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To The Golden Gate

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PASSING on thru the state of Colorado, we entered Utah. The surface of this state is greatly diversified, containing high mountains, arid valleys, and desert plateaus. Near the middle portion of the northern boundry, the Wahsatch mountains enter the state and extend southward along its middle line. One of the most scenic points of interest that our train passes is Castle Gate, where high flat top rocks with perpendicular walls, face the track on either side.

After many winds and twists, we cross the Wahsatch mountains, and we enter a broad fertile valley, said by some to be the richest in the world. The settled portion of the state of Utah lies in this valley at the western foot of the Wahsatch range. For miles our train now travels at good speed, passing well cultivated farms, and thriving villages onward toward the state's capital, Salt Lake City. Great rows of Lombardy poplar trees punctuate the landscape. The people on the Pacific coast have fitly named them Mormon trees. The larger per cent of the inhabitants of Utah are adherents of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints," or Mormons as they are popularly designated. They are followers of Joseph Smith. The movement started in New York. They afterwards located in Missouri and because of persecution settled again at Nauvoo, Ill. Here Joseph Smith met death at the hand of his enemies, and under the leadership of Brigham Young, America's greatest colonizer, the Mormons founded Salt Lake City in the year 1847. Here they prospered and from here they have sent out missionaries to many parts of the world. A great tabernacle has been erected that seats eight thousand people, in which is located one of the largest pipe organs in the world. The building is a great dome with no support in the middle,—a fact of

architectural interest. The timbers for this building were brot from long distances across the mountains with an incredible amount of labor. The present Mormon constituency of the world is about four-hundred thousand. They believe in God as an eternal Father, in his Son and the Holy Ghost. They believe also that men will be punished for their own sins and that thru the atonement of Christ all men may be saved. They believe in the Bible as the word of God, in the second coming of Christ, and the literal gathering of Israel.

For many years, dating from 1843, the church authorized the practice of polygamy but only about two per cent of the latter day saints have lived in that relation. In 1890, president Wilford Woodruff issued a manifesto calling upon his people to cease this practice.

Leaving the city by the Western Pacific, our train travels for several hours along the southern shore of the great Salt Lake, crossing one of its small indentations now and then. This is a great inland sea. Its waters are very salty. No vegetation grows near its bank. The bold mountains which rise abruptly from its opposite shore or stand up out of the sea itself, are barren. To the left of our tracks are broad level beds of white glistening salt. Commercial salt produced from these beds, is so nearly pure that it goes thru but one process of refining before being placed on the market.

Leaving the lake, we journeyed for hours across the Great American desert.

I was especially impressed with one basin which we entered. I should guess it to be fifty miles in diameter, a smooth dry valley entirely surrounded by mountains. The air was clear and any moving thing could have been seen in the entire region, but the only moving object was our train, which made many a curve and bend in what seemed to be a

purposeless battle with the hills. Escaping this strong-hold, we passed great stretches of waste country covered in places with stunted sage.

Leaving my birth early the next morning. I found that we were passing rapidly down Feather River Canyon in the state of California. The night had brot us a great change. A clear stream of water was dashing beside our track flowing the same way we went. The sharp points down the canyon were well clothed with pine, fir, and hemlock. The California buckeye and other shrubery and wild flowers were in full bloom. For miles the scenery was magnificent.

Leaving the canyon, we passed on by way of Sacramento and Stocktown to Oakland, passing fields of waving grain in which the reaper was just beginning its work. There were large vineyards of wine grapes and orchards of prunes and plums. Geraniums bloomed profusely in banks and beds at the railway stations along the line. I did not go into San Francisco, at this time, but stopped at Oakland, changing trains for St. Helena. Some fifteen miles on the way we were transfered to a steamer which carried us across the eastern portion of the bay. The Napa Valley train was waiting, and in about an hour and a half, in company with other teachers whom I had just joined, we arrived at St. Helena. A motor truck was at the station. There were nineteen of us to go to the college. Away we sped up a fine mountain road. Four-hundred bends, they say, in that eight miles of road. The scenery certainly was beautiful, and in that short distance our truck had climbed 1600 ft. After that long journey, we were pleased with the hearty welcome which we received. It was just night when we reached the girls' dormitory. Miss Andre the matron, and Prof. Irwin, were at the door.

(To be continued)

C. J. BOYD.

Baltimore, Md.

THE Lord is with us and has greatly blessed every effort to advance his cause. The entire church is in good working order. The Brotherhood, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Sewing Circle, the Daughters of Zion, the Volunteer Missionary Society, the Junior Choir with the Thursday afternoon meeting for children, keep the entire church busy. We are glad for this, for we realize that a working church is a live one. These various organizations keep the members together, as well as help to raise means to advance the work. Over two hundred dollars has been raised by the Ladies, Auxiliary alone, to take care of special church enterprises. Our tithes and offerings are on the increase. The Sabbath school is doing most splendidly. In nine months \$415.00 has been sent in for mission work, a gain of \$130.00 over the entire twelve months preceeding this. The tithes amount to over \$925.00 for nine months, when in the twelve months preceeding there was reported but \$552.00. Over \$1,300.00 has been raised for the local work, so our readers can see that these earnest brethren have the message at heart.

Over \$2,600.00 has been raised in nine months, besides 63 added to the church, and 51 baptisms. These are since our last report was read at the conference held in Baltimore, Oct., 1914. We are now in the midst of a promising tent effort, and we trust that the harvest will be good. Our plans are to lengthen our cords and try our best to get this truth to all in Chesapeake.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

Newport News, Va.

OUR tent effort will continue this and next month, and to Sept. 9. Then our camp meeting begins, and continues ten days.

Interest here is good. Tent too small for the congregation. Both colored and white attend. The Lord is working.

The Lord has blessed in every meeting with pleasant weather. We have received our rain in the morning or afternoon. Plenty of time before night services for the people to come, and even to sit out with their chairs on the grass.

