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We gathered not to sleep and eat,
But sit and learn at Jesus' feet,
To pray and climb to Pisgah's height
For clearer views of what is right.

Many things which here we learned
Were those for which our hearts have yearned;
Christ's love and power were brought to view;
Our hearts were given to Him anew.

We get His power by constant prayer,
For so the words of God declare.
The heart must always single be
If men from sin would be set free.

The worker who would have success
Must labor as the Lord directs,
And must not follow worldly schemes
In advertising Bible themes.

All nations are our mission field,
The word of God our sword and shield;
Christ is our constant hiding tower,
The Spirit is our source of power.

And thus equipped, with God our aid,
The end will not be long delayed;
The Saviour will in glory come,
And take us to His happy home.

C. M. KINNEY.

Lexington, Ky.

TO THE delegates and believers assembled at the first session of the Kentucky Mission, Greetings.

It was late in the spring of 1918 that I received a call from the Kentucky Mission to make this state my field of labor. I regretted very much having to leave the Tennessee River Mission, where God had blessed my labors, and it was with reluctance that I took my leave of my many friends and acquaintances there at the close of the first camp-meeting since that field had been organized as a mission.

I arrived at Louisville in the fall of the year, in time to conduct the first camp-meeting ever held for our people in this state.

As I look back upon my work for the twenty-one months I have been here, I can see God's guiding providences and His great love for us. There is much to be thankful for, to make our hearts rejoice and praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

Soon after my arrival I visited the churches, companies, and isolated members. I then laid my plans before the Mission committee, and it was agreed that I locate in Louisville and spend the most of my time with the church here. It was not until the spring of 1919, however, that conditions permitted me to engage in any aggressive work. The influenza epidemic, the distresses and sorrows which followed in its path, and the stringent health restrictions, greatly hindered our workers. In

December, 1918, I embraced an opportunity to hold a week's meetings with the church in Lexington. These meetings were particularly for the benefit of the church members who were in need of ministerial help. The effort was much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

In the spring of 1919 I delivered a series of lectures in our place of worship on Chestnut Street. These lectures were well attended with satisfactory results.

The following summer I conducted a tent effort in an eastern colored section of the city. In connection with the effort an opportunity was given our workers to get a training and an experience in the work. It may be well to state that in the beginning of 1919 there was but one worker in the field beside myself. While we were all disappointed to some extent with the result of the effort, we were able to place the truth before hundreds of intelligent men and women, a few were added to our ranks, and from the tent company we were able to select as many workers as were needed.

After assuming the responsibility of the work in this city, my attention was called to the condition of our place of worship and the plans which were being discussed for its improvement and dedication. Systematic plans were laid to raise the money needed for repairs, etc. In about four months a thousand dollars were realized for this purpose. Early in the fall of the same year a Home Missionary

convention and dedicatory service was held. The churches were well represented and the meetings which were well attended were very instructive and interesting. Returning from the Hinsdale Sanitarium, whither I went for medical attention and treatment last December, I attended our Union meeting in Nashville, after which it was decided at a meeting of our local committee to invite Brother E. S. Jordian to look after the city work, and that I give my entire time to evangelistic work.

It was my intention this last spring to hold an effort either in Bowling Green or Shelbyville. Both places were visited, but on account of lack of men and means at that time I had to change my plans and tarry in Louisville a little longer.

It was on Sunday, February 29, that I opened my spring campaign for 1920 in a large hall centrally located in a thickly populated colored community. There twice a week, every Sunday and Wednesday night, we proclaimed the message of Christ's soon coming to an eager and anxious throng, and continued there for three months. In this effort the Lord richly blessed the labors of his servants.

During the biennial period ending June 30, 1920, fifty-four precious souls have been added to our ranks; fifty-one of these new members were connected with the Chestnut Street Church. During the last biennial period, July 1916 to June 1918, the membership of this church dropped from one hundred and thirty to ninety-four, according to the conference statistical report. But despite our losses by death, removals, and through apostasies, we are glad to report that our roll now shows a membership of one hundred and thirty-four.

