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Are All the Children In?

Are all the children in? The night is falling
And storm clouds gather in the threatening west;
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter,
The bird hies to her nest;
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest,
And darkness settles o'er the fearful din:
Come, shut the door, and gather round the
heart-stone,—
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,
When gilded sin doth walk about the street.
Oh, "at the last it biteth like a serpent!"
Poisoned are stolen sweets.
O mother, guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin.
O shut the door of love against temptations!
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling;
The night of death is hastening on apace;
The Lord is calling, "Enter thou thy chamber,
And tarry there a space."
And when he comes, the King in all his glory,
Who died the shameful death our souls to win,
O may the gates of heaven shut about us
With all the children in.

ELIZABETH FOSSER



True Wisdom is Full of Mercy.

THOSE who delight to criticise their brethren, make manifest the fact that they pride themselves in their superior wisdom, because they discern stains upon the characters of their brethren that others have failed to see; but "this wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." The apostle has given us a description of the fruits of pure and undefiled religion, and has also delineated the character of the fruits of that wisdom which descendeth not from above.

My dear brethren and sisters, will you consider these truths, noting how opposite in character and tendency they are, and determine which kind you are cultivating? May the Lord open the eyes of our people to see clearly on which side they stand. Good fruits are without partiality and without hypocrisy.

When the grace of Christ is in the heart, tender compassion will be manifested for one another, and words and deeds of kindness will be done, not merely for the few who extol and favor you, but for those for whom Christ died. The harvest of peace is sown in peace of them that make peace. Christ knows the spirit we cherish; for the faithful Witness says, "I know thy works." The thoughts of the heart are not hidden from him and by our words and deeds we shall be judged in the last great day. God will not vindicate us if we manifest a harsh denunciatory spirit, either toward our own brethren or toward those who are not of our faith. Those who do this may appear to have a zeal for the truth, but it is not according to knowledge. To be unkind, to denounce others, to give expression to harsh, severe judgements, to entertain evil thoughts, is not the result of that wisdom which is from above, but is the sure evidence of an unsanctified ambition, after the order of that which caused the condemnation of Jesus.

The language of the Christian must be mild and circumspect; for his holy faith requires him to represent Christ to the world. All those who abide in Christ will manifest the kind, forgiving courtesy that characterized his life. Their works will be works of piety, equity, and purity. They will have the meekness of wisdom, and will exercise the gift of the grace of Jesus. They will be willing and ready to forgive, earnestly seeking to be at peace with their brethren. They will represent that

spirit which they desire to be exercised toward them by their Heavenly Father. The enemy has been at work seeking to control the thoughts and affections of many who claim to be led by the Spirit of truth. Many cherish unkind thoughts, envyings, evil surmisings, and pride, and manifest a fierce spirit that leads them to do works like those of the evil one. They have a love of authority, a desire for pre-eminence, a longing for a high reputation, a disposition to censure and revile others, and they wrap about themselves the garment of hypocrisy, calling their unsanctified ambition zeal for the truth.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



Oakwood School

Extracts from Prof. Boyd's Annual Report.

WE have many reasons to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for the blessings that have been ours at the OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL, during the past year. We have had but little sickness, no deaths, and but very few accidents. Our present attendance is sixty-five. There are also about thirty children in the neighborhood who attend our mission school which is conducted by the girls of our Normal department.

We have our school well classified and graded up. A report of the standing of each student is rendered each month.

We find that the students accept readily the teachings that make us a peculiar people. We find that God's converting power and his convicting truth takes hold upon them. Twenty of them were baptized in one day in April and three in October, and nearly all the unconverted came forward and identified themselves with God's people as a result of the meetings held during the Week of Prayer just past.

Among improvements for the last year we mention, our new dining hall, planned

and erected by Dr. M. M. Martinson and students. In connection with this, an oven and bake room have just been completed. The room is well lighted. Both are constructed of concrete, and present a clean and sanitary appearance.

A number of new fixtures have added greatly to the efficiency of our sanitarium. This little institution has done some good work the past year. However, we are anxious to increase our patronage.

One of the strong features of our school work this year is our ministerial course. This department is in the special charge of Elder T. H. Jeys. The classes are well filled, and a deep interest is manifested on the part of the students in each subject that is taken up. Several in this course have had the privilege of being out with tent companies during the summer, and report many interesting experiences, but have returned enthusiastic for a better preparation.

GOSPEL HERALD, the organ of the North American Negro Department of our General Conference, has been published here since last January. The work on this paper is very beneficial to the institution in furnishing both profitable and educational employment to the students.

Professor Halladay and his boys are finishing the orphanage. It is practically ready to receive its furniture.

Our music work this year is in charge of Miss Mae Hollingsworth, and the students are making splendid progress in both the instrumental and the vocal work. Eighteen are taking instrumental lessons, and about forty are taking the vocal classes.

