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South Eastern Mission

THE Biennial session of the South Eastern Union Conference was held in Graysville, Tenn., December 22—January 1. The ministerial institute lasted a week, after which the conference business was taken up. Elders Daniells, Evans, and Thompson, gave excellent instruction to ministers and other workers. Prof. Benson had charge of the young people's work. Elder Eastman represented the book department. They gave very timely instruction, and I am sure every worker, returned to his field of labor with a greater desire to do more efficient work for the Master. Indeed, it was a Pentecostal experience. Ministers, book workers, colporters, and laymen sought the Lord together. In some instances, the whole audience moved forward to seek for more power. Sins were confessed, and victories gained. This meeting came immediately after the week of prayer services, which had resulted in the conversion, it is said, of about 100 in the Graysville church and school. It was one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Union. Certainly, the latter rain has begun to fall.

We were very glad to have with us in this meeting, Elder J. W. Manns, and Brother Tate, from the Georgia mission, Elder Chas. Manns, and Brother Abney from South Carolina, and Elder Strachan and Brother Green from Florida. Elder Peters stopped over and attended the meeting, while en route from Huntsville to his new field of labor in North Carolina. Elder Strothers and Brother Gemon were present from the Cumberland Conference. Some others were in attendance also. We were glad indeed, that our brethren from the mission could have the privilege of at-

tending this meeting. All testified to having been benefitted, and returned to their field of labor with new zeal and courage. Some important developments were made in the organization of our mission work. It was recommended that in the future, biennial meetings be held in places where it will be convenient to have the delegates meet separately, and at the same time receiving the benefits of the other department. Other matters were adjusted, placing the mission on a more thorough basis. The comparative report of the biennial period was as follows,—In 1910-11 there were 451 colored

riod more fruitful. The time has fully come to finish the work. This was the key-note of our meeting and will be in like meetings, that will be conducted in the United States. We must arise, and finish the work. The Lord is sending his Spirit before us, to prepare hearts for the reception of truth.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Negro Progress in Virginia

THE Negro race in Virginia is going forward, in my opinion, in all the fundamental and substantial things of life, faster than the Negro himself realizes, and faster than his white neighbor realizes. This progress which Virginia Negroes are now experiencing is owing to two causes. First, they have been fortunate for a number of years in having governors with foresight, vision, liberality, and courage; and in having superintendents of education, and other state officials who have considered the interests, prosperity, and progress of all the people, regardless of race or color.

The second reason why the Negroes of Virginia have made such strides, is that they are blessed with the very excellent leadership and guidance of levelheaded, conservative, safe, unselfish, and able colored men as Major R. R. Moton, the leader in the Negro Organization Society, and dozens of others I could mention. This society has for its object the unifying and focusing of all the organizations among our people in Virginia on certain fundamentals of life, such as education, health, and cleanliness. It is not the purpose of this society to seek to interfere with the special work and purpose of individuals or organizations.—Booker T. Washington in the *Southern Workman*.

An Acrostic

The fields are fast ripening the harvest is nearing,
Heavenly signs tell of Jesus' appearing.
Ever be faithful, the promise is cheering.

Go preach the truth to poor souls who are dying,
Onward! our motto must be self denying,
Soon if we're faithful the message to carry,
Praying and watching, the Lord will not tarry.
Every day, every hour, lamps brightly burning,
Longing for home and our Master's returning.

Herald the gospel of Christ's great salvation,
Every one herald the grand proclamation,
Ring out the tidings; for soon comes the dawning,
All hail to our King on that glorious morning.
Lift up your voices ye ransomed and sing,
Death is destroyed, and the Saviour reigns king.

GEO. W. HOWARD.

members. In 1912-13, 930. Making a gain of 479 in two years. The white, 1910-1911, 1707 members. In 1912-13, 1996, making a net gain of 289. There were 190 more colored converts during the two years than white. Tithes (mission) 1910-11, \$6,877.51, 1912-13, \$11,860.62. Gain in two years \$4,983.11. The white, 1910-11, \$61,018.55, 1912-13 \$66,445.93, making a gain in the two years of \$3,372.61. I am sure we all feel grateful for this good report, and yet, much more might be done. Let us go forth with new courage and determination, to make the coming biennial pe-

Talks to My Students

My Beloved Son

IN the mount of transfiguration, as the cloud began to overshadow the already astonished and perplexed disciples, the voice came, not to aggravate their fears, but in tones of sweetest import, speaking that which calmed their minds, comforted their hearts, and moved the ever impetuous Peter to say, "it is good to be here."

What could have been more pleasing to those earnest Galilean men than the assurance that Jesus was what he had declared himself to be—the Son of God?

How it revived their drooping hearts, and brot fresh hope and courage!

Three purposes were served in the scenes of the transfiguration.

