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"Hold Fast That Which Is Good"

FROM Sinai, in awful grandeur, God proclaimed His law to Israel, that they might realize the high standard to which they were to attain. He presented to them the beauty and safety of obedience, declaring that only through obedience could they find peace and prosperity. He portrayed also the sure results of disobedience to His law. We who live in this period of the earth's history see the fulfilment of His warnings to Israel. In the stormy scenes taking place in our world, we see the result of the transgression of God's law.

"Now therefore harken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day."

It was in mercy that the Lord destroyed those who had been led away by Baal-peor. Had they been permitted to live, their influence would have corrupted the whole congregation of Israel. The judgment that came on them was a warning to others not to disregard the honor and glory of God. Often the Lord speaks in judgment to repress iniquity. He sees and rebukes the sins of those who disobey His laws, but He shows mercy to those who obey Him. When their own inclinations would lead them into danger, He withholds from them that which they desire.

God chose Israel to be His own people, that, by adhering closely to His commandments, they might be to the world an illustration of the beauty of character, the moral power, and the virtue that might be attained through fearing and honoring Him. He desired also to reveal through them the advantages that would come to those who, as His true sons and daughters, would walk in harmony with the principles of His law. In His dealing with men, God has often demonstrated that through the virtue obtained by obedience to the laws of heaven, human beings may gain a beauty of character that will fit them to be laborers together with Him.

Purity of character will be distinctly revealed by all who truly follow Christ. In them will be seen the fulfilment of the promise, "I will be as the dew unto

Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon." The psalmist thus describes the beauty and growth of the Christian: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

Striking its roots deep down into the earth, the tree gains strength to withstand the tempest. So the Christian is to be "rooted and grounded" in the truth, that he may stand firm against the temptations of the enemy. He must have a continual renewal of strength, and he must hold firmly to Bible truth. Fables of every kind will be brought in to seduce the believer from his allegiance to God, but he is to look up, believe in God, and stand firmly rooted and grounded in the truth.

Keep a firm hold upon the Lord Jesus, and never let go. Have firm convictions as to what you believe. Let the truths of God's Word lead you to devote heart, mind, soul, and strength to the doing of His will. Lay hold resolutely upon a plain, "Thus saith the Lord." Let your only argument be, "It is written." Thus we are to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. That faith has not lost any of its sacred, holy character, however objectionable its opposers may think it to be.

Those who follow their own mind and walk in their own way will form crooked characters. Vain doctrines and subtle sentiments will be introduced with plausible presentations, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Are church-members building upon the Rock? The storm is coming, the storm that will try every man's faith, of what sort it is. Believers must now be firmly rooted in Christ, or else they will be led astray by some phase of error. Let your faith be substantiated by the Word of God. Grasp firmly the living testimony of truth. Have faith in Christ as a personal Saviour. He has been and ever will be our Rock of Ages. The testimony of the Spirit of God is true. Change not your faith for any phase of doctrine, however pleasing it may appear, that will seduce the soul.

The fallacies of Satan are now being multiplied, and those who swerve from the path of truth will lose their bearings. Having nothing to which to anchor, they will drift from one delusion to another, blown about by the winds of strange doctrines. Satan has come down with great power. Many

will be deceived by his miracles. Those who accept his science will be among those to whom Christ addresses the words:—

"These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent."

I entreat every one to be clear and firm regarding the certain truths that we have heard and received and advocated. The statements of God's Word are plain. Plant your feet firmly on the platform of eternal truth. Reject every phase of error, even though it be covered with a semblance of reality, which denies the personality of God and of Christ.

Of the Saviour, John says: "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. . . . But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, . . . full of grace and truth."

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was manifest in the flesh. What was His work in this world?—To put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross of Calvary. He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. By His prayers and strong supplications, He overcame. In His human nature, He perfected a character after the divine similitude. By a life of perfect obedience to every requirement of God, He procured redemption for all who will be obedient. The divine nature is imparted to those who receive and acknowledge Him as their Saviour. They become partakers of the divine nature, overcoming the assaults of Satan and escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. Christ energizes by His Spirit those who seek Him with the whole heart.