With the increase of membership comes the corresponding increase in tithes and offerings, as the following comparative statement will show:

Year	Tithes	Miss. Offerings	Total
1916-1917	\$2029.31	\$398.81	\$2428.12
1917-1918	2368.29	652.99	3021.28
	4397.60	1051.80	5449.40
1918-1919	3378.25	977.44	4355.69
1919-1920	3218.62	1298.30	4517.17
	6596.87	2275.74	8872.76

These figures show that during the present biennial period there has been a gain of \$2199.27 tithes and \$1224.50 mission offerings over the preceding period. It may be well to call your attention to the fact that the mission offerings for the past eleven months exceed those received during the past biennial term by \$247.06.

Systematic plans are being laid for an aggressive campaign this summer and fall. If carried out successfully it will mean an addition of two churches to our mission. To be able to carry out these plans we need another experienced minister and at least two more lady Bible workers added to our force. I sincerely trust that this matter will be taken up at this meeting and be given the careful consideration which it demands. Above all we need a greater supply of grace and a larger portion of the Spirit's

power, that we may be able to do more effective work for the Master. For this great blessing we earnestly pray, and solicit the prayers of you delegates here assembled.

J. G. DASENT,
State Evangelist.

Memphis, Tenn

ELDER J. H. LAWRENCE, our Mission Union Evangelist, has just closed a ten days' effort that was blessed of God in a very marked manner. With no advertisement whatever, except the members inviting their friends, we were crowded from the first night far beyond our seating capacity. The members gladly gave way to make room for visitors, still many went away because they could not find standing room.

The people manifested a deep interest in the truths presented, and desired the evangelist to continue his meetings. At the close four were baptized, and two or three others will soon be ready to go forward in this blessed ordinance; several are deeply interested and are studying further.

Our tithes and offerings for this quarter show quite an increase over those of last quarter:

	Tithes	Miss. Offerings	Total
Last quarter	\$414.46	\$ 96.00	\$510.46
This quarter	548.96	127.59	676.55
Membership 95		Grand total	1187.01

We trust that the Thirteenth Sabbath offering will greatly swell the amount of our mission offerings for this quarter.

Many of our members are preparing to attend the camp-meeting at Nashville.

Our hearts are grateful to God for all His blessings.

Mrs. M. L. McKINNEY,
Church Treasurer.

Cleburne Texas

WE OPENED school at Cleburne, Texas, the first of January. Our attendance increased to thirty-three. We had quite a success to have opened so late, and enjoyed our work very much.

The people at Cleburne are anxious for our work to continue among them. Our tuition was raised from ten cents to twenty-five cents a week. Our patrons willingly paid for their children to attend the school besides having to buy their books, while if they had sent them to the public school their books would have been furnished free by the state.

We have many needy ones attending our school. One family is sending seven. They were in much need of shoes and clothes. We solicit the aid of any one who is able to assist such in the way of clothes and shoes. We also ask those who have copies of our books *True Education* to spare, to please remember our school at Cleburne. Send all books donated to our conference office at Keene, Texas. Address, North Texas Conference, Keene, Texas. State that it is for the mission school at Cleburne. Our school will open again in September.

KATIE E. BAKER.

Oakwood Colporteurs' Report for Week Ending June 20, 1920

Name	Hours	Orders	Value
Cade, Bertha	36½	34	178.50
Cheatham, Wm.	48	60	332.50
Connolly, L. H.	45½	36	176.00
Cox, Alex	52	115	653.25
Cox, Fannie	62	133	772.50
Davis, Jessie	72		326.75
Edwards, Otis	56	28	165.55
Francis, Eric	52	102	521.00
Gordon, Claude	62	124	745.50
Harris, George	60	50	331.00
Jenkins, George	54	31	171.00
Lanoix, H.	49	36	200.00
Lewis, E. N.	49	50	325.00
Little, Ramos	59	87	502.00
McLeod, Rouse	51	52	253.00
*Matthew, John	115	198	945.50
Paul, Charles	55½	24	148.20
Seard, Charles	60	60	345.50
Thomson, Richard	64	70	343.00
Williams, J. B. E.	56	63	304.50
Young, Herbert	45	71	357.50

*For two weeks.