First, Jesus himself needed the help and encouragement that could be had from Moses and Elijah, those who had been His own servants in the days of old, those who had tasted the sweetness of life as a result of the sacrifice that He was still to make.

Second, the disciples needed the help and uplift that would come to them and in after years the recollection of that bright revelation of the glory "that should follow." Years after, Peter tells his brethren that it is no cunningly devised fable, but that he himself was an eye witness of the glory. In the years that followed, thru the trials and sorrows of imprisonment, after the deeper experiences of Pentecost and the persecutions brot by Satan's determined efforts to uproot the work, the disciples recalled with glad satisfaction the evidence given that night on the summit of Hattan.

Third, it is for us. We as well as they need the encouragement that we may have from the record. The testimony that was borne by the voice of God concerning Jesus the Christ, is also borne of every one, even the weakest, who has accepted the offer made by the Lord of glory. Of me, no less than of Jesus is the word spoken, "This is my beloved son." John grasped the blessed truth when he wrote, "now are we the sons of God." Paul knew the fact when he wrote, "we have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father." "We are made partakers of the divine nature," wrote Peter. A son of God! How much it means! Have you taken the sacred name on you? And have you taken it in vain?

They Shall Shine

GABRIEL tells Daniel that "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." Here is an incentive to desire true wisdom. It will be remembered that it was a promise of wisdom that led our first parents to make the fatal mistake that robbed them of their garments of light. But it shall not always be so. Again there is to be a time when the truly wise will have the privilege of putting on once more the beautiful garments of glory. That which man lost by his unwise attempt to get wisdom, is to be restored to those who cherish in their lives the beginning of true wisdom.

To be clothed with light, to have in the very person that superabundance of life and vitality that will emit light, and too, in sufficient amount to make a garment—what must it be?

All this Jesus had, but we did not have it, and for the love he bore us he took the poor darkened flesh of mortal man in order that we who do not deserve any consideration, might "be with him where he is."

All who are to live in that glorious land are to have the wedding garment of purest light. It will be all sufficient condemnation to the wicked as they look upon themselves and see that they are naked. Like the man in the parable, they will be speechless. No wonder some will call for rocks and hills to hide.

They that Turn Many to Righteousness

It was Lucifer, the light bearer, who turned man from righteousness, and he has since that dark day had many helpers among the sons of men. But the proclamation is here issued that all this may be reversed. Instead of helping to darken the world, it is our privilege to be among these who turn people in the opposite direction. To all such is the promise made that they shall shine as the stars forever and ever. Not as Lucifer who brot darkness and will at last go out in darkness, even tho he was the morning star, but the righteousness-builders shall shine.

No more shall the saints be put in jeopardy of their lives and garments. They shall shine forever. "Affliction shall not rise up the second time."

Blessed glorious dawning! Who would not try to help to bring the day? Who would not echo the homesick cry of the lonely Patmos prophet? T. H. J.

A Letter

THE following letter, tho not written for publication, contains some items of interest, and we believe the writer will not object to our making some extracts.—Ed.

Dear Brother,—

Enclosed find \$1.00 to pay arrearage on GOSPEL HERALD and balance for renewal. The paper came to me about two years ago, sent by some unknown person. I have always been very much interested in reading every article in it. I rejoice to see the good work going on so successfully among the colored brethren.

I was born near Burlington, Vt. on Nov. 29, 1829. I well remember seeing the stars fall, as distinctly as tho it happened last night.

I moved to Elkhart, Ind., in 1840. Lived on the "Underground Railway" of fugitive slaves who went from Kentucky to Canada. Have always sympathized with them in their troubles.

Came to California in 1852 and wandered in the deserts of skepticism without chart or compass. Expected to find my way thru by living a moral and temperate life and having good will toward my fellow men.

Found my way at last thru the preaching of the third angel's message by Brethren J. N. Loughboro and M. G. Kellogg in 1869.

I rejoice with you in seeing the wonderful strides the message is making thru the earth.

Hoping to meet you in the new earth, I remain your brother in Christ,

JOHN B. JUDSON.

Alabama Negro Schools

EXPERIENCE in building a negro school-house in Alabama has taught the following things: (1) that after all, the colored people are not so hard to lead if the leader proves himself safe: (2) that the white people are willing to help any worthy cause for colored people, provided the latter start on right lines, and first attempt to help themselves: (3) that as a whole, colored people are liberal in giving of their small means in support of education for their children and their neighbor's children.

However, a new school building is the beginning only of a long struggle for better facilities.—*Southern Workman*.

The Feeding of The Five-Thousand

A SYMPOSIUM

At a recitation of the New Testament History, the class were required to write brief comments on the feeding of the multitude at Bethsaida. We herewith give some extracts from some of the papers.—Ed.

