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Pres. Lehman.

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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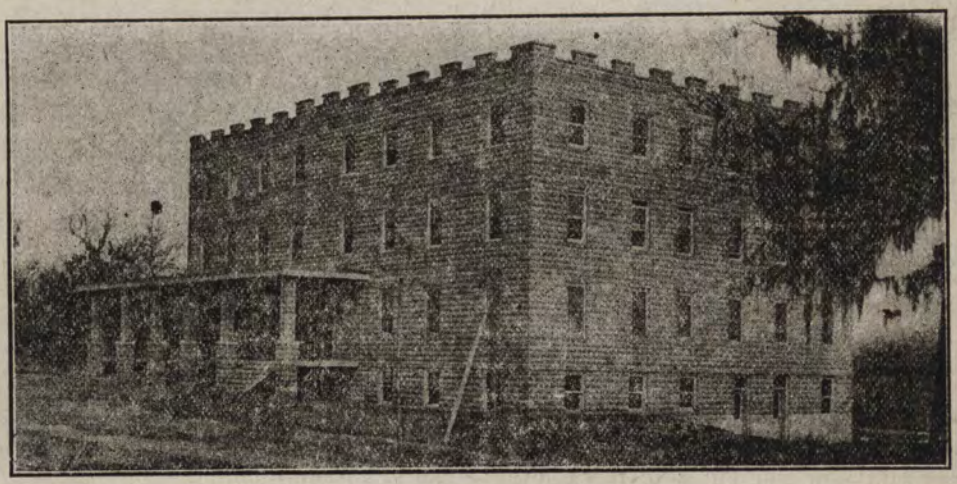
HELPFUL TO ALL

The Gospel Plea.

AT THE opening of the new year we want to say a few words about the GOSPEL PLEA. We now have a clean, paid up list of subscribers in full compliance with the demands of the government that old subscribers who have not paid up for one or more years be dropped. We are now ready to launch out for our large movement; viz. the putting of the GOSPEL PLEA in at least one family of every church among us and its enlargment to a sixteen pager paper. We feel certain that this will have to be done ere we can hope to carry out some of the larger enterprises which are before us as great opportunities. Much of the failure of the work of our state evangelists is due to the fact that these men have no way of reaching their people with a common message. The rank and file of the members in the various churches are not aware of the great opportunities that are within their reach. They are going on in the even tenor, of their way not realizing what they might be doing. The first step toward righting these conditions is to get the PLEA in at least one family of every church in the land. The next step will be to get it into every family among the Negro Disciples of Christ. We will need the co-operation of every friend of the PLEA. If every present subscriber should get one new one our subscription list would be doubled and we would be justified in purchasing the equipment for enlarging it.



SMITH HALL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE,
BUILT BY STUDENT LABOR, 1912.

The GOSPEL PLEA is the organ of the Southern Christian Institute and the five other schools associated with her and the evangelistic and missionary work in the various states. This entire system of educational and religious work stand for a principle that we believe is vital to all future progress. The state school system has entirely ignored the principle of the development of the conscience and the religious instinct. Many of the schools that are largely supported by beneficence are committing the same folly. They are making industrial or collegiate education their sole aim. Very many people are captivated by the great material progress these institutions have made and give missionary money to them. We believe that system of education is wrong and we are sure that the fruits already show this.

If the negro race is to be introduced into our industrial and business world without the development of his conscience and religious instincts, then we will have only that many more grafters and cunning politicians to live as parasites on honest industry. We already have too many white grafters and politicians and we need not add to the list from else where.

Now the GOSPEL PLEA and the Southern Christian Institute and the schools associated with her stand as opposed to that principle of education. If the GOSPEL PLEA could go into our homes, white and colored, we could easily make ourselves understood and we could show the wisdom of expending thousands of dollars in the enlarging of this work where we are now expending only hundreds, or only tens. This great brotherhood must not make the fatal mistake of raising a million dollars for

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this "Notice" it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—It was remarked that a certain town got terribly good the last Thanksgiving. The editor of the local paper said how could it help it when three extra preachers were in town.

—Subscriptions from Mound Bayou, Miss., all with the subscription number 125:Mrs. Sophia Crow, Mrs. P. R Mc. Carty, Mrs. Mattie Christmas, Mrs, Lucinda Dixon.

—From Texas:— L. H. Hurndon, Cason, your subscription number is 100; Mrs. Isaac Crayton, Circleville, your subscription number is 125.

—The Gospel Plea subscription man hereby relates two incidents connected with the cutting off of our subscribers who were behind with their subscriptions on Dec. 2: One good sister who has been a reader of the Plea for a number of years sent her money in special delivery envelope hoping it would reach our office before her name was taken off; one brother, who has taken the Plea ever since it started, sent a letter and in it was a railroad freight receipt for several jugs of molasses. Brethren such loyalty depicted above gives the subscription man new courage to go forward.

—Some one says, "man is known by the company he keeps away from."

—Have you read the Plea five years? ten years? ever since it started? Write us a post card and tell us about it, to be printed in the "Personals."

—D. P. Wright, Risco, Missouri: your subscription number is 120.

—H. G. Hurst, Lovett, Georgia: your subscription number is 120.

—Leila Phillips, Lonoke, Ark. your subscription number is 75.

—Subscriptions from Circleville, Texas: Bro. Isaac Crayton, your subscription number is 120; Mrs. Eliza Rolla, your subscription number is 125

—What are you doing to make the Plea better? Many of our friends are telling us that it is becoming better. Some folks must be doing considerable pushing.

—J. P. Young, Holly Hill, S. C: your subscription number is 125.

—Henry Owens, Dale, S. C: your subscription number is 120.

—Subscriptions from Texas, all with the subscription number, 125: H. Sharp, Waco. William Irvin, East Waco; John Tucker, Granger

From Mississippi:—Mrs. M. A. Rollins, Fayette, your subscription number is 120: James Franklin, Pattison, your subscription number is 150.

—T. S. Anderson, Waco, Texas: your subscription number is 110.

—Martha Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; your subscription number is 80.

—Mrs. J. E. Sloan, Wyback, Oklahoma; your subscription number is 85.

—We never issue the Gospel Plea during the holidays, so Serial No 72 will come out Jan. 4, 1913.

—We correct the mistake in Sister Bolton's article last week. Where it says two hundred dollars it should be two dollars, etc.

—J. H. Fielder, Hillsboro, Tex. sends in his annual Church report and in it we find that he had one addition. The total membership is 12. Raised on preacher's salary $400.00. Raised for State Evangelist $19.00.

—Good things for the immediate future: G. T. Murray, Topeka, Kansas, writes of the work in that city; G. C. Robinson gives a glowing account of his visit to Warner Institute where H. D.

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South Carolina

On our return from our Annual Convention we again passed through Charleston and our Heavenly Father so directed our footsteps that we were just in time to meet Rev. C. E. Edward, our boyhood friend, school and class mate, meeting for the first time in over a quarter of a century. We felt again like the boys of our school days as we began review passing events and to count the many blessings God has wrought for us. Happy to know that each had enlisted under the Banner of Christ Jesus to enlarge His Kingdom.

Eagerly we spoke of old comrades of our youth who have nearly all gone before us into that far away land of the soul. The call of the Porter, a hasty grip of the hand, and we were on our way home with misty eyes while the "Go ye into my vineyard" of our Master rang in our hearts and the words of our beloved Brother C. C. Smith came forceably to us "I know that you are engaged in a good work" whether I hear from you or not. Then the "You are expected to" of Brother Lehman.

(So here we are at the S. C. I. again. I suppose it's the Jerusalem of the Negroes is why I return to it so often) caused me to dig up my one talent to see what I could do for our Rally Day with only a few scattered Disciples. Picking up our Church register and whilst looking over its pages came the thought why not write them all and see where they stand. To act brought letters from several who are farthest away from the fold and brought out one who had dropped out for several years.

Then a house to house canvas brought a promise of assistance from friends of the community enabling us to render the following program:

Song Service,
Prayer by pastor,
Song, Hark the voice of Jesus,
Opening address by J. W. Furguson
Song, Lead Kindly Light
Recitation, Miss Carrie Fields
Song, Jesus Savior Pilot me
Paper, "The effects of Education on our home and life," by Mrs. J. T. Maxwell
Song, Beautiful Home, Mrs. Owens and others.
Address, "On the needs of our community,' by Mr. P. W. Maxwell
Trio, Tell mother I'll be there, Misses Jacksons and Wigg
Paper, "Life's purpose and plan," by Mr. J. T. Maxwell
"Jacob Kenoly, the Martyr to his race, his work and his help" by pastor.
Collection Song, I gave My life for Thee

During which a collection of $5.86 was taken and gifts of $1 more were received. we have set our mark up high and and full of faith we are making a canvas among the young to come up to it, every Disciple is expected to do his duty. South Carolina alone could raise the $1,000 if each one gave 50 cents. Every one who is on record in the church at Dale is expected to aid the pastor in this effort. First give yourself, then get some one else.

DALE, EDWIN F. JACKSON.

Arkansas

Unto the brotherhood in general of the Christian Church: There is one thing existing among us, that we have no rule for. What is it? Young preachers going abroad from home, to teach and to preach without permission from his church. It is wrong. So he goes without permission, not having learned the way of the faith, he insults the people instead of saving them. Out on the highway, not knowing how to preach makes it harder for the pastor of that Christian Church in the community. So, brothers let us have system of law in the Christian churches among the young preachers. Paul did not go abroad until the church sent him. So these things must be looked after by the brotherhood in Christ.

FAIRFIELD, L. HAYES.

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foreign missions and neglecting a work that is the very life of all advancement for one tenth of this population. The future of American civilization is dependent on the cause we represent. If we allow the people to go on needlessly, it may be we will be held accountable when the evils will begin to show themselves. We must press this question home until the people will see it.

Very many of our subscribers are doing a real heroic work in giving or sending copies of the PLEA to their neighbors. One man gets a bundle of papers each week and these he gives to people who ought to read them both white and colored. In this way we are getting many of our subscriptions. Are you doing what you can?

Because you cannot be
An overhanging bow.
Whose promise all the world can see
Why are you grieving so?
A dew drop holds the seven colors too;
Can you not be a perfect drop of dew?

JULIA H. MAY

Texas

Dear Editor and readers of the GOSPEL PLEA: The Church is getting along nicely here considering every thing. We have a debt of $350. bearing interest of 10 percent to be paid by the 19th of Nov. 1913. With the plan we have now, I think we will meet it with ease. Our plan is as follows: Bro. G. W. Webb, $35; Bro. W. H. Littles, $35.00; Sister L. B. Webb, $35,00; Sister Sallie M. Littles, $35.00; Sister M. A. Anderson, $35.00. Sister Mary Phillips, $35.00; Sister J. M., $35.00; Bro. H. W. Johnson, $35.00; Sister E.G. Webb, $35.00; Bro. H. Campble, $15,00; Sister Atline Eliott, $15.00; Bro. Ridge Dawson, $15.00; Sister Fronie Johnson, $6.00; Sister Lula Rogers, $15.00; Sister A. Simons, $15.00; Eld. Wm. Alphin, $6.00; Sister M. A. Alphin, $6.00; total amount promised $408.00. Now we pay on this the last Sunday in each month. Nov. 3,1912, Bro. G. W. Webb, $2.04, Dec. 1, $3.00, total $5.04, Bal. $29.96. Sister L. B. Webb paid Nov. 3, 1912 $2.50; Dec. 1, 1912, $5.00 her Bal, is $27.50, Sister Sallie M. Littles paid Dec, 1st.$10.00, her balance is $25. M. A. Anderson paid Nov. 3, 1912, $2.00, her balance is $33. Sister Mary Phillips paid Dec. 1st $5.00, her balance is $30. Sister J. M. Webb. paid Nov. 3, 1912, 50 cents Dec. 1st $1.00. Her balance is$33.50 Bro. H. Campble paid Nov. 3, 1912 $1.00, His balance $14. Sister Cox 25 cents,Sister Lottie Henry 25 cents total amount raised on lot $32.54. I think this plan will work like a charm. In all our struggles the Lord has taken Sister Beaulah Anderson. Her five children, husband, and three sisters survive her.Eld. R. H. Henry attended the Funeral. Sister Anderson did not attend Church regularly, but we miss her. Her husband is out of Christ but we hope to gain him. Her Sister, Nora Baker, when looking at her the last time made some promises. One was, she was going to raise her children up in the Bible School, which I hope she will do. Brothers and Sisters, I will say at this point, live close to the Master, do not get slack. We should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as manner of some is; but exhorting one another. Heb. 10: 25. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them Act. 20:7. All Christians should meet on the first day and commune with the Lord, so as to get new life.

Yours truly,

FT. WORTH, W. H. LITTLES.

Kansas.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:

Thanking you in advance for past favors and for space in your valuable paper to say a few words relative to our church work as at present and what the church is planning for the future.

The second Christian Church had a very successful rally on the 4th Lord's day in Oct. realizing a neat sum of seventy dollars which has enabled the trustees to stand ready to pay off all the church's present indebtness.

On that date, of the rally, Elder B. C. Duke was with us and delivered the gospel message which was splendid indeed. The church observed Educational Rally Day raising $3.50 which sum was sent to Bro. J. B. Lehman and the second Lord's day in December the church observed Kansas Missionary Day raising two dollars.

We have our Sunday-school and Church services every Lord's Day. These church services are conducted by an elder of the church.

These services are just grand. Elder B. C. Duke will vacate or send a proxy to fill his pulpit that he may be with his home church on the 4th Lord's Day of December.

So the church will accept him as a merry Christmas gift.

While the church is getting on nicely so far as services and finance figure, we realize that the church needs a good consecrated pastor to build up the work. Now that we are out of debt the Trustees will bestir themselves that in the next few months they may be able to erect a parsonage on the church property after which the church expects to engage the services of some consecrated minister. This may not seem wise to wait to make such preparations but past experience has taught us that it is not wise to hire a pastor without first having made ready for his convenience and comfort.

The Sunday school and church are looking forward to having Christmas Tree for the young folks as usual.

Under the circumstances the church has done well thus far. But my dear readers, don't take what has been said to mean compliments nor a bouquet; for long since I learned that compliments and bouquets lavishly strewn at the feet of our people are harmful. But on the other hand, may the Church feel that what has been done by the Church was nothing more than its duty.

Thanking you again, I beg to be yours in His name.

TOPEKA, G. T. MURRAY

Tennessee

Editor GOSPEL PLEA;—I want to say a few words to the Plea readers concerning Warner Institute and the work being done there by Prof. H. D. Griffin and teachers.

It was my privilege a few days past to stop off at Jonesboro, Tennessee and accompany Prof. H. D. Griffin and Elder W. C. Martin, who met me at the station, to the school. I arrived in Jonesboro about twelve oclock; and we were soon on our way. From the time we started from the station until we reached the school campus, I continually asked questions concerning it. Prof. Griffin and Elder Martin were both kept very busy answering me, and it seemed that they were both greatly relieved when we were in sight of the campus buildings.

I don't think there is a lovelier campus to be found in this country any place. I had heard much of the trials of Warner Institute, and how it has struggled to reach and attain its present recognition and I can not express my thoughts when I saw this beautiful little campus. The campus at that time was covered with snow four inches deep, and I wish more of the readers could have been with me to view this triangle of white with its jewel,—its main building, which leads to its recognition, standing in the center occupying the loftiest point in its grounds as if to say "I am monarch of all I survey." Then had I given vent to my feelings I would have yelled "What's the matter with the S. C. I.?" Of course she's alright when she produces men like H. D. Griffin, the Principal of Warner Institute as well as many others who are saying, "In this world of darkness we must shine, you in your small corner and I in mine." Prof. Griffin is in the north eastern corner of this state and he is indeed shining. He is well thought of by everybody, which was demonstrated all along the way from the station to the school campus.

Just for my own satisfaction, I thought I would at this moment look around and see if Prof. Griffin, my old school mate, still held to the same old rules in the same old way, of neatness and cleanliness as he did while he was at the S. C. I. First, I began looking along the fence lines. Do not think that I became at all suprised when I saw that the fence lines were all perfectly up and substantial. Then I looked through Mr. C. C. Smith's "eye glasses" for old tree tops and other trash that might be found upon the campus, but I found none. Then I thought of that individual who said, "Our good works will live after us." Surely his good works are living even though he has retired from active service.

After looking about the campus we went into the building. When I entered I was face to face through the "eye glasses" of Prof. and Mrs. T. M. Burgess. Order! It was the real article. Every thing carried out as designed. We sat in the Library and talked for a while until Prof. Griffin announced that we would have dinner and he wanted to show me the work in general, what he was trying to do and what he had been able to do since coming there as Principal. I was sure that from that on I would be at liberty to see through the "eye glasses" with Pres. Lehman, and so I did.

I must say it is certainly remarkable to note what Professor Griffin has done since he has been Principal of Warner Institute. I like to see a man so wrapped up in his work that he is willing to sacrifice for it, and I am glad to say that in this Prof. Griffin is not "found wanting." You who were privileged to visit Warner Institute before Prof. Griffin took charge, I wish you could visit it now. You would find it a different place in every respect. If Prof. Griffin and teachers are allowed half a chance they will build up a work that not only we who are its immediate friends will be glad of, but that the whole country will be glad to point to as the product of the S. C. I.

I was especially gratified to see the manual training work of the students. I must say that I did not expect to find such good work.

A few days past a Fair of the schools of the county was held here in Johnson City in which Warner Institute was represented. There were several thousand people in to witness the exhibition. Warner Institute has the praise of being a faultless exhibit. I am glad of the work they are doing there. I am sorry I must stop here, but I shall let you hear from me again soon.

Prof. H. D. Griffin, Mrs. H. D. Griffin, Miss Rebecca B. West, of Mississippi, Miss Williams, of Tennessee and Miss Cannon are to be highly commended for their noble service here in this work.

Sincerely,

NASHVILLE, G. C. Robinson.

Texas

Our services Sunday Dec. 1st, almost rained out. It began raining Saturday night and continued to shower till late in the day Sunday. By Sunday night we had a clear sky, though it was muddy. However there was a few met and we had splendid service. Prof. S. A. Hurdle, our S. S. Supt. is

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Reports From the Field.

South Carolina

We held our 39th Annual Convention with the members and friends of the Briner's Christian Church near Holly Hills, S. Car. Eld. Edwin F. Jackson, President, Dale, S. C. Bro. L. M. Wood, State Evangelist, Walterboro, S. C. Bro. S. M. Sanders, Cor. Secretary, Charleston, S C.

The services were opened in the usual form. We had a very glorious time it seemed as the God of Most High was with us.

Bro. Lehman of the Southern Christian Institute was with us and gave us some very interesting instuction concerning our work. His stay with us meant very much. He will be long remembered. May God bless him to be with us again. Our collection was very poor but we were thankful for what we got.

We raised $20. in behalf of Bro. Harry Smith and wife who are now in Africa. I hope their going will be much benefit to those who are in that dark land. I hope that God will bless them. May God bless us in carrying out his plan that we do a better work than ever before in the State of South Carolina

We are expecting a better Bible School at Genit Branch Public school house than ever before in the next year. May God help us to carry out the plans which are assigned to us.

Yours in Christ and for his Church,

OLAR, LEMMIE A. BRABHAM.

Editor GOSPEL PLEA: You will please allow space in your paper for a few words from me. It has been quite a while since I have spoken to the brotherhood at large. I am thankful to be able to do so now.

For the past six months I have suffered from illness. I have not been able to preach a sermon in three months. I am suffering from heart and lung troubles; but I am thankful to say I am getting better.

We held Educational Rally on Saturday and Sunday Nov. 24th. Elder M. G. Givens preached a loving sermon. The congregation was small but the sermon was powerful and well taken. Amount raised for Educational Rally $.50.

We will have it over again on the third Lord's Day in Dec. Hoping all the Brothers will be successful in this year's rally. In the past year I noticed the reports at South Carolina very closely and counted some three or four large memberships to be absent from the list of churches which ought certainly to be in the front rank. It makes me feel like maybe some in the field are in sheep clothes but are goats. Brothers we must remember that we will have to have the same mind in order to make our ways bright.

I have not been out in the field many years but when I was converted to the true doctrine I entered the field with mind. I am willing to do what I can for Christ. I also found leaders in the work. "On to victory" from the beginning that watch word is yet in existence. Elder E. F. Jackson, president of State Board at South Carolina, is calling the Brotherhood like the good shepherd with patience. It seems as if he tries to urge Christian unity among the disciples and also desires to see the improvements in the Christian work in the churches of Christ in South Carolina.

O listen to the watch word "Onward." Let us think of our great King and be loyal to Him, therefore if we have but one talent put it to exchange to gain one more and to receive the welcome voice "Come ye blessed."

May the Lord help us to come to success.

Yours in His name,

ELLENTON, G. G. Mc Cray.

Tennessee

The West Main St. Christian Church organized a few weeks ago the Ladies Aid Society, largely composed of the Young people of the church.

They elected President of the Society, Mrs. M. E. Wilson, who is one of the most efficient workers of the church: Mrs. Cora Jackson, Treasurer; Miss Mattie Johnson, Sec.

They held their first meeting Nov. 10th. Second Lords Day, then on this day they held three of the most remarkable services that ever marked the history of the West Main St. Christian Church. At 11:00 A. M. Prof. H. D. Griffin, Principal of Warner Institute, located at Jonesboro, Tenn. occupied the pulpit. Subject—"The Earthly Sanctuary, a pattern of the Heavenly ."from which he preached an excellent sermon. At 3:00. P. M. Dr. Martin Pastor of the M. E. Church occupied the pulpit, Subject, "Go forward." Dr. Martin's theme was principally based on leader-ship.

The house at this service was packed to an overflow, the churches and their pastors were present.

Great number of people came, after finding that they were not able to be seated was forced to leave the service.

At 7:00 P. M. Prof. H. D. Griffin. occupied the pulpit aga n Subject, "The Lord will provide," this service was the climax. This service conducted by the Ladies Aid Society was given only two weeks notice, and upon their generous efforts they raised $50.00.

Our revival meeting will begin on the first Lord s Day, Dec. 1st. the church has employed Elder G. C. Robinson, pastor of the Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn. to hold the services. Prof. J. N. Ervin, principal of Lankton High school, Pres. of the East Tenn. Normal, is working very hard with his body of teachers getting ready for the Washington County Fair, which will be conducted in the Lankton school building, Wednesday, Nov. 27th.

This enterprise is under the teachers association of Washington County. Each teacher in his district is expected to interest the farmers to put on exhibit the products of his own raising. This Fair is chiefly to aid the producer to economize his labor that in a more scientific way he will realize greater results.

Also the Ladies will put on exhibit domestic science. Prof. J. N. Ervin, Pres. of the teachers association under which the Washington County Fair is organized, is making every available effort to make the occasion a success. We are anticipating that Washington County will be well represented.

One part of the occasion will be that a literary program will be rendered by the Lankton High school. This occasion will be of vital interest to all in an industrial training and mental department.

Yours for success,

JONESBORO, W. P. MARTIN.

Upon the Atlantic.

Grand Canary, Nov. 25, 1912.

I have just a minute to get this ready. We are six days from Liverpool, England. The weather has been fine. Therefore a most pleasant trip so far. We are all well and happy as can be. Pretty near six days since we have seen land or tree. We have seen six or eight steamers passing by. Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurst, missionaries to Sierra Leone are on board ship also Dr. S. S. Hough. We are happy to meet these workers, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Lemer and baby are in state room just in front of us. The The former are Natives of Cape coast. Mr. Re ner being a magistrate at Cape coast. We are all well and happy. With love to all.

We are yours in his cause.

H. G. SMITH.

Oklahoma.

Editor of the Gospel Plea:—

From this part of the field we want to say that our Convention was held Oct. 24 27, 1912 at Meridian, Okla. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the session. We divided the State into 4 Evangelists Districts, Viz. First, Second, Third, Fourth. The writer over the 4th with the Lord in front as our leader, we are looking after 21 counties. We think by the help of the Lord we will pull through. We began Nov. 3rd with 3 additions. 10th found us at Wybark Christian church, where that old war horse as Elder of the church, G. W. Waid, has stood many a hard battle for the cause. Therefore some faithful members at Wybark, such men as Bros. G. Waid, H. C. Shockley, Campbell and othe s; also some good sisers Daniels, Waid, Barker, Nash, and Shockley; also Miss Clara Waid who is always on hand to lend her melodious voice in singing. We received one minister from the Baptist Church. They gave us $1.25 Sister Waid knows how to cook dinner for a Christian minister. We then told the people of Wybark goodbye.

17th found us at Muskogee. R. B. Wells minister. They are struggling to build a house of worship. We think with R. B. Wells as leader and with such good brothers and sisters, as Muskogee has, they are bound to build a house for the Lord in Muskogee.

Bro. Burles Anderson and his good wife with their sweet boys and girls don't mind taking care of one of God's ministers. Brother Wells and his good people gave us $2.00 so we said thank you and we were out and gone. On the 20th found us at South Lake preaching and trying to establish the truth and by the help of the Lord we will plant the church of Christ at this place. They gave us 35 cents and said, "Come again Elder Bonds." We told them that we would.

24th found us at Webster where E. J. Hamond is holding the throttle with his eye on the road. It was very cold. The attendance was fairly good. I tell you Hamond knows how to treat one of the ministers of Christ. They gave us 56 cents and told us to be sure to come again and we told them that we would. We will say we received a warm reception at every place we went, so this completes the Nov. month.

VIAN. L. M. BONDS, Evangelist.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin, writes:— Mrs. Sarah A. Harwood, of Dallas, Texas was the first to send money to me for the furnishing of J. C. I. She sent her check for one hundred dollars to buy a range and cooking vessels. Mrs Harwood is one of our white friends. She also writes that she had my letter read to her auxiliary, and they voted at once to give their C. W. B. M. Day offering for J. C. I.

The opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute has been postponed from January 7 to January 14, 1913.

The GOSPEL PLEA is only one dollar a year. Are you planning to send in a subscription of some of your friends soon?

Sister Bostick of Argenta, Ark. has sent in seven dollars and thirty cents for a gun for Bro. Harry Smith: She has six dollars more pledged for the gun which she hopes to send in soon. She has also raised forty-six dollars for the Jacob Kenoly mission, in Liberia.

Dr. Frederick Lumley was installed to the chair of Social Science and Home Missions at the College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. November 19. We are glad to note the progress of the College of Missions.

Mississippi

Dear Editor.

Please allow space in your valuable paper for me to say a few words. Our C. W. B. M. quarterly meeting which was held at Forest Grove is now over.

SATURDAY

House called to order by the President.
Song.
Prayer by Rev. K. R. Brown.
Song.
Scripture reading, Mark 6th chapter, by Sister Ophelia Baker.
Song.
Prayer by Sister Judia Flowers.
Short talks on the work by Sisters Blackburn and Flowers.
Song, My Faith Looks up To Thee.
Prayer by Sister Baker.

Afterwards Rev. S. Smothers and Rev. K. R. Brown addressed us on the work which we all enjoyed so much.

Report of auxiliaries: Martin, .75 cents; Union Hill, $1.00; Forest Grove $1.25; Christian Chapel, $2.00. Sister Judia Flowers of Hermanville gave 25 cents. Sister Edna Trivillian, Mission Sister, 50 cents. Collection, 30 cents.

SUNDAY MORNING

Song.
Prayer by Sister S. S. Blackburn.
Scripture reading, Genesis 1st chapter, by Sister Moore.
Prayer by Sister Flowers.

Good talks were made by Brothers Preston, Claiborne, West, J. Franklin, and by Sisters O. Baker, Flowers and Blackburn. Miss Annie Walker gave a good report of Providence auxiliary which we enjoyed so much. We find that the auxiliary wants some one to lead out over there. The brothers and sisters all seem so anxious to work. Since their leader Sister Griffin left they just stopped but say they sure mean to start again.

We succeeded to get one to take the PLEA and one to take the Missionary Tidings which will be so much help to them.

Our next quarterly meeting will be third Saturday and Sunday in March at Union Hill Church. Those who pledge to pay are as follows: Sister Judia Flowers, 25c.; Rev. K. R. Brown, 25c.; Sarah S. Blackburn, 25c. The following also to give 25c.: Rev. S. Smothers, Sisters M. D. Moore, Ophelia Baker, Claiborne, Annie Walker, Guy, Hester Allison. Brothers J. Franklin, James Franklin Preston, Claiborne, G. F. Wasp.

Now sister and brother, we hope that each member will pay this 25 cents. This ends the last quarter of this year. Let us meet our first quarter in another year to do more for the Master. We sent Mrs. Harlan for foreign missions $4.00.

Yours in the work,

PORT GIBSON. Sarah S. Blackburn.

Texas

In the Field

On Wednesday night Nov. the 7th, we spoke to the Church at Daingerfield. Bro. Wallick and wife are the faithful old people here. Always welcome in their home. They do all that lies in their power to have a good meeting and it was our best meeting for some time here. The sisters promise to do their share in helping Mt. Vernon furnish a room.

Daingerfield has some splendid young women. Women who should be interested in mission work. These women have children and could wield an influence over their children, by being busy in the service of the Master. When will some of us awake enough to save our own children? We feel assured that Daingerfield women will take on new life and help mother Wallick.

From Daingerfield we went to Cason, where we met the sisters, Saturday, in a council over the work. Sister M. Knight, our faithful young president, is leading the sisters in the work. She is ably assisted by Mrs. G. W. Rogers. Shady Grove is one of our old Churches and we expect great things from them.

On Sunday we spoke two hours in the interest of Mission work and the J. C. I. The audience was not as large as usually greet us. But it was an attentive one. We were glad to have so many heads of families with us.

At Daingerfield they gave us a collection of $3.45 and Mr. Noby Wallick pledged $5 on J.C. I. At Shady Grove they gave us a collection of $3.70 The following pledged five dollars each: Prof. G. Doddy, S. W. Williams and R. W. Williams J. L. Hamilton $1, Mrs. Lung Wilker $2, and Mrs. G. W. Rogers $2.50.

We made our home with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker. And here we were made so welcome until we felt at home. Bro. Walker is one of our school Directors and will give one hundred dollars on the J. C. I.

Bro. Walker has no children but is interested in our school. We are earnestly praying, that all may be anxious, and will be at the opening of the J. C. I. as many as we can.

I am Yours earnestly,

WACO, Mrs. WM. ALPHIN.

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preparing to conduct an Exhibition, at Preston St. Christian Church on the night of Dec. 24th. The program now being prepared.

Mr. Will Floyd and Miss Ida Tenison were quietly married on the night of Nov. 28th at the residence of and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Owens at 2116 Runnells, the writer officiating. There will be a rally at the church the second Sunday for the benifit of the pastor. We are hoping for a good day. The church in Dallas is slowly, but we think surely, pressing to the front. May the good Lord help us all to be faithful, and to do our full duty, to lift up the Master's cause in this wicked city.

DALLAS, H. M. JOHNSON.

Virginia

To the PLEA:—

We think all the suggestions we have seen in regard to the proposed loving cup for Bro. C. C. Smith are excellent ones. We believe, with the other brethren, that extra efforts should be made to raise the figure for the Educational Rally to $1,000 this year. Brother Smith is not alone in his feelings of disappointment and chagrin over our failure to do so in the past. That it can be done, however, and the loving cup be presented without impoverishing any of us, is beyond question. With Bro. Alphin, I am in favor of keeping the Rally going this time until the Worker's Conference convenes, not only for the sake of those who will of necessity be late getting in, but for my own sake as well, that I may have another whack at that thousand.

Let us hear from more of the brethren,

MARTINSVILLE, JAS. H. THOMAS.

What Have We Done Today?

We shall do so much in the year to come,
But what have we done today?
We shall give our gold in princely sum
But what did we give today?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after while,
But what have we been today?
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought to today?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth
But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the bye and bye,
But what have we sown today?
We shall build us mansions in the sky
But what have we built today?
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,
But here and now do we do our task?
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask
What have we done today?

Notes from Our Schools.

Jarvis Christian Institute

You had better read the GOSPEL PLEA if you want to know what is going on at the Jarvis Christian Institute.

Bro. W. Smith and D. Lewis were the welcome visitors on the campus of the J. C. I. Sunday Dec. 15th and both promised to give a day's work on the school building. This is good news—make haste brothers and come.

The hammers and saws are yet humming on the school building. The two floors, ceiling over head up stairs and casing for twenty-four windows are the late work done. T. B. Frost and George Lewis are working on the floor.

Mrs. King Goodson was a welcome visitor at the J. C. I. Dec. 16th. Come again, my friend, you are always welcome.

We have been notified through a letter from Mrs. Ida V. Jarvis of Ft. Worth, the giver of the land for the Jarvis Christian Institute, that she and her husband, Col. Jarvis would be over to visit the J. C. I. as soon as the weather would permit. We will be too glad to have them come.

The Jarvis Christian Institute will open January 4th, 1913. All boarding Students are required to pay $8 per month for board and tuition, Day students $1 per month. All money paid in advance. For further information write Thomas B. Frost at Hawkins, Texas, Box, 156.

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NOTICE.

Churches, Auxiliaries, and individuals sending things to the Jarvis Christian Institute, send these to Hawkins Texas by freight or express prepaid.

HAWKINS, T. B. FROST

Southern Christian Institute

The Willing Workers under the direction of Mrs. Burgess hold their regular meeting each Monday night. At the last meeting there were twenty-eight present.

A word or two about other Academic Students 11. Rebecca West, teacher in Warner Institute Jonesboro, Tenn. 12. Ivory Caldwell, working in a hotel in Beaumont, Texas, 13. Oliver Sylvester, last we heard from her, she was in Greenville, Mississippi. 14. Ida Jackson, married and does not live far from the S. C. I.; her name is Singleton. 15. George Gray, working at Eudora, Ark. 16. Robert Latouche, student in the college at the S. C. I. 17. Isom Hicks, working at the Baptist hospital in Jackson. 18 Arthur Williams, student in the Academy 19. James Payne, working at printing in Jackson. 20. Rosa Brown, teacher in the Lum High School, Lum, Alabama.

Supt Young is using dynamite to loosen the dirt where he is planting trees in the new orchard.

The power house is a busy place. A few evenings the threshing machine was running after the electric lights started. Then the steam engine and gasoline engine were both going at once.

The Home Defender Success Club held its Annual Oratorical Contest, Wednesday night, December, 18. It was a beautiful evening, and the largest audience that has ever greeted the speakers at a Home Defender Contest, during the seven years of its existence, was present. The three judges on thought and Composition and the three on Delivery gave Arby Jacobs of Texas, first; Robert Gooden, of the Island of Jamacia, second; Frank Coleman, of Louisiana, third. It was perhaps the best contest ever held by the Club. The members of the Club have high aims, and the writer believes their lives will mean much for the redemption of the world.

The new Y. W. C.A. Hall is a beautiful place. The painted panels of the ceiling, the electric lights, the folding chairs, all conspire to make it a pleasant place.

During the absence of President Lehman, December 22, Mr. Burgess, chairman of the Church Board, spoke upon the text, "Their line is gone out through all the earth."

Mr. W. D. Magginis of Winthrop Normal and Industrial College, Rock Hill, S. C. is spending the holidays on the campus.

These lines are written two days before Christmas. Today the weather is certainly gloomy over Mt. Beulah. We trust the sun will soon shine.

Christmas shopping! Isn't it a fine thing it comes but once a year!

The Practice School has finished the first term of its history. Those who teach in this school are graduates of our Normal Course. They assign real lessons and teach real boys and girls. We feel that the work thus far has been a genuine success. When these young people go out to teach in their own schools, they will never forget the experiences they have had in the Practice school.

Miss Shortridge who was our Primary teacher last year is to be married to Mr. Ernest Foster, of Indianapolis, Ind., Saturday, December 28 at high noon. Their home will be in Indianapolis. All of their friends at the Institute join in wishing them a happy journey through life.

PERSONALS

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Griffin is Principal; W. H. Littles, Houston Texas, tells of the work in that important field; L. A. Brabham, Olar, S. C., speaks of their recent state convention and praises the services of J. B. Lehman; H. M. Johnson, of Dallas, Texas, tells of the marriage of Will Floyd and Miss Ida Tenison, Nov. 28. And still there are other good letters coming.

—Mrs. Martha Smith, Cincinnati, O., says: "I am working hard to get subscribers; have lots of promises, and as The Gospel Plea is the work of Negro boys, I must put every effort forward to help."

—Monday Dec. 9, a card was received at the Southern Christian Institute from the Steamship Company upon one of whose boats, were Bro. E. W. Ross., Bro. and Sister H. G. Smith and little daughter, Willie Sue, stating that they arrived safely at the Canary Islands, Nov. 26. They arrived here on time, and if no misfortune occurred they landed in Monrovia, Dec. 2.

—December 9, we have the following "Christmas Gift" new subscriptions to report: Wm. Irvin, H. Sharp, Mrs. Isaac Crayton, Mrs. J. E. Sloan, D. P. Wright, Mrs. Eliza Rolla, John Rucker, Henry Owens, L. M. Moore, Mrs. R. P. McCarty, Mrs. Mattie Christmas, Mrs. Sophia Crow, Lucinda Dixon. Total, 13. Previously reported, 20 Total till Dec. 10, thirty-three. We shall have no trouble in getting the hundred by Christmas morning, if we all get busy.

—From South Carolina: L. M. Moore, Ehrhardt, your subscription number is 125; Sheadrach Manigo, Seabrook, your subscription number is 75.

—William Martin, Kerr, Arkansas; your subscription number is 90.

—G. P. Peyton Los Angeles, California: your subscription number is 125.

—Mrs. Carrie Smith, Kansas City, Missouri: your subscription number is 115.

We are sorry to learn that a cyclone blew down the house of Bro. R. B. Brown in Claiborne County, but we are glad to report that no one was hurt. We trust the brethren in Claiborne County, will aid him and his family in this misfortune.

—W. S. Montgomery, Charleston, S. C. Your subscription numbers is 125.

—W. H. Littles, Fort Worth, Texas; Your subscription number is 115.

—Ernestine Jackson, New York City, Your subscription number is 125.

—A. card dated December 1, 6 a. m, at Sierra Leone from the steamship "Burnter" stated that Bro. E. W. Ross, Bro. and Sister H. G. Smith, had arrived there safely. This island is about a day's voyage from Monrovia. A letter dated Dec 2, at "Paquebot" gives a printed list of passengers. Those bound for Monrovia are "Mr. E. W. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and baby, Miss S. E. Conway."

--How do you like "lots" of Personals? If you like these of the "New Year Special" wont you drop us two or three lines on a postal for these columns? Simply address, Gospel Plea, Edwards Miss.

—The following subscriptions expire with Serial No. 75 (issue for Jan. 25, 1912.) All who renew on or before that date will be placed on our "Roll of Honor." All who do not will be dropped from our list. We are sorry to lose ONE subscriber, but the present management of the Plea believes it is best for all concerned to have our subscribers paid in advance: Lelia Philips, Mrs. Ida Gardiner, Jennie Sharpe, Eld. A. Buckner, Moses Brown, Rev. Henry Jackson, Sheadrach Manigo, T. W. Pratt, W. H. Wallick, B. C. Credelle, G. W. Webb, Mrs. A. M. Bolton.

—Mrs. J. E. Sloan, Wybark, Okla., says, "I have been so very glad to hear from my friends and brothers again. The Plea is like a letter from home. I shall write soon." Mrs. Sloan has changed her address to 424 W. Bond Street, Denison, Texas.

—Isn't it rather remarkable how little an editor has to do with making a great paper, when his readers are keyed up to high pitch, in favor of the paper? Have you ever felt the part you have to play in making a great weekly religious journal out of the Gospel Plea? Have you ever asked a single person in all these years to subscribe? Do you look for the Plea as regularly as you do a letter from son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, or sweet-heart? Don't be afraid of setting the Gospel Plea office on fire with your enthusiasm. There are some more twelve page issues where this "New year special" came from, and all that has to happen to get them is SUBSCRIPTIONS—lots of them; LETTERS and NEWS ITEMS—lots of them.

—Charles Harris, of Memphis, Tenn, a former student of the Southern Christian Institute, writes as follows: I am still working at the I. C. shops and I think I am getting along fine. I have gotten to the place now where I can do a great deal of this kind of work. I now get twenty cents an hour. I recently got a four-cent raise."

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for December 29

Edited from The Christian Lesson Commentary

Lesson XIII.

Review.

GOLDEN TEXT.—If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself.— John 7:17.

DAILY READINGS.

Dec. 23. M— Mark 6: 45-56.—Jesus walking on the sea.
—Mark 7: 1-23. —Clean and Unclean.

" 24. T.—Mark 7: 24-30; Matt. 8: 5-13. Mission to the Gentiles
—Mark 7: 31—8: 10—Wanderings in Decapolis.

" 25— W.—Mark 8: 11-26.—The Sign and the Leaven.
—Hosea 7 -Wickedness of the Wicked.

" 26.—T.-Mark 8: 27-9:1—The Great Question.
—Mark 9: 2-13—The Transfiguration.

" 27—F.—Mark 9: 14-29—The Lunatic Boy.
—Matt. 18 1-14- The Child in the Midst.

" 28. —S—Matt. 18:15-35.- Forgiveness.

" 29—S—Luke 9: 49-62-For and against Him or-Isa. 9: 1-7-The Prince of Peace.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Following the Stevens and analytical outline, all but one of the lessons of this quarter are found in Part six. Third Period of the Galilean Ministry.

Without directions, any teacher can easily distribute the lessons of the quarter, and can give proper outlines for them.

Lessons for the Review are:

1. Jesus Walking on the Sea. —Mark 6:45-56.
2. Clean and Unclean. —Mark7:1-23.
3. Mission to the Gentiles.. --Mark 7: 24-30.
4. Wanderings in Decapolis. Mark 7: 31-8: 10.
5. The Sign and the Leaven. —Mark 8: 11-26.
6. World's TemperanceSunday. —Hosea 7.
7. The Great Question. Mark 8: 27-9:1.
8. The Transfiguration. Mark 9: 2-13.
9. The Lunatic Boy. —Mark 9:14-29
10. The Child in the Midst. —Matt. 18: 1-14.
11. Forgiveness. —Matt. 18: 15-35.
12. For and Against Him. —Luke 9: 49-62.
13. Christmas Lesson. The Prince of Peace. —Isa. 9: 1-7.
14. Review.

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Christian teaching will make your life beautiful. It will clothe it in power and glory.

We are to be zealous of good works. The Christian life, and the work of Christ, should be with us a passion. It was so with Paul. It has been so with all who have blessed the world and lifted it up. We can call it earnestness, or enthusiasm, or whatever we will. The thing is to be in dead earnest—to make this our business and to go about it with the thought that it is the biggest and most important business in the world. And it is just that. It is far more important to me that I live the Christ-life and do Christ's work in an acceptable manner, than it is important that I succeed in any other task or enterprise. And it is far more important to the world. Christian living—the work of Christ—is the task for this day and generation as it is for all days and all generations. Too many have simply made play and pastime out of it. Too many do not make it a business and go about it with zeal and that enthusiasm which makes the gospel an irresistable force in the world. What about your own life? Are you in earnest? What about your society? Is it in dead earnest? All of us aught to be. The issues at stake are tremendous. Power, happiness, personal salvation, and the redemption of the whole world depends upon our zeal in doing the work of Christ and making His will supreme in our own lives.

"CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST."

I asked the New Year for some message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked, and paused: he answered soft and low,
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, "Nay, but remember, too,
"God's will to do."

Mrs. Sarah Bostick-9- 4147 N. 24th St.

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Church-Life, The Crucial Test.

IF YOU would know what progress a people is making, look into its Church life. All other things pale into insignificance in its presence. Ancient Persia built buildings that were so collosal that they are in a class with great feats of engineering like the Panama Canal. Some of the military expeditions of the Medo Persians were so great that modern military experts would be scarcely able to conduct them. Just because people can do great things in a material way is no evidence at all that they are building up a great and lasting civilization. In fact, it is more likely to be a sign of decay. The nations do not yet understand how much truth there is in the declaration, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." A people can become a great people only as they put themselves in perfect harmony with the fundamental laws of God, as revealed through his servants of old.

It was well that something was said of the material progress of the Negro race, for many who were disparaging of being able to do anything need encouragement, but this material progress is in no sense an index of their real progress. Even though this material progress should become so great that they could build pyramids like ancient Egyptians it would amount to nothing, as God measures progress. He who would help them to permanent progress must aid them to become real world helpers. In proportion as they can by their labors aid the world to gain a higher plain of civilization, can they become strong as God calls people strong. It is not what a people is doing in its own material advancement, but what it is doing to help the world to become greater, that shows what it is. A few years ago we had a saloon keeper in two of our large cities who each had many thousands of dollars and contributed liberally to community enterprises Many white people pointed to them with pride and the colored people invited them out to address Sunday-school and Church Conventions. This was an utterly false standard and certain to lead to disaster.

The Negro youth is being trained so he can become aid in the great work of human uplift and if this object is lost sight of, his education will prove more injurious than helpful. The white people have made fearful shipwreck of their own education along that line. Great care should be exercised that the error be not repeated on the other peoples we teach.

There is a definite work laid out for us on this field. It is to produce a civilization that will be in accordance with the principles of divine truth and will be satisfactory to all concerned. Just because here are some immoral and cruel and grasping white people, some schools made the mistakes of leading their pupils to feel that they must be enemies to the white people. This is a serious mistake. If the Negro Youth's education is not such as to make him capable of feeling that he must in someway add his strength to right wrong things, he is worth nothing. The reason then are bad white men is because when they were boys, neither the school nor the home taught them that there is a right way and a wrong way. The political degeneracy seen in some parts of our land is due to the fact that right after the war we had no adequate school facilities and the men who are voters now were boys then. To teach the Negro youth to become enemies to these people will be to ruin both and anarchy will follow. But if we train these girls and boys that are instruments in the hand of God to right these wrongs, we give them a new vision of life. In talking with a countryman in Alabama he expressed his utter loss of faith in lifting up the people, but added, "If we had all such men as Isom Franklin we would have a new country." Here then is a case when Prof. Franklin, without saying a word on the subject, only living a definite example, unconsciously became a solution of a problem. He became the inspiration for the uplift of the community. When the children grow up to be the men and women we will have a working basis. Unless we can teach the Christian Negro to pray to God to show him how he can help to right the wrongs that grew out of our lack of Christians schools soon after the war, we will not have made him a factor in the solution of our difficulties; and if he is not a factor in that, it matters not how much money he accumulates, or how many enterprises he conducts, as measured by God, he is but that much rubbish to be cast aside. God measures men by the amount of use they are to others. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." It is not a pleasant thing for any man to undertake the disagreeable tasks, but Christ tells him to take up his cross. It is his test of the man's worth. The Negro must finally be tested by the extent he takes up his cross in world uplift.

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this "Notice" it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—The opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute Hawkins, Texas, occurs January fourteenth. This office has received a program. Many of the leading Texas brethren will appear upon the program. President Lehman of the Southern Christian Institute, expects to be there also.

—The church at Charleston, S. C., is now working in harmony. We trust it may now enter upon a season of great prosperity.

—A cyclone passed through the Island of Jamaica, Nov. 10th and 12th. It wrought considerable ruin. Bro. J. Gordon Hay, a graduate of the Southern Christian Institute, writes: "Many lives are lost. Especially in the west parishes, Montego Bay, Lucca, and San-la-mar. Fortunately,not many lives are lost in this section and the suffering of the people is not as heart-rending as at other places. Cultivation is, however, almost totally destroyed and a tremendous financial blow is felt by all. The Government is doing all in its power to feed, cloth and shelter the destitute thousands."

Notes from Our Schools.

Jarvis Christian Institute

The flues for stoves are now completed and waiting for stoves, in the school building, who will he the first to reply ?

Did Santa-Claus come to see you? If not you ought to examine your record and see if you have done your duty.

The programs are now out for the opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute, January, 14th, 1912. Should you not get one, come any way.

Prof. K. B. Polk State Cor, Secretary, of Paris Texas, writes, that he is looking after some students who are thinking of coming to enter school and he himself will be at our opening. We hope all the State Officers will come.

The Frost children were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. Price's children Christmas Day. Master Ray Price and Judge Edward Frost seem to be the pets of all games.

Prof. C. A. Berry will be leaving Thursday night to attend the District meeting held at Mount Vernon, Texas.

Mrs. Mattie B. Frost is rejoicing over the nice Christmas present received from Mrs. A. T. Ross, Eureka. Ill.

Warner Christian Institute.

Going! Going! Gone and life is ended.

Isn't life a grand and noble thing? It only seems too short. Tomorrow we will have taught school four months and yet it seems but one.

Dost thou love life? Then value your life for the coming year; and use your time wisely, for that is the stuff life is made of.

It has been a long time since you have heard fron us, but it is high time now we were letting you hear how fortunate we are.

Wednesday and Friday seem to be our lucky days. Every Wednesday, for over a month we have heard good lectures. Dr. Yancy, of middle Tenn. gave lecture on "The Value of Health." Rev. Robinson of middle Tennessee showed these "young minds the use of opportunities." Then President Lehman comes in and speaks to us concerning the value of Chapel Services. To complete the square Prof. Depew Supt. steps in and shows these "young growing minds the value of knowing one thing well."

