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OAKWOOD'S RALLY

(Tune, "Jacob's Ladder")

Oakwood needs ten thousand dollars, dollars,
Oakwood needs ten thousand dollars, dollars,
Oakwood needs ten thousand dollars, dollars,
In her great campaign.

All this money has been promised, promised,
All this money has been promised, promised,
All this money has been promised, promised,
By Oakwood Boosters true.

"All"—this year is now her goal, goal,
"All"—this year is now her goal, goal,
"All"—this year is now her goal, goal,
Shall we reach the top?

Let us rise and pay these pledges, pledges,
Let us rise and pay these pledges, pledges,
Let us rise and pay these pledges, pledges,
While this year remains.

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 never failed, failed,
Oakwood school has never failed, failed,
Oakwood school has never failed, failed,
In her efforts grand.

—Arranged

Oakwood Junior College



Students' Association

Oakwood's Rally

THE Oakwood Rally song on our first page is the outgrowth of a rally held by our association in our chapel recently. A few days before, leaders for the bands of students from different conferences had been appointed, and we felt that the time had come to make an effort to collect the pledges for the Ten Thousand Dollar Fund as these had been made with the understanding that they were to be paid by the first of January 1920. Lists of the officers in each conference represented by the school had been prepared ready to hand out to these various band leaders.

The rally followed vespers the night after the Sabbath. Two Students bearing Oakwood penants entered the chapel first. Following this came a twenty-five foot streamer saying: "This is the 'Bring One' pledge card that overflowed Oakwood." A student followed with a banner: "Oakwood's ladder is coming." Then came the long ladder made up of pledges from the students and teachers and the various conferences, formed during the camp-meeting season. This was placed over the platform and pulpit. Speeches followed by the president of the association and of the school, also Professor Bralihar of the Madison school. The treasurer made a report of the funds of the association. A poem was read telling how the Students' Association of the Washington Missionary College was formed, and how the new building there came to be built.

On the 17th at 1 p. m. the bands all met in the chapel, and the material for the correspondence was passed out for each selected individual. This consisted of a type-written letter, a copy of which appears in this issue, a blank Students' Association letter head, and an envelope. The letters were written during the afternoon and evening, and at 5:30 a. m. on the 18th we all met for special prayer that God

would greatly bless our efforts. The letters numbering over 150 were spread upon the table, and students and teachers united in an earnest petition that the Holy Spirit would attend these letters as they sped on their way with their mission of love in behalf of a needy field.

The following is a copy of the above mentioned letter which has been sent out by the Students' Association:

Dear Worker:

During our camp-meeting season the pledges for our Ten Thousand Dollar Fund were made in all the conferences of the South. There was a very hearty response on the part of our people to this call. Our general brethren were very much pleased to see us take this advance step, and have expressed their appreciation of our effort.

The time has now come to put these pledges into a more practical form that our work may still go forward. We need every dollar of this amount at once. Work is being pushed on our improvements as rapidly as funds will permit. Our light plant is nearing completion; the laundry has been plastered and is being made comfortable for the winter months; one teacher's cottage has been finished and work begun on another. Several students' cottages are being repaired for our married students, still our dormitories are crowded to the utmost limit, and we are perplexed to know what to do with the students that are coming in. Our "bring one" campaign among the students has more than met our highest expectations. Our facilities for caring for our students are taxed to the limit.

We have a great desire to see this amount all raised during the year 1919 that we may close up this campaign with the old year. We are anxious to reach the top once more and sing our goal song in a louder, clearer strain with a deeper meaning.

Will not all our workers, and conference church officers take hold of this campaign earnestly and help close it up gloriously? Let all our people unite heartily in this final effort. Pledge cards can be obtained by addressing the Students' Association, or the President of the school.

Oakwood Boosters.

Oakwood's Cotton Bee

For some time our farmer, Brother Swofford, had been telling us that we had a bumper cotton crop,

but we did not seem to realize the fact until it began to look as though our cotton was going to winter in the fields.