The band is doing creditable work. Several new instruments have been added recently.

Fourteen girls are taking the sewing and dress-making class. Several others are working their entire way through school in the sewing department. They have made uniforms for the girls, and are busy making shirts at present. Others are engaged in sewing carpet rags for rugs. We are just now equipping our sewing department for a strong work. We have the entire up-stairs over our new dining hall for this purpose. We are installing some new machines and other fixtures.

The farm is superintended by Brother C. J. Harris. The usual variety of crops,

corn, cow-peas, sorghum, sweet-potatoes, cotton, vegetables, bulbs, and berries, have been produced. About 800 bu. of sweet potatoes were harvested, and are keeping nicely. The cattle have looked well the past year. We have sixteen head of milk cows on the place at the present time. Also twelve head of mules and two brood mares, and about two hundred fifty hens.

We are growing at the present time about twenty-five acres of winter grain of which fifteen acres are wheat and ten acres, oats.

Among recent improvements, we would mention the plastering and the finishing of our new sewing room; the ceiling of the printing office; the installment of a new retort in our cannery; and the setting up of a new saw mill and shingle mill. Several of our boys are engaged at the present in cutting and hauling logs and working up our cedar into fence posts. We have a large amount of fencing to do this year.

A part of the lumber which we are sawing out at present, will be used in the construction of the large tool house which we are planning to build soon. Several of our neighbors are also hauling logs to have worked up into lumber or shingles.

Recent additions to the equipment in our chapel buildings are a new gasoline lighting system; a new soft coal heater in each recitation room and the chapel; and a new case of maps.

We are preparing to re-shingle the old home building, and have purchased new windows for the main part. We have also just placed a new Acme fire extinguisher in each building on the place.

We have dug a 400 bbl. cistern at the sanitarium, the chapel, and the boys' dormitory. They will be finished up in concrete. The one proposed for the dining hall is not yet begun.

While our institution has been signally blessed the past year through the efforts put forth by Elder A. J. Haysmer in raising funds for improving our equipment, and the continual fostering care of the General Conference in supporting our teachers, yet the school is not without its needs.

As stated our present attendance is sixty-five. According to the testimonies we should have at least 100. We have here a school and sanitarium quite well equipped for the work which they are de-

signed to do. We need sanitarium patients, and more God-fearing young people who are desirous of preparing for the Lord's work.

I know a man in the state of Florida who is about thirty years old. He has a wife and child. He is honest, industrious, and a minister of the gospel. He came in contact with some of our white brethren several years ago and became interested in our teachings; but as he had no company with which to connect himself or church to go to, still preaches to his neighbors in a little log church, and continues to do about the best he knows how. He needs directing and encouragement. We have corresponded with him, and he is planning to come to Oakwood.

This illustrates a duty that some of our white brethren throughout the country could perform. There are many who are interested but who need to be urged to come to this place.

We can give proper persons the privilege of working their way through school. There are but few institutions that are in a position to offer such inducements. We want students of mature age who have a definite aim in life who are willing to be faithful in their work and manifest some endurance. Such can receive a preparation that will enable them to go forth into the great harvest field qualified to reflect honor upon his cause.

C. J. BOYD.



Items.

A VERY encouraging report was given by sister Julia Lowe, Sabbath school secretary of the Southern Union Mission, at the Southern Union Conference just held in Nashville, Tennessee.

The report showed that in 1910 there were twenty-four Sabbath schools, with a membership of 557. The total contributions were \$545. 66.

In 1911 the number of schools had increased to thirty-two and the membership 680. The offerings were \$647. 43. This was an increase of eight schools, 123 members and \$101.77 donations. The total donations for the two years was \$1,193.09 and nearly all was given to missions.

The Virginia Conference is in search of a colored nurse; one who is capable of giving treatments, and who can give Bible readings.

A. J. H.

Talks to My Students.

The Doctrine of Balaam

ONE of the faults of the Thyatirian church was that the doctrine of Balaam was entertained by them. Balaam taught Balak, king of Moab how to overcome Israel. His instruction was followed, and Israel fell by the plan.

"Make a banquet," said he, "and invite the young folks to participate. When they come, let every artifice be used to win them.

Let all that wealth and beauty can give be lent, to dazzle the eye, intoxicate the senses, and benumb the spiritual perceptions. If you can get them to take part with you in these idolatrous, sensual pleasures, their God will forsake them."

How well he succeeded is told in the sad story of Baal Peor.

The church of Thyatira was in danger from the same source. They too were entertaining the idea that it might be all right for the sons of God to mingle with the children of men and take them wives wherever they would. This the True Witness warns against.