We think of and accept the exceeding great and precious promises which God makes to his children today.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Alabama Camp Meeting

THE time is almost here again for our annual camp meeting. This being so, it is time for our people of the Alabama Mission to begin to prepare for this great feast. Brethren, let us not permit the enemy of souls to hinder any of us from attending the meeting this year. There are some who have been deceived along that line; but the time has fully come for our people to be awakened, for the glory of the Lord has really risen upon us.

The meeting will be held this year on the same site as last year, on 24th St. and David Avenue, Bessemer, Ala., one half block from Parkins Station on the South Bessemer car line.

There is a good reason for having the meeting in Bessemer, again this year. Those who are planning to come can be conveyed by means of two railroads, the A. G. S. and L. & N. People coming from Birmingham cannot miss the way if they take the S. Bessemer, car coming down 2nd Ave. from 21st Street. The meeting will be held Sept. 2-12. We expect to have in attendance brethren from the Southern Union Conference, so let us try to make the meeting a success this year from start to finish. Let us not think about the dollars it may take, but let us set our eyes on the blessings that God has for us at this season. We are planning to have things very comfortable at a low rate, as we expect every one who attends, to camp on the ground. This is one of the mistakes that some of our people have made in the past, not camping on the ground, thus giving Satan a chance to break into the rank. I hope our people will consider this matter seriously and be protected by the good influence of the meeting.

Our rates will be as follows: two persons occupying one tent will be charged \$1.00 each, three persons in one tent 75 cents each, four persons in one tent 50 cents each, for the entire time. Arrangements will be made for family tents. Cots will be for rent at 20 cents each for the entire time. Don't forget to bring your bedding with you.

Meals will be served at the dining tent. tickets will be sold before meals at the rate of two for 25 cents, not transferable. May God help us to make the necessary sacrifices, and get the blessing which is promised thru them.

C. A. BLACKWOOD.

Florida

THE tent meeting conducted by Elder M. C. Strachan in Tampa, has been in progress seven weeks. The attendance has been so large that seven extra benches were made, but they are not sufficient to accomodate the people.

Three Sabbath meetings have been held under the big tent. Our Sabbath school was organized June 26 with a membership of 39. Already they are talking of building a meeting house.

Many who cannot attend constantly read the account of the meetings in the Tampa Tribune. Some of the wealthiest white people in town have expressed their appreciation of this work. They have also given donations of money and sent fruits, nuts, and other edibles by their servants to Elder Strachan. Some of them came to the lectures.

The people are anxious to have us remain always, but the preachers are not. One minister visited our Sabbath services and asked for prayers that he might walk in the light of the truth.

Hydrotherapy, dietetic, and alcoholic demonstrations have been given in connection with the Monday night health lectures. One night a table was beautifully arranged with articles of pure and wholesome foods. The people were enthused over this feature as they were given samples of the various foods. Sister Strachan, assisted by others, has charge of the demonstrations. She keeps very busy answering calls to help the sick. Monday night July 5 a man came forward and gave Elder Strachan his tobacco at the close of the lecture on "The Filthy Weed." This man had been addicted to the habit for thirty-five years. Many raised their hands for prayer that they might get the victory over the tobacco habit.

Sisters Giles and Romans have been very successful in their magazine work.

Our collections have amounted to over \$100.00, during the seven weeks we have been here.

M. MAY CLARKE.

"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.

"Do not pass by the little things and look for a larger work."

British West Indies

NO medical missionary work can be carried on successfully without the help of Christ Jesus, the founder of this work, who in his life time on earth went about preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Matt. 9: 25, Act 10:38.

The medical missionary has a two-fold advantage. He is armed with the gospel for the body as well as for the soul. With this principle in his mind, he has the privilege of disarming prejudice of all kinds. In this way the unconverted are often reached thru the physical. When people are sick they will seek for help, even from those who would do them harm. How happy should the Christian physician and nurse be who know that they are called of God, and have also the privilege of being co-workers with him in helping suffering humanity. This is indeed an angel's work.

Since we know this branch of the work is a gift and not merely acquired, it will always be a great investment. Healing the sick will bring temporal as well as spiritual blessings. Those who take up this special phase of the work should realize that they are called of God and are his co-workers in the vineyard. The world is a great hospital, and where ever we go we see the necessity of doing something in this line for the Master.

Good Samaritans are needed everywhere. None knows but him who feels, and the man or woman who will help to restore the worn out bodies of men and women is doing a work that will never be forgotten. Florence Nightingale that star of health, is gone, but her work remains to tell the story of her untiring zeal.

Shut up as I am among these islands, it might be interesting to the reader to hear of some of the experiences which I have had. Visiting from house to house, I met a woman who had been suffering from a lupus on her nose for three years, and after she consulted a physician it was pronounced incurable. After studying advanced hydrotherapy, I saw that light could be used in this disease. Having no arc light, which I was always accustomed to use in Dr. Paulson's bath room at Hinsdale, my mind reverted to a microscope which I had. This I used by focusing the light of the sun on the sore spot of the nose. With the assistance

of fomentations and a little carbolized vaseline which she procured somewhere, the nose was completely healed.

A young man who had been taking rheumatic treatments from a doctor by the hypodermic style, came in contact with me in his store. After I reasoned with him that hot and cold water administered in a scientific way would cure him, he was astonished, and asked me to go home with him that night. I then gave him a good blanket pack, and after that a massage, then left him with some written directions. These he followed, and on my way from the West Indian Union Conference I saw him a cured man.

Another person suffering from partial paralysis was greatly helped by the use of hydrotherapy, massage, and electricity. Sometimes he has walked over six miles to see me and is very thankful for what has been done for him.

A Roman Catholic lady was saved from the surgeon's knife by simple treatments administered by my wife. Today, she is making rapid progress. Fevers, rheumatism, skin disease, consumption, liver and kidney troubles, and stomach ailments were treated with success.

At the West Indian Union Conference, held at Cristobal, Colon, I was instrumental in the hand of the Lord in helping some of our West Indian delegates to keep well during the session of the conference.

To God be the praise for all that has been done. F. HALL.