The morning we met for early prayers for our rally, the matter of dismissing school for a day and devoting it to the cotton fields was discussed. It was decided to set a goal for the day's work and offer prizes for the first four best pickers among the boys and girls each.

Union worship in the chapel was arranged and an early start was planned. Teachers and students all turned out with a hearty goodwill and the white rows literally turned black before the army that swept through our cotton fields that day.

The report that night showed that 5,922 pounds of cotton had been gathered and stored; and that Lawrence Cherry, 150 pounds, was the leader among the boys; and Bertha Cade, 138½ pounds, among the girls. These were awarded first prizes, one dollar each, with two prizes of fifty cents to the second best, and twenty-five cents to the third and fourth best pickers.

Our work was seen to be only fairly begun, so Tuesday was also devoted to the project. The amount picked that day was 6,309 pounds, with Lawrence Cherry, 160 pounds, and Bertha Cade, 123½ pounds, as leaders. The second best pickers were awarded first prize for Tuesday, George Jenkins, 129 pounds, and Nellie Yates, 111 pounds.

The students enthusiastically voted to continue the work another day. This day the first prizes were given to Alonzo Watts, 173 pounds, and Bertha Cade, 130 pounds. The cotton being lighter only 4,994 pounds were gathered.

As the weather was favorable, and fearing storms might overtake us, we decided to continue the work until our crops were secured. Longer distances and scattering fields cut down our total to 2,862 pounds.

Bertha Cade was still in the lead

among the girls, but Charles Seard was in the lead among the boys. On Friday morning our cotton gathering closed up, about 1,384 pounds still remained in the fields. The short day's work showed Lawrence Cherry in the lead at sixty-two pounds, and Bertha Cade seventy-two and one half pounds. The total amount for the week was 21,471 pounds. While this was being gathered our wagons were continually on the road to the gin, and a large quantity was stored in all available space about the place.

After vespers, on November twenty-three, the final report was to be made. A general invitation was given for short talks at this time, and many testified of valuable lessons learned from the week's work. These developed the fact that those who worked in the kitchen and in the laundry, had shared in the sacrifice, and the blessings of the week. The conviction rested upon all that we had spent a few days in the most valuable service we could render to an institution consecrated to the service of God.

W. L. BIRD.

Advantages Of Oakwood

A Symposium by the Students

AT Oakwood you will gain a clearer conception of your obligations to your Creator and to your fellowman, and at the same time obtain the preparation that will make you efficient in the fulfillment of these obligations. Away from the distractions and allurements of the world and surrounded with the beauties of nature, every condition is favorable for the development of a strong Christian character. Constant association with earnest, consecrated young people and devoted Christian teachers gives inspiration to life, and furnishes an incentive for the exertion of diligent effort to reach the high spiritual and intellectual ideals that are ever held before the students.

C. R. WOOD.

I came to Oakwood to obtain a Christian education, to be used in the Vineyard of the Lord, and I am convinced that the Lord's purpose is that each one of His servants do

his part in carrying this gospel of the kingdom to others.

God is expecting each one of us to bring to Him one soul, or more. To accomplish this, and to fulfill the Lord's purpose; I came to Oakwood.

ANASTASIO BARREIRO.

Oakwood means much to me. My reason for coming to Oakwood is found in the following words; "He leadeth me". Happiness and joy lie in the simple fact that He does not pull, drive, or force. He leads. Christian youth, what power is Jesus using with you? Christ sees something precious in you. The Savior wants to educate you, that you may do service for Him. Will you follow where the Master leads?

H. T. MITCHELL PALMER.

One desiring to obtain a Christian education should determine to connect with the Oakwood family. The mighty truths that have been revealed through history and illustrated in the lives of Joseph, Daniel and other great men, are taught here. God desires those who wish to work for Him to be fully prepared. Oakwood is the ideal place to seek knowledge. What fire is to crude ore, Oakwood Junior College is to the individual who desires to have a noble character.