How like to-day. Satan is watching the hosts of Israel no less now, as they are nearing their everlasting rest, than he did the camp of the Hebrews just before their entrance into typical Canaan. The same Balaam doctrine is in evidence to-day. And wherever it gains a foothold, the same disastrous results follow.

I see a young man who loves God and the message, growing careless and indifferent to the claims of the truth. On inquiry it develops that he has met some Moabitish woman. Her pretty face, soft voice, and winning ways are doing their dire work, and unless a miracle of Divine grace shall be seen, he will soon be where he will either wholly abandon the truth and be eternally lost, or else, will be in a life-long bondage almost worse than death. He has listened to the Doctrine of Balaam.

I see a young lady, just blooming into young womanhood. Her zeal for the truth is such, that her very presence seems a benediction. A young man of the world appears on the scene. His polish, suavity, pleasing address, and charming personality attract her. Her zeal wanes. She no longer loves the house of prayer, nor goes on her wonted errands of mercy.

To the carefully worded suggestions

of anxious friends she turns a deaf ear. She is infatuated, charmed, ensnared.

O students, beware, beware of the Doctrine of Balaam.

Stock Expressions.

One of the duties of the gospel worker is to write short, interesting accounts of his work for publication. When you write, avoid the use of stock expressions.

By this, I mean phrases and forms of speech that are hackneyed by continual use. There are many such; simple and good enough in themselves, and grammatically correct, but which by overmuch use have become trite.

One writer recently said three times in an article of four pages, "Language fails me to tell"—etc. That article would have been how long, if language had *not* failed? Another writes that a certain number of persons were "buried with their Lord in baptism." When first used, this phrase was doubtless a fortunate, happy expression, but its much use has made it trite. Better say they were baptized.

It would be a safe estimate that nine tenths of the reports sent in for publication end with a request on the part of the writer that the readers pray for something; it may be the writer, or those of whom he writes, or the general work. Now, I would not wish to be understood as in any way discouraging prayer. I believe in prayer. There is none too much praying done. But as a change that would be acceptable, I suggest that the request for prayer be mentioned at the first of the article, and that the burden of the request be that the writer may be able to guide his pen safely past an expression that is so old and worn that it is well nigh meaningless.

T. H. J.



Drugs and Disease.

THE high pressure and lightning speed of society in America is the ruination of the people. The nerves are overworked and the stomach is not given time to digest the food. The people are tired, and instead of taking rest, they stimulate, and when the reaction comes, they stimulate again. This course soon ends in a broken constitution. You are sick because you have not obeyed nature's laws and now pain has conquered your breath and turned it into a sigh; but what can strong medicine do?

If it is a strong hypnotic, it may daze

the nerves so they cannot cry out; but can the drug remove the cause, or take away the poisons that cause the nerves to shriek in pain? Should the drug be a stimulant, it may irritate the organ to a greater activity, but does a stimulant supply the cell with food to do the work of cleaning out the rubbish that has accumulated? Will it purify a corrupt blood-stream? The answer is, No.

All the apothecary shops with their compounds will not do what nature can do with pure food, rest, and sunshine. You may travel from north to south, and from east to west to find the "elixir of life", but as long as you abuse your vital organs, you will suffer. The nostrums and all the pills and patent medicines which promise you health and happiness are only deceivers. Your tea, coffee, tobacco, spices, and condiments have no food value; they are only stimulants which derange the fine machinery of the body.

NATURE'S REMEDIES FORGOTTEN.

People are not apt to distinguish between prevention and cure. They look for books which will instruct them how to cure by drugs, so that they can feel well. They have full confidence in their doctor and his pills or some nicely labeled patent medicine.

You may plead for relief in this way, but you will not get it, for pain is only the penalty of sin against the body or soul. The only way is to fall back on nature when drug quackery has destroyed your faith and your pocket-book.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

God has given us wisdom, and he wants each one to learn that the body is not to be abused. It is sin that is drawing us into the pit of destruction. God is working and will work to heal the wounds which sin has made, and he wants us to recognize him as the Great Physician. He wants us to keep close to him by obeying nature's laws, by inhaling her pure, sweet air; deeply, fully, and continually.

Eat only nutritious food, such as grains, fruits, and nuts; not forgetting to masticate thoroughly. Drink only pure water. Practice cleanliness and purity of habits; cultivate mental serenity and hope, and truths found in Psalm 103 will be made plain: "He healeth all thy diseases."

M. M. MARTINSON, M. D.


SOUTHEASTERN UNION MISSION


News and Notes.

Florida.

Elder J. W. Manns has introduced some new advertising features in connection with his tent work in Orlando this winter.

Miss Anna Butler, our mission school teacher at Punta Gorda, was recently called to Vicksburg, Miss., on account of the illness of her sister there; but she is again at her post of duty. Her sister returned with her, somewhat better at this writing.

