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## Baltimore, Maryland

BECAUSE of the blessings of God we are permitted to report the encouraging progress of our work in this city of 90,000 colored people. How to reach them without even a Bible worker to help, oftentimes perplexes me. But the Lord has abundantly blessed all our efforts to get this message to perishing souls.

In past numbers of this paper I spoke of our desire to secure a permanent house of worship, and asked our readers to pray for our success, as well as donate to the purchase price. All our prayers have been answered. We are now completing the transfer of a beautiful modern building in the best part of this great city.

Besides this many souls are taking a stand for the truth. Some have already united, some are waiting for baptism, others are arranging their affairs that they may be free to do the will of the Lord.

Our work is now in such good shape that we are looked upon with great respect even by our enemies.

March 16 we held a temperance rally. Every chair was occupied. The public are getting an idea of our stand for Bible temperance. One person has totally discarded strong drink and tobacco, showing that some impression was made.

Elder R. F. Baer and family attended

this rally and expressed great appreciation of our efforts. They used all of their influence to assist us in securing our church building. We expect a strong tent effort in this city, to begin soon after the General Conference. Our young people have bought a wonderful organ called a vocalin. It has all the tone and effect of a pipe organ, and it adds much to our services. Besides laboring night

## New Bern, N. C.

THE work here is onward. At our last quarterly meeting new hopes and aspirations were born in our hearts. A Bible band was formed with a leader and secretary. Sunday, 3 p. m. was chosen for the hour of giving Bible lectures. Strangers came in from the very first. All bear testimony to the benefit of the lectures, while the experiences of those who are engaged in the work is most edifying. Urgent calls are made for pastoral visits. Several have begun observing the true Sabbath and are preparing for membership.

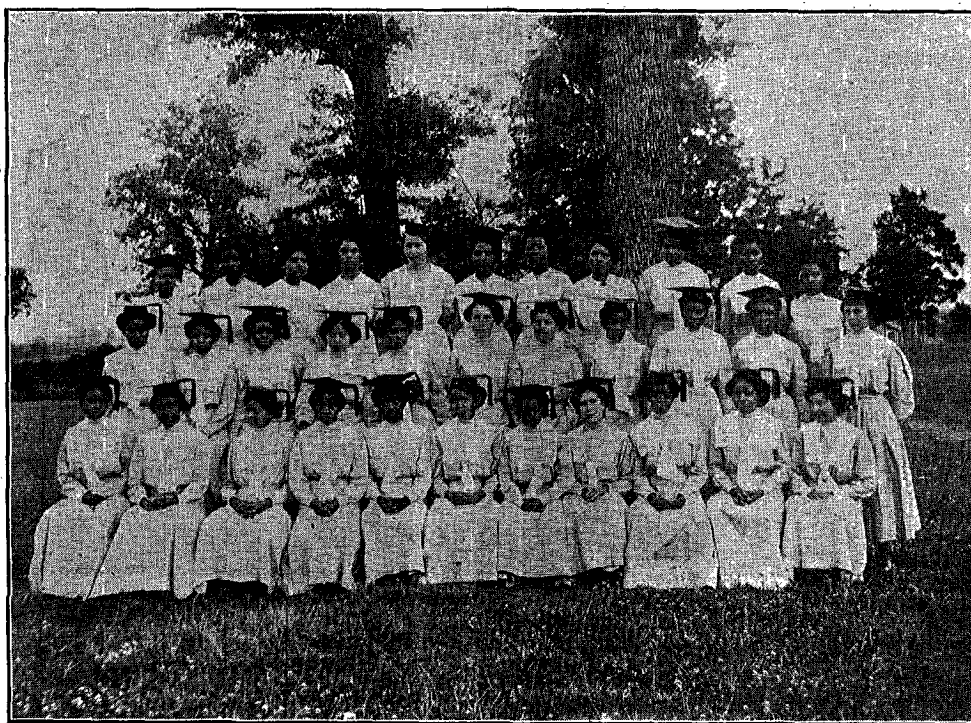
Our canvassing work is proving a help to the church. Two young men, canvassers in Kinston, have caused quite a few to become interested in the truth, and some are already keeping Sabbath. The way is open there, for a tent effort.

Our children have received special help from Sister Edith A. Godley. One was converted and others are moved to concern themselves about

their souls.