Those who truly receive Christ are given power to become the sons of God. As they look to Jesus, they catch the divine rays of light, and are attracted by the loveliness and purity and goodness of the Saviour. They seek to copy His pleasantness, rather than the harsh violence manifested by those who disregard the laws of God. And as they keep before them the fear of God, and walk as obedient children, others will mark their Christlikeness of character, and will be drawn to the Saviour by the revelation of their love, their justice, and their mercy. Yet some will refuse to come to the Saviour, choosing darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.

Christ and His righteousness,—let this be our platform, the very life of our faith. That which He taught, we are to teach. His commission to His followers is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach

the gospel to every creature;" "and, lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

—The late Mrs. E. G. White,

In Review and Herald of August 31, 1905.

Lexington, Ky.

TO THE officers, of the Kentucky Mission, in conference assembled.

It was in the summer of 1919 that I was asked to connect with a tent effort which was being conducted by Elder J. G. Dasent, in the city of Louisville, and with which effort I labored until its close. I was then asked to continue my labors in the city following up the interest by house to house work which I did until mid-winter, when it was decided that I should go to Lexington as pastor of the church there. I arrived in that city on the 14th of January, 1920, and found much to do, owing largely to the very unsettled condition which existed in the church at that time. That there was much to be done will be seen as we continue this report. However, knowing the God who ruleth Israel never slumbers nor sleeps, and that He ever waits to answer the prayers of every earnest supplicant, we entered heartily upon our task, endeavouring as far as possible to restore order out of chaos. Whatever has been accomplished we can not credit to any wisdom, power, or might which is in us, but to Him with whom all things are possible.

The first thing that claimed our attention was the Sabbath school's mission offerings which then averaged eighty-five cents per week for the six months previous. We are able to report an increase in this department of nearly 400 per cent per week. The Church school was barely existing under the burden of a large deficit. After some council with the brethren over this matter, systematic plans were laid, and with the co-operation of the members a sufficient amount of money was raised to pay off the teachers at the close of the school year.

The tithes for the first five months of this year compares very favorably with that of the last when we consider the number who have fallen by the way, among them some of those who paid in large amounts.

The Home Missionary Society has under way systematic plans for an aggressive summer's work and together with my labor and that of Sister Howard, who is putting in half time in Bible work, we hope to see many souls won to the cause of God.

CHAS. A. HOWARD, Pastor,
Lexington S. D. A. Church.

Tithes and Offerings of the Kentucky Mission

JANUARY 1916 - DECEMBER 1919

Year	Member-ship	Tithes	Mission Offerings	Total
1916	212	\$2680.47	\$623.77	\$3304.24
1917	197	2984.38	820.15	3804.53
1918	179	4413.02	1875.24	6288.26
1919	183	4715.81	2217.56	6933.37
Total		14,793.68	5,536.72	20,330.40

BURTON CASTLE, Treas.

Negro Department

AFTER the close of the Tennessee River camp-meeting and the Oakwood board meeting, I had a few weeks before the next meetings, so I hastened to Detroit for a day or so of office work, and then began the long journey to the Pacific Coast.

I left Detroit July 15 and went first to Chicago, and then on to Milwaukee, Wis., where I met on Sabbath with our newly organized church which is under the care of Elder W. H. Maynor. He and his wife are taking hold of the work faithfully, which gives great hopes of a good work and a church being developed in that city. From there I went to Omaha, Nebr., and met with the church on Sunday night. I met with the Elder and the Bible worker in the day and spoke at the church at night. After this good visit with our thriving little church, I began the long run to Salt Lake City, and after a few hours delay, went on to Los Angeles, Calif. There I spent several days meeting with the Furlong church, including Sabbath and Sunday evening. I found everyone alive and loyal. Next I proceeded to San Francisco, stopping on the way at Mountain View.

At San Francisco and vicinity we have no church for our people, though one is greatly needed, so I spoke Sabbath and Sunday at the Verdi church. We hope to have a strong worker in San Francisco in the near future, in order that the message may be brought before the people. From there I went on to Portland, Ore., where I met Miss L. Green, our Bible Worker, who is making a good impression and doing excellent work. Here I also met Mrs. K. O. Johnson of Arkansas. After preaching at the Tabernacle Wednesday evening, August 4, to the prayer meeting congregation, I went on to Seattle, Washington. Here we have a church that was organized last year, and two workers, Mrs. Kate Baker, Bible worker, and Brother C. A. Blackwood, pastor. I was glad to find the church making some progress in giving this last message. Brother Blackwood leaves there the first of September for another field; a strong man is needed to take his place.