The Holy Book

HORN in the East, and clothed in oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet, and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is the servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is the son of God. Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life. It has a word of peace for the time of peril, a word of comfort for the day of calamity, a word of light for the hour of darkness. Its oracles are repeated in the assembly of the people, and its counsels whispered in the ear of the lonely. The wise and

the proud tremble at its warnings, but to the wounded and penitent it has a mother's voice. The wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad by it, and the fire on the hearth has lighted the reading of its well-worn pages.

Its great words come to us uncalled. They fill our prayers with power larger than we know, and the beauty of them lingers in our ear long after the sermons which they have adorned have been forgotten. They return to us swiftly and quietly, like birds flying from far away. They surprise us with new meanings, like springs of water breaking forth from the mountain, beside a long forgotten path. They grow richer, as pearls do when they are worn near the heart. No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own. When the landscape darkens and the trembling pilgrim comes to the valley named the shadow, he is not afraid to enter. He takes the rod and staff of the Scripture in his hand: he says to friend and comrade, "Good-bye, we shall meet again;" and comforted by that support, he goes toward the lonely pass as one who climbs thru darkness into light.—*Henry Van Dyke.*

The Winds of War

OF what are winds a fitting symbol?
War. Zech. 7:14, Jer. 25:32.

Who excites to war?
Satan. Rev. 16:14.

What special work is now in progress?
The sealing. Rev. 7:3.

What is God's sign, seal, or mark?
The Sabbath. Ezek. 20:12.

What day is the Sabbath?
The seventh day. Ex. 20:8-11.

What must be the adversary's mark?
A counterfeit sabbath.

Who restrains war and why?
The angels, that God's seal may be put on His children. Rev. 7:4.

Will the enemy try to enforce his mark?
Yes. Rev. 13:17.

Does the Lord also send a warning?
Yes. Rev. 14:9, 10.

When God's warning is finished, the winds of war will be loosed, and Armageddon's fearful scenes will come. Until then the winds may not fully blow.

Dear friend, are you ready for the restraining angel to withdraw his hand?

T. H. J.

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Talks to My Students

Sit or "Git"

NOR long ago I read an interesting little article entitled "Git Up and Git." To that I wish to add the little imperative sentence at the head of this article. Let both be heeded by those who have fallen into the habit of stopping at the door and inflicting on their long suffering neighbors the unnecessary annoyance of standing to wait for the dilatory and voluble one to depart.

When you are ready to take your leave, rise from your seat and go *immediately*.

I have known a caller who unconsciously made himself a nuisance by his habit of standing at the door and continuing for five, ten, or fifteen minutes to talk of this or that, all the time blissfully unconscious that the waiting host or hostess was wishing he would move on.

If there is so much to be said, by all means remain seated to say it; but do not give the impression that you are about to depart, only to cause disappointment.

Woe to that person who stands chatting at the door until others are saying in their hearts, "How long?"

The host may be too well bred to give any outward sign of displeasure, but it may be safely inferred that the value of such a guest goes down on the society market.

So, when you start, "Git up and git." Sit or "Git."

No Man Hath Hired Us

I do not know what the customs of those days may have been that made such a speech as that a necessity, but this I know,—It need never be spoken in these times. And yet, sad to say, there are many who, if they do not say the words, at least act out the principle.

What must we think of the man who sits idle in the market all the day and does it because no one has set him to work? Well, in these times of strenuous effort, if we shall wait until some one comes along and tells us what to do, we shall all our life long be doing only what other men tell us to do.

These are the days when if we hope to do or be anything above the mediocre, we must not wait for other men to set us to work, but must go at it on our own initiative.

The boy who does just as little as he can when he is given a task, has the spirit of time serving in him. He will

be worth nothing to himself or any one else, unless he changes his methods.

"Because no man hath hired us," forsooth! That's it! Throw the blame for idleness on some other man. I am doing nothing because some one else is doing nothing. My idleness is caused by the negligence of some one. Not my own, of course! I'm full of energy, but no one has given me any chance.

I am fully persuaded that there's many a man who in substance is saying these words.

"Why don't you go work in my vineyard?" says the Lord.

"O, the conference committee didn't give me license to preach, so of course I can't do it."

"Why didn't you pick up that trash as you crossed the campus?"

"That isn't my work."

Why did you let the cows go into the corn field?"

"It isn't my job to care for the cows."

"Why don't you go out to canvass?"

"The state canvassing agent never came to see me."

O boys, boys! let us away with all this miserable bluff of that kind, this stock-in-trade of the lazy and inefficient, and let us set ourselves the tasks that will develop our powers in the doing. Let us do something and be something. Let us not make our success depend on whether some man, or no man, has hired us, whether we are watched or neglected, helped or hindered, whether men smile or frown, whether they favor or fear us, or whether any or all things are for or against us.

They Had Forgotten

That Jesus Was on Board

IN DESIRE of AGES chapter thirty-five, subject, "Peace be still," the above statement is made, in connection with the eventful experience on the sea of Galilee. Christ and his disciples, after a strenuous day's toil, sought rest in a secluded place across the sea. "Weary and hungry, He lay down in the stern of the boat, and soon fell asleep. The evening was quiet and pleasant, and calm rested upon the lake. Suddenly a darkness overspread the sky and destructive winds swept down the mountain gorges along the eastern shores. A fierce tempest burst upon the lake. The blackness of night had settled down upon the sea. The storm sorely threatened to engulf

the boat. The disciples employed all their skill as seamen who were more or less accustomed to sea life, to save themselves, but soon realized the hopelessness of their condition.

"The lightning, flashing brightly and continuously, revealed the peaceful face of the Master who was sleeping in the hinder part of the ship. The disciples caught a glimpse of Him, and seemed for the first time to realize that they were complying with His command, and that He was aboard the ship. In Jesus was their only hope. They call, but He does not seem to hear them. Again the call is repeated. They become very anxious lest all be lost. Again they exclaim, 'Master, carest thou not that we perish?' The call for salvation, as usual awakes Him.

"Their cry arouses Jesus; A flash of lightning reveals the peace of heaven in His face. They cry, 'Lord save us; we perish.'

"As they grasp their oars to make a last effort, Jesus rises. He stands in the midst of His disciples while the tempest rages. He lifts His hand, so often employed in deeds of mercy, and says to the angry sea, 'Peace, be still.'