When a house is to be constructed a contract is givens one man to do the brick work to another man to do the carpentry work; to another to do painting; to another man to do the plastering;

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First Notice

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION FOR 1913.

The Youth's Companion appeals to every interest of the family life, from housekeeping to athletics. It begins with stories of youthful vim and vigor, with articles which disclose the secrets of successful play in the great games, with charming tales of life at the girls' colleges. But The Companion does not surrender these readers when they have entered the most serious paths of life. Mothers will welcome the page for little children and the weekly doctor's article. Fathers will find the important news of the days as it is, and not as it is rumored to be. The entire household will appreciate the sketches which touch gently on common foibles or caricature eccentricity. In short for less than four cents a week The Companion brings into the the home clean entertainment, pure inspiration, fine ideals, increase of knowledge.

Names rarely seen in tables of contents will be found in The Companion's Announcement for 1913, which will be sent upon request—with samples of of the paper, to those not familiar with it.

Every new subscriber for 1913 will receive free all the issues for for the remaining weeks of 1912; also, free, The Companion Window Transparency and Calendar for 1913, in rich, translucent colors—the most beautiful of all Companion souvenirs.

THE YOUTHS COMPANION,
144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE.

Second Notice.

A GENUINE SERVICE.

"I believe," says an old subscriber, "that every time The Youth's Companion enters a home it does that home a genuine service." That describes the purpose of the publishers exactly. The paper is not filled with mischievous or idle thoughts to fill an idle hour. It provides healthy pastime, recreation that builds up. It is to the minds of eager and impressionable young people what sound athletics are to their bodies

At a cost of less than four cents a week The Youth's Companion opens the door to a company of the most distinguished men and women in America and Europe . Whether they are revealing the latest discoveries in science, or describing great industrial achievement, or telling of their wanderings in strange corners of the world, or feeding the imagination with rare stories, they are giving Companion readers the best of themselves.

Seven serials at least will be published by The Companion in 1913, and nearly 200 other complete stories, in addition to some 50 special contributions, and a treasure-box of sketches, anecdotes, expert advice as to athletic sports, ideas for handy devices round the house, and so forth--long hours of companionship with the wise, the adventurous and the entertaining. Announcement for 1913 will be sent with sample copies of the paper to any address on request.

Every new subscriber who sends $2.00 for the fifty-two weekly issues of 1913 will receive as a gift The Companion Window Transparency and Calendar for 1913, the most exquisite novelty ever offered Companion readers; also, all the issues of The Companion for the remaining week of 1912, free.

Texas

Dear readers of the PLEA: We have been silent for some time, but busy in all departments of our work. Things are going well at the Jarvis Christian Institute. School will open Jan. 14th 1913. We were at Cason, Tex. Dec. 1st. preached a sermon for Auxiliary Sisters. We chose for our text "Let her alone for she hath done what she could." We informed them the best we could what the C.W.B.M. were doing for our people. Everybody seem to enjoy the sermon. Collection by the sisters $3.15.

The Auxiliary there are fifteen strong, I mean fifteen faithful members.

Officers:—Sister M. Knight, President; Sister Martha Williams, Vice President; Sister Minnie Rogers, Secretary; Sister Bettie Gentry, Treasurer. We intended to take our collection for Educational Rally on that day but Sister M. Knight the Pres. said it was C. W, B. M. Day and they wanted a sermon for them on that day. So we postponed the educational collection until later on. The Church there is in good working order expect, to build before the Convention. The members all seem to be in earnest about the work also interested in the Texas School. While the writer has not became personally acquainted with all the members. They all seem to mean well.

Yours for the work.

T. B. Frost.

NOTICE.

Churches, Auxiliaries, and individuals sendings things to the Jarvis Christian Institute, send these to Hawkins Texas by freight or express prepaid.

HAWKINS, T. B. FROST

Reports From the Field.

South Carolina

DID YOU HEED THE CALL TO SERVICE?

In reading the story of "The call to service" in the Lookout I was greatly impressed by the many opportunities that arise in our lives to obey this call. And Oh! how often we have failed to respond. Why? yes, why?. Is it this? "I was not sure the call was for me, for there were the good and the strong, yes those who were more fitted, those who had served the Master long. I could not do any thing, I am too weak." Ah! my friends, does His everlasting arm count for any thing? Could you not rest your faith on this sure foundation the precious promises of God?

What does the Lord wish me to do? Listen to these words taken from the midweek meeting leaflets. Ready! who is ready to go at the call of the Christ to the aid of the men in their sorest need to be willingly sacrificed; For men whose words and acts show forth the truth of the sacred page, who are themselves God's word made flesh. Yes, this is the call of the age. Are you one of these men? No? Then Brethren the Master calleth for thee. You claim there is no future for you. Pause, and remember it's the willing servant the Lord sends. "And hither and thither the Master sends, His willing servants amongst His friends; And all who gladly His task pursue, Finds more than enough to hear and do."

What must you do? Start just where you are. Perhaps there is some one at the work bench whom a friendly hint from you, would enable to do a difficult piece of work. Perhaps a kindly call of Brother would cause some one to pause on the downward road, to throw off that besetting sin that hinders life, also the heart within. Perhaps there is some one who has fallen, one that is making a hard struggle to do right, some one to whom you are the star that is to guide them to Bethlehem so as to find Christ, whenever the winds of temptation and the billows of trouble dash against them. In the midst of their struggle, weary and discouraged, can they turn their eyes to you and find you steadily shining like the North Pole Star, always in its place to give them courage to hold out for "Him" who gave His life for us?

Once a Christian who was working in a lumber camp was requested to tune a guitar. It was pay day. The men were seeking happiness in the "cup" that is destroying so many of men and it grieves me to say our women. What must he do? Say no. Then came the thought, "Are you not a Christian? These men are serving their Master, are you ashamed of yours?" with trembling hands he tuned. As the sounds fell on their ear the noise ceased. "Give us a song" said one. Then lowly at first came the words "Jesus lover of my soul' gaining strength as it reached the second line. One by one the men drew near forsaking the bottle on the table, and as the second verse rang out "other refuge have I none" the good in these men began to work. old time voices began to come back and throats were being cleared to join in the old and familiar tune. Another was called for. Then came confession of falling away, from those who once proposed to be followed of Christ. A little persuasion here. a word of encouragement, then a Church officer took hold. A young foreman wa enlisted in its work. A faithful woman took hold. A Sunday school was organized. A Church was started. The Supt. of the Co. gave a building. The carpenters gave their services to make the benches and pulpit. An organ was brought.

This commenced a light in one of our Lumber Camps where human lives amongst the Negroes are held so cheaply. On our way to our convention the writer met one of the scholars who informed us that this faithful woman is still holding on.

Do you understand now what a great fire a little spark can kindle? Have you heeded the call to service? Are you hiding your life or is your life hid in Christ? Oh! Brethren does the "If I am lifted up" mean anything to you?

DALE, EDWIN F. JACKSON.

Arkansas

Quarterly Report of Auxiliaries Dec. 1912

Pine Bluff, Auxiliary

General Fund	75 cents

Sherrill, Auxiliary

State Fund	75 cents
General Fund	$1.50
C. W. B. M. Day	$5.55
Total	$7.80

Mt. Sina, Auxiliary, Argenta

General Fund	$4.30
State Fund	$1.00
Special Offerings and Life Membership	$12.00
C. W. B. M. Day	$6.50
Total	$23.80

This is a very small sum from old auxiliaries.

I wish that all the members could have been here. Yet these two have done very well in consideration The following ones gave $1.00. Mrs. Belle Matlock, Mrs. Emma Lumpkin, Mrs. Sarah Bostick, M. M. Bostick. The following ones gave 50 cents: Hallie Evans, Martha Jones, Mary Evans. Other friends gave enough to make $6.50.

One of the greatest things is that the presidents of these meetings ought to be more punctual about reporting on time if they want to make a success. Wishing every reader and worker of the PLEA a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We were glad to have Brother Taylor, of Martinsville, Tenn visit our city on his return from Hot Springs, he preached at the Christian Church in Little Rock Thursday night, we enjoyed a sermon worth hearing. I would to God that we had more able men in the ministry in the State of Arkansas. Come again Elder Taylor, we are always glad to have you.

I am yours in the work,

ARGENTA, SARAH BOSTICK

SCHOOL NOTES FROM MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL.

The following pupils are on the "Honor roll" for December. Nolie E. Gray, who finished the High school course this session, Isabel Smith, Nathan Reed, Gracy Cole 6th, Eugenia Smith 5th year.

The Mercers and Literary Gem societies held their election the 20 th. Inst. which resulted in the election of Nolie Gray as president, Eugenia Smith Vice president, Gracy Cole as secretary, and John Burns Janitor for the Literary Gem for the next term. The Mercers elected A. Waters president, Lillie Shelton vice president, Estella Withers secretary, L. Dennies Janitor. The concert under the direction of the Primary and Intermediate teachers was quite a success.

Every thing has put on new life around the colored school. Prof. A. R. Reddick was at the school the past week and delivered a very helpful address. Come again Prof. Reddick.

On the night of January 1st. 1913 the Emancipation exercise will be conducted in the High School Auditorium. Several addresses will be delivered and Rev. R. B. Macon, one of the most noted preachers of South East Arkansas, will preach the sermon.

We are preparing for a visit from Prof. J. B. Lehman, President of the Southern Christian Institute, Friday. January 10, 1913.

The writer will attend the State Teachers Association at Little Rock the 26-28 th. Inst. Miss Fudge intermediate teacher, Miss Carter, Primary teacher and Miss Buchanan may also attend.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS.

MONTROSE, D. A COOK.

To the readers of the GOSPEL PLEA: I wish to present to you a report of a meeting held in our district. The first quarterly meeting of District No. 2 convened at Pearidge church from December 12-14.

Eld. G. W. Ivy of Sherrill, who has a growing influence among the brotherhood of Arkansas, has been appointed Superintendent of this district.

On the night of December 12, a very interesting sermon was delivered by Eld. E. L. Turner of Wabbaseka. On the morning of the 13th, we re-assembled for further business. Among the first things done was the election of officers for said district. The following officers were elected: R. L. Brock, chairman; C. Martin, Secretary; A. Bostick, treasurer.

After the election of officers, the object of the meeting was discussed by several brethren, Eld. W. M. Martin leading in the discussion. It was decided that one of the primary objects of the meeting is to keep the several churches of the district alive along the line of raising means for the support of our state work.

I will further say that we can at these quarterly meetings, discuss the different phases of our spiritual progress and perhaps say something that will add inspiration to some weak and discouraged brother as well as some weak and discouraged church; thereby strengthening the cause of Christ.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the meeting:(1) Resolved that each church appointed to this district be regarded as a part of the Convention and each member of the church try to pay his proportionment as requested by the State Convention.

(2) Resolved that the pastor of each church instruct his deacons to collect the quarterly dues from each member and that each member be accredited for same and the same to be collected from time to time before each quarterly meeting

Miss Martha Mitchell read a very interesting and thoughtful paper on the subject of Honesty. The response given by Bro. P. W. Worlds was also grand. Bro. Cole made an excellent lecture which was indeed enjoyed by all. Evangelist R.T. Matlock delivered an instructive and inspiring sermon at 11:00 o'clock a. m.on Lord's Day. The hearing was good and very attentive as well.

The following collections were raised after the

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Arkansas State Board of C. W.B. M. held a meeting in the Argenta Church the last evening of the old year. They watched the old year out and the new year in. A helpful program was rendered. Mrs. A. B. Matlock is president.

Mrs. Lula Ghearon of Beaumont, Texas, State President of the C. W. B. M. was married a few weeks ago. She married a Mr. Johnson. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson a long and happy life. Auxiliary workers will address Mrs. Lula Johnson, 2178 Colliers Ferry Road, Beaumont.

Report of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, Auxiliary for quarter ending with December

Mem'bers gained during the quarter.....1
Money sent for General Fund.....$3.20
C. W. B. M. Offering.....1.00
Total sent off.....4.20

Meetings are held monthly.

MOUND BAYOU, ROXIE S. Sneed.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in your page in the paper to speak a few words in regards to the auxiliary work. I feel as the widow when she cast her mite in this mission work. My very soul is deeply interested in it. Let us begin to make better preparations for the harvest. Not wait for the time but begin now that we can reap bountifully.

Let us take the talent given us and add to it. Not hide it as did the slothful servant.

Our dear white sisters are helping us to rise as intelligent disciples of Christ as well as our sons and daughters. Let us show that we appreciate their earnest efforts by doing all we can spiritually and financially.

At this point I strive to do all I can for the work. I gained one earnest sister. I not only work among our churches but in others as well.

Concerning the "Loving Cup" to be presented Bro. Smith. It was a sermon to me. But dear brothers and sisters, if it will be equal pleasure to Bro. Smith to raise the amount of money he asks of us we should strive earnestly to do so. We then will feel as he says in his letter to the PLEA that we have presented him a Cup in gratifying his profound wishes.

The 3rd Saturday and Sunday in March will be quarterly meeting of the auxiliary. Let us not forget the pledges we made in our last quarterly. Preachers, turn out with your churches with us at Union Hill on those days and help to fill a cup to send Bro. Lehman to help this mighty work. Praying a Christ-like interest every-where.

I am yours for the work.

HERMANVILLE, JUDIA FLOWERS.

Program for February.

TOPIC: MISSION STORIES AND BOOKS

Subject for special prayer: For the Mission Study classes and the growth of interest in missionary literature.

PRAYER AND PREPARATION WILL MAKE A GOOD MEETING.

Hymn.

Bible lesson: II Tim. 2: 15; II Tim. 3: 14-17; Eccl. 12: 9-11.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Business period.

Roll-call: Respond to roll-call by naming a good missionary book.

Offering.

HELPS FOR THE MEETING.

There are many articles in January MISSIONARY TIDINGS that will be helpful in the preparation of this program.

Leaflet: A helpful leaflet for this meeting is "Some Missionary Stories," price 10 cents. The title and price of other leaflet and books that can be helpful in the development of this subject may be found in the Catalogue of Publications and Supplies of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

Address all orders for literature and supplies to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

SCHOOL NOTES

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the work of each group of contractors is equally necessary to the completion of the house and so in regard to education.

Friday is lucky because we get the GOSPEL PLEA. No school, no home, no Church is completed until it contains the "PLEA"

The grand essentials of happiness are some thing to do, some thing to love and some thing to hope for. When one starts out in life, he finds no pleasure in working unless he feels that he will accomplish some thing in the future. And so it is with any united force. We have a great work here to be accomplished and we love it because we can look far ahead and find real happiness and success coming from what we are now doing.

Sincerely Yours,

JONESBORO, REBECCA B. WEST.

Southern Christian Institute

Prof. and Mrs Gibbs, of Columbia. Mo., were with us Jan. 1. In the afternoon Prof. Gibbs delivered an address at the Chapel on "The Kingdom of Christ." In the evening Mrs. Gibbs, pianist, assisted by Miss Georga Tyner, vocalist, in the spacious dining room of Allison Hall, presented the greatest musical treat, ever heard at the S. C. I. Mrs. Gibbs is a talanted musician. We trust our brother and sister will come again.

Principle and Mrs. Burgess and daughter, Reba, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Safley at Dentville, south of Utica, during the Christmas vacation. They report a splendid time.

The following students give the weekly Sunday school talks during January: Jan. 5, Robert Gooden; Jan. 12, Gertrude Coin; Jan. 19, Ad Banks; Jan. 29, Stephen Coleman.

President Lehman has returned from his extended trip to Warner Institute, Martinsville Christian Institute, and Lum Graded School. All upon the campus were happy to see him back.

Supt. Young, his mother, his wife and little daughter, Candace Mary, are spending a few days, vacation at Pensacola, Florida.

January second gave us almost all kinds of weather, except snow, within a few hours.

A further report of Academic students: 21. Deetsy Blackburn, College student at S. C. I. 22. Florence Blackburn, student in the College Department at the S. C. I. 23. H. D. Griffin, principal of the Warner Institute, Jonesboro, Tenn. 24. Harry G. Smith, missionary to Africa. 25. Eric Hunt, missionary to the Island of Jamaica. 26. Gentry C. Robinson, pastor of the Gay Street Church Nashville Tenn. 27. Frank H. Coleman, College student. at the S. C I. and foreman of the Gospel Plea printing office. 28. Timothy Barnett, student in Academy. 29. Sallie Liggins, at her home in Russum, Miss. 30. Richard Coleman, died during the summer of 1912, at Mound, Louisiana.

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sermon: Local, $5.35; Auxiliary, $5.01; State work $6.00. The following churches were represented at at the meeting, Holly Grove, England, $2.00; Wabbaseka Church, $1.00; Kerr Church, $ 2.00; Walnut Grove, Sherill, $1.25 the amount raised by Pearidge at this meeting was $16.85; Total amount raised at this meeting for state work was $23.10; total fo all purposes was $39.46.

The total amount raised by Pearidge for state work during this quarter has amounted to over $51. All things considered, we can but say our meeting was a success. Seven Churches are appointed. to this district and five of the seven represented. We feel confident that the other two will meet with us at our next meeting with a good will prompted by a good motive for the express purpose of making district no. 1 one of the leading districts of the state.

Allow me to say to the Pastors of district number 2 keep the meeting continuously before your Churches and send us at each meeting as many delegates you are able.

Respectfully,

KERR, C. MARTIN.

Tennessee

School has now closed for Christmas. I must say, this has been indeed a happy school term at Warner Institute with both teachers and students. We have a number of things to thank God for. We have been blessed with good health and strength which helps to make life happy.

As we now go into the Christmas Holidays, we should not forget our Maker. So many have the wrong idea of Christmas. They seem to think that it should be spent in riotiousness and in folly. Christmas is said to be the day that Christ was born, who brought glad tidings of great joy to all men. He is the one that came to redeem mankind. This being true, we ought to spend that day in prayer and thanks giving to him. So let us all live for Him during these Holidays, and not only these, but the remainder of our lives.

President J. B. Lehman, of the Southern Christian Institute located at Edwards, Mississippi, who has taken Bro. C. C. Smith's place in the

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Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for December 29

Edited from The Christian Lesson Commentary

Lesson XIII.

Notice.

From a necessity, we do not give the Sunday school lesson this week but after this week we hope to have the lesson.

The Sunday-school is the most potent auxiliary to the Church. Every church should have one, with a live superintendent and live teachers.

A hearty greeting to the Sunday-school workers in all the states, and the schools beyond the sea.

Salisbury Mo. Items

There was a musical given at the Second Christian Church, Monday night Dec. 23, for the benefit of the Sunday-school. Proceeds, $10.00.

On Christmas day sunrise prayer service was held at the Second Christian Church also preaching at eleven oclock. All present enjoyed a religious service. Eld. B. S. Wright, the pastor preached a noble sermon to a crowded house Wednesday evening.

The Second Baptist Church of this City served Turkey dinner on Christmas day, and realized a neat sum.

Miss Della Bailey and Erma Washing spent Christmas evening in Macon, Mo. and report a pleasant time.

The A. M. E. Church is doing remarkable well under the leadership of its present pastor, Rev. Longdon.

Texas

We had a Baptist preacher who has been advocating the Baptist cause for 25 years, and two years past since he commenced visiting our Christian Church so finally he promised us that he would join us. So on the third Lord's day morning in December he mounted his horse rode 16 miles and met us in Bible School also divine services. Before we could have sermon he got up and said "Brothers and sisters I could not rest all night I had to come here today and take fellowship with you all, I am now with you all always enroll my name on your Church-book." Then, pastor H. W. Woodard asked me to get up and read the Christian Minister's Manual to him, the important part. After which we fellowshiped him in Church. Oh! what a joyous time we did have. After the fellowshiping, we had time to preach the sacramental sermon, we did a have a jubilee time. The name of our minister now is Elder John Owens. He is a strong preacher. Now I hope when the brother-hood reads this article that their hearts may be made to feel glad.

Yours in Christ,

CEDAR LAKE, Rev. W. M. BROWN.

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Negro work, visited our school on the 16th and 17th. Both days were spent on the campus and in the school rooms. On Tuesday night he preached to a large audience in the Chapel Hall from Matt. 25: 14-31. He said many things that sank into the hearts of the hearers, which will never be forgotten. He also spoke of the Educational Rally in a way that made every soul feel that he or she should give somthing to that fund. After he had finished his discourse an Educational collection was taken which amounted to $27, counting pledges. This we hope to send in by the last of January. From Jonesboro we went to Johnson City, Wednesday evening, where we visited the Langston High school. The Principal, Prof. J. N. Ervin, took great pains in having us go through every department of the school work. Prof. Lehman's lecture to the school there and sermon at the Church that night left a lasting impression. Pledges taken there for the Educational Rally amounted to $15.

Now I must say, President Lehman's visit here has helped this place beyond estimation. Our people here are willing workers; and I must say, have done a great work, but as President Lehman unfolded the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, made us feel more, the great responsibilities resting upon us as workers in his vineyard.

I can not close this article without mentioning the names of Dr. Hankal, of Greenville, Tennessee; Elder G. C. Robinson, of Nashville, Tennessee and Prof. E. S. Depew, County Supt., who were welcome visitors at our school. Many good things were said by them. To have Elder Robinson in our midst, brought to our minds old school days. We were indeed sorry to see him leave. Come again Bros. Yours in His service,

JONESBORO, H. D. GRIFFIN.

Miss Evans.

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The Hope of Israel

THE ISRAELITISH nation was a nation with a hope. Other great nations had great desire but none of them gained the eminent position of the Jews in that the predominent thought become a hope of some future achievment for mankind. With many individuals of the Jews it was no more than a desire to gain power and wealth, but their prophets ever went beyond the desire and cherished a hope that God would use them to bless all mankind. It was fortunate for the race, and for mankind that Abraham, the father of the nation, had such a profound hope. He believed that in his seed all the nations of the earth should be blessed, and this belief matured into a cherished hope throughout all their twenty-one centuries until Christ came and gave to the world the great lesson of sacrificial service which have made our age possible. It is true a very small per cent of our people have gained the large conception of Christ, but enough have gained it to insure the trend of our civilization, and thus it can be said we are somewhat a nation of hope.

And yet there is great danger. The tendency of our educational system from the humble public school to the great ministry is to teach our people to be self centered. Our achievments in learning and invention have had the tendency to make us self sufficient. The hope of our nation is in our own greatness. But few have dreamed of how God would use us to bless all mankind. If ever a nation needed a prophet, our nation does. No nation before our time had such opportunity to bless all mankind. The Orient, in short the whole world, lies at our feet. Our great men of affairs, who, are in the alluring bonds of Venal Commercialism, see only an opportunity to exploit them. The time serving politician sees in them only a menace to his petty kingdom. But there is a vast company of men and women who have a larger vision. They stand on Mount Zion and are singing the song of of the Lamb. They have gained a little of the vision of Abraham. The enterprise of modern missions is the result of this vision and it is gaining in force until it is fast growing into a crusade and it will not stop until it has made all the nations of the earth Christian in name at least. If our Anglo-Saxon civilization succeeds in giving to all the other nations a vision of service so that some day they will all gain the hope of Abraham that the world shall be blessed in their nation, the world will make rapid progress. But the tendency of our present educational system is contrary to this and is even sometimes threatening it. When Protestantism first broke away from Catholicism there followed a struggle so fierce that men's soul were tried as in fire. In this troublous time there came up much cause for disagreement and the result is the present denominationalism which has grown into a crying evil in itself. To flee from this many undenominational efforts in benevolence and philanthropy have sprung up, and this and the evils of denominationalism have had a tendency to cast reflection on all religious teaching. The religious teaching in our universities is fast taking on the character and spirit of the Rabis of the time of Christ and the "schoolmen" of the middle ages. All this will have to be changed if we are to give all the nations of the earth the hope of becoming a blessing to mankind. Much of the education of the public school leaves the conscience and the religious instinct undeveloped and has a tendency to give to the world an army of self seeking politician and grafters.

It is especialy important that the whole system of negro education be looked into. If we hold out to this people no higher hope than that it will gain more for itself if it is educated, we can never give it the hope that it will some day bless all mankind, and without this hope it can never give to the world a self sacrificing service. In this work it would be well to apply Christ's test. "By their fruits ye shall know them." What are the students who come from these schools doing to aid in the building up the church and the good work it is fostering? If they are doing nothing, or if their influence is antagonistic to all good, then they will do more harm than if they were left uneducated. In some of these schools there is a moral atmosphere that can not bear good fruit; and yet the men who designed the system of education are more to blame than the men who show a low standard in their conduct.

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this "Notice" it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—Subscriptions from Russellville, Arkansas both with subscription number 100: Mrs. Minnie White and Ellen Edwards.

—We are always glad to have our subscribers drop into the GOSPEL PLEA office when visiting on the campus of the Southern Christian Institute. It would do you good to see the young people at their work, to hear the "puff, puff" of the gasoline engine and to "watch the wheels go round."

—The first quarterly meeting of District No. 4 of Oklahoma will be held at Wybark, Jan. 11-12, 1913. We find the names of the following brethren upon the program: Eld. G. W. Waid, R. B. Wells, Dr. Keys, Dr. Burnley, L. C. Davis, Eld. Duff, C. B. Brown, W. L. Stafford, H. C. Shockley, Charles Davis, O. Zoliar, S. L. Hill, E. Little, V. C. Campbell. L. Martin Bonds, of Vian is the district evangelist. We hope to have a "write-up" of the convention for publication.

—J. L. Woods, Sumpter, S. C. : Your subscription nmber is 145.

—Clara B. Robinson, Hannibal, Mo. : Your subscription number is 125.

—Miss. E. C. Anthony, Waco, Texas : Your subscription number is 125.

—Mrs. Amelia Baker, West, Texas : Your subscription number is 125.

—Peter Wiley, Washington, Arkansas : Your subscription number is 160.

—How happy do you suppose the evangelists and state officers of the various states are when they read in the "Personals" your name and subscription number showing that your subscription to the PLEA is paid a long time in advance? Verily we must be moving forward to greater things.

—A. B. Moore, Pattison, Miss. : Your subscription number is 100.

—Eld. J. E. Anderson, Waco, Texas, remembered the editor with a Christmas card and on it we find the following: "December 15, we had good services with two additions,—one by relation and one by confession. We are glad to see THE PLEA still improving."

—Robert Brayboy of Lum, Alabama, is teaching at Mt. Willing. He seems to be getting on fine.

—R. C. Leonard, one of the students of the Phillips Bible Institute, Canton Ohio, who preaches at Jeromeville, was given a POUNDING recently. Any preacher would certainly be made happy with three hundred forty-five pounds of eatables and a purse of $40. We trust some of our good churches will do likewise.

—A young man at Charleston, S. C, was recently ordained to the ministry by Bro. Wood.

—R. L. Peters, Winston—Salem, N. C., Your subscription number is 125.

—Elisha Gooch, Kirkwood, Mo: Your subscription number is 125.

—Meriter Murphy. Center Point, Arkansas; Your subscription number is 125.

—There are twenty children in The Virginia Christian Orphan Home, located at Stuart, Virginia. Bro. R. L. Peters, of Winston—Salem, N. C. is President and Business Manager.

—Eld M. H. Johnson, Dallas, Texas, writes "At 3513 Greenwood St. Wednesday night December 4, 1912, Mr. Simmie Evans and Miss Willie M. Johnson were happily married at the residence of the brides parents. A great number of young people was present to witness the affair, Many

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Report of Educational Rally From December 12 to January 7

VIRGINIA

Church at Martinsville..... $10.00

NORTH CAROLINA

Church at Winston-Salem,.....6.20

ALABAMA

Church and School at Lum,.....10.65

MISSISSIPPI

Church at Mound Bayou,.....11.88
Total reported,.....38.73
Total reported to date,.....241.05

The following at Mound Bayou gave one dollar each: Elder K. R. Brown, J. N. Turner, Charles miller, Baalam Johnson, Burrell Johnson, S. L. Lampkins, Mark Kitchon, A. E. West. P. R. McCarter, D. Dixon, and Roxie C. Sneed. Those who gave fifty cents are Sam Perkins and Mary Pickens.

The collection thus far is good for the number of Churches that have given, but there are yet very many to give. It has been suggested by a number that the collection be continued till the Workers' Conference, but we suggest that it continue till September 1st. The collection will thus have a year's gift from the Negro Churches for their own education and evangelization. January and February are usually very bad months in the Gulf States to get out an audience,or to get money. We hope, therefore that pastors and evangelists will aid us in getting every church to have a part in this great work.

Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Africa

November 20th. We have sighted Africa, and what a beautiful country.

We are nearing our home. We got our first sight of this beautiful country at 10 minutes to 10 o'clock this fore noon. Two hours later we had anchored at Bathurst when several big guns were fired to salute the governor as he neared the shore in a small launch. Little better than an hour and we were on the way again. We are seeing many creatures leaping in the water to day. So much for that, I repeat we are nearing our new home and how happy we all are. What a privilege is ours to share with these boys and girls who need so much help.

To day, I feel that I understand so much more fully what the Saviour meant when He gave that great command, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Indeed He meant go, not only did He mean go preach but He meant teach men that there is more to do than simply to save their souls. They must learn the art of work, with the hands. I see here one of the most beautiful countries in all the world, if only touched with the hand of culture, and the love of God. What a beautiful world this is, decked with all manner of beauty. The forest is so beautiful; it is simply inexpressible when you come to that part of it.

I am just here in Monrovia,have not been to the mission at all, and can not now even surmise what the outcome of just a few days here will be. But be what it may, I am happy to day that the Master has led us to this great field of labor.

Oh! you S. C. I.! how we love you and how thankful at heart are we to you dear teachers who toiled with us so willingly and kindly molding our characters fitting us for this task we are now undertaking. May my loving Father's rich blessings ever be yours.

I want to tell you just how much we appreciate what you did for us, but I am at a loss for words to express our appreciation. We will whisper it to Him.

We must tell you just a word more about the trip and Monrovia. The trip as you all know was long, but I must tell the rest. It was a most delightful one from the S. C. I. to Monrovia. This is as far as I have gone. Monrovia beach is beautiful. A very nice town indeed. This is the third of December we landed the second at 7:55 A. M. and one hour later we were on African soil. It seemed good to us to step on the earth's solid foundation once more after thirteen days at sea.

Here we see all manner of dress from a towel roped about the waist up to an American and Liberian properly dressed. We got here just in time to see the great celebration at Monrovia. It was very nice indeed. The day was a sister to a fair August day in Mississippi. I am now looking at hundreds of chimney sweepers flying and chirping. I am looking at the cocoanut palms, and beautiful green bunches of bananas. Well look at that, there goes a goat bleating. My, what beautiful flower! Tom Petter will lead us out to the mission. I must say close, for we must be up and doing.

We are yours in His service.

H. G. Smith.

Reports From the Field.

Kansas.

A word about Jacob

I wish to inform the readers of the Plea that I have secured a copy of the Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly written by Brother C. C. Smith. I have read the book carefully. Now I feel and know that my library could not be complete without it. Indeed Jacob Kenoly though of humble parentage, was a great man far beyond what I had ever thought or dreamed. No one can have a proper conception of this wonderful character without reading carefully the sketch which Brother Smith has so beautifully written of Jacob.

I obtained the book free by paying in advance one year's subscription for the Plea. I can not see how the Plea can afford to do this. But I suppose THE PLEA itself has read the book and has thereby imbibed more of the spirit of the Master which was so vividly manifested in the unselfish life of Jacob Kenoly who denied himself of comfort and ease that others might receive the gospel of Christ free of charge.

Every person, especially those who claim to be members of the Christian Church should get the book and read it carefully. It will do them good. In my judgement, no one, I care not who he may be, can be well informed on the missionary enterprises of today unless he has studied the life and work of Jacob Kenoly, moreover if any one wishes to see a soul swayed by the spirit and the love of Christ in His redemption of humanity let him read the life and work of Jacob. Whatever preparations were lacking on Jacob's part as a personal defense against the kind of reception he might receive at the hands of the wild inhabitants of "The Bush" in Africa or against the wild beast of the forest or against the attacks of the African fever, the loss of physical strength, the extreme poverty which might follow; seem to have been made full and complete by his great faith in the providence of God. Jacob believed that he was God's messenger to that people. He also believed that God would open the way for him to deliver that message. God did open the way though it led by the way of many disappointments, trials, sufferings and self-denials. Jacob succeeded in delivering his message. He lighted the golden candle stick of eternal life and set in the midst of two hundred acres of land which through his matchless influence, he obtained from the government of Liberia in the dark continent of Africa and which he deeded to the National C. W. B. M. forever.

That light being fed with the material prepared by the National C. W. B. M. shall increase in brilliancy more and more and the flames thereof shall ascend higher and higher until all those who sit in the darkness in the valley of the shadow of death shall see the great light and rejoice in the glory of that light.

What self-appointed missionary without any financial backing as Jacob was, or what missionary appointed and supported by some great organization has accomplished as much as Jacob Kenoly has in so short a time. Jacob preached and taught the Bible over three years without a Bible. During Jacob's darkest hours without being solicited, the teachers of the Southern Christian Institute sent again and again to his necessities, but Jacob spent the greater part of it not for himself but for the care of his wild boys of "the Bush."

Brother C. C. Smith has been faithful in his mission and he has done exceeding well in giving us the beautiful sketch of Jacob's life and work. The writing of the book is a very fitting closing of of his work with the Christian Woman's Board of Missions because the book its self shall take Brother Smith's place in urging us on to greater victories among our people.

What shall I say about our Educational Rally? Its obligations are imperative and unavoidable, we have gone too far to turn back. We have accomplished too much to stop short of completing our work. See how the work has grown on our hands.

The Liberian Christian Institute of Africa, The Jarvis Christian Institute of Texas have been added to our family and consequently ask for a share of our means.

Success to The PLEA, and a happy new year,

KANSAS CITY, S. W. SCOTT.

South Carolina

"Hither and thither the Master sends,
His willing servants amongst His friends,
And he that gladly His work pursue
Finds more than enough for hands to do."

With the Christmas festivities on hand Satan and his aids are alive to the occasion. In our community the faithfull servants of the Lord are striving to unite against this mighty host in the pulling down of the stronghold of evil.

A strong effort is being made to have a united Xmas tree. We are praying and working for its success.

The poor are also remembered. Gifts are coming in from our friends to aid in the work. Mrs. M. F. Thomas of Mattawan N. Y. has sent in a beautiful packet of Xmas Post Cards with quotation from many authors pasted on for distribution. We have just finished directing them; they will help out at the Xmas tree.

Two turkeys have found their way into the parsonage. Our hearts are glowing with the fires of love: some one will get thawed out. We wonder if our little Lord's Day School can eat a whole turkey on New Year. Then there is that box of oranges that was sent from Florida to cheer the Minister's wife, a few of these. Well let us try and make a happy New Year. Then there is that letter from Ralph Watson from our Bible School. If Bro. Watson's sermon on the "Service of Love" was preached with the fervor expressed in his letter more hearts than ours are glowing to day. Well done Bro. Dickerson and Thomson, we must send you another from the Palmetto State. Never fear we will hold up your hands. South Carolina is awakening to her duty. That is right brother Brabburn, tell Old Three Mile Creek she must wake up. Put the PLEA in every home or she may not know our annual is coming to her. Plan how to build an extra room before the work season comes, for we are coming to show our loyalty to the cause we love. We are coming from all over South Carolina so get busy. A mother should provide for her children. Well done, Elder Sanders, I knew you would work.

Our State Evangelist is moving around. Come brethren, give him more time to do his work. Just set your own self in order; are you not a Christian? Get into God's service. Don't help the devil any more. Remember, "ye (we) are the temple of God and if any man defiles the temple, him will God destroy." Remember your actions of today go up as a witness at the judgement seat of God. Are they testifying for or against us. Don't go where you would not like Christ to find you when he comes. Don't fill the temple of God with evil spirit (whiskey), for He will destroy and not cleanse it this time.

DALE, EDWIN F. JACKSON

Texas

A Happy New Year to the PLEA and all of its many readers. On Christmas eve we had a Christmas Tree, which was very much enjoyed by all, especially by the children of the Bible School. Bro. H. Sharp, The Supt. Mrs. T. S. Anderson, Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Teachers, with the help of the parents, did what they could to make the children happy by presenting many small gifts to them. Besides a number of small gifts, presented the writer, which he always appreciates, the biggest thing of all, was a sack of flour, two bags of sugar, lard, potatoes, and other good things which made him smile. Every good gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of light to Him be all to the praise.

WACO, J. E. ANDERSON.

Arkansas

Dear Editor and readers: Here I am once more. We are still alive in our work here and doing what good we can. We have many difficulties to meet, but yet we have not one time stopped to look back in order to let evil things overbalance our good deeds, through floods and flames. We are going to try to uplift some one and carry the name of Jesus our great Redeemer. Friends and readers of this paper that is known as the GOSPEL PLEA, we are living in a palace if we only stop and consider just of the sweet blessing of life and other things that we are able to enjoy and then think of those in the far off lands. Can we not do them some good.

On the first Sunday of this month we held our C. W. B. M. meeting. It was a very dark and gloomy day but we trusted in Christ and went on. We raised for State Fund 75 cents; General Fund $1.50; C. W. B. M. $5.55. Our total was $7.80 We hope to do much better in the near future. We ask your prayers.

I am yours in his work,

SHERRIL. R. B. IVY.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:

Our Sunday-school meeting will be held at Union Hill, Christian Church Saturday before the third Sunday in January, 18-19. All superintendents must try and make a good report and come out on Saturday. Let us have a good meeting and hope to meet a good many of our old brothers and sisters present especially officers and preachers.

Hope the Editor will say something of our meeting each week as our people are quick to forget.

Yours in Christ,

PORT GIBSON, District worker, A. G. SNEED.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiain Send in the money at the close of each quarrter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor, at the Southern Christian Institute, has started out with the new year with new aims and new plans. There are now almost seventy members. The society has been divided into two divisions one under the supervision of Miss Evans and the other under Miss Hunt.

The following officers were elected last Sunday night. President, Mozelle Thompson; Vice president, Ollie Lewis; Sec'y, Mary Lewis.

The watchword for this year for the young people is: "God's will to know, to do, to love."

A new Missionary Society at Fairy Hill, Jamaica was organized recently with fifty charter members.

The first Thursday in February is the time set apart for the Day of prayer for Home Missions.

Next week you will find a letter on this page from Harry Smith of Liberia, Africa. All of their friends are rejoicing to know of their safe arrival and that they are so happy to be at work.

Judson the Pioneer of Burmah

People often sneer about "minister's sons" and try to make out that they fall below the average of human nature. A great number of the world's best men have been the sons of preachers. One of these was Adoniram Judson.

Judson was born in Malden, Mass. and educated at Brown University and Andover Theological Seminary. On his graduation he was offered the pastorate of a cultured church in the city of Boston. To one of his refined tastes this offer must have been a tempting one, but his conscience called him elsewhere.

The work of Carey and those who labored with him was calling the attention of Christian people to the needs of the heathen world. Judson and three of his fellow students offered their lives to the cause of world-wide missions. They were Congregationalists, and the Congregational churches, in order to undertake the support of these young men, organized a foreign missionary board.

As his companion in work Judson chose the lovely Ann Hasseltine, who became his wife in 1812 and sailed with him for India.

The Judsons looked forward with great interest to meeting Carey in India. They greatly admired this pioneer missionary, but thought him all wrong in teaching that baptism is by immersion only. Judson throught he would study the subject of baptism for himself, so that he might be able to discuss it with Carey on his arrival in India. So on the voyage Mr and Mrs. Judson examined carefully the Scriptures bearing on the subject, and to their great surprise, they found that the Bible plainly teaches immersion. If they should unite with the Baptists they would be cut off from all means of support, but they did not hesitate. On their arrival in India they were baptized by Carey.

The Baptists in America rallied to their support, but their trials had only just begun. The East India Company drove them out of India, and tried to compel their return to America. They escaped to Burmah and undertook work there. For seven years they worked without a convert —the same length of time that Carey waited for the first results of his labor. At length a little Church was gathered together in Rangoon, and the missionaries had the great joy of sitting down to the communion table with fellow Christians whom they had rescued from heathenism.

In the midst of this happiness a new trial came. The war with England broke out, and the America andEnglish missionaries became objects of suspicion. Judson, who had been called to Ava, the capital, as interpreter, was thrown into prison, and for twenty-one months he suffered the most cruel tortures and privations. For nine months he wore three pairs of handcuffs, for two months five pairs and for six months one pair. His courage would have failed but for his faith in God and for the heroism of his noble wife, whose support never once failed him. She hid his translation of the New Testament, so that it was preserved to the Burman Church. Every day she visited the prison, and her sweet face and presence so won the hearts of the people that she was called the angel of the prison. It is said of her, as of Florence Nightingale that her shadow was kissed in reverent love by those

to whom she mimistered. Once Judson was moved from one prison to another, and the next day she found him by following the bloody foot-prints in the sand.

After the war was over Judson was released and sent back to Rangoon, but another trial awaited him. The mission house had been destroyed and the little church scattered.

Severe as was this blow, a worse one came later. Mrs. Judson died after a brief illness. Her husband was away from home at the time, and she had only such care as the native women could give her. When he came home the natives pointed out his vacant house and the new made grave.

He found relief in his work, and after several years his translation of the whole Bible was brought out. Soon after this he married Mrs. Sarah Boardman, a noble missionary, who, since the death of her husband, had been carrying on work alone in the Karen jungles.

Brighter days came now to the Christian workers in Burmah. The devoted lives and pure teaching of the missionaries began to count. The natives turned to Christ by hundreds. Said Judson, "I eat the rice and fruit cooked by Christian hands, look on the fields of Christians, and see no dwellings but those of Christian families." This was to him a rich reward for all his work.

At length, on account of his own ill health and that of his wife, he started for America, after an absence of thirty-three years. On the journey his wife died and he buried her on the island of St. Helena.

On his return to America Judson received a welcome which, no doubt, suprised him greatly. He thought so modestly of his own work that he had never once supposed himself a hero in the eyes of Americans. Great crowds flocked to hear him, and his visit greatly strenghtened the interest of Christian people here in the cause of missions.

He met here Miss Emily Chubbuck, a talented woman, who was known in the literary world as "Fanny Forrester." In 1846 they were married and Judson returned with his wife to Burmah.

The closing years of his life were spent in arranging a dictionary of the Burmese language. His health was failing, but his faith grew stronger day by day. Toward the end he seemed to be in perfect transport of joy, and the other world was more real to him than this.

He died at sea, having undertaken the voyage for the sake of his health. His body was buried in the ocean, within sight of the mountains of Burmah. The Burman church is his monument, and he needs no other.

Jessie B. Pounds

PERSONALS

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valuable presents were presented to Mr and Mrs Evans. May they live together in happiness, peace and prosperity, is the wish of their many friends. The writer officiated."

—Eld. J. L. Wood, Sumpter, S. C., writes, "I shall try to do all in my power for a greater Gospel Plea." He is arranging his affairs, so he may give all his time to evangelistic work. This is good news.

—Tom Randles, Bonham, Texas: Your subscription number is 125.

—Mrs. James N. Freeman, Leesburg, Texas: Your subscrption number is 125.

—From Texas; Mrs. Eva Mayweathers, Peniel: Your subscription number is 100. Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Bonham, your subscription number 160.

—As soon as the assistant editor and his office force get out from under the business that has accumulated during the holidays we intend to give a report of credits for subscription. Since October 1 1912 we have given 30 (thirty) credits for a new subscription, and 25 credits for an old subscription paid up before the time was out. October 1,1913, we shall send a check to the state making the best record; the amount being twenty per cent of the cash that the state sends in. The second best state gets ten per-cent.

—Subscriptions from Missouri: G. W. Chatman, Silex, Your subscription number is 125; Clara M. Burton, Your subscription number is 215.

—From South Carolina: H. T. Rivers, Walterboro, your subscription number is 125; F. O. Williams, Holly Hill, your subscription number is 175.

—L. H. Johnson, Rochelle, Georgia: Your subscription number is 125.

—From Winston-Salem, North Carolina, all with subscription number 125: Lucy Spencer, S. H. Preston, Mrs. L. F. Ragsdale.

—A. L. W. Shields, Bristow, Oklahoma: Your subscription number is 100.

—We have a communication from some one at Salisbury, Missouri and no name signed. We would like the name of the writer.

—Last Lord's Day good services were held at Preston St. Church, Dallas, Texas, where Bro. Johnson ministers. There was one addition from the Methodists. There will be baptism next Lord's Day. Three others have recently taken membership with them.

—J.M. Hunt, New Castle Pa., : Your subscription number is 125.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

—Subscriptions from Texas all with subscription number 125 : W. L. Moreland, Elderville; K. S. Smith, Dixon; Wm. R. Brown, Cedar Lake; A. J. Hurdle, Dixon; W. B. Washington, Lyons; Y. P. Bowser, Davilla.

—From Mississippi: Mrs. Rella C. Cathey, Thyatira, subscription number, 105; Mrs. Lucinda Dixon, Mound Bayou, subscription number 175; Mrs. Annie L. Thompson, West Point, subscription number 100; Ada Coffee, Port Gibson, subscription number 100.

Notes from Our Schools.

Jarvis Christian Institute

We were very sorry to find after reaching Mt. Vernon, Texas, Friday December 27th that the brethren of the churches that belonged to that district failed to meet with Mt. Vernon to hold the meeting. The members at Mt. Vernon prepared for the meeting and feel that they were somewhat slighted. Still they have the good spirit of the Master and say if you still want to hold the meeting with them you may, Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in January 1913. What you say about it Brother President? (W. P. Mitchell).

When we think of the gifts received for the J. C. I. while on this trip we feel assured it was not in vain if we did not hold the meeting. The first was two boys, Jimie and J. D. Patilla to work for their schooling. They are now on the campus giving good service on the school building, in getting it ready for our opening on the 14 th of January. We were told that there is a boy at Cason, who is planning to come back with Bro. Frost Sunday. This will make the required number of work boys. But if you have the money to pay your way come we have plenty room.

The the following gifts were received while in Mt. Vernon: Mr. and Mrs. Addie Towels Philips, who were united in the holy bond of matrimony Dec. 26 th gave one dollar each. Mr. Philips is one of Canada's best citizens, and has won quite a reputation as a first class practical mechanic since coming to this country. We wish for them great success.

Mt. Vernon Auxiliary gave the following things: Mrs. Lucy Towels, President,—one quilt, one pair of pillows, one pair sheets; Mrs. Lucy Sayles, Secetary,—one counterpane, two pair pillow cases; Mrs. Eliza White, one towel. Who will be the next to fall in line and give to this work? We need stoves, chairs, bedding. tables, brooms, washstands, lamps, wash-bowl. towels, and etc. Will appreciate any thing you may send.

Send all things for the Jarvis Christian Institute to Hawkins, Texas. by mail or express, care of T. B. Frost.

NOTICE.

Churches, Auxiliaries, and individuals sending things to the Jarvis Christian Institute, send these to Hawkins, Texas by freight or express prepaid.

HAWKINS, T. B. FROST

Southern Christian Institute

Each week we write a few words concerning young people who have been enrolled in the Academy during the last two or three years. When a student enrolled in the Academy he is given a number which he always keeps. This week thirty-one is the first we give: 31. Willie Lewis, doing horse work in Jackson. 32. Gertrude Coin, student in the Academy; 33. Pearl Hall, at home in Bovina, Miss.; 34. Marie Watson, married and lives in Memphis, Tenn.; 35. Willie Brown, student in the Academy; 36. Ad Banks, student in the Academy; 37. Delilah Newsome, attending school in Jackson; 38. James Rundles, student in the Academy; 39. Hymon Armstrong, student in the Academy; 40. Stephen Coleman, student in the Academy.

All but two or three students have returned from their Christmas vacation, and we are now trotting on pretty fast towards the Inter-society contest in March.

The manual training department is making study tables for the young women at Smith Hall.

The hot-bed south of the potato house has a wire fence around it. It seems to the writer that this is an ideal place for a hot-bed.

Almost a ton of pork has been put away for the summer's use. Supt. Young butchered a few hogs that weighed almost four hundred pounds each.

The balmy weather of the past few days has brought garden flowers to the tables.

The school note writer has recently received a good letter from Eric W. Hunt, of Bull Bay, Jamacia. Eric was an S. C. I. boy who is doing his best to help his people on the island to a better life. In the course of his letter he says, "The Lord is still blessing my efforts. The congregations are growing steadily under my care. Since coming up here there have been nearly fifty additions.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Parcels Post

FOR SOME forty years there has been kept up an agitation for a law establishing a parcels post. Finally last winter congress passed the law and on January 1, 1913 it went into effect. It will probably take some time for the people to learn to take advantages of it. We are writing this to suggest some ways by which the country people can profit by it. A few months ago we were in Meridian, Mississippi and the lady at whose house we were staying said she paid forty-five cents a dozen for eggs. A few days then after we asked a merchant in Edwards how much he was paying for eggs and he said fifteen cents. Evidently there was some necessity to get producer and consumer together. A day or too later I went to the depot at Edwards and there were five men and women waiting with baskets in their arm for the train to Vicksburg. The the tickets for these persons cost five dollars. Each of them lost a day's time.