Every boy and girl who has in view a high aim, upright and uplifting thoughts for the future, should attend Oakwood. Its standard is beyond that of worldly schools. Its principles are beyond criticism. Its aims are pure, elevating, and holy.

I repeat the language of another, "The greatest want of the world is the want of men, men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for right though the heavens fall". This also applies to women. Therefore if you desire to do something and be something, come to Oakwood Junior College.

WILLIE B. CARPENTER.

You should come to Oakwood because it is conducted especially for your best good. It is here that the future workers for the needy

Southland are receiving training. The cause of God needs every consecrated man and woman to help sound the last message of warning to a dying world. Oakwood is an institution of God's creation. Students are here afforded Christian association, and help which is not given by worldly schools. This school is one of opportunity. All one needs is stick-to-it-ive-ness and a willingness to learn and do. Students with these qualities will find work at Oakwood a pleasure.

Again, the work calls you. Are you going to respond? Are you making the necessary preparation for a life of service? If not, why not? Oakwood is the gateway to service. Why not enroll now? Come, and get a training, and join the sturdy army of workers from Oakwood for the speedy finishing of the work in the needy field.

RICHARD I. S. THOMPSON.

Oakwood gives the Christian training that cannot be obtained in worldly schools. Students at Oakwood are taught to live consistent Christian lives, in order that they may be in harmony with the training they are receiving. Oakwood is the place that God has designed colored youth should attend to be trained for His work.

PEARL WALKER.

It is of great importance to you to know of Oakwood, especially if you desire a Christian education and a place in which to serve God. It is a secluded spot—just suited for its purpose.

This great message must be preached to all the world—"and then shall the end come." My Christian friend, do you not feel it a part of your duty to help give this message to a dying world? Let the Holy Spirit be your guide. Desire an education, beneficial not to yourself only, but to others. Oakwood is just the place to secure the training necessary to prepare you for your mission.

For particulars address a letter to the President of this institution. Don't wait until next year. Start in this year with a determination to "show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

ANNIE S. WINSTON.

The Value Of The Testimonies

"**T**HY testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors." Ps. 119:24.

"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Ch. 20:20. There is no need of doubt when the Lord has spoken. They are safe who follow. More faith must be exercised in His words.

"The volumes of the *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." Vol. 5, p. 581. Let us carry out all they teach and greater results will still be seen.

"Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Prov. 29:18. "In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue." Vol. 4, p. 148.

W. H. Sebastian.

Counsel To Teachers And Students

Portion of an address given by
Mrs E. G. White at Huntsville,
June 21, 1904

I AM so pleased to see the colored students who are here today. I only wish there were many more in training for service; for there is a large field to work in the South. God wants the students before me to be His helping hands in reaching souls in many places. He wants them to have an intelligence so sharp and clear that they can grasp the most precious truths, and in the simplicity of Christ present these truths to those who have never heard them.

To those who are here, I would say, Seek to understand the Scriptures. God will help you. His eye is upon the race that has been so neglected, and he will send His angels to open your understanding.

In regard to this school here at Huntsville, I wish to say that for the past two or three years I have

been receiving instruction as to what it should be, and what those who come here as students are to become. All that is done by those connected with this school, is to be done with the realization that this is the Lord's institution, in which the students are to be taught how to cultivate the land, and how to labor for the uplifting of their own people. They are to work with such earnestness and perseverance that the farm will bear testimony to the fidelity with which this donation of land has been cared for. This is the Lord's land, and it is to bear fruit to His glory. Those who come to this school to receive instruction on the farm or in the school-room, are to be taught in right lines, and are to live in close connection with God.

I am so glad that we have this farm. One came to me, and said, "I think it is a mistake to keep that land. It is not half cultivated. I think that they might better turn it back to the conference."