I returned to Detroit, Mich., by way of Omaha, Neb., where I spent Wednesday and Thursday. At Detroit I spent a few days before attending the various camp-meetings in the South.

W. H. GREEN.

The Campaign for Souls at Houston, Texas

BELIEVING that our brethren are anxious to know of the effort that is being conducted in Houston for our people, we are taking this opportunity to give a brief report of our work.

Sunday, July 4, Evangelist M. G. Nunes presented that soul-thrilling discourse, "The Crash of Kingdoms," as an opening subject. About six hundred persons were present the opening night. Each evening interesting subjects were presented that were beneficial not only spiritually, but morally and physically. The Sunday afternoon lectures were a special feature of the Chautauqua. Lectures were

given to men only, by Evangelist Nunes, while Doctor Ruth Temple, of Los Angeles, California, delivered lectures to women only. These meetings were well attended by all classes of men, including physicians, who expressed their appreciation of them. Several of the leading colored physicians spoke very highly of the good that our meetings were accomplishing in the city.

During the month of July, subjects were presented preparing the hearts of the people for the great truths of the message. Sunday evening, July 5, Evangelist Nunes presented the subject, "Smashing Heaven's Looking Glass." Souls were stirred as God's broken law was pointed to as Heaven's mirror which the world was smashing beneath its feet while trampling upon the Sabbath commandment. This discourse was followed up by other subjects dealing with the law of God. When the Sabbath truth was presented in all its beauty and truthfulness, many souls pledged their willingness to obey God and keep His commandments. After following up this interest with house visitation and personal work, we are glad to report fifty-two souls keeping the Sabbath according to the commandment. More than twenty are in the valley of decision, for whom we are working and praying. May we not ask that our brethren and sisters join with us in praying for these souls?

The city of Houston is stirred; literature is being scattered as the leaves of autumn, and men are being warned to flee from the wrath that is to come. The opposition of the enemy causes men to search with greater interest to find out what is truth. We are hoping that before the close of our campaign one hundred souls will have taken their stand for the Third Angel's Message. Brethren, pray that this number will accept the truths for this time, and that our campaign for souls at Houston will not have been launched in vain. H. D. GREENE.

Bowling Green, Ky.

PERMIT me to submit a brief report of my work since I have been employed in this conference. Last summer I was asked to connect with the tent effort which was being conducted by Elder J. G. Dasent, doing house to house work in the southeast end of this city. Out of the many I studied with I found one family deeply interested; I prayed and labored for them. The Lord heard my prayers and gave us one soul from this family.

At the close of the tent effort I visited Owensboro. During my short stay I succeeded in bringing one of the city school teachers to a knowledge of the truth, and raised \$15.00 for missions.

Early in November I moved to Bowling Green to look after the interests of the work there. Here I found Sister Mary Belle Potter, the only loyal Seventh-day Adventist among four thousand colored people, many of whom, however, are favorably disposed to the truth.

We had in Bowling Green at one time a well organized church, but some had moved away, while others, I am sorry to state, had given up the truth.

Through the courtesy of Sister Potter I became acquainted with the city and began to work with my *Harvest Ingathering* papers, raising by the end of the year over 50.00.

We are doing nicely in our cottage meetings; we have had as many as seventeen in attendance. The last study I gave was attended by a goodly number of interested ones.

In order to get into the homes of the people I have been handling our small books and periodicals, especially the *Present Truth* series; but I was not satisfied with the progress I was making, so we organized "The Present Truth Reading Band." Each member gets a copy of the *Present Truth* every week, and is asked to donate eight cents per month. After reading the paper he is expected to hand it to a friend and encourage that person to join the Band. We now have 156 readers. Quite a number have already paid in advance—one or two for several weeks. Each member is presented with a membership card. In this way the work is extended. I want to publicly thank the Kentucky Mission for its gift of 1200 copies of *Present Truth*. With this supply on hand to start with I was better able to meet the needs of the members of the Band.