"The storm ceases. The billows sink to rest. The clouds roll away and the stars shine forth. The boat rests upon a quiet sea."

How correctly the above experience illustrates our own. How many miles we often sail on the rough sea of life, trying to manage the ship with human strength, forgetting the promise, "I, o I am with you always." Not until we encounter some fierce storm, some sorrow, some bereavement, and toil in it for days and perhaps years, till a flash of the lightning of His love penetrates our minds, do we remember that, "Jesus is aboard." Let us not forget the blessed, consoling fact that we have an unseen Friend, a Saviour who walks the dangerous path of life close at our side. Do not forget that Jesus is on board.

Joseph and Mary went three days journey from Jerusalem without knowing that Jesus was not in the company. They had in a measure forgotten Him as did the disciples; and trouble, as usual, resulted. They retraced their steps to find him. So do we often times. We lose time without Him.

"Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe."

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Round Table Chat

WE are very desirous of receiving new and up to date reports and articles from the field. If I believed that the suggestions which follow would in any wise cause these to be diminished, or give to any one any offence, the article would close right here, and no one would ever know what I have in my mind to say. But I am persuaded better things of all our family of writers and contributors, so I am going to venture some suggestions that if heeded will materially conduce to my own comfort and peace of mind, and also to the interest of the general reader.

1. Write on one side of your paper only. Of course you may not know why, but rest assured, "there's a reason."

2. Write on good paper. By that I mean good solid writing paper that will take ink without blotting, or if you use a lead pencil, write your lines far enough apart so that I may write between the lines if necessary. Of course it may not be necessary, and if you will study the grammatical construction more carefully, it might be very much less frequently necessary than it now is. By all means do not write on thin "onion skin" paper, and then, to make the task of the editor doubly difficult, write in fine lines, close together and interlined some. It is such a manuscript that sometimes tempts the editor to go the short cut to the W. B.

3. Don't try to write flowery. Just tell the facts in the plainest and most direct way. I reserve to myself the privilege of turning pretty phrases, or dropping into a poetical strain.

4. Please notice on the last page of the paper once more the statement in *italic*, that manuscript, to be sure of insertion in the current issue, must reach our office not later than the twentieth of the month preceeding date of issue. Not long ago I received a report from one of our good brethren dated the 24th of the month, in which he said,—"I am a little late but hope this will reach you in time to get into this month's paper." At the very hour he was writing that vain "hope," we were wrapping our papers preparatory to sending out. Of course those who have never had the work of making a paper cannot see why this must be, but all printers see very easily. Be assured, as said before, "There's a reason."

5. When you send in your article, and it doesn't get printed, do not, I beg you, grow unreasonable and angry. Do

not conclude that the editor is a "mean old thing," and wants to turn you down. Nothing of the kind. There may be one of a dozen different things that has intervened to make it impossible to print your article. It may be that he is saving it for a better place in the next issue than he could possibly give it this time. Possibly some one else has written on the same subject that you have, and his article is already in type or possibly printed.

May be you have overlooked something in your haste that makes it impossible to use the article at once. Of course all editors are naturally thick headed and are notoriously unreasonable, but they have the advantage of you and you can't help yourself. The best way is to keep sweet, and give a little sugarcoated explanation. Such treatment has been known to win over some of the wildest, and apparently most untamable editors, so that they will do just about what you wish.

6. There are some phrases which by constantly seeing, the average editor gets to fairly—dislike. Here are a few of them,— "I am glad to say." "Buried with their Lord in baptism." Mammoth Pavilion." "Pray for the work in—"

All of these are good English expressions, but by reason of much use have come to be meaningless. They seem to slide off the pens with little effort on the part of the writers. They are interesting for a few hundred times, but when it gets to be a steady stream, the editor longs for a change. Readers and editors grow tired of monotony.

7. Some time ago I received a contribution from one of our workers, with the following explanation,— "Since I have not bothered you with my reports for some time, I hope you will let this one go in, tho it is rather long." Poor brother! He didn't know that he was boasting of that which was his shame. I would much rather receive six reports of one page each, than one report of six pages. Write often, dear brother,— and then of course I will not have to say anything about being brief.

Our readers like the short spicy reports that say something, and then quit.

Well, that last word, "quit," reminds me that this might get too long, so I will heed my own prescription and close before some one quotes the old proverb to me about the physician who should heal himself.

T. H. J.

Alabama

THE Annual camp meeting of the Alabama Mission will be held at Bessemer Ala., Sept. 2—12. There is no reason why every church and company in this mission should not be well represented, for despite the strenuous times, God has been greatly blessing his people.

Questions of vital importance to the progress of the work will be discussed during the meeting. Special attention will be given to the spiritual condition of our people. This will include valuable instructions to church elders and missionary secretaries. We shall be glad to have all the workers on the grounds a day or two before the time, for counsel and to lay plans, and all canvassers, to assist in the arranging of the tents for the meetings, etc. Our tents and other camp meeting supplies are limited. To avoid disappointment after arrival, notify the writer at 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

J. G. DASENT.

Jacksonville, Fla.

I VISITED a little church this morning with the Temperance Instructor, and was permitted to present my work to them. The pastor seemed to like the idea, especially as he had been running a "revival" all the week. When I got thru, a lady, pretty well advanced in years, who I have since learned is the oldest member on the church roll, stood up and endorsed everything that had been said. Among other things she said that this was the best gospel sermon that had ever been preached in that church. Before she resumed her seat she said to the minister, "why don't you stop preaching and tell us about these things?" The preacher tried to show that he was doing his share otherwise, but under further pressure, he, poor fellow, flatly admitted that he fears he "might be thrown off his horse," for the liquor traffic is too old. Tho a non-user himself, he dare not fight it. And he is only one of many.

I should think the man misses his calling by a long way, who is satisfied to preach the gospel with so little regard for his own personal convictions.

The ministers, not excluding the better educated among them, very often say that the people not being able to appreciate the gospel in its simplicity, a certain degree of "emotionalism" is indispensable if they are to hold the crowd.