Now that we have parcels post these men can go to Vicksburg and arrange with some prominent families or some restaurant or hotel to send so much each week. They can also arrange with them to write them when they need more than the arranged amount. They can then put their eggs in boxes as required by the postal regulations and put them in the post office for from six to twenty-five cents. Thus the man in Vicksburg can get his eggs ten or fifteen cents cheaper and the farmer can make ten or fifteen more a dozen. Besides this the men who made regular trips save their car fare and while they are making trips to Vicksburg they can be setting hens and building coops and planting corn to feed the little chicks. While to some this may seem small it will leave in Hinds County each year a hundred thousand dollars more money. The old cotton raising custom of handling lots of money was a fearful demoralizer and people did not put this money to proper use. If the people in the Delta of the Mississippi would practise economy and make proper investment they would soon be the best fixed people in the world.

But it must be remembered that money making alone does not bring happiness. It is only when people become thrifty for the purpose of taking better care of their children and doing better work that money making brings happiness. No matter how many laws the government passes, if the people do not learn to take conscientious advantages of these they will do them no good.

But to get back to the parcels post, we suggest that each farmer take a trip to his nearest city, one which is within the first postal unit if possible, and hunt up some customer for his chickens, eggs, butter, early potatoes, greens, cabbage, melons, etc. It may be the home of some big business man, some permanent lawer, a supreme judge,a restaurant keeper, or anyone who needs much of this kind of things. An industrious farmer can look him up a half dozen such and then he will not need to go again till fall. At the end of each month the customer can pay off.

The average farmer who has a wife and six or seven children can raise as much cotton and corn as he ever did and still raise things to send to his city customers each week. If the parcels post does not put a hundred thousand dollars in each populous county in the next few years it will be because the people have not energy enough to adapt themselves to the new conditions.

The BIBLE IN THE HOME

But in these latter days parents leave largely reading and study of the Bible to the Sunday-school. We do not discount the work of the Sunday-school; but neither the Sunday-school nor the Church can take the place of the Bible in the home. No father or mother should relegate the whole of this duty to the Sunday-school. The home is the place to make the Bible popular with children and the wise father or the saintly mother can so burn its popular features into the minds and hearts of children as to make it a valuable asset in their days. The Bible ought to be made the foundation principles of the home life. Upon it all lines of domestic living and thinking ought to be projected. It is there we learn the value of truthfulness, honesty, sobriety and virtue: and when children learn these cardinal truths, they are given a moral and a religious upport that will never fail them. Therefore let the family make the Bible their staple book in the training of their children.—Florida Christian Advocate.

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this 'Notice" it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—Mrs. Julia Sloan and Mr. Wm. Pruitt recently were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, 424 W. Bond St., Denison, Texas. Mrs. Sloan is known as an industrious women; she resigned as post mistress at Wybark, Oklahoma a few weeks ago.

—Since Sept. 26, 1912, Bro. Edwin F. Jackson has sent in ten new annual subscriptions. Bro. and Sister Bostick and Bro. and Sister Alphin have sent in about that many. Others have done fine. Why not organize 'The Tenth Legion?" You know they were the best soldiers in Caesar's army.

—J. Carroll Mc Coy, Minden, Louisiana: Your subscription number is 120.

—Wm. Davis, Harleyville, S. C. : Your subscription number is 125.

—Subscriptions from Dale, S. C. ; all with subscription number 130 : Mrs. Anna Corkley, Mrs. D. Bayou, and Nat Drayton.

—Mrs. Maude Peachy, Houston, Tex. ; Your subscription number is 130.

—We are in receipt of the Beaufort (S. C.) Gazette. In it we read of the very high moral standing of Beaufort and Chester Counties. The people of either race will not tolerate lawlessness. And the culprit who commits a crime is not shielded by his race, and speedy justice is meted out to him. We trust that soon all sections of our country shall come thus to revere the majesty of the law.

—A mishap in the printing-office may throw next week's paper late. Machinery does break sometimes.

Notes from Our Schools.

Martinsville Christian Institute

When each one had done his best to make a creditable mark in the examinations which closed the fall term, and after enjoying President Lehman's visit to our school, most of our students hurried away to spend the Christmas Holidays with the friends at home. The coming of the New Year brought these earnest seekers after knowledge back, with few exceptions. While these few are playing truant, the greater portion of the student body is going right ahead. Most of the classes take up one or more new subjects this term, and thus feel that they are daily adding to their store of useful knowledge. Advanced work in mathematics, rhetoric, literature, and music is begun by the senior class. The pure, limpid stream of English Literature proves an ever increasing delight. Especial interest seems to attach itself to the study of the life and works of some of the most prominent Masters of music. The middle Class at this time begins botany and agriculture, two fascinating subjects for the inquiring mind of youth. Juniors are trying hard to learn what things of the physical world exert important influences on men so that they can better adapt themselves to their surroundings. Preparatory subjects are always in order; while, the Bible, especially a study of its worthy characters, has always had ample space in our varied and well-planned course. The hand is trained by well-directed work in basketry, chair caning, needle work, bead work, and dressmaking. It is impossible to tell all in this one short article. Many of the things learned may be considered accomplishments; yet, nothing is taught for the sake of accomplishment alone. All are taught that these things can be turned to practical account; either for the benefit to oneself, or for that of his fellowman.

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Our Duties as Christians

By Florence E. Blackburn.

We find duties each day of our lives. Some thing we know we ought to do. We in our work and dealings with others know that it is our duty to be true and loyal. Take it in our organizations of today each member feels that it is his duty to come up to what is put before him and too he feels that it is a part of his work to make the work of his society known and to get as many as possible to become a part of their number. We feel that it is our duty to pay our dues and we can not help but to pay it and indeed it is a great idea if you will only carry it far enough. We stop all of our duties with the wordly things. The most of us have not yet reached the place where we can see our duties as Christian. But the duties of the Christians are far beyond worldly things. Some feel it is enough just to say you are a Christian. Some feel that the name Christian makes you a Christian but this name is no more than any other name, if we don't do as we are command to do. Some may ask what are the commandments. We know they are not just to be a Christian and not to do anything to make this great big world better. So it is our duty to work. What kind of work are we going to do; when are we going to do it? Are you going to wait until you are old to begin? No, we are to begin now and we are going to do the work the Christians are expected to do The work of the christian is not the kind of work we find out in social life. We find every body working for self and reaching out for worldly things. This is not so in the Church. The Christian feels or should feel that it is his duty not to work for self but for others as Christ did. He tells us to, "be doers and not hearers only." There are so many who are hearers only, in our churches to day. We have so many who are wearing the name of Christ and they are doing nothing to prove that they are Christians.

There are too many in the churches who are not doing their duties as christians. Some think it is not the Christians duty to work; these are simply depending on some one else to perform their duties for them. In your other work you feel that every one should bear his part. Why don't you feel the same towards yous church work and stop riding while one or two do the pulling and help them with it.

There is no one who feels that he can live without something to live on; the same is true with the Church and you as a Christian should make it your duty to do your part in order that the Church may have something to live on.

Is it not the duty of the Christians to teach the ones who do not know of Christ? Did not Christ command us to go into all parts of the world and teach? How can we teach those who do not know of Christ? By sending them teachers. Let us call them missionaries. There are some who say they are Christians and won't do any thing to help these teachers, not even speak a word in their behalf. Still they can say that are performing the duties of a christian What do you think about it? Some never do anything to help others; never do anything that will make some one else happy; never make any effort to take any part because they are not the ones in charge. This is not a christian's duty.

We, to be what Christ expects, must help when even we have an opportunity to do so, Now as a Christian, perform your duties well.

Get What You Want.

[William Johnson, in the American Magazine.]

Get what you want in this world. It's here waiting for you. All you have to do is to reach for it. If you reach hard enough and far enough and long enough, yon'll get it, no matter what it is you want.

Suppose you are foolish enough to want great wealth. You can get it. But to get it you must make up your mind that you want wealth, that you want it above everything else in this world.

Observe an industrious alien with a push-cart. He wants a thousand dollars. He sleeps in a cellar. He rises at four. He works till ten at night. He denies himself food to save. Some day he will have his thousand dollars.

"But," you protest, "I can't sleep in a cellar. I'm above running a push-cart." Very well, then. There is little likehood that you will ever be rich. There are other things that you want more than wealth—your comfort, your social position.

Suppose you are more sensible. Suppose that it is success you want. Good! There are few joys in this world that can compare with the joy of achievement Set your mark and start climbing toward it. You'll reach it if you keep at it. Be persistent and be patient. If you are in Maine you cannot wish yourself in California. You can't get there overnight, either. But you'll get there sometime if you start and keep going, even if you go on your hands and knees.

But remember this: No man ever climbs higher than the mark he sets himself. No man ever reaches the top walking sideways. No man achieves who keeps turning back.

And one thing more:

Pick you apple carefully before you start to climb the tree. Some apples are sour.

Reports From the Field.

Arkansas

To the GOSPEL PLEA readers:

A happy and prosperous New Year to you all. The old year with its joys and sorrow has taken its place with the things of the past. The New Year will no doubt bring many changes both social and religious, yet we hope that the changes made will bring better results in the work of the Master.

I regret very much to know of the ill health of Bro. C. C. Smith, who has been for many years an efficient worker as Secretary of the Negro work, (notwithstanding we have a splendid man in the person of J. B. Lehman in his place), yet it seems so lonesome without him. We pray that the change of home and the anticipated rest will be convalescence to him and that he may live many years to give timely advice to humanity. May their new home he a pleasure.

Brethren, I am truly sorry to see reports from Educational Rally coming so slowly. Bro. Alphin spoke of extending the time until spring and make another effort to try to reach the $1000 mark. Brethren, I think that a good thought and we should go to work in earnest to reach that amount. Nothing would be more inspiring to Bro. C. C. Smith, on retiring from the work, than to see through the gospel $1000 raised by the Negro churches.

I am preaching for two small congregations in our state, one has already sent in to that fund and I am now sending $7.75 from the other. Still I am not satisfied with a small offering from even both of my congregations. I would be glad to know that the Negro Churches would raise the $1000. before the year's work closes.

Brethren, I am willing to help make the rally. I suggest that one day Bro. Lehman make another appointment for the rally collection sometime between now and April, and that every church be asked through the Plea to take the collection under any human circumstances. As for myself, saying nothing about what' I have done, I will give five dollars in the collection and would be glad to see through the columns of the Plea how many more pastors, evangelists, or ministers will do likewise.

We hope that the former method of taking this collection which was a failure will be dispensed with that is, that the ministers and officers of the church will refer to that day as set apart, make no special provision, give no special attention, they give practically nothing, and in some cases nothing. Brethren we have some preachers in our state that don't contribute to the cause for anything, saying nothing about Foreign or Home work. They do nothing for local work, yet they want every dollar the people will give for their own benefit. I don't know how it is in your state, but, believe me, brethren, those ministers are in poorer circumstances by far than those who are sacrificing and trying to keep the work going. The Bible says that those who sow sparingly shall reap likewise. I believe that the ministers and officers should not only mention the time but should come forth with a liberal contribution. If they are to lead the people spiritually, I can't see where they are to be released financially. No sir, they should be an example.

Say, Brother pastors, how many will give five dollars in that collection? If we can get fifty pastors, just 50 in the U. S. to give $5.00 each, that would make $250.00 on the amount behind. Then I believe with the help of other friendly ministers, laity and friends, we will be able to reach the $1000, and make glad the heart of Brother C. C. Smith by having the same amount engraved on the loving cup spoken of by Brother Thomas. Shall we have a date? Will the Brethren fall in line and help raise the amount?

Hoping to hear encouraging reports, I am yours in the work of this blest New Year for our Master.

ARGENTA, M. M. BOSTICK,

Texas

Editor of the PLEA: I am delighted to appear in your most valuable and interesting paper again. I have kept myself as a stranger to you since I last subscribed. But when I say I am better known as Mrs. Julia Isam I am quite sure you will remember my old subscription. I have read some interesting pieces from a number of our christian workers some of whom I know personally. I am always glad to read of the christian work. We have had a hard time in Boley, Oklahoma. and are now moving on slowly. I have also connected myself to the little flock in Muskogee, Oklahoma, who are doing well and will build in short. Our white friends are doing what they can for us there. I am now back in Denison probably to stay as I will get married to night at 7:30. This town has no Church of Christ. Who will come here and help me to plant the Christian doctrine here? Some one come and help me. I know I will feel lonely by myself. If we

can get a few members we can begin in the work. I shall write more in the next letter. When you send my paper again address,

Denison, Mrs. J. E. Pruitt.

Dear Editor;—

I hope this year we will all do well in our Bible School. I hear that the Bible School in Ft. Worth is growing very much by the help of the Lord. I attended the Bible School in Ft. Worth last year and I could see that it was improving. Now I am attending the Bible and High School at Greenville and I am now in the high 5th and hope to make another grade soon. I am trying to finish in High School so that I might go to the College in Texas. I am awful glad to know it is finished. May the Lord bless our school,

Peniel, Henrietta Mayweathers.

Gone before

Sister Frankie Johnson departed this life Dec. 16, 1912 She was born the 25th day of December, 1888. She confessed her Savicur and was baptized at the age of thirteen. She was of quiet disposition and loved the church. She married to Mr. Eddie Johnson in 1908. To them was born one child. A faithful member of Vanalstyne Christian Church, a loving wife, an affectionate mother has gone to be present with the Lord. She leaves father, one brother, husband and child, and many friends and relations to mourn her departure. Funeral services conducted by the writer.

Dallas, H. M. Johnson.

Louisiana

Editor of The Gospel Plea,—

I am very much pleased to note that it is the plan and purpose of the Staff of the Gospel Plea to enlarge the paper. Realizing that the Plea is the official organ of our schools and churches, and that no enterprise requiring the co-operation of different persons can prosper to the interest taken in it by those for whom it was established, I feel that it is the indispensable duty of every member of the Christian church (colored) to subscribe for the Plea.

Fraternally,

Minden, J. Carroll McCoy

Mississippi

Dear Editor of The Gospel Plea:—Please allow space in your columns for these few words, of the district meeting to be held Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Feb. 1913, with the Christian Church of Hermanville, Miss. We ask all ministers, officers and S. S. workers to attend this meeting that we may have a successful meeting. For brethren, the success of our coming convention depends on the start we make in our district meetings so I ask one and all to turn out and make the meeting a success.

Yours for the work,

Hermanville, S. Flowers, District Evangelist

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION FOR 1913

The Youth's Companion appeals to every interest of the family life, from housekeeping to athletics. It begins with stories of youthful vim and vigor, with articles which disclose the secrets of successful play in the games, with charming tales of life at the girls' colleges. But The Companion does not surrender these readers when they have entered the most serious paths of life. Mothers will welcome the page for the little children and the weekly doctor's article. Fathers will find the important news of the days as it is, and not as it is rumored to be. The entire household will appreciate the sketches which touch gently on common foible or caricature eccentricity. In short for less than four cents a week The Companion brings into the home clean entertainment, pure inspiration, fine ideals, increase of knowledge.

Names rarely seen in tables of contents will be found in The Companion's Announcement for 1913, which will be sent upon request—with samples of the paper, to those not familiar with it.

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NOTICE.

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Hawkins, T. B. Frost

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Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Africa

Dear Readers: We are all safe at the mission Station. Have just come from our first Lord's Day service where thirty nine were present at Sunday School but more for church. The writer gave a short talk and extended the invitation. Four accepted that Name of names, three boys and one girl. It was a glorious time. We have here a great field of labor. Just where to begin we hardly know. I guess we will have to start in the middle and work all four ways. We cannot tell you just how happy and glad we are to be here in this place.

So far the Lord has stayed the fever which will come sooner or later.

Our whole trip was one of delight. We had a great experience on the Junk river. We were on this river a whole night. The first three or four miles were some what gloomy. However as we descended to the larger part it did not seem so much so. Snags logs, short turns and darkness were against us on the way. Our head light was a lantern and it had to be on the canoe behind. We ate breakfast at Monrovia the morning as we were leaving and did not have any more to eat for for thirty-six hours. No sleep for forty or more. We did not get hungry or sleepy. The sight seeing, the talk of the natives, and their appearance would naturally make one forget he had to eat or sleep. What a joy it is to be here.

Think of the natives all around us without the knowledge of Christ. Many of them large and fine of stature, nothing needed but the touch of christian culture. I have not seen any place about here that shows the same kind of touch of the Christ as does this place where Jacob lived and taught. What a wonderful work he did and yet it seems that not anything has been done when you look about and see what is to be done. My soul goes out for this needy people.

Mrs. Smith and baby, Willie Sue, are getting dinner out of doors in the old fashioned way. There is not a stove at the mission. We are happy just the same. I have a lot more to say, indeed, "the half has not yet been told." I will tell it to you as time goes on. I know three or four words in Bassa.

Men and women are dying by the thousands in this and other lands without knowing Christ, and yet so few in christian America are moved to do their full duty. We should not call it a duty but a blessed privilege to be allowed to work with Christ in redeeming the world.

Yours in the Master's service,

Liberia, H. G. Smith.

An Answered Prayer

She asked to be made like her Savior;
He took her right then at her word,
And sent her a heart crushing burden
Till the depths of her soul was stirred.

She asked for a faith strong, yet simple;
He permitted the dark clouds to come,
And she staggered by faith through the darkness
For the storm had quite obscured the sun.

She prayed to be filled with a passion
Of love for lost souls and for God,
And again in response to her longings,
She sank neath the chastening rod.

She wanted a place in His vineyard:
He took her away from her home,
And placed her among hardened sinners
Where she humanly-stood alone.

She saw she must give up her ambitions
Which had been her "air castles" for years;
But as she knelt in consecration,
She whispered "Amen," through her tears.

She wanted a meek, lowly spirit;
The work He gave answered that cry,
Till some who had once been companions,
With a pitying smile passed her by.

She asked to lean hard on her Savior;
He took human props quite away,
Till no earthly friend could give comfort,
And she could do nothing but pray.

I saw her go out in the vineyard,
To harvest the ripening grain;
Her eyes were still moistened with weeping,
Her heart was yet throbbing with pain.

But many a heart that was broken,
And many a wrecked, blighted life
Was made to thank God for her coming,
And rejoiced in the midst of the strife.

She had prayed to be made like the Savior,
And the burdens He gave her to bear
Had been but the great Sculptor's teaching,
To help answer her earnest prayer.

—SELECTED.

SCHOOL NOTES

(Continued from Page 2)

We are calling for more boys and girls of the right kind. Do you seek and know the worth of an opportunity?

MARTINSVILLE, ALFRED E SPENCER.

Lum Graded School

We have been silent a long time; but we are in harmony and keep in touch with the workers. We hope from now on, to let the workers and readers of the PLEA keep in touch with us.

Our work has been of such nature as to make the comparison of a heavy loaded wagon. We have been so we could not make any noise.

The writer got idle first and made the first noise.

Pres. Lehman was our welcome visitor Dec. 26 1912. His visit seemed to lighten burdens, and make our souls glad. The teachers and students seem to have put on new vigor, and are doing better work I have begun to think they had some latent energy stored up. But Mr. Lehman's talk to the Faculty was so inspiring nothing but good can follow it.

Miss Savage, one the Rural School teachers visited us Dec. 26. She found things better than she expected. Come again Miss Savage.

I should write to the PLEA this morning for three hogs were killed yesterday and we will have fresh pork for dinner.

If you want to keep up close to us subscribe for the Alabama Plea.

A good deal of moving is going on throughout the community.

Many wedding bells have been ringing and are ringing, but none on our campus.

Miss Hunt of the S. C. I., Mrs. Ross of Eureka, Miss Parson of Coffeeville, Kansas sent old Santa to see us.

Our school work is very successful. Our enrollment exceeds the past years for first quarter.

Yours in the work,

LUM, GEORGIE FRANKLIN.

Southern Christian Institute

This week we start with Academic student number 41. In this series we tell something of Academy students who have been during the past two or three years or are now in the Academy. 41. Robert Gooden, Student in the Academy; volunteer for the African mission field; 42. Hattie Fisher, at home in Jackson; 43. Louise Hunt, student in the Academy; 44. Guss Major, working in Edwards; 45. Sadie Williams, at her home in Heathman, Mississippi, 46-Pauline Fletcher, at her home in Demopolis, Alabama; 47. Adlena Woodard, at her home in Cedar Lake, Texas; 48. Luverne Barnett, teaching at Matthews, Alabama; 40. Lucinda Rolla, teaching at Palestine, Texas; 50. Cordelia Moseley, student in the Academy.

A number of the young men at Belding Hall, students in the Academy, are reading the Life of George Washington, by Woodrow Wilson, and are intending to write essays for the prizes offered by the Chicago Daily Record Herald.

Supt. Young is having the gardens plowed.

S. C. I.—Jan. 17, 1913.

A Whisper to the Teacher

BY REV. H. B. HARTZLER.

Go, speak to Jesus, first.
Then to the child. Go, let Him speak to thee.
Who taught on earth in Judah's waning days,
On mountain slopes, along the pebbly beach.
And on the joyous billows of the sea.
Yes, in the closet hear His voice, who spake
As never man did speak. Ask for His mind,
Whose patience bore the burdens of a world.
Ask trustingly; the promise is to thee;
Thou shalt receive. Then meet the child as one
For whom the Savior died. That ransomed soul—
God knows—it may be given thee to lift
The little fledgeling to an angel's seat.
O touch not heedlessly the chords that thrill
To gladness or to woe. Lay gentle hands
On things that tell the tale in other worlds.
Go, speak to Jesus; wait His answering word;
Then tell the trusting child, like one who comes,
Transfigured, from the mount of prayer.

The Silent

There is a sighing in the wood,
A murmur in the beating wave:
The heart has never understood
To tell in words the thoughts they gave.

Yet oft it feels an answering tone,
When wandering on the lonely shore;
And, could the lips its voice make known,
'Twould sound as does the ocean's roar.

And oft beneath wind-swept pine
Some chord is struck the strain to swell;
Nor sounds nor language can define—
'Tis not for words or sounds to tell.

'Tis all unheard that Silent Voice,
Whose going forth, unknown to all,
Bids bending reed and birds rejoice,
And fills with music Nature's hall.

And in the speechless human heart
It speaks, where'er man's feet have trod,
Beyond the lips' deceitful art.
To tell of him, the unseen God.

—Jones Very.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for February 2

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson V.

The Flood.

Gen. 6:9-22; 7:11-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." —Rom. 6:23.

TIME.—Uncertain. According to Usher 2348 B. C. PLACE.—Mountains of Ararat. PERSONS.—Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives.

INTRODUCTION

Approximately sixteen centuries have passed between the events of the last lesson and this. Read the fourth chapter, sixteenth verse, to the sixth chapter and eighth verse in order to get a right perspective for the study of the flood.

EXPLANATORY

9. THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF NOAH.—The word "generations" is here used to mark the beginning of a new section in the family history of the race. Noah started a new series of "generations." NOAH WALKED WITH GOD.—This expression is applied only to Enoch and Noah, and indicates a companionable relation to God which is very fine.

10. AND NOAH BEGAT THREE SONS.—Shem, the first named son, became the ancestor of Abraham and the Israelites, and of the Oriental peoples generally, including Arabians, Midianites and Syrians. Ham, the second named son, became the ancestor of the southern quarter of the globe—particularly Africa. The Egyptians, Babylonians and Phoenicians were of this origin. Japheth, the third named son, became the ancestor of several groups, the earliest being the Brahmins of India, another being the Medes and Persians, still another founding the Greek and Roman civilizations, and the fourth occupying Europe and developing into German, French and English peoples. The descendants of Japheth were the slowest to mature. but are now in the ascendency.

11, 12. AND THE EARTH WAS CORRUPT...FILLED WITH VIOLENCE.—The explanation of this decadence in morals is given in the early verses of this chapter.

11. IN THE SIX HUNDREDTH YEAR OF NOAH'S LIFE.—The extreme longevity of these patriarchs is doubted by many. IN THE SECOND MONTH.—Authorities are not agreed as to whether the religious year or the civil year is meant, hence the second month is a matter of conjecture. The fact that the very day of the month and year is given, is taken as a proof of the historic nature of the narrative. THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WERE OPENED.—These beautiful but simple figures of speech are meant to convey the fact that there was a great deluge of water.

12. FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS.—Afterward, Israel wandered forty years in the wilderness; the scouts were forty days in Canaan; Moses, forty days in the Mount; Elijah fasted forty days: Christ fasted forty days and was on earth forty days after his resurrection.

13. INTO THE ARK.—The dimensions of the ark are given in chapter 6:14. A cubit was about eighteen inches. The ark was therefore 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet deep. "It is not necessary to suppose that Noah and his three sons built this vast vessels with their own hands. He was probably a powerful chieftain, and many of the Sethites may have given him aid. Implements of iron had been invented by the Cainites, and on the intermarriage of the two lines would be brought into general use.—R. P. Smith. It is estimated that its carrying capacity was thirty-eight thousand tons. GOPHER WOOD.—"Cypress in the Greek is almost the same word as gopher." The lasting qualities of cypress are well known.

16. AND JEHOVAH SHUT HIM IN.—Letting the Bible convey its own meaning, it is plain that God providentially looked after and took care of the selected few through whom his purposes were to be carried out.

20. AND THE MOUNTAINS WERE COVERED.—Not only did it rain, but (v. 11) "all the fountains of the great deep were broken up."

21, 22. AND ALL FLESH DIED. The direct and immediate object was the extermination of that wicked race whose heaven-daring impiety and hopeless impenitence was the real danger that menaced the cause and people of God.

23. NOAH ONLY WAS LEFT.—That is Noah and his family. "We have reason to think, that while the long-suffering of God, Noah not only preached to, but prayed for, that wicked world, and would have turned away the wrath; but his prayers return into his own bosom, and are answered only in his own escape; which is plainly referred to in Ezek. 14:14.

Pres. Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

"IF ANY man would come unto me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Many people have thought that this meant only that if they wanted to become a Christian they must take up their cross, but that if they did not want to become a Christian they would not need to take up their cross. They did not stop to think that Jesus explained in the next verse that "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall find it." In other words if a man would follow Jesus he must take up his cross and the reward will be the full development of his own life; but, if he does not want to follow him because he does not want to take up his cross because he wants to use all his energies to gratify himself, he will lose all in this life that is good and he will face the life beyond without a ray of hope. The law of God is that we must use all our powers to make the world better, or failing to do so, we will be ruined ourselves. We have a cross to bear and we must bear it as he bore his.

But how little the world has understood what is meant by taking up a cross and bearing it. Let us give a few concrete examples. The Christian people of this great Anglo-Saxon nation were sixty years ago an isolated body of laborers on whom God depended for the advancement of his cause. A few caught the vision and began to labor with all races at home and some few went to the far off heathen on the other side of the globe. The acts of those who labored for the elevation of the other races at home and of those who went to the heathen in far countries were repugnant to very many. They wanted them left alone for fear their elevation might infringe upon their special privileges. In other words they were not willing to take up their cross and follow him. But now we are beginning to see that the act of these few is all that will save us in the future. If a good Christian leadership were not now developed for the Negroes, there would be no power to save up from the degeneration which has been the lot of the Spanish aristocracy of Spanish America. And if such a collapse should overtake our American civilization, it would be untold disaster for the whole world. Again, if our missionaries had not gone to Japan and China and those nations would have been left to learn civilization from our traders their new national government would have been built on entirely different foundation and these countries would some day overwhelm our civilization. As it is, we can now trust Japan and China, for they have learned their fundamental lessons from our foremost Christian men and women. They have already shown more forbearance and true humility than our nation itself shows. If now the American nation learns the true meaning of taking up its cross it will become the teachers for all these nations and in doing this God will promote it to the supervisorship of the world's advancement. According to the creed of some politicians who do not know the abc's of cross bearing, we should seek to keep all these people ignorant. That is, we should look out for our own interest and not jeopardise our rights by allowing others to rise in the scale of advancement. Ah, this is the philosophy of seeking to save our lives and it will most certainly end in losing all of life that is worth having.

The negroes also have a lesson to learn here. If they would find the true secrets of life, they too must take up their cross and follow him. If they should content themselves with boasting how many lawyers and doctors and bankers they have produced and how much property they own, they would be seeking to serve their own selfish interests and in the end they would be sure to lose all. Let them now learn to deny themselves and take up their cross and they will find themselves in the association of the foremost christian men and women the world over. When it comes to great missionary and benevolent enterprises in which the Spirit of God leads there is no racial distinction. They are all made of our blood.

The time has surely come when the Negro Disciples of Christ must take up their cross by making a real sacrifice. They must lay by so they can give. True giving means to make provision for giving. This is now January 1913. A really consecrated man will begin now to lay by to give one dollar, five dollars, ten dollar, twenty-five dollars, fifty dollars, or one hundred dollars next fall. Add to this pile from time to time and always pray over it and you will know what a joy crossbearing is. Ah, so very many know nothing of what cross bearing means. If they did, we could raise one hundred thousand in Mississippi alone.

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Personals

—Bro. Isaac Crayton, Circleville, Texas, writes concerning the work at Circleville. He says he is likely to become pastor of the church again. The work has not progressed very well since he left. He has done some good work for the GOSPEL PLEA.

—Bro. C.H. Dickerson, Nicholasville, Kentucky sends us the following card: Rev. W. M. Brown, Cedar Lake Tex. "What sort of Christian Minister's Manual did Pastor H.W. Woodard ask you to get up and read to that Baptist preacher? What was the important part? Tell us through the Plea we'll want to feel glad together."

—We trust our friends will be very careful in ordering their papers changed. Please use a form something like. -Change J. H. Jones' PLEA from 14 Scott St., Martin, Ark. to 17 Andover St., Martin Ark.

—The following amounts of money were raised by Mrs. Mary A. Alphin and turned over at the dedicatory services of the Jarvis Christian Institute: Mrs. Sarah Harwood, of the Dallas Auxiliary (white) for cooking utensils and range, $100; Greenville auxiliary, $20; Waco auxiliary, $20; Fort Worth auxiliary, $3.50; Mt. Vernon auxiliary, $5.25; Shady Grove auxiliary, $2.50; Taylor auxiliary, $1.50; Paris, auxiliary, $10.00; Mrs. Rachel Field, Hillsboro, $5.00; total $167.75.

The following items were collected at the dedicatory services: C. A. Walker, $10.00; Mrs. Mattie Byrd, $5.00; I. Q Cooper, M. Knight, A. Price, J. E. Anderson, K. S. Smith, D. Lewis, Thomas B. Frost, R. Price, Mrs. E. Riter, W. P Mitchell, Mrs. Ida V. Jarvis and Mrs. Thomas each gave $1.00 and others to the amount of $5.80, but five dollars were used for a local expense. $195.55 were sent to Mrs. Anna R. Atwater.

—C. C. Smith, Los Angeles, California: Your scription number is 125.

—B. C. Criddle, Pittsburg, Texas: Your subsubscription number is 130.

—L. C. Davis, Muskogee, Oklahoma: Your subscription number is 105.

—Mrs. George Riter, Forney, Texas: Your subscription number is 130.

—We have been sending out a number of samples copies for four weeks free. If you have been getting one, an invitation is hereby extended to you to send in a dollar for a year, fifty cents a half year,or twenty five cents for thirteen weeks, become a regular subscriber. The rank and file of the Church membership has not yet learned how much service they may be to the work of the Master's kingdom, just by subscribing for the GOSPEL PLEA. In dealing with an electric light system, you have to look out for "live wires."

NOTICE.

I hereby call a meeting of the stock holders of the Southern Christian Institute to meet in the office of A. J. Lewis in the town of Edwards, Mississippi, Februrary 10, 1913 at 3 P. M. for the purpose of electing seven trustees for the term of five years beginning January 1st 1913 and ending January 1st 1918.

ANNA R. ATWATER, President of Board.

Notes from Our Schools.

Lum Graded School

He who said, "If instead of a gem or even a flower we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend that would be giving as the angels give," surely understood the value of a

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Texas

Dear Readers of the GOSPEL PLEA: I must tell you how I enjoy reading your many letters. I love to read them because I believe they came straight from your hearts. They ring true. I especially enjoy the student's letters for they give one some insight on the result of their training. This will act as a stimulant to the workers who are pushing this line of work.

I mean to do all in my power to put the PLEA in as many homes in Dallas as I can. It is not an easy task to interest the people of a big wicked City (though they be called Christian), in a religious paper. Still there is always a remnant who are loyal to the Master's work.

We are trying to work up a reading circle if we succeed in this we will be able to put the PLEA, with other religious literature in several homes.

Bro. Charley Wallick is very sick also Sister Kanod. Let us pray for their recovery The writer has been visiting her mother at Waco, Texas, found her quite well. The Church there I believe is gaining strength under the leadership of Bro. J. E. Anderson.

I must say for the J. C. I. that it is God's magnet to draw the people of Texas together. I am close to the internal workings of the Christians of Texas, and can perhaps, read the sign better than those at a distances I will only say, watch, work, and pray and look for the power of our God.

Yours in Christ.

(One who loves union).

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—After reading the issue of Jan. the 18 th. I beg to relate a few facts concerning our church work at Roxton with a few earnest workers, the number is ten with our beloved pastor Bro. L. H. Crawford our great leader. We started last March with just ten and now our number is sixty-five. We baptized sixteen, we built a church at the cost of $800.00 all of which was raised and paid out in about eight months so Mr. Editor and your many readers, you see that the work of christian faith is yet alive in this part of God's vineyard. We did a good work notwithstanding there is much to be done yet. I subscribed for your PLEA last October, and it is like a letter from home. I am always very proud to get my PLEA so I will not worry you this time. I shall write again,

D. T. RODGERS.

Oklahoma.

Editor GOSPEL PLEA.

Dear Sir and Brother, Enclosed please find $ .50 for six months subscription to the PLEA for Elder L. C. Davis Box. 18 Fondulac St. Muskogee, Okla. I have the promise of others to follow soon. The first meeting of the Eastern District Convention of Oklahoma is a thing of the past. Enclose please find a short report of same. The Church at Muskogee is taking on new life. We had two additions last Lord's Day and two the Lord's Day before, making nine in all since I took charge of the work two months ago. We had a visit from the State Evangelist Bro. Wickizer on Lord's Day, who preached us a very instructive sermon which did us untold good. He promised to visit us again. We are enthuastic over the prospects of having a new house of worship. I hope the spirit of the Master may keep up until we are housed. I will close till next time.

Fraternally,

MUSKOGEE, R. B. WELLS.

Tennessee

A New Year's Message to the Church of Christ,

BY W. P. MARTIN.

Philippians, 3, 13, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

First: we will notice the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the Philippian Brethren to forget those things which are behind. No doubt the Philippians in the days of Paul were contending over many things of the past, that were bringing fast reproach of sin upon the Church of Jesus Christ.

The spirit of the apostle Paul was to save the Church and strengthen the brethren wherever he went. Paul brought to mind that there were many things that were in the way of their Christian progress. May the churches of Jesus Christ consider as we have lived in health, prosperity, and exhileration of spirit in the past year,—millions are enjoying the light of the new year, 1913. Now, will we forget those things that are behind, and go on to perfection in righteousness.

Elders, deacons, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ, can you see in the above outline of Scripture, the impossibility for a Christian to go forward in righteousness, who fails to forget the things which are behind? Can you see the possibility for the Christian's great success in the Church of Jesus Christ who will forget those things which are behind—forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which

Reports From the Field.

are before. "Therefore, we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" Phil. 3:14.

The man who fails to forget and forgive, is tied, he cannot win the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The man who has the will power and the spirit of the heavenly Father to break off from those old things, free himself from the many things that have obscured the pathway of righteousness—that man can reach forth unto those things which are before and win the prize. Allow me to repeat myself, I said the man who fails to forget is tied, it takes the will power, the spirit of Christ to break the cord with which he is tied.

I will illustrate it by telling this true story. A man physically strong entered a boat to cross a great river, he had the oars, he used them with all his power, but the boat failed to move. Now what do you reckon was the matter? A great number of people were standing at the water's edge to see the man cross the great river. He certainly used his oars but it did not cause the slightest move of the boat upon the surface of the water.

Finally a message of deliverance came to him. A Christian man standing afar off, called to this strong man in the boat in tones of thunder, "Loose the cable, loose the cable." Then immediately with his will power, and the spirit of obedience to that good man that was standing afar, untied the cable, took up his oars the boat immediately begin to plow the waves toward the other shore.

How many christians are tied with the cable of hatred and many other evils, will loose the cable put their trust in him who guides the above and will guide our souls aright.

At mid ocean he sang this song, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie."

The echo hurled back to where he started, and brought joy to those standing on the shore.

I have met in my ministerial travel a great number of members of the Church of Christ, who would not say postively whether they were advancing in the cause of Christianity or standing still. That person has not yet loosed the cable, and forgotten the things which are behind.

All who belong to the Church of Christ will not confess their Christianity in its progressiveness. Are those who have failed to forget the the things which are behind and loose the cable?

Now, the question may arise in the minds of our readers, what are those things which Paul exhorted to forget? I will say, the same scripture appeals to us as it did to the Philippians. Perhaps we have not the same things to deal with in the twentieth century that Paul and the Philippians had to confront in the first century.

Paul was speaking to them of the things that exist in their every day lives.

While we, the twentieth century Christians, to properly apply this passage of Scripture, must consider the things that presently exist in the Church of Christ—not one thing only, but a plurality of things.

Also it must consist of those things which are not in harmony, with the teaching of the New Testament Scripture.

First, do away with all "man made" laws,creeds and rules. No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible, no name but Christian, this is what every true christian should stand for.

Now I shall name some of the things that we should forget, that are practised by some of the high fly, so called society Christians, of thetwentieth century. 1. We have the card players. 2. Waltzer, 3. the theatre goer, 4. the booze fighter, 5. the gambler, 6. the libertine, 7. the tattler, 8. the liar, 9. the cheat, 10. the fraud, 11. the crooked politician, 12. the vote buyer and vote seller.

The twentieth century preacher, must make a speciality of church hypocrites and lambast every sin, from the cradle to the grave.

These are some of the things that should be forgotten.

The christian who practices such things should untie the cable and free himself.

Now what shall the guilty church member do? James, 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed, the effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much." James, 4: 7. "Submit yourselves there-fore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.'

When we can become more like the Christ, that we can forget all the things that we have wrongfully committed during the past year—break off from every idle habit, and all things that do offend, drive out all bitter envying and strife in your heart, drive against your brother, then the church of Church will grow as never before. Ephesian 6:10, "Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to

stand against the devil." Phil.4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice." Why? If we are Christians, only we know that our names are written in the Lamb's book in heaven.

Yours for progressive Christianity,

W. P. MARTIN.

Kansas.

To the Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:

I know there are readers of the PLEA, who would like to hear something from this part of the vineyard.

All things considered I would say we are getting on nicely.

On the last Lord's Day in Dec. the Church was favored with the presence of Bro. Van Da Zee of Lincoln, Nebraska and Bro. B. C. Duke.

Bro. Van Da Zee, preaching for us 11:00 o'clock A. M. and Bro. Duke at 7:30 P. M. Brother Van extended the invitation at the close of his sermon and two young folks came forward and made the good confession and united with the church. Bro. Van Da Zee was with us again on the first Lord's Day Jan. 1913 and preached a stirring sermon from Rev. 3:8.

Real winter weather both wind and snow came down upon us from the north on Jan. 5th and its been the real thing itself ever since.

Hoping that I may be able to write you more extensively in the future, I close. Hoping this may find the Editor, readers, and many friends of the paper well and happy.

Geo. T. Murray

Texas

Owing to the very cold weather today our congregation was small, though we had splendid device and one addition. There is much work to be done in this thrice wicked city; in the name of Christ, for the edification of the church, the salvation of sinners, and the preaching of the Gospel to all races of men. In the future we shall say, do more for world wide evangelization. Preston St. church has put on a big rally to liquidate her local indebtness. Eeah brother is asked to give $5., each Sister, $2.50. Also the lady raising the highest amt. over $10. will receive as a present a fine silk dress pattern. Let every brother and sister work trust, pray and pray, for success.

Dallas H. M. Johnson

Y. W. C. A. Topic.

January 19, Responsibility of the Association for neighborhood conditions.

Nancy Jennings.

Feburary 2. The Value of Music.

Seberlie Grubbs.

Feburary 16. How can we help our Meetings.

Beulah Wilson.

March 2. How can we be of more service to Christ.

Fannie Crocket.

March 16. Effects of little things.

Mable Thompson

March 30. Cleanliness.

Mable Hicks.

April 6. When and how should we spend our money.

Aletha Thomas.

April 20. How can we help each other.

Edith Hamlin

May 4. What should I live for.

Florence Blackburn.

May 18. Take joy to live with us.

Mary Lewis

NOTICE.

Churches, Auxiliaries, and individuals sending things to the Jarvis Christian Institute, send these to Hawkins, Texas by freight or express prepaid.

HAWKINS, T. B. FROST

The Road to Happiness

This is the road to happiness:
Start now, from Where You Are;
"Turn to the right and keep straight on,"
And you'll not find it far.

Along the path of Willing Feet
And over Heartease Hill,
Across the fields of Sweet Content,
The stream of Glad Goodwill;
Then through the lane of Loving Heart,
The gate that's called To-day,
And down the steps of Little Things
Into the Common Way.

And take the cloak of Charity,
The staff of Wise Employ,
A loaf of bread of Daily Grace,
A flask well filled with Joy;
A word of cheer, a helping hand,
Some good to give or share,
A bit of song, a smile, a prayer,

And in the place of Duty Done,
Besides the door of Home,
You'll find the house of Happiness—
For Happiness does not roam.

—SUNDAY-SCHOOL TIMES.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Auxiliary at Orange, California had raised, before C. W. B. M. Day, to within fifty dollars of enough to become a Living Link Society. C. C. Smith was with them at their C. W. B. M. Day service and made the address and they gave and pledged at this time the additional fifty dollars and became a Living Link Society, and they chose as their Living Link, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith now of Liberia, Africa.

These workers had been adopted by state of Iowa, but in the Living Link code if an Auxiliary wishes to adopt workers the state must give them up to the Auxiliary. We know that while Iowa will be sorry to give up these workers that it also will be glad in the knowledge that they have been taken by an Auxiliary.

We are sure the GOSPEL PLEA readers will be glad to have this item of news from the Pacific coast region.

We hope through the aid of Bro. Isaac Crayton that the auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. at Circleville, Texas will take on new life.

The missionary society at Lum, Alabama, is working under great difficulties. They hold their regular meetings the first Sunday of each month. We feel sure that the faithful and earnest few there will hold on and overcome all obstacles, in His name.

Welcome address delivered at the opening of Jarvis Christian Institute by Mrs Mattie B. Frost.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES, GENTLEMAN AND FRIENDS:

It is with heart felt pleasure that we attempt to day to extend to you a few words of welcome. Words fail us to make you know and feel just how welcome you really are, and since this is so we shall try to act our welcome to you. We shall strive to make you see welcome in our eyes, in our smiles, and feel it in our hand shake as dear sister Alphin puts it. If we could make you see and know just how hard we few have worked to make this opening and gathering here to day possible, we feel you would all sing. We are surely welcome and you, our dear co-workers and friends, who are spending your money, your time, and even your lives to establish a much needed school here, we say welcome to you once, twice, three times and even many more times than that. I feel that I voice the sentiment of this Faculty and student body when I say we welcome you here today, dear friends, to this the opening of our Christian Industrial School. While time and circumstances do not permit us to entertain you as royally as we desire, we want you to feel welcome to such as we have. You are welcome in our buildings, to our good water, to a stroll over our beautiful grounds, you are welcome anywhere, and at any time at the J. C. I.

You see this is just a beginning and it ought to inspire us to hope for better things in the not far future. Hope will make all things possible. A living hope in God is living in death itself. Great hope makes great men and women.

To make this work a success each one of us must play well our part. Your mental attitude towards this work here will have much to do with the success of it. Let us get out of the habit of looking down, stop talking down. Inspire your children to look up and with a positive attitude, and persistent affirmation that you won't have them grow up ignorant, but will help to make them prosper when you put them here in school at the J. C. I. Expect prosperity. Believe the good things were intended for you as well as for other people and with this belief we shal put forth every effort to make it so. With what Dear Bro. and Sister Jarvis have done for us to make it possible, and with the C. W. B. M. at our backs we can know no failure.

Now on the other hand suppose we should all quit because things do not go at all times just as we think they should, what would become of us? Just quit thinking about changing the habits of folks and the conditions of the country and go to sleep in a hammock under the shade tree. It is much easier. Dont it make you feel good to relieve your mind of all anxiety and take the world easy? Who cares if things go to the bad? Some of us would have to do most of the work if we succeed in changing things, and who is willing to do this for the benefit of others who won't thank you when it is all done? Ah, this is not the way. Suppose President Lehman had said this when he first went to the C. I. and had

stopped there, what would have become of the many noble hearted men and women who have gone from there trained for life's work. What is the use doing something for others always, while you are being made fun of by some, denounced by other, and often deserted by your friend? These have been some of our experiences since being here yet there must be some hustling to make this work succeed and we are willing to do our part. We are like the brave hearted negro soldier who said, "Some body's got to die, boys, and it might as well be me." Somebody had to begin this work here and I guess it mignt as well have been us. Now if we are going to get out of difficulties and just be at ease I see no other way of doing it but by dying. This being true we must either fight our part or surrender. Not wanting to commit suicide I think we had better just keep on and do our best letting events take care of themselves. I believe we can get more comfort and satisfaction out of doing something than in dodging our task. So let us just fight on to the end nor grieve over things we can not help, nor look back to see whether or not everybody else is coming. I believe there is glory in conflict when we fight for the right.

Again I say to you dear friends we gladly welcome you here.

SCHOOL NOTES

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true gift. This quotation has been very forcibly brought to mind since the visit of Sec. J. B. Lehman who spent a day with us during the holidays and said many things which helped us to realize more fully the necessity of deep and earnest consecration in our work, as leaders.

All too soon, it seems, has one term of school slipped by and even though all that we hoped for was not accomplished, yet do we feel that there has been growth worth while.

The second term of school began with an enrollment of ninety-two, the majority of which seems to be very earnest and willing to do good hard work.

The literary societies are both doing good work. Saturday, Jan. 11th, the "Mercers" rendered a very creditable program, which was much enjoyed. It's great to see the interest which each student takes in getting the assigned parts.

On last Friday Dec. 10th Principal Franklin made an announcement that Bible classes would be arranged for all those who wished to study the Bible. Much to our joy as well as surprise there were 13 to meet at the appointed time and place to enroll their names. These classes are to be under the direction of Prof. L. B. Brooks. We earnestly hope that much may be accomplished by them.

We are hoping for great things for the boys and girls of the Lum High School, thus we are exceedingly anxious that they avail themselves of every opportunity to receive the blessed truths and knowledge which may inspire them to strive for those things which are lofty, noble and pure.

The Sunday School is doing fine work. The average attendance is good. Prof. Brooks who is superintendent is pushing things some and it is showing itself by the interest aroused in each student which is almost "tip top." The writer has never witnessed such great interest is a Sunday School class before.

Rev. Allen Wright preached his first sermon at the Institute Church, Sunday Jan. 11th where he has been elected as pastor for the year 1913. His sermon was very good.

Our Christian Endeavor meetings are exceedingly good. The society meets at four o'clock each Sunday afternoon. Many of the young people of the community are interested in this meeting and attend regularly. They also take active parts.

The girls are learning to make very neat basket under the direction of Miss Rose Coycault.

Southern Caristian Institute

The Home Defender Success Club held its regular meeting in Principal Burgess' room Faurot Building the second Saturday night. It was interesting from start to finish. The following young men were received into membership: Jerome Freeman, of Liberia, Africa, and Wesley Sims and Wlliam Lee, of Montrose, Arksansas.

The Poltical Economy class has been studying the various kinds of money. They were surprised to find there is a difference in paper money.

Mrs. Lehman and Miss Hunt went to Jackson, Jan. 22.

Supt. Prout says the saw-mill has no end of saw ing. The logs drawn by mule teams, oxen teams, and horse teams are coming in from several directions.

The carpentry boys last Monday made an addition to the platform in the Chapel, which improves it much.

S. C. I., Jan 23, 1913.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for February 9

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson VI.

God's Covenant with Noah.

—Gen. 8:1-9:17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Gen. 9:13.

TIME.—Uncertain. PERSONS.—Noah and his sons.

INTRODUCTION.

The lessons we are studying now, advance in sufficiently close succession to enable you to keep the connecting facts clearly in mind by reading the passages that come between. The introductory verses of this chapter record the fact that God blessed Noah, after Noah had builded an altar, and had been the recipient of divine promises. He and his sons were commanded to be fruitful and to multiply. The sacredness of human life was stressed in a way that could not be forgotten easily.

EXPLANATORY

8. AND GOD SPAKE.—When Noah came forth from the ark he built first, not a house for himself, but an altar unto God (8: 20). And God blessed Noah and his sons, and gave the renewed earth into their hands. UNTO NOAH.—Noah was now six hundred years old, and he lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. His name was significant; it means rest or comfort. AND TO HIS SONS.—Shem Ham and Japheth. To the first, especial possession of God and his communions; to the second, servitude; to the third, enlargement. The descendants of Japheth are today the colonists of the world.