A small amount of tithes and Sabbath school offerings has been turned over to the conference treasurer. We are few in number but God is blessing us. Our greatest need just now is a good strong tent effort. The four thousand colored people of Bowling Green, in silent tones, cry out to us for this last message of love, and I sincerely trust that before this conference closes definite steps will be taken to have our state evangelist and his corps of workers enter the city and reap a harvest of souls for the Lord.

GEO. S. PINKARD.

Colored Work in the D. C. Conference

THE NEWLY established work in the city of Washington is moving ahead under the blessing of heaven. The entire church is at work and feels to be advancing.

One of the latest blessings of the Lord is the splendid interest in the tent services held in the northwest section of the city, upon the same spot where an effort was held last summer. An entirely new audience attends this year, and among them are seen every night, college professors, lawyers and other men of profession. The largest part of the audience is men, and the interest in the truth is greater this year than it has ever been before. At least fifty signified their firm faith in the Sabbath, and their intention to obey the Lord, though all points of the message have not been presented yet. We feel that a larger number will take hold of the message this year than during any previous year. In our last two tent efforts held in 1918 and 1919 over 100 united with the church. We hope to see as large a number developed from this meeting. In four weeks we have raised the full expense of the whole effort, and with three weeks more before us the outlook is encouraging for a fair surplus.

The past Sunday night brought at least 600 to the tent. When "The Mark of the Beast" was presented in the old time way without any mincing of words. All showed their belief in the truth presented by a vote of expression.

The school established in connection with the church work plans for greater things this term. Nine grades will be operated with the best teachers we can secure. We solicit the prayers of all the readers of this paper that heavenly wisdom may attend every move made to educate the worthy colored youth that must be prepared for Gospel work, and saved eternally in the kingdom.

P. GUSTAVUS RODGERS.

North Texas

AS THE result of our tent effort twelve are keeping the Sabbath, five of whom are awaiting baptism. Our camp-meeting, which has just closed, was well attended, both by our own people and by many not of our faith, who manifested much interest in the services.

Elder W. H. Green, Secretary of the Negro Department, came near the end of the meeting. Our hearts were made to rejoice as he told of the money that the colored people are putting into God's cause, and of the souls that are being won for the Master as the result of our work.

Other visitors at our camp-meeting were, Professor J. I. Beardsley, of Oakwood Junior College; Elder Voth, our conference president; and Elder Woodall our Home Missionary Secretary. We were glad to have them with us, and to receive the instruction which they brought for us.

There were only thirty-seven in attendance at the Sabbath school last Sabbath, yet the donation reached \$16.00. The last night of the camp-meeting we raised in cash and pledges \$111.50. Several of our interested friends gave \$5.00 each.

Five new members were baptized in the creek near the campground Sunday morning, the last day of the meeting; five others who could not meet at that hour will be baptized at a later date. We praise the Lord for this increase of the Waco Church.

E. M. Gates.

How Daniel Understood

"IN THE first year of Darius, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolation of Jerusalem." Daniel 9: 2. "He could not understand the relation sustained by the seventy years' captivity, as foretold through Jeremiah, to the twenty-three hundred years that in vision he heard the heavenly visitant declare should elapse before the cleansing of God's sanctuary." *Prophets and Kings*, p. 554.

"Daniel studied anew the prophecies of Jeremiah. They were very plain,—so plain that he understood by these testimonies recorded in books "the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish

seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem." "Often had Daniel and his companions gone over these and similar prophecies outlining God's purpose for His people. And now, as the rapid course of events betokened the mighty hand of God at work among the nations, Daniel gave special thought to the promises made to Israel. His faith in the prophetic word led him to enter into experiences foretold by the sacred writers." *Id.*, pp. 553, 554.

Two things in Daniel are worthy of our attention. He often had studied these and similar prophecies; he studied anew the same prophecies. The servant of the Lord calls them "testimonies recorded in books."

We as a people have been blessed with similar "books" called "*Testimonies*." In them are contained precious promises, and by a researching of them like results shall be realized.