But my experience today has convinced me more than ever before, that the people, no matter how old, have in them enough of the "light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," to be able to understand and appreciate the gospel of Jesus in its simplicity. Withholding the word from the people, was one of the many factors that brought about the "dark ages." Today we have an abundance of Bibles, but by sugar-coating, shortening, and otherwise de-vitalizing gospel truth to please the natural unregenerate heart, the world, with its multiplicity of forms of godliness that deny the power thereof, is fast being enveloped in that greater and denser spiritual darkness which will be dissolved only by the awful unquenchable fire of the great day of the Lord. Father in heaven deliver thy people!

C. C. ROBERTS.

An Appeal for Missions

THERE was a time when the millions of colored inhabitants of the Sunny South knew nothing of the great three-fold message of Rev. 14: 6-12, but the time came in the providence of God when the descendants of Ham as represented in this territory were to rejoice in this saving truth. A solemn appeal was made to those who were already illuminated with the glorious light of present truth. The message from the Lord touching the then existing conditions in the South was presented to them, and as a result plans were laid for the evangelization of the South.

Two score years have passed away, and what a change! Everywhere are to be found many people who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Of the twenty-two hundred and seventy-three believers in the Southern Union Conference, not less than eight hundred and fifty are colored. A few years ago it was no easy task to find in this territory a colored Seventh-day Adventist, or even one who had heard of us or read our books. I once heard Elder T. B. Buckner, one of our pioneer missionaries who is now laboring in the state of Louisiana, say that there was a time when he would have to travel for miles in the state of Alabama, to find one of like faith, and I believe there are other pioneers who can make similar testimony. But as we view the field at the

present time, and note the progress of our work in this state, we are bound to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" The voice of the third angel is now heard in every county and city in this state, in fact there is scarcely a thickly populated section of the state where the message has not been heard, either from the living preacher or from the silent messengers.

But have you ever stopped to think, dear reader, that in order to get this message established in this extensive missionary field that some one, somewhere, and some time, had to make a sacrifice? Yes, in getting the truth to us there were those who responded liberally—even to a sacrifice, with their hard-earned means. For this we are very thankful, and praise God.

Today the cries of the millions in heathen lands are pleading for the message of salvation. In order to answer these calls, we who have been enlightened with this glorious message were asked to donate twenty cents a week per member to this end; then after some consideration it was thought advisable to reduce the amount to ten cents a week per member. This amount is made up from the Sabbath school donations, Annual Offerings, The Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and all other offerings to Foreign Missions. My dear brothers and sisters, here and everywhere, will you not show your gratitude to God and love for the millions of benighted ones in Africa, China, India, and the islands of the seas, by making it your business to donate each week not less than ten cents for the evangelization of those lands? It is only a dime, but it can do a great work. Will not all our workers by precept and example urge our people to be faithful in their offerings? We believe that Jesus is coming again; The great three-fold message is to prepare a people for that great event, but remember, that grand and glorious appearing will not be ushered in until "This gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Then shall the end come."

By faithfully supporting the work in foreign fields with your dimes and quarters, you can hasten the coming of the Lord. Let us earnestly do our part and at last receive the reward of those who have been faithful.

J. G. DASENT.

Virginia Isle

FOR the last eight weeks I was away from home visiting the West Indian Union Conference held at Cristobal, Colon, and also the South Caribbean Conference at Trinidad. In these conferences, we experienced a shower of the latter rain, especially at Union Conference, where Prof. M. E. Kern and Elder G. B. Thompson were used by God to bring about this resurrection power. Confessions were made, old grudges and hypocrisies were revealed, and sins put away. New life came in, and we all left in a good spiritual frame of mind, better prepared to do the work which God has assigned us. After the close of the conference a fire broke out which destroyed twenty-four blocks of the town. Our chapel was providentially spared, but quite a number of our church members were rendered homeless. Two persons were burnt, and a number of others were injured. Damages amounted to \$900,000.

Taking ship from Colon to Trinidad to attend the South Caribbean Conference, we stopped at Cartagena, one of the cities of Colombia. Here we visited an old Roman Catholic cathedral.

Missionary work is greatly needed here among these benighted people. Spanish is spoken. The South Caribbean Conference was blessed with a sincere, helpful, and earnest spirit in all its sessions.

Leaving Trinidad in company with Elder Giddings, who has returned to Guadeloupe, his old field of labor, and Brother Smith of Monserrat, I visited some of the other islands on my way home. Most of these islands need workers.

FRANK HALL.

As Thou Thinkest

A MAN is no bigger, better, nor stronger than he thinks. If he thinks he is strong, and refuses to think otherwise, his very mental attitude will tend to develop these qualities in him.

The Seventh-day Adventists are a small people, but they are called to a great work, and they will never accomplish the task by sitting down to lament their weakness.

The spies declared that they were as grasshoppers in the eyes of the great warriors, but no wonder! They thot themselves small until their enemies accepted their thot.

T. H. J.

Heart Longings

THE following lines are written by a young woman who is in a hospital in Toledo, Ohio. The light from present truth has come to her during her illness, carried to her by some of our faithful workers. May we not consistently ask our Father to give this dear child the desire of her heart—health and strength to go with the glad tidings to some other heart-broken one?—Ed.

I AM seeking the kingdom of heaven
As Jesus has told me to do ;

And He tells me that tho I'm deficient,
" All things shall be added to you."

I am longing to help spread the message,
To thousands who worship in vain ;
To the heathen, who, groping in darkness,
Count neither the loss nor the gain.

I give myself now to my Saviour,
To labor for him day by day,
To lead little children to Jesus,
To teach them His own blessed way.

I want to search out the dark hovels,
Where dying souls languish in night,
I want to spread sunshine and gladness
And tell them of Jesus, the Light.

I pray now, for health and for wisdom,
To help spread the message each day,
And I know too, that God will prepare me,
And lead in His own blessed way.

ETHEL L. JOHNS.

Sumter, S. C.

THE work here is progressing nicely with good attendance every night.