I ESTABLISH MY COVENANT.—This is the second time the word "covenant" has been used in the Bible. The first is in Gen, 6: 18, and is also a covenant with Noah. That covenant guaranteed to Noah and his family safety from another similar deluge. The first covenant concerned Noah individually; the second concerns us all. AND WITH YOUR SEED.—That is, your children forever after you. This would seem to indicate that all the human race, except the family of Noah, were indeed destroyed in the flood. Here was a new world, a new race, a new covenant.

10. AND WITH EVERY LIVING CREATURE.—The animal kingdom is greatly essential to the comfort and progress of man; and, besides, the tender mercies of God are over all the works of his hands. He clothes the grass and watches the sparrow; and he embraces in his covenant even the beast of the field.

13. I DO SET MY BOW.—We may correctly read this, "I have set my bow—and it shall be." There is no reason to think that the bow had not existed before the flood. God simply took this "arch of glory" and made it a sign of his love and a memorial of his promise.

15. AND THE WATERS SHALL NO MORE BECOME A FLOOD.—How often after that terrible flood must Noah and his sons have felt anxious when a time of heavy rain set in, and the Euphrates and Tigris rose over their banks and submereged the low, level land! But if for awhile their hearts misgave them they had a cheering sign to reassure them, for in the heaviest purple storm-cloud stood the rainbow, recalling to their minds the promise of God. Is it not also true that he has set his bow in every cloud that rises and troubles man's mental sky?

16. AND I WILL LOOK UPON IT.—This is spoken in accommodation to our human limitations. God never forgets, but we might fear that he would.

17. THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT.—Very beautiful is this idea of God giving us something to look at, in order to keep our faith steady. He knows that we need pictures and rests and voices and signs, and these he has well supplied. We might have forgotten the word, but we can not fail to see the bow.... And so with all other things God has given us as signs and tokens; the sacred book, the water of baptism, the bread and wine, the quiet rest day, the house of prayer—all these have deeper meanings than are written in their names; search for these meanings, keep them and you will be rich.

In spite of the manifold warnings, reminders consequences with which God scatters every individual's pathway, many forget. They forget the rewards of the righteous and forget the fate of the unrighteous. Beecher has this illustration: "On shipboard, when the magazine is filled with powder, only a certain set of appointed men are allowed to go to it; and they are not allowed to go except after changing their shoes and putting on prepared socks, that there shall be no possible grinding of metal to cause the explosion of a single grain—for in the magazine one grain exploded takes a fellow-grain, and that takes ten more, and that a million more; and the whole goes off in a heap. But men are gathering the powder of destruction in the magazine of their own soul and body, and they do not change their shoes, nor do they limit the men that go in and out. They do not blind the lanterns and he lights.

Pres. Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Warner Christian Institute,

WARNER Christian Institute is located at Jonesboro, Tennesse seven miles west of Johnson City and forty miles east of Knoxville. In the fall of 1911 a telegram came to us asking us to send a man to become principal of that school. There was a vacancy and it was necessary to have some one to begin at once so as to hold the public school appropriation. We in turn telephoned to H. D. Griffin to take the first train and take up the work. He knew nothing of the situation until he got on the ground. This is a situation that is a most severe test on a man's ability and resourcefulness. The school house was in a very unclean condition and there was a peculiar kind of opposition to the work Prof. Griffin showed his fitness for the place by the way he began his task. He put on his overalls and got on the floor and began to scrub. At first people thought it strange to see their new principal scrub, but they soon found out he was good master and disciplinarian and a man that must be obeyed. And then when he went into the pulpit he preached them a simple, straightforward gospel of service all could understand. Not long then after his wife came and she too got on the floor to scrub, but they soon found out she is a matron and all around Christian woman whose power is felt instantly. It was not long until the simple earnestness and efficiency of these people was felt by all. It was at this period that it was our privilege to visit the W. C. I. We were scarcely in town until people began to come to us from all sides telling us of the esteem with which H. D. Griffin is held by white and negro citizens. Here then is a situation which no amount of money can buy. It can only be gotten from the lives of a man and woman such as Prof. Griffin and wife.



THE FACULTY AT WARNER CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

They have assisting them in the work Miss Cameron, Miss Williams, and Miss West. Miss West is a graduate of the Southern Christian Institute. Miss Cameron was trained at Prof. Irving's high school at Johnson City, and Miss Williams was trained at Fisk. They were all doing good, faithful teaching and the school was full of bright young people. Prof. Griffin is carefully looking them over with a hope of getting the best of them away to the S. C. I. to finish up.

We spoke to a large audience on the night of December 17, and a collection of nearly thirty dollars was taken up. These people who knew but little of owing a service to others are beginning to discover their obligation along that line and we confidently expect to see most gratifying results. Such lives as Prof. Griffin have a powerful influence in a neighborhood and we confidently look for gratifying advancement at Warner Christian Institute.

The following night we spoke at Johnson City. About time for church it began to snow and of course the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been. But they raised a collection of about twenty dollars. In the afternoon we visited the city high school over which Prof. Irving presides and at night he and a goodly number of his teachers were out. Prof. Irving is doing a very fine educational work in Johnson City.

Next week we intend to speak of the Martinsville Christian Institute, but our pictures failed to be good and we will have to wait for others. Next week will have a write-up of the Lum High School.

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Personals

—The Jackson District Meeting will be held with the Edwards Christian Church the third Sunday in February. We hope each congregation in the district will get itself in readiness to have a good meeting. The district evangelist Bro. B. C. Calvert will be at the Southern Christian Institute the Tuesday, following the second Sunday. He will be with the Edwards Church on the night of the same day.

—Bro. K. B. Polk, Paris, Texas, in remitting for seven subscriptions says: "Just as soon as the days are longer I am going to make a house to house canvas in the interest of the PLEA. It is my aim to make the PLEA the Christian mouth-piece of Texas.

—All who have decided to do likewise and make a house to house canvas for the PLEA, HOLD UP YOUR HANDS.

Notes from Our Schools.

Jarvis Christian Institute.

The Lord's Day Sunday school was held in the new school building, Sunday January 12th, for the first time. This was the beginning of the opening of the Jarvis Christian Industrial School, which came in full Thursday, January 14.

After Sunday School was over Bro. Frost and family thought they would try the old adage "Good Luck" (moving on Sunday.) Time itself will only tell what the end shall be.

In the still watch of the day, Monday, January 13th. we heard the sound of feet and rolling of wheels and as we looked we beheld the beautiful faces of our dear Mrs. Jarvis of Fort Worth who gave the land for the school, Mrs. Terry King, State Cor. Secretary ;Mrs. Mary Ritter of Forney appearing on the campus of the J. C. I. to play their part in the opening. Before we couldall get to see these good friends the train that brought Prof. J. B. Lehman from Edwards, Mississippi was passing and the call was made for some one to go and meet him. In just a short while they all were on the campus rejoicing over the improvement made at the J. C. I. While they rejoiced the sound of a wagon was heard coming in from Big Sandy with Bros. M. Knight and Walker.

After supper was served and all went in to take their rest for the opening the next day, we heard another call about five oclock Thursday morning. Who could this be? – bem bam, "Ha, ha, he, you thought we weren't coming didn'nt you?" "Oh no, Mrs. Alphin we knew you would bring Waco over." Elders Alphin. Anderson, Mrs. Byrd, and Mrs. Alphin of Waco. and Bro. I. Crayton from Circleville were the ones that made us feel that the time for opening the J. C. I was nearing as we welcomed them at the dawn of Tuesday morning.

Tuesday 11.00 A. M. up stairs in the chapel of the new building after our devotional service, all were made welcome by Mrs. Mattie B. Frost who in her own lovely and sympathetic way, with words of logical conclusions began the Program—Watch the GOSPEL PLEA.

Since time and space fail us, we cannot tell you in details about the opening, but will close here by saying you missed a treat of your life by not coming.

Cash money collected with Mrs. Alphin's report $204.25.

Other things for furnishing the building were as follows:—

Mrs. I. Crayton, Circleville—one pair blankets.
Vine Grove Auxiliary, Caney, Texas—six sheets

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The Progress of Israel

By J. I. Rundles.

The seeds of Abraham, like other nations were, inefficient, and could not accomplish the great work of the world without being carried into bondage taught to labor, suffer persecution, and then be delivered.

Nearly fifteen centuries before the birth of our Savior. "Israel" blessed his family in Egypt, and foretold the coming of Christ through his son Judah. The death of Joseph closed the patriarchal age and opened the Jewish.

According to the will of Pharaoh the Israelites were slain in abundance, for he feared that they would overthrow his kingdom. For centuries had the Israelites lived in Egypt, and God was with them, for through their seed the promise of redemption was to be fulfilled. Providentially Moses was spared to lead his brethren by the hand of God, from out of Egypt, across the mighty deep, for forty years of restriction in the wilderness. They were given a written law to bind them under the divine will of God.

As the nation of Isreal developed, God developed their institution of worship from an Altar to a Tabernacle, which was the meeting place between God and man. Moses was spared to view the land of promise and then buried by the hand of God in the valley of Moab. Joshua now succeeded, captured Canaan for the inhabitance of Israel and established a great kingdom.

This was great prophetic age, and God worked with his people. A Temple was erected: finally the kingdom was divided, and Israel, the ten tribes captured by Assyria and was completely lost, while Judah still remained to fulfill the promise.

Finally the Jews were overthrown by the Chaldeans who ruled for half a century, and then were captured by Cyrus of Persia. For two centuries the Jews were under the rule of Persia until Alexander the Great captured the Persians.

At this age, the word of God was translated into the heathen language. It was Providence that worked with humanity and suffered his chosen people to be overpowered heathen nations so that these nations may be influenced by the powers of God and be brought into the kingdom that was about to be established in the hearts of men.

The Jews were compelled to yield to the Romans, who now ruled over all the Jewish provinces.

As Zacharias went about his biddings in the temple, the Angel of God appeared unto him and informed him of a son that was to be born of his companion, whose name should be John, and that he would be filled with the power of God.

This was during the Christian dispensation which had been in a state of development through ages and ages, from the family of Abraham to the coming of our Savior. With the sword and the spear, nations had emerged into dark ages, and more than three fourth of the world's population wandered because of the lack of soul development. But oh, the change. A Savior is born! The promise of redemption is being fulfilled, and man must live in a higher realm with God. Christ gave His life ignominously for the redemption of mankind. And so were the twelve, who were to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth. At this early age Europe was a great scene of bloody fields. In the fifth ahd sixth centuries the Roman Empire was utterly subdued by the Teutonic migration from the northern wood of Germany. Feudalism held its sway a while but was over powered. The Angles and the Saxons who captured England in this period stamped upon the age a civilization that will not be over thrown until all nations of the universe have been brought into the Kingdom.

In the seventh century a gale that swept from the east decided whether Europe should be under the sway of Mohamedanism or Protestantism. But the Moors were completely subdued, the Crusaders began their plundering, and it was baptism or death, for Christanity was in its youth. The Catholic Church, with all of its impurity now reached the limit, and it took many Luthers and Zwinglis to cast off the yoke of Catholicism and bring about a reformation which has placed the human family on a higher plain with God. Europe drove out her strongest powers. The Hugenots, Puritans and Quakers who found refuge on these western shores, and God formed them into a great Christian nation through which East, West, North, and South are being brought into God's Kingdom. And today the human family has developed from a degenerate state and can stand on a higher plain with God and cry out "Treason" against the "liquor traffic" for it is detrimental to our soul and body, Church, state, and society. "Treason" against the slums of our communities for they are but dens of lions destroying civilization. "Treason"against the business men who indulge the "traffic" for they are a curse to civilization and not a blessing.

And when our Churches, states and societies are all headed by characters that live in this higher realm, then will this civilization though crushed to the earth, rise again and triumph this age.

Are you working to that effect?

Reports From the Field.

Texas

Editor GOSPEL PLEA:—I have been a reader of the PLEA since 1902 until the last two years when it stopped coming. The paper as I decided was a help to me in the work of establishing a Christian School at Palestine and by the help of God we have succeeded in erecting our school and have had one session and school is now moving on nicely under the management of I. Q. Hurdle.

We have made some mistakes in the beginning but we are prospering by those mistakes.

We have struggled hard for our school and the Lord has certainly been with us and helped us through our many battles. Although some of our old volunteers have fallen back and become discouraged and now on the seat of do nothing for educational work. But our school is a promising one. The writer has served the N. E. T. convention for twelve years as President until the opening of our school. First session began January, 2. 1912. At our last convention Rev. R. H. Henry was elected President and I shall stand by him in the work. God being my helper.

Yes we have had a hard pull to get every thing in shape and it has come out alright so far. Surely the Lord is still with us.

The writer is District evangelist this year for Dallas District which gives him another hard pull. My first board meeting was held at Waxahachie Tex. Only two churches reported. They were Dallas and Waxahachie. Amount raised for the school $14.00.

We are planning to hold a good board in Dallas in March at which time we hope all the churches will report and respond. Our school is on the upward go. New students coming in. We are badly in need of a work boy who can work his way through school.

Bro. K. S. Smith went to the opening of the Jarvis Institute and brought back encouraging news. Well, Texas is on the educational move at last and all seems promising to the boys and girls as well as to the general church. So now my prayer is that we attend to our own school without the others downfall. Let us pray for each others success.

Elder R. H. Henry was with the church at Center Point 3rd Sunday. Had one addition from the Baptist Church.

May the Lord be with you and your work.

I remain yours in Christ,

A. J. HURDLE.

This writing finds us with the Bonham Mission. We find here Brother and Sister J. D. Johnson, two faithful souls who have done much for the Master's cause. If there ever was a place that needs the prayer and financial aid it is this place. Those two people have gone to work and have almost paid for a lot themselves. They are now praying and pleading to the brotherhood for help that they might be able to build them a Church. Who will be the first to answer the call of these faithful ones. Think about it here in Bonham surrounded by all manner of evil and other Churches trying to take these two people in and amidst all of that they are standing firm and saying that some day we might be the gate that will open a way to the Christian Church here at this place. Brethren and Sisters, will you open your hearts and help the people who are struggling so hard? Send all mail to Sister Fannie E. Johnson, 315 S. Center Street, Bonham, Texas. I would not do justice if I did not say something about the work over the district. This is hard field but yet we are going on just the same with the same spirit that our dear Brother Jacob Kenoly had. We started our district work at Reno, Texas having three additions. We hope this year to do more for Christ than ever before. Our work at Roxton is moving along nicely having already this year four additions. Bro. Nelson Williams departed this life January 10, funeral was held at Crawford Christian Chapel. Your humble servant officiating. We will leave Bonham for Denison. Now brothers and sisters remember that the District convention of the Northern District will be held at Roxton, Texas instead of Greenville. On the account of small pox the Board have thought it wise to exchange the places. We ask for all the Churches, Sunday-school and other departments to be represented in this convention.

I am yours for the work.

BONHAM. L. H. CRAWFORD, District Evangelist .

Oklahoma.

The 1st. quarterly Convention of the Eastern District convened with the WyBark congregation. Song by Elder R. B. Wells. Prayer by Elder G. W. Wade, who was elected temporary chairman. after which the object of the meeting was stated by Elder R. B. Wells. The object of the meeting was to enter into a permanent organization of the Eastern District. Officers elected were as follows: Elder L. C. Davis, Muskogee, Okla. President; Bro. S. C. Shockley, WyBark, Okla. Vice Pres-

ident; D. Littles, Muskogee, Recording Sec; Bro. Wallick, Muskogee, Corresponding Sec.; Sister A. L. Brown, Muskogee, Treasurer; Sister E. J. Pickens, Muskogee, Assist. Treas.; Bro. L. M. Bond, Dist. Evangelist, being absent. Meeting adjourned until Saturday before the Second Lord's day in April. 1913.

WYBARK, R. B. Wells.

Arkansas

Montrose High School Notes.

Friday Jan. 17, was "High Day" at the Colored School. An Educational mass meeting was that which gave importance to previous arrangements. We were to exhibit the industrial features of our work at 1:30. Rain came on early Friday morning which caused us to dispense with a part of our program. After School was over, the writer held a brief conference with the entertainment committee relative to continuing our program. It was decided that we would have our meeting when the writer went to the home of Rev. T. M. Mc Gehee to talk with Pres. Lehman who came up on the 1:10 train. The very presence of Pres. Lehman was similar to that of meeting our father. After a brief conference with him (Pres. Lehman) we begin to stir around that our white and colored friends might know "high day" would be observed. At 6:00 the bell was rung and a number of people from a distance began to come. At 8:00 sharp we began our exercise. The following program was rendered:

Song—Open the Door.
Invocation—Rev. T. M. Mc Gehee.
Song—Higher Ground.
Welcome Addess—Rev. R. B. Macon.
Music—Mother's Love.
Address Introducing Pres. J. B. Lehman, Rev. T. M. Mc Gehee.
Sermon Pres. J. B. Lehman.
Solo—Mrs. Mary E. Carter.
Address—Prof. T. C. Rowells, Principal of white school.
Collection.

Time will not permit me to mention the impression that was made by each speaker. It is with becoming pleasure to state that the very presence of president Lehman meant more for our work than can be discerned by a single eye. His sermon will be long remembered by all who heard him. He will find a cordial welcome at Montrose at any time. I say for all, come again President Lehman.

One of our leading white citizens recently said that our school is the best of its kind in Southern Arkansas. Mr. G. W. Carter of Pine Bluff was a pleasant caller a few days ago, and said "your school reminds me so much of the very best Colleges. It is seldom that you find such a school managed as it should be." Rev. R. B. Macon one of our most progressive citizens keeps tab on Ashley Co. and states that "Montrose Colored School is the best."

The entertainment Committee is to be congratulated for securing such a nice place for Pres. Lehman while he was here. We also congratulate our many white friends for assuring us so readily that they would give us any assistance we might need. Pres. Lehman's stay here was a pleasant one. From the time we came to Montrose until now, they have assisted us in every possible way It is largely through them that we have gotten our industrial department as complete as it is. I believe they are responsible to God for the redemption of the Negro race.

We take pleasure in announcing that 46 pupils have enrolled in the cooking department, 9 of whom are boys; and 54 girls have enrolled in the sewing department.

Everything is moving on smoothly here, though we are having a great deal of rain.

MONTROSE, D. A. COOK, Principal.

Which did God Believe?

A little story is going around about the head of the family at the morning meal asking the blessing as usual, thanking the Lord for the things so bountifully provided. Immediately afterwards, as was his bad habit, he began to grumble about hard times, the poor quality of the food he was forced to eat, the way it was cooked, and much more. His little daughter once interrupted him as she said: "Father, do you suppose God heard what you said a little while ago?" "Certainly," with the confident air of an instructor. "And did he hear what you said about the potatoes and coffee?" Of course," not quite so confidently. "Then, father, which did God believe?" There is a whole sermon in that little incident, which strikes both at the dead formality with which too many people "say grace," and the wickedness of perpetually finding fault about every thing and the insincerity of religious profession that does not jibe with conduct.—CLASSMATE.

In all your dealings remember
Today is your opportunity
Tomorrow will be some one else's.
—Selected

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and al Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Auxiliary at the Southern Christian Institute observed C. W. B. M. Day January 26th. The chapel was tastefully decorated with smilax and house-plants. The motto "The love of Christ constraineth us" hung in front of the stage. Miss Tyner had prepared some special music by the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, a duet by Nancy Jennings and Florence Blackburn, and a solo by Ad Banks. Miss Tyner and all who had any part in the music deserved much credit for the impressive manner in which it was rendered.

Miss Gardiner read some very appropriate passages of scripture and Mr. Prout offered a fervent prayer.

Miss Anderson then in the form a dream brought India, China and Africa very near to each one of us. The service closed with an offering of $18.31 and one new member added to the roll.

The Auxiliary at Denham Station, Liberia, Africa observed C. W. B. M. Day December, 29th. They had an offering of $7.60 . This was the first collection of the kind ever taken there. Friends, if these few people who have had so little training and so few opportunities can do so well what ought to be expected of us?

We hope all of the Auxiliaries in the different states who have not yet observed C. W. B. M. will plan to do so soon. Send your offering to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana and report to the PLEA.

Africa

My dear Sister in Christ:—

I use this period of my life in writing you these few lines hoping you are in the best of health. My dear sister, the Lord has again sent his messenger, death, and has called away my mother from labor to reward. I am still asking your prayers. She answered the call December 10th. I am now a widow and a motherless child.

Dear Miss Hunt, I am greatly pleased with the dear workers who arrived at Denham Station December 4th. We love them dearly. All are quite well except Mrs. Smith who has a cold which she contracted in England. All are busy doing something each day. I feel so much like taking a rest but I must remain here until our folks are acquainted with the life in Africa. You know I have not been able to recover the stroke in the loss of my husband, when I lost my mother. This is almost a backset to my spirit. I feel very feeble this morning in body and spirit. I ask earnest prayers from you and all the sisters and friends in Christ. The thought of being in the world without a mother is hard to be reconciled, too, but I am asking for more grace each day of my life that I may be able to stand the many hardships as a good soldier.

I think it has been quite awhile since I received a letter from you, but I think this is your busy season of the year, while mine is just coming.

Last Lord's Day, Mr. Ross read the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians and Mr. Smith preached from the same chapter. The entire lesson was based upon love. We are waking up and being revived.

I am your sister in the Master's Cause,

LIBERIA, RUTH E. KENOLY

The Special Need for an Enlarged Thank Offering this Year

The need? The very words open up to us vistas of darkened Africa with her people so anxious for "white teachers;" of India's millions starving for physical, mental and moral food; of China, new and awakened China, hardly realizing yet what she does want, but needing the saving grace of Jesus Christ most of all; and of the other fields where the grain is white unto the harvest, yea, perishing for lack of reapers to garner it in.

A larger offering? Would we recall any of those who have given up the comfort and safety of home to go out to give those perishing ones the Bread of Life for us? Would we rather not send more? Then more funds must be gathered. Would we close any of our hospitals where such things are so sorely needed? Could we close them when they are giving such wonderful help in Christ's name? Would we not build more hospitals so that other needy ones might be benefited? Then more funds

must be forthcoming. Can we give in a larger measure? Does not God, with wonderful goodness, increase our blessings from day to day? Can we do less for his needy children than he has done for us? Remember his wonderful kindness toward us.—MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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one pair pillows, two pair pillow cases, bowl and pitcher. two pair blankets, two quilts, four towels, one bed spread.

Names that gave—Bell Normon, Cathrine Robbins, Ella Brown, Witty Brown, Vicy Wyche, and Elizabeth Wyche, President.

Fort Worth by sent W.A. Anderson—one quilt, one pair pillows, one pair cases

Lyons, Texas sent by W. B. Washington—Six quilts, one pair cases, one bed mattress, one sheet. —St. James Church.

Dixon, Texas, sent by K. S Smith—one quilt, one pair cases.

Waco Auxiliary sent by J. Anderson.—Mrs. M. Byrd 2 quilts. Mrs. Emma Hamilton one quilt, one pair pillow cases, one pair sheets, one ticking for bed, Mrs. A. B. Williamson one pair sheets, Mrs. Hattie Sparks one sheet, Mrs. Wm Alphin one blanket and several books, Mrs. Fannie Easter one quilt, lemon squeezer, Mrs. Rachel Greggs one quilt, Mrs. J. E. Anderson four towels, Bro. J. E. Sharp 2 rugs. —J. E Anderson, President.

Greenville Auxiliary.—One dresser scarf, one sheet, one set pillows, one bed spread, 8 quilts, 3 pair pillow cases, 5 towels, 1 table cloth.
—Emma G. Pratt, President.

The Lord's Day School Jan. 19, with the "Lucky" number eleven. The following names are the officers:—Thomas B. Frost, Superintendent, Charles A. Berry, teacher, Mrs. Mattie B. Frost, teacher, H. Marshall, Secretary. (student) Jimmie Townser, Treasurer (student).

Preaching at the J. C. I. every third Sunday. Come out and be filled.

Liberian Christian Institute

It is one week to-day since we landed on the mission ground. No one was more happy than we to step upon African soil. Above all, we were happy to reach the Mission Station. It is so beautiful around here.

If the readers of the PLEA could only look in on this great field and see how much there is to do,—and, too, see how much Jacob had already done. No one can ever know just how much Jacob suffered here that he might plant the seed of the great love of Jesus Christ. It seems that everyone that knew him loved the man. It is wonderful how he found such a beautiful location for his school here in this wild world. Surely God led him to the spot.

The ocean breeze blows on us constantly. It is such a splendid cool breeze. In spite of the cool breeze it is hot. The least stirring around one does, he feels the effect of it.

There is no stove at the Mission and our things are all a month behind. So if you were to come to see us at meal getting time, you would find Mrs. Smith out in the yard, cooking in an open kitchen. She is getting along nicely.

Today I got out twelve boards. As soon as we get about fifty, I intend to make two partitions, one above and one below in Ross Hall. Mr. Ross will occupy the room below and Mrs. Smith, baby and I shall stay above. At present we are all in the first house built.

Mrs. Kenoly's mother, Mrs. Walker, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon.

The sweet music of birds and the screams of a thousand other things are enough to keep me cheered. My, the thousands of beautiful flowers! I have not been home-sick a minute since I have been here. There are so many things to claim my attention.

We are begging God for wisdom and understanding for the carrying foward of this work.

Schieffelin, Liberia, Africa, Dec. 12, 1912.

Southern Christian Institute

The following students give the weekly Sunday school talks during February: Feb. 2, Cordelia Mosey; Feb. 9, Mabel Hicks; Feb. 16, Ellen Johnson; Feb. 23, Aletha Thomas.

The steam heating plant at Smith Hall is going in rapidly now. This is a vacuum heating plant. It has been fortunate that the weather has been as moderate as it has.

Supt. Young's oats field looks beautiful.

The grippe has had quite a hold on our folks lately. The writer has not been exempt.

President Lehman, accompanied by Mrs. Lehman yesterday went out near Learned to help dedicate a modern rural school building. He hopes to give a more extended notice concerning the dedication in a few weeks.

The boys are making a fine lawn for Smith Hall. It is being graded and leveled. Grass seed will soon be sown upon it.

The Athletic Association has been reorganized, and the ball team is busy practicing.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for February 16

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson VII.
The Call of Abram.

Gen. 12:1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing."
—Gen. 12:2.

TIME.—1921.—B. C. PLACE.—Ur of Chaldea and Haran. PERSON.—Abram, Sarai, and Lot.

INTRODUCTION.

Taking up the Scripture account where our last lesson left us, we learn of the descendants of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham and Japhath. They spread out over the Euphrates valley and beyond, and the confusion of tongues scattered them far and wide. From Shem sprang the Chaldeans of the lower Euphrates country, and from the Chaldeans sprang Abram in the tenth generation from Noah. The religion of the people of Ur, worshipped many gods.

EXPLANATORY.

1. NOW JEHOVAH SAID UNTO ABRAM.—Upon "the call of Abram" depended the world's religion. The call came before the journey to Haran and caused it (Acts 7: 2). It marked God's choice of one family to be the depository of spiritual truth for the whole race.

FROM THY KINDRED.—This, like Abram's first call, demanded a separation from kindred and family. The halt at Haran was probably due to the fact that Abram's father and brother accompanied him. The father being now dead, Abram left his brother in Haran (Gen. 24:10 27:43), and again set forth. The reason for this separation is found in the idolatrous practices of Abram's kindred.

UNTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW THEE.—He was to leave all and go he knew not whither. Had he been told it was to a land flowing with milk and honey, and that he should be put in possession of it the trial to his faith would have been far less. But it was not so. That which was promised was not only promised in general terms, but was very distant. God did not even tell him he would give him the land, but merely show it to him. Nor did he, in his lifetime, obtain possession of it. He was only a sojourner in it.

2. AND I WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION.—Abraham had given up three blessings for God: h is country, his kindred, his home. For this sacrifice God speaks upon him a seven-fold blessing: (1) To make him a nation; (2) to bless him; (3) to give him fame; (4) to make him a blessing; (5) to bless his friends; (6) to curse his enemies; (7) to bless the world through him. The nation of Israel was great temporally, intellectually and spiritually. In intellect they are still great. I WILL BLESS THEE.—This was a personal promise to Abram. Abram gave up his kindred, God became his friend. AND BE THOU A BLESSING.—He is to be not merely a subject of blessing, but a medium of blessing to others. It is more blessed to give than to recieve, and the Lord here confers on Abram the delightful prerogative of dispensing good.

3. I WILL BLESS THEM THAT BLESS THEE.—God promises, further, so to take sides with Abram, in the world, as to make common cause with him—share his friendships, and treat his enemies as his own. This is the highest possible pledge.

4. SO ABRAM WENT.—To hear, to him, was to obey. There was no hesitation, no scruple....They must have crossed the river Euphrates, and thence their course must have been southward over the desert probably near to Mt. Lebanon, and thence to the neighborhood of Damascus. LOT WENT WITH HIM.—It would have been better for Abram had this man remained behind. Lot was a trouble to Abram, and the idolatrous descendants of Lot were a thorn in the flesh of Abram's descendants. ABRAM WAS SEVENTY AND FIVE YEARS OLD.—He was an hundred and seventy-five when in Canaan he closed his eyes. Through all the long interval had it been literally true of him that "if he had been mindful of the country from whence he came out he might have had opportunity to return." There was nothing to forbid a return. It was only the unfulfilled promise which held him fast. "This land will I give," God had said. So in "this land" he waited and died.

5. AND THE SOULS.—Slaves and their children. INTO THE LAND OF CANAAN.—Not because it was marked out as their resting-place. The gift of the land of Canaan was made after Abram entered it. Canaan became the highway between Europe and Africa, and between Asia and Africa. It was, so to speak, the world's cross-roads. Here God placed the seed of Abram as a monument to himself as the one true God; and here he kept them until Christ came, and and then suffered them to be removed.

6. OAK OF MOREH.—Rather, the "terebinith tree" of Moreh, very common in Palestine, remarkable for its wide spreading branches and dark green foliage.

Pres. Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Lum High School

THE LUM High School is located seven miles west of Calhoun and thirty miles south of Montgomery, Alabama. It is presided over by Prof. I. C. Franklin and wife and they are assisted by Luther Brooks, Rosa V. Brown, Celeste Jones, Rose Coycault, and Maggie Campbell. The Lum High School is not far from a number of schools which command much wealth and have good equipment which this school can not have; never-



THE FACULTY AT LUM HIGH SCHOOL.

the less it commands the very highest respect of all who know of it and its work. A number volunteered to tell us that if all the colored people about there showed the worth of character shown by Prof. Franklin and his helpers there would be a new civilization in our land. By the simple art of doing the correct things these workers are winning their way into the hearts of the people. A school like the Lum High School must do its work so that it will benefit all the people; or in other words so it will be easier for all the people to raise their children correctly.

We had to visit them this time during vacation and therefore we saw none of their pupils, but they report the school fuller than usual and that a good work is being done. Prof. Franklin has given up his Church at Calhoun so he can have more time to visit the churches about there in the interest of education and the school.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has granted them permission to put a second story on their school building this summer and they are now busy making the window frames. This will give them a new Chapel Hall and one good music and sewing room and their present chapel can be put to better classroom work.

We believe the time has come when the Lum work can be enlarged and the first step towards this will be the awakening of the Alabama churches to their great opportunity. More of them must send their children there. This school is abundantly able to give their children their secondary training and then if they want them to go higher they can come to the S. C. I. or some other school. These new rooms at Lum will have to be furnished in the fall and it would be a life giving inspiration to the Alabama churches to raise a fund for that purpose. Texas is raising a fund for Jarvis Christian Institute and Tennessee is raising a fund for Warner Christian Institute. Alabama needs the thrill of such a work as raising a fund for the Lum High School.

In fact, we feel that the time has come when we should expect larger things in all our states. One of the things we are suffering from is that we are not making adequate preparation to put our force of young people to work. The Service of the kingdom requires that a great sacrifice be made. At every crisis in the world's history some one had to make a sacrifice. One generation prepares for the next. We must provide a proper religious education for the children of our day. Our Alabama Churches could, if they comprehended the problem as it is, give $5,000 each year for the education of their children under influences where they could get a proper conception of the real problem before us. We urge our Alabama brethren to become better acquainted with their school. Many subscriptions for the Alabama Plea should be sent in and the work should be aided in every way possible.

Next week we will speak of Jarvis Christian Institute.

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Personals

—Bro. Edwin F. Jackson, Dale, South Carolina. says to Bro. Bostick and the many other brethren who say we must have the THOUSAND DOLLARS for Educational Rally this year, "I am pledged to raise one-fortieth of the amount, that is twenty-five dollars. I wish to hear from the other thirty-nine brethren."

—If we as Christians would use as much business ability in managing the King's Business as bankers in great banking establishments do their own business, the thousand dollars would pour in to President J. B. Lehman, Edwards Miss., in a few days. Why not?

—The following subscriptions expire with Serial No. 80 (issue for March 1, 1913.) Please pay up before that date and accomplish two things—get your name on the Roll of Honor and keep your name on the Subscription List: G. W. Ivy, Mary O. Bradley, Sam Miley, Mrs. Mariah Davis, Presley Burr oughs, Mrs. Martha Smith, J. W. Washington Mrs. Alice Thompson, Mrs. Samuel Moyer.

In publishing the list of donors at the opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute, by some means we failed to mention the one dollar given by A. C. Chichon,, of Greenville. The giver calls our attention to the matter.

Notes from Our School.

Jarvis Christian Institute.

Elder Thomas B. Frost will leave Saturday, February 1st for his church at Cason, Texas.

The Physiology class is showing great interest in the study of the right kind of food for their bodies.

The bill of paint for the school building has been received. That means a white house at the J. C. I. by the close of school in May, so says T. B. Frost.

The last load of lumber for the kitchen was put on the campus today January 29th. In a few days if the weather will stay favorable the kitchen will be ready for the new range, which has been orded. When it is in we will see smiles we have never seen before.

George Lewis, Jimmie and J. D. Townser work boys are feeling good over having finished and turned over to Supt. Frost a contract of building a house for poultry, which gave perfect satisfaction. They say when you don't have lumber to build what you want, use what you do have —small poles. Mrs. Mattie B. Frost, like a good Christian will do, has been visiting and cheering the sick. I am sure they feel somewhat relieved by her visits, as she is full of home remedies.

A letter has been been received from Prof. Walter C. Gibbs of Columbia wanting to send to the J. C. I. some good literature. We are always glad to get any good literature. Thank you Brother Gibbs.

We used to ask, did it ever rain in Texas? But we would be glad to know when it was going to stop.

When we think of the one hundred fruit trees put out last week at the J. C. I. by Bro. Frost and work boys our mouths water for their fruits. This is a great fruit section. Just south of us a man has hundreds of acres, from which he realizes thousands of dollars.

Look here Bros.! don't you know the Jarvis Christian Institute is opened? Why don't you get busy and send at least one student from each

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The Boy Who Has Wealth and the Boy Who Has it not.

By A. Edward Spencer.

Passing by the cares and anxieties which the child experiences in not being able to purchase a toy every time his playmate does, there is a wide and varied difference between the boy who has wealth and the boy who has it not, the boy who has given him and the boy who works for his own, the boy who lounges in idleness and the one who is forced to keep constantly in the great field of labor.

The boy who has plenty, spends with a lavish hand, knows not the true worth of a dollar, and naturally falls into the bad habit of spending for trifles, while he who has limited means, is frugal in his spendings, values a dollar for all that it is worth, turns that value to the best account and as naturally learns to practice the great lessons of economy, self-reliance, and self improvement.

The one is a cigarette smoker, the other abstains from the use of tobacco and curtails the needless expense. The one takes wine now and then, the other is a teetotaler. The one is feeble and delicate the other strong and robust. The one is indolent and cares but little for books; the other is diligent and an apt student. He who has without stint, thinks of all he has at his command, of where he is going to travel and of the influence he will have on account of his wealth, he who is cramped for means, thinks of how he can spend his hard earned pence to the best advantage, of what he shall see when he travels, and of the influence he will wield on account of his personal worth and individual merit.

The one loses success which others have won and placed at his disposal; the other wins success for himself and holds the honor as well as the achievement.

Many of the great men of past ages who will ever be held up as examples of courage, self-reliance and honesty, were men whose courage grew strong by facing discouraging circumstances in life. Men who relied on self as the surest guarantv of fortune and who learned well the lesson that honesty is the best policy. Many of the men of the past generation who rendered such important service to their country were men whose hand had been trained to work for them selves and therefore could and did not hesitate to take hold for the cause which they felt to be just. Many of the men to-day whose merit has placed them in the front ranks of the great battle of life, are men who have won their merit by individual effort. Men of great fortune are usually men whose fortune is the product of their own labors. A great MAN is not the product of other's efforts but the direct product of his own.

The boy who works hard during vacation to be able to return to college, is almost invariably the boy who leads his class, for he knows only too well what his scholar-ship has cost him.

The MAN who winds up life with a fortune at his command, is usually, the boy who began life without a dollar and the converse is just as true. Poverty should not be much discouragement to the strong healthy young man who really wishes to educate himself and thus be able to cope with efficient men in life. A few lessons in experience are not at all out of place in the beginning. One knows better then, about what reception the world is going to give him when he does go forth into the great arena of life to grapple with its intricate problems. He can stay in school with so much more contentment. He will not be stung at all by having to do chores or perform janitor's tasks to support himself there. He is bent on the duty of self improvement, and on winning the approbation of intelligent people genenerally.

The boy who has help spends time after graduation looking for an easy place, hoping to find a place which offers excellent remuneration and with but few duties attached. After a long time during which he has made absolutely nothing, but having drawn heavily on outside help, he becomes convinced that such places are exceedingly rare and are rarely vacant.

He who is forced to depend on himself, accepts the situation which offers honest wages for honest labor and moves steadily on to success.

The one is ever a burden to his employer, the other, by his skilled hand, performs well the tasks assigned them and lightens proportionately the cares which business brings about. The one's position is an honor to HIM, the other is an honor to his POSITION. The one's influence wanes, the other's increases.

In society, the young man of plenty is a dandy and strange to say a favorite generally with the female sex. In fine, it takes such a young man to squander a fortune, taint the lives of his associates and wreck his own manhood in spite of all efforts to help and to save. But the young man who has to labor incessantly has found in it a safe guard. It has furnished the necessaries of life, warded off many evil practices and built up a Christian man-

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Reports From the Field.

Eductional Rally Report.

The following sums have been received since the last report:

TEXAS

Waco Bible School, sent by Miss E. I. Anthony,	$5.91
Waco Church, sent by Miss E. I. Anthony,	2.35.
Total for Texas,	8.26

ARKANSAS

Argenta, Edwards Chapel, sent by M. M. Bostick,	7.75

OKLAHOMA

Muskogee, Church, sent by R. B. Wells,	1.46

TENNESEE

Jonesboro, School and Church, sent by H. D. Griffin.	12.53
Total reported,	30.00
Total reported to date,	271.10

TO BE NOTED.

At Edwards Chapel Bessie Bryant gave 2.25; Virts Franklin and Moody Lindsay each 1.50; John Woodard Jr. 1.60; and Ellen Edwards, 1.00.

This report shows that we have reported to date $271.10. We are thus only a little over the half way mark of five hundred. But we have the year for the collection, and we hope to be able to make some announcements that will be helpful in our contributions for the year. in a week or two. If your Church has not yet given to this collection, try to have it have a part in this work. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Texas

The Church at Taylor, Texas is looking for a pastor. Fine people and officers. Good field. No Wandering Stars, Air Castle Builders or Money Grafters need apply.

Write T. L. Hall, Taylor, Texas.

The Church at Beaumont, Texas is looking for a pastor. Fine people—good field, one of the best fields in Texas in which to strengthen the work and secure a long successful pastorate.

If you are not all wool and a yard wide, and stand four square for the building up of the cause, locally and generally, save your stamps.

Write to Richard Sapp, 2178 Colliers Ferry Road, Beaumont, Texas.

I have good reasons for saying these churches will cooperate with, support morally and financially, an earnest, honest and faithful man. These are no healthy places for the "Twister," "Egotist" and "Jack of all Trades" that prove to be an inexhaustible fountain of "dope."

In one of the song books we have something like this: "Rain, Rain, Rain, Beautiful Showers of Rain"etc. Texas has had the rain since Dec. 1st, and I hope it has appeared more beautiful to others than it has to the evangelist. We have sure had the rain, and frost (not of Hawkins, Tex.) and snow for flavor.

We dropped off at Taylor, Texas, Jan. the 18th. Spent two days accompanied with rain and Bro. GentryRobinson, pastor in Nashville, Tenn. He delivered a lecture on Sunday afternoon that more than met the expectation of all, and placed another star in the growing crown of the S. C. I. Bro. Robinson was at his old home and was perfectly at himself. If President Lehman had been present and witnessed the joy, pleasure and the real uplift of the people who have always known Bro. Robinson; and beheld the face of Bro. Robinson's father and sister when Bro. Robinson in chaste language and clean delivery with a perfect demonstration of earnestness was drawing those beautiful pictures illustrating the simple, useful life—his eyes would have "sprang a leak." (Borrowed from Mrs. J. J. Jarvis)

I told the Taylor Church I was preaching my way to my "next place" and they assigned me a home with Mr. Williams the husband of Arah Evans Williams. Once more the evangelist "struck" a comfortable home with all inspiring environment. It could not have been different with such a happy couple demonstrating at the beginning simple "Horse sense."

The church did well and gave me a "little bit" more than my expenses to them and to my "next place" and I had to pull out Tuesday morning the 21st at 3 o'clock in a stiff Texas Norther. Spent one night with the Houston Mission and arrived in Beaumont on the night of the 22nd in a downpour of rain. Here almost one week without a service. But rain or shine we are reaching the homes. I am snugly housed with Bro. and Sister Andrew Simmons and all the preachers in Texas know the rest.

I am yours for a thousand dollar Rally Day and a "whopping" Worker's Conference.

WACO, WILLIAM ALPHIN.

South Carolina

The new year with its many duties is crowding in on us and we must be up and doing to keep up. One of the mile posts of 1913 is almost past. In this month we have been living in the company of great men. Men who are standing in the firing line. First comes Bro. Thomas's "Great man" in the "Standard" Next the workers in the PLEA. Our hearts go out to Bro. Harry Smith out on the advance guard! Yes, Bro. Smith God has thousands who are alive to the occasion back here in the main body who have cast their fears to the wind. Brethren is not this true? Let us see, God heard the prayers of Elijah and held back the rain for months. He prayed again and Lo it rained. The Church prayed for Peter who once failed his Master or teacher, prayed that his faith should not fail him. And Lo there he stood knocking at the door. Brethren is there a faithful servant of God (here in America amongst our people?) Are we a part of that Church? You who are surrounded with all the blessings of civilization pause and think of how much value this servant of God is to those in that far away land. He writes "So far God has stayed the fever which will come sooner or later" Brethren cannot this fever be held back until the work is accomplished?

Alright Bro. Bostick, my prayers and work go together if it will encourage you, I am pledged to raise one fortieth of the amount, that is $25.00 I wish to hear from the other 39 Brethren.

My Church is small but my friends are many and loyal. If I do not raise the amount I'll make the balance good. If I do I will give the $5.00 you asked for. I am only too anxious to be at the S. C. I. and hold out my hand for that last dollar that's promised. I think it was by Bro. Thomas. If it's not you Bro. I'll ask you any how if we raise the 999.

What are the ministers of S. C. doing? You who have our strong churches do you read the PLEA? Is it read by your members? Have you tried to take the Rally Day Collection? "Like Priests like people" saith the Scriptures. Read the second and third chapters of Revelation. Which of these Churches is your Church taking as a pattern?

DALE, EDWIN F. JACKSON.

California

Sunday morning, January 26th., I was with the Church located at Eighth and Linden Street, Los Angeles, California, of which D. L. McMickens, (formerly one of the leading ministers of Ohio,) is the pastor. I found the work prospering under the leadership of Brother McMickens. They have a splendid Church property well located and this was a gift to them by that grand man of God, now gone to his reward, Brother B. F. Coulter. He bought and paid for this property and made the Church a present of it. Lately the Church has neatly furnished the pastor's study. The Church is united and prosperous and it was indeed a pleasure to meet with them. They have promised to buy twenty of the books. "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly," and they have also promised to hold the Educational Rally Day Service and take the offering.

C. C. SMITH.

Oklahoma.

Editor GOSPEL PLEA: Seeing so many good reports in the PLEA, I can not refrain fron letting the brotherhood hear from this part of the Master's vineyard. We have several sick members in our flock at this writing. Brother S. C. Davis' family Sister Peyton and Sister Webb are all sick. Therefore some of our best workers are absent from service but notwithstanding the sickness in our membership we have put on a five hundred dollar Rally for the third Lord's Day in March ($500.00) and the Lord being our helper we are aiming to raise it. We have set the mark at ten dollars per member and the church by unanimous vote said, let's go after the goal. We baptized three last Tuesday night. We worshiped in a hired hall and very uncomfortable at that, therefore you see we need to make many sacrifices to establish permanent worship in this place, as there have been many failures here in the past. Our next District meeting convenes at Wybark, Okla. Any church having members coming to this part of Oklahoma please drop a card to the undersigned. We want to gather up the forces of the cause that nothing be lost to the cause of the Master. We read with much joy the opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute at Hawkins, Texas, our old home state. We have three boys who are looking that way the baby boy declaring he means to be a preacher.

Fraternally,

WYBARK, R. B. WELLS.

Texas

GOSPEL PLEA;—Allow me space to say we are quiet here it's true, but very busy. There is something here to do. Two reasons why I could not come to the Jarvis opening too much work, and

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

The Opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute.

"Turn, turn my wheel! The human race
Of every tongue of every place,
Caucasion, Coptic or Malay,
All that inhabit this great earth,
Whatever be their rank or worth,
Are kindred and allied by birth
And made of the same clay."

Whether the poet, Longfellow who wrote this beautiful picture of men's equality knew that it would take men hundreds of years to realize this—we do not know. But well did he sing out to the human race and encouched it so well in beautiful English that all men are kindred. Perhaps we who were at the opening of the J. C. I. realized as never before in the Lone Star State that this is true of the Disciples of Christ.

The presence of Mrs. Ida V. Jarvis who with her husband made the opening of the J. C. I. a possibility, and with Mrs. Terry King, (the State Secretary of the white auxiliaries) as their representative, and Mrs. George Riter as a representative of her local auxiliary. Yes, these with Elders Knight, Chichon, Anderson, Crayton and Alphin as representatives of the Negro Disciples of Texas made a brave phalanx. We felt that the poet sang a true song that all are allied by birth. We surely were welcomed in a way by Mrs. T. B. Frost to make us feel her strength in more ways than one.

Brother Frost had little to say, but we felt that he need not talk, for others could say for him. It's truly wonderful all he has done! The new two story building, when the kitchen is built will have ten rooms. With a large dining room, with ample room to seat fifty and a good large reception room or recitation room that will accommodate fifty students, with bed room for twelve girls and Brother Frost and his family. This new building with a large barn, (such as are not often seen in Texas) make a fine showing on the campns.

All these improvements spoke louder than words of Brother Frost's merit. Prof. Berry who has been with him since early fall has surely lent his part in helping Brother Frost bring about these results. Perhaps no number on the program was more enjoyed than the paper by Mrs. Jarvis in which she told why she gave the land. It was truly her love for our race many of whom had been her servants in youth as well as her companions in girlhood.

Little thought she as a girl, when she mounted a stump to preach to her "black sheep" that some day she should give to have the gospel preached to their race. And little did Major Jarvis think when he led his wife to the altar that both of them had with in their hearts love for negroes, which would cause them some day to give, so as to bless thousands.

The opening of the J. C. I. means much to the Disciples in Texas. And as we have rejoiced at the opening of the schools in other States—we feel that those in other states will rejoice with us. These schools, are mere babies compared with great schools if we call them great from a point of finance.

These small babies, which are beginning their growth among the negro disciples will mean as much to our church life as the denominational schools has meant to church life of the denominationalist.

So I am urgiug every disciple who could not be at the opening to begin now to nurse the baby well. The J. C. I. has large opportunities for growth. Let not a single discipie let these opportunities pass by.

And this opening would not have been complete could not Prof. J. B. Lehman have been with us. These young people, who are beginning this work are now grown but he feels more keenly an interest in them, than ever before.

How proud we as parents feel when our children surprise us in accomplishing their tasks. No less is this true with true teachers.

All though the Auxiliary women had done well in raising money to furnish the girls' bed rooms. The writer laid upon the table $167.75. One hundred of this was given by Mrs. Sarah Harwood, (white) of Dallas and the rest was raised by the colored auxiliaries with the assistance of the Churches.

We also found that many boxes had been received. In our next article we will give names of all who sent boxes.

The following gave on the furnishing. Mrs. Sarah Harwood, Dallas $100.00, Greenville Auxiliary $20.00, Waco Auxiliary $20.00, Mrs Rachel

Fielder, Hillsboro $5.00, Mt. Vernon Auxiliary $ 5. 25. Ft. Worth Auxilary$3.50, Shady Grove Auxiliary $2.50, and Taylor Auxiliary $1.50. Total received on furnishing $167.75.

