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OAKWOOD'S LADDER

(Tune, "Jacob's Ladder")

We are climbing Oakwood's ladder, ladder,
We are climbing Oakwood's ladder, ladder,
We are climbing Oakwood's ladder, ladder,
Ten thousand dollar goal.

Every rung's one hundred dollars, dollars,
Every rung's one hundred dollars, dollars,
Every rung's one hundred dollars, dollars,
Climbing toward our goal.

Come and join Oakwood's boosters, boosters,
Come and join Oakwood's boosters, boosters,
Come and join Oakwood's boosters, boosters,
East, West, North and South.

Do you think we'll reach the goal, goal,
Do you think we'll reach the goal, goal,
Do you think we'll reach the goal, goal,
In this great campaign?

O, rise, shine give God the glory, glory,
O, rise, shine give God the glory, glory,
O, rise, shine give God the glory, glory,
For Oakwood Junior College.

—Arranged by Miss Anna Knight.

Oakwood Junior College



Student's Association

"THE Harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth more laborers into His harvest." Knowing the truthfulness of this, the students of Oakwood Junior College organized themselves into what is known as the Students' Association.

The purpose of this society is to raise means by which the work may be advanced. To prepare young people to give this message we must have facilities, namely: a dormitory for young men, a trades building, a good barn, etc. These, the Association has undertaken to assist by solicitation.

There are perhaps many whose love for the message would inspire them to give, so that Oakwood might have the necessary equipment that more workers might be trained each year to give the message intelligently, if they were only acquainted with the needs of Oakwood; therefore the Association has the work of acquainting some of our own people, as well as the world, with Oakwood's needs; also the work it has done, is doing, and is contemplating for the future. To accomplish this, some circulars have been printed setting forth the needs and appealing to the generosity of all who read them.

The *Gospel Herald*, our department paper printed by the students, is an excellent means to this end. The interest and enthusiasm manifested by the students tell us that things are going to be done in the future; thus the work will be finished and that glad day will be ushered in. The daily conversation of those on the grounds expresses harmony with the spirit of the work. Although they are not out actively engaged in the work of boosting for the school they love, they are genuine boosters at school, making preparation for those who are coming, and writing letters encouraging those in the field who can come in direct contact with the people in advertising Oakwood.

I might state that the chief purpose of the organization is to boost for the \$10,000.00 that the colored believers of this denomination voted to raise for the material advancement of Oakwood Junior College when they met in a council with the leading brethren at the school two years ago. Of this sum, the students have undertaken to raise \$2500.00 by the 31st of December, and something in a material way has been done. We have received one check for \$100.00, one for \$25.00, and others for smaller amounts.

Many students have received encouraging reports concerning the circulars. J. L. Martin writes, "Yesterday I received my literature from the Students' Association and I am already at work to raise my part of the sum. I only wish that I had started when I had more time." In a recent letter from Henrietta Jackson we read the following: "I am doing my best to boost for Oakwood. Send me eight application blanks for my sisters, brother and myself and four others." Rouse McLeod, in informing us of his endeavors says, "I received the circular letters and I am sending them to friends that I think will respond to the call for aid. I trust that I shall be successful." From these encouraging reports from the students we can see that efforts are being put forth to enlarge the school, not only by buildings but by more consecrated students, that the urgent calls that are coming for workers may be filled.

Every day a number of applications are coming in. The question now is, not where are the students to occupy the buildings, but where are the buildings to accommodate those whose hearts are longing to get here? Our hopes and anticipations are greater than ever before. We feel that it is good to be here.

The gold, the silver, and the cattle upon a thousand hills are the Lord's. So shall we not expect the Lord to touch the hearts of men to

give to this worthy cause? We are intensely anxious to have our share of the \$10,000.00 deposited in the bank by December 31. Let those that have undertaken to help us to raise this amount work unceasingly and with a determination to win. We have a supply of circulars and can provide those who have a burden for the work. Soon the Lord will make quick work in the earth. Then it will be too late to give, so give while it can be used for the proclamation of the gospel.

