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What Should Be Done with Persons Who Fail As Ministers and Bible Workers?

THIS IS an important topic, consequently, I cannot attempt to draw any conclusion hastily. "What should be done with persons who fail as ministers and Bible workers after thorough trial?"

First, I will ask, what constitutes a thorough trial? Secondly, upon what conditions should men and women, or prospective ministers and Bible workers, be engaged, when first asked to connect with this movement as employees? In answer to these questions, I will say that I believe in a Divine call from God directly to men and women of this age, to do a specific work, as verily as in by-gone days. And if an individual thus called—of God, and not merely of men—rightly relates himself or herself to that call, there can be no failure in that person's labor as a whole.

Now what constitutes this Divine call on which depends real success? This I will sum up under three heads thus: (a) The heart-burden, or passion for men's souls upon the individual's heart; (b) fruitfulness by way of soul-winning; (c) satisfaction of the church and experienced servants of God, that the individual's success, as well as his life, and intellectual qualifications, all give evidence of his call of God.

We must remember that we dare not trust the "impression" alone that some often regard as their call to the ministry; neither is it necessarily true that one is called to be a minister, or Bible worker because some souls respond to their teaching. Has not God called His whole church to be a soul-winning agency in a general way, and given to every man his work? At this point I quote from page 141 of *Gospel Workers*: "Some have thought that because persons could pray and exhort with a degree of freedom in meeting they were qualified to go forth as laborers, and before they were proved, or could show any good fruit of their labors, men whom God has not sent have been encouraged and flattered by some brethren lacking experience. But their work shows the character of the workman. They scatter and confuse, but do not gather in and build up. A few may receive the truth as the fruit of their labors; but these generally rise no higher than those from whom they learn the truth." Now it is not for me to say what constitutes a "thorough trial", or how long a person should be retained, but justice demands that the prospective worker be given all the possible help and encouragement conducive to success and efficiency.

I might say that such a person should be given the privilege of association with experienced and successful workers; and secondly, regard should be had for the fields in which such probationers labor. If they cannot succeed in one place and in association with certain workers, they should be transferred to some other field, to be helped by some other workers with whom they may develop better. In such a case frank counsel with the individual and the officials and other workers concerned should characterize the transfer, nothing being done to discourage the young worker. His good traits should be commended to his new associates and officers, and he be advised his transfer being for his good. We have the case of John Mark in his relation to Paul and Barnabas as an example. See Acts 13:13; 15:36-40; Col. 4:10, 11; 2 Tim. 4:11. And when such prospective workers are first approached by conference officials or ministers it should always be made very plain to them that they are taken on trial, or probation. They should be advised beforehand what success (to some extent at least) is required of them, and that if they cannot succeed after sufficient trial, that it will be regarded they are not called to such work, and that then they will be released to follow some other work of their choice.

And I do not feel like passing from this phase of the topic without saying that conference presidents and ministers should exercise care and not urge young people out of school, to take up work in their fields, before they are sufficiently educated; as the lack of education will certainly prove a barrier to success in these days.

No person who really loves this message would want to be retained on the pay-roll as a consumer and non-producer. He will be glad to go to some other work where he or she may succeed better and thus help forward the work by their earnings, instead of having the sacred tithes spent on them, which surely would be displeasing to God who has ordained that this money should be spent only for one purpose—the support of active workers.

And should not such a brother or sister gladly welcome such a change, and go forth devoting time, energy and skill along other lines so they can still help the good work forward? It seems to me that consistency so dictates. But before we pass from this phase of our topic, permit me to quote the following from the Spirit of Prophecy: "Men who think that they have a duty to preach, should not be sustained in throwing themselves and their