As the Lord fed the people by the sea-side, so he will feed us the bread of life. It is when we have nothing that he gives to us. CORNELIA BLAKE.

Jesus was moved with compassion for the people who flocked about him. He constantly feeds today, not thousands, but millions. MILTON SPEER.

I believe the feeding of the people by the Lord is an example for us. As Jesus fed the multitude, so are we to go with what we have and feed the people. The disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away, but the Lord didn't want them sent away. He wanted them to be fed. He don't want us to send the people away. He wants us to feed them.

ROBERTA RANDOLPH.

Christ said that we shall do greater works than the ones that he did. This we shall do, not by feeding more people with literal bread, but by giving to them the bread of life. We should not overlook the poor, nor the distressed. Gathering of the fragments shows that we are to be economical in all that we do, no matter how much we may have. E. WADE.

From the time God made and put man in the garden, he has ever fed him. Jesus had compassion on the multitude. So has he compassion on the poor creatures of his care all over the world.

VIRGINIA MCPHALL.

As the disciples took bread from Jesus and gave to the multitude, so are we to receive from him in order to supply the needs of the thousands all about us who are hungering for the bread of life.

J. W. WADE.

As Jesus knew the needs of the multitude, so does he know our needs, and will give to us what we need.

FLORENCE MINNIS.

Before Jesus would feed the people he had them sit down in regular order by fifties. This teaches that whatsoever we do should be done decently and in order.

CANDACE RICE.

After Jesus fed the multitude, he told the disciples to take up the fragments

that nothing should be lost. So we see that Jesus is not pleased to have any thing wasted. We must save it for others who may need it.

A. J. RICE.

The people had followed a long way. He knew they were hungry. He had been feeding them on the bread of life, but now he saw there was need of temporal food and he did not count it a small matter to supply their temporal needs. He expects the same of his followers today. While they break the bread of life to hungry souls, they should also help in their temporal needs.

E. NEUBALL.

The lesson taught the disciples by the Saviour, is for all ages. Sympathy for suffering humanity, unselfishness, willingness to give all we have, be it great or small. Our small talent, if brot to the Saviour, can be multiplied, and humanity's need will be satisfied.

LATTIA SAMUELS.

In feeding the people, Jesus left a lesson for us all to learn to depend upon God.

HENRIETTA KINCAIDE.

All who unite with Christ will receive the bread of life to impart to others.

SYRENE SIMONS.

When the disciples told Jesus to send the people away to get something to eat, he told them to "Give ye them to eat." What they had was very little, but in the Saviour's hand it became enough to feed the multitude. So if we bring the little that we have to him, he can use it to do great good.

NAOMI WARNICK.

Jesus wanted to rest, and so said to his disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart." But when they got to the place, there were many people and no chance to rest. The disciples first brot the loaves to Jesus, then Jesus gave it back to them blessed and broken for the people. Jesus asked a blessing from the Father. If he needed to ask, how much more do we?

LUCY JACKSON.

With sympathy and love for the people, Jesus performed a wonderful miracle. This should teach us that when we are surrounded with souls hungry and needy, we should not wish to send them away but lend them a helping hand as Jesus did. By doing this we will be following the example of Jesus. OLIVE SMITH.

The account is filled with many lessons,

among which the following appeals to me,—That no matter how small the talent or the ability to give or serve may be, if it is brot to the Master, he will make it fit the requirements of the hour.

MARY JONES.

This was a great work in the eyes of the people, but the Lord is constantly doing as great in feeding the world.

COSMORE WILLIAMS.

Devalls Bluff School

WE have received many good letters from different ones telling us how they watch with interest for report from Devalls Bluff School. Our work here in the school room and on the farm is moving on nicely.

The week of prayer was a great blessing to the members. Four backsliders were converted anew and received back into fellowship. The thirteenth Sabbath offering fell a little short. We received \$4.19 in cash, pledges, \$1.50. The people here have a very hard way of making money during these winter months, but they always find something to help in sending this last message to the lost ones. Mrs. Amy Ault of Coats, Kansas, sent us some money last month, \$1.00 to help out in the school work. Another sent \$1.50. I have misplaced the letter with the name. We received notice of clothing being sent to us but we have not the clothing yet altho they were shipped about a month ago. We thank these friends for these kind favors.

The dear Lord has been very good to us here and the work is still prospering. Elder and Sister Baxter were at the school during the holidays. They spent a part of two days with us, and had some very interesting meetings while they were here.

Brother A. McNeal and Sister Mary Young were married on Sunday evening Jan. 4. Both are members of our church.

It is very cold and rainy in this part of the state, and makes it very unpleasant for missionary work, but some of the members are going most all the time, and the Lord is blessing their effort.

Elders Watson, Baxter, and Dancer, were here a whole week just before the week of prayer, on business. We enjoyed their stay with us. Elder Watson preached every night, and the holy Spirit was in all the meetings.