That night instruction was given me regarding the matter. It was God's purpose that the school should be located near Huntsville. He saw that the workers here would not have to fight every inch of ground, as those in some other places have had to do, in order to establish the truth. The instruction was given me, "Never, never part with an acre of this land." It is to educate hundreds. If those who come here as teachers will do their part, if they will take up the work in God's name, sending their petitions to heaven for light and grace and strength, success will attend their efforts. The teachers are to be kind and tender, and at the same time very thorough in discipline. This is most essential.

Minutemen are needed in this school,—men who have vitality and power, men who are prepared to use the capabilities of the whole being in active service, that everything about this school may be of a character to recommend it to angels and to men. Teachers and students will then have the satisfaction of knowing that the work is done right.

Every one before me is to be a missionary for Christ. We want every one who comes to this school to try to get some other one to come. It has been represented to me that

there should be one hundred students, at least, in attendance. Will you not try in every way possible to swell the number to one hundred? And when the school year is over, these students should not be sent out to go where they please. They are to be trained and educated till they are able to go out into the field to work for the Master, to tell what the truth has done for them.

Students, God will help you, but you must not think that you can retain the unchristlike traits of character that you naturally possess. You must place yourselves in the school of Christ. You must learn from the One who learned from His Father. He did what His Father told Him to do; and we are to do what He tells us to do.

"Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Do not bring to the foundation that which is represented as wood, hay, and stubble; for such material will be destroyed by fire. Bring the material that is spoken of in the word of God, as gold, silver, and precious stones. This will stand the test. If you bring worthless material to the foundation, your work will be consumed. Although you may save your own soul, you will have nothing to show for your life-work. God desires you not merely to save your own soul, but to bring others to Him, who, when the redeemed are gathered home, will be among those who will cast their glittering crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, and fill all heaven with rich music. Those ransomed ones will exclaim, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and that sitteth upon the throne;" and then they will go to the ones who spoke to them the words which brought them into right relation to God, and will say, "It was your influence through Christ, that led me to accept the truth of heavenly origin."

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." You are to fear lest you make a mistake, and lead others to follow a wrong example. Whatever you do, it is to show the fidelity which God acknowledges.

God has given to every man his work, and He puts His stamp on all work that is genuine. But spurious work is of no value in His sight. Everything is to be done with thoroughness. There is to be no sham work. If you will do thorough work here, your education will be worth double to you in after life what it would if you should leave school with a defective education, not having done thorough work.

The Lord says, "Work out your own salvation." How are you to do this?—By doing the very things He wants you to do, that you may become intelligent in His service. He has given you talents to be improved. He has bestowed on the colored race some of the best and highest talents.

You have precious opportunities in this school, and we want you to do your level best yourselves in gaining a fitness for service. We want you to learn how to educate the minds and hands of others, so that they in turn can lead still others to Christ, and receive a crown of rejoicing. You are to be patient, kind, gentle, and yet strong for the right. You are to place your feet on the platform of eternal truth,—the platform that no storm or tempest can sweep away. Do you ask what this platform is?—It is the law of God. He says that if you will keep His commandments, you shall be a kingdom of priests, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

God's wants us to be planted in Christ. Then we shall be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Then at last we shall see the King in His beauty, and behold His matchless charms.

We are preparing to enter the holy city. Keep this thought in mind all the time. There is a heaven of bliss before us. Keep thinking of this. And there is a joy that we may have in Christ, even in this world. To those who keep His commandments He says, "My joy shall be in you, and your joy shall be full." "Keep His commandments and live, and His law as the apple of thine eye."

May God bless you all. If I never see you again on this earth,

I hope that I shall see you in the kingdom of God.

Go Forward

GO FORWARD is the command of God to His people. *Vol. 9, p. 271.*

When we are troubled through fear, and know not the paths we follow, let us remember that Jesus knows all about the way, and we may safely trust Him. When many things distress the mind and we are perplexed about our work, if we will trust Him and go forward He will lead us out into a clear understanding of His providence. Every plan, if laid before Him, will be worked out as He sees best. His ways are always best. There is no need of carrying a heavy load when Jesus says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." We must not turn to the right nor to the left; then our way shall be prosperous and we shall have good success.