families at once upon the brethren for support. They are not entitled to this until they can show good fruits of their labor." *Gospel Workers*, page 145. "When a minister bearing the solemn message of warning to the world . . . is careless in his example and deportment, engaging with the young in trifling conversation, in jesting and joking and in relating humorous anecdotes to create laughter, he is unworthy of being a gospel minister, and needs to be converted before he should be entrusted with the care of the sheep and lambs. Ministers who are neglectful of the duties devolving on a faithful pastor, give evidence that they are not sanctified by the truths they present to others, and should not be sustained as laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, till they have a high sense of the sacredness of the work of a minister of Christ." *G. W.*, pages 251, 252. "Some ministers labor from month to month, and accomplish so little that the churches become disheartened; they cannot see that anything is being done to convert souls to the truth, nor to make those who are church members more spiritual or fervent in their love to God and His truth. Those who are handling sacred things should be wholly consecrated to the work. They should possess an unselfish interest in it, and a fervent love for perishing souls. If they do not have this, they have mistaken their mission, and should cease their labor of teaching others." *Test.*, Vol. 2, pages 340, 341. Again: "The future usefulness of young preachers depends much upon the manner in which they enter upon their labors. Brethren who have the cause of God at heart are so anxious to see the truth advance that they are in danger of doing too much for ministers who have not been proved, by helping them liberally to means, and giving them influence. Those who enter the gospel field should be left to earn themselves a reputation, even if it must be through trials and privations. They should first give full proof of their ministry." Vol. 1, p. 443. Paul counsels: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, . . . Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." 1 Tim. 4: 12-16.

So then, it is evident from the foregoing statements, (and many more could be produced), that if after proper trial a person fails to succeed in the gospel field, such person or persons should not be supported indefinitely from the tithes.

A. N. DURRANT.

The Onward March

THE Portsmouth, Va., No. 2 church has recently ordered four hundred twenty-five cent books. Previous to this they had sent two orders and have sold all the books and magazines. We have eight members and two young people at home. Three are away.

Norfolk church No. 2 ordered, recently one hundred copies of *Epidemics*. They are nearly all sold.

We desire to raise money for our church building at Portsmouth, and hope to purchase a building at Norfolk. Pray for us. W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Negro Department

SINCE the Nashville, Tenn., convention-institute I have visited a number of our churches in the South and East, besides attending to much office business. I found the churches generally alive and awake to the progress of this message, with a full determination to work for the saving of souls and the building up of the work in general.

On June the 18th I took up the journey to the Kentucky Mission camp-meeting, which convened at Louisville, June 17-27. This meeting was held in Greenwood Park, where there were twenty-seven tents pitched, twenty-one of which were for those stopping on the ground; the others being general preaching tent, young people's, literature, medical, reception, and dining tents. There were about seventy-five of our people in attendance from various parts of the state. At nights, Sabbaths, and Sundays the numbers were greatly increased by those from the city and immediate vicinity.

The days were set apart for conference meetings, Bible studies and other helpful meetings. The night services were devoted to the great closing message of salvation as expressed in our three-fold message.

Besides Elder R. I. Keate, president of the Kentucky Conference, and his wife, and other conference officials, there were present from the union, Elders J. L. McElhany, president; V. O. Cole; J. H. Lawrence, Union Mission Evangelist; Professor O. R. Staines; Dr. E. A. Sutherland, of the Madison Sanitarium; Miss Anna Knight, Union Secretary; and the writer.

The sermons preached and the instructions given were received by all with renewed desires to rise up and finish the work without further delay. The report of the president and his officers together with that of Elder Dasent and his co-worker showed progress during the past two years.

Elder Dasent, the State Mission Evangelist, with his co-laborers, had placed the camp in a fine location under good arrangements for the comfort of all; and as the people enjoyed the spiritual blessings they did not forget to give liberally to the mission fund, besides pledging themselves to give more as the year closes. They also rededicated themselves to be loyal to the message.

More than \$1500.00 were raised in cash and pledges, of which \$400.00 were in cash; \$300.00 worth of books were sold.

I next attended the Tennessee River Mission camp-meeting which was held at Nashville, June 25 to July 4. The camp was beautifully located on the campus of the historic Fisk University, which put us in touch with a large number of colored people. The meeting was well attended by members and visitors from all parts of the state, and a large number from the city and vicinity.

We were favored by having a large number of helpers at this meeting as it was located at the Union Conference head-quarters. All the union officials and the mission committee were present besides those of the local conference. Miss Anna Knight of the

Southern Union Conference, Professor Beardsley and two students from Oakwood, and Dr. Sutherland of the Madison Sanitarium, were also present.

During the meeting the whole delegation was invited by the president, Dr. McKenzie, to attend services in the chapel of the university. Several addresses on the work of the denomination were made. Dr. McKenzie was invited to address our people at a later date.