E. M. GATES.

Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS Church No. 2 is the fruit of colporters' labour.

About eleven years ago, Brother V. O. Cole, who at that time was canvassing for "Coming King," sold a book to one of our sisters and found out, after talking with her, that she believed Saturday was the Sabbath. He arranged to hold Sabbath-school at her home with herself and children. From this humble start a church of forty-two members has grown. Our meeting for a long time was from house to house. It was soon found that more room was needed; so a hall was rented, in which we are now meeting.

Long ago we felt that God wanted us to have a permanent place of worship, so money was raised to buy ground for a building. We now have a lot (40x100) paid for, in a desirable part of the city. This city has a population of nearly sixty-thousand colored people to whom this warning message must be given. Of the work in the South among this people, the servant of the Lord has said: "In each of these cities there are thousands of colored people, to whom the last warning message must be given."—Vol. IX. Let the colored believers be provided with neat, tasteful houses of worship."—*Id.*, p. 206.

We are trying to carry out this instruction from the spirit of prophecy by raising funds with which to provide ourselves with a house of worship. Elder J. W. Norwood our president, spent three days with us last week, talking to us last Sabbath on "Gospel Finance." He also gave each member a work to do in raising money for our building. The church elected him chairman of the building committee. We ask the prayers of our brethren all over the field that God will give us a mind to say to any who may tempt us to cease this work, that we are doing a great work and can not cease till we hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We are sure that a colored church here will prove to be a "city" on a hill that cannot be hid, from which will shine the light of God's word in its fullness. Should you like to aid us, write to our chairman, Elder J. W. Norwood, 511 Cole Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.—*Milton Young, in Southern Union Worker.*

"Today, few heartily serve God."

What If Jesus Should Come Now?

WITH the cares and perplexities of modern life increasing constantly on every side, it is not improbable that many of God's professed people are anxiously desiring to see Jesus come, and take them to the "Father's house," not because they are prepared; but because they long to get rid of life's burdens.

Some one may say: "Is it wrong to want to see Jesus come? Is it wrong to desire the consummation of the "blessed hope" of all ages?"

No, if our desires are rational, and in harmony with God's will, and if we are consistently doing our whole duty to God and his cause.

There is a work to be done, a message to be given to a lost world, and responsibilities to be borne, before Jesus can come. To my mind the following scripture seems to strike at the root of the very motive above referred to: "Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" Amos 5: 18—20.

While to the truly righteous, that day shall be the very brightest, and most glorious, it will be to the hypocrite, and the sinner, the most dark and dreadful, as above described by the prophet.

Jesus our Lord himself warns his people who live in these days; "Take heed to yourselves," Luke 21: 34.

At this time when heart-strings are snapping because of life's trials, God desires his people to unburden themselves of all that would tend to retard their spiritual growth, or discourage them. Then they can "Loose the bands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free. Isa. 58: 6.

It is true that Jesus is coming soon to save his people from all their heart-aches, but before he can do that, he must have two things at least accomplished in the earth.

First, he must see his image reflected in his people. All the dross of sin, and self must be burnt out.

Secondly, his message of salvation must be carried to "Every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" as a

witness, or savor of death to some, and as a savor of life unto others.

Yes, there are other sheep on the broken steep, ready to perish, and the tender Shepherd desires to bring them into his fold, other hearts that desire to be comforted with the message of the blessed hope. Shall we selfishly desire Jesus to come before they shall have heard his message?

God has given us every one a work to do. He calls for workers now as never before, not shirkers. He says, "Occupy till I come," "Son, Go work in my vineyard," and our prayers and desires to see him come, if not accompanied by ardent zeal, and earnest work, will not avail anything. Let us, while we cry, "Come Lord Jesus," also daily ask him: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you?"

A. N. DURRANT.

(to be concluded)

Hazelhurst, Miss.

I am doing nicely in my missionary work here. I get into many homes by giving treatments to those that are sick. I find that it is a help to the gospel work to give simple treatments. It opens many doors that are shut, and softens the heart of many. There are four that have accepted the third angels' message, and there are others that want to obey but have not faith. These ask for prayers that they may have faith to walk out and trust the word. We held Sabbath school every Sabbath and every Sunday after noon I held Sunday school for the children, then Bible reading for the older ones at three o'clock and they seem glad to come. I find some are in very poor circumstances. If there are any who wish to help the cause, it will be much appreciated. Shoes, clothing, and books for boys and girls, are much needed. I gave one family a primer and teach them out of it. The parents are thankful and come out to the readings.

If any one wishes to send a box for those needy children, he may send it to me and I would be glad to receive it.

DORA WILSON.

"Let church members awake. Let every member take up his individual work and vindicate the name of the Lord."

