Perkins, Addison		Academic
Troy, Solomon		Academic
Turner, John		Academic
Davidson, Eugenie		Nurses
Buckner, Mary L.		Normal
Campbell, Mabel		Normal
Stratton, Jennie E.		Normal
Martin, Alice		Bible Worker
Hutson, Ora Bell		Biblical
McRae, Frank		Biblical