I quote a few statements from a letter of May 19, 1916 from one of our aged pioneers, Elder G. I. Butler, who now sleeps. Speaking of the Testimonies, he said: "Read them much. She being dead, yet speaketh. I know her well; I was acquainted with her nearly seventy years. She was a dear mother in Israel. She sleeps in Jesus, but the battle on her testimonies is not yet all fought in this denomination"

Concerning Satan's attacks, we have been told: "He works upon minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work." *Vol. 5, p. 672*. In a recent apostasy he used individuals to select just such parts of the Testimonies as they thought would justify them in exciting alienation against those at the head of the work. The effort was so sly that nearly the entire church was caught in the delusion. Note the words, "Excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work." "The gifts are next questioned; then, of course, they have but little weight, and instruction given through vision is disregarded; . . . next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then the downward march to perdition." *Id. p. 672*.

I have seen souls rejoice who had been under this deception. Their eyes were enlightened and they were not afraid. My advice to all who have not purchased these books of instruction, is to become familiar with their teachings. Do not allow Satan to use you to carry out his deceptive work. He is the "accuser of the brethren." Rev. 12: 10. Let us be found "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4: 3.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

To Hutchinson, Minn., and Return

IT MAY be of interest to our readers to know that a very profitable council was held at Hutchinson, August 6-18, which Sister Cunningham and I were privileged to attend. The subjects under discussion were those of special interest to our preceptors, preceptresses, matrons, and school heads. Nearly one hundred from these different classes were present. To my mind it was the most profitable council we have yet held, and I have attended several in the last fifteen years. This was the sentiment of all.

From Hutchinson Sister Cunningham went to Milwaukee, Wis., where she visited our former student, Elizabeth Dixon. Elizabeth was very much interested to hear from Oakwood, and in a measure regrets that it seems impossible for her to return this year.

On Sabbath, August 21, Sister Cunningham was with our church in Chicago, where she met a number of old students, including John Turner, Harry Gray, and Wilfred Nathan. John Turner plans to take up the study of dentistry this winter, and Wilfred Nathan will attend college. Sister Cunningham addressed the Sabbath school on the needs of Oakwood and received several expressions of co-operation. After making a short visit with old friends in Tennessee, she arrived at Oakwood, August 30.

From Hutchinson I went to the colored camp-meeting in Oklahoma City, Okla., making brief stops at Omaha, Union College, and the Haskell Indian School at Lawrence, Kansas. At the Oklahoma camp-meeting I met Alberta and Bessie Sanders, as well as some others, including patrons of the school. There was a company of seventeen prospective students who met for instruction. Of these, several will probably come this year.

At Waco, Texas, I found another interested company of our people with some prospective students. From here I went a little farther South, and met Elders M. G. Nunes and H. D. Greene, who are conducting a successful tent effort in Houston, Texas. Some of you will recollect that Brother Greene and his wife, formerly Eugenia Davidson, are Oakwood graduates.

The next day I was at the camp-meeting in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where we had a very enthusiastic company of our people, two of whom I recognized immediately as Robert Ryles and Bertha Cade. Brother Ryles is only a month out of the hospital, where he underwent two operations. He is making a good recovery, and hopes to be in school this year. Sister Cade is hoping for a good delivery of books this fall. She was my GOSPEL HERALD solicitor at this camp-meeting.

Last Sabbath I was with the church in Memphis, where I met some who are desirous of entering Oakwood soon. We had a very interesting Sabbath service, during which several were baptized. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Richard Thomson and Sister Jones, the latter being their church school teacher, and also a summer school student at Oakwood this year.

Monday, August 30, I was very glad to see Oakwood once again, and although I have seen other campuses, and even parks, I think none look better than our own lawn with its thick, velvety covering of living green, relieved by its flower beds, and especially the one of scarlet sage in full bloom immediately in front of the school building. I found every one on the campus well, and busy.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

"In the economy of God, no effort, however small, put forth for the right cause, fails of its effect."