One was baptized, and nearly \$900.00 were raised in cash and pledges, besides the drive for Oakwood with the special GOSPEL HERALD for several hundred dollars. There was about \$150.00 worth of books sold at our camp at the book tent. One special feature of the meeting was an hour spent in mission work, which resulted as follows: Visits, 616; Bible readings, 1; subscriptions, 9; magazines sold, 16; papers given away, 598; books sold, 48; hours of Christian help work, 6½; persons reporting, 31

All were glad of the blessings received at the camp-meeting and gave themselves anew to the Lord and His work by unselfish sacrifice and earnest labor.

At the close of the meeting I spent part of two days at Oakwood, returning to Nashville to attend the Board meeting of the college the 7th of July, and then proceeded to Detroit, Mich., by way of Atlanta, Ga., and Washington, D. C. At Atlanta I was glad to see Elder G. E. Peters, and meet Professor Peterson and Miss Bowman, who are helping in the tent meeting. He is having good success in bringing many to a knowledge of the message for this time. As many as sixteen hundred have attended on Sunday nights, and several hundreds through the week. They have already received in the first three weeks more than \$300.00 in donations, with everything favoring a great harvest of souls.

W. H. GREEN.

Louisville, Ky.

FOR the past three months Elder J. G. Dasent, our State Evangelist, has been conducting meetings in a large hall centrally located in a well populated colored section of this city. We had some difficulty in securing the building, but eventually the agents agreed to let us have the use of it on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

The attendance was very small at first, but in spite of opposition and adverse criticisms the attendance increased in size and interest each week, until the seating capacity of the hall, close on to five hundred, was well occupied by the people. This was encouraging indeed.

As a result of the effort twenty-two precious souls have already been baptized and received into the church—five men, two young women, and seven juniors averaging in age from ten to sixteen years. These new members have brought new life into the church, and smiles of joy and gratitude can be read upon the countenances of all.

With the increase of membership has come a corresponding increase in tithes and offerings, as the

following comparative statement shows:

Month	Member-ship	Tithes	Mission Offerings	Total
January	118	\$297.82	\$ 59.91	\$357.73
February	118	313.73	52.92	376.65
March	119	309.12	208.58	517.70
April	135	318.38	77.56	395.94
May	140	475.00	104.56	579.56

We are thankful to the Lord for this splendid showing, and solicit your prayers for those who are deeply interested in the truth, but who have not yet taken a definite stand.

MRS. COURTNEY L. YOUNG,
Church Treasurer

Jefferson, Texas

NO, THE days of miracles are not over. I can praise God for His mighty power to deliver from death. When our aged Brother Lemmons and I were at work pulling down a house to be used in our new church, being afraid of the top, we began by taking down the walls. As the building is a large one I could not judge about how fast we were weakening it by tearing away the boards. Suddenly it gave way and caught me between the top and the floor. I was unconscious for a few seconds, but God sent His angel and helped me bear up under more than two tons of fallen timber. It took five men and three women with heavy timbers to extricate my almost lifeless body. I was under this crushing weight for more than thirty minutes. It has been a week now since I was hurt, and I am not able to go to work on the building yet. I am very badly bruised both internally and externally, but I know God is healing my body.

The missionary society here is doing very good work. Three souls accepted the message during the month of April, two at Moser Valley and one at Jefferson. Sister Gates was the instrument used at Moser Valley, Sister Arvella Lemmons at Jefferson. Brother Jackson, our deacon, had his house burned down several days ago. The society made up a good little sum in money and other things for him. Dear reader, do not forget us in your prayers.

E. M. GATES.

Pittsburgh, Pa., to New Jersey.

AFTER more than eight years of what was termed by others as successful labor in the Jamaica (our homeland) and South Caribbean conferences, the writer with his family took up work, June 1, 1912, at Pittsburgh, Pa. Eight years have now passed, and we have been asked to take up work in New Jersey.

The eight years we spent in Pittsburgh were years of varied experiences which we can never forget. They were filled with joys unspeakable, as well as with sorrows which were heart-breaking, but for the grace of God. And thanks be unto Him for the victories He gave.