From Absent Students

WHEN I review my life for a few years back and think of what I was, and then of what God through Oakwood has made of me, my whole being is filled with gratitude. Not until one realizes what changes have been made in him can he fully appreciate the education that is offered at dear old O. J. C. It is an "all round" education, one that prepares the hand, the head, and the heart of the student for a noble life work. I am glad that God has permitted me to spend three years in being trained there, and although I had to come home to build up my health, I shall be overjoyed when the time comes for me to return. PAULINE EMANUEL.

Oakwood has done much for me this past term. It has given me courage to be a worker for my Master. I thank my teachers for their instructions. The Mobile church has ordered two hundred copies of the GOSPEL HERALD, and I mean to do my bit in this campaign and always be an Oakwood booster. I think I have my student for the "bring one" campaign for the coming term. CLEO WILSON.

To Oakwood is due the credit for having caused me to accept this great message. By attending the institution I have learned many helpful lessons that I shall remember as long as life lasts. I have also received the inspiration to be all that it is possible for me to be in this world, and then inherit the one to come. WILLIE L. CHEATHAM.

The experience gotten at Oakwood during the past school year has been to me a book filled with precious memories. No one can appreciate the good things given at Oakwood until he is away from there. I hope to return. CLAUDE H. GORDON.

Oakwood has indeed helped me. I dare say if it had not been for Oakwood, I would not have had a knowledge of the Bible. The scriptures seem to pour as if it were rain, and I often say that it is the work of God anointing my head with wisdom from on high. The scriptures never fail to come in the needy time. I owe all of the credit to Oakwood, and I shall always speak a good word for the school wherever I go. CAROLYN COOPER.

I am proud of Oakwood. It has done much for me during the past year. My Bible class was a great help to me; I learned many lessons as I went about my work day after day. I am going to do all that I can to make Oakwood what it ought to be. MAUDE JACKSON.

My sentiment toward Oakwood may be expressed in these words, I love Oakwood. First, because of the association it affords with godly and intelligent men and women; second, because of what it has done for me, in helping me to aspire to the height God designed I should reach. Many people acknowledge the fact that "there's no place like home", but I say "there's no place like Oakwood." GEORGE JENKINS.

It is very encouraging to know what one's fellow students can do. Although I am not in their line of work I certainly appreciate the colporteurs' success, and would be glad to hear from them as often as possible. I believe that when a student receives instruction at O. J. C. he is able to cope with anything. I wish that every colored boy and girl in the South had the opportunity of going to Oakwood, for I am sure from the experience I have had there that it would refine their character and develop their intellect. PEARCE SIMPKINS.

I was really happy to hear from you. It does my heart good to hear such good reports from dear old home, Oakwood. I have not forgotten Oakwood since I left there, and I am looking forward to the time when we shall meet again. H. LANOIX.

I can truly say that Oakwood has done much for me the past year while I was there, and while I am over here I want to do all I can to help others. HERBERT A. YOUNG.

I count myself fortunate to have been at Oakwood during the past school year. For me to make mention of the privilege to be there, the good and the blessing received, space would not allow. But as the queen of Sheba said to the wise king, "the half was never told," so it is. For one to know what O. J. C. can do for him, to him it must be a vivid reality. R. S. LITTLE.

The past school year at Oakwood has helped me to solve many problems. I have learned many lessons, not only from books, but also in Christian experiences. Oakwood is truly a battle ground where everyone needs to keep his sword sharp, for where God's truth has been established, Satan is more busy than elsewhere; therefore it behooves us to keep our weapons sharpened. L. H. CONNOLLY.