With God there is no failure. Everything that He has promised will be brought about. He allows His children to be tested severely to see how much confidence they will place in Him. He works through us, both to will and to do of His Good pleasure. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way that thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye." "What a promise! Is there something that we need? Is there something that is to be done? Says One, "I am excellent in working and mighty in doing." Then, can not all things be done in His name? He sees the work as though already accomplished. It is our privilege to know this and to confide in Him. What He has done for His people in the past He is just as willing to do for them today. We must work and trust. Faith makes all things real. It is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." "We walk by faith, not by sight." "By works is faith made perfect."

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

A Plea For Consecration

WE REJOICE that we have been called to share in the blessings of the "Third Angel's Message", which is to be carried to all the

peoples of the earth in this generation. We should remember also that this privilege brings upon us the weighty responsibility of doing our very best, not only to save ourselves, but the rest of mankind. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

Now is the time to work because of the cries in our home and foreign fields, that are ever ringing in our ears, "Come over and help us" ere we perish for the water of life; and because of our King's command—the execution of which, demands haste. We dare not lag in doing our whole duty, even at great sacrifice, lest we be classed with the "lukewarm." If we have done well in the past, we should not forget that when we have done our best, we are still unworthy servants, and we should take right hold and help to round out the year's work, laying a foundation for the task that is before us for the next year.

We plead with all of our co-laborers in this department to encourage our brethren and sisters to do what they can to make the Harvest Ingathering a real success in bringing in funds for missions. Also that we bring in a faithful tithe and liberal offerings. May our God aid us to do our full duty in helping to swell the collection to more than a dollar per member before the year closes. Because of the needs of the homeland, and the urgent calls from the mission fields for more men and money, the goal for 1920 was set at fifty cents per week, except the colored members of the three Southern Unions, and the Mexicans members, which is thirty cents.

My dear fellow laborers I feel sure that we can, by the help of the Lord, bring in our part, and even more if we will take courage, and get under the load. At the same time we would build up our work spiritually throughout the North and South, and add precious souls and worthy laborers to the cause of God. "But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, . . . so built we the wall; and all the wall was joined

together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Eze. 5: 5; Neh. 4: 6.

W. H. GREEN.
Secretary.

Notes From The Field

October the fifth I began my journey to Boulder, Colo., to attend the Fall Council which opened the eighth. While there I visited the Denver colored church two Sabbaths and Sunday nights. The church has the care of Brother Coopwood, who has been employed by the Conference to look after the Denver and Pueblo churches. I met him, and learned that he is planning aggressive work. The first Sabbath that I met with the Denver church was October 11, on which the church raised an amount equal to one dollar per member.

After departing from Colorado the next church I visited was at Omaha, Nebr. The church there has been without help since Elder Bradford was called to Philadelphia last spring. There is a good little congregation, with a nice church building, with plenty of work before it in giving the message to those in sin and darkness. A minister has been selected for them. We hope that when he takes charge he will put real life into the work and build up the church.

After attending the Southern Union Mission Committee at Nashville, Tenn., the 27th of October, I hastened to Detroit, Mich. only to remain there a day or two and then proceed to Louisville, Ky., to attend a convention, and dedication of the Chestnut Street church, Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

During the time that Elder J. H. Lawrence labored in that city a strong church of more than a hundred and twenty-five members was built up. They purchased a nicely located property and built a church and established a church school. Last year about the first of September, Elder J. G. Dasent took charge of the work in the state and located in Louisville. He set himself about the remodeling of the church. By paint, new pews, and other needful repairs, they put the church in fine shape.