ELIZABETH V. DIXON.

Oakwood Sabbath School Report

IT WAS Sabbath morning. A quietness seemed to rest upon all nature as the day which God had blessed was ushered in. The clouds which had gathered during the night, bringing with them showers for the thirsty earth, had already begun to break away, and at Sabbath School time the sun had risen high in the heavens. All heartily united in singing "Jesus paid it all."

The burden of the reading from *Christ's Object Lessons* was that each might manifest a loving spirit towards his neighbor. Then Brother Wood earnestly prayed for a blessing to rest upon the Sabbath School.

The report of the previous meeting was read distinctly. The review was led by Brother Pryor. The subject of the lesson was "The Parable of the Two Debtors." Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." As freely as we forgive others just so freely are we forgiven.

We were told by the children that "The Lord is far from the wicked; but He heareth the prayers of the righteous." Prov. 15: 29. It was unanimously decided that we should have a "Birthday Box" for young and old. Membership, of the Senior Division 46. Children's Department 37. Brother Halladay's class had the largest Offering for Missions, \$6.22. RICHARD LOUDEN, *Supt.* ROBERTA CLAIBORNE, *Asst. Sec.*

Summer At Oakwood

MY FIRST year I spent at Oakwood was worth more to me than the richest gold mine. It gave me a new view of life, and unfolded to me the secret of true happiness. I owe much to Oakwood, as it was not until coming here that I appreciated things that are really worth while. Here I have become much better acquainted with the Testimonies, and have learned their value. I have learned to love the Bible more, and above all, I have found a personal Saviour. My stay at Oakwood this summer has not been in vain. My aim is to prepare for service in God's cause, and if it is His will I will spend another summer at Oakwood to get a true education. **GEORGIA BROWN.**

During my summer vacation I have been kept busy with duties, planning to help myself through the coming school year. Once I became discouraged, but I am thankful to say that I am now of good courage.

Many encouraging letters and reports have been coming in from our colporteurs during the summer. Soon we will be greeting our schoolmates and friends. We are looking forward to a prosperous and happy school year. Co-operation with students and faculty will make it successful. Let us as students do our part to make this the best school year Oakwood has ever experienced. Pray that God will make me a blessing to someone each day of my life. **NEVIE FORD.**

This is my third summer at Oakwood Junior College. First I must express my gratitude for so great a privilege. I have seen the progressive side of Oakwood, and I trust that it will do more and better work in the future. I wish to say that this summer spent at Oakwood is really a foretaste of the never-ending summer we shall spend in eternity, and I trust that this school year will be equally good. I am putting forth my honest determination to secure a Christian education, and have determined to stick to Oakwood until I reach my goal. Then I shall understand more fully the importance of these words, "Never give up." **H. LANOIX.**

It has been a great pleasure to me to spend my first summer at Oakwood. At first it seemed to me very strange to be so many miles away from home, and I felt a little discouraged, but thanked God for His beautiful promises which greatly cheered my heart. The first week I studied the customs of the country and learned a little each day until I decided to do garden work, which I enjoy doing. I never did plow before I came here, but the Lord opened my understanding and at the end of three weeks I knew how to plow. I am truly thankful for this. I realize that it is the Lord's will that I should be here, and I have enjoyed my stay. My desire is to stay not this summer only but as long as the Lord sees fit.

IVAN CHRISTIAN.

My stay at Oakwood this summer has been attended by many experiences, some of which have been very pleasant.

I have also learned many helpful lessons from my work, especially in canning tomatoes. Some of them impressed me how untrue a professed Christian may be. Some of the tomatoes look sound on the outside but when cut open they are found to be decayed at heart. So it may be with us. From outward appearance we are all right, but our hearts are full of sin and deceit. I believe that the things I have learned and gained through my stay here this summer I could not have gotten in any other way.

JESSIE FORDHAM.