When we left last month (June) the membership was about one hundred fifty-two. At the time we took up work in 1912 the tithes were around \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month, while the mission offerings were about \$92.00 for the year. Under the blessing of God the figures have been greatly increased. The tithes for 1919, were \$5205.25, and foreign mission offerings amounted to \$1040.68. For the eight years ending June 1, 1920, the tithes amounted to \$18,445.52, and the mission offerings to \$9649.54. Besides the above, about \$2400.00 were gathered for home missions of various sorts, not including the church building which was erected in 1915 at a cost of \$5500.00, and the amount of \$900.00 now in hand for a proposed church school. On the church building we received about \$1360.00 help from the then North American Division conference, and several of our white churches of the West Pennsylvania conference. The indebtedness on the church has been reduced to almost \$500.00. We were delighted to see the tithe for the last month of our stay reach the highest figure for any one month—\$585.98, and the last Thirteenth Sabbath offering, \$181.00, (for the city Church in both instances.) For this all we praise God. These figures help to show that, even from the money view point, it is not unprofitable business to help foster the work for the colored people in large cities.

Coming from the tropics, we had to suffer with climatic conditions such as were to be expected. Severe afflictions certainly tried our faith. Our health suffered and revived. Four members of the family have had seven operations which were not simple, while pneumonia, etc. touched us. But for the fatal accident of August 2, 1918 when our beloved ten year old daughter was burned to death while both mother and myself were away from home, the gracious Father has spared us all thus far. We have certainly paid the price, and as we leave that grave in Pittsburgh, we feel that we should reconsecrate our lives to God, that in the gathering day our family may be reunited.

Our association with our brethren, workers and laity has been most cordial and pleasant, so that we look back with pleasant memories almost without exception. Many co-operated most nobly to help bring the success we have had. I cannot refrain from mentioning Elder F. H. Robbins, now president of the Columbia Union Conference, and then our local president, with his two brothers, who donned overalls, and laid bricks when we built the church in the fall of 1915.

Sister M. I. Gauntlett, our faithful Bible worker for several years, helped in every way. She also moves to New Jersey, where we hope, under God to do all we can to give stability to the work among our people. We solicit the prayers of the saints.

Elder F. C. Phipps of Illinois has succeeded me in Pittsburg, and with a work which is fairly established we hope for brighter days for God's people there.

A. N. DURRANT.

Louisville, Ky.

TO THE delegates and members of the Kentucky Mission assembled, greetings.

It affords me no small amount of pleasure to be connected with a movement that is ordained of God, and especially with a part of that movement which shows an onward march. Since my connection with the work in this field dates from the beginning of 1920, I shall endeavor in this report to give a general resume of the preceding year and a more detailed one of the present year. Therefore in the following report of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Louisville there are several items to which I should like to direct your attention:

First, the spiritual growth of the body which is making itself felt in every department of our church life and activity.

Second, the unanimity of effort on the part of members.

Third, the spirit of liberality that has taken hold of our church.

These are the direct results of the above:

An increased attendance at Sabbath school services.

An increase of church membership.

Larger attendance at prayer services.

Increase of tithes and offerings.

A noticeable absence of excuse making when one is asked to perform a service.

While we do not claim perfection we do believe the following facts and figures will justify the righteous pride which we exhibit in the blessings of God to usward.

Knowing this as we do we cannot but esteem it an inestimable privilege to be the chosen instruments to carry forward the work in this part of the vineyard and to be co-laborers with heavenly intelligencies in helping finish the work in this generation.

Spiritual growth is evidenced by the fact that more and more of our inactive members are attending services, and a greater number than ever before are now giving to God His own and of their means; again I say spiritual growth because God has heard our prayers and rewarded our efforts in giving us souls more than we had dared hope for. Our chiefest concern is for the salvation of souls, and since the beginning of the year 1918 until now there have been added to our number something like fifty souls.

Our tithes and offerings have shown a steady increase, from less than \$3000.00 in 1918 and \$3115.77 in 1919 to more than \$1800.00 in less than five and a half months of 1920, May being the banner month, with \$475.34. Offerings in 1918 less than \$900.00 increased to \$1062.28 in 1919 and \$456.57 in five and a half months in 1920. Thirteenth Sabbath offering, March 27, 1920, over \$156.00. Pledges for missions, June 12, 1920, over \$500.00.

An increase in the number of those paying tithe from an average of about seventy-five in 1919 to ninety during the present year.

An interested, harmonious staff of officers working diligently and continually for a perfect church has helped to attain objectives.