The convention and dedication were very well attended. Elders J. M. Campbell, Indianapolis, Ind., and A. Osterman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were among the visitors. Elder R. I. Keate, the conference president, was present most of the time, helping and giving timely encouragement and advice. The pastor in his review of the progress of the church, showed that last year thirty-one precious souls had been added to the church; that the tithes and offerings were increased more than \$850.00; that \$1600.00 were raised for local need, the whole amounting to \$6000.00. The dedication took place at 3:30 p. m., Sunday, October 2, and the meeting closed Sunday night with a musical and a short sermon by Elder Osterman.

From Louisville I left for points in Ohio, and a day or two at home. Time was short as I was to attend the convention and dedication of the church recently purchased by our people in Indianapolis, Ind. This was held November 5-8. The dedication took place at 3 p. m., with sermon at night by Elder Dasent.

Elder J. M. Campbell had been laboring there for more than a year. When he went there to take charge of the work he found a nice little company of Sabbath-keepers but no church building. After failing in several attempts they found a white church that was located in a colored neighborhood for sale for \$7500.00; which, through the conference, they were able to purchase last April for \$5500.00 cash. They moved in sometime in May, and after cleaning and repairing it at some cost, they dedicated it, virtually free from debt. It is a substantial frame structure, large enough to seat between three and four hundred, with rear apartments for Sabbath school rooms and church school room, besides a good cement basement that can be made into treatment rooms.

Elder C. S. Wiest, the president of the Indiana Conference, was present much of the time giving aid and encouragement. Visitors present were: Pastor J. E. Cox, Columbus, Ohio, his Bible worker, and several members; J. L. Mc-

Conaughey, Home Missionary Secretary for the Lake Union; Elders W. D. Forde, Chicago, Ill., U. S. Willis, St. Louis, Mo., and J. G. Dasent.

From Indianapolis I ran down to Kentucky, thence to Ohio, then on to New York City to attend the Union Conference, stopping on the way at Washington, D. C.

W. H. GREEN.

Fayetteville N. C.

As we feel that many have been watching the papers to hear something in regard to the work at Fayetteville, we are giving you the following information.

Our effort opened the twelfth of June, and continued every night (Saturday night excepted) until our campmeeting convened in Charlotte, N. C. the twenty-fifth of August. At this time we changed our everynight meeting to three nights per week. We continued service under the tent until the last Sunday night in September, at which time we took the tent down and began to worship in a church building in a suburb of the town.

At the beginning of the effort it seemed that the people tried to overcharge us for everything so that we might not be able to finance things and would have to take down our tent and move. Even light cost us five dollars per week on the start, and three dollars and fifty cents per week later. But we are glad to say that God caused the people to be liberal toward us and gave us in donations a little more than \$403.00, which paid all expenses and about \$100.00 more, which was given over to the conference treasury.

At the close of the effort it seemed that every building was occupied, and we could get no place to worship. The only available house was the church building mentioned above. The landlord said: "You can get that but it will cost you twenty dollars per month." As this was the only thing in sight we accepted it and moved in. The donations pay this expense and the work of God still moves onward. We have a Sabbath school of forty-

five members who are now awaiting church organization. We have paid over \$100.00 tithe and offerings, and have in the treasury \$334.70 for church building fund. Other souls are in the valley of decision and we believe they will soon stand with the people of God.
B. W. ABNEY.

Dedication At Louisville

IN reviewing the work of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Louisville, Ky., I permit me to take you back to about ten years ago when a small church of about twenty members met regularly in the parlor of Brother Meade Minnis, at 3110 Grand Avenue. Brother Minnis was elder, Sister Elizabeth Whitman, treasurer, and Sister Neil Weaver, (since deceased) clerk. With no regular minister to look after their spiritual interests; this handful of members, like loyal soldiers, faithfully held up the standard of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus in the face of a frowning world. In those days the annual tithe amounted to about \$250.00 and all other offerings to a little over \$100.00. Occasionally white and colored workers both put forth efforts to advance the work among the colored people but failed as far as increasing the membership was concerned. They faithfully plowed the field and sowed the seed, praying for the harvest. In the spring of 1910 I arrived in this city, and in the summer of the same year Elder J. H. Lawrence arrived, and together we conducted a tent effort near the corner of 36th Street and Grand Avenue. As a result twelve souls were added to our ranks. These members have rendered valuable service to the church, with these additions new life was brought into the church.