Sabbath July 3 we organized a Sabbath school numbering 73. Some of these are children, but we have about 50 who have begun keeping the Sabbath. Among these is a Baptist preacher. There are many more interested.

The devil is here, working thru the ministers of the city to hinder the work. Since we know that God is above man, we take fresh courage in His work.

I am doing magazine work during a part of the day, and during the month of June, I sold 54 magazines. This is the first book or magazine work I have tried to do, and God is giving me success. there are many others who can do the same if they will only try, and ask God to assist them.

There are a few here who are going to Oakwood, and I am giving them all the encouragement I can. I want to return myself and complete my course. Workers are needed everywhere to carry the last message of mercy to the world before our Lord shall come.

ENGLISH G. SIMONS.

Atlanta, Ga.

THE annual camp meeting for the colored in this state will be held in Atlanta Ga. Aug. 29 to Sept. 5. We are preparing for a large attendance. Let us plan to make this the best camp meeting that has ever been held in Georgia.

To what proportion of those who attend will the meeting bring a blessing? The result of the meeting in every case can only be determined by the individual himself.

Let us bury the spirit of criticism and murmuring, and come together seeking God to get the victory over sin. Then we will get rich blessings and have clearer vision in bringing men to Christ. Ps. 51:13.

The rent of tents will be \$3.00. Those who are planning to attend, and would like to live in tents, address the writer at once at 209 Greensferry Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Bring your bedding and towels.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

Los Angeles, Cal.

It was the writer's privilege to visit the Berean S. D. A. church at this place Sabbath, June 19. The company consists of thirty-seven members, in charge of Elder and Mrs. Sheafe. The surroundings gave evidence of the good work being carried on,—a room well filled with earnest and smiling faces, and a neat little house of worship, located in a nice residential district of the city.

Elder Sheafe began his work here in December, 1913. The company was organized January 30, this year, and the house of worship dedicated March 17. Elder Sheafe has also built up two other companies in this vicinity. We are glad for the many evidences of God's care for his work in this growing city. Los Angeles is now the largest city on the coast. It has a large colored population.

To the writer it was a personal pleasure to meet Sister Sheafe and the children, as they have visited us at Oakwood a number of times. They are yet deeply interested in the work in our part of the South-land, and asked to be remembered to all inquiring friends.

Arthur and Marguerite have grown considerably. They have advanced well in their school work. I was especially interested to note that Arthur played the cornet for service.

C. J. BOYD.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

THE Lord is sending showers of blessings. We thank God for the truth that will save those who live it. The work in the Missionary Society, is getting along nicely. I herewith give report for quarter ending June 30, 1915.

Missionary visits	253
Members of M. V. Society.	20
Persons reporting work	7
Members taking R. and H.	2
Hours spent Christian H. work	45
No. of sick persons assisted	13
No. of treatments given	9
No. meals provided	51
Articles of clothing given	28
No. of tracts given	50
Copies papers taken by society	18
No. papers lent or given	41
No. books lent or given	7
Retail val. literature given	\$205
No. missionary letters written	40
No. letters received	29
No. books sold	7
Retail val. literature sold	\$5.25
B. readings or cottage meetings	127
Amount collected for missions	\$2.26
New converts to truth	2
Total amt. recd. H. M. work	\$3.11

MRS. E. M. GATES.

Wilmington, N. C.

MISSIONARY report for half year ending June 30, 1915.

Because of lack of space we have here combined two quarterly reports into one semi-annual report.—Ed.

No. of members	58
No. of members reporting	52
Letters written	163
Letters received	170
Missionary visits	594
B. readings or cottage meeting	198
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	43
Papers sold, mailed, lent, given	422
Booke sold, lent, given	156
Tracts sold, lent, mailed, given	259
Hours Christian help work	424
Articles of clothing given	62
No. meals provided	131
Bouquets given	26
Off. F. M. thru S. S. & M.V.	\$42.35
Offerings home missions	\$20.80
Tithe paid to church treasurer	\$61.78
No. young people added to church	3
Med. missionary visits	165

The society are making special efforts to raise missionary money by such means as missionary gardens, &c.

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Note and Comment

DURING the last month our new dormitory for girls has made rapid progress. The framing is all done, the siding and roof are finished, the doors and windows are rapidly getting to place, and if no unforeseen accident comes, Sept. 22, the date of our fall opening, will find the building all complete and ready to be occupied.

Prof. Boyd on his return from the Pacific coast, gave the students an interesting talk about points of interest in the trip and specially concerning the progress of the third angel's message as seen from the view point of the convention of assembled teachers of the denomination.

Miss Bertha Bartholomew, our normal teacher is attending the summer school at Graysville, Tenn.

It has been the custom for some of Oakwood's teachers to be in attendance at the colored camp meetings of the accessible conferences. It is planned that this year Prof. Boyd will go to the meetings in the South eastern union, and the writer will try to attend the Southern union meetings. It is hoped that all who are interested in our school, either as prospective students, or parents of children who should be getting a Christian education, will be present and ready to ask any questions they wish.

Orders for our new book **THE MYSTERY**, are coming in, and we wish to invite special attention to our offer to fur-

nish the book in 100 lots at special rates for missionary purposes. We also have now a nice supply of the little book, **OLD POEMS**, which we offer at the same liberal terms. If you are paying for your church, and wish to get something that will sell for the benefit of the church, write us. We can tell you something that will interest you.

Our Bible reading postals seem to be filling a real need. We are adding to our list of subjects. We can now furnish the following, — Jesus' Second Coming, Change of Sabbath, The Winds of War, Sabbath or Sunday.

Others will be issued from time to time as our work will permit. Price, 10 cents per doz., one kind, or assorted as desired.

You are now reading the **GOSPEL HERALD**. Do you think it is worth the money? Could you invest 25 cents better? We constantly receive letters that express appreciation. We like them. We also like to receive postage stamps, checks, or postal order for subscription. We hope none will grow weary of reading our polite hints about this, but if any do, we hope it will be those who belong to Brother DeLinquent's family. We hope they may grow so tired of it that they will change their names.

If your account is paid, you can just skip this item entirely.

T. H. J.

True Holy Ghost No. 5.