The New School Year at Oakwood

OUR friends will be interested in some of the arrangements for the coming school year. The entire summer vacation has been devoted to preparation for the opening of school the twenty-second of this month. A part of this preparation has been the producing of food for the dining room from our farm, gardens, and orchards, and we are glad to report that the results are fairly gratifying, and we will have some staple products for the winter. Other plans have had to do with the repairing and improving of West Hall and Old Mansion. The former is now occupied by the families of two of our employees, and the latter is designed for a girls' industrial building, though it is likely that for the present it must serve as home for an employee's family, business office and our store. Of late the crews have been employed in the cleaning and redecorating of Study Hall and Butler Hall, both of which we hope to have in good condition when school opens.

Since many in the field are not acquainted with our teaching force, we will herewith introduce them.

Elder W. L. Bird, our Bible teacher, has been with us several years, and each year improves his plans over those of the previous one. Not only does he conduct interesting Bible studies, but he also spends much time each week in the band work, which forms an important part of his department. He also has the care of our school library, which has grown very perceptibly under his management.

Professor E. C. Jacobsen is well qualified by his combined experience in student- and teacher-life as well as two years in the mission field, for his work as instructor in history. To this duty is added the care of our horticulture department and the superintendency of the Sabbath school, in which capacity he has served most of his two years at Oakwood.

Professor F. L. Peterson, who has ably filled the position of head of our English and music departments, comes to us again from a summer spent in real field effort in Atlanta. His four years experience in school and field work enables him to have a clear conception of the needs of the Oakwood student body.

As assistant in the music department, we will have with us again Miss Jennie Stratton, one of our own graduates, whose vacation work in the Chaney, Pa., summer school last year, enables her to give efficient instruction in sewing and in physical culture.

Miss Etta Reeder has already returned to resume her duties as head of our medical department. Besides her general care of the health of all connected with the institution, she has several classes daily and is in charge of the sewing and domestic science department. Just at present she is rendering valuable assistance in the cannery.

Our science and mathematics work will be in charge of Professor Roy A. Jorgensen, of Wisconsin, a graduate and assistant instructor of Emmanuel Missionary College. He comes of a family of denominational teachers, of whom Professors M. E. Cady, one of our pioneer text book authors, and

Guy Jorgensen, science teacher at our Danish-Norwegian Seminary, are two.

Miss Lottie E. Bell, recently Educational Secretary of a local conference in the Lake Union, and with a long and successful experience in our denominational schools, comes to head our normal work. She is full of enthusiasm, and we are anxious to see some large classes in this department.

In our training school, which will be under her supervision, will be Professor Eli M. Lane, of Chicago, where he has had two years of teaching experience since completing his work at Emmanuel Missionary College. He will also be our preceptor.

His wife, Mrs. N. M. Jordan-Lane, will teach in this department. She has also had training at the same school as Professor Lane, with several years experience.

Miss J. Frances Baugh, a graduate from Atlanta University, and our preceptress last year, will be another teacher, and has already demonstrated that she is no novice at this profession.

Miss Ethel Field will have her work again, having had the first four grades last year. She is well prepared for this work, and because of her family's long service in the Japanese field, has a deep missionary spirit.

Elder W. H. Lewis will continue his work as head mechanic. He has some large plans for Oakwood's improvements and for giving instruction in his line of work, but is seriously handicapped for want of suitable shops. We are sure his energy and enthusiasm will build up this work as rapidly as means will allow. He is also in charge of our Missionary Volunteer work.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis is our matron, and all testify to the good management of her important end of the school. The Lewises are well prepared in many ways for their duties, but especially by a seven years' service as missionaries in Africa.

All old students will be happy to know that our old standby, Elder F. W. Halladay, is still actively engaged in the interests of the school. This year his energies will be largely devoted to our mechanical needs, in which he has always had a great interest, and we certainly need all the attention to this end that we can afford. He is our church elder also.

Another familiar name appears in the mechanical department, Brother F. L. W. Clarke, who has been connected with us for several years. He is as interested as ever in putting up new buildings and keeping the ones we already have in good shape.

Miss Mary M. Day, our Registrar, is in charge of the President's office. She is an efficient office worker, as well as having capabilities in other lines, and aside from systematizing our office records and daily office routine, is able and willing to do some teaching in such lines as her training and experience has fitted her.