In the fall of 1910 I accepted a call from Alabama Conference, leaving Brother Lawrence the only minister among 50,000 colored people. Plans were already made, however, for the purchase of a property on 21st Street at a cost of \$1,000.00, which was secured and converted into a place of worship. Brother Lawrence labored successfully in this city for fully seven years, dur-

ing which time the work was strongly built up, and the number of workers were increased.

About seven years ago this building, which we are about to dedicate, was bought for \$2,300.00, and a little over one half as much more was spent in fitting it up for the purpose for which it was obtained.

The tithes for 1915 were \$1392.00, in 1916 they increased to \$2002.00. During the year beginning October 1, 1917, tithes were received to the amount of \$2,800.00 and \$670.00 as mission offerings, but for the year ending September 30, 1919, the treasurer's books show \$3,037.00 tithe and \$1,321.00 mission offerings; or an increase in tithe and offerings over the preceding year, of nearly \$850.00. Besides these, fully \$615.00 have been collected for Home Missionary purposes.

As cheering as this report is it must be remembered that the prosperity of the church is not considered merely from the stand point of dollars and cents. The church of Christ is established for one purpose, and that is to save souls. During the past year we have been able to reach several hundreds with this last warning message, so our labors have not been without results.

Early this summer systematic plans were laid for improvement of our church building. It was clear to us all that the time had come for it to be dedicated to the Lord. Sister Miles, the treasurer of the church improvement committee, reported but a little over forty dollars in the treasury. When we took into consideration the high cost of materials, we thought the only thing we could do was to paint the building. After we started the work other things suggested themselves to us, and after four months of hard work we are able to have our place of worship as it appears before you today at a cost of nearly \$1,000.00, free from all incumbrances and indebtedness.

Thanks be to God for His rich and precious blessings so largely meted out to us, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit which worked upon the hearts of our people to give so liberally to His cause; and thanks to the faithful members and friends who so readily responded and gave

of their meager earnings to the cause of God. I want to thank that kind friend who donated \$200. when it was learned that we were about to secure new seats for the church.

God is leading His children. The prospects for the work here in Louisville are brighter than they have ever been before. We have asked for great things, and we are expecting great things.

J. GERSHOM DASENT.

Portsmouth, Va.

IT HAS been some time since I have written anything for the *Gospel Herald*. Tonight while I have a few moments I will take the time to let our readers know what we are doing here in the state of Virginia.

I came to this State two months ago, after spending three and a half years in the state of Mississippi. As my health began to fail I left Mississippi and came here as I had a little home in this State. Soon after my arrival I was asked to join Elder Sebastian in a tent effort in the city of Norfolk, and later to take charge of the work in the city of Newport News. Later still I was asked to look after the work in the Tidewaters, which takes in Newport News, Phoebus, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkley and Hampton.

Each of these towns has a very large population. They run thus: Newport News about 75,000, Portsmouth 85,000, Hampton 20,000, Phoebus 10,000, Norfolk 200,000, Berkley 45,000.

At Newport we have a church of twenty-six members, and a church building. The Norfolk church has no building as yet, but they hope to have one soon. We have a neat building here in Portsmouth for which we are thankful at this time. It cost us \$2000 twelve months ago. Our membership here is small, only fifteen members, but they are good workers. Sister Mary Miles, our church school teacher, has done a good work here. She has more children now than she can accommodate, and others have been turned away. We are planning to add another teacher soon. Our school is located in the rear of the

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church building. It pays to have a church building. I would like to say to all our churches that have no building, take the twenty-five cent books and get to work and the God of heaven will bless you. Don't sit down and look to someone to give you a building. Get up and go to work colored folks. We find these words in the book of Deut. 28:12, "The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure." In the book of Malachi we find these words, "I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

R. H. WATKINS.

Jefferson, Texas

WE ARE very glad to report good news for the work in this place. All are well among our little band of believers, so far as I can hear. Some are away in the cotton fields, others are up in the pine woods making cross-ties. Everybody works hard out here.