We can but praise the Lord for his infinite goodness and help.

PAGE SHEPARD.



Oakwood Girls.

The group shows the uniform worn by the girls of OAKWOOD. It consists of blue skirt and waist with white collar and college cap. The Sabbath uniform is white with blue trimming.

and day at Baltimore, I have been holding meeting at our church at Cheswold. We give to the Lord all praise for a revival of spirituality. Pray for more workers for this field.

I am arranging to be with the church at the quarterly services. Elder F. H. Seeney and myself are the only workers among over 275,000 souls.

GUSTAVUS RODGERS.

“The pastor’s work will not be fault-finding. That is rarely successful. He will find the warm word of invitation better than the sandbag of denunciation.”

**Richmond, Va.**

**T**HE work here is onward. The Lord is surely blessing in the effort. The interest is steadily increasing, for which we praise the Lord.

We have been laboring here thirteen months. Sixteen have embraced the truth and have united with different churches in the Virginia conference.

Four more have begun to keep the Sabbath, but have not as yet united with any of our churches.

A Y. P. M. V. society has been organized with a membership of eight. They are doing a good work, by selling our magazines and denominational books.

With our Father's help, we purpose to help in every way possible, to carry the everlasting gospel to those who know it not.

J. B. MALLONEY.

**Philadelphia, Pa.**

**S**ABBATH April 12, 1913, Elder T.H. Branch administered the ordinance of baptism to three here in Philadelphia.

The work goes very hard in this city, but we are reaching some hearts, for which we praise God. Quite a number are much interested. All that read this letter please remember the first African S.D.A. church and this most needy field in your prayer, that God may send more workers to this field.

M. G. WALLACE.

**Corsicana, Tex.**

**W**E have bought a new church lot costing \$225.00, situated in a desirable part of the town. Being centrally located, it is easy to reach from all points.

We hope before long to send to the HERALD a photo of the building complete. When finished and painted, it will cost \$600.00. Our people are doing their best to raise the money to pay for it. We are trying to break the record by not having the conference build for us. At the present we take in about \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month on the building fund. It will not be long before the bill will be met. I have given the most time since being here to the securing of a place. Three are awaiting baptism. I shall attend to this soon.

I visited lately at Clebourne, Texas. While there I took sick with fever. The little company is holding on. I carried from this company \$30.84 in tithes and offerings to our conference office at Keene. This shows faithfulness on their

part. A series of meetings is much needed there.

I have had no time to give to the Waco work. I think that something can be done by a public effort in that place.

M. G. NUNES.

**Sylacauga, Ala.**

**L**ATELY I made two visits to Childersburg. This is the most important town on the Central of Georgia R. R., between Birmingham and Sylacauga.

Though it may be like Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus our Saviour was brought up, I expect some good thing will come out of it soon. The first trip I made, about 40 were in attendance.

At the second visit about 60 were present. We are holding these meetings three miles outside of Childersburg in the country.

Brother Robert Cook who received his first instruction here at the Sylacauga mission school, and then afterwards at Hillcrest, is living out there on a small farm.

There is a company of nine Sabbath keepers in the mountains around Sycamore. Three of our brethren visited this company lately. One of these nine Sabbath keepers is an old Baptist minister about 80 years old. They desire baptism but are not yet fully instructed.

The work at Sylacauga is progressing. The church is coming up in tithe paying, Sabbath school donations, and other offerings. All the buildings have recently been covered with new shingles.

We are of good courage.

W. F. GASKIN.

**Epigrams**

**L**AW is character expressed. There are different modes of expression.

God's law is an expression of his character.

The life of Jesus Christ was the character of God lived out.

The ten commandments are the character of God written out.

Character is what we are; reputation is what others say we are.

In revealing the character of God to the world, Jesus Christ lost his reputation. Phil. 2:5-7.

His character can be ours if we will heed the injunction to deny self, take up the cross, and follow Him.

J. G. DASENT.

**North Alabama**

**T**HE work in this district moves on favorably and we gratefully thank our Heavenly Father for what he has accomplished thru us during the quarter ending March 31, 1913.

We are glad to report the organization of a church in Decatur, early in January, and of a Sabbath school in Huntsville about the same time. Nearly \$300.00 tithes and offerings have been turned in to the treasury of the conference. Birmingham leads with \$138.00 followed by Decatur with \$84.00.