But we believe our report would be incomplete without mention being made of our several evangelistic efforts. A tent effort in 1919 added to our number eight souls, and twenty-four more were added to our roll by a hall effort of three months in 1920.

The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society is under excellent leadership and its interests well cared for. Our church school closed a successful year on the 21st of June.

Our church has been able to meet all its current expenses promptly and after about \$1000.00 worth of improvements in 1919 preparatory to its dedication in October of that year it now stands free of debt.

E. S. JORDAN, *Elder.*

Cleveland, Ohio

SABBATH, July 10, paid up mortgages on our church amounting to \$2843.00 were burned. This amount was raised in a campaign which was a little shorter than three months. During the campaign nearly seven thousand magazines and hundreds of small books of the World Crisis series were distributed. One sister alone turned in \$100.00 from magazine sales, and many others did almost as well.

We are greatly indebted to the conference brethren, friends of the cause, and the faithful church members, and ascribe all praise to God.

We postponed our tent work this summer on account of our financial campaign, yet we have found open air services, which we have been conducting on our church lawn, a powerful factor in reaching the people. There are many Jews near the church and many of them are regular attendants at the services.

H. A. ROSSIN.

North Texas

WE ARE very glad for space to report our work again. Souls are being won to the Third Angel's Message; three new Sabbath keepers joined our church in Jefferson a few Sabbaths ago. The new church at Jefferson is practically finished.

We are now in Waco getting ready for our tent effort; the seats have been placed, but the tent and other things shipped with it have not come. Our workers are getting located; Miss Katie Baker has been here for several weeks waiting for us; Brother and Sister Lee Jones, from Little Rock, Ark., came in Thursday afternoon. Bro. Jones will have charge of the singing; Mrs. E. M. Gates, Mrs. Josie Adams and Miss Baker will do Bible work and help in the meetings. Mrs. Carrie Jones, Mrs. Julia Jones and Mrs. Christina Adams, will lead out in the magazine and book work during the tent effort. Brother F. M. Jones, our church elder at Waco, has kindly consented to help us in the meetings. He is very busy during the day, but he will be with us in the evenings.

The camp-meeting for our people in the North Texas Conference will begin here on the 23rd of August. We expect to see a large number of our new Sabbath keepers present. We hope to hear from all of

our churches soon, telling us just how many from each church are planning to be here, and how many will want tents and other accommodation. Address letters to E. M. Gates, 604 South 7th St., Waco, Tex.

Let us all begin now getting ready for the camp-meeting. You have only seven weeks in which to get ready. Be sure to bring the Lord and a sweet disposition and be here Monday morning, August 23.

E. M. GATES.

Independence

"THE greatest harm to God's people comes through those who go out from among them speaking perverse things. Through them the way of truth is evil spoken of. . . . He (God) does not give one man new light contrary to the established faith of the body." *Test., Vol. 5, p. 291, par. 2.*

"God has made His church on the earth a channel of light, and through it He communicates His purposes and His will. He does not give to one of His servants an experience independent of and contrary to the experience of the church itself. Neither does He give one man a knowledge of His will for the entire church, while the church—Christ's body—is left in darkness. In His providence, He places His servants in close connection with His church, in order that they may have less confidence in themselves, and greater confidence in others whom He is leading out to advance His work.

"There have ever been in the church those who are constantly inclined toward individual independence. . . . Those who are inclined to regard their individual judgment as supreme, are in grave peril. It is Satan's studied effort to separate such ones from those who are channels of light, through whom God has wrought to build up and extend His work in the earth. To neglect or despise those whom God has appointed to bear the responsibilities of leadership in connection with the advancement of the truth, is to reject the means that He has ordained for the help, encouragement, and strength of His people. For any worker in the Lord's cause to pass these by, and to think that his light must come through no other channel than directly from God, is to place himself in a position where he is liable to be deceived by the enemy, and overthrown. The Lord in His wisdom has arranged that by means of the close relationship that should be maintained by all believers, Christian shall be united to Christian, and church to church." *Gospel Workers, pp. 443, 444.*

"When Satan became disaffected in Heaven, he did not lay his complaint before God and Christ; but he went among the angels who thought him perfect, and represented that God had done him injustice in preferring Christ to himself. The result of this misrepresentation was that through their sympathy with him one-third of the angels lost their innocence, their high estate, and their happy home. Satan is instigating men to continue on earth the same work of jealousy and evil surmising that he commenced in heaven." *Test., Vol. 5, p. 291, par. 1.*