In the business office we have the services of Brethren K. F. Ambs and Leonard Allen, both Emmanuel Missionary College products. The former is our assistant business manager, and each

student will have ample opportunity to make his cheerful acquaintance as the financial part of the school arrangement progresses at the opening. The latter is our bookkeeper, and has also taken a definite interest in our apiary, which has been slowly developing into what we hope will yet be a profitable part of the school.

In Henderson Hall is found Mrs. Isabella Cunningham, who has long been a familiar figure in Oakwood's history, having been successfully student, orphanage mother, school matron, preceptor, and now preceptress. She knows many that have gone out from Oakwood in recent years, and all the returning old ones will be glad to greet her again, to say nothing of the friendly interest the new girls will find her manifesting in all their school home life.

During the present vacation we found a valuable man in Brother James Olmstead, to manage our farm. He and his wife and daughter, Neva, are enjoying their life in Dixie, and he is sparing no pains to make Oakwood's agricultural endeavors successful. He is also from Emmanuel Missionary College, one of our best and most progressive schools.

He is ably matched in Brother J. D. Finley, of Knoxville, Tenn., who became interested in Oakwood last winter, and has consented to manage our garden department. He is an untiring worker, and puts his whole life into his endeavors to produce as many good things as possible for supplying our tables.

Our children's home is in charge of Brother and Sister J. W. Wade, who have a good sized family to care for and train in everyday duties.

With a corps of workers like the above, and the Lord's promised blessing thrown in for good measure, we feel confident of a successful year. While this is being prepared for its readers, frequent faculty meetings are being held, in which plans are being developed preparatory to the twenty-second. A large part of the time has been devoted to the consideration of the large number of student applications that have reached us. To date ninety-nine students have enrolled, forty-seven young men and fifty-two young women. The average age of the applicants is twenty-one, that of the young men being twenty-two and the young women over nineteen. Of these fifteen are listed as having completed the ninth grade, thirteen the tenth, eight the eleventh, and, three the twelfth, with three who still have work to take in the thirteenth grade. Already nearly seventy students are here for the opening, and the next few days will see many arriving on the campus.

We are now printing our contemplated program for the Junior College department. For several reasons, but chiefly for want of sufficient class room space, it is necessary to divide our school in two sections. The Junior College department has its session in the forenoon, beginning at 6:45; the grammar grade having theirs in the afternoon, beginning at 12:45. In the grammar school the ordinary church school program is followed. In the Junior College each subject meets four times each

week for a period of fifty-five minutes. This accounts for a rather complicated appearance of the program, on the reverse side of which is a suitably ruled blank for the student to fill in his daily program for the week.

Reader, pray and work for us that the year may indeed be a successful one. J. I. BEARDSLEY.

The Ford Land

ABOUT two years ago, Oakwood Junior College added to its three hundred acre tract a large adjoining farm called, the Ford Place. This land has been set apart for the accommodation of family-students, and is cultivated by them, which provides means that enables them to secure a Christian education. At present one hundred fifty-four acres of this land is cultivated. This is planted in cotton, and corn, under the supervision of Brother J. D. Stephens, who is assistant to the farmer, Brother James Olmstead.

Because of the unfavorable weather, we were unusually late in getting our crops in, yet God has added His blessing to the labors of our hands, and today we can say, the crops are excellent; for this we praise the Lord and take courage.

"The work of the sower is a work of faith. The mystery of the germination and growth of the seed he cannot understand; but he has confidence in the agencies by which God causes vegetation to flourish. We cast away the seed expecting to gather it many fold in an abundant harvest."

This is truly our expectation; we are looking forward to an abundant harvest of cotton and corn. "There is life in the seed; there is power in the soil; but unless infinite power is exercised day and night, the seed will yield no return. The showers of rain must refresh the thirsty fields; the sun must impart warmth, electricity must be conveyed to the buried seed. The life which the Creator has implanted He alone can call forth. Every seed grows, every plant develops by the power of God."

LESLIE J. PRYOR.