**DECATUR**

After years of effort we were able to organize a church with twelve members in this city early in January. Brother R. Roberts, the local elder, reports that he is planning for a baptismal service as soon as the weather permits. I visited this church not long ago and found the believers of good courage and with bright prospects. A small lot suitable for a chapel has been donated and a building fund has been started. There is a good interest among the outsiders who buy readily the SIGNS from the agents. The tithes for the quarter were \$81.67.

The Decatur mission school, a self supporting institution, taught by Sister C.E. Harris, is well patronized. There is an enrollment of about fifty and an average attendance of about forty.

**SYLACAUGA**

Brother and Sister W. F. Gaskin are located here at the mission school.

The membership of the church in this place is on the decrease on account of removals of many to the other parts of the state. However, the few remaining are of good courage. Over \$35.00 tithes and offerings have been reported.

**GADSDEN**

From the four faithful ones in this place, the conference treasurer has received \$10.04. I receive very encouraging letters from this company.

**HUNTSVILLE**

It has been thought advisable that special effort be put forth for the people here this summer. Brother Roberts reports organizing a Sabbath school, and that many are deeply interested.

We must respond to Anniston as early as possible. We were able to secure a canvasser for Tusculumbia and we are planning to follow up her labors with a tent effort.

J. GERSHOM DASENT.

**Philadelphia, Pa.**

IT has now been two years since our little company was organized into a church.

We spent the first eighteen months in educating the people. They had not been thoroughly taught.

While teaching them we were also engaged in giving Bible readings and doing missionary and colporter work.

For the last six months great interest has been shown, and all are actively engaged in giving the message.

Soon after my arrival here, I was fortunate to enter the old folks home at Forty-fourth and Girard Ave., to hold services on Sabbath afternoon. Our membership has increased from sixteen to thirty members, with \$263.83 for tithes. Sabbath school has increased from six to thirty-two members.

We are now building a new church.  
T. H. BRANCH.

**Norfolk, Va.**

SINCE the visit last fall by Elder Haysmer, there has been a decided increase in tithes and offerings, as well as in all other lines of work. In the last nine months five have joined the church and five others profess to be keeping the Sabbath.

There has been no worker here except myself for over a year, until March 1, when Sister E. V. Manners, a Bible worker came. The Lord is blessing her efforts. The members of the church have helped in the work.

We are using a hundred magazines each month and 1000 AUTUMN LEAVES SERIES. These we are putting into the homes of the people.

We are hoping for a strong tent effort here this summer.

I am hoping to be transferred to another conference in the North near my home, but we are praying that the Lord will send a good corps of workers to Norfolk this year. We need both the right and left arm in this city.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

**Atlanta, Ga.**

THE Lord has greatly blessed the work in our mission field this year.

We opened with twenty-four pupils, including primary to the eighth grade. The daily attendance is fifty-two, the largest it has ever been at this season of the year.

Much time has been given by the teachers in visiting the homes of the pupils, and we find that the truth is being carried there by the children.

We hold prayer meetings with the students on Friday, and many hearts have been touched. Eleven have accepted Christ, four of whom have become members of the second S. D. A. church. One of these is a little girl of seven years, an orphan whom Sister Cheshire is rearing.

We are laboring to instill the principles of the commandments in their hearts.

M. J. TATE.

**Jacksonville, Fla.**

THE work has grown and prospered from the time I opened school until now. My present enrollment is 69, the daily attendance, 34. The patrons are well pleased with the school and the way in which their children are being instructed.

Many have remarked that they don't regret what they have paid, in tuition.

The little ones are quite interested in the Bible and have learned to recite chapters from memory. Certain days in my after-school hours I devote to Bible readings among the homes, distributing pages of literature, and making missionary calls. Several have been inspired by the readings to search their Bibles for themselves. Some are awaking to the fact that we are living in the last days.

I want my life to be filled with service for God, for I realize I am not my own, I am bought with a price.

F. M. PALMER.

**Wilmington, N. C.**

IN the early part of June 1912, we came to the above named place to begin tent meetings. Our services were well attended from the beginning. All expenses were met out of the public donations, and \$100.00 turned over to the Mission treasury.

A Sabbath school was organized September 1 with about 40 members. Today it has a membership of 154. The school is made up mostly of adults.