Praying hat this beginning of giving to th J. C. I. may awaken a spirit of giving from many ot hers.

Earnestly praying that the J.C. I. may accomplish good as long as time shall last.

A Continued List of Commendable Givers on J. C. I.

Mrs. Sarah Harwood, (white) Dallas $100.00; Mr. C. A. Walker, Cason, $10 00; Eld. William R Brown, Cedar Lake $5.00; Mr. Charles Woodard, Cedar Lake $5.00; Mrs. Rachel Fielder, $5. Hillsboro, Mr. H. C. Johnson, Waco, $5.00; Mr. M. Byrd, Waco, $6 50; Those who gave one dollar are as follows, Mr. C. H. Thomas, Waco, Elder Isaac Crayton, Circleville, Prof. I. J. Anderson, Waco, Dr. Mitchell, Waco, Mrs. M. Ford, Waco, Oscar Byrd, Waco, Mr. Hamilton (white), Waco, Mr. Watson,(white), Waco, Mr. Haze, (white) Waco, Eld. J. E. Anderson, Waco, Eld. T. B. Frost, Hawkins, Mr. Price, Hawkins Prof. C A. Berry Hawkins, Elder M. Knight Cason, Elder Chichon, Greenville, Mr. Philips, Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Philips.

Trusting those who read this list will ask themselves this question. Have I given as God has blessed me? If not my brother or sister join this list with large and small gifts. I am yours earnestly pleading, that all of us may share in giving for the baby school, so that she may have a healthy growth.

Waco, Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

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hood that is reversed a character that is loved instead of being admirably by all lovers of virtue And she who casts her lot with him will find him an ageeable companion and well versed in all that is essential to the happy and comfortable home. Of such a man his wife is justly proud, but that is not all he is the pride of his neighbor just across the way of his town, country, state. and nation.

To the young man of wealth we would say that you so often let it lead you astray. And we most earnestly hope that you will remember that a great man is not the product of other's efforts, but the direct product of his own.

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permanent thus far. Suffice me to say I am doing my dead level best to send two work students next week, the Lord willing, if all things prove satisfactory one girl and one boy.

In the midst of my twentieth century carnival I may have to go with them. Paris is moved to help in every way possible.—Yours for progress,

Paris, M. T. Brown.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Church?

When we entered the dining room last Thursday night we were made to remember the happy hours spent at the S.C. I. by the nice plums placed at each of our plates—One of Mrs. Frost's tricks as usual.

H. Marshall, one of our boarding students made a flying trip to Big Sandy, his home, Saturday and brings news from others who are planning enter school soon.—Good news to the teacher.

Martinsville Christian Institute

When you have read the article headed "Boys Who Have Wealth and Boys Who Have It Not," on on the third page, and have become convinced that an investment in knowledge pays the greatest interest, write to the Principal of the Martinsville Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va. for terms and the exceptional opportunities held out to the deserving.

Martinsville, Alfred E. Spencer, Asst. Principal

Southern Christian Institute

The following names will complete the list of Academic students which we have been mentioning in this column for several weeks. All of them are at present enrolled in the Academy, and are having their "ups and downs" with English, History, Bible, and Book keeping, and some of them are taking Sewing, most of them Music, and two of them Agriculture: 51. Mabel Hicks 52. Ellen Johnson 53. Aletha Thomas 54. Pandora Thomas 55. Peter Dunson 56. Stanford Matthews 57. Ardelia Walker 58. Kate Jackson 59. Prince Gray 60. Olevia Hicks 61. Willette Young 62. Ben Anderson 63. Beulah Wilson. 64. Wendell Perkins.

College Avenue is being graded and will be graveled soon. Our friends coming to Commencement will hardly recognize our streets.

President Lehman and Supt. Young are arousing some interest in the Boys' Corn Club.

King David Peyton of Washington, D. C. is the latest student arrival at the Institute.

S. C. I.,—Feb. 6, 1913.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for February 23

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson VIII.
Abram and Lot.

—Genesis 13:1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich; and he addeth no sorrow therewith."

—Prov, 10:22.

TIME.—1921 B. C. PLACE.—Near Bethel, twelve miles north of Jerusalem. PERSONS.—Abram, Sarai, Lot, the herdsmen.

INTRODUCTION.

The incident occurring between the events of this lesson and the last is not to Abram's credit. It must be remembered that Abram was wonderfully in advance of his time regarding his conception of God, and his implicit faith.

EXPLANATORY.

1. AND ABRAM WENT UP OUT OF EGYPT.—The length of Abram's residence in Egypt can not be determined. He returned to his highland camping-ground near Bethel a much more extensive sheep-master than he left it.—Out of Egypt: Abram returns a wise and better man. "When called to leave his native land he had forewith obeyed. Such obedience envinced the existence of the new power of godliness in his breast. INTO THE SOUTH.—This part of the land is elsewhere distinctly the south, and south country (Josh. 10: 40; 11: 16). This expression is similar to ours.

2. AND Abram WAS VERY RICH.—An Arab sheik thinks he is wealthy if he has some two hundred tents and from fifty to a hundred camels, and a thousand sheep or goats. Abram was rich in other and better things, or that would have been little to his credit or his profit. "They are but the means and not the end of life; the instrument, and, not the objects. Of what value are they to the man who has not the noble purpose to use them for good, and the fine sensibilities to appreciate their true meaning? IN SILVER, AND IN GOLD.—This is the first time that these precious metals are mentioned. It implies an acquaintance among the ancient Egyptians with mining and refining.

3. AND HE WENT ON HIS JOURNEY.—By his stations, or, according to his encampments; i. e. either station by staion, as before pitching, his tent for a time at one station and then removing to another; or, perhaps, returning from his former stations, according to his original encampment when he was journeying southward.

5. AND LOT ALSO.—Closely associated with Abram was his nephew Lot. He seemed to have some righteous intentions, but he was weak. He preferred his earthly riches to the company of his godly uncle. Lot seemed to shared in Abram's growing prosperity. His flocks and herds also increased, and at length it became evident that the section of the country which they were jointly occupying was not large enough to yield neccessary substance for both their extensive households.

6. NOT ABLE TO BEAR THEM.—As they merely consumed the natural growths of the soil without planting, but moved from place to place, much room would be required, especially as the land was recovering from a dearth, and was already occupied by other tribes.

7. AND THERE WAS STRIFE BETWEEN THE HERDS MEN.—Originating, doubtless,in the increasing scarcity of the herbage for the subsistence of their flocks and in their eagerness for the possession of the wells, of fountains of water, which in that rocky, arid region have value unknown to the inhabitants of a country like ours. AND THE CANAANITE AND THE PERIZZITE DWELL THEN IN THE LAND.—They dwelt, but Abram, and Lot only sojourned in their wide scattered encampments.—The Canaanites were descendant of Canaan, the fourth son of Ham. The origin of the Perizzites is unknown.

8. AND ABRAM SAID BETWEEN ME AND THEE.—Abram was older than Lot and richer than Lot, and yet he spoke with the meekness of great strength, and ripe widsom. FOR WE ARE BRETHREN.—We are of the same family. We worship the same God, claim the same promises, and look for the same end. We can not righteously fight with each other.

9. IF THOU WILT.....THEN I WILL GO TO THE LEFT.—This generous and disinterested proposal to separate, and there by live in peace, is all the more to be admired, considering that the land was promised to Abram, not to his nephew, and besides that, Abram, as the head of the family, had the right of choice.—Abram walked "in the moral atmosphere of the Sermon on the Mount." He is a great object lesson for all Christians.

10. BEHELD ALL THE PLAIN OF JORDAN.—Lot looked down on the green valley of the Jordan its tropical luxuriance visible from thence, beautiful and well watered as that Garden of Eden of which the fame still lingered in their own Chaldean hills

Fres Lehman

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Jarvis Christian Institute

THIS IS the youngest child in the family of C. W. B. M. schools. Tuesday, January 14, 1913 was a high day for this new educational center. Major and Mrs. J. J. Jarvis gave four hundred and fifty-six acres one mile east of Hawkins, Texas. On December the 15, 1911 Thomas B Frost was sent to Big Sandy where he found a man who agreed for one dollar to take him out and show him the land. He found a wilderness where a rabbit could not have been seen twenty feet away. He spent two weeks in fixing up two mill shanties for a house and barn and then he came back to Mississippi and loaded all his household effects and farming tools and stock into a car and took his family and moved over. Now the things this young man and his wife were able to accomplish in one year border more on the marvellous than anything we have heard for a long time.

1. They cleared and fenced thirty acres south of the railroad and planted most of it in corn and truck and raised the best crop about there.

2. They fenced in a campus of thirty acres north of the railroad and cleared it of underbrush and made some streets.

3. They built a two-story barn twenty-eight by forty-five and stored their corn and fodder in it.

4. They canned nearly two hundred quarts of fruit and vegetables.

5. In September they were joined by C. A. Berry and they at once began to erect a mess hall, girls' dormitory and school building combined thirty-six by forty, containing eight rooms, a dining room and a school room; and this was near enough finished to be dedicated Janury 14th.

We had scarcely gotten off of the train when people began to tell us of the wonderful things that that man Frost and wife have done. Leading merchants, bankers and others spoke in praise of Brother Frost and Berry. When the people began to come for the opening, two of the leading white merchants of the town became uneasy for fear Bro. Frost could not take care of all who would come. They walked out at ten o'clock at night and roused him up and told him that if he needed any thing from them to call on them, that they were going to see him through. One man said no people have



NEW BUILDING AT JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

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—A. M. Bolton, West, Texas: Your subscription number is 130.

—Subscriptions from Port Gibson, Miss., both with subscription number 105: Mrs. India McClodden, and A. C. Smith,

—Dr. Mc Cary of Monrovia, Africa writes to President Lehman of the Southern Christian Institute as follows: "I am just writing to say that I am doing my very best for the school at Scheffelin. I thank you greatly for the interest you have taken in the boys of Liberia, particularly of the boys of my tribe which needed to be educated, namely the the Congo Tribe of Liberia. I am sending all of the best boys of my tribe to your school here, and your work will be the greatest in this land in the future, under good management.

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

Mr. Rakestraw, editor of The County Paper at Angola, Ind., and Mr Goodale, Mrs. Lehman's uncle of Angola, are visitors at the Institute. Mr. Goodale was here about twenty years ago. He says great changes have taken place at the school.

Eld. B. C. Calvert, of Jackson, evangelist of Jackson district, spoke at the Institute during Chapel service, Feb. 12.

Supt. Young attended a farmer's meeting at Tougaloo University, Feb. 13. He was one of the speakers. He reports the meeting largely attended and very successful.

The writer recently visited the Sewing Department which is under the efficient management of Miss Boggs. Some of the girls were taking their first lesson in crocheting. Others were running sewing machines, others were doing hand-stitching. Miss Boggs has just added a new desk to her equipment, which is a great help to her in her work.

The annual Inter-society contest occurs March 8. Of course you are planning to be present. Be sure to bring others along with you.

S. C. I.—Feb. 14, 1913.

Liberian Christian Institute

We have here a great undeveloped field. Here we find creatures roaming undressed, uncultured uneducated, without character; more than that they are idle. Brethren, what a field there is here to be developed!

These are the last words you will get from us for 1912. So we bring to you greetings. Christmas has passed. We enjoyed it very much notwithstanding the writer was in bed all day.

What a great privilege to be co-workers with

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How it is Done.

The work of the church in carrying out its misson in the world, is growing among the Negro Disciples and the race. This should be admitted without controversy. We must also admit that the nature of the growth is in harmony with the growth of all great movements that have accomplished much in the uplift of mankind. The growth comes from the seed—The word of God. This growth is the result of "the love of Christ constraineth us." It is in His name many are giving themselves means and efforts to this work. And as "truly as like begets like," those who are blessed by this work, and must help to continue it, will do so in the same spirit.

This is a very practical age. The world demands results and is not so much concerned about the Philosphy of things. It is at this point where efforts in the name of Jesus Christ, and constrained



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by His love, accomplishes great things in meeting the real and practical neeeds of mankind. The Kingdom of God, or His Church and its work, is always illustrated by small things growing into larger things. The growth is a silent quiet one, but powerful and always brings results. It is without observation but not without power and results. When Christ compared His Church to a mustard seed He pointed to a very wonderful fact. In His Church, although coming from a very small seed, there is a power, that produces results, that is indestructible.

The kingdom is coming to the Negro and growing among us in this appointed way. It must come, and more fully come in this way, for it is the only way. The cause of the, at least seeming, delay of the kingdom more fully coming to us, is our failure to see it this way, expect it this way and work to bring it this way. It is true and commenable that some of us have honestly and earnestly worked, most of us have worked, but, as the result of the growth of the kingdom among us, some have learned it is not enough to simply work, but so work as to have our efforts in harmony with the nature of the growth of the kingdom. Otherwise it is possible for us to work, and with a great sacrifice, but our efforts will not extend the growth of the kindom but will greatly retard it.

The coming and growth of the kingdom of God to any race or nation includes all of that race's or nation's greatest good. It would not be God's and worthy of Christ as a King, if it did not. It stands for all that is good for one man, race or nation, and stands against all that is not good. In view of this fact, and how the work of the kingdom is growing among us, can't we unmistakably see the greatest of our efforts as a religious people, and a race, have been unwisely directed? Compare our efforts in supporting partisanship in the church, in politics, falsely so called racial pride in the church, lodges and our efforts of developing into grafters after this world's goods and friendship to our efforts to bring more fully and continue the growth of the kingdom among us. Do you not conclude, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, that it is high time for the larger number of the leaders of the Negroes, especially those unidentified with the disciples, to throw on the brakes, at least, in their methods of directing the efforts of the Negroes to accomplish their greatest good?

We, more than all others, must consider what Christ teaches as principles for human life. What He considers greatness, true success, true riches, for one man or race, and direct our fellowmen in precept and example accordingly. Otherwise we forfeit all claims to the Divine Authority of Jesus Christ.

Now consider carefully the growth of the work among us. Not so much what has been accomplished, but how it is accomplished. To do this, some things are necessary, (1) Truthfulness; (2) unselfishness; (3) interest; (4) earnest desire to know the facts; (5) courage and the will to accept facts and make conclusions; (6) earnestly desire to accomplish the greatest and lasting good to others in our individual and collective service.

The work among us has grown by considering it the work of the church of Christ, and therefore must be done in the name and spirit—which also means as He directs. By believing beyond and shadow of a doubt, that the Gospel of

Reports From the Field.

Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. That this salvation is not limited to the salvation from past sins, but includes salvation from all conditions that prohibits mankind from receiving, enjoying and doing the greatest good. By what kind of logic and process of reasoning can we divorce this conception of the Gospel from those who have been, and are, the leaders of the growing work among us. No longer do they expect laws on statute books, the product of man's wisdom, ignorance or prejudice to save any race or nation from a depraved and paralizing condition: but God's law the product of God's wisdom written in the hearts of individuals. With the faith that this will secure salvation at all times and from all condition unto the highest and best service, this growth of work continues.

This work has grown and is growing by a great sacrifice—Preaching the Gospel to every creature and making it in practice an all men's Gospel. Sacrifice of self, ease, comfort, means, pleasant relationship and association, worldly friendship and popularity. Is there any sacrifice possible to human that has not been made to continue this work? Our Heavenly Father's purpose of human life, and the blessings he bestows, revealed to us in Jesus and His teachings, are fully sufficient to bring the obedient to the proper conception of sacrifice to promote and sustain the Gospel of His son and our Saviour. We must take, willingly, more fellowship in this great sacrifice. The growth of the work undoubtedly show us the absolute necessity of a greater sacrifice to foster and extend the growing work. Who can predict the great good that would speedily come to this work, if we had more of the spirit to sacrifice in our pulpits and especially the pews. Will it not go to the pews if it is truly in the pulpit? As disciples, possibly it will not be amiss for us to re-read our Bible, and then look up the word sacrifice in our dictionary, and then decide whether or not we have ever made a real sacrifice for this work. O, how the world would grow— all of the work—if we would in His name, willingly make sacrifice for it.

The growing work among us is growing through organization. It begun the same way. Who will risk his judgement, truthfulness and honesty in a denial of the fact that organization is an indispensible factor in the growth of the work? What real help has come to this work from our unorganized or disorganized condition? What has been done through organization? What is it that has begun and supported this work? All is centered in an organization. Organization is the method by which all our evangelistic work is being done. It is this method that directs efforts and raises the means to support the work of the Louisville Bible School, the S. C. I. Edwards, Miss; the school at Lum, Ala; the school at Martinsville, Va; the school at Jonesboro, Tenn; the J. C. I. at Hawkins, Texas and the Liberian Institute, Liberia, Africa. In addition to the great work accomplished in these schools, who can estimate the great help that comes through inspiration and encouragement the result of the positive fact of these schools? Have we anything to equal this out of the method of organization? Possibly there are those of us who have worked sincerely, earnestly and worked more and sacrificed more than some with the organization, but the world wants results that prove and show accomplishments. We must plead guilty to the charge that the greatest hindrance to the work is the unorganized condition of Negro disciples, and their lack of appreciation and failure to co-operate with the organization that has made the growth among us possible and what it is. The needs of the work and its growth demands that we come to ourselves wake up, get up and get busy. It is certainly a great unfavorable reflection upon us, if we do not. I surely believe we will.

I have written this with the Educational Rally Day and the workers conference in mind. I think we can make the Rally Day and the conference what they should be by the same methods the work is growing among us. We must fully realize that it is the work of the Church and must be done in the Savior's name and in obedience to him. The obedience to the claims and commands of the Gospel and our faith, requires of us personal and collective sacrifice. We must organize and take hold of these things as an entire brotherhood. Together with a united purpose, it can be done, without, it can't be done as it should be.

The Rally Day and the Workers' Conference appeals to the Negro Disciples in a general way. It is a test. Our ministers, of whom so much is required, must unitedly lead our Churches in this matter. Our state Conventions, Boards, Cor. Secretaries and Evangelists should bring this Rally Day and Conference earnestly before our churches in all the states and get results. It is a hindrance to the work for us to remain indifferent, or to continue to shirk or postpone our duty to these calls. I truly hope we will line up in all the states this year in answering these calls. In response to these calls we must stand or fall. By our response shall all men

know our interest as a brotherhood in the education of our people and organizing to carry on the work. Loyality to our greatest good, and the appeals of the growing work calls for a brotherhood faithful and sincere efforts this year and raise that thousand dollars and make the workers conference a commendable representative body. We have the preachers, the people, the money, and the men and workers in the different states, then why not wipe out that thousand dollar mark this year? The National Board is increasing its appropriation to our educational and evangelistic work each year. We decreased ours last year. If we go at it this



MRS. J. J. JARVIS.

year, in the spirit and by the method the work is growing among us we will increase our gift this year. If not, we will recommend to those who are increasing their appropriation each year to decrease or discontinue them. Is this what we mean and want to do? Brethren, think on these things.

WACO, TEXAS WM. ALPHIN.

Tennessee.

Elder W. P. Martin, pastor of the West Main Street Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, will address the people of Jonesboro in the Chapel of the Warner Institute, Wednesday at 8 o'clock from this (Subject) The "I Am's" of Jesus, the Jews and the Christ. We are anticipating a packed house to an over-flow. The speaker proposes to make a clear cut Bible discussion and a revelation of God's words revealed. In this discussion, the speaker proposes to turn on the search light and and show the existance of Christ in every age from creation.

I. Why were miracles wrought?

(2) Why was it almost impossible for the Jews to believe in the Divinity of the Christ?

(3) What did the Jews think of Christ?

(4) Are the days of miracles passed?

We propose to discuss the above outlines in the most theological way, that the hearers will be greatly benefited and will have a larger vision of the understanding of God's word.

Jonesboro.

PERSONALS

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—Elder R. B. Brown, of Hermanville, Miss. writes to the editor of the PLEA. expressing his gratitude to the Mt. Beulah Sunday-School, for the financial assistance it gave him during his recent misfortune.

—Elder. C. H. Dickerson, Nicholesville, Kentucky, writes: "Have not forgotten the PLEA—my first love. "State Paper ventures" had me. Behind with Educational money. Will get there though. Always have. Host of us behind time this year. Raised ten hundred fifty dollars and fifty-nine cents for all purposes in 1912. Eighth and best year financially. All departments moving save C. W. B. M. It goes some and w its some. Hope it gets in ere heaven's door closes, more sick—hopeless some. Church house will be O. K. when done Yours in the King's Business,"

—We have a splendid letter from K. B. Polk, Cor. Sec. of Texas, which will probably be printed next week. The heading af the letter is "Easter Sunday—Jarvis Christian Institute." Each church on Easter Day is asked to report not less than five dollars for Jarvis Christian Institute. We hope Texas will rally as never before.

—Subscriptions from Texas: Mrs. Lena Adams, East Waco, subscription number, 105; Mrs. Lucy Sales, Mt. Vernon subscription number 105; Maria Hisbon, Greenville, subscription number 130; Eld. D. T. Rogers, Haney Grove, subscription number 130.

—Eld. A. Buckner, Rebecca, Georgia "Your subscription is 130."

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All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

We rejoice to learn that souls are being won to Christ at nearly every service at our mission station in Liberia. Six have been added to the church there during the first four weeks after the arrival of our new missionaries.

The Junior Society at the Southern Christian Institute is supporting Baldeo a boy in the Damoh orphanage in India. He is about twelve years old. We are glad to have this part in a great work.

The Mt. Beulah Auxiliary held its regular meeting Sunday after-noon February 9th, in the Chapel. Mrs. Prout was the leader. A very interesting and instructive program was rendered.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in your valuable paper for me to say to all Auxiliary members in both district number one and number two that our C. W. B. M. Quarterly meeting will be held at Union Hill the third Saturday and Sunday in March. The program will soon be out.

Dear sisters and brothers let us come out and see if we cannot do better work this year than before. We can if we will. May the Lord ever help us to do more.

Yours in His work,

PORT GIBSON, SARAH S. BLACKBURN.

Arkansas

Dear Editor and Readers of the PLEA: It has been some time since I have had any thing to say in this paper. But still I keep in touch with the good truths that other good writers are saying. I wish every home in the State of Arkansas had the GOSPEL PLEA. When a Christian is in the pure light of Christ and understands his duties he has no time to stand idle and say we ought to help send the GOSPEL to those who know not of Christ. If he is in earnest he will put his shoulder to the wheel and help it to continue going. But my dear readers, there are so many of our people that are asleep in the work of Christ. They have not realized what is before them to do. On January twenty-sixth the C. W. B. M. at Argenta met and rendered a very lively program. The president, Mrs. Bostick planned the program and every thing was carried out in order. I will only mention one paper that was read and that was Harry G. Smith's letter who has recently arrived at Monrovia, Africa. Bro. M. M. Bostick read this letter and made a good talk after reading it. This small band of Christian workers are doing all they can to uplift fallen humanity. The Christian Churches are still at work but when we look and see just how the other churches are worshiping Christ it seems as if the Christian Churches are doing but little. There also was one new member added to the roll, Mrs. Lura Powell the wife of Mr. Eugene Powell who once was a student at the S. C. I. They seem to be alive in the work. God gradually fades out of the daily life of those who never pray. We ask your prayers for this work. Yours Truly.

ARGENTA, BIRDIE BRIDGES.

Worth Repeating

To be good and to do good are the two great objects set before the Christian; to develop a perfect character by rendering a perfect service. True Christian culture leads to and expresses itself in service, while faithful and loving service is the best means of Christian culture. —Washington Gladden.

Every occupation, plan, and the work of man, to be truly successful, must be done under the direction of Christ, in union with His will, from love to Him, and in dependence upon His power. —Mueller.

I know no blessing so small as to be reasonably expected without prayer, nor any so great but may be attained by it. —South.

Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the new life sermon; the girding on of the armor for battle; the pilgrims preparation for his journey. It must be supplemented by action or it amounts to nothing. —A. Phelps.

The Gospel is not merely a book—it is a living power—a book surpassing all others. I never omit to read it, and every day with the same pleasure. —Napolean on St. Helena.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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Christ in the redemption of men! Do you hear the bell ring? Listen to Berry and Frost in Texas. Methinks I hear the hammer ringing now. What is it? Why these have finished the barn and are now nearly through with the domitory.

In the morning we will start to make a wagon which we are to use in getting our freight out to the Mission Station.

We are living in the first building Jacob built and the room is so small. We are hoping soon to have our rooms in Ross Hall.

Schieffelin, Liberia, Africa, Dec. 29, 1912

Jarvis Christian Institute.

When you feel lonely and feel that you have no friends and all the world is going wrong take down Tennyson's poems and read them carefully.

The literature class which is working hard to make themselves masters of words, frankly confessed a few days ago, that Edgar Allen Poe lost them with his story—"Oval Portrait." They think now with some of the other writers of his days—that he is one of our best American Poets.

Elder T. B. Frost was rained out from his appointment at Cason last Sunday, but comes home with great faith of weather by and by—A good trait that always follows the Frosts.

The preachers in Texas are asking when will the weather give them a good Sunday. They are beginning to believe that the year 1913 is an unlucky one—Have patience my brethren and pray more and and all will come right by and by.

A Royal Entertainment.

On the first day of February, the month of "Love" according to antiquity, I was invited home with one of my students, Hamlin Marshall, who lives North-East of Big Sandy about three miles. Leaving the Jarvis Christian Institute on a slow excursion train on accout of bad roads through the country we were just in time to catch the next excursion that awaited us in Big Sandy. Here we met our good friend Mrs. Marshall, the mother of the above named young man and a host of her friends with smiling faces awaiting our arrival. In a few minutes we were on the next excursion making our way out to their home. Here we found the roads better and of course our train could make better time. In less than an hour we were in sight of a beautiful home, which any one could tell without the eyes of an eagle was different from any we had seen on our way. As I came nearer and nearer, observing very closely I saw so many things about this home that so much resembled the smiling faces that met us in Big Sandy. I said to myself this must be the Marshall's home before they made it known to me. Here we met the glad faced father and other members of the family who with the very expressions on their faces made us know we were indeed welcome. After we had gotten good and warm we were invited in the dining room to supper. Here we found everything good for the physical man fixed in such a good style and tasty that a person couldn't but help eating whether he was hungry or not. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall haven't lost any oppurnities in trying to get to the place where they could live happy and educate their children. They are among the many Negroes of this State who own from two hundred to a thousand acres of land, mules, horses, cows, hogs and a bank account. The community in which they live is like all other communities proud of good citizens. They are not only good citizens and show themselves friendly to every body, but they are proving themselves to be good and true parents of their large family. We predict great things from the Marshalls.

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taken hold of the hearts of that community like these people have. The feeling thus far created will be worth more to J. C. I. in the years to come than five thousand dollars as a gift from some one.

On Tuesday morning a good audience was on hand for the opening exercise. Sister Mattie Frost opened with a welcome address and of all the welcome addresses we ever heard, we never heard its equal. The three state workers, Mrs. Terry King, Mrs. Ida V. Jarvis and Mrs. Geo. Riter all pronounced it a gem of its kind.

In the afternoon the house was packed and it was a great meeting. With what Mrs. Alpin reported the Collection amounted to $200.55. After five dollars of local expense was taken out $195.55 were turned over to us to be sent to the C. W. B. M. Prof. Berry opened school on Wednesday January the 15th.

With the interest that is worked up among the white auxiliaries and among the Negro Churches we are certain there is a great future ahead for the J. C. I.

It is not so much what you say
That changes the atmosphere of your house,
As it is the spirit of your life,
The temper you exhibit, the ends you live for.

—Selected.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for March 2

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson IX.

God's Covenant With Abraham.

Lesson.—Gen. 15; 17:1-8.

Printed Text.—Gen. 15:5-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"He is faithful that promised."—Heb. 10.

TIME.—1913 B. C. PLACE.—Hebron, nineteen miles south-west of Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION.

Of course you will read the Scripture from Gensis 13:13-15:4. At the close of the last lesson, Lot lived near Sodom, and Abram had his headquarters near Hebron. Both were dwelling in tents. God gave Lot a remarkably good opportunity of resuming relations with Abram. Sodom and its neighbor cities were invaded by a mighty army from Babylonia and Elam, and the inhabitants and their possesions carried off. Abram and his Amorite allies rescued them.

EXPLANATORY.

5. Abram can not fully understand how God's promise can be fulfilled when he has no children, so he begins to interrogate. "What wilt thou give me?" he asks in verse 2. The Lord assured him that he should be the father of a son. Then follow the words of verse 5. AND HE BROUGHT HIM FORTH ABROAD, AND SAID, LOOK NOW TOWARD HEAVEN.—The heavens declare the glory of God. AND NUMBER THE STARS.—As no man can number the stars, so no man will be able to tell the number of thy descendants. —The descendants of Abram included not only Israelites, but the Arabians, the Midianites, the Ammonites, and Moabites, who were a numerous people, and were for more than a thousand years among the most important in Asia. At least two branches of his strong stock yet remain—the Jews, who are found in every part of the earth, and the Arabs, who still roam unconquered over the desert.

6. HE RECKONED IT TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.—Much has been written on this passage by the theologians which has only served to obscure its meaning. There is nothing said about Abram being saved by trusting in the merits of Christ; only that he believed in God; he believed whatever God had said; when God said he should become a great nation he believed it. When God said that in his seed "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" he believed it

7. I AM JEHOVAH THAT BROUGHT THEE OUT OF UR OF THE CHALDEES.—By reminding him that he was brought out of the land of the Chaldees, the purpose of God could more readily be brought before him. TO GIVE THEE THIS LAND TO INHERIT IT.—It is God's plan, in bringing him out of Ur, to give him possession of Canaan. This was enough. So the Christian may encourage himself in God by looking back at all that God has already done for him, at the ways in which he has already led him.

8. WHEREBY SHALL I KNOW.—Not an expression of doubt, but a desire for the confirmation or sealing of a promise which transceuded human thought and conception.

9. TAKE ME A HEIFER...SHE-GOAT...RAM... TURTLE-DOVE...YOUNG PIGEON.—Five animals, representing all the species commonly offered in worship—a heifer, a goat, a ram and two doves—are ordered prepared as a requisite for entering into obligation. These are the animals afterwards prescribed in the law for sacrifices (Ex. 29: 15; Num. 15: 27). As this was an occasion of great imporance, all the animals are made use of. THREE.—The number three is sacred. and denoted the perfection of the victim in point of maturity.

10.—AND HE TOOK...AND DIVIDED THEM IN THE MIDST.—This very solemn form of ratifying a covenant is again particularly mentioned in Jer. 34: 18 It consisted in cutting the throat of the victim as nearly as possible into two equal parts, which being placed opposite each other at a short distance the covenant parties approached at the opposite ends of the passage thus formed, and, meeting in the middle, took the customary oath.

11. AND THE BIRDS OF PREY CAME DOWN.—Such as vultures, eagles, hawk, buzzards.

12.—A HORROR OF GREAT DARKNESS.—Which God designed to be expressive of the affliction and misery into which his posterity should be brought during their bondage in Egypt, as the next verse particularly states.

14.—THAT NATION...WILL I JUDGE.—This predicts the ten plagues which came upon the Egyptians before the would consent to let the Israelites go free.

15. THOU SHALT GO TO THY FATHER IN PEACE.—And so indeed he did— quietly, gently, with dignity and with satisfaction.

Pres. Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Remember Mexico,

Every one who reads the news papers is familiar with the dispatches from that unhappy country struggling with civil war; but not all understand the causes that led to that sad state of affairs. A full knowledge of this ought to greatly aid us in doing our work.

Mexico was settled by Spanish aristocrats in the two centuries following the discovery of America by Columbus. These aristocrats were Catholics and were true to the philosophy of Catholicism that the common people must be kept ignorant. They were surrounded by ignorant Spanish peasants, semi-civilized Indians and recently imported Negro slaves. Had these Spanish aristocrats undertaken to uplift the lower classes, they would really have obeyed their master who said "Whosoever would come after me let him take up his cross and follow me." But this they did not do and as a result the lower classes merged into a peon class that lives as stolid and ignorant as cattle. The morals of the aristocrats were broken down till they no longer felt that it was a shame to prey on the morals of the baser women below them. They did not realize that their own race was degenerating so fast that soon all power would pass from it.

When the degeneration had gone far enough factions broke out among the aristocrats themselves and they began to appeal to the people for aid, and then came the tribulations. For years the men have been deserting the Church so that now the only practical support it has comes from the women. The faction opposing the Catholic Church is infidel in character and stakes its hope on these unchristian principles. Pres. Taft has refused to interview, for he does not want to offend either factions. But sooner or later we will intervene and then the country must be opened to practical Christian teaching or it will be removed from the map of the world.

In some ways we have a very similar condition in our own land. We have ten million freedmen in our midst. They number between nine and ten percent of our population In both North and South was a large element of Godly men and women who sought earnestly to obey their Master by taking up their cross and following him, but there was a much larger element that adhered to the doctrine of the Spanish aristocrats that it is best to keep these ignorant, and they persecuted the other element that believe in the doctrine of Christianity. In those places where they have been greatly in the ascendency, the Negroes have been brutalized and their morals have been preyed upon until the degeneration of the white people is so manifest that there is not a ray of hope for the future unless there is emigration from elsewhere. The only thing that can avert the fate of Mexico is the work that has been done by the other class. All through the South are Negro men and women whose lives have been thoroughly touched and they will stand for all the great reforms and missionary enterprises and will lead their people into them also.

The politicians are always on the side of the Spanish aristocrats and when the time comes that great faction breaks out among them they will appeal to those beneath them to aid them They are not dependable in any sense of the word. In the campaign for the office they will say they are eternally opposed to the money power and when they go to conventions or into legislation halls they vote with the money barons; and what is worse, those whom they betrayed do not know that they have been betrayed.

There is growing up among the Negroes a class of politicians that is following the footsteps of the white politicians, and this makes the future all the more foreboding. It is high time the church people arouse themselves. Many of the schools for the Negroes are State schools or non-religious schools and they can not avert our threatened disaster. The conscience and religious instincts must be developed along with the intellect before a man is safe in the work of the world.

But the religious element is in the habit of feeling satisfied very easily. While there are state schools that expend from fifty to two hundred thousand annually, there are members of the Church who think they do well when they expend thirty thousand on all their Evangelism and school work consisting of some six schools. What we need to do is to convince these men and women that our work stands between our children and the disast-

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—O. F.Rakestraw, Angola, Indiana: your subscription number is 135.

—Mrs. O. Goodale, Angola, Indiana: your subscription number is 135.

—J. L. Wood, evangelist for South Carolina sends in his annual report. It will be printed as soon as possible. He says he is late owing to his moving to Sumpter and manuscript having been sent to the press.

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

Mr. and Mrs. Dorney, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois are visiting at the Institute. Mrs. Dorney is superintendent Prout's sister, and a few years ago was a worker here. She will be remembered as Miss Inez Prout.

Last week a fatal accident occured at the Big Black. Oliver Bland's father drove out from town to look at his fish net. The river is high. It is supposed that his boat hit a snag and upset, and that he climbed into a limb of a tree. It was a cool night, and probably held there till benumbed by cold. He then fell into the angry river. His body was found the next day about four feet from shore in water three or four feet deep. His funeral was held last Sunday morning at the Friendsihp Baptist Church, Rev. Scott preached the funeral sermon.

Mr. O. Goodale and Mr. Rakestraw of Angola, Indiana returned home Tuesday morning of this week. Their visit of two weeks at the Institute was a benediction to all. They are leading elders in their home church and showed keen interest in all that is being accomplished here. Come again, brethren.

Ed Richardson, the new mail carrier, is getting Route No. 1. well in hand. We trust he may hold his position long, and prove as profitable as his predecessor, Henry Fostor, who till a few weeks ago had this route from the beginning of the rural mail service in this community.

The Jackson District Meeting was held at the Edwards Christian Church last Saturday and Sunday. The meeting was a success. The financial offering was perhaps the best since beginning of the work in the district. Evangelist Calvert of Jackson was present, and a number of helpful addresses were delivered. We understand the next meeting is to be held at the Institute Church just before Commencement week in May.

The Contest March 8. Bills are being printed. Big time. Come.

Examinations begin next Wednesday. Another term of school has about gone into history.

Invitations to the marriage of Lucinda Rolla, of Taylor Texas to D. A. Olliver, were received at the Institute today. The wedding will take place at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Rolla at noon February 19. They will be at home 1151 New York Avenue, Fort Worth Texas. Lucinda was a student in the Acedemy last year, and made a record.

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Easter Sunday-Jarvis Christian Institute.

January 14, 1913 the sun beamed forth in all of its glory, clearing away every vestage of mystifying doubt that possibly might have been hovering above the horizon of His disciples; and in the glory of the morn, we saw looming in full view upon the hill of reality, the star of hope pointing out the home, yes the real home of thoughts born and nursed in the bosom of dear ones, that have passed from the stage of action. As we look proudly on, and conjectured the possibilities the future has in store for this young hopeful, we ask not his name, for, as in the days of John, we know that it should be Jarvis Institute.

It is human for every one that has an iota of parental pride, to feel proud of the little ones sent into the home to make it happier by their being there; many pleasures that ordinarily could not be dispensed with, are set aside that the wants of the new comer may be supplied. A failure to comply with these common laws of the human family, bring forth censure from the criticizing world, and the use of the oft repeated, "The man that will not provide for his own house, is worse than an infidel." What is true of individuals, is true of the Christian family, in this particular instance at least.

Jarvis Christian Institute is ours and its intellectual healthfulness and numerical growth depends upon the parental care the Christian Brotherhood of Texas gives it. The deserving souls who are now in charge, have accomplished much at the very beginning, and we feel proud of them, but co-operation on our part would be stronger assurances of deep appreciation for their work, and the high esteem in which we hold them.

Easter Sunday has been set aside by the state Convention as general rally day, all departments of the church, for Jarvis Christian Institute. Each church has been asked to report not less than five dollars ($5.00). Let your collections be more, the times and the cause you are fostering, demand it. Let each Bible School and Y. P. S. C. E. rally as never before. Go into the work with the determination that the work must succeed and success is ours. Failure is pathetic. It moves men to sorrow and sympathy, but seldom does it invite assistance or encouragement. As a matter of truth, a man who is not forever sleeping or intent upon useless trifles, can hear the rattle of fortune at the knocker almost as often as he really listens for it. But there usually comes to him once or twice in his lifetime, and it is already with us, a Big Opportunity, a chance to do something that he can do well and to make it count for his own success.

There is not any need of our waiting until the last moment, collect your moneys and send in same. You have elected a worthy man for that position and he should be honored to extent if no more. The truth comes forcibly to us, that the work of the Master should be carried on in the same strict business like manner as that for personal benefit.

Those who are slothful must stand aside, you are eating meat and therefore offending, let those who will do, do.

PARIS, TEXAS. K. B. POLK, Cor. Sec'y.

Notice

Notice is here by given that there will be a meeting of the stock-holders of the Southern Christian Institute, March 10 at the office of A. J. Lewis in Edwards, Mississippi. A former notice of this meeting was given but no stock holders met on the day appointed. We urge that there be no failure on March 10th.

Christian Woman's of Missions,
By Mrs. Anna R. Atwater, President.

South Carolina

The "PLEA" with its cheering news of the work and workers is always an inspiration to me. We are trying to get it into the homes in our community. It's "helpful to all" will always arouse the thoughtful reader, inspiring him to put forth an effort.

J. L. Wood, our state evangelist, spent several days with us. He is trying to reach every Church in the state. Come, brethren, are you sending him on his way rejoicing? We love to listen to his presentation of the gospel. What are the Churches in South Carolina doing? Are you sending in your Rally Day money? Are you getting ready for our Home mission Day, Easter Sunday? Is your Church one of the "Ins" or one of the "Outs," in His service, or out of His service? Let me hear from you. Send me your work and I will send them in if you do not care to write. Let us strive to see how much good we can do this year. Just think of the host of great men and noble women we are working with. Do not let us hold them back. Let us stand up for Jesus and never dishonor that Holy Name by which we are called.

Just a word to every member of the State Board. Remember an office in the Church is a place to work and not to rule in. It is the people's desire that you should have it to work in and if you come up to the New Testament's requirement you are also the Holy Spirit's choice. Then he that uses his office

Reports From the Field.

well purchaseth to himself a great degree. It is your first duty to take the PLEA so as to keep in touch with the work; then get as many as you can to take it. This will make our work known and your personal work easier. Next you are to observe the Educational Rally Day in your Church to aid the C. W. B. M. as they are making it possible for our Evangelist to give his time to the work. Next you are to gather the state apportionment so as to push our state work. By doing this and publishing your work you will show your good work and others will be constrained to follow your example. And thus glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Yours in His service.

DALE, EDWIN F. JACKSON.

Report

I present for your consideration my annual report from November 12, 1911 to November 1st 1912.

Number of days employed 72
Number of miles traveled.....1862
Places visited and revisited. 12
Sermons and addresses..... 56
Personal visits..... 70
District meetings attended.....3
State Board meetings attended..... ..2
Work in one district brought to life, district number 3. One new point opened, Ehrhardt.
Students secured for Louisville Bible School.....1
Students secured for the S. C. I.....1
Churches set in order.....5

Supplied for one Church, Cypress Church. Reorganized one Sunday School.

Conferences with Church officials.....4
Additions by confessions. 5
Additions from denominations 5
Letters mailed..... 63
Postals mailed 17
Preachers located..... 2
Churches strengthened 2

Money raised from Churches

From Three Mile Creek..... .....$2.00
From Ehrhardt Mission.....2.80
From Galilee.....2.65
From St. James.....7.67
From Briner..... ..... 7 48
From Keans Neck.....4.85
From Holy Rock 1.63
From Cypress Creek.....14 75
From Green Chapel.....0.50
From State and Districts Boards.....17.23
From E. F. Jackson 2.30
From individuals in Sumpter.....3.48
Total in State..... ....67.34
From National C. W. B. M.....200 00
Total from all sources 267. 34
Expenses 51.00

Respectfully submitted.

SUMPTER. J. L. WOOD, Evangelist.

Texas

The News of the Gospel Plea for one Week, Feb 15, 1913.

1st. The Lum High School. Its educated and representative faculty, Prof. I. C. Franklin and wife and their assts. Prof. Luther Brooks, Miss Rosa V. Brown, Miss Celeste Jones, Miss Rose Coycault, and Miss Maggie Campbell, all graduates, or at one time students, of the S. C. I. Edwards, Miss. The good work which they have already accomplished the great work of Christian education and civilization which they are doing, the Christian manly and womanly way in which they have deported themselves, has won for them the respect of responsible and respected citizens near the Lum High School. They speak of them as men and women of character and education. Living models, for the present and future generations of our people, with such reputation and qualification, make them indispensible alike to the race and the children. Give us more, MORE, and yet MORE of this type of negro men and women, and some day under the band and leadership of Almighty God, the races of the earth will acknowledge the negro to be a man.

2nd. The children of Alabama having finished there, the doors of the S. C. I. stand open to receive them and complete their education. To close our eyes to such an opportunity is to blight the hope of the race for generations to come.

3rd Last, but not least, is born in the Lone Star State the J. C. I. at Hawkins, Texas. Jan. 14, 1913, it made its beginning with the worthy faculty whose names it is a pleasure to record. Prof. T. B. Frost, Mrs. Mattie B. Frost, and Prof. C. A. Berry, students or graduates of the S. C. I., Edwards, Miss. They are prepared in head and heart to put within the reach of our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, that christian training which will bring untold blessing to the negro race, and will continue

to bear its precious fruits, when we have counted the last mile-stone on the rough road of time, and we have fallen asleep in Jesus, waiting the resurrection of the just.

4th. The GOSPEL PLEA as a religious newspaper should be read by every disciple of Christ, North, South, East, West, bearing the good news of the Gospel evangelization and christian education to the earth's remotest parts, till the truth of Christ shall shine as the sun in an unclouded sky from sea to sea, and this means church union. Union in faith, union in doctrine, union in practice, union in hope, union in name, and union in our efforts to evangelize and take the world for Christ.

5th. The boy who uses his wealth to honor God, elevates and saves all races of men, or that he, by his honest efforts and dealings with his fellows, raises them to a higher life is the Ideal Boy. By A. E. S.

6th. The notes and personals are quite interesting.

7th. Reports from the field: Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee. Did you read them?

8th. Texas churches needing pastors. Frost, rain, and snow made a rough road for the evangelist, Wm. Alphin.

9th. One Brother Thomas, in the Standard "a great man". Our own Harry Smith with wife and baby in Africa. Edwin F. Jackson

10th. Bro. C. C. Smith speaks of Jacob Kenoly and Educational Rally Day. Los Angeles Cal.

11th. Notwithstanding sickness Wybark, Oklahoma and her pastor has on a five hundred dollar rally. This church financially has reached the high water mark $10.00 per member is what they are to give, and the church by her vote said "Let's go after it."Recently three have been buried with Christ by baptism and the pastor speaks of his three sons which he expects to send to the J. C. I. The youngest decided to make a minister of himself. That sounds good to us for R. B. Wells. Good gracious. he's getting there with both feet.

12. Paris, Texas. We are quiet here but very busy. Two reasons why the pastor failed to attend the opening of the J. C. I. working to put one boy and one girl in school—in the midst of twentieth century carnival. It's just like Bro. M. T. Brown.

13. Boys who have wealth and boys who have it not. If you become convinced that knowledge pays the greatest interest, write to Principal of Martinsville Christian Institute for terms, Martinsville, Va. so states assistant Principal Alfred E. Spencer.

14. The list of Academic students completed tells of ups and downs with English, History, Bible book-keeping, sewing, music and Agricultnre—at the S. C. I.

The Bible School department, Mrs. Geneva F. Burgess, editor, conducted for ministers, teachers, and scholars. It's just the thing we need. In Texas mission and educational work, we cannot successfully discharge our duty without the united force. We are a great people and can accomplish a great work if we will only concentrate our forces, our time, our talent, and our money. Boisterous talk, bigoted person, and worn out slang phrases on either side make conditions no better. The old proverbial saying "United we stand, divided we fall," has a ready application to our work in Texas. Again, in union there is strength, but in division, there is weakness. Division is a conception of the devil and born in hell, and destined to destroy.

Union was conceived in the mind of God, and born in heaven, was taught by Christ, preached by His apostles, and practiced by the primitive Christians. Now, brethren, the road is before you. Which end will you take? Must I say more? No, enough said. Say less. Do more.

In love to all, and malice to none,

DALLAS, H. M. JOHNSON.

Arkansas

To the readers of the PLEA and especially to the Churches of Christ in district number 2:—

Our next district meeting will convene on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in March, at Sherrill, Arkansas; at which time and place we hope to have a good delegation from the five Churches of this district. Secondly, we anxiously hope that each pastor with his officials have been successful in collecting the quarterly fee from each member of his Church which sum should and ought to be sent to our next meeting, held from March 8-9.

If there be any Church in our district that can not make it convenient to send a delegate, please raise what money you can and send to the secretary or treasurer and you will be given credit for it just the same as if you had a representative at the meeting nevertheless, we need a good delegation in order to be sufficiently able to carry out such business as will properly come before the meeting.

Let each pastor keep in memory that he is to bring a written report of the work done at his Church at each setting of our meetings.

Yours for the cause,

KERR, C. MARTIN.

"We are not what we think we are,
But, what we think, we are."

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

It gives us great pleasure to publish this message of appreciation of Mrs. Bostick's work from the members of the (white) Auxiliary in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark. Feb. 10, 1913.

Dear Sister Bostick:—

At the last meeting of our State Board of C. W. B. M. the reports of your colored Auxiliaries were read by Mrs. Chasteen. The members of the Board were surprised and pleased with the good work and the interest of the colored societies, and asked me to write this message to you and express to you their satisfaction of the work you are doing among your people. The increase in membership and offerings shows a growing love of the work, which has ever been your prayer.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. STELLA H. KRAFT.

Arkansas

Dear Readers of the GOSPEL PLEA: I am around to you another new year. I feel thankful that I am among the living. I have been suffering all the winter with nerve troubles, and have been unable to do my own writing. I have been devoting my time to my church here in the city and spending my time reading at home. This being a new year causes me to advance in new thoughts. As I could not meet you all as I wish, I thought I would write.

Why be ignorant of the progress of the Christian work of today? If you wish to be enlightened read the Missionary Intelligencer, The Home Missionary Paper, The Missionary Tidings with all of its wisdom and great works, The Gospel Plea with all of its great help from various schools and fields and the many Bibles placed in our homes on our tables, who then won't be impressed to awaken out of slothfulness? What church now has seen its mistake on the religious movement and is now awaking in making a sacrifice to give larger gifts to foster the gospel? When are the preachers in the negro churches going to begin in giving as the Lord has prospered them, with a cheerful heart? One leader should not fret because another has done and is doing more than the other for Christ's cause because there are but few that are giving their time, money, and life to Christ's cause. But let us all let down our buckets just where we are and use that which God has given us.