One of my happiest vacations was spent at Oakwood this summer. I attribute it to the fact that I was in the place that God wanted me to fill. This thought cheered me while I went about my daily work. I have been wonderfully blessed while at Oakwood. I have experienced a closer walk with God and a deeper consecration, and I have a broader vision of service. The summer has had its part in preparing me for the Lord's work although school was not in session. I can now more fully realize the fact that all education cannot be obtained from books, nor within the walls of some educational institution.

G. E. JENKINS.

I left Trinidad August 3, 1918, for Oakwood, for the sole purpose of gaining a Christian education. I attended school during the winter, and I thought it would be wise for me to spend my first summer vacation here.

I must say I have enjoyed working in the kitchen, laundry, cannery, and last but not least, the garden. Pray for me that I may never forget the purpose for which I left home. **ETHEL DOWNER.**

My stay at Oakwood during this summer has been one that I shall never forget. I have enjoyed it very much. It surely has given me a deeper, holier desire to be fitted for service in the vineyard of my Lord. Although Satan has set many obstacles in the way, yet I am glad that I stayed here and did my share for the uplift of Oakwood. My one desire is that God will give me more courage, and enable me to accomplish the work for which I have come to Oakwood.

GEORGIANA RICE.

Oakwood has done much for me. I have found it to be a place of love and friendship among students and teachers. During the summer we have labored faithfully and the Lord has blessed our work, therefore I have enjoyed my first summer at Oakwood, and I am looking earnestly towards the future for better results.

STANLEY DOUGLAS.

On the morning of June 23 I arrived at Oakwood from Yazoo City, Miss., and began my summer's work. I like the place well, and I believe that it was the hand of God that guided and directed me to this place of refuge. So I am here and am striving to accomplish something that shall be helpful to me, that I may direct others to the high ideals that are continually held before me. The crying need for workers in God's cause is making me stronger each day. My prayer is, that I may win others to God for entire consecration.

CAROLYN COOPER.

I have been very happy while at Oakwood this summer. This was the best place for me to spend my vacation. **MATTIE JOHNSON.**

Lake Cormorant, Miss.

Dear Co-workers:

How dear are the thoughts to me that I have the privilege of communing with you again though not in personal appearance but in words.

I have often sung the song "Count Your Blessings." Although I cannot count my blessings I am glad to say that they are many, for my Heavenly Father has constantly opened to me the avenues of joy, and blessings have followed continually.

The greatest joy that fills the Christian's heart while here below is to know that his Saviour toiled with persistent, untiring effort for us. And while the precious word of God is filled with assurances, this passage stands foremost at this time, "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." Are you not glad for these precious words, dear fellow workers? I am, and to this end I am laboring. If only one soul can be brought to Christ through my weak efforts I shall be satisfied.

You may be interested to know that last week was the week that I purposed to give all the orders that I took to Oakwood. I did not have much prosperity, for I was sick a part of the time. The amount was \$138.00. I also have four more students for Oakwood. Will you not rejoice with me? I am confident that you will. L. H. CONOLLY.

Arkansas

I REACHED the camp ground at Brinkley, August 7, where Elder J. W. Allison has been conducting a four weeks' tent effort which was merged into the camp meeting.

Brinkley is about seventy miles west of Memphis, Tenn., and is located in the cotton and rice belt of Arkansas, and situated on the main lines of the Rock Island and Cotton Belt Railroad. It is a thriving town of about four thousand population, two thousand of whom are colored, with no company or church of our people.

The camp was pitched in a fine grove near the Union Station. There were about thirteen family tents and a large preaching pavilion. There were about fifty of our people

attending from various parts of the state, including children. The conference workers present in addition to Elder Allison's tent company were, Elder J. I. Taylor, President of the Conference, and Mrs. J. I. Taylor, Secretary of the Sabbath School Department; Miss L. E. Wilcox, Educational and Young People's Secretary, Brother T. J. Hooper, Field Missionary Secretary and Brother G. A. Oglesby of Memphis, Tenn. Brother Richard Loudon, an Oakwood student, was also present.

The people of the place were interested somewhat by the tent meetings and attended our services. They were much impressed with the quiet simplicity of our camp, and the way we opened to them the truth of the Holy Scriptures. So we hope to be able to raise up a strong church in this place.