About the middle of October, we organized a Young Peoples' Society with a charter membership of 30. The membership has increased greatly since the organization was formed. We have a promising corps of young people at Wilmington. We are expecting this church to turn out ministers, Bible workers, can-

vassers, nurses and other helpers in the near future.

The work which has been done by the society since January 1, is as follows:—

Bible Readings	175
Missionary visits	375
Number invited to church	101
Hours of Christian help work	58
Garments given away	51
Meals	51
Shoes	21
Magazines	31
Money	\$1.83
Treatments given	21
Number brought to service	10
Magazines sold	25
Missionary letters written	5
Missionary letters received	4
Number converted	6

FANNIE SCOTT.

**Kansas City, Mo.**

THE effort that is being put forth here is proving a success. We are visiting families from week to week with the "Family Bible Teacher," and are talking with the people and asking them out to the Sunday night and Sabbath services, and the effort is proving a good one.

Our Heavenly Father has given us two souls as the result of faithful effort, and we are expecting many more. One of our sisters reported in our missionary meeting that she has been giving readings to nine interested persons.

Many more of the sisters are holding studies. In a class that I am holding every Monday night, we have from five to ten, and one young man has taken his stand for the Sabbath and is walking in the light he has seen.

H. J. MILLER.

**Savannah, Ga.**

WE now have an enrollment of 67 pupils averaging 52 daily attendance. We have organized a Junior Missionary Society in our school, and the children are learning what it means to become real missionaries.

The last Sunday in April several of our students were baptized. More are awaiting baptism.

This is our first year of mission school work. It is somewhat harder than we hope it will be another year. We are now well established, and are patronized by many outsiders.

M. F. SIMMONS.  
J. MCDUFFIE.

**Washington, D. C.**

I CAME to Washington from Kansas City, Mo., where I had labored for the past six years. I reached here in time to be present at the week of prayer services with the Fifth Church. The attendance was good, every member in the city, whose health would permit, attended each meeting.

There was a breaking down and confessing of sins and earnest pleading to God for forgiveness and power, such as I have never witnessed before. Since then there has been a manifest change in the work.

It was felt that after such a feast of good things we should not fall back into a state of indifference, so we began to plan work for each member of the church. Our election of officers was held at the end of December, and then we began talking about house to house work. After getting the plan carefully outlined with the church officers, we devoted the following fourth Sabbath morning service to a carefully planned missionary meeting. Some well prepared papers were read on how to do successful house-to-house work. Suitable music for the occasion was rendered, after which, opportunity was offered for an expression from each one present. Nearly every member responded with a good testimony in harmony with the plan suggested in the program, and then after outlining the plan of work, a call was made for money with which to put our plans into operation. In less than half an hour, we had raised more than \$60.00 in cash and pledges. This enabled us to purchase twelve \$5.00 tract packages. Since then we have had a missionary meeting each fourth Sabbath, and the collections have enabled us to buy over 1000 additional tracts not contained in the tract packages.

We are visiting 300 homes with our message filled tracts. The people are being educated by these silent messengers, prejudice is being broken down, doors are opening to Bible readings and cottage meetings until we are not able to answer all the calls. We have a larger attendance than we have ever had. A good spirit is manifested in the meetings, a spirit of liberality has taken hold of each member, and the people have a mind to work.

We are using an ordinary dwelling for a place of worship. Although we have

taken out the partition, throwing both rooms together, it is not large enough to accommodate the people who come to us for the light of present truth.

J. MARION CAMPBELL.

**Charleston, W. Va.**

EVERY week I am being invited to come to a new home for Bible readings. I shall soon have more calls than can be made. One who is interested is a young man who was raised in a catholic family, and who served seven years in the United State Army, several of these being in the Philippines. I am giving him the Protestant Magazine.

A few days ago I met a teacher in the state school who said "I have heard much of your good work and want you to come to our school and teach us the Bible." I explained that I did not know whether it were right to introduce religious instruction. "Oh," said he, "we teachers can take it out of school hours."

I find that much work has been done for the colored people of this town, but not having been followed up there was nothing developed. We hope that as the work is now on more definite lines there will be definite results.

M. M. OSBORN.

**Chattanooga, Tennessee**

THE work here is forward. Others are rejoicing in the third angel's message.