Dear good sisters and missionary workers, is a new year with us and I am quite sure all have made a new covenant with God that this is going to be their best year. While this is true we should have new thoughts and new plans to raise more money and make greater sacrifice. Easter comes in March, the twenty-third, the sisters must observe this day, this is the request of headquarters that each Auxiliary should not fail to render a program for the interest of the work, raise a good offering for the honor of the great King. Our white sisters of the state of Arkansas are asking for our reports promptly after this great day. Will we do so? Yes. Look at that good report from Kerr, Pine Bluff, Sherrill, Argenta, Washington, Russellville and Clover Bend. The fifteenth of each month is the proper day to report to Headquarters, then after Easter another report. This request is made to both white and colored Auxiliaries. Let us also hear from other states concerning the Easter Program.

Well, what is next dear sisters? Our great conference which convenes at Edwards, Miss. in May. Let us begin now sisters to make it one among the best. On the fourth Lord's day ult. it was a pleasure to have our state evangelist, Bro. M. T. Matlock visit us. In his remarks he expressed to us the real meaning of sanctification. He is indeed a power. On the 9th Inst. we had with us Eld. Bushy of Pine Bluff. We enjoyed his message also. I have asked our preachers and workers at different times why not make a short report of their work to the Plea. I think this would be inspiring to each state and if we are ashamed to confess our work before men therefore Christ is ashamed of us and our work. If one is idle then he is the devil's workshop I am proud to learn good news from the auxiliary at Washington, Ark. Two new members were added. They are taking on new life.

There comes to our home weekly the Southern Farmer's paper with its good advice to women as well as men. And why, why be ignorant? Much success to the workers.

I will be at Pearidge the third Saturday and Sunday in March.

I am yours in Christ,

S. L. BOSTICK

Texas

To the Auxiliary Workers in Texas: We come now to thank all the Auxiliaries and their presidents and pastors who responded so liberally to help to furnish rooms at the Jarvis Christian Institute.

We are glad that so many had a fellowship in this work. We regret that a few Auxiliaries have done nothing. We come now to urge you to make your December report at once to the State and National Treasury. Let not a single Auxiliary fail to report each quarter this year.

Remember the general fund of the National is all your National Board has to depend on as sure money to help the workers in the many fields. And remember what your state treasury receives is all that your State Board has to develop work in Texas. There are a number of places wanting the organizer, but there is nothing for her to go on.

Sisters, put business in Christianity. Do business for the Lord and he will increase your field of usefulness.

No longer do you have to ask: "When will the school start in Texas?" She is going now and affords you an opportunity for a broad field of usefulness. Will you grasp it? Can you not see the much there is for you to do?

Easter boxes will soon be mailed to you. Let every president give them out. Ask each Sister to start her box with one dollar. Then get all you can. Will you not do it? God will give it to you. Can't you do without something you need? Country Sisters can give the Lord one hen for 48 days, yes, four dozen eggs bring one dollar. If you are not just too stingy you can give it. This Easter Offering is always for the J. C. I. Dont you love your school one dollar's worth a year? You must show me now. Will you do it?

I am sending for two hundred boxes. Each must represent one dollar this year. Last year you only gave fifty cents a box. You had an excuse you said. The meningitis, but God has blessed you this year, we have had little sickness. Now will you not render to him a commendable thank offering, I believe you will.

After you have put your dollar in get others to put dollars in it. Don't think of your box representing just one dollar. There ought to be some five dollar boxes. If each sister will do her duty we can lay five hundred dollars on the table in August.

Each president should begin right now to lay her plans to raise her money. If you have heeded the advice of the state president, you have a good sum by now. She asked each Auxiliary to raise two dollars per month besides dues. Have you done it? Have you tried? Are you waiting for the state organizer to push you? Sisters don't wait but be up and doing.

Praying that the Lord may help us to do our best year's work, just give as God has blessed you and all will be well.

I am yours earnestly pleading for liberal giving,

WACO, MRS. WM. ALPHIN.

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it has now overtaken Mexico. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day not in reveling and drunkeness, not in chambering and wantoness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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Lum Graded School

We are all very busy preparing for a public program which will be rendered here March the 8th instead of the regular annual contest. The young people who are to appear on the program are working hard to get out good productions.

The boys of the Mercer Literary Society accepted a challenge from the boys of the Smiths for a game on the evening of March 8th. Both societies are anxious for the game to come off.

Mr. Franklin and his boys are busy driving a pump on the campus about seventy feet north of the laundry. If they are successful in striking the right stream it will be a fine thing for then a water work system will be installed which will carry water to the Dormitories and Laundry.

Mrs. Franklin with the assistance of Josie Cook one of the students, is doing fine with the poultry business. It's a common thing to see them coming in with twenty-five or thirty eggs. Aside from this a number of hens are already setting and quite a number of little biddies are out. They are especially interested in Rhode Island Reds.

Prof. Brooks made a trip over to Ft. Deposit last Monday 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin went to the sale last week. They report a good time even though they got a good soaking on their return from the station.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for March 9

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson X.

The Destruction of Sodom.

(TEMPERANCE LESSON.)

Lesson—Gen. 19: 1-3, 12-29.

Printed Text—12-17, 23-29.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing."—II. Cor. 6: 17.

INTRODUCTION.

Between this lesson and the last Abram's name was changed to Abraham, and Sarai's to Sarah. A son is promised to them in their old age. The terms of the covenant of circumcision were given by Jehovah and complied with by Abraham. Three angelic messengers of Jehovah appeared to Abraham one day as he sat in the door of his tent, and the circumstances rapidly developed into the incidents of the present lesson.

EXPLANATORY.

12. AND THE MEN SAID UNTO LOT.—According to 19:1 there were two of these "men" and they were doubtless two of the three mentioned in chapter 18. The visit of these two was the final test of the city of Sodom. If they were graciously received the city would be saved; otherwise, not. HAST THOU HERE ANY BESIDES? The outrageous spirit, shown by the men of Sodom in the earlier verses of this chapter, convinced the "men" that Sodom was beyond the reach of righteous appeal; Lot, being a sojourner and not a native, and having admiration for and remembrance of the sterling quailties of his uncle Abraham, was singled out as worthy to escape with his family.

13. FOR WE WILL DESTROY THIS PLACE.—The two men reveal themselves as the angels of Jehovah—his "messengers of judgment" in this instance.

14. AND LOT.....SPAKE UNTO HIS SONS-IN-LAW.—Some have held that besides those in verses 8, 30, Lot had other daughters, who had married men in the city, and who perished in the conflagration with their husbands. It is more commonly thought that he had only two daughters who were betrothed but not married, betrothal being sufficient to give title to the "son-in-law" or "bridegroom" to their affianced husbands.

15. THE ANGELS HASTENED LOT. Torn by a confict of emotions, Lot was a little slow. His loved ones were slow to take the situation seriously. He had interests as well as friends in Sodom. The angels of the God of Abram were stirring his conscience. The imps of the god of grain stirring his regrets.

16. BUT HE LINGERED.—The kindly interest the angels took in the perservation of Lot is beautifully displayed. But he "lingered" Was it from sorrow at the prospect of losing all his property. the acquisition of many years? Or was it that his benevolent heart was paralyzed by thoughts of the awful crisis? This is the charitable way of accounting for a delay that must have been fatal but for the friendly violence and urgency of the angel.—AND THE MAN LAID HOLD UPON HIS HAND.—That is, the angels had to practically force him along. ESCAPE TO THE MOUNTAINS.—Reach toward Christ and heaven, for that is escaping to the mountains, short of which we must not take up.

17. HE SAID, ESCAPE FOR THY LIFE.—"He" must refer here to Jehovah, or to one of Jehovah's angels. The command "Escape for thy life" is like the warning of Amos, "Prepare to meet thy God, or the "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die" of Ezek. 33:11, the "Awake, thou that sleepest," of Paul in Eph. 5:14. or Peter's exhortation, "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus unto the remission of your sins.

24. THEN JEHOVAH RAINED UPON SODOM AND AND UPON GOMORRAH.—Whether the fire from heaven was lightning, which kindled the bitumen and set the whole country in a blaze; whether it was a great volcanic eruption, overwhelming all the cities of the plain; or whether there was simply a miraculous raining down of ignited sulphur, has been variously disputed and discussed.

25. AND HE OVERTHREW THOSE CITIES.—The language of this verse seems to indicate radical changes in the region of the ill-fated cities.

It is implied that she paused, turned around, tarried and looked back. As all disobedience springs from a want of faith, her conduct was evidently due to unbelief and to a lingering desire for a home in Sodom. Her unbelief sealed her fate. She disobeyed and died. Her salvation was conditional upon her obedience of the word of the Lord. The pillar of salt is nowhere else mentioned in the Bible, but "Lot's wife" stands as a pillar of warning to the disobedient, the delaying, the backsliding. (See Luke 17: 32.)

Pres. Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Sin Which Doth So Easily Beset Us.

Every people have certain characteristics, some good, some bad, which they would do well to note and, if good, they should cultivate them; if bad, they should seek to put them away. The really good qualities are assets in the world's uplift while the bad qualities are liabilities in the world's down fall.

This was especially suggested in a letter from one of our young men serving as missionaries in Jamaica. He said they have just had their convention, and he suggests that there is such a contrast between their meeting and the meetings he had visited in our southern states. This was not to suggest that their convention was so much better in every respect, but that there was no contention to mar the progress. They made out a program which was a discussion of the work done and the work to do, and they did not allow personalities to enter in.

But in many of our states a habit of bringing in personalities has been so well formed that it is often well nigh impossible to hold a spiritual meeting. When things do not go right they prod one another and this often gets to the plane of backsliding and then no spiritual work can be done. To remedy this state of affairs we must begin by exercising all the care we can to get good men in charge of the work and to keep out all the bad men we can. This is not an easy task but if those who direct things are patient and have the love of the people at heart they can accomplish it. The churches shall not hire men who come among them as strangers. They will not spare the flock and do much harm ere they are fully found out. But not all the men who do harm are strangers but are well known among us. The churches should be urged to exercise all the care they can to get good men.

Brethren, all is done that can be done to keep out bad men and to put in good men, we should make the best of it and do the Lord's work without spending our time in nagging them which accomplishes no good and leads only to strife. No church or no convention is made up of perfect men. Paul had the Church of Corinth under his care and it is hard to imagine a body of more imperfect people than they were. Before you go to a convention or other religious meetings to nag and get every body in bad mood read Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and how he pointed out their faults without making them fighting mad. This suggestion will also be valuable to ministers of the gospel. They must learn to preach against men's sins without making them feel that they are fighting them.

In four or five months the time for the conventions will come again and it is not too early to begin to plan and pray for a reformation along this line. We must not, we can not, continue to take up the time of our conventions in personal bickerings that correct nothing. This does not mean that we shall say nothing when things go wrong. Everything would go wrong if we should do that. But we must learn to correct wrongs without doing so much harm.

We believe we are at the dawn of a new era in the work of all the states. The people are every where discovering that the only permanent work is that which pays distinct attention to moral and religious training. To educate the negro youths of our Southland by leaving these undeveloped will bring disaster to us. But we, the disciples of Christ, are peculiarly situated to take the lead in this kind of work and all we need to do is to show to the world that we are equal to the task and worthy of all confidence. We plead and pray for an awakening in all the states. Let us strive to have our greatest conventions this fall. Let us pray that the spirit of God may dwell our hearts and lead us into a larger knowledge of the work God has given us to do.

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;
Keep me from stain of sin,
Just for today;
Let me no wrong nor idle word
Unthinking say;
Set thou a seal upon my lips
Just for today. —Selected.

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Personals

—In some way or another the report of the gifts for the Jarvis Christian Institute omitted the name of Mrs. Cora Hay, Waco, who gave four towels. Mr. W. H. Little and Miss Jessie Webb, of Ft. Worth, each gave one dollar toward the furnishings of the school. We are glad to make mention of these gifts.

—The second quarterly meeting of the North Texas district was held at Roxton, Feb 28—March 1, 1913. We trust they had a great meeting.

—Subscriptions from Texas: J. B. Stratton, Comfort, subscription number, 135; Eld. O. D. Davis, Waxahachie, subscription number, 95.

—Bro. T. J. Green, has resigned the pastorate of the church at Stanford, Kentucky. He served the church eighteen months. It was his first charge. He would like very much to go to Texas, and would like very much to have churches in that state to write him.

—The second Lord's Day in February, the church at Lovett, Ga., held a Missionary rally. The pastor, W. H. Smith, gave a rousing sermon. Brother Hurst calls the attention of the Georgia Brethren to the Institute for Ministers, elders, and deacons which is to convene at Hurst Grove Church the Saturday before the second Sunday in March.

—The State Sunday School Convention of Georgia will occur about the the fifth Sunday in June at Bethsaida Church, Oconee.

—Stepney Haygood, Seabrook, S. C: Your subscription number is 135.

—Mrs. Edna Trevillian, Port Gibson, your subscription is 135.

Mary O. Bradley, Noble Lake, Ark., your subscription number is 110

—Subscriptions from Kentucky: T. J. Green. Stanford, your subscription is 130; Mary Smith Bram, Louisville, your subscription number is 135.

—The subscriptions of the following expire with Serial No. 85 (issue for April 5, 1913): W. W. Peyton, Eld. Moses Powell, Mrs. J. E. Pruitt, J. H. Perkins. We trust they will renew their subscriptions at once and get their names on the "Roll of Honor."

—How many subscriptions have you sent in to the PLEA during the past month? The wheels are rolling in our printing-office faster than ever, and why not have all your friends receiving the PLEA every week. They can surely find fifty cents for a six months subscription.

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

President J. B. Lehman is attending the State Convention (white) of Texas at Palestine.

The following students give the weekly Sunday School talks during March: March 2, Pandora Thomas; March 9, Peter Dunson; March 16, Stanford Matthews; March 23, Kate Jackson; March 30, Ira Jennings.

Prof. B. B. Dansby, of Jackson College, visited our Institution a few days ago. He was very much pleased with what he saw.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorney returned to their home in Illinois, Wednesday of this week. We trust they may be able to stay longer the next time they come.

Co. F. of which F. H. Coleman is captain, made the best record for the first term of the Aca-

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Difficult Steps.

By A. E. Spencer.

Le Roy Page had since infancy been the pride of his mother, the loving companion of a sister two or three years older than himself, and for several years the mainstay of a father who found it hard to supply the urgent needs of his poverty stricken household. His lot, as much of it as he could remember, had been one of almost all work and no play. He, however, when only a small boy made use of his spare moments at his mother's knee. There he learned his alphabet and took his first steps in the ever widening stream of literature. Wading in the the sandy shallows of such a limpid stream, proved most interesting and although they told principally of such things only as the childish sports of Rab and Ann, and of the many cares and perplexities of the old hen in caring for her brood, were the source of much questioning on the part of the inquisitive pupil.

After he had reached the point in the line of progress where his mother could lead him no further he now and then snatched a few rainy days from his busy portion and employed them well in a district school.

His teacher was a strict adherent to old rules and principles which he carried out after the manner of his own school days which he passed in the city of Dublin. Le Roy became a favorite of his stern old teacher of the three "R's" who by his constant demand on the memory and the power of perception, developed in his pupil a retentive mind and a close observation. So in enumerating the steps which he had made along the pathway of intelligence. Le Roy always accorded to his first public teacher that of having taught him to observe rightly and closely.

Le Roy continued to improve his spare moments and after his old teacher gave way to a professor coming from an American college, made rapid progress, was urged to push on, and finally recommemto the principal of a college. It had long been the desire of Le Roy to take a course in some institution, but as it seemed too difficult a step for one of such means as his, he was slow to make it known. After much comtemplation he concluded to try to find reality in what had for some time seemed to him only a day dream.

A wounded pride affects all alike. Le Roy set eagerly and earnestly to work. His pride and as he learned later, the usefulness of his future life were at stake and he dared not waver.

After earnest and persistent labor, comes reward. So at last there appeared as he thought, a way before the iron will of his youth, and he was not deceived.

Although the school to which he was recommended was only two or three hundred miles distant, it seemed to Le Roy to be many a mile away. The month of September seemed to him to approach more rapidly than usual the time was soon at hand for him to take his leave of his country home.

For an hour or more, all had been bustle and anxiety in the rural home. The first gray streaks of approaching morning were just beginning to appear when an anxious mother, a loving sister, and half a dozen expectant children bade farewell to one of their number. The father accompanied his son to the railway station and there he took leave of him. So he was left quite alone. He felt as though he were beginning a journey to some far away land. Before seating himself in the car, he glanced around to see if he knew any of the occupants. None but the gaze of strangers met his view. He was soon seated and then as the train moved rapidly along fell to enumerating the giant cornstalks which appeared to be moving in an opposite direction to himself with a speed equal to his own.

An hour had passed when the train drew up to a little town a number of miles from his home, and Le Roy felt a hand laid gently on his shoulder. Mr. Owen, a merchant whom he knew, had been in the adjoining car and in leaving he recognized Le Roy and came through to speak to him. After learning where the boy was going, he gave him some words of encouragement and bade him good-bye, wishing him success and hoping that he would come out after a year or two much better prepared for future usefulness.

By noon the train had reached a great southern metropolis and Le Roy got off amid the bustling crowd. On the one side he heard the cry of hotel porters, on the other, he heard "Baggage! baggage!" He felt some one pull at his sleeve, and turning he saw a ragged little fellow who said, "Mr. I'll tote our satchel."

"No I thank you replied LeRoy," "but you may transfer that little trunk which you see marked "L. R. P."

The boy quickly carried it to the next place, collected about twice the usual charge, and was soon lost among the busy throng seeking how he might by fair or fowl means, add a few more pence to his day's earnings.

An hour passed before a train was made up for the town to which LeRoy was going. At last a

Reports From the Field.

long train was drawn up beside the platform and he, stepping aboard, was soon far towards the end of his journey.

It was not long before he beheld the setting sun as he glanced from the car window. The deepening shadows told of the close of day. LeRoy began to think how few were the nights which he had spent from under the shelter of his childhood's home and he at once began to grow weary and sad.

In a short time, the glaring electric lights of a city were seen and he knew that ere long he would know the place which for a few months he must be contented with as home.

Feeling quite dizzy, he stepped from the cars and made his way he knew not whither, following only the wave of the moving throng. His attention was attracted by the cry of the many coachmen. He employed one to carry him to the school building, was driven rapidly through the busy streets of the city, then out in the quiet of the suburbs where was situated a beautiful building whose spacious halls and long corridors were alive with the merry voices of hundreds of busy, happy and intelligent boys and girls. Here the coach drew up to the boys' entrance and stopped. Le Roy alighted amid a host of lads all eager to get a look at him and learn the name of the new comer. He was conducted through large and brightly lighted halls, up a wide winding staircase to the fourth floor, and then shown into a cosy little room. He was greeted next by a tall manly looking lad who had been out for a few moments rest and was now returning to resume his study for the evening. The courteous gentleman who had been Le Roy's guide so far, made the lads acquainted, then departed saying to Le Roy the president would be in his office at eight o'clock the next morning when he might call and make known his arrival and register. The next morning Le Roy went down on time. He found the president to be a clever, friendly, straight-forward man who seemed to be much interested in him. He was introduced to several of the teachers, all greeted him heartily. There seemed to be a general air of friendship everywhere. That made Le Roy feel ever so much better; almost as much as did the motto over the door of the hallway that led to the various offices which said to all alike, "Do right and fear not."

In due time, Le Roy was assigned to a class and ere many days passed, took quite a prominent part in the battles that were waged daily against ignorances, vice, and superstition.

After several scholastic years of hard study interspered with vacations of hardest toil, unexpected misfortunes, and much anxiety, Le Roy came forth a most practiced teacher of the sciences, having acquired a taste of literature, and a skill in music, and philology which the patient and perserving alone can develop.

His face, somewhat after the manner of Ian Maclaren's old schoolmaster of Drumtochty, is to be found in obscurity, but there he is realizing that he has to deal with the profoundest science, the finest art in practicing his the highest of all professions.

He, however, is a pupil of Nature, a student of Experience. Of Nature he has learned many curious and interesting; things of Experience, that the first steps of the man along the pathway of life, are as different as those of the child from the lone position to his mother's knee.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—

Please allow space in your valuable paper for me to tell you of a noble sermon preached at Forest Grove Christian Church in District No. 5 on the third Lord's day night. Rev. Ben Trigler and John Lomax preached a noble sermon on that night. Subject "Go build your house." I would to God that more could have heard it than did. But I am glad to say the house was crowded from pulpit to the door. The sermon was illustrated from Noah building the ark. Rev. Trigler was first speaker. Dear readers, he made it so plain to each and every one that heard him that there would come a time they would need a house. First says he, "You all know when you are out in the field working and it begins to lightning and thunder you 'll say "Let's go home." The husband will say to the wife, "I believe it is going to rain, go to the house." Then says he in so much as you need an earthly house, much more do we need a heavenly house So go build your house.

Then says he, "Somebody wants to know how shall I build my house?" Confess Christ and obey his word. Live in Christ and He in you. Then says he, "You who haven't built your house, go build it.,, And you, that have built it already keep it clean. Rev. John Lomax, the second speaker spoke to the same meaning. He charged listeners well that need to go and build their houses and keep them clean. I would to God that I could write

every word as these two men of God spoke them. For they did preach a sermon worthy of note, and I want our dear readers to know of it. Bear it in your minds the subject, "Go build your house."

When the invitation was extended three or four came back to the fold. Sisters and brothers, pray for more Christian love and pure hearted soldiers for Christ.

Yours in Christ,

PATTISON, HESTER A. J. ALLISON.

Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

This comes to inform you that the Jackson District meeting was held with 1st Christian Church at Edwards, February 15-16, with Rev. B. C. Calvert in the chair. The house called order at 3 o'clock.

Devotional servicies were led by Bro. Z H. Howard. Prayer was offered by Brother Robert Gooden, after which the District Evangelist made some timely remarks on the District work. After the remarks, the minutes of our last meeting was read and approved with necessary corrections. The welcome address was delivered by the District secretary. A few remarks were given by Jones, Howard, Gooden, and Hymon Armstrong.

REPORT OF CHURCHES.

The Jackson Church reported $2.00, Institute Church $3.00, 1st Christian Church at Edwards $3 00.

On account of the funeral of a very desirable old citizen of Edwards, we adjourned after Sunday-school to attend the funeral. Sunday evening the house was called to order by the District Evangelist at 3 o'clock. Devotional services led by Bro. Z. H. Howard, prayer by Bro. F. H. Coleman, Scripture reading by President Lehman, from 1st Timothy 6th chapter 1-10th verse. After reading prayer was offered by Prof. Burgess. After which a very touching sermon was given us by President Lehman on, Our Duty as Christians and Sunday school workers. After the sermon came the reports of Elders and Preachers.

Rev. B. C. Calvert	$0.50
Prof. J. B. Lehman	.50
Elder Jones	.25
Prof. Burgess	.25
Total amounted collected	13.77
Amount of Disbursement	6.45
Amount to the state treasurer	6.32

Our next District meeting will convene at the S. C. I., May the 10th and 11th. The meeting as a whole was the best we have ever held. Let's try to make the next one better still. Saturday night we were favored with a sermon by Bro. R. H. Davis.

District Secretary.

Dear Editor: Our district meeting No. 2 was held in Hermanville Christian Church. We are glad to say we had a loving meeting with the Spirit of Christ. The church is growing spiritually strong. Churches reported as following;—

Hermanville	$1.65
Union Hill	4.55
Center Church	5.00
Christian Chapel	3.00
St. John	.40

Preachers reported.

W. A. Scott	$.25
K. R. Brown	.25
R. B. Brown	.25
S. D. Yarber	.25
Ben Sales	.25
Jake Davis	.25
A. C. Smith	.25
E. Flowers	.25
Total amount raised	$19.71
Expences	5.50
Given to treasurer	$14.21

Sermon by S. D. Yarber. Lord's Supper by K. B. Brown. We are expecting to hold our May quarterly meeting at Union Hill.

Yours for Christ,

Port Gibson, S. D. Yarber.

Kansas

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper for the first time to say a few words in regards to our work, to let the readers of the PLEA know that we still alive. I like to read the PLEA, and see what others are doing for the Master. It makes me want to do more for his cause. We have a very nice Sunday school with three large classes and the out-look is promising for a still better one. We are preparing for an Easter exercise and all of the scholare seem to be very anxious in preparing. The Church is doing very well, we have a young minister with us who is doing his best in the way of preaching able sermons. We had one addition Sunday night by confession, baptizing will take place next Lord's Day. May all of our readers, pray for our success, and that the work may grow strong.

PARSONS, S. BRIDGEWATERS.

The earth gets as much blessing
Out of a cloud
As from the bright sun;
So should we.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Mississippi

The Seventeenth Quarterly Meeting of the C. W. B. M. will be held at Union Hill Christian Church March 15-16, 1913.

10.30: A. M. House called to order by the president.

Devotional service led by Sisters Lizzie Lomax and Sarah Sneed. Short talks by delegates.

Song.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Coffey.

Sermon by Elder S. S. Flowers.

Collection.

Adjournment.

1: 30 P. M. Devotional service led by Sisters Edna Trivillian and Z. Wilson.

Short talks by the brothers, led by C. Wilson, A. Foster, L. M. Baker, J. Rundles and others.

Prayer. Sister Ophelia Baker.

Reports of Auxiliary Mission sisters, State Organizer, and District Organizer.

Sermon by Rev. J. Lomax.

Collection.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY.

10: 30 A. M. Sunday School lesson taught by Bro. N. Brown, reviewed by Bro. A. C Smith.

Devotional service led by Sisters C. Jennings and L. Vaughn.

Short talks on Why we should support the C. W. B. M. led by sisters C. K. Green, M. J. Brown, Hester, A. J. Allison and others.

Song.

Prayer by Brother West.

Sermon by Rev. M. Smothers.

Collection.

Adjournment.

1: 30 P. M. Devotional service led by sister Ada Coffey and Elder Robert Brown.

Talk by sister J. Flowers on Educational and special collections.

We hope each preacher also members of the Auxiliary will give at least $1.00 in this collection.

Sermon by Rev. K. R. Brown.

Collection.

Adjournment.

This the first Quarterly Meeting in this new year. Let us all come out both days and do all we can to make the meeting a success. Do not forget pledge of last quarter. We want each member to give twenty-five cents. We aim to do more this year than ever before and we can if we only try.

May the Lord ever bless all.

Yours in His work,

PORT GIBSON, SARAH S. BLACKBURN.

Tennessee

Dear readers:—

I am glad to say that our C. W. B. M. is yet alive at Jonesboro, Tenn. We have our regular meetings, and have some one to pray and and read, that never did in public before.

This work was greatly needed here, not only this work but, any work that uplifts fallen humanity.

We also have Endeavor meeting every Sunday evening with the children. And our Wednesday night prayer meetings, must go on no matter how it snows. We have a sermon very often by one of our school boys, Huston Johnson, who will help any one to hear him. A large number of students visited the Wishing College turn out Feb. 14 enjoyed a good time.

Our school work here is going on nicely. Every body busy as can be, preparing for Commencement. I was glad to hear of the C. W. B. M. started up at my old home church again in Mississippi, also at Providence, I hope they will continue now, and do a good work, I will do all I can through the mail to help them. In this great mission work we need faith and prayer, and prayer without work is dead, so you see it takes all this to makes a mission worker.

Sincerely Yours,

Jonesboro, H. J Griffin

SCHOOL

(Continued from page 2)

demic year. Saturday evening March 1 the members of the company were given a "big time" in honor of the event.

President Lehman preached a remarkable sermon yesterday morning. It seems that no one who heard it could fail to be spiritually up-lifted.

March 3, 1913.

Lum Graded School

The writer visited the carpenter shop last Monday 17th. and was much impressed with the work being done there by the one in charge.

The fourth grade in which twenty-five are enrolled is doing splendid work now. To-day each made one hundred in spelling. They have at last reached the point where they realize that it is better to prepare a lesson before coming to class than to study during the noon hour, missing a good dinner and a lot of sport and exercise.

The farmers in this community are at work on their new crops.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Franklin are planning to celebrate their tenth anniversary of their wedding, Sunday evening, Feb 23, 1913. 7:00 P. M.

We are enjoying these beautiful spring days.

In the primary department fifty-nine been enrolled for this term twenty five of which attend regularly. The primary room is entirely too small for so large a number. There is not enough room for all to be seated comfortably at the same time.

We are all rejoicing over the thought that there will be a new story put on our school building for more room is much needed.

Jarvis Christian Institute.

The sermon by Elder T. B. Frost Sunday was was a good one—subject—"Man's duty to God."

T. B. Frost and C. A. Berry were glad to be in the home of Brother Brown and wife Sunday and exchange a few words with them. Bro. Brown accumulated some good property here and is a good friend to the work here.

T. B. Frost is making ready the garden. We see by the preparation being made that last year's garden has no advantage of this one if season will be as good as last.

Brother preachers, we are in need of two work girls. Girls who would like to work for their schooling. Take this for test—"A WORK GIRL FOR THE J. C. I."—This is preaching too!

Hawlin Marshall, with others of the J. C. I. is rejoicing over having Roy Barber from his home as his late chum,—Pay student.

The kitchen is almost ready for the new range. Will be finished in a few days.

Arkansas

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA: I wish to state to the various Sunday Schools do not forget to send your money in to the state Treasurer. There have been only four that have sent in money to the Treasurer, as yet. Pearidge sent in three dollars and forty three cts. ($3.43) Argenta three dollars and forty cts. ($3.40) Sherill one dollar ($1.00) Kerr one dollar and sixty cts. ($1.60) total received nine dollars and forty three cents ($9.43). I hope to hear from the other Sunday Schools as early as possible. Our convention will convene in July, so don't delay your work. Evangelists are quite busy visiting the Schools and we hope to make a good report this year.

I am glad to report that I organized an auxiliary over in Little Rock on the twenty-third with six members. President, Mrs. Lillie Gillispe; Mrs. Emma Lumsden, Vice President; Mrs. Martha Jones, Treasurer; Miss Hallie Evans, Secretary; and Miss Addie Clark, assistant Secretary. We ask God's blessing upon this little band of women; may they be faithful to all good work in Jesus' name. I hope the work will prove a success as they have a broad hearted pastor Bro. J. W. IVY.

I am yours for Christ's cause,

SARAH L. BOSTICK

Dear readers of the GOSPEL PLEA: I must tell you how I enjoy reading this paper. For the last month seeming it has been so very interesting until I am glad when the day comes for me to receive it. I am glad to learn of the good work being done in the state of Texas and of the rally that has been mentioned in Oklahoma and, too, the Brother who says he would give one fourth of the $1,000 helping our own Bro. Bostick. My heart rejoices saying who will be the next. I trust the other brothers will fall in line.

I am yours in the cause,

Noble Lake, Mary Bradley.

"A poor man served by thee"
Shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee
Shall make thee strong,
Thou shalt be served thyself be every sense
Of service which thou renderest."

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for March 16

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson XI.

The Test of Abraham's Faith.

Lesson—Gen. 22: 1-19.

Printed Text.—Verses 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"I desire goodness ,and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."—Hos. 6: 6.

INTRODUCTION

After the destruction of Sodom Abraham moved from Hebron, stopping first at Gerar, where he met Abimelech. Then he settled in Beersheba and it is supposed that there Isaac, the son of the old age of Abraham and Sarah, was born. At Sarah's request, Ishmael and his mother Hagar were sent away. Later on, Abraham and Abimelech entered into a covenant of friendship, "and Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many a day.

EXPLANATORY

1. AFTER THESE THINGS.—After the events just narrated—the covenant with Abimelech, etc. Josephus make Isaac twenty-five years old at the date of this lesson.

2. TAKE NOW THY SON, THINE ONLY SON.—He was the only son of Sarah, the only heir of promise, the only full and legal heir, the only child that remained since Ishmael had gone forth. AND OFFER HIM THERE.—Here is, in some respects, one of the most difficult passages in scripture. That God should command a deed like this, and that Abraham should seriously undertake it! Two things we must join together in our minds and harmonize as best we can: (1) that God plainly did command Abraham to offer Isaac as a complete sacrifice; and (2) that he never intended him to slay him. We must note that human sacrifices were not uncommon in the world in which Abraham lived. And should the devotees of false religions have a sublimer spirit of sacrifice than the worshipers of the true God? Besides, we shall not understand Abraham unless we understand his faith. He believed God would fulfil his promise, even though it involved raising Isaac from the dead (Heb. 11: 19). God seemed to have sanctioned human sacrifice. God did not require it. You must take history as a whole. The final decree is, "Lay not thine hands upon the child." He seemed to demand the sacrifice of the son's life; he really required the surrender of the father's will.

3. AND ABRAHAM ROSE EARLY IN THE MORNING.—The only thing to do with duty is to do it. But there is never gain in delay. There is but one safe way to meet any duty, and that is not to sleep until you have at least begun to perform it. In that hot region it is very customary to journey early and late, and to rest in the heat of the day. Abraham did not confer with flesh and blood: he did not tell Sarah; he evidently did not tell Isaac. An ass was laden with the wood of sacrifice; two servants were called to attend, "and he rose up and went unto the place of which God had told him."

4. ON THE THIRD DAY.—From Beersheba to Mt. Moriah was about fifty-five miles. They would have come within sight of the place early on the third day. Two slow days of walking along rugged paths, and two still slower nights spent in sleepless thought, must have brought such tortures of delay as principles alone, not impulse, could sustain.

5. ABRAHAM SAID TO HIS YOUNG MEN, ABIDE.—This reminds us of words in Gethsemane: "Tarry ye here, while I go and pray yonder." Going into such an agony, he could not admit others to go with him. They would not understand the strange proceedings, and would only embarrass him in it.

6. ABRAHAM TOOK THE WOOD.—Is Isaac here a type of him who went forth bearing his cross? Isaac is not now a mere boy; he is a man grown; yet he meekly obeys his fathers. "He was yet ignorant of the awful part that he was to take in the sacrifice. But Jesus knew from the beginning that he must be offered up.

7. WHERE IS THE LAMB?—How his question must have wrung the father's heart Yet there are no sobs, no words of lamentation. The very silence is pathetic.

8. AND ABRAHAM SAID, GOD WILL PROVIDE.—Abraham was wise and kind enough not to tell his son a bitter truth until it became necessary. A wise concealment is as much a proof of love as a wise frankness.

9. AND ABRAHAM BUILT UP AN ALTER THERE.—An alter of loose stone could quickly be built then the wood was promptly arranged, and Isaac was bound and laid upon it.

Rev. Lehman -

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Educational Rally Day.

TENNESSEE.

Church at Jonesboro, sent by Prof. H. D. Griffin,	$6.30

GEORGIA.

Oconee, Bethesda Church,	2.00
Willie Grove,	2.00
Hunt Grove,	2.00
W. S. Smith and family,	2.00
Total,	$8.00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Keen's Neck Church, sent by Edwin F. Jackson	$5.00

TEXAS.

Kilgore, Corinth Church, collection taken by J. B. Lehman	10.00
Total amount reported	29.30
Total amount reported up to date	$300.40

Thus you see we have passed the three hundred dollar mark. While this does not look very large, it is three miles on the way to ten. Seven hundred dollars more will make the one thousand dollars we are looking for. We have not lost faith that we will get it, but, on the other hand, we believe stronger than ever that we will get it. How? Well listen. We are aiming to show in this how much the Negroes belonging to the Disciples of Christ are giving. It is manifest we aim to show in that report as far as possible what is being given. But this we have not done hitherto. From now on we urge that all money (except C. W. B. M. dues and State dues which should be sent to Mrs. Harlan and the state secretary respectively) be sent to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi. These he will report in their proper place and thus we will have a perfect record before every one who reads the PLEA, and some one in nearly every church does. For example, we have already reported a little over three hundred dollars for Rally day and we will continue to report what comes in marked for Rally day until September 1. There are a great many churches that have not yet reported and we feel confident that many of these will yet come in. We are going to send a circular letter to those who have not yet had a part in this work.

When I was at the opening of the Jarvis Christian Institute there was handed to me to be sent to Mrs. Harlan for that school, $195.55. It is true, $100 of this was raised by the white Auxiliary at Dallas, but it was given through this channel, as are many dollars in the collections in many churches. At the collection taken up at Corinth church near Kilgore, Texas, Walter and Tyler Watson, two most estimable Christian men, the like of which we wish could live in every community, gave $5. We are now going to count this $195.55 as the beginning of a fund called Jarvis Christian Institute fund, and we will add this to the sum total when we go to figuring up. This then makes us a sum of $495.95. Thus you see we will have to raise only $504.05 to reach our goal. We urge all Texas churches to send their Easter offering in to keep this fund going. Only remember to tell me distinctly in your letter where you want the money to go, whether in the Rally day fund, or in your Easter fund.

Do not let any one get confused in this.

If you have already planned to send this elsewhere, do so; but remember it will not get credit in the sum unless you send it to me to be sent to Mrs. Harlan to be used in building up Jarvis Christian Institute.

Then again. Prof. H. D. Griffin is planning to go out on a canvassing tour in Tennessee as soon as school is out with a view to accomplish the following things.

(1) To raise money to equip Warner Christian Institute to become a real boarding school.

(2) To solicit students for the coming year. The Churches have not yet gotten into the habit of sending to one of our schools.

(3) To be of aid to all the churches in their spiritual growth.

Prof. Griffin will send all the money he gets to me and I will start a fund called Warner Christian Institute Fund. This will be added to the sum total also. We urge the Tennessee Churches to get ready, lay by as Paul calls it, and prepare the minds and hearts of the members for his visit.

Then again. Alabama is raising some money towards the maintainance of the Lum Graded School. We are now making an effort to greatly

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. in accordance with this 'Notice' it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

—All our readers will rejoice to read that Brother Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee has promised $5,000.00 to build a hospital for the Liberian Christian Institute. Mrs. Atwater feels greatly rejoiced over what the Negro work is coming to.

—We learn that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is the seventh preacher's daughter who has become the "first lady of the land" and reigned in the White House.

—If the writer were only able financially he would like to establish a permanent fund to aid preachers who have given their all to the Christian ministry. There would be more encouragement to the young man to enter the ministry, if he were insured, to some measure at least, against poverty in old age. The nation pensions its soldiers. Why should not the the church provide for its christian veterans?

—How does "Helpful to all" strike you this week? Does it makes your blood boil? Enthusiasm should run high for the thousand dollars for educational rally.

—The Assistant Editor was compelled to leave his desk in the office last Monday to supervise some carpenter work in his poultry yard, so the subscription numbers for old and new subscribers are not recorded this week.

—Mrs. A. B. Matlock, Argenta, Ark., writes as follows: "Please announce through the columns of your paper the district meeting of the C. W. B. M. at Pearidge church Kerr, Arkansas at one o'clock Saturday before the third Lord's day in March. I hope all the Auxiliaries will send in their report with ten cents from each member. "We wish that we might have had this a week earlier for publication."

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

These notes are being written on Saturday, March 8. The winter term concluded at noon today The students are in high glee in anticipation of the ball game this afternoon and the annual inter-society contest this evening. The proceeds from the entertainment are to be used for the purchase of books for the literary societies.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright of Illinois are on their way home from Florida, and stopped off to see their daughter, Mrs. Willis Prout.

The heating apparatus for Smith Hall is all instilled with the exception of the wall radiators for the school room and the Y. W. C. A. room. The hangers have not yet arrived for them.

The members of the Pedagogy class have prepared a vocation course for the S. C. I. Our national school system is just at the beginning of adopting vocational training and our young people are fortunate to the opportunity of studying these great educational questions.

Orders from a distance are coming for the Institution's seed corn. We are glad that we can furnish the desired quantity.

We understand the Boy's Corn Club has more than twenty members. We doubt not there will be some great surprises when the harvest time comes.

Workers' Conference and Commencement next; are you planning to be present?

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—Permit me to say a word through the columns of your most worthy paper concerning the Jackson District Meeting, and our work here in Moorhead.

The Jackson District Meeting was held with the Edwards Christian Church on the 15-16 of Feb. 1913. And a good meeting to be sure.

The house was called to order at 1:00 P. M. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Jas. Singleton. After which interesting talks were made by Brothers, Howard, Jones, Gooden and others.

Saturday night session opened at 7:00 P. M. Devotional services were led by Bro. Erastus Singleton. Elder Davis from the Institute, preached an able sermon which was enjoyed by all. The writer extended the invitation.

Sunday morning the Sunday School was taught by Bro. Z. H. Howard. Many helpful things were brought out in the lesson. Bro. Howard is the teacher at Edwards.

The morning service was postponed on the part of some of our members wanting to attend the funeral of man who drowned the day before the meeting was set.

The evening service began at 3:30 P. M. Devotional services were led by Bro. Z. H. Howard. After a few preliminary remarks the writer introduced Prof. J. B. Lehman who preached a soul-stirring sermon which can never be forgotten. It would be a real blessing if we could have Prof. Lehman to preach such sermons in all our churches. He knows the nature of the Master's Kingdom, and what is needed for the futherance of the kingdom among the children of men.

A collection of thirteen ($13.77) dollars and seventy-seven cents was taken. This, remember, was the collection of the entire meeting.

$3.45 was the Evan gelist's three-fourths. $2.50 paid District Secretary. 50 cents paid to janitor. This left $7.32 to be turned over to the State Board.

The writer left Edwards for service on the night of the 16, at Jackson. The faithful members of the church turned out, and we had a good service.

The fourth Sunday of this month found the writer at Moorhead. We have some faithful workers here. I think I preached the best sermon of my life in Moorhead Sunday. Tears fell from the eyes of both men and women during the time of service. The men actually cried like babies. What power there is in the Gospel! Sometimes it will make you laugh, sometimes it will make you cry. Just preach it as it is written, and it will convict and convert men.

As a result of preaching simple Gospel truth Sunday morning, a man and wife came out from the world when the Gospel invitation was extended, and confessed that they believed with all of their heart that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, and that they were willing to be buried with Him in the waters of baptism.

The writer took for his text Luke 12:15. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." With this he contrasted the lives of Lazarus and the rich man who "lifted up his eyes in Hell." Those who were slothful were aroused to a sense of their duty. Nearly every brother present gave a dollar in the collection which is conclusive proof that they were pricked to their hearts.

Will be at Indianola Sunday. I ask the prayers of all the readers for the work here in the Delta. Pray that the "word may run and be glorified."

Trusting you will pray for me I am, respectfully

B. C. Calvert.

Oklahoma.

Gospel Plea:— I am sorry to think that so many people talk as though they want to know what the Negro is doing in the line of Christianity and when you tell them about the "Gospel Plea" they say yes, I want that paper. Show them a copy of it and tell them on what terms it can be recieved and they will tell you, send them our names, and they will take the paper. You know I have sent several names of these who claim they wanted the paper and when I see them again, ask them how they like the paper. I hear this, well they quit sending it; but I like it fine. I asked, did you send the dollar—No—So I am requested to send two other names that promised to take the paper. But I can't trust this much longer. They can send the dollar or no name unless further orders from you.

These are the other two names: J. L. Logans, District evangelist, Luther, Oklahoma; C. J. Roberson, Luther, Oklahoma, Route 1.

Oblige,

T. A. Scott.

Note: We never put on our subscription list those who promise to pay. From this date, however we shall send the Plea for ten weeks to all those who promise our evangelist, pastors or correspondents, that they will pay in a few weeks.

Reports From the Field.

Mississippi

Dear Readers: It has been some time since you heard from me. The meeting in district number 1 and 2 is now over. For February quarter, the meeting was exceedingly good. The main object of the district meeting is to arouse a greater interest for the missionary work, to do that successfully each one must loose sight of his or her interest, and work only for the good of others. You cannot work successfully for others without feeling the spirit for good. It is like throwing an india rubber ball, the more force that you send it against a wall the further it will rebound. The minister of the gospel must be an example to the flock in every way. When we come to the quarterly meetings we should so deport ourselves that the delegates will go home with a better knowledge of how to carry out the regular business meeting of the church.

Now let us think on higher and nobler things than ourselves—Selfishness will destroy an individual, ruin a nation, corrupt a government. Let us look only at Christ, every thing that is worth seeing, will be seen for the the light of the world and furnishes for those who look unto him, light, strength, and power to overcome.

Will you people turn your eyes to the Jackson Church. Let us encourage the small membership. Let us help pay the Church out of debt. We can then dispose of it as we desire to build in a more appropriate place. But we should pull away and start some where else. If so the same spirit will move us to start some other place without having accomplished much real good. Let us help Brother Calvert to succeed.

We have started services in Greenville. Brother Taylor and Brother Bonner are the leading lights. Both are staunch members of the Church of Christ and will never be anything else, we will help them in the spirit of Christ. The time will not be a long way off when we will have a strong membership in Greenville for there is a goodly number of members from other places that has moved there, they only need to be aroused, and made to realize that they can accomplish much in the name of the Lord. The Church at Mound Bayou is beginning to take on new life. If we can only keep up the interest that seems to be aroused. We can with God's help and the help of the Brotherhood pay the Church out of debt. If once the congregation is relieved of the old debt that they have been laboring under for many years. You will find that the work done in Mound Bayou will give credit to any people.

We have our minds set on a time that we are going to appeal to the membership of the State to help us. We have the confidence that you are going to come to our rescue.

The Mound Bayou District meeting will be held the 15th and 16th of March. Lyon was the place put for the meeting; but from what we can learn, it may be changed to Mound Bayou.

Now, dear Brothers, the Lord is expecting much of us. Can sit quietly by and hear the cry of our own in a far away land, yes, in our Father's land and not come to the relief of our own who are now giving their lives for others, yes, for those who are perishing for the need of the gospel of the son of God? Listen at the great commission "Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature" Matt. 28. There are two ways to go one is to go yourself, the other is to send. Now that our own H. G. Smith and wife in company with Bro. Ross, have given up the pleasures of America, the presence of relatives, and gone to Africa to take up the work that was so well started by Bro. Kenoly, who heroicly lost his life that others many live. can't the Church of Christ in America be moved as ever before to come to the rescue of the perishing?

The quarterly meeting of the C. W. B. M will convene with with Union Hill Christian Church the third Saturday and Sunday in March to support the C. W. B. M. means to do both home and foreign work, also educational work.

PORT GIBSON, K. R. BROWN.

Texas

Rally Day Report of Preston St. Christian Church.

H. M. Johnson	$2 10
T. H. Ruth	3.00
C. Derritt	2.00
S. J. Sansom	1.25
W. E. Humphrey	2 50
M. M. Couch	1.00
Prof. S. A. Hurdle	1.00
Mrs. A. Thomas	2.00
Mrs. M. M. Couch	1.35
Miss F. Nelson	1.00
Mrs. Lula Grant	2 00
J. Crumes	1.00
Mrs. S. Butts	1.50

Mrs. Julia Collins	2.00
Mrs. A. O. Daniels	2.50
Miss Bessie Flourney	.25
Mrs. S. A. Hurdle	.25
Mrs. Celia Rainey	1.00
Mrs. Gertrude Fields	2.50
Mrs. Ella Snell	1.00
Miss Gertrude Lewis	1.00
Mrs. Tempie Lewis	1 00
Mrs. Lillie Sparks	.25
W. P. Wallic	.10
Mrs. Woods	.25
Mrs. Ella Boyce	.25
Mrs Jordan	.25
Mrs. Willie Reeves	.40
Miss Annie Smith	.35
Total collection	$35.25

Thank to our heavenly father for his love and great kindess. Good service last Sunday. Pray for us

Yours in Jesus,

Dallas, H. M Johnson.

Arkansas

Dear Editor of Gospel Plea;—Please give space in your most valuable paper to say a few words about the Sunday School State board which was held on the eighth day of Feb. at the Argenta Christian Church met at 12:30 P. M. Three of the members met. P. Worlds, Chairman; Mrs. M.M. Bostick, Treasurer; Eld. M. M. Bostick, Evangelist; visitors one, Mrs. E. Powell. After short talks by each that was present, concerning Sunday School Work Miss Mary Bradley, Secretary; J. H. Woodwards, Treasurer; report only embraced, three congregations, Pearidge, Sherrill, Argenta total amount raised $7.81. Be it resolved that the teachers of various schools will meet in joint session Saturday before the first Sunday in April at 9:30 A.M. at Pearidge Christian Church, with Prof. Mansfield Bright Presiding. Mr. C.Martin acting as Secretary.

Now want to say to the teachers through out the state at large it is expected of you to be present on the above stated time. It might be that you have to make a sacrifice in order to be present and to have a part in the meeting. We hope to made a better record this year along the line of Sunday school work than the year previous. Each teacher ought to love the work which he is engaged in to the extent that he would not allow a meeting of this kind to pass unless he has a voice in it; thinking that it would be a great help and also give inspiration to all of them whe attend it to do better work for the school and class in which he has in charge.

If we expect our school to advance or progress we must place something before them that will interest them to the extent that they will put in practice such things that are placed before them. This is one of the ways by which all superintendents, teachers may gain knowledge by meeting in sessions of this kind and discussing topics of different kinds that would be helpful to both superintendents, teachers. Hoping that all will be present.

Kerr, S State Chairman ,Porter Worlds.

The world is getting very bold
And this is true from pole to pole
So ask for faith and grace three-fold
Or it will cheat you of your soul.

We're tried in heat, we're tried in cold
We're tried in every clime I'm told
The strife's to press us from the fold
But through God's help, let's prove pure gold.

Men, tried North, East, South and West
To remove the spark of grace from the breast
Yet midst it all, some stood the test
With the hope ere long of finding rest.