Our people, though poor, gave quite liberally to the support of the mission cause, and dedicated themselves anew to God and His work.

While here I visited Dallas, Texas, where Elder Scott, Union Evangelist, is conducting a stirring campaign assisted by Elder Thomas Murphy, Brother Richard Hall and others. While there I had a chance to meet some of the leading colored people of the city.

W. H. GREEN.

Augusta, Georgia

SABBATH, August 9, was a great day for the Augusta church. Several Sabbaths since we felt the need of a deeper consecration, and appointed an early morning consecration service. In this meeting our hearts were softened, for the Spirit of God was with us, and our feelings found expression in both tears and smiles. There were about sixty persons present, and all eyes were filled with tears. Seldom, if ever, has the writer witnessed such a meeting when the Spirit of God touched everyone's heart.

One backslidden sister came and asked to be renewed. One man joined our company, and a woman says God showed her the light and she intends keeping all the commandments of God. She is a teacher and we are expecting great things of her. Recently, great activity

and a revival among the young people convinced us that their hearts were changed. Four of them united with us, and another young woman desired us to pray for her. God is doing great things for our church. Pray for us.

R. W. HANCOCK.

Camp Meeting, Charlotte, N. C.

AUGUST 22, I started from Detroit, Mich. for the above camp meeting by way of Baltimore and Washington, D. C. At Baltimore I found the church full of spiritual life and the pews well filled. The minister, Elder M. C. Strachan, is conducting a very successful tent meeting located in South Baltimore, from which he expects a good harvest of souls.

On reaching Washington I found Elder G. P. Rogers, one of our successful evangelists, running a tent meeting which is stirring the National City and adding constantly to the church.

The foundation for a good camp meeting had been laid by Elders G. E. Peters and J. F. Chrichlow, who had stirred the city by their tent meeting which had been running about ten weeks, bringing out through the week more than five hundred every night and running into a thousand and fifteen hundred on Sunday nights. From this effort about one hundred have taken their stand and have begun to keep the Sabbath. They hope when the camp meeting is over and the effort closes to have more than one hundred good souls to organize into a strong church. The people have given liberally in the collections which have averaged more than forty-five dollars a week.

The people who have decided to obey the truth have already set about to get a suitable place of worship. So during camp meeting they laid on the table \$300.00 in cash for the same, which is only a beginning. But in order to put the church there on a good footing from the start they will need some help. So any assistance given will not be lost to the cause if the situation is wisely managed. As this is an educational center these people are of a substantial class. This, to us, is most encouraging.

The camp meeting was planned and conducted in fine shape by Elders B. W. Abney, W. E. Strothers, J. F. Crichlow, W. H. Maynor and their helpers. These brethren have charge of the work in the two Carolinas, and are rendering good service in building up the cause.

The meeting was well supplied with Local, Union, and General Conference help. Elder J. W. McNeil, President of the Carolina Conference, and Mrs. C. L. Russell, Secretary and Treasurer, visited the meeting and made their annual reports. Others were Elders W. H. Branson, Union President; J. A. Tucker, Union Educational Secretary; J. B. Locken, Union Home Missionary Secretary; Brother James Hickman, Union Field Secretary; W. E. Abernathy, Union Secretary and Treasurer; Professor J. E. Lamson, Hinsdale Sanitarium, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. M. M. Martinson, Secretary Cumberland Conference; Professor F. L. Peterson from Oakwood; Miss Anna Knight, Southeastern Union Mission Educational, Home Missionary, and Young People's Secretary.

The people who attended the meeting were greatly blessed, and renewed their allegiance to the truth and gave liberally of their means more than \$800.00 in pledges and cash, the cash being \$185.00, and dedicated themselves to do a greater work in giving the message to others by all righteous means but especially in getting our truth-filled literature in the hands of their neighbors.

W. H. GREEN.

Jefferson, Texas

WE HAVE much we could say that might be encouraging to those who read the *Herald* about the work here, but will not burden you to read a long report this time.