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Oakwood Colporteurs' Report for Week Ending August 7, 1920

Name	Hours	Orders	Value
Barreiro, A.			
Cade, Bertha			
Cheatham, Wm.	51	29	\$170.00
Connolly, L. H.			
Cox, Alex	49½	116	689.25
Cox, Fannie	68	131	794.50
Davis, Jesse			
Edwards, Otis			
Fountain, Thomas	31	31	169.50
Francis, Eric	34½	75	384.50
Gordon, Claude			
*Harris, George	85	88	552.75
Jackson, Willie			
Jenkins, George			
Joseph, Victor	37		174.00
Lanoix, H.			
Lewis, E. N.	61	81	476.00
Little, Ramos			
McLeod, Rouse	32	21	120.25
Matthew, John			
Morgan, Robert			
Mullens, Willard	64	91	474.00
Paul, Charles			
Rice, Georgiana			
Sear, Charles			
Sutherland, L. G.	22	13	63.50
Thomson, Richard	42	52	243.00
*Wheatley, John	136	93	482.00
Wheatley, Hattie			
Williams, J. B. E.			
Young, Herbert	50	39	212.00

*For two weeks.

We are sorry that there are so many missing reports this week. However, the figures are climbing each week, and it looks as though our colporteurs will reach their goal of \$50,000.00 in deliveries.

The Work at Oakwood

MANY hours are spent each week in planning for the next year's work at Oakwood. There are so many things to be planned, and with our school growing as it is, much difficulty is experienced in obtaining sufficient room and equipment for the students we must accommodate and their class work. Applications have been arriving continuously since before the close of school, and have been so numerous that our teachers have had to take a decided policy as to just what class of students we would admit this year. During the war, when many mature young people were unable to attend, we accepted others who did not qualify so well, and as a result many young students have been enrolled; as well as many that were low in their grades. Now, that so many older and frequently advanced students are applying, we feel that preference must be given them.

Accordingly many who have recently applied have been asked to wait a year or more till they

they are old enough to enter, and meanwhile do the best they can to advance their education.

Since our annual board meeting came so late in the year, it was thought best not to delay till a new calendar could be published, but as we had a few of last year's on hand, simply publish the changes in a bulletin-supplement and send that out to our old students who already have the old calendar. New applicants can be supplied with both.

Among other changes, a new application blank has been prepared for all applicants for next year's term. This is mailed with the supplement, and extra copies may be had upon request. The former application blank will not be accepted. Since it is very necessary that every student have a perfect understanding with the faculty before arriving at Oakwood, none will be recognized by the institution who does not have written notice of his acceptance before he arrives.

The Lord is blessing us this vacation, and our dormitory family of over sixty is accomplishing a great deal for themselves and for the school. While we have had much to contend with in the way of an unfavorable season, army worm, and grass, yet with it all we see assurances that God will bring all out right in the end. Work on Old Mansion and West Hall is nearing completion, and these two buildings will be a credit to the appearance of our campus, as well as giving us much additional space for use. Other improvements will be started when the crews finish these buildings. Definite plans are being made for preparing our chapel building and Butler Hall for their occupancy this year. We plan to have representatives at all our camp-meetings this fall, who will be glad to respond with any information requested by applicants. For calendar, information, etc.; Address, The President, Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Alabama. J. I. BEARDSLEY.

Oakwood's Policy for 1920 - 21

EVERYBODY at Oakwood is busily engaged preparing for the opening of school on September 22. The farm and garden managers are trying to raise enough to feed the school family during the coming winter. The Mechanical Department is making an effort to make the homes and school buildings more cheerful—as the HERALD goes to press the Chapel is being painted and decorated, which will add a great deal to its attractiveness.

The Sewing Department will have a new and very attractive home in the west room on the second floor of Old Mansion; the room previously occupied by the department will house our Store, which has long outgrown its present quarters. The old store building will be used for our Bakery. Preparations are also being made for Domestic Science, Carpentry, and Broom making.