All whom we come in contact with, we admonish to come and go with us for we will do them good. The church is hard at work raising means to purchase a lot and erect a building. A church building will add much to the advancement of the work in this large city.

Many of the citizens are interested in our work.

The Lord has enabled me to enter four different churches and speak to them concerning this message. In some of them I have spoken twice, and am asked by the minister to come back. At this writing I have an invitation to speak at a Methodist church. Every church, I visit, I have an opportunity to speak a few words for the Master. This acquaints me with the members and opens the doors for Bible readings. Many of them are interested and are looking with favor towards present truth.

We are now doing some magazine work. My wife has sold over thirty

dollars worth in the last few weeks.

I am planning to have baptizing here and in Knoxville before General Conference. After I return from General Conference I shall begin a tent effort in Greenville, Tenn. Brother Hubert Gemon, from the Oakwood School expects to join with me in the summer's campaign.

Owing to the fulfillment of prophecies, we believe that we have only a short time in which to give the last call of mercy.

W. E. STROTHER.

**Brookhaven, Miss.**

A LITTLE less than three years ago, I was sent to this city. I found seven believers. There are now thirteen men, and sixteen women. Among these are some of the best people of the city.

Our work for the young people is encouraging also.

I visited Prentiss, Miss., in March and remained there seven days. A school house was secured as a place of meeting. Five meetings were held. One man and three women took their stand for truth. I left many interested, and am planning to return there in a few days.

Our work at Jackson, Miss., is on the increase. Two men, one a Baptist preacher, the other a deacon, accepted the truth from reading Bible Footlights. A good working force is organized there.

The message at Yazoo City is onward. On my last visit there we organized and systematized several bands to work the various parts of the city. We are making every day count.

If we could have consecrated Bible workers located in the various towns in this district, many precious souls could be gathered.

N. B. KING.

**Macon, Ga.**

SINCE the opening of the year, the work has been progressing nicely, and the blessing of the Lord has been manifest.

I am now taking an active part in the Bible work, and thru my feeble efforts, during the past month three more have taken their stand for the truth. There are seven who are preparing for baptism.

Men and women all over the city are being stirred. The calls come from every part. There are two prominent women and a young man of influence who are

giving this message deep consideration, and will, I believe in the near future decide for truth.

I am not at all discouraged. When I see so much to be done preparatory to the Lord's coming, it rejoices my heart to know that I have a share in this closing work.

Sometimes discouraging features present themselves, because this is the enemy's plan, but it only increases my faith.

The school work is onward. Some of the patrons have become prejudiced but some are yet faithful.

BEATRICE A. LENNARD.

**Montgomery, Ala.**

*Missionary Volunteer Effort, quarter ending March 31, 1913.*

*Band No. 1.*

No. missionary visits made	52
Hours spent in Christian help work	33
No. sick persons assisted	14
Treatments given	7
Meals provided	22
Articles of clothing given away	1
Tracts given away	43
Books lent or given away	3
Missionary letters written	10
Number periodicals sold	80
Relief books sold	2
Number other books sold	13
Retail value of literature sold	\$21.75
Bible readings and cottage meetings held	33

CARRIE YOUNG.

**Atlantic Union**

THE work among our people has advanced somewhat in the Union since my last report: We have three organized colored churches, one in Boston, and two in Greater New York City. The latter place is the only one where any aggressive work has been done. It is where I have my headquarters. There are scattered Sabbath keepers all over the Union who would form a nucleus for aggressive work. We need workers here very much, and know from experience that we must train them on the spot if we are to have them. We need more than five or six feet of bone and muscle in the man; we need men who know and will follow on to know how to pray and get an answer to their prayers. We have some mighty cities here in the East

to be taken for God, in which nothing is yet being done.

The little church in Boston is trying to purchase a lot and small building. It is the place where they now worship. The proposition is worthy of consideration, not only as a necessity, but as a bargain in real estate. They may never see such a chance again. It is located in a colored district surrounded by other colored churches. I hope something will be done soon to help these few struggling members in their worthy endeavor.