Yes, men are striving night and day
To lead our feet from the narrow way;
You're tried if you're young or old and gray
And you are won if you heed the thing they say.

But he who trusts in self alone
And minds not the things in the Bible shown;
Will find in the end he's forever gone,
For he'll ne'er get a glimpse of the Father's throne,

They'll try you early, and try you late,
For some of the simple believe in fate
But hark! you have no time to wait
The command's to all, both small and great.

Let me say to the world, and to my relation,
Be careful of the thing—Procrastination,
For it's been the bone of every nation
Yes even back to man's creation.

God put before us all alike
And gave command for all to work:
So start today and continue to strike
Make a vow—you never intend to shirk.

If you shirk you cannot miss the rod.
Even here ere you're laid beneath the sod.
So follow the path, that the Saviour trod
And you'll no mistake, in getting to God.

You'll have your trials, up and downs
But you'll have smiles as well as frowns,
So search the word, learn the gospel sound
That you learn to add stars to your crown.

Carlisle, W. W. Peyton.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Program for April

Topic: The Value of Conventions, Missionary Rallies, Summer Schools of Missions, Campaigns and Conferences for Missionary Work.

Subject for special prayer: For all missionary gatherings this year.

Prayer and Preparation will make a good meeting.

Hymn. Prayer. Hymn.

Bible lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-8.

Business period.

Roll-call: Respond to roll-call by naming a Convention, Missionary Rally or Summer School or Missions you hope to attend this year.

Offering.

Special Helps And Suggestions for the meeting.

Leaflet: "The Value of Conventions, Missionary Rallies, Summer Schools of Missions, Campaigns and Conferences to Missionary Work." Price 2 cents. Order from Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Value of the Rally to Missionary Work.

When the great Student Volunteer gathering met in Nashville, Tennesse, in 1906, daily crowding the Auditorium to its very doors, the men and women who had gone there from North and South, and East and West, had gone because they were interested in missions. In that throng those thousand of voices mingled in song, those thousands of hearts stood still betimes or were moved by the thrilling messages of speakers. Those thousands of men and women who had gone to Nashville interested in missions, went out from that place imbued with the belief that there was no greater theme in all the world, gripped with the determination to make their lives definite factors in definite plans.

What did it mean? Why was it? It meant that what could not be done in a small company or in private, easily could be accomplished in that mighty gathering. It was because there is inspiration in numbers. It was because aspirations are quicke ed where congenial spirits meet; and dormant yearning burst into life in the warm atmosphere of stirring enthusiasm. Problems are worked out in the quiet of one's own room. Consecration is made sure in the stillness of the closet. The thrill and the vision may have been caught in the throng.

A Missionary Society may be doing excellent work. It may be a model for other Societies about it; but never was a Society so strong that it could not learn a needed lesson from another; it never was so awake that it could not catch a broader vision; it was never so helpful to the object of its organization that it could not do more. Every Society left to itself, must—just as the individual worker—drop more or less deeply into a rut. The remedy is coming in contact with others. The exchanging of ideas should mean strength, an extended horizon, new avenues for service.

No one privileged to attend any of the Coast to Coast Jubilee Rallies of two years ago will ever again look upon world-wide missions as she did before—whatever her attitude had been. The vastness of missisons came to her more clearly; their praticability appealed to her; their needs were no longer minimized, they became boundless; her part was no longer optional, it was imperative. Thousands of women who before had never dreamed that missionary appeal could touch them, suddenly found themselves fairly enveloped in its meshes, never again to be released. Women who had sneered at the imaginary qauintly garbed, plain-faced, uninteresting missionary sister, were amazed to find her among the most up-to-date, attractive, gracious women to be met. The already interested became intensely so, the half-hearted became eager advocates, the ignorant became informed, the prejudiced were won.

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"Yet in the maddening maze of things
Though tossed by storm and flood
To one fixed state my spirit clings;
I know that God is good.

I know not where his islands lift,
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care."

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increased the usefulness of that school and to that end we urge the Alabama churches to take a deep interest. If they rise to a full realization of their opportunity, they will raise a large fund and thus enlarge themselves greatly. We urge the Alabama brethren to send all the money they raise to me and and we will add that to the sum total also. Possibly arrangements can be made to start a fund in Virginia and North Carolinia for Martinsville Christian Institute.

Next Spring the Workers' Conference will be held at the Southern Christian Institute and we will no doubt be able to raise more than a hundred then. Oh, Brethren, It's coming. Don't you feel it in your heart? That thousand dollars I mean. We here insert a heart searching word from Brother Edwin F. Jackson, of Dale, South Carolina.

"Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever
on the throne
But that scaffold sways the future and behind
the dim unknown,
Sitteth God amidst the shadows keeping watch
upon his own."

What a blessing it is to know that in spite of all that is said against the truth, no matter how much we extol the wrong, it is God that adjusted the balance. "And the right is bound to conquer though the battle may be long."

This thought is enough to give strength to the faltering arms, courage to the disheartened ones, new zeal to those who are striving to lead the negroes into the better life that Christ points out, that the people of God must strive for. But the fact remains that the negro disciple will only be what they make themselves. From their number must go forth those who must bear the heat and burden of the day knowing that God's eye is upon them. Napoleon Bonaparte in his march to Moscow stopped with his army on a hill, way down in the valley below was a confused mass of men engaged in deadly struggle. The regular booming of the cannon told him where his advance forward was holding out, against this hoard of men. A single cannon boomed out on the hill told this little band that help was nigh. Yea, more, that the eyes of the Emperor was on them. If the Emperor's eyes were on them any soldier of the regular army would go willingly to his death. Brethren of S. C. what say you who are under the eye of the King of Kings? Remember these men were willing to die for fame (an empty bauble) Are you willing to live so that He who died for us can be seen to live in us? Can we hold out so that we may recieve a crown of life that fadeth not away? The regular boom of the cannons told of trained hands and unity and action. What say you Bro. Minister? You of our strong Churches which of you will go down on record as the second one of the forty for our Educational Rally Day? We have a purpose before us, as a body of people can we accomplish any thing? Yes throughout our Brotherhood a personal canvas among fifty of our leading members would give the $25.00. It is not so easy with me. Beaufort County is a mission field. Only three small Churches to stand up for that "Names of Names" which we wear. And with only a few scattered members who only know of the Brotherhood through the PLEA. I have to rely on the loyalty of my friends who give on account of my faithfulness to all that is good and true and my willingness to to stand up for "The faith that was once delivered to the saints" Thanks to their generosity my second remittance goes in to day while the third is in sight if my friends keep in memory what they promised. This proves to me that no good will lose its reward.

The PLEA is aiding me in this for it's workers are ever standing for the great principles of life."

Brethren, does not your heart burn within you now as you have read all the above? Are you not going to fall in line? Will you not come to the rescue of the great work we are doing? Do you not know that in less than ten years the Negro Disciples must be giving $20000 annually and the white chuches must be giving $100000. We dare not longer stand idle when God has opened up so vast a work which we alone can do. We are now starting in a new stage of our missionary year. Let us all make a new pull at Educational Rally or at our special fund, or at both. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

"When a bit of sunshine hits ye,
After passing of a cloud,
When a fit of laughter gits ye
An' ye'r spine is feelin' proud,
Don't fergit to up and fling it
At a soul that's feelin' blue,
For the minit that ye sling it
It's a bomerang to you."

Keep your face with sunshine lit,
Laugh a little bit.
Gloomy shadows oft will flit
If you have the wit and grit
Just to laugh a little bit.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for March 23

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson XII.

Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy path."

—Prov. 3:6.

INTRODUCTION.

Between the events of the last lesson and this, Sarah died at the age of 127, and was buried in the cave of Machpelah. Abraham, being "well stricken in age," was exceedingly anxious that his son Isaac should have a wife from among his own people, and not from the Canaanites in the midst of whom he lived. Calling his trusted servant, Eliezer, he commissioned him to go back to Mesopotamia and find Isaac a wife. Elegant preparations were made for the journey.

EXPLANATORY

58. AND THEY CALLED REBEKAH AND SAID.—Her mother and brother called her. The entire story should be read, beginning with 24:1. It is one of the quaintest and most charming little stories in all literature. Wherever Isaac is mentioned he is introduced into the narrative quietly and, as it were, incidentally. In one sense his advantages were his disadvantages. He was the son of a great man—the greatest man of his times. AND SAID UNTO HER, WILT THOU GO WITH THIS MAN? —There was no arbitrary ruling in the matter. The decision was left with Rebekah herself. AND SHE SAID, I WILL GO.—Her motives were, no doubt, mixed. The worldly position offered to her was good, and there was an attractive spice of romance about the whole affair which would have its charm. She may also be credited with some apprehension of the great future of Isaac's family. In after life she certainly showed a very keen sense of the value of the blessings peculiar to that household. And, probably above all, she had an irresistible feeling that this was her destiny.

59. AND THEY SENT AWAY REBEKAH.... AND HER NURSE.—The name of this nurse was Deborah. She seemed to out-live her mistress, and she was so greatly beloved by the family that especial mention is made of her death and burial-place (Gen. 35:8).

60. OUR SISTER, BE THOU THE MOTHER OF THOUSANDS.—Note the fact, in the study of lives of individuals of the patriarchal age, that they were never permitted to lose sight of their part in the growth of their nation. Families were founded and communities were established with the far-off end in view of some day being a great people.

61. AND THEY RODE UPON THE CAMELS.—Abraham's servant had gone in search of Isaac's bride with a splendid caravan of camels. The camels bore presents both going and returning. It was an impressive Oriental pageant, and must have thrilled the heart of the spirited Rebekah as she rode forth in romantic state to meet her destiny.

62. AND ISAAC CAME FROM THE WAY OF BEER-LAHAI-ROI.—Near Beer-Sheba. Were the world peopled with men and women of Isaac's gentleness and patience, there would be no need for the ruggedness and boldness which are chiefly valuable in resisting wrong, and military heroism would lose all its charms.

63. AND ISAAC WENT OUT TO MEDITATE.—Much has been said about Isaac, and not all of it has been to his credit. It may certainly be stated that Isaac was not a "men's man," and that from the masculine standpoint he was a little insipid. But in addition to the fact that nature often maintains an equilibrium by mating opposites, it is also true that God was guiding events and knew what he was about.

64. AND REBEKAH LIFTED UP HER EYES.—It has just been stated that Isaac lifted up his eyes, and now Rebekah lifts up her eyes, and they see each other. Viewed as a little glimpse of a desert romance, this first sight is only a pretty picture. But please draw that curtain aside and look into the future. Look along the pathway of clasped hands as God saw that pathway, and you will behold a succession of generations extending from Isaac and Rebekah to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

65. AND SHE SAID.... WHAT MAN IS THIS?—It is not probable that the caravan could come into the vicinity of Isaac's residence without excitement and delightful romancing between Rebekah and her maids. The sense of awe inspired in Rebekah's breast by the story of the servant of Abraham would not take precedence over curiosity to see the man she was to wed. AND SHE TOOK HER VEIL.—It was customary for the prospective bride to appear veiled in the destined bridegroom's presence until after they were married.

Pres Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Martinsville Christian Institute

THE MARTINSVILLE Christian Institute is located at Martinsville, Virginia and is presided over by Prof. J. H. Thomas. This school is a child of his creation as he has been principal from its very beginning. The force of workers consists of Prof. Thomas and wife, Prof. A. E. Spencer and wife, Prof. P. H. Moss, Miss May Hairston and Miss Hettie Moss. Everything about this school was spotlessly clean and the children looked in their faces that they were under a good Christian influence.



FACULTY OF MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Prof. Thomas is a man of exceptional literary talent, being one of the paid contributors of the Christian Standard. His work shows that he is doing very fine teaching in the school. Patrick H. Moss is in charge of all the Bible instruction and the mark of his influence is clearly seen in the whole school. When he came to Martinsville he found his people worshiping in a little old church. He now has built a modern church with basement and Sunday-school rooms. It compares well with the best churches in the city. A life that can develop such a religious life in a city needs to be taken note of.

The Martinsville Christian Institute greatly needs some land to introduce various kinds of industrial training. If some good man about that city could only know what a blessing he would confer on his children's children he would gladly give them a hundred acres. This would enable them to keep some boys there throughout the year and this would enable the school to fit them for much better work.

It was my happy privilege to speak at the First Christian Church on Sunday morning. In this Church are some of the best citizens of Martinsville and from what we saw there we are confident that that church will be a real help to our school at Martinsville.

At night we spoke in Bro. Moss' Church to a large audience. They raised a collection of ten dollars. The entire visit was one which made us feel that there is a useful future ahead for the Martinsville Christian Institute.

From there we went to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. When we got there it was snowing hard there being about three inches of snow on the ground. Bro. R. L. Peters had a cab at the train and sent us to the home of Mrs Messick where Bro. Morton, the Christian minister, boards. Later in the evening the cab called for us and took us out to the Negro church where thirty or more were out in spite of the almost prohibitive snow and ice. A collection of over six dollars was taken up. It is our earnest hope that it may be our privilege to visit the North Carolina Conventions this fall so we may be able to get into closer touch with their work.

In April there will be a Special Southern Christian Institute number. If any of our readers have short but interesting things they would like to add to it, we would be glad to have them send them in.

Thy Will Be Done.

"I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks he gives
In life's hard school;
But I am learning, with his help, to solve
Them one by one,
And when I cannot understand, to say—
Thy will be done."

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. in accordance with this 'Notice' it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—The sad news has just been received that Mrs. M. E. Harlan, Corresponding Secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions was stricken with appendicitis while in a conference in St. Louis and before any relief could be given her spirit was called to the world beyond, Tuesday morning March 11.

—Mrs. Harlan was one of the very truest friends of the Negro work and ever cast her influence for its advancement. We know that God will use her life in the affairs of Christian Missions which is the means of extending the Kingdom of God over the hearts of men. Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who were associated with her in the great work at Indianapolis, for we know her being taken away from them will be a keen bereavement to them for a long time.

—From Kilgore, Texas, all with subscription number 110: Amelia Hutchins, James Rossum, Tom Sibly, Letha Sanders.

—From Kentucky: Mildred Halleck, Lexington, subscription number 135; Mrs Ada M. Smith, Paducah, subscription number 135.

—Mrs. Virginia V. Johnson, Ravenna, Texas: Your subscription number is 110.

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—Henry Austin, Saratoga, Arkansas: Your subscription number is 110.

—Mary E. Monahan, Stephenville, Montana: Your subscription number is 95.

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

The Annual Contest has come and gone. It was great,—great in program, great in attendance. A goodly sum was realized from the admission reciepts for the purchase of books. The annual contest in March is becoming a gala day at the Institution, and rightly it should be.

The directors of the Students' Aid Fund are agents for practically every news paper and magazine in the United States. If any of our friends are subscribers of the Literary Digest, Cosmopolitan, Mother's Magazine, etc., send your subscription to us, and the commision we get will help to educate some worthy Negro boy or girl. Address Students Aid Fund, Institute Rural Station, Edwards. Mississippi.

Friday, March 14, in the Academy in the various English classes the following students told the stories of books from the Library: Ardelia Walker, "The Uncrowned Queen;" Aletha Thomas, "Abraham Lincoln;" Ad Banks, "With Wolfe in Canada;" Ira Jennings, "Enoch Arden;" Richard Davis, "Bolenge."

This afternoon Miss Hunt entertained the married women of the faculty at her beautiful new home in Smith Hall.

Jarvis Christian Institute.

The blooming of the violets and singing of the birds make us feel that Spring is here once more. We welcome you thrice at the J. C. I. Good old Spring time.

Quite a number of white boys and girls from Hawkins, headed by Prof. McGehee and wife

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Which Branch?

BY ALETHA THOMAS.

I wonder how many people today are thinking about which branch of the tree they are grasping. It is time to think about it. Are you grasping the dead branch or the live branch? Many, many people today are clinging to the dead branch and do not accomplish what they should. We cannot cling to this branch and be one of God's true workers.

The world to day is calling for men and women boys and girls who are clinging to the live branch The one who can see the branch grow every day. By seeing this branch grow, and clinging to it you are seeing the world move, and you are moving with it. I must say the the ones who are clinging to the live branches are needed in all parts of the world especially in all Christian organizations.

Don't cling to the dead branch, I believe if you would stop a moment and think about the matter you would realize that you are in some one's way.

What do you think the world would have been today had all the great men and women of the past and at the present time had been clinging to the dead branch? Why, I think the world would be standing still.

It has been said that George Washington had a secretary and every time George got ready to have a meeting his secretary was late. He tried to make his excuse by saying, "My watch was too slow." Washington told him, "You will have to get another watch or I must get another secretary." Why did Washington make these remarks? Simply because his secretary was clinging to the dead limb, and standing in his way. Look over your record and see whether you are holding to the dead branch and pr venting others from going forward.

Arkansas

To the GOSPEL PLEA:—

I am just home from a month's trip in the south western part of the state where I am trying to establish some new churches. I had ten confessions at Saratoga. I am to go back in earlv part of the Spring and make arrangements for a big arber meeting in August. I also expect to start a preaching point at McNab. I will leave next Friday for Sherrill to meet the District meeting, and then I shall go to England to help Bro. M. M. Bostick to build the new church house there. I suspect I shall put in a week there. Bro. Bostick wants to get the house so they can preach in it and finish it later. I will say to the preachers of Arkansas " It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them who believe" and this is one of our special contribtions let us preach wherever and whenever we can—and see to it that every member of the body is also energetic in the work. Who can idle when there are so many to be saved.

There are enough colored disciples to do a great work if we would. Don't preach hard times to the Churches for the saloon people find plenty of money to spend for drams and stupid christians will find plenty of excuse without the preachers help.

Enclosed please find 50 cents for which send the GOSPEL PLEA to Henry Austin, Saratoga, Arkansas.

Yours in Christ,

ARGENTA, R. T. MATLOCK,

Kansas

Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

Please allow me space in our PLEA. While looking over the PLEA I saw quite a number of Church reports and as we have been silent so long, we feel that it is our christian duty to report the work in this part of the vineyard. We are glad to report that our Sunday-school is growing. On each Lord's Day we have a large attendance, and are arranging for Easter program.

We pray that our Sunday-School will continue to grow under the Superintendency of Bro. Shelby Bridgewater, as the scriptures says teach all nations; to observe all things. Services each Lord's day. Rev. H. L. Brown, a young minister who was set apart in our 16 th. Annual Convention has been with us since Oct.1912 is an able speaker and is doing splendid work. One added to our number being baptized in His name on Wednesday evening Feb. 26 th. and we pray that others may soon follow. May all disciples pray for a brighter future.

As soon as I get able I want to become a subscriber of the PLEA.

PARSONS, E. D. CRITTENDEN.

Texas

Dear Editor;

I am sending you a little cash to pay for this year's subscription for the GOSPEL PLEA. I am sorry that I have not taken this paper long ago. We learn through this paper the work of all our churches. I have raised a few things for our school at Hawkins, Texas. Please put this in the PLEA to let the brethren know that we are yet alive.

Those that give are as follows:

Rachel Runnel, one pair slips; Mary Mc Neese, one sheet; Louis Mc Donald, one pair towels; Anderson Cuby, one set cups and saucers.

I remain your brother in Christ,

Bellville, Texas. Sam Mc Neese

Reports From the Field.

SCHOOLS ONLY HOPE.

Manual Training Institutions to Bring Independence to Negroes, Says Educator.

IGNORANCE CHIEF MENACE

That manual training schools scattered throughout the North and South is the hope of the colored race was asserted by Rev. R. D. Stinson, principal of Atlanta Normal and Industrial Institute in an address in Institutional A. M. E. Church, 3825 South Dearborn street, yesterday.

"The negro schoolhouse is no longer intended to train leaders for the race," said Rev. Mr. Stinson. "Its purpose now is to fit the great mass to do the ordinary things of life. It must teach boys and girls how to use their hands skillfully in order that they make an honest living for themselves.

NOT THE RIGHT WAY.

"Above all things, the young should be taught that pretty clothes and borrowed manners and airs are not the right ways out of the wilderness of ignorance, vice and shame for the great mass of people who started but yesterday for a higher and better life.

"The hope of the negro today is to be found in the Christian industrial school. I do not fear not giving the race a chance at the ballot box half so much as I fear the ignorance that is eating out the vitals of our people.

"The negro of the North is not doing as much as he should to aid in bettering these conditions. Even here in the North, where the negroes enjoy many great rights and privileges, the youth of the race are spending much time around pool rooms and loafing places instead of using their time for purposes that may work to their own advantage and for that of the race.

MONEY IS REQUIRED

"In the work of bringing the race into its own there should be none so interested as the negro. To establish these industrial schools money is required, and this money must come to a great extent from the pockets of the northern negro.

"If instead of wasting money on fancy clothes you would assist in carrying on the work of negro education it would be but a short time until the race would pass from the stage of childhood to take its place among the races." —EXCHANGE

A little talk with Jesus makes it right, all right.

Conversation with Christ.

If I were asked what is the thing which the devil, the world and the flesh try hardest to keep us from getting, I should reply, "Conversation with Christ." I say this from my own experience, and from observation of all the people I have ever known. A quiet, unhurried speaking to Jesus Christ alone, and hearing His replies—this is what every Christian needs every day, and what many get only once a month—or more seldom still, or never.

WHEN DID YOU LAST SO TALK WITH CHRIST?

It is so easy to go to services, and to listen to prayers and to join in them.

It is so easy to sing to Him or to pray to Him with others, or to think that we are doing so because we feel refreshed and helped by it. But what if it should turn out that it was a mistake of ours to imagine that we were actually conversing personally with Him at those times; and that we were really only talking or singing for other people and ourselves to hear? I feel anxious for people who only pray in church, or in prayer meeting, or when other persons are present. Communion services are helps and means of grace, but they are not necessarily conversation with Christ; nor is teaching or preaching or working for Him. You may be a most religious person—busy all day long about God's matters; you may give time and money and thought to Him, and yet you may neverc onverse with Him. And the danger is that if you do not converse with Him alone each day, you will get the wrong road, and wrong altogether, and then when you and He meet you will see your work crumble away and yourself left naked— suddenly waked up to the fact that you and your Savior are strangers to each other. It will be a terrible surprise to you that nothing should remain of all the work on which you spent your life. The words "without me ye can do nothing" had been forgotten by you.

He meant that you should have talked to Him continually about everything you did, and everything cared about and should have been always conscious of His sympathy, and oversight and work-

ing. But instead of that you talked only to men and women, and made shift with their sympathy and advice and help.

He meant you to have asked His counsel about that money trouble. He would have arranged it all, but you only asked your lawyer and it turned out badly.

He meant you to have told Him your anxieties about your son, and He would have ended them, but you only consulted your friend, and matters got worse and worse. He meant you to have asked Him for light about that doctrine which you could not understand; but you went to books to get it explained, and you became more uncertain than before. He would have satisfied you.

He meant you to have asked Him how much money you were to give away; but you settled that yourself, and settled it wrong. He would have been your counsellor about the profession you chose, the situation you accepted, the servant you engaged, the books you read, the friendships you formed; but you chose other counsellors, or did after your own choosing, and failure has been the result.

May the Holy Spirit open your eyes now, and may you arise and take Christ this hour as your personal friend and counsellor. Conversation with Him will make all the difference.

Is He your intimate friend or not?

"A constant talk wtih Jesus keeps it right, all right."

Oklahoma.

Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

We are on the eve of our raliy for $500.00. Things look dull but we are full of faith and are trusting in our Father who owns and controls the riches of the earth. We are expecting the State Evangelist, Bro. Wickizer (white) to be with us on the third Lord's Day. He is in a great meeting at Okmulgee, fourteen days, forty one (41) additions.

The writer made a flying trip over to see him last week. We have a great deal of sickness in our flock at this time. The following members on the sick list: Sisters, Manning, Fritzs and Davis. Bro. Davis has moved out of the city three or four miles to his farm. Bro. S. P. Wallic was called to Dallas, Texas on account of the serious illness of a brother. We had the pleasure of uniting in the holy bonds of wedlock, Mr. George Williams aud Mrs. Julia Peyton both of Muskogee a few Sunday nights ago. Brother Williams is not a member of the church of which his wife is a member but he is a regular attendant with her. We pray that they may soon be one in Christ also.

Our District Convention convenes soon. The evangelist is at work which the following report will show. He found members whom I pastored in Texas and some who had not been in church for five years, as there is no church near them. He reports members at the places:

Okmulgee members.....35
Wetumka.....11
Boynton.....32
Clarview.....19

Brother Bons reports scattering members in many places, he has not yet reached, he says they are crying for preachers to give them the bread of life.

Disciples of Oklahoma, wake up. The field is white to the harvest.

Fraternally yours,

MUSKOGEE, R. B. WELLS.

Texas

Dear Editor: We are greatly pleased to crowd in a few words which will give an idea of what we are striving for in this part of Texas.

We are located about six miles east of Kilgore; twelve miles south of Longview; sixteen miles north of Henderson and about three miles west of Elderville. The situation is such that a goodly number is always out to both Sunday-school and church services. Our very worthy pastor, Rev. George W. Taylor D. D. is always on hand with soul stirring sermons, which never tire us even though we have kept a continual "Gee Haw" humming, sounding through the forest from Monday morning till Saturday night.

On last fourth Sunday, February 23, Brother J. B. Lehman, president of the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., gave us a "call by." This was, I think the greatest treat Brother Lehman has given away. He can never know the good he has done and hearts he has inspired. Being just behind a train wreck some where in Louisiana he was cut off from one of his proposed addresses.

He gave a lecture in the after noon and a sermon at night. Both still live in this community. If his thought could be breathed into the negroes of this state only, there would be more advancement made in the next ten years than forty has brought. We see that the only hope for the negro is christanity, so you can find us catching hold.

If we could have lots more talks from our dear Bro. Lehman we would feel very much pushed up.

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

We give the following items of interest from a letter written by Lula Smith to Miss Boggs.

She writes January 6 that all are away to night and she was writing while waiting for their return. Mr. Ross was in Monrovia looking after their boxes. Mr. Smith and the boys were camping near Schieffelin till the carries brought them on to the school.

"This is a great field for service and I only pray for strength and health to fight the great battle and hope in the end the battle will be won for our Father in heaven. Oh! how I wish for the time to come when about ten more of our boys and girls from the S C. I. can come and help do what is to be done and in other words, establish a second Mt. Beulah.

The Value of the Rally to Missionary Work.

(Continued from last issue)

Yes, you say, but those were marvelous gatherings, to be witnessed but once in a generation. So they were. Yet what they accomplished for the women of America and for world-wide missions in a large way, will be accomplished in a smaller circle, in a smaller way in every well-planned, well-managed, enthusiastic rally. And every earnest Christian woman who is conscientiously striving to increase her own efficiency and the efficiency of her Society, will count it a privilege to lend her presence and her strength to the coming together of women of like purpose, for a common cause. Make your State, your district, your county rally effectual by helping to swell members, by contributing as God has endowed you with talents, by carrying into it a mind and heart hospitable to new truths and new influences. God has endowed none of us alike. Some can sing, some lead in prayer, some deliver masterful addresses, some can direct the proceedings with dignity and dispatch: one may brighten the assembly hall, one may make for the physical comfort of the attendants. All service done beautifully, in a beautiful spirit, is equally acceptable to God. The dedicating of whatever gifts are ours to the furthering of his Kingdom is the supreme thing. We shall not say, "Let those go up to meeting who can bring back to us new ideas." You can do that and you will if you go with that determination. You will be a more efficient woman upon your return, what ever the line of your service. We can not mingle socially with others, we cannot join our voices with theirs in song, we cannot be attentive listeners to plans and methods and inspirational talks and not be "set thinking" and not imbibe some good. The commercial world, the political world, the religious world alike recognize value in exchange of ideas, and the inspiration of numbers. That which never could have been secured in private has been poured out, a voluntary offering, under the not explainable, but psychological influence that weaves its spell in a great gathering.

—Missionary Tidings.

CHRIST IS RISEN

I hear the children crying,
Crying, near and far away,
O! I hear the children crying
On this blessed Easter day.

Lord Jesus loved the children--
"Let them come to me" He said;
Today with joy we celebrate
His resurrection from the dead.

See the children go in thousands
To the whirling factory mills;
Sometimes broken by the wheels,
Starving when the wheels are still.

God of our righteous fathers,
How wide this wail of woe!
And must men live in luxury,
While the child is slaughtered so?

O! I hear the children crying,
Crying near, and far away,
But the Spirit of the Lord has come
To plead their cause today.

Marcia Davies

SCHOOL NOTES

(Continued from page 2)

were on the campus Sunday Feb. 3rd. and explored the school building from bottom to top. Prof. Mc Gehee is a teacher of the city school here and has won quite a reputation as good teacher.

We were glad to find in the mail a few days ago the bill for our new range. The kitchen is ready and waiting for it.

Mr. Hart, wife, son and daughter with their children (white) visited the campus of the J. C. I. Feb. 3rd. and gave the school building a general exploration. After having carefully examined it they expressed themselves being so very well pleased.

I wish you could have seen the smiles on every face on the campus a few days ago when T. B. Frost came in from town and said Mrs. Ida V. Jarvis, of Ft. Worth (who gave the land for the J. C. I.) had shipped a surry to the J. C. I.(just like Mrs. Jarvis of course.) Since we cannot find words appropriate to thank you, we pray God's blessings upon you and your good husband for such a useful gift.

We were glad to welcome Eld. M. T. Brown of Paris on our campus Tuesday Feb. 25th. with Jas. Normal a work boy. This makes the full number(four) work boys. Bro. Brown is well pleased with the improvements made at the J. C. I. and spoke in high terms of the workers here. Bro. Brown is a man of push. He left Thursday morning with a great desire to do more for the J. C. I. than before.

Mamie Lewis one of the day students was a welcome vistor at the J. C. I. Sunday and took an active part in our Sunday sehool.

Hawkins, Texas, Feb. 25, 1913.

Dear friends and co-workers who are helping to build up this great educational enterprise at this place: We do hereby with hearts full of gratitude send forth these lines that you may know how thankful we were to have your co-operation in helping to furnish rooms for the J. C. I. We also thank you for all you may be able to do in the future. We are sorry that some of the names who gave were left out of the publication of the PLEA. But this we feel is not a mistake of ours since we published all that were sent to us. We feel sure where ever it was left out it was an error of the head and not the heart, since all concerned want to do the right thing. Your Humble servant,

Hawkins, T. B. Frost.

Martinsville Christian Institute

To the Editor of The GOSPEL PLEA,
Edwards, Miss.

Dear Sir:—

Things are still moving along at the Martinsville Christian Institute. With the approach of the Vernal Equinox, the sun will soon be setting about due east and west. In our latitude as quickly as the sun remains as long above the horizon as beneath it, absorption overbalances radiation and the ground begins to grow warm. The season brings forward other opportunities which must be grasped in order that nothing be lost.

Some members or the upper class rendered a very entertaining play on the night of the third Inst. Examinations are under way. They have been called by some the crucial test. They will learn sooner or later why such tests are required. The garden is now being plowed and preparations made for the planting of the hardier vegetables. Each year we are made to feel glad by a bountiful yield of corn, potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, string beans, etc. It grows more fertile every year. Is that the case I wonder, with the lands of the many who read these lines? It should be.

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The collection was $10.00 of this Profs. Walter and Tyler Watson (white) gave $5.00. We wish to thank them for their presence, and the willing service of caring for Bro. Lehman.

In connection with the addresses Bro. Lehman carried some books "The life of Jacob Kenoly." I have read my book through and often review some chapters to satisfy my own curiosity.

Jacob was surely a Christlike man. Was he really a black man? Then was he true to a purpose?

Yours in Christ,

Kilgore, Edgar Jacobs.

March 19 is being very generally celebrated in honor of the great African missionary, David Livingston, it being the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. In this connection, it may be of interest to some to know that while he was giving his life for the redemption of Africa, his son here in America sacrificed his life to free the African from American slavery.

It is not what one does,
But what one tries to do,
That makes the soul strong
And fit for a noble career.

E. P. Tenney.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for March 30

Edited from The Standard Bible Lesson

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Our fathers trusted in thee: They trusted, and thou didst deliver them." —Ps. 22.4

NOTE.—Every teacher of an adult class should prepare his or her own review. The following is given that you may have the subjects and a few questions before you in case you need them. Use the plan or not, just as you please. Characters figuring in the quarter are Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Abraham and Isaac.

LESSON I.

SUBJECT.—THE CREATION (Gen. 1: 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 21, 25, 27, 31).

GOLDEN TEXT.—In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. —Gen. 1; 1.

1. What is the main purpose of Genesis?
2. At what point does Genesis enlighten us where science is baffled?
3. What was the evident purpose of all creation before man?
4. What therefore should be man's attitude toward God?

LESSON II.

SUBJECT.—MAN THE CROWN OF CREATION (Gen. 1: 26, 27; 2; 7-9, 15-24).

GOLDEN TEXT.—God created man in his own image.—Gen. 1: 27.

1. What is your own idea as to man's state of perfection when first created?
2. What are some of the evidences of man's dominion?
3. To what are the troubles and sufferings of mankind mainly attributable?

LESSON III.

Subject.—MAN'S FIRST SIN (Gen. 3: 1-12, 22-24).

GOLDEN TEXT.—Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin.—John 8: 34.

1. In what respect may the tempter be regarded as serpent-like?
2. What extra inducement had Adam to yield to temptation?

LESSON IV.

SUBJECT.—CAIN AND ABEL (Gen. 4: 1-15).

GOLDEN TEXT.—Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.—1 John 3: 15.

1. How did Cain and Abel learn to worship?
2. What was the matter with Cain's offering?
3. To what extent are we our brothers' keepers?

LESSON V.

SUBJECT.—THE FLOOD (Gen. 6: 9-12; 7: 11-24)

GOLDEN TEXT.—The wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Rom. 6: 23.

1. How hath God always measured the worth of men?

LESSON VI.

SUBJECT.—GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH(Gen. 9: 8-17).

GOLDEN TEXT —I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.—Gen. 9: 13.

1. What did Noah build first after coming out of the ark?
2. Why did Noah especially need a visible token of God's promise?
3. What later token has God ordained, lest we forget?

LESSON VII.

SUBJECT.—THE CALL OF ABRAM (Gen. 12: 1-9)

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing.—Gen. 12: 2.

1. What was God's call to Abram?
2. What was God's promise to Abram?
3. How does the character of Abram impress you?

LESSON VIII.

SUBJECT.—ABRAM AND LOT (Gen. 13: 1-12).

GOLDEN TEXT.—The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich; And he addeth no sorrow therewith —Prov. 10: 22.

1. How did Abram get his wealth?
2. How did Abram show himself the larger minded of the two?

LESSON IX.

SUBJECT.—GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (Gen. 15:5-18).

GOLDEN TEXT.—He is faithful that promised. —Heb. 10: 23.

1. What did God promise Abraham that was hard to believe?
2. Are modern people in need of faith in God?
3. What was the covenant between God and Abraham?

Pres Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Coming of Better Things.

The new attitude which Southern college men are assuming toward the matter of race relationships is most encouraging. In the tolerant, broad-minded friendliness of the rising generation of college men lies the hope of the Negro race. Eighteen months ago the Young Men's Christian Associations in colleges of the South launched a move ment for a definite study of this problem of the Negro by white college men. Our most sanguine hopes did not lead us to believe that we would be able to get more than two thousand Southern col lege men studying this question within the first year. In fact, so timid were we that at our student conference, where we gathered leaders from all of the colleges of the Southeast, we planned to invite personally a group of more mature and broad-minded students to enter this study. We felt that if they became genuinely interested each man could go back to his college and start a similar study group. We had no hope that we could secure more than fifteen or twenty men in this conference for this study. The Negro course was announced as one of the seven courses in the study of home and foreign missions, and what was our amazement when we found that more than one third of the students in the conference enrolled in the class for Negro study. These men going back into various colleges so encouraged the study of this problem that during the term of 1910-1911 we were able to enroll some four thousand college men in small groups in the study of this question. During the present college year of 1911-1912, we have already enrolled some six thousand men. Thus it will be seen that in the last eighteen months ten thousand Southern white college men have been giving some genuine study to the big problems that connect themselves with race relationships in the South.—W. D. Weatherford in the Southern Workman.

Some ten years ago there was great danger that the people would be content to let designing politicians and sensational novelists lead them in adopting their attitude towards our great Southern problem, but that danger is largely past now. American society is too far advanced to allow itself to be lashed into a fury over a thing that demands careful, Christian forethought. The politicians and sensational novelists served a good purpose in the beginning in that they startled the people out of their supposed security.

The above statement of what the college men are doing is a step in the right direction, but it is only a step. They propose to study the problem from a scientific standpoint. Science is great in finding facts but it is helpless in applying remedies. Our only hope is the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the only agency that can develop the conscience and the religious instinct. The college men will easily find the facts and they will take the questions entirely out of the hands of the politic ians but the real work to be done in our Southern field can be done only by the church. We wish we had the power to awaken our brethren to this fact. The Disciples of Christ are not divided into North and South and their work is so constructed that there can be a full co-operation between the Negroes and white people to do this work. We already have six schools open and there is urgent need of opening some four or five more. Those already opened will demand an income double what it is now, within the next few years. To accomplish this there must be an awakening all along the line. All our Negro Churches must be brought into line. They must be made to feel a responsibility in this work. We are aiming to get one thousand dollars from that source. In ten years this one thousand must be multiplied by twenty. They are abundantly able to do this and will do it if properly taught. The white people's thirty thousand must be raised to one hundred thousand in a decade.

But how will this solve the problem? We answer this by saying that with this outlay these schools can send trained and consecrated workers into all fields, who will lead in Sunday-school work, Church work, and all reform work. Take for example the Southern Christian Institute. We have here students from every Southern state, from the island of Jamaica, and from Africa. They are good, earnest, hardworking girls and boys. In just a few years these will be scattered as far as they were a few years before they came. Now when the schools in the various states are equipped

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Personals

—Mrs. Elmira T, Wilson of Lordstown, Ohio has sent one hundred dollars toward the Jacob Kenoly Memorial Building to be erected in Liberia, Africa. Mrs. Wilson does this in memory of her departed brother, O. M. Woodward. We have an especial interest in this gift because in our school days in Hiram, Ohio, O. M. Woodward was one of our noblest young men. It is reported by his sister that he was deeply interested in the cause of Missions in Africa. Mrs. Wilson has also sent twenty-five dollars for furnishing one of the rooms in the new Smith Building at the Southern Christian Institute.—MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

—R. T. Matlock, state Evangelist of Arkansas, writes that he and Bro. Bostick had been to England where they are building a new church. They had three sides weather boarded when the storm came and blew all down. They are expecting to rebuild as soon as they can.

—Miss Pauline Willis who is stenographer at Utica Institute writes that she has been called home by the death of her father, near Vicksburg.

—A. R. McDuff, Tulsa, Okla: Your sbscription number is 135.

—G. W. Ivy, Sherrill, Ark: Your subscription number is 95.

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

The following students give the weekly Sunday school Talks for April: Richard Davis, April 6; Arby Jacobs, April 13; Nancy Jennings, April 20; Malinda Sneed, April 27,

Laura Coleman, of Mound, La., is the latest arrival at Smith Hall.

Last Saturday our boys went to Jackson College to meet their boys upon the diamond. The game was full of excitement but the boys from the capital city were too much for the Mt. Beulah nine. Our folks have begun more systematic practice and the story in the near future may be different.

The Institute gardens are being planted as fast as possible.

The examination questions from the International Sunda. School Association for four of our Teacher Training Classes have arrived and will be given as soon as possible. We trust that success may perch upon the banners of those who take the examinations.

At the end of the Winter term, Co. F., of which F. H. Coleman is captain, was holding the best record for this year thus far. The following are members of the company: Charlie Greenfield, Eustace Shirley, Lurenza Maguire, Wesley Sims, William Lee, Benjamin Kelly, Arthur Jackson, Jerome Freeman, Jessie Graham, and Jacob Blaikly. These young men are three from Mississippi, two from Louisiana, one from Texas, two from Arkansas, one from Liberia, Africa, and one from the Island of Jamaica.

A photographer from Jackson, "swooped down" upon us Tuesday and several pictures were taken.

Liberian Christian Institute.

This is February 16th. and we have a little time before Sunday-school and church so I will write a few notes. The people at the Southern Christian Institute are now well in their winter term. Oh how often I think of you folks there.

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Mississippi

Editor Gospel Plea:—

Our regular services were held here in Jackson yesterday at 3:30 P. M. Our membership here is made up chiefly, of women folks. They are among the best and are indeed faithful. Were it not for them our services could not go on sucessfully.

There are only three men members of the Church here, and it is very seldom they can be present. Brothers Brown and Jackson, on whom we must depend, are employed by the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company and must be on duty on Sunday which prevents their attending the day service.

So you see I am compelled to be every to the Church here in order to save it. The sisters are perfectly willing to do their part, but when it comes to the work of the Church they need some man there as an officer to lead.

A good service was ours here Sunday afternoon. All present said they enjoyed the meeting so much. The working part of the Church eeem to be more determined than ever before. They are showing by their very action that they are going to do all in their power to get the church out of debt.

Seeing their willingness and fidelity the writer set a rally for the fifth Sunday of this month, asking each sister to pay fifty cents and each brother one dollar. And I am going to get it. There may be one or two of the slothful ones that will fail, but working parts of the church will bring the amount asked for.

Now brethren, what are you going to do about it? Won't you lend the few struggling disciples here in Jackson a helping hand? What about rally for the Church here the fifth Sunday?

With about seven members I managed to raise twenty three ($23) dollars in 1912 to pay on the churches, indebtness of four hundred ($400) dollars. After the interest was paid there were only seven dollars to go on the principle.

If all our brethren could see this as does our worthy State Evangelist, Elder K. R. Brown, it would only be a question of time before this chbrch would be out of debt, and then we could sell, buy, and build wherever we thought best.

Without immediate help from the brotherhood, I am afraid our small membership here will become discouraged over the matter they will cease to do what they can towards ridding church of its indebtness. Already some of them have begun to say they don't believe we can pay for it. And to show them that I truly believe the Church Extension Board will have mercy on us, and that we can pay for it, I paid $5.00 of the $23.00 myself.

Opposition here on the part of the sects runs high. Those who are not strong in the faith will soon become discouraged in a place like this. And those who are trying to stand certainly need encouragement.

Brethren, I appeal to you to rally for the Jackson Christian Church. To let the work die here will put both Christ and his word to an open shame. It will be a disgrace on the state. If we can't save the mission points we have already started it is useless to talk about going into new fields.

Let us turn our attention to these weak points and see that our Evangelist is paid so he can do his work. We sit down and expect him to bring the world to Christ with nothing. Before we find fault with him or any other man, let us see whether we are doing our duty.

Let each church in the state take a collection for the Jackson Christian Church, and forward same to B. C. Calvert.

Trusting you will take the collection, I am yours in Christ.

Jackson, B. C. Calvert

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so they can send workers into the various communities of their respective states, we will have at work an agency for good that can in no way be over estimated.

The ordinary college with its literary course can not solve the problem. The industrial school is no solution for it. There is no name given under heaven whereby we can be saved from disaster in our Southland but the name of Jesus Christ. The call is to us, for we are in the best position to do this work. Our Southern Churches and our Northern Churches can co-operate with each other and the Christian Negro men and women can thus find a great field in which to work. May we not depend upon you to pray that our Heavenly Father will lead us into a better comprehen sion of the work to which he has called us.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to Gospel Plea and it will appear.)

May 11-15, Workers' Conference and Commencement, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

Reports From the Field.

Texas

Dear Editor: I trust that you will give me space in your paper to speak about the work of the Northern District. The convention convened with Crawford Chapel recently built at Roxton, Texas. The weather being very bad and the small pox scare prevented us from having a large delegation although a good number of the old guards were found at their post of duty, and ready to do all they could for the support of the Master's work. There were several faces of the faithful few who had been always present who were absent this time. We have a number of would-be-preachers in this district and some of them pastors too who are sitting straddling the fence. Brother, you should not wear two coats. Be a man and let the people know what you stand for. Some of you pretend that you are in harmony with the C. W. B. M. but yet you will not attend these conventions nor even send a representative; but when it comes to writing long essays and sending them to the Gospel Plea no one can beat you. Let us be men. Don't try to hide under the work of the State Convention and the C. W. B. M. Come out and let the people know what you stand for. In this district we have some opposition. It arrives from the school question. Time will soon settle that matter, because we know a house built upon the sand can not stand. Considering the conditions, we have been able to do some good work. During the winter months we carried on a few nights' meeting at Bonham. In February we had two additions, and a lot given us to build a church. Money raised $10.25. We also answered the call of Sister J. E. Pruitt of Denison. We found this dear sister hard at work and trying to do all she can to plant the Word of God here in this wicked city. We canvassed the town and succeeded in getting a few more of the lost sheep of Israel so they are now meeting together. We will return to this place soon to pitch a battle against Satan. While in Bonham we stopped at the home of Elder and Sister J. D. Johnson. They are the live wires here.

Our next trip was at Reno. This is the place where my friend G. W. Crawford did his first preaching. The rain prevented us from having service at the Church, but of course being under the training of that good passage of Scripture that reads: "Go out into the hedges and high ways and compel them to come," we made house to house canvass and succeeded in adding three to the to the Master's cause; so you see there is more than one way to work for the Lord. We then went to Paris, from there we went to Roxton where we had three more additions. Our work at Roxton is getting along nicely now. In the district we have some able preachers who know the Gospel among them are Elder Moses Powell, D. A. Rodgers, C. C. Barlow. These men are able revival preachers.

Now to the Pastor of this district, let us come together and do more in this district. We can not hear from Dallas. Brethren, you are in this district. Can we hear from you? Our next district convention will convene in Greenville, Texas the first week in June. Sisters and Brothers, the District Board has set apart the first Sunday in each month to collect the 25 cents from each member for the support of the distrct worker. Dont be in the back ground; come out.

I am yours for the Master's work.

BONHAM. L. H. CRAWFORD, District Worker.

Arkansas

Dear Editor:—

I wish to say through the column of your splendid little paper, to the superintendents and teachers of the Sunday School in our state that I am making special efforts to meet your classes this side of the convention. And too I want to say that spring is here the grass has begun its work of carpeting the earth. The trees are beginning to shoot forth their foliage the birds are beginning to sing, in fact every thing of nature seems to be taking on new life, why not our Sunday School recreate and throw off the dead and dormant condition of autumn and winter and shine forth with a new luster as never before. As we grow in age we are expecting to grow in the wisdom of Jesus Christ hence a school that is no futher advanced this year than last has lost ground. As your Sunday School evangelist I am now making my round. Tomorrow the 16 Inst. will be at Russelville, on the 23, at Argenta, on the 20, at Plummerville, on April 6th at Pine Bluff in the morning and at Sherrill at night. other appoint ments will be made after except I expect on the 1st Sunday in May to visit Washington and Center Point. I truly hope that our coming convention

in July will be much in advance of any of the former which depends entirely on the responsible parties of each school. Hoping to meet all astate and that my visit may add some inspiration

I am yours in his service,

M. M. Bostick.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—I find it a great joy to be actively engaged in work for Jesus our King. It is it not only a joy but a blessing. "First seek ye the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you."

When God says "All things," He means "All things." The "all things." includes temporal as well as spiritual blessings. Any preacher who will trust God and preach His simple Gospel truths with out mixture will not suffer long, if at all. How can he, when God declares that His word will not return unto Him void?

Well, I decided long ago to preach the Gospel. Six years ago, in the West Point Christian Church, down on my knees, I promised or made a vow in the presence of Eld. K. R. Brown and others who witnessed the ordination, that I would preach the Gospel. What is the use of making a vow if you don't keep it? Believing one must keep his vow in order to be true to himself and fellow man, and that one without his word is no body, the first Sunday of March found the writer at Indianola. Services began at 11:30 A. M. A full house was ours to speaks to. Text was found Mark 13:5. "Take heed lest any man deceive you." The theme of the discourse "Is baptism essential?" A collection of thirteen ($13.05) dollars and five cents was raised.

The next point was Pilgrim Rest on the second Sunday. Had a very good Sunday School, but the rainfall hindered the preaching services greatly. Owing to the inclemeny of the weather we can hardly say we had a service, still we expect better things for the future.

With best wishes for all the readers, officers and preachers.

I am yours in His Cause,

JACKSON, B. C. CALVERT.

Oklahoma.

Tulsa Okla. Items.

The writer has been in the above named place fifteen months, and to my soul's deep regret, we are not having any services not even a S. S. class. One brother (a deacon) runs a pool hall; another fell by the wayside; several have left town, and some who are half Christian and half sect have gone to "their own place" (the Baptist church).

So now my every thought and effort shall be toward the membership of the entire state by calling attention to the lesson given us by the Church which was at Jerusalem. Its business was the planting of the gospel in every place. Today there is a a great need of some central place or headquarters whose work shall be the establishing of local churches, helping them to come into being.