Miss Essie Palmer is now teaching at East Palatka. The school at that point has a new building this season.

Miss Felicia Palmer writes encouragingly of her school work in Jacksonville this year. The attendance is above eighty. Mrs. M. E. Pegues, a new Sabbath keeper, is assisting.

Georgia.

Elder C. G. Manns recently conducted a series of meetings with the Brunswick church. The company at Albany is still faithful.

Elder R. E. Williams, of Macon, spent several days laboring with the Austell company this winter. He is planning for an early tent effort this spring at Americus.

Miss Beatrice Lenard is one of the new mission school teachers in our union. She is located at Macon and has a growing school at that point.

There have been some real conversions among the children in the Atlanta mission school. The teachers, Mrs. Cheshire and Mrs. Tate, conducted the Week-of-Prayer readings in the school room with the above results.

Miss Anna Knight, the Atlanta Bible worker, reports two more new Sabbath keepers, one of whom will unite with the church the first opportunity.

S. Carolina.

Mrs. Edna Wright enjoys the unique experience of teaching a public school at Johnston on a mission school basis. This is done by special request of the school trustees at that place. There are four grades and over thirty children in her school.

To Elder and Mrs. J. F. Crichlow of Winnsboro, was born on October 18, a daughter.

Miss Mabelle G. Mason spent the holi-

days selling our magazines with excellent results in Chester, Columbia and Darlington, for the benefit of the Winnsboro work. From a bank president she secured a yearly subscription to the Protestant Magazine.

Brother J. A. Hoover, the local elder at Columbia, is now planning with the church for the purchase of a very choice piece of property for a permanent place of worship.

It is expected that Brother Thos. Cherry, of Johnston will connect with a tent company next summer to do evangelistic work.

Elder Strachan recently visited the churches and companies in the state. There are candidates for baptism at Greenville and Aiken.

N. Carolina.

December 9, Mrs Gertrude Graham Bowen died in Ashville at the city hospital. Her death resulted from liver trouble. Elder G. W. Wells conducted the funeral services in the Adventist church. A husband and two small children mourn her loss.

Elder Page Shepard is moving from Greensboro to Newberne.

Miss Sarah Crowe is in New York City taking a course in nurse training.

Elder Sydney Scott plans to enter Wilmington with his tent company this spring.

Cumberland.

Sister Emily McGlocklin is still doing Bible work in Chattanooga.

Elder W. H. Maynor continues his house to house work in Morristown. There are a few new Sabbath keepers as a result of his efforts.

Mrs. W. H. Maynor writes encouragingly of the results from the Thanksgiving dinner given by the pupils of her school for the benefit of the poor.

More than one hundred sixty new Sabbath keepers were developed in the Southeastern Union mission during 1911.

M. C. STRACHAN

Field Secretary.

Some are too lazy to do anything very bad. They simply float down the stream of life. A chip, a stray board, a straw, does the same. Do not be satisfied with merely "being good." Be good for *something*.

A Pleasant Occasion.

THE Seventh Day Adventist church gave a very pleasant reception to the people of Pensacola, Fla., in honor of Brother M. G. Nunes and his wife, formerly Miss Sarah E. Barrow, of Corsicana, Tex.

The women of the Adventist church were the hostesses of the evening and their ability for entertaining is unbounded.

Sister E. Burnette, chairman of the decorating committee, and sister J. T. Burke, chairman of the refreshment committee were among those who contributed most pleasantly to the success of the occasion, which throughout was a thoroughly delightful event. Many closed doors have now been opened for missionary work.

During the hours of the reception which were from 7.30 to 10 o'clock p.m., a few of the best known people of the city called to meet Brother Nunes and wife; for the invitation had been extended to "all Adventists and friends of Adventists," which of course, interested nearly all of Pensacola's best people.

F. LORIS PETERSON.



**What Hath God Wrought?
Educational Department.**

IN the previous article I showed the remarkable growth in our publishing work, but this is not the only line that has shown a steady and encouraging advance.

The educational work has been blessed of God. The first denominational school was opened in Battle-Creek, Michigan, Jan. 3, 1872 under the supervision of the General Conference Committee, with Professor G. H. Bell in charge.

There were about 90 students with three teachers. The property was worth about \$500.00.

In 1880 there were two schools with 505 students. The property was worth about \$52,000.00.

In 1885, there were six schools, forty-three teachers and 886 students.

In 1895 there were twenty-nine schools, 187 teachers and 2,869 students.

In 1905 there were 468 schools, 723 teachers, and 10,650 students.

In 1910 there were 680 schools, 1,319 teachers, 20,526 students, and a total valuation of school property of \$2,115,806.27.

A. J. HAYSMER



SOUTHERN UNION MISSION



North Alabama.