Spirit Filled Life

IN Eph. 5:15 we read one of God's holy commands.

What difference is there if our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit? It is that difference which we observe between the Gospels and the Acts.

Sentences like the following abound in the Acts of The Apostles.

"The Spirit said to Philip."

"The Spirit said to Ananias."

"The Spirit said to Peter."

Observe the intimate knowledge and acquaintance.

There was a certainty and definiteness of work with the apostles, as expressed in the following terms: "This one thing I do."

Also an unconquerable zeal and enthusiasm; "Obey God rather than man." A joy and satisfaction; "At midnight sang and prayed in jail."

Yes, a Spirit filled life is a stream re-

freshing to one's self, and to all others within the range of its influence. **Juo. 7:38-39.**

Humanity is subject to three intense spiritual needs.

1. A thirst of the mind for truth. Error sickens, paralyzes, poisons.
2. A thirst of conscience for liberty, and freedom from stain and guilty fears.
3. Thirst of heart for righteousness. Power to do right.

Earthly blessings are powerless to meet these needs. Jesus, in the gospel plan, meets them in his gift of a Spirit filled life. We receive a clean heart at conversion, yet it may be defiled again. **Ps. 51:10.** How often have we, who possessed a new heart, again gotten entangled and overcome. **Eze. 18:31, 2 Pet. 2:20. Luke 11:22-25.**

But God has provided the Holy Spirit to fill man's life and thus meet his needs, and secure to him satisfying joys here and hereafter.

Like the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, many sit today seeking the water which satisfies. (**Juo. 4:15**) that they thirst not nor come hither to draw. There must be in us a well of water that will refresh us and make us leave our water pots to carry a blessing to others.

For years men have prayed for a Spirit filled life. Their cry has been put into song but they have made no further progress. It is because they have not met their Pentecost as yet. No other stream satisfies. They seek an emancipation from ignorance, folly, error, and superstition. **Juo. 16:13.** They seek a to overcome evil propensities. They want to be free from the reigning power and condemning power of sin. They want a daily life of victory.

The Spirit filled life can create the proper atmosphere for a man to live in. It alone removes the barriers to right doing. **Acts 1:8.** It regulates the thots **Phil. 4:8, Prov. 23:7.** And it extends the circle of his good influence.

The Holy Spirit is a power that dwells with us. **John 14:16-17.** It is not like the current of a city electric light plant, sometimes off and sometimes on.

It is a power that meets every earthly need of the soul. It answers every cry. It fortifies against the fevers of ignorance, keeps from guilt and fear, bestows the power to do effective service for God and man.

M. C. STRACHAN.

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Supplement

The Tent Department

SINCE the Lord has been pleased to instruct his people concerning best plans for conducting schools, it is only proper that those who are placed in responsibility should carefully study to fall into line and comply with the instructions given.

It was a consideration of these facts that caused the Oakwood school board and teachers to look with interest last year on the proposition to introduce tent making as one of the industries of the school. After considerable negotiation, reaching over some months, it was finally arranged that Brother D. H. Lewis of Dimondale, Mich., should come to Oakwood and take charge of the department.

He accordingly closed up his business at Dimondale and arrived at Oakwood Oct. 1, 1914. He at once began to make preparations to begin business, by fitting up the second story of our dining hall as a factory, installing his machines, and preparing to handle the business that we hoped would come to us.

Since that time nine months have passed, and it will be of interest to look over the plant and see what has been the result of the move made. To be sure that true statements should be made we called on Brother Lewis, and asked him to give us the facts.

He was busy, but good naturedly stopped his work with the remark that the GOSPEL HERALD had asked the brethren in the field to send orders, but now he thought possibly we had better ask for a hold up until the factory could catch up.

"You have all the work you can do, then, have you Brother Lewis?"

"Yes, and then some. You see, every one who orders a tent wants it right now. Since the spring is the time when tents are brought into requisition, spring becomes our busy season. We had thought that we would soon be thru, but just about time we began to think we were done with the rush of work, along has come another order, and then another, and still others, until we are still hurrying to fill orders booked within the last few days."

"How much work have you now in sight?"

"We have enough to keep us busy till sometime in August. We may re-

ceive some more orders yet, tho it is likely now that the rush is past."

"Could you not do better if you could get your orders in earlier in the season?"

"Yes, it would be much more convenient for us, and also we could be more likely to get the goods to the parties on time for their needs, if they would take the forethought to order early. Our people who use tents should do as many others have learned to do—come early and avoid the rush."

"Can you give us some idea of the volume of business done since you began nine months ago?"

Yes sir. Up to date we have sent out from Oakwood factory goods to amount of \$4199.68. This has consisted mostly of meeting tents and small family tents to our various conferences. Our business began here along in February and we have had no rest since that time. Most of the hands have been working over time more or less, and I have worked over time all the time."

"How many have you employed?"

"Altogether, we have had seven boys and five girls who have been working either all or part time, besides myself and family. When we began, I feared that because of the cotton panic, we would have difficulty in making ends meet, but since we started we have had to double our number of machines and they have been running to their utmost capacity."

"Do you feel that the competition of older and well established firms will hurt your business?"

"Not if the people who buy tents take proper account of quality. It is true that some tent makers send out cheaper tents than we do, but it has been found by experience that they are the most costly in the end. Our anxiety is to win and hold the confidence and patronage of our brethren in the field. This we think we can do by honest means and fair dealing, and if the present year shall be allowed to stand as an index, we have not much to fear from outside competition. Our principal anxiety is to get our conferences to order their tents early, so as to distribute our work a little better thru the year. Some have already taken the thought to mind, and have indicated their intention of doing so."

"Can the students earn good wages in the factory?"

"When they begin it is as with other trades, they must first develop skill. After they have been at the work long enough to know how to do it, they can earn about the same rate as at other industries in operation here at the school. It should be remembered that the principal reason for establishing a work of this kind in the school, is, not primarily to furnish remunerative work for students, or provide a means whereby they may make money, but rather that they might learn a good and useful trade, one that will better fit them for the business of life. Our boys who take the trade in our factory, will always be better hands to care for the tents in the field, if they go out as preachers, or conference workers. Our girls who get the instruction here given, and the practical experience with it, will certainly be able to do many other things with thread and needle that they would not otherwise know any thing about."