Our little company is growing in number. Last Sabbath two others took a stand for the fourth commandment and all other light which they have received from this people. We now have six for baptism as soon as we can get to it. The tithe is increasing and the Sabbath School offerings are also increasing a little more each Sabbath, for which we are very thankful.

Twelve of our company are doing

several hours of missionary work during each week. All have pledged to carry the Message to all the homes among our own people of Jefferson. This plan is working nicely and soon all will be doing something to win souls.

Our Sunday night meetings are attracting attention among the people. Last Sunday night brought us a large crowd. We were not expecting to see so many because there was a big camp meeting not far away, held by the Methodists.

I find our people here very much interested in the Message, and many of them would take their stand with us if it were not for their jobs and the high cost of living. We desire the prayers of God's people for His work and workers in this part of the North Texas Conference.

E. M. GATES.

MRS. E. M. GATES.

Giving

THE law of giving is the law of living. It is the law of nature. The mighty rivers generously empty themselves into the ocean, only to be unselfishly given off in mist and cloud, which in turn fall in rich profusion in the form of showers to water and refresh the earth. The earth receives the rain and the light and warmth of the sun, only to use them in the diffusion of life and beauty, and in the production of things that are essential to the sustenance and comfort of man. Thus is maintained nature's perfect law, directing the mind to nature's God, the giver of all.

The law of giving is the law of love. God so loved that He gave; and who can measure the immensity of that gift? He gave all when He gave His Son. He emptied heaven in that one gift; and solely because He loved. Because His heart of infinite love was touched with the misery of guilty, fallen man, God gave. And because He knows the blessedness of giving, because He knows that only in giving to Him can man find peace and happiness, His voice comes to each of us in tones of tenderest love, "My son, give Me thine heart."

O, the joy of giving to God! Into the life that is wholly given to

Him there flows from the treasure house of heaven such streams of richest blessings that the heart, lost in wonder and adoration, cries out in the words of the psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" And the answer is still the same, "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." God is ever the giver, man the recipient, for the best that we can give is His by right, and when compared with His gifts to us is like a drop of water compared to the ocean.

But, O, the pity of it! how few of the recipients of His bounty make even the poor return He so graciously asks. How many, in withholding from Him the heart and life, rob Him of His dearly bought right, and place themselves beyond the reach of His boundless gifts. What wonder that from the lips of the psalmist in contemplation of God's goodness and man's ungratefulness, there bursts that longing cry, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." C. R. WOOD.

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master-Worker and by his providence he prepares the way for his work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence, and channels of working. If his people are watching the indications of his providence, and stand ready to cooperate with him, they will see a great work accomplished. Their efforts rightly directed will produce a hundred-fold greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities in another channel where God is not so manifestly working." Test., Vol. 6, p. 24

Notice

The Oakwood Library would like to correspond with those who have copies of the book, *The Atonement*. We would be glad to secure two copies of the above named book.

The premium offer that has been made for some time in the past is now withdrawn.

Vacation Plots

To the faculty of Oakwood Junior College I owe many thanks for the half acre of ground they permitted me to farm. I have planted corn on it and the Lord is blessing my crop. I will by His help receive a hundred fold. The same will help me in obtaining an education to help finish His work in the earth.

KERMIT DOBBINS.

My first experience in farming came after I arrived at Oakwood. A half acre of land was given me to cultivate. As I was only a novice in farming it appeared impossible for me to do my plowing. It is all finished now. My corn has been planted and has grown to be eight or ten feet high and is beautiful to behold. God watches and cares for His own. I am indeed glad for the lessons learned by enduring unto the end.

C. J. LEWIS.

This summer at Oakwood I had the privilege of personally trying myself in the cares of life. When the plot was given me I decided to plant corn and to do my very best. I am much interested in this crop as I hope it will help to carry me through school the coming year. In this way I hope to save much time for study next winter.

RICHARD WILSON.