Temperance

It has been said and is repeatedly affirmed that ours are a hard hit people, who have as a whole to eke out an existence under great disadvantages. Some further state that were we to go to Canada or Australia we would have far better chances of success than are open to us in our own land. Having been so positioned in life that everything seemed dead against me, I am of the opinion after years of experience in this country that a man's life is exactly what he purposes making of it, here as elsewhere. The same grit put into the effort will bring equal results with such an effort in Australia or Canada. Difficulties spell opportunities for the development of strength of purpose to the man with a correct vision of his future.

The young man who feels he must do things for himself and not to depend upon others, is the one likely to succeed in getting others to do for him when he enters the arena of active affairs. Grit and purpose are, however, not the only requisites of success. There must be principle back of it controlling every purpose. The person with sound principles and moderate ability has a far greater prospect of success than the genius whose life is purposeless and over whose door to life might well be written the legend, "RUDDERLESS." Force spells destruction when undirected or wrongly directed.

Those principles of morality which our Maker has written large for our direction that our lives may have a definite purpose and a sane control, must be the portion of every individual who would succeed in the truest sense. It is madness to send a young man out on the sea of life rudderless, without principle or purpose. And the rudder, the principles and purpose, are safely founded only on the Word of God, and in the example of his Son.

Among the principles which should control the life are, prayer, helpfulness to others wherever we may find them, studiousness that will last into the declining years, a sure preparation for those duties which we may be called upon to perform, good habits, with exercise, rest, and a simple diet, and a fellowship with God and with those who fear his name.

With respect to the formation of right habits, one of these is—and an important one too,—the absolute avoidance of

liquor drinking and tobacco using, both of which play the mischief with one's mind and body. Both have been the seducers and destroyers of millions of young lives, yes, and thousands of these from our own community.

Recently no less than seventeen lads, ticket collectors and apprentice fitters belonging to our community, attended a Volunteer camp of exercise and had to be handed out of their railway compartments as they were scarcely able to stand because of the liquors consumed on the way. Were these young men to be questioned as to their prospects in life they would doubtless join in the universal cry about the hard luck and lack of opportunities, when in reality it is nothing other than their own lack of character and their bad habits that are against them. Such young men are their own worst enemies. Flee liquor as you would the devil for it is no other than the liquid personification of him.

The young person who keeps his body fresh, his mind clear, and bright, and his will unenslaved by bad habits and therefore strong, is sure to be steadily sought after to fill higher and more important positions in life. Good capable men and women are needed everywhere. Are you one of them? Your future is of your choosing. If you have not made the choice for success, when will you? —*Adapted from E. W. Fritchley.*

Huntsville, Ala.

SABBATH December 6, 1913, we had a very spiritual day. At eleven o'clock Elder Miller president of the Alabama Conference delivered a stirring sermon from Rev. 14 : 12. All felt greatly refreshed. The company was then organized by Elders Miller and Peters. Prof. Boyd of Oakwood School was present and spoke words of courage emphasizing strongly the importance of continual faithfulness to God. We feel grateful to the Lord for the words of admonition and cheer from these brethren, and rejoice with them over the encouraging prospects of the work here.

Later

THE week of prayer is in the past. We highly appreciate the feast of good things, and give thanks to God for the spiritual blessings we received.

Sabbath, December 20, as we read the article prepared, our souls were stirred.

We all felt like standing up for Jesus. Our testimony meeting was good. We sang "Homeward Bound" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer," following each song by a season of prayer.

We felt the Holy Spirit in our midst. This brot forth expressions of joy and songs of praise, and we felt stimulated to personal cross bearing.

We wish to go on, shouting the battle cry, for we know that if faithful a little longer, we shall wear the victor's crown.

REUBEN ROBERTS.

A Valuable 1914 Diary

LAST year, on urgent request from workers in the field, the General Conference Committee authorized the secretary of the Publishing Department to prepare a compendium of data relating to the beginnings and growth of our organized work in its various departments to be issued in a Diary for 1913. This booklet met with such favor that the data has been revised in harmony with the latest statistics and is being issued in a neat little pocket diary for 1914.

The work of the denomination is taken up under the following heads:—Evangelical, Work in Non-Protestant and Heathen Lands, Publishing, Sabbath-School, Medical, Educational, and Missionary Volunteer Departments, showing the progress which each of these departments has made from its beginning to the present time. It gives total contributions to this cause from 1863 to the close of 1913, the various presidents of the General Conference, the various secretaries, the various sessions of the General Conference, and a financial summary of tithes and offerings for 1912.

Other valuable features are the maps, table of weights and measures, interest table, pages for cash account, notes, bills receivable and payable, summaries of sales for various months, weather record, table of distances between principal cities, pages for memoranda, addresses, and diary blank for each day of the year, with calendars for 1913, 1914, and 1912. Two new features added this year are a Sabbath sunset calendar for each section of the United States and Canada, and legal forms for bequest of money and devise of land.