THIS is my first year in this field and my second in the U. S. A.

The Lord has greatly blessed us during the past year. Despite the continued interruption and opposition of the enemy we have been greatly favored of the Lord so that we can report progress in every department of the work represented in this field. Twenty-four new converts have united with us, and their presence has brought new life into the churches and companies in the district.

A large portion of my time has been spent in Birmingham. In this rapidly growing city, we have a church with a membership of nearly sixty. A few of these are out in the field as canvassers and teachers in distant counties. Early this year we organized a tract and missionary society. The church here is fast becoming an ideal one in missionary work. Through the tract society we have been able to place in the homes of the people in Birmingham thousands of pages of tracts, sold over fifteen hundred periodicals, and have raised in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, up to date, over \$19.00.

At our last business meeting held Dec. 31, the church treasurer reported \$326.13 tithes for 1911 against \$272.15 for 1910. Sabbath-school donations amounted to over \$50.00 (all for missions) against \$36.50 for the previous year. Besides these, over \$24.00 has been received to meet the running expenses of the church and Sabbath-school.

We have elected church officers for 1912 and organized three new missionary bands,—the Y. P. M. V. society, and the Willing Workers' Band Nos. 1 and 2.

During the year Brother R. I. Keate assisted by Brother J. J. Pearson and the writer conducted a canvasser's institute in the colored church, and as a result three sisters have entered the work.

A few of the members in Sylacauga have taken up the canvassing work and are succeeding. The treasurer's report shows an increase of tithes and offerings for 1911 against those of the previous year. Some of the new converts in Decatur are gone to school at Oakwood.

The mission school in Decatur has made considerable advancement since the re-opening and is proving to be a missionary factor in the work there.

The believers in Gadsden are of good courage.

Thus far the Lord has blest us. The main encouragement we have had is the conversion of some and the transformation of mind and heart of many of the believers.

J. GERSHOM DASENT.



Newelton, La.

THE work here is onward. The members are of good courage. We met on Thursday night, Dec. 29 and elected officers for 1912. Elder Thomas Murphy was present and gave a good talk to officers on their required duty to the church; he also spoke on tithes.

It rained so that the ordinances were put off until Sunday.

Brother M. A. Battle was ordained as deacon and at the ordination all the members united in consecration to God. Tithes amounted to \$47.00. We are in much need of a teacher here. We pray the Lord that he may send forth more laborers into the harvest.

J. F. WEATHINGTON.



Washington, D. C.

WHILE there has not been made the progress that should or might have been; yet some real and lasting advances have been gained toward the final triumph of the message, which we hope will soon be finished.

In spite of the errors proclaimed by the enemies, who fight against us from without and within, there are those who are taking a firm stand upon eternal truth.

Tent meetings were held last summer in a locality where there had never before been a tent pitched by our people; and it was well attended throughout by many, who gave good attention. Some have taken their stand for the truth and united with the cause.

While it may be truthfully said that every field is important when it concerns the third angel's message; yet it seems that this is the most needy for several reasons: It being the location of our general headquarters, the seat of a great

government, which brings people here from every part of the nation and from many lands who are in need of this final message; and, too, Satan is at work here with much subtilness, trying to corrupt the teaching of this message, in order that he may destroy the faith of those who profess the truth, and turn away those who are coming to the light of the gospel. But there is nothing to fear from the enemy if we will stand stiffly for all the truth and "fight the good fight of faith," "for where sin abounded grace did much more abound."

The membership of the church is about the same as last year. Fifty-six have united with the church; but several have been dropped from the roll by letter and otherwise. Most of the members have been active in rallying to the church and cause.

The financial showing for the year is as follows:—Tithes \$664.72, Church expenses and the several offerings \$395.96.

W. H. GREEN.



Wilmington, Del.

WHILE I am new in this blessed cause I feel thankful to God that I am one of the little number that he has chosen to proclaim his great truth for the last days. We, as a little church, recently organized as the Wilmington No. 2 church, are thankful that the third angel's message has been preached to us. And though Brother F. H. Seeney and Brother G. P. Rogers have worked very faithfully, revealing to us the blessed truth, yet it seems to us that the work in this city is but scarcely touched. But since it has pleased God to remove Brother and Sister Rodgers to Baltimore to proclaim the truth to the people there who are willing to receive it, we pray that he will bless them in their labors.

Brother Seeney and his wife are laboring faithfully, night and day, and from home to home; and the work is moving on. Sister Seeney labors very earnestly with her husband, seeking to fill Brother Rodgers' place in the work. We are very thankful that these workers may still remain among us.

The week of prayer was a season of great blessing to us. We earnestly hope that the readers of the VISITOR will pray for the work here, that God will bless us by adding many more souls to our little number.

H. H. CEPHAS.

GENERAL

Work for the Colored People in Delaware.