It is the desire of the faculty to put the industries on a solid basis, thus following the instructions given us through the Servant of the Lord. It is our desire that Oakwood shall prepare young men and women who are able, not only to preach and teach,

but also to make their own living with the labor of their hands. For this reason will our industries be strengthened. To many young men and women will be given the opportunity of working their way through school, but not only this, when a student has been at Oakwood a year or two he will go out into the canvassing field and earn his way, and at the same time he is giving this message which we all love so well to others who are still in darkness.

Now, in order to become efficient in these industries and to put the school on a sound financial basis, it is necessary that we adopt a strictly cash policy. Each student must pay his expenses at the beginning of each period; thus he will always know just how he stands, and the school will not have to run in debt. To be careful in their financial dealings is one of the most important lessons our students may learn. The Lord surely cannot be pleased to see our students go through school and come out in debt, neither does He approve of our schools extending too much credit to students. When school opens this year each one is expected to pay his expenses for the first period and make a deposit of \$25.00 for final settlement. This has been suggested by the College Board—and it is a splendid suggestion; it will tend to make things better, since it is much easier to raise the money in the fall when school opens than in the spring when it closes.

Oakwood is a good place to be; as many have expressed it in the past, "it is the nearest place to heaven you can find." Of course, we have not attained perfection, but let us all strive for a better, brighter, bigger and still happier OAKWOOD.

K. F. AMBS, *Treasurer.*

Testimonies

GIVEN AT THE FINAL GATHERING OF THE
SUMMER SCHOOL

I FEEL especially glad to have this opportunity of visiting Oakwood, for I feel that it is the Lord's plan to have a school here to train young men and women to go out to teach the gospel to every nation and people. I feel glad to know that if I only prove faithful I will have a part in this great work. This evening I feel exceedingly glad to know that I have been here and spent five weeks successfully. I have learned things that will help me spiritually and mentally. I plan hereafter to get to the summer school on time.

NINA PEARL SUDDLER.

I feel especially grateful to God for His goodness to me. I am sorry to have been away from here as much as I have, but I feel that our summer school as a whole has been very good. ANNA KNIGHT.

I am very grateful to the Lord for having the privilege of coming here. I haven't words to express my thankfulness to the conference for sending me here. I am going to show how much I appreciate this by my actions in the future.

MRS. B. M. ROBERTS.

I am thankful to the Lord for having the privilege of attending summer school again. I am sure I will take some spiritual blessings with me.

WILHELMINA CANTRELL.

I am also thankful for the opportunity of being at Oakwood this summer. I feel that it is such a privilege to be here on this place. I knew that this was God's school, and that it was His plan that it should be established. I know the Lord opened the way for me to come. I realize that the Lord has blessed me, and I also see room for me to improve.

MARY JONES.

I thank and praise the Lord for making it possible for me to come back to Oakwood this summer. If there is anyone that needs help it is I. I am sure I go back better prepared for the work.

JENNIE RUSSEL.

I am indeed glad to be back at Oakwood. This makes me three summers here. The summer school seems a great oasis in the desert of trials and tribulations. I am thankful to the conference for making it possible for me to attend this school. I have learned many things that I mean to put into practice when I go back to my field of labor. My heart's desire and prayer to God is that I may so live in this life's school that I may be worthy to enter the school that was so beautifully presented to us last Sabbath.

MRS. J. A. WESLEY.

I thank the Lord for this privilege of being here at Oakwood. I have heard much talk of Oakwood and longed to see the place, and I have not been disappointed.

MRS. BLANCHE AUGUST.

I feel grateful to the Lord for the privilege of attending another summer school at Oakwood, and I have certainly enjoyed myself here this summer.

EMMA J. LOVE.

I am thankful to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me and for the privilege of being here.

ELZIRA PEARSON.

I feel grateful to God that I have a part in teaching in His great work.

JENNIE MARTIN.

Some classify the teacher with the preacher, and some put the teacher above the preacher, but I feel inefficient for the work. I am glad for the good I have received since I have been here.

TRULA WADE.

I am thankful for the privilege of attending the summer school. I remember once I was here in school, and the teachers were so kind. I certainly appreciate the kindness of every one here and also of the conference.

MRS. E. R. JONES.

I am indeed thankful to the Lord and the Florida conference and to Oakwood for the instructions I have received. I certainly have enjoyed it here. It seems as if the arms of love have been thrown around me. I am certainly sorry the time has arrived for us to part. While at Oakwood I feel that I have been greatly helped, so that when I return to my field of labor I am going to do all I can to help others.