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Robbery !

Indictment of Several of Our Much Esteemed Brethren

Evidence said to be Overwhelming Highest Court in Universe to Try Case Special Effort to Be Made by Able Advocate

OUR people everywhere will be much concerned to know that many of our brethren have been indicted for robbing.

The saddest part is that the evidence is very strong, and indicates that the robbery is of the most heinous kind, being committed in every case against one who has always bestowed favors, and has promised that on asking, any other request should be granted. Just what the outcome will be in each particular case is not yet fully known, as the attitude of the Judge will be governed by the further conduct of the persons who are concerned. The penalty is death.

So far as learned there are no extenuating or mitigating circumstances, and the law is very strict in such cases. However it may be a matter of satisfaction and encouragement to know that an Advocate has been secured who invariably wins in the supreme court. The real danger is that those who are guilty will fail to secure His services. He requires that the case be placed absolutely in his hands prior to adjournment of court, together of course with the absolute abandonment of the robber life and practices.

The formal indictment reads in part as follows: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings."

Of course it would not do, even if we knew, to publish the list of names. Do you suppose your name is on the list?

T. H. JEYS.

Mississippi Mission

At the close of our camp-meeting at Hazelhurst, Miss. Sept. 14, it was decided that I should make a short visit with the church at Natchez, and then go to Greenville. Wife and I arrived at Natchez Sept. 19. Brother Warner met us at the station and conducted us to the house of Sister Carina Kiper where we were to stay while in the city. Here we found Sister C. A. Wilson, who is labouring at Dothan, Ala. She invited us to make a visit with her to some of the neighbors. We did so and held

some readings with them. We found some of the believers here somewhat discouraged. I decided to visit the members of the church if possible in their homes and give them a special invitation to be present at meeting. I called to see an old brother and his wife and found her sick in bed, unable to sit up. After a little talk with her and her husband and the Lord, I left her sitting up in bed. She promised to be out the following Sabbath. I learned that there were two sisters living on the other side of the river in Vidalia, La. Wife and I crossed the river and found them. Tho alone they seemed to be of good courage in the Lord. One gave us a subscription to the Gospel Herald, promising to subscribe for the Review and Herald as soon as possible. As one of them is away past middle life and in failing health the other has to do the reading for her. As the results of these visits all were present the following Sabbath, except one. We had a glorious meeting, and the ordinances of the Lord's house were served. All took fresh courage and devoted themselves anew to the Lord for service.

They have a nice little church building with a large school room in connection with it.

We left Natchez Sept. 28, and reached Vicksburg about noon Friday. We had three hours to lay over. I decided to run over the hill to the church in Fayette St. I found old Sister Silvery Cyrus holding the fort. We arrived at Greenville in the night. The only name we knew there was A. A. Johnson. We said to the hackman, "he is a Seventh Day Adventist." After he had carried us across the entire city in search of him, we said, "the man keeps Saturday for Sunday." It was not long before we were at his house.

We decided it would not be wise to attempt a tent effort there this season, so we stored our tent and began work with the little company there in interest of Harvest Ingathering for Missions. As the results of this effort, confessions were made, wrongs were righted, and one sister who had given up the truth took her stand once more on the Commandments of God. She has sent a boy to the Oakwood School. I found that Brother S. D. Miller, the former mission teacher here has a good report from without. Several asked me why we moved him.

At one time there was quite a company here, but several have been removed by death and other causes. Our next stop was Greenwood, Miss. We found Brother Jackson five miles in the country. We had no trouble in finding his house as he is well known out there, because he keeps Saturday for Sunday. We found them busy gathering their cotton, taking advantage of the good weather. We arranged to come together every other night for study and general instruction.

Sabbath, Nov. 22, we had baptizing and celebrated the ordinances. Two of brother Jackson's children, a brother and his wife and two children, and another brother and sister living in the city, who had been waiting for four years to be baptized. Sabbath, Dec. 6, I found it necessary to go over again some things we had studied, and especially the Spirit of Prophecy and its place in the church today. This was our last day with them and it was a blessed day to us all. The Lord came very near in this meeting. All promised to be faithful to their trust. The Lord has blessed these brethren in their crops regardless of the boll weevil. They are paying a faithful tithe. There are other families keeping the Sabbath, but we did not learn of them till we were ready to leave for home.

A. C. CHATMAN.

The Greatest Disaster

WHEN some great cataclysm of nature startles us with its suddenness and awfulness, we stand aghast at the wreckage wrought.

A Galveston gale, a San Francisco earthquake, a sinking Titanic, a cyclone, a fire, a flood, a famine, will serve to fill the human heart with fear. But not one, nor all of these can begin to compare with that which is the supreme terror, and before which all these sink into trivial insignificance.