LAST April I was asked to work for the colored people of Washington, Del., during the summer. We started our meetings the latter part of July. Brother G. P. Rodgers, Sister Jackson, a Bible worker, and the writer made up our tent company. The average attendance for the season was about one hundred fifty each evening. On the tenth of October we transferred our services from the tent to a comfortable hall, and the Lord continued to bless us in sending people to hear the message.

It seemed impossible to find a suitable place for baptism, and so, we finally decided to ask the Baptist minister for the use of his church for the service. This he gladly gave us, and both the gallery and auditorium were filled with interested people who had never before witnessed a scene of this kind. The Lord certainly worked in our favor to bring about this opportunity to present the truth to many people whom we would not have been able to reach through other means. He blessed in the presentation of the subject of baptism, and the words spoken carried conviction to many hearts.

On November 18, Elder R. T. Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference, helped us to organize a church of eleven members in Wilmington. Several who were unable to be present at that time have since joined us, and we are hoping to increase our church-membership during the winter. Our Sabbath-school has thirty members.

Recently Brother Rodgers and I visited the weekly meeting of the Ministers' Union of this city. They asked us to say a few words, and we were indeed thankful for the opportunity. I was asked to address their meeting the following week, and after much study and prayer, chose for my subject "The Millennium." This opened the way for quite a discussion on the question, and many different views were advanced by the ministers present. I hope to be able to visit these meetings often, and present some phase of the third angel's message as opportunity offers. May the Lord guide is my prayer.

FRED H. SEENEY.

Indianapolis, Ind.

WHEN I came to this city about six weeks ago and began a series of meetings for the colored people, the majority of those invited invariably gave this excuse: "We must attend our church every night, for we are getting ready for Christmas. Wait until after the holidays and then—"

Was I discouraged? I should say not. The spirit of the Battle Creek institute has been an inspiration to me since its close. It makes me courageous, because I realize that the three-fold message is the last message to the world, to be given by messengers who are upheld by a "God in heaven who is doing things on earth."

At present we have two organized Sabbath schools, one of ten members and the other of thirteen.

Since my arrival eight persons have begun to keep the Sabbath. We hope that in the near future those who are members of the Sabbath school, and who are not yet observing the Sabbath, may do so.

L. W. BROWN.

Philadelphia, Pa.

THE week of prayer readings were a source of blessing to the members of the First African church of Philadelphia. The week preceeding the week of prayer the members met each evening to seek the Lord for a deeper consecration of heart. A spirit of humility was manifested, the tender love of Jesus filled each heart, and many were led to confession of sin. Truly these were glorious seasons. Pray for the work in this city.

T. H. BRANCH.

If So, Why?

SOME say alcohol gives *strength*. If so, why do athletes abstain while training for a race or other conquests requiring strength?

Some say alcohol gives *endurance*. If so, why do great employers of labor cut off the supply of drink when work of an especially arduous or lengthened nature is required?

Some say alcohol gives *heat*. If so, why is it that the temperature of a person unconscious from drink is always sub-normal?

Some say alcohol keeps out the *cold*. If so, why do travelers in Arctic regions who take drink, succumb to the cold,

while total abstainers remain unharmed?

Some say alcohol is good in *hot* countries. If so, why did Stanley refuse it to his men during his forced march across Africa in search of Emin Pasha?

Some say alcohol *steadies the nerves*. If so, why do surgeons abstain before performing a delicate operation?

Some say alcohol *sustains the health*. If so, why do insurance companies take total abstainers at the lowest premium?

Some say it is dangerous *suddenly* to give up the use of alcohol. If so, why do prisoners, most of whom are obliged suddenly to abstain, improve in health?

Some say alcohol is *necessary* for *mothers* in the care of their children. If so, why are 1,000 babies suffocated every year by drunken mothers, in London alone, and twenty-seven per cent of these on Saturday (drink) night?

—Anon.

Unkind Kindnesses.

THERE is a kindness that is unkind; a kindness which is soft cruelty; that fear to hurt to-day, which causes more hurting to-morrow; that shunning of unpleasant responsibilities that shunts back more responsible unpleasantnesses.

Had Eli beaten those children of his, not sparing for their crying, there would not have been, later on, so much crying in Israel.

Had he, in their youth, broken the rod on their backs, their conduct would not, in his old age have broken his heart and his neck.

Many a person can say to-day, "Blessed are the *cornings* and the *cornerings* I had." And these are the ones, too, who when older grown, submit themselves gracefully to their Heavenly Father, saying: He knoweth best. Not my will but his be done.

That other class, thru weak parental indulgence grow fat, like Jesurun, kick against restraints in this world and for the world to come. While there must always be *bowels* of compassion, remember the *backbone* of principle.

PHILIP GIDDINGS.