The work in Greater New York is moving on. Both churches are in good working order and are holding their own by the help of God. They raised for missions the sum of \$1,168.35 for the year of 1912, and in the same year, \$2,164.93 tithes. Many may not be able to appreciate this, because they do not know how much sacrifice has been made to reach these figures, but I do. The Harlem church has in a special manner shown themselves fruitful and self-denying. Besides meeting our conference obligations, they raised hundreds of dollars toward the building on 184 West 135th Street.

I gave a three months' course to a good sized class of young men and women with the help of two others, in the English language, Penmanship, Bible Doctrine, and Ancient History.

Our school closed the first week in April, probably a little earlier than we should, but next winter we hope to begin early in the fall and go thru the spring. We now have a band in connection with the work in Harlem, which we hope will render good service this summer. I must not forget our Lyceum on Sunday afternoons. We got up this feature to reach young men and women who walk listlessly about the street on Sunday without any special aim and are tempted to go to places that would do them no good. We are succeeding, and are gratified to see many who have refused to come into the building at other times in the past, come in and take part.

Many return to the service in the evening and listen to the message.

J. K. HUMPHREY.

"In prayer we come, not so much to tell God what we want of him as to ask him what he wants of us. We can not inform him of our needs, but we may inform ourselves concerning his will."

**Denver, Colo.**

WE are now in our fifth month here.

As we review the past, we have no words of complaint to make. Not that we have not had many discouraging features to face, but our blessings were more abundant. During these five months we have taken in five members, two by vote, two by baptism, and one by letter. The two that were taken in by vote were baptized by Elder T. H. Branch, but did not unite with the church at that time. So we see that a few drops have already begun to fall.

A church without some established place of worship is at the mercy of every wind that blows. To this end, we are praying that God may raise up friends who will help us in getting our church a home.

We are all of good courage. At the beginning, every place seemed to be closed against us, but as we sought the Lord, the doors were opened. The Lord has given us favor also with the editor of one of the leading colored papers of the city, and I have already made use of this opportunity, and will use it again.

Our membership is sixteen. Our financial report for the first three months for 1913, is as follows: Tithes \$60.15, Sabbath school offerings, \$11.49, conference funds, \$6.8, Total, \$72.32.

J. W. OWENS.

**Atlanta, Ga.**

WE began this year with a brighter hope and stronger faith in the joy of the fact that for four years as we have made our annual reports there has been an appreciable growth in work, tithes, and offerings.

Altho some have departed from the faith, others have stepped in and filled the vacancies, and we are on the victory side.

Thus far, 1913 bids fair to be our banner year. Already eight persons have united with the church, the Sabbath school offerings are larger than ever before, and all the other branches show an increase.

I have several Bible classes each week, some of which are quite large. An average attendance of fifty persons are instructed thereby. Our missionary society has distributed 1,500 tracts and 600 weekly SIGNS, and about 100 LIFE AND HEALTH, and Temperance INSTRUCTORS.

We are enjoying much of the presence and blessing of the Spirit in the church as a whole.

There seems to be on the part of many a spirit of inquiry, and not a few are searching the Scriptures to see whether these things are so. At times we long to have a strong effort here that these may be gathered in more rapidly.

Atlanta is a large and important city, yet we have only one Bible worker, and our two mission school teachers employed by the Conference located here, with one self supporting worker. Our church elder, J. W. Manns, is in Savannah. We only see him quarterly, yet we are not discouraged. The truth is winning its way, and we desire to so labor and live that we may triumph with it.

ANNA KNIGHT.

### Chicago, Ill.

A GREAT barrier to the rapid progress of the message among the colored population of this city, is the theatre and nickle show evil. This is proving very disastrous to the moral and financial welfare of the race. The Negro has always been characterized by his religious devotion, but this worthy feature is changing as he comes in contact with the influences characteristic of a city like Chicago.

During the past year, sixteen were received into the church, bringing our membership up to fifty-eight. Four of these were received by baptism, six by vote, and six by letter. The six received by vote were baptized in other churches before accepting the truth and feel satisfied with their baptism. These are willing, however, to be baptized in the faith whenever they are fully convinced of its importance. Two more were baptized in January.

The tithe received for the year was \$560.58; Sabbath-school donation \$106.20; weekly offerings to missions, \$41.86; annual offerings, \$17.45; harvest ingathering, \$18.45; midsummer offering, \$8.55; special missions offerings, \$25.48; making a total contribution to missions of \$218.01.