A wasted life is the acme of dreadful, distressing disaster. Slyly, steadily, steals the enemy upon his prey and before he is aware, the consciousness of a misspent life strikes terror to the victim.

O dreamer, awake!

"Count that day lost, whose low descending sun

Finds nought achieved, and duty's task undone."

T. H. JEYS.

Detroit, Mich.

THE year just ended has been one of activity, peace, and growth in the little church. Most all have worked and given to establish the truth here and thru the land, by personal labor, selling and giving away literature, and by bringing in the tithe and offerings.

While we have had no regular Bible worker, yet several have rendered good service in that respect in bringing some to the truth, by opening the way for me to instruct others.

The Sabbath school, Young Peoples' Society, and Christian Help Band have made steady growth.

The following is the church's financial showing for the year:—

Tithe	\$460.66
Church expense	169.62
Sabbath school	81.13
Other offerings	65.53
Building Fund	51.00
Total	<u>\$827.94</u>

Per capita tithe for 20 members 23.30
Per capita total for 20 members 41.39

The foregoing is a splendid showing for our poor church. It shows how freely our people give of their means and labors to His cause.

Dec. 27, 1913, I baptized six, adding the four new ones baptized last May—making in all ten. This brings the number on the revised church roll up to twenty-four members.

I and some of the members have visited and held meeting in many homes, giving away and selling literature at the same time.

We are struggling to get money for a building, and have raised outside of the church fund in cash \$114.00. Any amount you may give on that fund will help us much and will be greatly appreciated.

W. H. GREEN.

A Dialogue

FATHER, I think old brother C. is certainly stingy and mean spirited.

Why my son, you should not speak so. What has brother C. done that has given you such an opinion?

Well I was in town a few days ago—went up to help him take his chickens to the market. After the marketing was done I went into a restaurant for my dinner and lost sight of him. After dinner I looked around to find him and found him sitting on a goods-box in the back part of the grocery eating a nickel's

worth of crackers—too stingy to spend a quarter for a good dinner. He wears clothes long past their neatness because he hates to spend the money, I suppose, for a new suit. I believe in living while we live.

Well my son, it is quite possible that things don't look to you just as they look to him. What did you pay for your meal at the restaurant?

Only twenty-five cents.

Now brother C. paid five cents for his. This was a difference of twenty cents.

How much did you put in the envelope last Sabbath for foreign mission?

Why last Sabbath I didn't put anything in. I didn't happen to have any money.

Well my son, since I am the treasurer, I know that brother C. put in twenty cents. You see he "happened" to have it. How do you suppose it happened? Ah, dear boy, you were liberal with yourself, spending twenty-five cents for your own benefit or gratification. Brother C. quietly and unostentatiously pays his money where he is most interested. He is investing in human souls. When you thought him stingy and close he was arranging for something to give. He was praying, doubtless, that the Lord would help him to plan so he could give to the cause he loves. It is a cheap kind of generosity that is liberal in supplying ones own wants. And this, dear son, is the kind you were admiring. There is a better kind. Brother C. has it.

T. H. JEYS.

New Orleans, La.

BEFORE leaving New Orleans to attend our biennial conference at Nashville, we had our church lot paid for, and in sight more than \$200.00 on our new church building. They had just turned in about \$150.00 or more on harvest ingathering fund, and a sister had seven dollars more than she had on hand, but asked for a few more days to make out ten dollars, before handing it in. The church is alive and at work.

I can say I never enjoyed a conference meeting more than the one just closed in Nashville. The six days' institute was truly a rich gospel feast. There were revival meetings held at the Winter St. church by Elder Sydney Scott, our evangelist, all the ministers of the Southern Union Mission taking part.

As a result eleven joined the Winter St. church. The writer spoke on the

all-important subject The Lord's Day is the Sabbath. A goodly number, not of our faith said they could see light on the subject.

I spent several days at Oakwood school on my way home, while waiting for the school board to meet. I found the largest attendance, during the history of the school. Faculty and students seemed to keep busy. I visited the class rooms; all were orderly, teacher and students bowing their heads in prayer before beginning class work. Most of the students work the whole or part of their way in school. Some are doing well in their studies. All might do well, if they would seek the Lord earnestly for the victory over foolish talking and jesting, and put in honest study during study hours. I visited the industrial departments, and found things on the go, and all seem to enjoy their work. The children in the orphan's home were clean, healthy, and attending school.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Wilmington, N. C.

SINCE the week of prayer, the Lord has graciously manifested his presence in love and power among us, turning five souls to him in the keeping of all the commandments. Souls under the influence of the Holy Spirit are making decisions quickly when the "message" is presented in love and clearness. The arm of the Lord is being laid bare to the blessing of the children of men. May we all be aroused to the intensity of the times present, and accept the wonderful help of the Spirit to aid us in soul winning and in the development of the character we all must have to dwell among angels.