Fruit Industry

AMONG the other departments, there is also at Oakwood the fruit industry. Pears, peaches, apples, grapes, strawberries, blackberries, and raspberries are the products. This line of work is now getting careful attention. We are sure of a good supply of pears for this winter, and a few apples are being canned. The berries have borne abundantly, and we hope to double the yield the coming year. The young apple trees and peach trees which were planted this spring are all growing nicely, and we have an encouraging outlook for this industry. A regular force of boys and tools are to be set apart for this department. With good land and choice stock, we hope to gather a bountiful crop of fruits and berries in the near future.

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The Cafeteria

THE DINING department is one of the most important in operation at Oakwood. All the members of the Oakwood family have a deep interest in this department, for it is upon it that in a large degree their health and happiness depend. The department is under the direction of Mrs W. H. Lewis, a returned missionary from Africa. Sister Lewis takes a deep interest in this department, and does all she can to make this department effective and satisfactory.

At 6:30 every morning twenty-three students assemble at the Dining Hall for roll call. After asking the Lord's blessing upon the work of the day, they separate for their assigned duties. Twelve of these work in other departments, eleven remaining to do the work in this building.

The girls that work in the Dining Room have been made very happy by a new supply of window shades, which have been placed at the windows to keep the room cool during the hot summer months, and all are rejoicing because in a few days we are expecting a new range. The old one has served a long term of usefulness, and it brings gladness to know that it will annoy us no more.

The whole school as well as the matron have been made glad because of the large amount of fruit we have been able to can already this summer. Our company of workers in the Dining Room were too small to do this extra work. So we called the girls from all the other departments to assist in the canning. All responded willingly. We now have approximately 450 half gallon jars of blackberries, peaches, apples and plums. The prospects for the winter look bright so far as fruit is concerned. But there is one shadow that always comes as we look into the Dining Room when all of our sixty-four students are assembled to their meals. The tables are almost filled, and the question is where will we seat our winter students, but we know the Lord will provide.

There is now in operation a new plan of serving. We no longer have to bear the pain of losing our meal tickets by misplacing them or in other ways. The cost of our food for each meal is placed in a book and carried to the office weekly. This plan saves time as well as money, and prevents mistakes by punching wrong amounts from the tickets.

The Lord truly has been good to Oakwood, and we all feel to express ourselves in the language of the poet:

"Then let us work, without complaint,
The work of God, and never faint;
Though now by weariness oppress,
The end is everlasting rest."

ORA BELLE FINE.

The Garden

THIS department has furnished work for three boys and ten or twelve girls since early spring. Excessive rains and pests in the form of rabbits and cut worms have injured the garden during the early season. We are now planting for a later crop.

The garden has been separated from the fruit industry, or horticulture, and our manager is now giving his entire time to this department. Brother J. D. Finley, a man of considerable experience in Southern gardening, has this work in charge. We have a good team and some up to date tools and hope to make this work one of the most successful features of Oakwood's industry. Plans are already being laid for the year.

Three young men in this department have garden plots of their own which have been planted to beans. In this way they are encouraged to study effective methods of culture and care of garden crops. These too will aid them in raising finances for another year's schooling. The lessons we learn in material things all have a spiritual application, and are valuable in character building.

EMILE JARREAU.

OAKWOOD NEWS

As we prepare these notes, September 17, Elder Halladay is on his way to attend the camp-meeting at Cleveland, Tenn., and Misses Julia F. Baugh, Jennie Stratton, Corine Bass, and Blanche Palmer the camp-meeting just beginning at Birmingham, Alabama. Elder Bird is at the camp-meeting at North Carolina.

Recent arrivals include Professor E. M. Lane, our preceptor, and his wife, both of whom will teach for us this year; Miss Jennie Stratton, from her vacation; and Miss Ethel Field, from Ooltewah, Tennessee.

"A. B.," otherwise Anastasio Barreiro, has returned from spending his vacation canvassing in Cuba. He was accompanied by Gertrude Stanley, a new student. Ora Hutson, who failed to return last year, has arrived to continue her school work.

A letter, dated September 7, from Professor C. J. Boyd, tells that their boat was to leave next morning from New Orleans, for Colon, Panama, Canal Zone, where he will have charge of one of our schools.

Sister Anna Knight recently spent several days with us on her way to the Baltimore camp-meeting.

Our colporteurs are busy with their deliveries.