"Whence have you received most of your orders?"

"Thus far we have done business exclusively for our own evangelical workers in the field. We have received some bids from outside parties, but have had to turn down all such, inasmuch as we were already rushed with orders from our own conferences."

"I notice you have a button hole machine. What use do you make of it in the tent factory?"

"That is another line. In the fall and winter we have the sewing classes. Since a large part of our work is the making of uniforms and various garments, the making of button holes is a matter of some moment. This machine cuts any hole from 1/4 to 1 inch in length, works the button hole with a lock stitch, more skillfully than any one except the most expert, stays with thread at each end, cuts the thread and stops automatically. All this at the rate of 28 stitches per second. Thus it will be seen that the work requiring the most skilled hand workman about two hours to do, can be done by this machine in four minutes."

"How do your boys get the necessary experience in pitching tents?"

"That is really the most perplexing thing we have. We usually try to get the opportunity to put up some one's tent for him. This spring we shall pitch

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a tent in a few days for one of our neighbors. We do it free and I give my time, just that the boys may actually get to do the work that they must do later in the field.

"Will it pay them to take the time and do the work free?"

"Yes, indeed, if they are to do the same work when they go out as preachers. Many a dollar is wasted by the preacher's not knowing how to properly pitch and care for his tent."

"Could you tell something with reference to the amount earned by students in the department?"

"Yes. First, you must know that we do not pay cash for work. We only employ students who wish thus to earn their expenses in school. To date we have paid out in school credits \$265.97. The student is expected to work 75 hours without remuneration. After this, he may receive a small wage, which is increased just as fast as he increases in efficiency. The thing that the student gets that is really more important to him than his wage, is the education of his hand and eye, so that he is able to do things that before he could not do."

Just at this point a call is made for the foreman, and Brother Lewis hurries away to adjust some machine, or show some boy how to do an intricate piece of work, and the editor goes away wishing he were a boy in school once more and could learn to sew tents.

T. H. J.

Shreveport, La.

ELDER Sydney Scott and I started a tent effort in Shreveport, La., May 23. The meetings have been well attended from the beginning.

Shreveport is the largest and most progressive city in north Louisiana. Many oil, and natural gas wells are in operation near the city.

Many colored as well as white people, migrated here from other states. The colored population of Shreveport numbers about fifteen-thousand. We presented the Sabbath question two weeks ago. A goodly number are taking hold. The prospect seems good to raise up a nice colored church in this long neglected city.

The meetings are well attended, even after the Sabbath has been preached. This is a rare thing. Elder Scott and wife are now in Jackson, Miss., engaged

in a tent effort for the people there.

We wish that every city in the South could be worked while the people seem anxious to hear the truth. It is a great pleasure to see precious souls accepting the truth. I shall do what I can to send young men and women to Oakwood for training. We need many more laborers all over the South to hasten the message to a finish.

T. B. BUCKNER.

Jesus Weeping

"AND when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it."

He is the same Jesus, who was here over nineteen-hundred years ago. He has not changed. His sympathy for the suffering, dying, and for the condition of the world is the same.

Brethren and sisters, have you at any time felt sorry for the present condition of the world? Have you ever shed tears as your eyes glanced over the daily papers to read of the souls lost by the war? Have tears filled your eyes when you beheld the soldiers as they drill to take lives and to be killed themselves? Have you wept when souls refused to accept the words of life?

Yes, we answer. If we, tho so sinful, shed tears, how much more the sinless One? The world has pictured our Saviour in an attitude of weeping. Why? Because of the souls slain.—men, women, and children. How long can human beings endure seeing and reading of the present condition of the world? Can Jesus endure it much longer? I think not. Soon, he will come to put an end to all sin and evil, to bring to an end the weeping that ascends to the throne of mercy daily, to take us where weeping shall be no more. Oh, then, to bring an end to all this, let us hasten to take this message to souls unwarned!

Yes, he weeps. If your hearts have ever been touched with the love of Jesus, you can not keep from weeping. Angels weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Our Saviour is touched with the feeling of our infirmities." From the pen of the Lord's servant, we read;—"It was not only because of the scene before Him that Christ wept. The weight of the grief of ages was upon him. He saw the terrible effects on the world of the transgression of God's law. He saw that in the history of the world, beginning with the death of Abel,

conflict between good and evil had been unceasing. Looking down the years to come, He saw the suffering and sorrow, tears and death, that were to be the lot of men. His heart was pierced with the woes of the human family of all ages and all lands." W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Wilson, N. C.

PRESENTED the Sabbath here June 20. July 17 I organized a Sabbath school of 64 members, altho 80 signed the covenant. Of course some that signed the covenant were convicted but not repentant.

The whole town is stirred. Sabbath July 17 the editor of the Evening Times wrote up a lengthy article against me. The heading was "Saturday for Sunday." He claimed that I was trying to change the established order, that when I first come I said nothing about Saturday being Sunday, injecting that into my discourses a few days ago. He claimed in his article that several complaints had come to the office that some cooks wanted Saturday off, and the hands of a large industrial firm wanted both days.

He finally stated that I would do well to cut Saturday for Sunday out of my doctrine.

The following day, Sunday, two prominent white physicians accepted my invitation to lecture on Health and Sanitation. This offer upset the rumor that the white folks had all turned against me and that I had to leave the town. That same evening the wealthiest and most prominent colored man lifted my offering amounting to \$8.15 and made very favorable statements of our work.

Some of the best colored people have taken a firm stand for truth. For these experiences we praise God. Sisters Maude Dickson and Edna Bryan are doing self supporting work here. Their department is excellent and a credit to the Oakwood school. They sing in our choir every night. Please remember the work here in special prayer.

G. E. PETERS.

We had hoped to have a cut illustrating the article on the tent department, but it has for some reason been delayed. The best we can do this time is to promise the cut in some future issue of the GOSPEL HERALD.