MATTIE B. STEVENS.

I praise the Lord for the instruction I have received here.

MARGARET L. PRICE.

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I wish to express my appreciation for the benefit that I have received while here. I came into the truth in South Carolina, and it seems that is the first opportunity I am going to have to carry it, as I am planning to teach there the coming year.

NORA B. HYMAN.

I, too, feel greatly benefited for having been able to attend the school here this summer. When I arrived here I felt that this was God's chosen spot. I shall endeavor to practice all I have learned here.

MARY E. FLEMING.

I, too, thank the Lord for having brought me to Oakwood. I have been greatly benefited.

CYRENE SIMONS.

I am thankful to the Lord that He has spared me and given me health and strength that I could return to this place. I have been greatly blessed.

W. T. BROWN.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I stand before you tonight. I have been greatly benefited by being here. I have gotten a great deal from the Bible Doctrines class, and also from the Education and School Manual and Agriculture. I feel to thank the teachers for the hospitality that has been extended to me.

V. R. LEE.

OAKWOOD NEWS

The following items are taken from the colporteurs' news letter dated August 11:

For about a week we have had rainy weather, so much so until it will be a few days before the farmers and gardeners will be able to begin work, even if we do not have any more rain. Every thing is moving along much the same. The auditors, Brethren S. E. McNeil and W. E. Abernathy, are busy auditing the accounts at the Business Office. Alma Dickson left last Thursday for Paducah, Kentucky, where she will assist Elder Lawrence in his tent effort which is being conducted at that place. Walter Jones has returned from his home in Mississippi. A new student, John Hayward, from Summerville, S. C., arrived this week.

In our next issue we hope to make a summary of the results reported for the GOSPEL HERALD campaign. Those at the school have greatly appreciated the enthusiasm which many of our workers have manifested in this campaign.

The bulletin-supplement to last year's calendar will be mailed this week. Elder Bird, Brethren Wood and Palmer, with two of the girls, have been busy in the printing office getting the bulletin ready.

Last week was "BIG WEEK" for the Oakwood colporteurs, but from some of the reports, it will not be as big as other weeks have been this season.

Perhaps William Cheatham expressed the difficulty when he said: "I did all in my power to do more, but had more trying experiences last week than ever."

Sister Cox: "I met many sick people during the week. Some were suffering greatly. I prayed for them while traveling among them. My only food Thursday was a lemon and its peeling. Met a Methodist preacher visiting his friends, but he would not buy my book. A day later I met his wife and she told me I had canvassed her husband, but she bought a book for herself."

Brother Cox: "Many experiences during the week. I have three students for Oakwood. I feel encouraged when I read the news letter."

Eric Francis: "I am of good courage and having many good experiences. How rapidly the time is passing. Before we can realize it the summer's work will be in the past. Continue to pray for our success, especially during deliveries."

Thomas Fountain: "My first day was a day of experience indeed. I walked about six miles, gave a good many exhibitions, and took two orders. That evening at dark I walked into a yard and met a traveling evangelist. By his assistance I took twenty-one dollars worth of orders in about ten minutes. This was certainly a joyful turn of the tide. My diet consisted of peaches and water melons that day. Friday afternoon on returning to my headquarters I stopped at a home and had just begun my canvass when the lady said, 'you're a Seventh-day Adventist, I know.' I told her I was. She said she was very much interested in the truth, and she believed I was an Adventist as soon as she saw me. I asked her, 'why?' She said, 'I just know you people look different from any other people. You have the mark about you somehow.' On further inquiry I found she was acquainted with Doctor Tate, Miss Mary Jones, and Sister Baugh. Being acquainted with our principles of health reform she prepared me one of those good old Adventist's meals which was very much enjoyed. She also told me that her home was my home as long as I was in this part of the field. Such experiences as these make the canvasser's heart leap for joy."

George Harris writes an interesting letter, and tells of coming across some men engaged in a game of crap. He gave them a canvass, and after proving to them that Sunday was not the Sabbath, secured their orders.

Brother Williams sends a list of five prospective students for Oakwood.

The friends of Professor Peterson will be glad to learn that he has reconsidered his resignation and will continue his work at the school.