The outlook for 1913 is encouraging and indicates a successful year. Unsolicited calls have come to me to speak in some of the most popular colored churches in this city. The Eastern Question has been my subject.

I have been able to enter into a con-

tract with the editor of the leading colored newspaper in the city, known as the *Defender*. I agreed to take twenty-five copies every week, which are purchased by the members, he in turn giving me a half column of space. He is now giving me an entire column. In this way I am reaching every week 25,000 of my people.

The bands in the church have been reorganized and redistricted. House-to-house work is the object of those thus organized. We have just ordered two thousand copies of the *Weekly Signs* to be used in this house-to-house work.

Two hundred copies of the *Temperance Instructor* have been used by these bands.

The Young People Society is progressing nicely. The following is the report for January and February:—

95 visits, 34 Bible readings, 367 papers sold, 13 papers given away, 67 tracts given away, 5 letters written, 3 meals provided, 12 pieces of clothing given away, 15 hours help work, \$9.00 to home missions, \$1.25 for Wood-India fund.

W. D. FORDE.

### Mississippi Conference.

It is almost six months since my family and I came to Mississippi. In this time I have visited all the churches and companies except two.

I am deeply interested in the colored work. Half of my time has been spent in its interests and care.

We just closed a very encouraging institute. Seven of those who attended are now steady in the colporter work, selling our good books and are doing a most excellent work. One of them took orders for \$111.00 worth and delivered \$4.25 worth in 32 hours. These workers who go from door to door, as well as our ministering brethren, need our constant prayer.

A few weeks ago an urgent request came from Quitman for a colored minister to hold some meetings. We sent brother Chatman who held a few days meeting. One accepted the message, and others are favorable.

Brother King held a few meetings at Prentis, and says that four are rejoicing in the truth. Others may soon accept it and keep the Sabbath.

As I visited the churches, I found them all of the best courage. Not that the devil is not after these souls. We

do see Satan working among those who are striving for the Kingdom, but we also see the power of God assisting. I am glad that this power has so graciously kept the churches and members in His glorious path. Our God will bow down his ear to hear the cries of His people.

We are planning to hold at least three tent efforts this summer. One effort will soon be in progress.

C. S. WIEST.

Pres. Miss. Conf.

### Mobile, Ala.

DURING the holidays we had Elder J. W. Dancer and wife with us for two weeks. Their help was timely and highly appreciated. There are many here who are deeply interested in the message. Two brothers were recently baptized here, their ages 12 and 15 years. My wife and I have all we can do.

I spent several days with the church at Brewton April the first and was made to rejoice over the fact that the board of education had just a few days before my last visit, given our little company the use of the large chapel of the public school with the use of a fine piano as long as we care to use it. Now it will be remembered that Elder G. E. Peters who opened the work at Brewton last summer, was ordered by the city authorities, to stop the meeting. Some of them were members of the board of education. Truly we can see the hand of God opening the way. We praise his name for this.

About three weeks ago, the Mobile church enjoyed a pleasant visit from Elder A. L. Miller, President of the Alabama conference. S. D. MILLER.

### Danville, Va.

LAST November I was called from Nashville Tenn., to Danville Va., to take the pastorate of the churches of Danville, Spencer, and News Ferry, in the western part of the state. The two latter churches are about four miles in the country from the railroad station. The membership is 11, 18, and 21, respectively.

Being somewhat isolated and having had some adverse experience, they were in much need of encouragement, but loving the truth, they are responding to its sacred influences. Their tithes and offerings are gradually increasing and undesirable traits are giving away to the

sanctifying power and love of the truth.

I have been visiting Spencer every second Sabbath in the month and News Ferry every fourth Sabbath, but am now planning to visit them each about once a quarter. Certainly churches should not be visited less than this. Indeed once a month is not too often. Poor health and lack of strength is the cause for this arrangement.

There are four great needs of our churches. 1. Frequent ministerial visits; 2. continual stirring to keep them up on all phases of the message, especially tithe and offering; 3. qualified local officers, especially those who have the record and reporting to do; 4. the knowledge of the laws of health, and proper medical attention when sick.

My present ill health prevents my being able to do much outside aggressive work, but some evangelistic work is being done here in Danville where I am located.

We are expecting camp meeting here sometime this summer or fall which will be a good help to the work in Danville.