May the Lord's prayer be realized in and for us, that "they be with me where I am," in the glorious presence of the Father.

PAGE SHEPARD.

A Paraphrase

"THERE'S so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us"
That it best becomes the best of us
To praise the best in the worst of us,
And ill becomes the worst of us
To mock at the faults of the best of us.
Then let the best and the worst of us
Extol the good in the both of us
And hide the fault in the lot of us.

—Geo. B. Class.

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Note and Comment

ELDER T. B. Buckner of New Orleans, La. has been spending a few days at Oakwood preceeding the annual meeting of the school board. We were favored with an excellent sermon from him on Sabbath Jan. 17.

The church at Huntsville, Ala., is putting forth earnest efforts to get their house of worship under way.

From a private letter lately received from Sister Jennie L. Ireland, we clip the following item of general interest to our readers.—Ed.

“Elder Sheaf is now with us here at Los Angeles, and Sunday the 11th will begin a series of meetings in a rented hall. This hall is centrally located, convenient to two car lines, and within walking distance of a large population of colored people. The hall is 45x90 ft. on the ground floor. We anticipate a large attendance, so are preparing for it.

The church has been working for years, getting the truth before the people by means of tracts and papers, and now all is ready for this public effort.

Will send report later.”

Elder Sydney Scott, formerly of the North Carolina Mission but now of the Southern Union, writes,—

“I have arrived at my post of duty. I do not know how well I shall succeed here, as the work is a little different from that of the local mission work, but I shall do my best to meet the conditions.”

Elder J. W. Dancer of Arkansas, sends in a subscription, and says,—This one is a brother who lately accepted the truth and was baptized by me. He began as a regular canvasser last fall, and up to Christmas, had delivered about \$200.00 worth of books.

While in Pine Bluff recently, I induced him to subscribe for the Protestant Magazine and also the Gospel Herald. He gets the Review from the tract society as the other canvassers do.

I shall give attention to getting subscriptions to the Gospel Herald as I travel around, and thus I hope to have more than one to send in next time.

(Go thou and do likewise.—Ed.)

I will also send a report of my work soon.

As we go to press the O. M. T. S. school board is in session at Oakwood. It is too early to report any of the proceedings in this paper. They will be given next month.

Mr. Milo M. Jeys of Dennison, Iowa, is a visitor at Oakwood at present, the guest of his uncle, Elder T. H. Jeys. He will go from here to Graysville, Tenn., where he will attend school.

We feel sure that friends of the work will rejoice with us because of the progress of the work at Oakwood. We now have an enrollment of 94 and the average daily attendance is not much behind this figure.

This is exclusive of the mission school which now numbers 51.

We are also now caring for 11 orphans at our little institution connected with Oakwood. Sister Isabella Cartwright is matron there, and is giving good service.

From a private letter written to Prof. Boyd by one of our old students, Sister Lucile Carter-Williams, we take the liberty to print the following extract.—Ed.

“We had hoped to be in the work again ere this, but the proprietors of the drug store, where my husband works, have been unable to find any one to take his place.

Neither one of us is idle, so far as giving the message is concerned, tho we long to be in the organized work. I sell three of our magazines,—Signs, Watchman, and Life and Health. I do very well in my sales. One time, in less than two hours I sold thirty-two. My husband is selling books and periodicals for the benefit of the church at New Orleans of which he is a member.

We took fifty of the Harvest Ingathering Reviews and sent in \$15.00 for them.”

Sunday Jan. 25, Elder T. B. Buckner, at the invitation of Prof. W. S. Buchanan, preached to the students of the A. and M. College on the subject, “What Seventh-day Adventists Believe.” The interest was good. A special edition of a little tract was printed presenting the most prominent features of our faith, and these were distributed among the people who attended the lecture. The congregation gave a donation sufficiently large to cover cost of the tracts.

Our Oakwood sawmill is still busy at making lumber for the surrounding neighborhood.

Decatur, Ala.

THE privilege of connecting with the work in Decatur has been mine since the first of the year.

It does my heart good to find the believers of very good courage, although there are adverse circumstances. There are yet some very difficult problems to be solved in connection with the work here. We have already begun to find out how to solve a few of these and believe God will direct in the others.

The believers here, although few, seem to be energetic. They have decided to put forth greater energy this year.

There are many interested in the precious truth we tell, and sometimes come to be taught. We shall be thankful for donations from any one, to assist in our building operations. Address, W. A. Harris, East Church St. Decatur, Ala.

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

“Every means should be used to get the knowledge of the truth before the thousands who will discern the evidences, who will appreciate the likeness of Christ in his people, if they can have an opportunity to see it.”