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As flows the river, calm and deep,
In silence toward the sea,
So floweth ever, and ceaseth never,
The love of God to thee.

Young People's Column

Satan's Want Advertisement.

Johnson, the drunkard, is dying to-day
With traces of sin on his face;
He'll be missed at the club, at the bar, at the
play;

Wanted— a boy for his place.

Simons, the gambler, was killed in a fight;
He died without pardon or grace,
Some one must train for his burden and blight,
Wanted— a boy for his place.

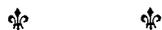
The scoffer, the idler, the convict, the thief,
Are lost; and without any noise,
Make it known, that there come to my instant
relief

Some thousands or more of the boys.

Boys from the fireside, boys from the farm,
Boys from the home and the school,
Come leave your misgivings, there can be no
harm
Where "drink and be merry's" the rule.

Wanted for every lost servant of mine,
Some one to live without grace;
Some one to die without pardon divine.
Will you be the boy for the place?

P. S.— Replies to this "ad." received by
Devil & Co., at any rumshop, gambling place,
or tobacco store.



For The Young People's Column.

THE greeting for 1912 is in harmony with the spirit of him who said "Suffer the little children", etc. Certainly! Let each reader of the HERALD, whether young or old, set himself to obtain some real good live thought from God, something that will not only be an inspiration to himself but to others,—a quickener — an arrow that will go straight to the mark. Do your very best, children. God gave us our brains and intended us to think good thoughts with them. And if the editor cannot find room except for a few of the best, don't be offended or discouraged and think your effort is not appreciated. It is. You just try again.

Who knows that the editor would not be glad to add a supplement. Dear young people, thank the kind Captain of our Salvation that you are young and strong, with a chance to enlist in his army. I am learning of Christ, how to approach the children, a gift that I have coveted for nearly a half century. Could you possibly guess *why* I have never received this very great gift even tho God is so anxious to bestow it upon his workers? I think I can. But it is better to begin late than never.

S. O. JAMES.

Your Old Fashioned Father.

YES, my boy, I noticed that your father doesn't wear the newest style of collar, his coat is out of date, and his shoes not the latest pattern. You will remember, however, that his old fashioned signature, at the business end of a bank check is worth more yet than your nicely written autograph.

Your college bred manners are very nice, but don't you go and make the mistake of thinking that your father is to be apologized for, or that you have any occasion to be ashamed of him. You just hold your head right up and remember that yours is the best and noblest father there is. When he speaks, you be silent, for tho he may not know some things that you have learned from a book, he knows many things that he *didn't* learn from books, and that you cannot so learn. You may be able to demonstrate a problem in geometry in language that he wouldn't understand, but he has learned the problem of making ends meet, a question that your geometry cannot solve.

I would not underestimate your accomplishments, nor would I have you undervalue the blessing you have in him. He is your father. He worked for you in your infancy, and watched your development with an interest you have never yet understood. He has prayed for you many times when you were asleep; and when you were willful, disobedient, unruly, and headstrong, his heart was grieved as you cannot now comprehend. When you did well, he rejoiced with a satisfaction that only a father knows. He is glad to see your up-to-date accomplishments you may be sure, but he will be gladder to observe in you that high regard, that tenderness of heart, that filial esteem, which every son should show to his father. And I say to you again:—

Don't you make the mistake of thinking you must offer an apology for the old style of coat, nor the quaintnesses of speech. Be glad you have him yet. If it ever be right to be proud, this is the occasion. Be proud of your father. Show it by the reverence you give him, by the kindness you exhibit, by the gentle words you speak to him; and I will venture to predict that the world will forgive you for this particular variety of pride quicker than for any other. T. H. J.

The Band of Imps. Answers to last Month's list

1. Impatient
2. Impostor
3. Imperative
4. Important
5. Imperial
6. Impetuous
7. Impenitent
8. Impregnable
9. Impede
10. Import
11. Impudent
12. Impend
13. Improve
14. Impertinent
15. Imperfect
16. Impoverish
17. Impolite
18. Impede
19. Impel
20. Impossible



Grammatical Rules.

Noted From an old Grammar edited by Mr. C. Arnal Heart.

IN confessing a sin or mistake, always use the second or third person. You may say he or they, but never say I.

2. In describing good, brave, or praiseworthy deeds, you may say I; but as soon as the subject changes to faults, and mistakes, rule 1 applies.

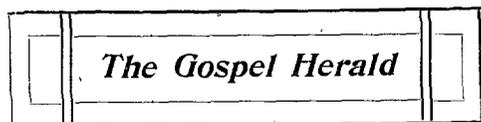
3. If the subject is in the first or second person, apply such adjectives as good noble, generous, honest, &c., but if in the third person, such modifiers as stingy, mean, low, lazy, trifling &c., should be used.