Since coming here, I have made a ten days visit to Richmond, my native city, which I left in 1874. I found a flourishing little church of 25 members, paying tithe the past month of about \$78.00. They as well as I, enjoyed the visit.

On this visit I found many of my relatives of the third generation. Only one of the first generation, an uncle of my mother's. He has died since I returned from Richmond to Danville. Of course, I called their attention to the third angel's message, the most important thing in this world now. I spoke to the Sunday school of the Baptist church in which I was baptized in 1871, and preached once in another Baptist church whose pastor and one of the deacons had married my cousins. This work has been taxing my strength to the very uttermost yet I am thankful to the Lord that I am yet able to continue in it, and do a little to help the churches to be faithful.

C. M. KINNEY.

#### Louisville, Ky.

OUR institute was held in Louisville Ky., April 13-22. Elder B. W. Brown, our conference president, was with us the first few days of the meeting. All enjoyed his talks on the work.

On Tuesday night, Brother Wolff, our

Union agent joined us. The lessons he presented gave all courage to press on to the finishing of the work. We had with us Tuesday night, Elders Brown, Lindsay, and Lawrence, and Brethren Wolff, and Wheeler. Each gave some interesting talks.

On the Sabbath, Brother Wolff rehearsed the history of the rise and progress of the message from its beginning in 1844. We want to grow with the message until it is finished.

We omitted the meeting the night after the Sabbath and many went out with the magazines. Brother Wolff left us Monday night. We closed Tuesday night with a study on sticking to the work.

We have set our mark for book and magazines sales at, \$12,000 for 1913.

H. E. BECK.

*Field Agent, Ky. Conf.*

#### Savannah, Ga.

THE work in Savannah is moving on. The Lord is with us, opening the way for us to reach those who will receive the truth. A year ago April 25, the first sermon was delivered. The subject was, The Bible, who gave it, and can it be understood? Many had gathered under the tent that night from curiosity, others for fun. But among those that had come, some true hearted souls were present, and the truth presented touched their hearts, and they are now rejoicing in the truth.

April 12, 31 souls were baptized making a total of 161 members. We believe the Lord has good things in store for us during 1913. We are planning a tent effort on the east side of the city for the summer.

The Lord has blessed the effort put forth in erecting a church building here, and has opened the hearts of the people to give liberally for the support of the work. Over \$1000 has been raised by the church for the work. This amount does not include the tithes and offerings.

Our mission school is progressing; we have an enrollment of 65, the daily attendance averages 50. The school is growing in favor among outsiders, and we have a goodly number of their children who attend the mission school.

Pray for us that we may be faithful to Him unto the end.

J. W. MANNS

#### Kentucky

##### LEXINGTON

IN company with Elder Brown, president of the Kentucky conference. I visited Lexington. The church seemed anxious for aggressive work.

Elder Brice reports quite an interest in the city and is doing excellent work at the reform school and jail.

Plans were made for a tent effort this season.

##### BOWLING GREEN

At this place I organized a Sabbath school of six.

Brethren Osterman and Winston will hold a tent effort here this summer.

##### LOUISVILLE

We have just closed our canvassers' institute. It was very interesting and the attendance the best we have had.

In 1910 tithes reported in GOSPEL HERALD was not two hundred dollars. In 1911 over six hundred, and in 1912, over nine hundred.

In less than three years we have purchased three buildings to accommodate the growing interest.

Elder Haysmer visited us recently and seemed much pleased with what he saw.

J. H. LAWRENCE.

#### Pittsburg, Pa.

SABBATH, May 3, we moved our church worship into a near-by Baptist church, where we shall for some time hold our Sabbath meetings.

On the above date, I baptized six persons, four of them to connect with the McDonald, Pa., church, and the other two with Pittsburg No. 2. Two others who were disappointed last Sabbath, will be baptized and unite with the latter church soon. We need a permanent place of worship, that will command the respect of the public.

We are planning to conduct a series of tent meetings during the summer. We expect to run a real missionary campaign, and will therefore have need for a good supply of our fresh, weekly and monthly literature. Will not some readers pay for clubs of the weekly SIGNS, monthly SIGNS, YOUTHS INSTRUCTOR, WATCHMAN and the LITTLE FRIEND for the months of July, August, and September, to come to me at the following address, that we may use these in our campaign?

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