When I learned that plots were being furnished to the students at Oakwood I was much pleased, and determined to secure one as soon as possible. I decided I would plant sweet potatoes. I have seen the blessing of the Lord and now have large potatoes under my plants.

I appreciate the help the school has given me and others by allowing us to have these plots. This shows that our teachers are much interested in the welfare of all the students.

J. E. JENKINS.

After spending a few weeks here at Oakwood it was a great pleasure to receive a plot of ground to farm during vacation. I decided to do my best. I broke up the ground and harrowed it all right, but could not lay off the rows for the corn by myself. After arranging for this I got on nicely. To my surprise my corn came up in three days after planting. At the end of one month

I plowed it for the first time. It continued to grow and look dark. After two more weeks I plowed it again and hoed the rows to kill out the grass and weeds. One week ago I burst out the middles and laid it by, and now I am waiting for the results which I think will be very satisfactory.

I. A. CHRISTIAN.

The pleasure derived from the work, the lessons learned from the cultivation of the soil, the ennobling thoughts inspired by co-operation with Nature in the production of her bounties, the material value of a fine half acre of sweet potatoes all combine to remind me of my debt of gratitude, first to the Giver of all, and next to those whose forethought and consideration made possible so profitable a project.

C. R. WOOD.

Lessons From Daily Work

(From Students' Note Books)

As I was picking tomatoes one day to be canned, I thought of the following lesson: As I picked all the ripe tomatoes and left all the green ones because they were not ready for use, just so it is in the Master's work, and if we are not ready we shall be like the green tomatoes that are left. As I am here to get an education, it is my desire to improve every opportunity and be ready for service when the Master calls me.

IVAN A. CHRISTIAN.

I am indeed glad for the opportunity of being at Oakwood this summer. My aim was to work up enough credit to enable me to spend more time on my studies during the school term. The Lord has answered my prayers; though some of my work has been hard, yet I can truly say I have enjoyed my stay at the school. Pray for me that I may be faithful to the end.

AURORA DONES.

I have derived many helpful lessons from my work. While sweeping and dusting rooms we should be careful to get the dust and cobwebs out of the corners. In the same way we should search our hearts daily and get the lurking sins out of our lives lest they ruin us in the end.

NEVIE FORD.

As I cultivated in my field from day to day, the grass and weeds that were plowed and chopped out, so that the cotton might grow brought to my mind a spiritual lesson: how we should use the gospel plow and hoe to keep sin out of our lives in order that we might grow spiritually.

LESLEIE PRYOR.

Besides the experience that I have gained and the profit that I shall receive, I learned a valuable lesson in connection with my plot. The lesson that I learned was: "Never put off a thing for tomorrow that should be done today." The tendency is to keep putting it off until it is too late. The longer one puts off a task the harder it becomes.

"Lord I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine,
Content whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that lead-
eth me." G. E. JENKINS.

Defects in our characters may be rectified if we will diligently seek to correct them in the morning of our lives. - Learned while destroying grass and weeds in my half acre.

I am particularly interested in my half acre plot of pop corn; not for the results that will be mine, but for the many lessons that I have learned. I see more than the tender shoots, the young stalks, the full grown ear. I see the plan of salvation in a brighter light.

"There is something very solemn in the thought that that part of our work which we have left undone may first be revealed to us at the end of life's little day."

MITCHELL PALMER.

I can see our Heavenly Father's purpose clearer in placing our foreparents in the garden "to dress it and to keep it." As I study my own plot, which has indeed been an object lesson to me; as I watch the weeds and grass grow among some of the plants thereby cutting off the yield, it brings home to me the lesson that God would have us learn, that unless sin is eradicated from our lives the weeds of sin will destroy us, and we will be unready at the coming of the King in the clouds of heaven and we hear the fearful words at last: "I know you not."

R. LOUDEN.

Oakwood Canvasser's Report For Week Ending Aug. 23, 1919

An inverted letter, a wrong font letter, spacing omitted between words,—little errors; yes, but how prominently they stand out, and, if allowed to remain, how they mar the beauty of the page.