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OBITUARIES

GUILDFORD: Sister Guildford was born in Hensy County, Ala., about the year 1869, and grew up in a Christian home. She united in marriage with Brother S. S. Guildford in 1910, and embraced present truth the following year, remaining faithful until the time of her death, April 27, caused by a cancer. She leaves a husband, four brothers, relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

R. R. ROBERTS.

OAKWOOD NEWS

The following items are taken from the President's letter to the colporteur students dated June 30:

A number of interesting things have taken place since our last letter. The first I will mention is a visit by Elder M. D. Wood, missionary on furlough from India, having spent about twenty-seven years in that country. He came Thursday afternoon and spoke that night, also Friday morning at 5:00 and 9:30. On Thursday evening he was dressed in the native Hindu costume, having on his head a bright yellow piece of cloth arranged in a neat turban, and hanging down his back; he also had a long scarf about his neck, which was decorated in flashing colors at the ends. On his forehead was a wide mark of white paint which he said was the Hindu sign that he had prayed to his god that day. His other apparel was white. Altogether he looked very neat, but of course rather singular as compared with American dress. He told us many interesting things about India and our work there.

• Professor and Mrs. C. J. Boyd, and son, Harold, spent the night at the school Thursday. They left Friday morning for Nashville, from which place they expect to visit relatives in Missouri and Kansas. Professor O. E. Thompson and Miss Reeder accompanied them, and as they are making the trip in a touring car, we bespeak for them a very enjoyable vacation.

Yesterday morning three of the students, Miss Day, and I, went down to the freight depot where we labeled and sacked some forty-three thousand copies of the special GOSPEL HERALD, and by this time they are no doubt on the way to those ordering them. We have some other orders that are not yet filled, and today Elder Bird and three or four of the girls are very busy getting the subscription list

ready. There has been some delay in getting the magazines mailed, but the Lord has worked for us, and what at one time seemed an insurmountable obstacle will, we believe, be used to forward the work at Oakwood.

Last night the Oakwood family met in the chapel to discuss plans for the campaign. Sisters Baugh and Swedenborg reported their progress with the magazines last Sunday. Together they brought back nearly twelve dollars, one of them having received an average of twenty-eight cents for each paper used, and the other thirty-one cents. They worked around the station in Huntsville. Plans were laid last evening for working Huntsville and nearby towns Saturday nights and Sundays.

Perhaps some of you will remember Miss Alma Anderson, who visited us last Christmas. She has been here visiting Mrs. Beardsley for the past month, making preparations to leave for China. Last Sunday her fiancé, Mr. R. M. Milne, from Newfoundland, arrived, and this afternoon they are to be married at my home. The bride and groom will leave on the eight o'clock train tonight, and expect to sail for their field of labor July 24, where they will be engaged in school work.

The principal thing of unusual interest at Sabbath school last Sabbath was the Thirteenth Sabbath offering, which totaled \$67.24. By this you will see that the Oakwood Sabbath school passed her goal of \$300.00, the total amount being \$320.96.

The grammar class which is being taught by Sister Stratton has grown so large that it was necessary to divide it, and Sister Baugh is teaching one of the divisions. Sister Stratton has also several music pupils.

Our summer school is progressing nicely. Twenty-five teachers from the various conferences are in attendance. Classes are conducted in "Education" and "Counsels to Teachers," as well as in Bible History and Bible Doctrines. Reviews are also conducted in the various branches. Professor J. A. Tucker, of the Southern Union; Sister Sorenson, of Washington, D. C.; Professors E. C. Jacobsen and W. L. Bird, of the College, and Sister Anna Knight, are the instructors. The teachers are endeavoring to make their work the most profitable. Summer school has, we hope, become a permanent part of the work at Oakwood.

Professors J. C. Thompson and Thomas Little were recent visitors at Oakwood. They came in the interests of the summer school.

Today the boys on the farm are hauling in the oats which have recently been cut. The yield is good, and we are thankful for the feed since corn is scarce.

The new roof on Old Mansion is nearly completed, also one of the porches on West Hall. Everybody is busy at Oakwood. In the dining department the girls have been spending some time picking and canning blackberries. They are nice and very plentiful this year.