We have begun to raise money for our new church. The last Sabbath we met, we took in cash and pledges \$75.00. This is a very small sum in dollars and cents, but it is a big sacrifice for these poor people at this time of year when crops are almost a complete failure among our people. The high water destroyed the cotton crop for two of our brethren, not leaving them 100 lbs. of cotton, yet these two men say we must have a church and pledged \$20.00 each.

Our Sabbath school donations for last quarter averaged above fifteen cents per member for each Sabbath;

we are trying to reach twenty cents per member. We are planning to send our donation to the Oakwood Junior College as soon as some who have pledged bring their amounts in. We failed to meet on October 11 because of the rain. This caused some of the people to be late with their dollars. We have just received our *Harvest Ingathering* papers. I went out a part of three days and collected \$5.72. None of our people have been asked to go out yet as we had only a few papers and all of our members have been working very hard for a living since the crop failure.

E. M. GATES.

Mrs. E. M. GATES.

Nut Cookery

"WHEN flesh food is discarded, we should supply its place with a variety of grains, fruits and vegetables that are appetizing." Then if we must have meat to eat, why not eat nut meat? Below is a recipe for the above mentioned food.

NUT MEAT

- 2 cups corn starch
- 2 " tomato juice
- 2 " peanut butter
- ½ cup hot water
- 1 medium sized onion grated
- 1 powered bay leaf

Salt to taste; mix tomato juice and peanut butter together first, then add other ingredients; cook in double boiler, or in covered cans placed in water; boil for four hours; slice and serve as other cold meats.

Mrs. L. J. PRYOR.

OAKWOOD NEWS

Elders S. E. Wight, W. H. Branson, and E. E. Andross; Professors W. E. Howell, J. A. Tucker, and J. C. Thompson; and Brother G. H. Curtis of the Union Conference, were recent visitors at Oakwood. These brethren were with us planning for the future of the school. Among other recommendations was one providing for a committee to draw up a plan for the regular development of the institution.

Recently we were pleased to welcome to our midst three families from Baltimore, Maryland, who came to be trained for service in the Lord's work. These have all been located in buildings on the Ford land recently purchased.

Recently a quantity of fruit trees and berry plants were ordered for fall setting. Conditions convince us that we should provide still further for producing fruits, grains, and vegetables in larger quantities.

Brother Swofford, our farmer, reports twelve hundred gallons of sorghum, and more than as many bushels of sweet potatoes harvested this season. These are staple crops at Oakwood and add materially to our home provisions for school necessities.

Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Bird have been on the sick list for a few days. Both are doing well.

Students are still coming in and we are perplexed to know where to place them. Professor Beardsley announced in a recent faculty meeting, that he had on his list about twenty students who were still expected to arrive. Both dormitories are crowded, and the rooms over the Dining Hall are filled.

We are sorry to report the destruction of our cottage "Hilltop" by fire on the night of the 23rd. The fire occurred while we were at vespers. Brother Stephen's family, who were occupying the cottage, lost most of their possessions.

Old Mansion is receiving a much-needed repairing. A new roof is under way with a promise of other improvements. The office is now nicely located in the east room on first floor, while the room on the opposite side of the hall is being transformed into a sewing room. This building when fully put in repair and repainted will add much to the improvement of the campus.

Our library has now been moved into the rooms formally occupied by the Business Office. In one of these rooms are the shelves for the books and periodicals while the other is arranged for the convenience of the students. This greatly simplifies the work in the library and adds to the general appearance of Study Hall.