Little faults, little defects in our daily conduct, little unchristlike traits of character—how they stand out in our lives despoiling the beauty that may be there, and obscuring the light we might shed upon the pathway of others. What are we doing to "take the little foxes that spoil the vines"? C. R. WOOD.

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total
E. R. Francis	BR	49	75	\$367.00	\$17.00	\$384.00
A. Toms	BR	23	41	178.00	9.00	187.00
L. H. Conolly	BR	12	20	91.00	8.00	99.00
C. H. Gordon	BR	32	36	188.00	2.50	190.50
R. S. Little	BR	55	52	252.00	4.00	256.00
L. Cunningham	DR	43	40	190.00	5.45	195.45
Odell McAdory	BR	48	18	82.00		82.00
Jacob Soughs	BR	6	1	5.00		5.00
W. C. Mullins	BR	83	84	394.00		394.00
J. B. Williams	DR	47	38	173.00	2.15	176.15
Total		398	405	1,920.00	49.10	1,969.10

NEWS ITEMS

On my early morning arrival I found those attending the Georgia Colored camp meeting in their neatly arranged camp on the campus of the Atlanta University. There was a good attendance at the various services which were in charge of Brethren Tait and Gemon, and Sister Anna Knight. More than a dozen old Oakwood students were present, most of them assisting with the music, children's meetings, and in the dining tent.

On Thursday afternoon, at the close of a three-hour's meeting, Oakwood was mentioned with the result that \$1250 was pledged towards the \$10,000 fund. The prospects are that Georgia will have a score of students at Oakwood this year. As we left the city for the Mississippi camp ground "Oakwood Boosters" were seen at various places on the streets and cars of Atlanta.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

Some very excellent additions are being made to our library. Our brethren, while in Washington made some very good purchases for the institution, and after the council was over, Elder Bird spent some time in Philadelphia and New York, making further purchases. These books are now coming in. They will greatly add to the usefulness and efficiency of our library, which is now being crowded to its limit to accommodate these new accessions. We hope by the time our school is checked up next year that our library will be up to the standard required for a thoroughly equipped Junior College.

Brother and Sister Hall are enjoying a rest and visit at her father's home. They left us recently for a short trip before the school work of the year begins.

Brother and Sister Stafford, our business and normal teachers have arrived at Oakwood. They are getting settled in their home and making preparation for the coming year's work.

Brother Swofford is so far recovered from his spell of illness as to be able to leave for a period of rest and needed recreation. His heavy work on the farm, the loss of his dear companion, and the extreme illness of one of his daughters have all combined to draw heavily on his health. We hope a much needed rest will fully restore him to usual health and strength. His son Arthur is looking after the farm in his absence.

The family at the orphanage has been enjoying most excellent health and is getting on nicely. There is a good spirit in the home. A few children are coming in to fill vacant places made by the removal of some of the older boys to the dormitory. The children have a good father and mother in Brother and Sister Wade. They spare no pains to make the children comfortable and happy.

Oakwood would be glad to receive copies of *Christ's Object Lessons* or *Ministry of Healing* to be used in the educational work. We would be glad to correspond with any who may have copies of these dedicated books. We will be glad to dispose of them and use the returns for the upbuilding of Oakwood.

The Oakwood library could use whole or parts of files of our leading periodicals. Those who have back numbers of our papers would aid in the advancement of the cause very much by sending them to us.

We are printing one thousand copies of the poem on the first page and distributing them at the various camp meetings. The poem is an accommodation of one of the old folk songs set to inspiring music. It may be heard at almost any hour at Oakwood and has become the battle song of the Student Association and all Oakwood boosters in the campaign for the ten thousand dollar fund.

Our Medical Department

THE past year in our medical department has been an encouraging one. The class in nursing consisted of six strong and able young women who stuck by their patients, and manifested a great interest in them in every way possible. We still intend to do our very best for the future year and keep the good work going.

ALMA DICKSON.

The Home Study Habit

THAT is the habit to form if you can not go to school. And the Fireside Correspondence School was organized to help you form this habit. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe this school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people."