4. When the power to live above sin is discussed, always use the subjunctive mode; for this is the mode that is used to express contingencies, or suppositions contrary to fact.

5. When it is proposed to contribute to foreign missions, you should be in the objective case. There are heathen enough at home.

6. All human beings agree with their antecedents in disposition and ability; therefore do not give credence to the thought that a man could do well if he came of a doubtful family.

7. Negative adverbs should be omitted when quoting the commandments, and inserted when giving the Apostles' creed.



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Oakwood Items.

PROF. BOYD returned Jan. 25 from the Union Conference at Nashville. He reports an excellent meeting.

Elder T. B. Buckner visited the Oakwood school on his return from the Nashville meeting. He spoke to the students on Sabbath Jan. 27, and left on the night train for his field of labor at New Orleans, La. Elder Buckner not only desires to see the school turn out workers, but he uses his influence to send promising students to the school. Why should not every minister and worker regard himself as a special agent whose duty and privilege is to pick out promising young men and women, and encourage them to come where they may get the necessary training?

Our saw mill is now in active operation with Jeff. Stevens at the lever to do the sawing. Already some lumber from the first sawing is being built into our dining room porch.

Prof. F. W. Halladay was called to the home of his parents in Ottawa, Illinois by a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his mother. A note received from him since his arrival states that she is still living.

Four thousand cabbage plants, the first for 1912, were set in the Oakwood gardens January 30.

Because of the small pox prevailing near Oakwood, it was thought best to have all students vaccinated, unless they

had recently undergone the operation or had had the disease.

Brother and Sister Harris have returned from their visit in Indiana, and resumed their work at Oakwood.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found Professor Boyd's annual report, made at the Union Conference recently held at Nashville, Tennessee. We commend this report to the careful attention of all our readers.

T. H. J.

Nursery Stock.

THE HILLCREST SCHOOL FARM, R. F. D. 3. NORTHEAST STATION, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, has established a nursery department in order to provide profitable work for those students who must work their way through school. Note following selections.

Roses

That will do well anywhere in the United States; strong, two-year-old, field-grown, fifty varieties. Four best for your locality—four varieties, (two climbers if desired) \$1.25 prepaid. Blue Rose (a strong climber), and Everblooming Crimson Rambler, each 35 cts.

Dahlias

Ten best in distinct varieties for \$1.00, or fifteen common varieties for \$1.00.

Gladioli, Tuberoses, etc.

Send for price list. Every order helps some colored student to pay his way thru school.

F. BRALLAR

Montgomery, Ala.

Missionary Report of the Montgomery Church for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1911.

Number of church members	37
Average number of members reporting	15
Number of letters written	15
Number of letters received	4
Number of Bible readings held	47
Number of missionary visits made	98
Number of hours Christian help work	58
Number of periodicals distributed	34
Books, tracts, etc., distributed	46
First-day offerings	6.34
Other missionary donations	3.67

This report is for the last two quarters ending Dec. 31, 1911.

Since the re-organization of the society, we are moving on very smoothly and all the members are enthusiastic, putting forth every effort to upbuild the work.

JULIA A. WESLEY.

Boston, Mass.

THE third angel's message is going to the colored people in this great city. As in all other branches of our work, the enemy of souls has not overlooked us. Not very far from us is a great sect who profess to keep the seventh day, and also observe the ordinance of humility. They have recently become quite prominent, but ignorance of Scripture, fanaticism, and disorder, have disgusted the better class of church-goers, so that as soon as they find out that we are Sabbath keepers, they at once class us with them and say: "O, yes, you belong to the Church of God," the name they appropriate. But we are of good courage, knowing that the Lord will give us the victory.

We are just beginning a new course of Bible studies in our new hall, 24 Camden St. I trust you will remember us in your prayers. Our church missionary society has started a sewing circle, which is making good progress. They have quite a number of garments made up, ready for disposal, and every member is much interested, working faithfully in this line of practical missionary work. This gives access to the homes of the people.

W. R. UCHTMANN.

A VERY interesting report of the Hillcrest School near Nashville, comes to our desk. By reason of pressure for room, it became necessary to either greatly abbreviate it, or reserve it for next month. Feeling that our readers would be pleased to have more than a mere outline, we choose the later alternative. It will appear in our next issue.

At the recent Southeastern Union Conference held at Graysville, several changes of field were made. Elder M. C. Strachan goes from North Carolina to Florida, Elder J. W. Manns, from Florida to Georgia, Elder C. G. Manns from Georgia to South Carolina. In each particular case the brethren regret to lose these faithful workers; yet all recognize that the field is all one, and that a change of field is beneficial both to the laborer and the work.

As these workers go forth to their new fields, the prayers of the brethren will follow them, craving for them success and protection from danger.