For full particulars write to-day to the *Principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, D. C.*

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OAKWOOD NEWS

Crops on the students' half acres are reported fine. It is yet too early to give results from these plots.

Brother and Sister Smith, who are canvassing Madison County, spent Sabbath and Sunday at Oakwood.

Some of our students are attending camp meetings in the various conferences. An excellent spirit is reported in all these meetings.

Corn cutting is the order of the day on the farm now. A large crew is at work storing up in shocks the rich yield of corn which the Lord has given us this year.

Brother Lewis' wife and two daughters, aged seven and twelve, have arrived. They are taking up temporary quarters in the sanitarium.

The wheat has turned out beyond expectations. The quality is pronounced the best. Next year we hope to sow half a hundred acres if possible.

Preparations are being made for school opening as fast as possible. A large number of applications are coming in, and everything bids fair for a successful year.

We are sorry to lose one of our giant oaks which was recently uprooted on our campus by a violent storm. Last year one was struck by lightning and is gradually dying. These century sentinels of other days are gradually passing away.

While this matter is being made ready for the press Elder Halladay is leaving for Lexington, Kentucky to make final arrangements for the boiler for the electric plant.

School opening has been postponed one week on account of the camp meeting season. The date of opening is now Wednesday, September, 24. All should take notice of the change.

Several hundred bushels of corn are being marketed at Oakwood. After feeding our stock through the year and grinding for other uses we have a supply to turn in to the other departments.

Sister Day, our cashier, seems as much at home as any one at Oakwood. She seems to fit as naturally into the place as if she had always been with us. We feel that she is the right person in the right place.

The carpenter hands have fairly finished up one house, which is to be occupied by Professor Jacobsen and family. The foundation is now being laid for the new farmers' house, which is to be christened as "Farm View".

"Shady Nook" cottage is being finished, and Professor Jacobsen's family are moving in. This is a very neat little cottage overlooking the entrance and drive, being located near the large gate opening into the school farm.

Crops were never better at Oakwood. While all around us farmers have lost, on account of excessive rain, either cotton or corn, Oakwood has succeeded in raising both, and will from all appearance, have a good crop from all sources.

Our new saw mill is being placed in the old pasture near the big well. The large boiler and the planer are already on the ground. As soon as the light plant has been installed it is expected that work will be begun on this much needed enterprise.

Work is being pushed on the electric light plant. The basement of Old Mansion is being repaired and put in order for the boiler and machinery. The steam from the plant will be used for heating Henderson Hall and other adjacent buildings.

While our brethren were in the East they visited the churches in Washington, Alexandria, Virginia, New York and Baltimore. There are now being conducted in three of these cities successful tent meetings. In every case the interest is excellent and the prospects most encouraging.

Since returning from Washington Professor Jacobsen has been kept busy looking after the harvesting and canning of the farm and garden crops. Oakwood appreciates having a gardener thoroughly trained in agricultural ways who takes a deep interest in the farm produce and the supply of the school with the necessities of life.

Professor Beardsley is visiting camp meetings in the Southern and Southeastern Unions. He sends word of the most excellent meetings that are being held and reports the prospects for students and funds for Oakwood as being all that can be desired. "More catalogues, more ladders, more boosters for the next camp meeting," was the gist of his last telegram.

Since writing the above another telegram came ordering more supplies for the next meeting, saying that Mississippi camp meeting had pledged \$3000.00 for the ladder. Carolinas and Georgia have both pledged for the same, funds amounting to nearly \$4000.00.

Our summer students have taken a deep interest in the work of the institution and have entered with a good will upon the duties assigned to them. The summer has been a very profitable and successful one. The students are looking forward to the opening of school with much interest. Many are anxious for the time to come when they can begin school work in earnest.

Sister Reeder, who has been spending vacation in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Peabody Institute, preparing for more successful work in the department of Home Economics, returned lately to Oakwood. We are sorry to say that she is somewhat worn and is ill, but we hope that a few days at home with rest and treatment will restore her to usual health and strength.