Yours in the one faith,

A. M. McDuff.

Texas

GOSPEL PLEA:—

The Jarvis Christian Institute is dear to us. It was mine to visit it Wednesday, February 17, to carry them little Garfield Norman a son of one my members here. It was my good pleasure to meet Brother and Sister Frost and Brother Berry. The Institute and Surroundings are good. I fell short of two work girls I was to carry, but will still work to find them. I returned home on Saturday 22nd of last month. Preached Sunday, February 23rd and visited Longview, Sunday March 2nd where I preached Monday night to a full house. Clearview is a new negro town. About twenty of us visited many bought lots and farm. I secured a Church-lot. I also visited Boldie—preached two nights, found about forty disciples who own a Church lot. Last, I visted Fort Smith, Arkansas, a splendid town. I spoke there one night. I am much delighted with Fort Smith's people. I was asked by them to visit and hold a meeting for them.

The minutes of the convention are out—Look for them—prepare to do all our needed work.

Yours for state and foreign missions and Jarvis Institute.

PARIS, M. T. BROWN.

Oh! that mine eyes might closed be
To what concerns me not to see;
That deafness might possess mine ear
To what concerns me not to hear;
That truth my tongue might always tie
From ever speaking foolishly.

—THOMAS ELLWOOD.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Mt. Beulah Auxiliary had a very interesting program Sunday March 16. The topic discussed was one of great importance, that of training children in the work of the Church and Missions. Many good points were brought out. The following were on the program: Stanford Matthews, Arby Jacobs Ellen Johnson, Aletha Thomas, Robert Latouche, Abe Elmore, James Mills, Jerome Freeman and Matilda Lane. Mrs. Burgess was leader assisted by Miss Florence Blackburn. Miss Tyner sang a solo.

The Junior C. E. society at the Southern Christian Institute are preparing to give an Easter program.

Lula G. Smith writes that she will organize a Missionary society at Schieffelin, Liberia soon. We have all had a slight touch of the fever.

We are building a kitchen now. Our cook stove has not arrived yet. I am just through with dinner. I have two boys helping with the cooking. Can you imagine baking bread and cooking every thing out of doors on a big log heap fire? It takes us about all day to get off two meals, but after all I enjoy it.

I was over at Mr. Ross' room this morning. Every thing looks nice over there to be in Africa. He has a very good boy to take care of his room. Every thing is moving along nicely. We are just as busy over here as you all are over there.

Mrs. Kenoly, the girls and I went across the lake to the beach the other day. It is a fine sight to see ocean waves dash high. I wish I could see you all. I wish to be remembered to all who know me.

Portion of a Letter of Emory Ross Taken From the King's Builders

From the Lake Shore Limited train, No. 22 out of Chicago, to the Junk River Leaky Canoe, No 3679, into Schieffelin, is a far cry, but it has been cried. On the 29th of October last I left Chicago on the palatial limited, the wants of the passengers supplied by porter, valet, maid, chief, stenographer barber, library, telephone, bed and bath. On the 4th of December I finished the trip by riding all night lying on a tent bag in the bow of an African dugout canoe, signaling right and left with a lantern in lieu of a common language with the crew, in an effort to to avoid snag and fallen trees, the passengers attended to by mosquitos, tropical dew, sand man, hunger, African owls, and the milky way arriving with the morning sun at Schieffelin, Liberia, on December 5, without food for thirty hours, without sleep for forty hours, without America for a month. Thus was the trip to the Liberian Mission of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions completed. Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Smith and little Willie Sue Smith shared practically the same experiences, with Mrs. Ruth E. Kenoly in a smaller canoe gone on head.

I love a beautiful sky with its night stars and its mystery, its mellow blue blackness, but on the night of December the fourth I saw the Polaris, the Seven Sisters, the Southern Cross, the 3:00 a. m. new moon, and the rising sun, and I confess to be being surfeited. But finally we landed without having been drowned a single time. A couple of hours later our baggage was on the heads of native carriers and we were on our way through an African jungle to the mission. Mrs. Kenoly had come to meet us in Monrovia, and she and Mr. and Mrs. Smith went on before me to the station. When at 9 o'clock on the following morning of December 5 I stepped out of the narrow forest trail and my eye, guided by a shining path of the whitest of white sand, fell for the first time on the school building that Jacob Kenoly had so toilsomely built in the poor unknown days of this work, the feelings that surged upon me were too many and too sacred for pen to tell. There the buildings stood, a monument to a noble life, the grave of the builder a few yards to the north, the work of his hands all about. As my schoolboy guide took me inside and pointed out "teacher's table" and "teacher's chair" with a caress in his very tone and gesture, and then as bareheaded and noiseless he led me to the grave of "teacher"—a mound of white sand beneath the African forest trees—I saw in his attitude the reflection of love and tenderness from the person of the teacher whom in life he adored and now in death

he reverenced.

The soil is sandy, or rather is sand, and I am told that it will raise good crops a number of years in succession even with the lack of proper tillage. Three hundred yards away is the sandy beach of the open Atlantic, seperated from us only by a narrow lagoon. On the other three sides the forest presses close upon our clearing and frequently in the morning we see tracks of leopards following those of deer through the sand by the school building, while monkeys, wild bush pigs, eagles and numberless birds and animals make the bush alive with their chatter. The breeze from the ocean comes steadily all day long and tempers the intense December heat. Roses are in the front yard and flowers and fruit are all through the forest. From every side come naked native people to view the new arrivals and make palaver. Ants, jiggers, rats and lizards keep life from becoming monotonous.

When the Mission Cruiser "Marion" is put in the water it will put us in touch with the whole Liberian coast line; will keep us in close communication with the capital city; will open miles of navigable rivers to us; will transport all our freight very cheaply, and will give us a unique standing in the country.

The native people everywhere we've been have eagerly expressed their pleasure at our coming. All up and down the river and in Monrovia people have come to see about putting their boys in school.

In the midst of a choking African forest, alone and resourceless, it is simply marvelous what Jacob Kenoly has done and the way he has endeared him self to these people. Often during the few days since our coming have we talked of his labors. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, his schoolmates, and I his playmate; often have we pictured his big, stalwart figure, as he must have moved about his tasks on the campus; often have we wished that he might have been here to greet us and then to fulfill his long cherished desire to turn this station over to others and go himself back into the interior to establish out stations in the heart of the native country. Whatever may be builded here, whatever may be accomplished in time to come—that will be the real life and works of Jacob Kenoly.

SCHOOL NOTES

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How I wish you could be here to help us with the great task we have before us in this dark land where the sunlight of Christianity has not shone in. But with the powerful hand of righteouness we must catch hold of them and lift them and lift them to a higher plane. This of course will not be accomplished in a day, nor in a generation; but it will take many generations to bring about the desired results. I am happy to have part in moulding the characters of those who are to be first in the great work. Our boys and girls catch onto work and the lessons in the books as readily as American boys and girls.

Mr. Ross is now in his new room in Ross Hall with his type writer and phonograph and his many other things and has made quite a home looking room. We have been very busy setting up our new boat, "The Mission Cruiser Marion,"

This is the time to plant seeds. The long dry season parches eveything and we can set fire to the underbrush that is cut down and it all burns clean. Then when the rains come we can put the seeds in the ground and they grow without much cultivation. We think we can raise many of the garden vegetables that are raised in America.

Martinsville Christian Institute.

We are glad to announce that examinations for the second term have been completed. All are on the home run, looking forward to promotion as the prize when the home base has been attained We are soon to have an entertaining program to be rendered by the Smith Hall Literary Society. Brother Moss preached a very able sermon last Sunday. His Subject, "Decision," was suggested by the text found in Exodus 32:26, "Who is on the the Lord's side? let him come unto me." It was rally day and they raised the neat little sum of $35.00 towards the church work at this place. Mrs. P. H. Moss is somewhat indisposed. We hope that her case is not serious.

Texas

Dear Editor:—

Please publish through your columns that at a regular meeting of Murphy Street Church on March 17 th., W. E. Hatcher was elected Secretary of the Church. All communications intended for this Church should be addressed to the above brother.

TAYLOR. B. J. EDGAR, Chairman.

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Knows more on some subject than you do.
Turn that side of him towards you
And absorb all you can.

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Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for April 6

Edited from Front Rank Journal

Lesson I.

Jacob and Esau.

Genesis 25: 27-34; 27:1-45.

GOLDEN TEXT. — Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him."—Isa. 30:18.

INTRODUCTION.

The lessons for this quarter include three lessons about Jacob; then all the other lessons, except the Temperance and the Review, deal with the life of Joseph. Some teachers of little children would perhaps wish to omit the lesson for today, the story of Jacob's lying and deception. There is even in it a lesson that even young children may learn, that one sin leads to another, one untruth is followed by others.

EXPLANATORY.

22. AND HE FELT HIM. Isaac was blind and unable, except by touch, to distinguish one son from the other. (See vs. 11. 12, and Chap. 25:35.) THE VOICE IS JACOB'S (See vs. 18-21.) THE HANDS OF ESAU. Jacob's hands, covered by the fleece, would feel to the dulled touch of the father like the hands of his other son.

23. SO HE BLESSED HIM. (See v. 4.) Isaac's purpose to bless Esau is explained partly by his partiality for his firstborn son, and (more naively), by his fondness for venison.—SKINNER.

24. ART THOU MY VERY SON, ESAU? Isaac's distrust is still conspicuous, and only the further deceitful assurance from Jacob convinces Isaac that his senses misled him.

25. See again v. 4. The blessing was the old father's affectionate recognition of Esau's interest in his welfare.

26. The son's supposed tender regard for his father must now be sealed by the token of affection for which the father's heart yearns.

27. "The smell of the garments seems to have a two fold significance. On the one hand it is a final test of Esau's identity (otherwise the disguise, v. 15, would have no meaning), and on the other hand it supplies the sensuous impression which suggests the word of the blessing. (V. 27)"

27-29 THE BLESSING. By reference to v. 15, it is very clear that the blessing was a religious ceremony. The blessing as here recorded refers first to the fruitful land the supposed Esau would inherit, and then to his lordship over his brethren and other tribes. In the next chapter (vs. 3, 4), Isaac again blesses Jacob knowing him this time to be, even though by strategem, the heir of the promise.

29. The dominance of the people of Israel was much emphasized by the later prophets. (See Isa. 45:14; 49:7, 23; 60:12, 14) LET THY MOTHER'S SONS BOW DOWN TO THEE. Joseph's dream in chap. 37 is undoubtedly the further fulfillment of the blessing. Cursed_____blessed. this is an integral element of the covenant with Abraham. (See chap. 12:3; and the prophecies of Balaam, Num. 24:3-9.) Perhaps about the time these words were written by Moses he is inspired to divine foresight for the children of Abraham. It is a peculiar fact in the world's history that while the Jews have been and are until now, among the most bitterly persecuted of all people, divine displeasure rests inevitably upon those who treat the Jews with contempt, and God's good pleasure is marked toward those who treat the Jews with good favor. Even until our day the Jewish people are a living miracle of the grace of God.

30. JACOB WAS YET SCARCE GONE.——The narrative makes plain how narrowly Jacob escaped detection by the brother whom he had cheated.

31, 31. I AM THY FIRST BORN.—Esau fulfills the commission on which he had been sent by his father. Compare Jacob's language (v. 19).

33. ISAAC TREMBLED EXCEEDINGLY.—Realizing how he has been deceived, Isaac thrills in his excitement. HE SHALL BE BLESSED. "Not that Isaac acquiesces in the ruling of providence, and refuses to withdraw the blesssing; but that such an oracle, once uttered, is, in its nature, irrevocable."—SKINNER. Isaac obviously feels that God's purposes are not to be thwarted by his preferences, and that he cannot withdraw the blessing from Jacob, even though it was imparted contrary to the father's wish.

34. Esau's anguish is keen. His own hopes, as the favorite son of his father, are bitterly disappointed. BLESS ME, TOO. (See v. 38, and the unsatisfactory blessing which Esau receives.) Concerning this latter blessing Mr. Davidson says: "Those tears of Esau, the sensuous, wild, impulsive man— almost like the cry of some 'tracked' creature—are among the most pathetic in the Bible."

Pres. Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Rural Schools.

In January we were invited to attend the opening of the first up-to-date rural school in Hinds county at Morning Star near Learned; and of course we accepted for we had long urged that a start be made towards building better country schools and it was a joy to have an opportunity to visit this first one in our home county.

This came into being largely through the instrumentality of Roderic D Morrison and his son Fred. They did not explain just how they did it but in some way they stirred up the community and collected some five hundred dollars and then got some from the Jean's Fund to supplement what they had. They built a building in the form of a L with one main room and a side room. The side room is arranged so they can teach sewing and cooking. The yard is so arranged that they can have a garden. Thus two teachers can teach all the literary branches and three industries. Below we give a cut of the building and the concourse of the people who came out to the opening. On account of the light it is not as clear as we wish it were, but it will give an idea of what it is.

Superintendent North, County superintendent of Hinds County, was out and delivered an interesing address in which he showed deep interest in the progress the community has made. W. H. Holtzclaw, Principal of the Utica Institute and a brass band from his school were there and he also delivered a most helpful address. The interest that was taken in the community was shown by the presence of Dr Pool and Rev. Hampton, the Baptist minister near Learned.

Now what was done by R. D. Morrison and his son Fred can be done by scores of others. We have many young men out teaching schools in the rural districts of our southern states who can do what was here done if they have the vision and courage to undertake it We are convinced that the people themselves must take the first step. They can not wait for the state to take the lead. The state will follow when some communities demonstrate what can be done, but the young men from our schools must take the lead. We suggest that at the coming close of school the teacher ask the whole community to come out to a basket dinner and then lay the matter before them. Five dollars from each patron of the school will build the rural school that will be an uplift to the whole community. You should have seen how much more like a man R. D. Morrison looked when he entered that school house. It will



A RURAL SCHOOL.

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Personals

—Prof. P. H. Moss of Martinsville, Virginia writes that it has finally become necessary for Mrs. Moss to go to the hospital at Richmond and a very serious operation was performed Saturday. We hope ere this goes to press to be able to state that it was successful and that she will again soon be well and able to aid him in his great work.

—Subscriptions are still coming in; we shall acknowledge receipt of same in next issue. What are you doing to increase the subscription list of the PLEA?

—W. W. Peyton of Carlisle, Ark. writes that he expects to send in a personal offering for rally day soon.

—Mrs. A. M. Bolton writes that she has been sick for three months but that she hopes to do something for educational rally. She asks the prayers of all the readers of the PLEA.

—Later. News was recieved that Mrs. Moss, is recovering nicely.

—Elder J. H. Fielder of West, Texas writes to say that the Church there has not met since Easter 1912 but that he will try to gather them up and do something for Educational rally.

—Warner Christian Institute closed Friday, March 21, They had two Graduates. The exercises were well attended by white and colored people Many could not get into the house. The teachers at Warner are getting great encouragement by the best citizens. Prof. Griffin will soon start on his tour among the churches.

—Elder H. L. Bennet of West Point, Mississippi writes that he expects to take up a Rally Day Collection at Corinth and that he expects to make a personal contribution. Look out for a good educational report next week in the PLEA.

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Christian Institute

All Industrial Students who have completed at least eight grades of school work and want to enter the Academic Classes during the Summer term must present their common school diplomas, or pass the entrance examination.

Easter was a great day at the Institute. At the regular preaching hour, President Lehman delivered a very appropriate sermon, and the choir furnished splendid music. In the dining room, Mrs. Prout did herself proud in dinner prepared. Misses Lehman and Bunting offered piano solos between courses. Eight or ten girls especially attired for the occasion, acted as waiters. They looked very becoming in their Easter crowns. At the close of dinner the choir came forward, and standing near the piano, sang very sweetly an Easter anthem.

A reading table has been put in the library. The librarian, Miss Gardiner will be in the library every day at the period after chapel and the last period in the day. The students should avail themselves of the splendid opportunities to be found in the library. It would do you good just to look in and see what a busy place the reading room is becoming.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and we will appear.)

May 11-15, Workers' Conference and Commencement, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Dear Friends:—

You have learned that Mrs. M. E. Harlan, our beloved Corresponding Secretary, has passed from earthly service to heavenly reward. We have been almost paralyzed by this loss, but we press on. God still loves His work, loves the workers, and will provide those who shall take up the burden she laid down.

Mrs. Harlan went to St. Louis on the fourth of March to attend an important meeting. She was taken sick on the fifth. An operation for appendicitis became necessary on the seventh. Hope was expressed for a few days, and we built upon it, but nothing could be done. A postmortem examination revealed the fact that besides this difficulty there was cancer of the upper bowels and stomach. She was laid to rest in South Haven, Kansas.

She was taken out of a most active life, and she is deeply mourned by the whole Church. We know her well enough to believe that she would not have us pause too long in grief. She would urge us forward in the work to which she so nobly gave her life. If we would be true to her, there will be no note of discouragement sounded anywhere. Trustfully hopefully, and in full faith, we will strive to do the things that our Master would have us do. The work is growing everywhere. Its needs are very great, and in them we shall miss "the touch of a vanished hand." Let us show our love to Mrs. Harlan by an intense devotion to this work. In this way only can our services be acceptable to the Master. Study the needs of the field as you see them reported in the columns of the MISSIONARY TIDINGS. Urge upon your Society that they pray earnestly for the missionaries and for those who are being led into the light. Mrs. Harlan was exceedingly helpful in the raising of funds for the work. We count on you now to do all in your power to let no possible loss come because she rests.

In faith and hope and loving sympathy,

INDIANAPOLIS, ANNA R. ATWATER,

Dear Co-workers:—

Realizing how glad you will be to know somewhat of the details of Mrs. Harlan's illnes we are sending this message. It was our privileg to be with her at this time, as together with her we had gone to St. Louis to attend the National and State Secretaries' Association which was held there March 4-6.

On the afternoon of the fifth Mrs. Harlan was taken acutely ill with what at first seemed to be ptomaine poisoning. After a night of great suffering it was decided to remove her to the Baptist Hospital and consultation was called on Thursday. On Friday the Doctors told us the only hope of her living was in an operation to remove the obstruction which they felt had formed in her intestines. The operation revealed a serious pus condition, which made it impossible to do all they had hoped. Saline infusions were used to strengthen the pulse, serum hypodermics to overcome the poison of the pus, and every care given, but in vain. She was called to her Heavenly home in the early morning of March 11. The post morten revealed the fact that skill could have been of no avail as a cancerous growth between the stomach and bowels had closed the upper intestines and it was so situated as to make it impossible to remove it by an operation.

Her suffering was acute from the first, but when she was able to speak she was thinking of the work, and her desire to help in the plans that are before us. Among the messages for her family and the work she left these two which we wish to share with you. "Tell Brother Cory if I can look down from there and help, I will." In this she referred to the committee on which she was serving with Mr. A. E. Cory for the two million dollar campaign. "Tell the boys when they get my insurance money to give the Christian Woman's Board of Missions $500.00." Thus in her last service for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions she was true to the spirit she had tried to instill into other lives.

We deeply feel the loss of a dear personal friend as well as a co-laborer in the work. We with you will remember that the work is the Lord's and press forward to the realization of the plans that have been so earnestly laid.

Sincerely your co-workers,

EFFIE L. CUNNINGHAM.

INDIANAPOLIS, HARRET R. LONGDON.

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Reports From the Field.

Educational Rally Report.

GEORGIA.

Eastman, sent by Ed Simmons,	$1.00
Soperton, sent by G. W. Thomas,	1.50
Total for Georgia,	2.50

ARKANSAS.

England, sent by G. W. Ivey,	2.60
Bruins, Ida Gardiner,	.25
Her husband,	.25
George Barnes,	.25
Henderson Barnes,	.25
A Friend,	.25
Total,	3.85

SOUTH CAROLINA

Brunson, sent by Irwin Lightsy, ... $,90

MISSISSIPPI

Quarterly Meeting C. W. B. M. sent by Sarah Blackburn. $3.85
Total reported this time, ... 11.10
Total reported to date for Rally day 311.50

LUM HIGH SCHOOL FUND

From Alabama State work, sent in by Prof. I. C. Franklin, ... $39.00

Statement of Funds.

Rally Day collection reported,	311.50
Jarvis Christian Institute Fund,	195.55
Lum High School Fund,	39.00
Total Reported to Date,	546.05
Amount yet to raise to make $1,000.00,	453.95

We confidently expect a rapid increase in the Rally Day collection in the next four weeks. We have sent circulars to pretty nearly every church. We also urge that our brethren in Texas will begin to swell the Jarvis Christian Institute Fund. Easter was their special time to take up collection for their work And we wish to say a word to the Alabama brethren. What Prof. I. C. Franklin has sent in is a nest egg for your fund. Prof. Franklin is making extensive improvement this year and we confidently hope we can count on them to aid in this achievement. We hope all will feel that a new day has come to all our work. Will not all who read this interest themselves in finishing up the work we had laid out for ourselves this year? Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Instiute Rural Statation, Edwards, Mississippi.

South Carolina

Quarterly Report.

Report of 1st. Quarter of our Convention year from Nov. 1 1913. Beginning with our recent State Convention which marks the dawn of a new era for our work in this state, by the visit of Prof. J. B, Lehman of the S. C. I. who upon request of the president E. F. Jackson, presided over the sessions with grace, dignity and impartiality. His master hand guided the old ship clear of the rocks which threatened to wreck it. His inspiring sermons and interesting and highly instructive addresses to us will bear rich fruitage. His coming to us has given our work prestige and is inspiring confidence without which there can be no real progress. After his powerful and deeply impressive sermon Sunday morning, which is still the topic of the entire community, disciples, Baptists and Methodists, the writer assembled the women of the disbanded Auxiliary of the local church (Briner) and he reorganized it with 13 members. The State board gave me on last year's salary $35. 00. From the convention I returned to Sumter my present home where I am endeavoring to effect on organization of the New Testament Church. Nov. 8 I visited the churches at Bonneau and Alvin, Berkly County held conference with officials and assisted them in securing a minister. Nov. 9-10 found me at Green Chapel Church, Reed St. Charleston. Local troubles in this congregation has been brewing for over a year which resulted in a split, not withstanding the efforts of the evangelist and the state board in attempt to reconcile differences. As a last resort the matter was presented to the convention for solution, a committee on grievances of which the writer was chairman. and Prof. Lehmau adviser took the matter under consideration, and acting under Bro. Lehman's advice a solution satisfactory to all concerned resulted in the reconciliation of the congregation who are now working in harmony, I visited them on the above date. Mada an address Sunday morning and preached at the night service and ordained Thos. Reed to the ministry of the word and reviewed by statement into membership Sister S. M. Sanders, wife of our state secretary. I left them in perfect harmony, they gave me on support $2.00 Nov. 29 found me at Alvin Berkly County held joint conference with officials of Holly Hill and Holy Rock Churches preached sermon Sunday morning they gave me

2 32 Dec. 8 found me at St. John's Baptist Church nine miles from Walterboro, where in accordance with program I preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon at a Baptist Sunday School Convention. Returned to Walterboro and at the night service preached at the Presbyterian Church December 22, at request of pastor I again filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church in Walterboro. December 23, Returned to Sumter. December 28, found me at our district meeting at Zion Pilgrim Church Ridgeville S. C. Recieved into the ministry of the word. S. Glover from the eldership.S. M. Charleston, from the C. M. E. and A. W. Washington restored. At the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, preached to a large audience, and again at the evening service. Received from the distriet board $4.50 From the district. meeting I started on a tour of the different churches in the interest of the Educational Rally. December 30, found me at the home of Elder L. H. Holman minister of Briner Church near Holly Hill, we were announced to preach at Briner and Galilee Churches, Tuesday and Wednesday night respectively, but were rained out the entire week.

Sunday morning, January 5th I preached to a large audience at Briner. They gave me on support $9.05 and at the night service I preached at Galilee Church a mile distant. They gave me $3.75. January 6. visited St. James Church near Harleyville, where owing to the excssive rain we could not hold service until the 7th. On this date I preached for them after which, being without a minister held board meeting with them. They gave me $1 55. After leaving them I located Elder Holman there, where he is now pushing the work. January 8 found me at Summerville Mission. D. Kirkland in charge. I preached at the evening service. They gave me $0 90. They are not making much headway. January 9, visted Green Chapel Church, Reid St., Charleston, preached sermon to the few that came out. They are struggling to build. January 11 found me at the home of Eld. S. Manigo of Seabrook Beaufort Co. where I spent the night, Sunday morning he drove over with me to Keans Neck Church, Dale, South Carolina where the President of our State Board, Elder E. F. Jackson ministers. I preached at the midday service to large and appreciative audience, also at the evening service and again on Monday night. The interest was excellent. There were no additions but the seed sown will germinate and yield fruit. Through the untiring activity of Elder Jackson an appoint ment was secured for me to preach to the people a the Pacific Phosphate Mines nine (9) miles from the church. On Tuesday night, January 14. The message appeared to have been well received. They took up a collection of $1.30 for me. While in those parts I was hospitaby entertained at the well ordered home of Eld. and Sister Jackson. Verily Sister Jackson is a royal hostess in taking care of the right kind of preachers. None others need apply In this Christian home are two beautiful and accomplished grown daughters, the Misses Agnes and Maria who are quite active and efficient Sunday-school workers. It was the writer's good fortune to be with them in their teachers' meeting Wednesday night which was indeed an inspiration. With reference to the work that Elder Jackson is accomplishing in this hard field, I am constrained to say, borders on the heroic. Employed as the foreman of Carpenters at the Mines nine miles from his home six days in the week he has only the Lord' Day to do the Master's work. Of course it is only lack of support which ties his hands to secular as it is his heart's desire to give his entire time to the gospel ministry. It is great mistake to keep this godly man thus tied down. The Kean's Neck church gave 2.58.

January 16th. found me at Cherry Grove Church, Hampton Co. I preached for them Sunday on the "Unity of the Church." This congregation is second to the largest in this State of the N. T. pattern, and for the past two years had been the main support of the self appointed leaders in their efforts to form another State Convention from the regular one through misrepresentation. At the conclusion of the sermon and a plain statement of the true Convention of our State Work, I tested their loyalty by taking a vote of the church as to wether or not they woutd co-operate with the one State Convention, with the result that only nine persons voted against the co-operation. After which I reorganized their Sunday School. They gave me $1 90. From there I drove over to the Mt Pleasant Church, about. 6 miles distant, where I preached at the evening service. I took a vote of the Church relation to the co-operation. They voted by acclamationin favor of the one Convention. They gave me $2.50 on support.

January 25th found me at Cypress Church, Colleton County, where I preached Sunday morning. They gave me $3.12 on support. On January 18th. I arrived at Sumter, after an absence from home for 32 days. February 2nd. attended service at the Second Baptist Church where I had previously preached two sermons to a large and appreciative audience. February 9th. I visited a Baptist Mission in the northern part of the city and spoke to the few gathered there at the morning

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Mississippi

It gives us pleasure to report our quarterly meeting held March 15 and 16. Saturday session opened with the President in the chair. Song—My Faith Looks up to Thee. Scripture lesson read by Sister C. Jennings from the first chapter of John. Prayer by sister Edna Trevillian. Remarks by the president, after which encouraging remarks were made by sister Judia Flowers. The following committes were then appointed; Finance committee, Sisters Flowers, Edna Trevillian and Ophelia Baker. Committee on Time and Place for the next meeting; Sisters E. Trevillian, C. Jennings, and C. K. Green. Sister Jennings then gave a good talk, also Bro. Chas. Wilson, Bro. A. Foster and Bro. A. G. Sneed gave some helpful words which all the mission workers appreciated. Rev. K. R. Brown gave a talk which was enjoyed by all.

The following paid their cash pledges of twenty-five cents each: Sisters Sarah Blackburn, Ophelia Baker, Cora K. Green. Elder K. R. Brown, and Elder S. Flowers

The Auxiliaries reported as follows:

Union Hill	$2 15
Hermanville	.25
Pine Grove	1.00
Christian Chapel	1 00
Total, Christian Chapel	$6.00

The following pledged twenty-five cents each to be paid at the next Quarterly Meeting: Elder K. R. Brown, Elder John Lomax, Judia Flowers, Sarah S. Blackburn, Edna Trevillian, Ophelia Baker, C. Jennings, Sarah Moore, Ada Coffey, C. K. Green, Julia Flowers, Laura Vaughn, Eliza Vaughn, Sarah Sneed, Zilphia Wilson, A. Foster, and J. E. Coffey, Bros. E. Vaughn, Isaac Rundles, David Blackburn, A. Jennings, and A. G. Sneed.

Song—My Soul be on Thy Guard. Prayer by J. Coffey. Sermon by Rev. J. Lomax, which was very helpful.

Collection, $.60 Adjournment.

Sunday morning, lesson taught by Bro. N. Brown, reviewed by Bro. A. C. Smith. Devotional service led by Sister C. Jennings and Eliza Vaughn. Song by David Blackburn. Discussion, "Why We Should Support the C. W. B. M. led by Sisters C. K. Green, C. Jennings, Ophelia Baker, Bro. A. C. Smith and Bro. Johnny Rundles. They all gave very helpful talks on the subject. Song and prayer by Bro. Vaughn. Sermon by Rev. K. R. Brown. Collection. Sister Edna Trevillian took up Educational Rally money. Those who gave $1.00 were Edna Trevillian, Sarah S. Blackburn, and Cora Green, Bro, Chas Wilson gave .50 and India McClodden (Baptist) gave twenty-five cents. ($.25) The Lord's supper was presided over by Brother A. C. Smith. Money raised altogether $11.29. Sent to Mrs. Harlan $5.50, sent to Prof. J. B. Lehman for Educational work $3.85. We still urge that each church take up this collection. Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Providence church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1913. We ask that each one start now to prepare to make it a good meeting. We hope to hear yet from the Auxiliaries which have not reported.

Yours in His work,

PORT GIBSON, SARAH S. BLACKURN, Pres.

Dear Editor:—

It has been quite a while since you have heard from me and it was not because I had lost faith but because I neglected to do what I ought to have done. I want to say a few words about our Quarterly Meeting. The meeting has come and gone and it was a good meeting from beginning to end. It seemed as if the Spirit was with us all the way through. Our State Evangelist, K. R. Brown was with us both days. He made a good talk on Saturday and preached a soul stirring sermon on Sunday which will be long remembered by all who heard him. Elder Lomax was with us Saturday and preached for us one of his good and helpful sermons. Many good talks were made by the brothers and sisters present. Sister Cora K. Green read a splendid paper. We pray to go on and upward until we reach the top ground.

Yours for Christ and His work,

PORT GIBSON. CORDELIA JENNINGS.

Arkansas.

To the readers of the Gospel Plea: The C. W. B. M State Board met with the Pea Ridge Christian Church, March 15th. House called to order by the President, Mrs. Matlock of Argenta. Opened with Bible reading found 2nd Timothy 2nd chapter. Several interesting topics were discussed First, How Shall We Best Proceed to do Missionary Work? Round Table: Discussion. The Missionary Tidings and Missionary Intelligencer. There were but a few present but all seemed to enjoy the meeting, and departed with a determination to do more and better work in the future than has been done in the past. Collection $2.15. The Sunday following we had with us Rev. Bostick and wife and Sister

always enjoy having them with us.

The S. S. lesson was reviewed by Rev. Bostick the S. S. Evangelist. It was splendid and all seemed to have enjoyed the same. Also sisters Matlock and Bostick made quite interesting talks. Now we ask your prayers one and all that we may grow stronger in this good work every day of our lives and that we may not falter by the way because the prize is not given to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but to him that worketh to the end.

Little Rock. Minnie S. Mitchell.

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make you look more like a man too. We will gladly visit the closing exercises within reach here to aid in such a project and we will gladly use our influence in any state to get aid from the Jean's Fund. The country districts sadly need aid and you are the one to begin to give it to them.

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service; then upon request of pastor I preached acceptably at evening service. and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. Between the above dates and up to February 15th. time spent in Sumter making personal visits and doing house to house work, becoming acquainted with the people preliminary to our opening up here as soon as a suitable place of worship can be secured. February 15th. I was called to Summerville, Dorchester County, S. C. to look after the local church property there which became involved in some legal dispute. On Sunday evening I preached to the few members, and on Monday after investigating into the matter, did what I could to adjust matters temporarily. They gave me $1 50. February 18th found me at Ebenezer Church, Jedburg, where I preached at evening service on the above date. They gave me $1.05. February 19th. found me at Liberty Hill Church; preached one sermon. They gave me 26 cents. February 21st. found me at Brunson. From thence I drove over to Cedar Grove Church where J. B. Kearse met with the ministers in the afternoon in their board meeting. I assisted them in the re-organization of the church by re-electing officers. Three deaconesses were also appointed. The evangelist installed all officers. Elder Kearse as a young minister seems to have the work well in hand. On Sunday morning he preached a funeral sermon. In the afternoon the writer preached on "Christian Unity." This church had also ceased to co-operate with the one state convention. I then requested the church to express their desire in the matter by votes which they did unanimously in favor of co-operation. I stayed over and preached again for them Monday night. They gave me on support $1.80.

February 9, found me at Deacon Philip De Loach's home, near Varnville, Hampton county where I was announced to preach at Antioch Christian Church. This church was also supporting the other convention. I had hoped to be able to preach Tuesday night but was informed that it was not possible to get to meeting until Sunday, nothing daunted I staid over until Sunday March 2, only a few members came out to hear us, owing to the excessive rain during the week. I preached a sermon on "Christian Unity" and called on the members present to show by their votes whether or not they would co-operate with the one state board. Nine of the eleven members present voted in favor of co-operation after which I reorganized their Sunday School, They gave me $.70. March 9, found me at Three Mile Creek Church, made address to the Sunday School and after the sermon which was preached by the pastor S. Charleston, the writer closed with exhortation extended the Gospel invitation and two small boys came forward and made the good confession. They gave me on support $4.52 March 12, returned home after an absence of twenty.five days. Summary.

Number of days employed,		85
Miles travelled		2370
Places visited,		19
" " revisited		5
Sermons preached		24
Addresses		6
Additions by confessions		2
" " " statement		1
Auxiliaries reorganized	(Briner)	1
Personal visits		57
District meetings attended		1
Churches set in order		4
Churches brought into co-operation with state board		4
Churches reoganized	(Cedar Grove)	1
Sunday Schools reorganized		3
Conferences with church officials		4
Preachers located		2
" " ordained		1
" " received into the ministry		2
" " restored		1
Money received and collected in state		$49.38
Expenses		$31.98
Letters mailed		.40
Postals " "		.45

Respectfully submitted,

SUMPTER, J. L. Wood Evangelist.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for April 6

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Lesson II.

Jacob at Bethel.

Genesis 28: 10-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"I am with thee and will keep thee, withersoever thou goest."—Gen. 28: 15.

INTRODUCTION.

Beginning with chapter 27:45, the burden of the narrative shifts from the patriarch, Isaac to Jacob. The bickering between the two brothers, due, in part, doubtless to the partiality and favoritism of the parents, each in behalf of the favorite son; the easy going, good natured but implacable hatred of Esau, and the trickiness of Jacob are the element of which this narrative is made up.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

10. JACOB WENT OUT. From Beersheba FOR HARAN.—About 300 miles north (11-15.) Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the angels going up and down upon it. Jehovah appears to him and renews the covenant given to Abraham and Isaac. 16-22. Jacob wakens and consecrates the stone he had used for a pillow as an altar to Jehovah. He called the place Bethel, "House of God." In recognition of the goodness of God he pledges a tenth of all he possesses as a sacrifice to God.)

11. HE LIGHTED UPON THE PLACE.—See 12:6 8. The sanctity of Bethel was established both by Abraham's altar there and by what followed in Jacob's experience. He took one of the stones. The place is a desolate series of mounds composed of limestone rock. Jacob would have no difficulty to secure here a stone suitable to serve as a pillow.

12. BEHOLD A LADDER.—Literally a stair. The word occurs only in this place. In John 1:51, the abiding religious significance of it is set forth with profound insight and truth.

13. JEHOVAH STOOD BY HIM.—Note that Jehovah is not said to have appeared to Jacob in a dream, nor did he stand at the top of the ladder or stairway. We cannot know what may have been the nature of Jacob's vision when he thus saw Jehovah and heard the covenant renewed unto him. The land whereon thou liest, "A description peculiarly appropriate to the solitary and homeless fugitive who had not where to lay his head."

14.—A COVENANT.—Carefully compare the covenant as given in this place with the Abrahamic covenant recorded in Gen. 12:2, 3,7; 13:14-17 15: 7, 13-16; 17:1 21: 22:17, 18, and the covenant to Isaac in chapter 26:2-5, 24.

16.—JEHOVAH IS IN THIS PLACE.—The appearance of Jehovah to Jacob seems to have caused surprise in his heart as well as a new sense of holy awe and reverence.

17. HOW DREDFUL IS THIS PLACE.—Jacob is inspired with the conviction that the spot is no ordinary sacred place, but rather the most sacred spot on earth. The house of God—the gate of heaven. "The expressions rest on a materialization of the conception of worship as spiritual intercourse between God and man.

18. HE SET IT UP. The most natural religious prompting in Jacob's heart would be to set on end the stone whereon his head had rested, and by pouring oil upon it make it an altar of reverential worship to Jehovah.

19. BETHEL. THE HOUSE OF GOD. See Judges 20:18, 26; 1 Kings, chap. 12. During the period of the Judges and of the Northern Kingdom. Bethel was recognized throughout as one of the most important places in Canaan See also Amos 3:14; 4:4; Hosea 10:15.

20. JACOB VOWED.—This is the first time a vow is mentioned in the Scriptures. [F (J)] In view of the circumstances which had just taken place in Jacob's experience, we may be sure that this translation is wrong. It should be, "Since God," etc. Jacob was not seeking to drive a bargain with God, but on the contrary, in recognition of God's goodness to him, of the covenant promised, and the assurance of that presence and help, he makes the stone a memorial pillar and vows a tithe of all his possessions as sacred unto God. His offer of restitution of the birthright to Esau more than twenty years later proves his fidelity.

The contrast between Esau and Jacob is one of the mysterious facts which shake the overworked theory of hereditary. Why did such different natures dwell in twin brothers? Nothing could add to their delineation, but it is likely that Esau was more loved and more lovable than Jacob. He was weak, but Jacob was cunning; he was impulsive but Jacob was calculating.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Workers' Conference.

WE ARE now drawing near to the time when our Workers' Conference and Commencement will be held. We hope to be able to make definite announcement as to who will be here to aid us in this meeting in next week's issue. We are aiming to get as representative a body of workers as possible out to the meeting this year. The matter of expense is the great obstacle in the way. We have men in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Maryland who are well qualified in heart and head to carry on a most excellent work, but the question of expense in getting them together is the serious obstacle in the way.

There are two definite aims that we have in view. (1) The study of our great problems; (2) the collection of funds to further the work. The C. W. B. M. occupies a unique position in this field. The Church has never divided into North and South and this enables us to organize our forces so that the Northern Christian white people can have full co-operation and fellowship with the Southern Christian people and the Negro Christian people can so organize themselves that they can co-operate in the work. In this way we can do a work that will leave its helpful influence in our land for the next five hundred years to come. There is so much depending on this that we feel the keenest interest in it and pray God that he will help us to give the vision to others. We know that if the various states would realize the great importance of the matter they would gladly go into their treasury to defray the expenses of their state evangelist or state president to attend. We especially appeal to those who have a prayerful longing for a National Convention to attend our Workers' Conference. While we hope to always continue the Workers' Conference, we would be glad if it could, at a time when such a move is ripe, give birth to a National Convention. We somehow feel that the time for greater things in this field is not far off. We are certain of one thing, we must either launch out for greater things or recede rapidly and be a disappearing people. In last issue of the NATIONAL EVANGELIST C. H. Dickerson says that in the State of Kentucky ,Crab Orchard, Mt. Vernon, Stanford, Millidgeville, Junction City, Liberty, Elizabeth,Midway,Poplar Plains, Hopkinsville, Nebo, Roaring Spring, Hubble and George town are without preachers, and possibly do not have regular meetings. This same Convention can be formed in some other states. The solution can come only in a co-operation of the Churches in the work the C. W. B. M. already has begun. The Negro Churches are able to and must set their hearts on taking a more important part in upbuilding this work. Our schools are turning out a number of young people each year. As fast as these show their worth they must be put to work. The Negro Disciples will raise $1000 this year. Next year it must be $2000. In ten years it must be $20,000. The evangelists in the various states must be better supported so they will not be so dependent and then can demand more efficient work. The Negro has everything to gain in this co-operation and everything to lose in his refusal.

We therefore hope a sacrifice will be made in the various states to get to our Workers' Conference this year. The date is May 13-14. The Institute will entertain you free. Three collections are always taken up at the meeting. One. the Junior Collection, Sunday night, another at the Womens' Meeting, on Tuesday and the last at the men's Meeting Wednesday. Every visitor is expected to give one dollar at each one of these, and some will give five dollars at each. Those states that can not send a representatives can send an offering, five, ten or more dollars. If you can do so, attend; if you can not attend, send a contribution, But in all you do, remember the work in your prayers.

Persons living in Texas and Arkansas can come to Shreveport or Monroe on their permits. All who live in the South-eastern Association can get here on their permits. We would be glad if you would notify us of your intention of coming as it will aid us a little in making our arrangements.

All right use of life,
And the one secret of life,
Is to pave ways for the firmer footing
Of those who succeed us.—GEORGE MEREDITH.

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. in accordance with this, Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—A. C. Chichon of Greenville, Texas writes that they took up a collection for the J. C. I. fund of $21.90, but that one dollar was taken out by Prof. Pratt for expenses. He states that there are yet a number of one dollar pledges to be collected and sent in.

—Eld. E. D. Young of Charleston, S. C. writes "We are trying to do the best we can. We have raised some money, but I am trying to raise more. I now have $6.00 from Gettysburg Church. I now have two churches but they are small. I am trying to get the two together and see how much we can raise on children's day in June and see what amount it will be and I will send it to you."

—All the money that is sent to Pres. J. B. Lehman for any of the funds now being reported in the PLEA is sent to Mrs. Anna R. Atwater and then it is applied to the purpose for which it was given. The C. W. B. M. is doing Home and Foreign Missionary work and in additional educational work. All our churches should send all their Missionay Collections to the C. W. B. M. which has charge of the work among the Negroes.

—Subscriptions from Mississippi all with subscription number 95: Calvin Bender, Roberts; Mrs. Amanda Thompson, West Point; Mrs. W. W. Thompson, West Point.

—District Evangelist B. C. Calvert of the Jackson District writes that he hopes the brethren will plan for good convention at the S. C. I. Church the second Saturday and Sunday in May. We trust the program committee will have the program out soon.

—Sister Lee Nora Moore, of Lyons. Texas, has recently changed her name to Mrs. James Khrone. The GOSPEL PLEA wishes the newly wedded pair a prosperous journey through life.

—The following are members of the Board at Luther, Oklahoma: J. L. Logan, President; A. C. Weeks, Vice President; J. R. Johnson, Treasurer; T. F. Davis, Supt; Mrs. Julia Weeks, President of the Willing Workers; Miss Odell Johnson, Secretary; O. O. Thomas, Assistant Secretary; C. J. Robinson, Chorister.

—The following subscriptions have been received from Holly Hill, South Carolina, all with subscription number 115: J. S. Simmons, L. H. Holman, and L. C. Silas.

—A. J. Hill, Jonesboro, Tenn : Your subscription number is 160.

—Bro. R. B. Wells, of Muskogee, Okla. writes that he is anxious to have J. B. Lehman Supt. of Negro Schools, visit his state and city, some time in the near future.

—Eddie Vaughn, Port Gibson, Miss. : Your subscription number is 100.

—M. J. Diggins, Harleyville, S. C. Your subscription number is 115.

Notes from Our Schools.

Martinsville Christian Institute.

We are glad to say that things are moving along as usual with us, we have been enjoying a series of sermons intended to be introductory to a great revival among us. However, after making special preparations, we were forced to postpone the meeting on account of sickness of Elder J. R. Louderback, who was to have done the preaching.

The Literary Society has elected its officers for the new term and is doing splendid work.

Mrs. Anna Moss is now in Richmond, Va. whither she went to have an operation performed. She now writes that she is recovering rapidly. We hope to have her with us again ere long. Bro. Moss is very happy because a work attended, with so much danger has been successfully accomplished.

Educational Rally Report,

The following sums have been received since last report.

MISSISSIPPI

Church at Edwards, sent by M. H. Jones,....$3.75

OKLAHOMA

Bristow, Union S. S., sent by A. L. W. Shields 1.00

ARKANSAS

Kerrs, Pea Ridge, sent by H. Martin 12.40

SOUTH CAROLINA

Dale, Keen's Neck Church sent by Edwin F. Jackson, ...5.75

Total reported this time,.....22.90

Total reported to date,.....334.40

The following at Keen's, Neck gave, J. O. Witsell, and J. T. Maxwel', 50 cents each: Mr. Gregory, W. Neil, J. Keyeserling, Mr. Jaffa, Mr. Levey, Oscar Green, Nat Drayton, John Bryan, Leroy Gibbs, Joseph Clark, W. M. Green, James Hiott, Mrs. D. Bryan and R. Gillerson, 25 cents. The first seven in this list are white friends of the work at Keen's Neck.

GRADUATE FUND

Mrs. Fanny L. Johnson of Dallas, Texas suggested that gradutes of our schools give one dollar each. In response to her call the following sent in their dollar.

Fanny L. Johnson,.....$1.00

Roxie Sneed,.....1.00

I. C. Franklin,.....1.00

Hampton G. Griffin,.....1.00

Total amount from graduates,.....4.00

But the dollar given by Fanny L. Johnson was previously reported so this fund must be counted as only $3.00.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE FUND

The following accounts have been received from the Easter collections in the Texas Churches.

Greenville Church, sent by T. W. Pratt,.....18 15

Greenville S. S., sent by T. W. Pratt,..... 2.75

Paris, Truevine, sent by M. T. Brown,.....5.00

Dixon, Center Point Church, sent by K. S. Smith, ...3.00

Dixon, W. J. Fuller, sent by K. S Smith,....5.00

Beaumont, Ladies Aid, sent by Esther Caldwell, ...5 00

Cedar Lake, C. W. B. M., sent by Josephine Woodard,..... 2.89

Total reported this time,.....41.79

Total reported for Jarvis Christian Institute..237.34

FUND FOR LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Some of the Brethren have asked for the privilege of contributing to the work of Harry and Lula Smith in Africa. We will report in this fund the amounts so sent in.

Dixon, Texas, Center Point Church. sent in by K. S. Smith,.....$2.75

STATEMENT OF ALL THE FUNDS

Rally Day Collection,.....$334.40

Graduates Fund,.....3.00

Jarvis Christian Institute Fund,.....237.40

Lum High School Fund,.....39.00

Liberian Christian Institute Fund,.....2.75

Total of all Funds,.....616.55

Amount yet necessary to make $1,000..... 383.45

We are sure this report will make all feel good All the states except Florida and Kentucky have come to the aid of the fund, and it is now above the six hundred dollar mark and the amount to be raised is less than four hundred dollars. We feel sure that all will want to have a part in raising the rest. In a few days Prof. H. D. Griffin will be visiting the Tennessee Churches and then we will begin to report the W. C. I. Fund.

Brethren, the work needs the money, but you need the inspiration that comes from helping in this work much more. We already feel so confident that we will get the $1,000. that we are sure all will aid us in planning for $2,000. for next year. If you have not raised any yet, will you not take it up at once? Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say his flesh;" Heb. 10: 19, 20.

I am proud to say, dear saints, that I have entered in at the straight gate and desire the prayers of you all that I may grow in love.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

This has been a very beautiful day. I enjoy reading of the good work of you all. Mr. Hayes attended the service today at Mount Beulah Christian Church in the of city Pine Bluff, which is his regular day and the third Lord's Day.

Your sister,

Fairfield, Ark. Ella H. Hayes.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

May 11-15, Workers' Conference and Commencement, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

Reports From the Field.

Texas

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA, please allow space in your helpful paper for my short letter. I have been silent to the GOSPEL PLEA, on account of traveling for my health and not being located in one place very long. For two years I have traveled in the extreme west part of Texas leaving Bay City as my home town and many other towns between Bay City and San Antonio, Texas which I have stopped in and inquired if there was a Christian Church the answer would be no, even San Antonia, the largest city in Texas. There is not a Christian Church among the colored, if so I have been unable to find it so I cannot hear very much from my home church in fact I can't hear any thing unless I write some Brother or Sister and ask them some question about the church work, some times I get an answer and some I don't get any answer at all, so I began to feel that the Churches of Christ were becoming as Elisha thought about the Prophets of God, so a thought came to me to subscribe for the PLEA, so I did. I found by reading the PLEA something similar to what God told Elijah, about the true Prophets of God, so I became very courageous when I saw the great work being done among those that are faithful. I also received a very interesting letter from Mr. C. C. Smith writing on church matters which I was unable to answer him correctly. I also received a letter from Mr. Hurdle, which I could not answer correctly, these letters were from business standpoints so I have been looking two months for Cedar Lake, Vine Grove and Bay City Christian Churches, but failed to see them in the PLEA.

May God bless those that are being true and faithful to His command. I pray God's blessing on Mr. Preston Taylor who has promised to give $5,000.00 to build a hospital for the Liberian Christian Institute.

COMFORT, J. B. STRATTON.

Arkansas.

To the readers of the GOSPEL PLEA:

The following is a report of our district convention which convened on the 9th and 10th of March, at Sherrill.

On Friday night, a most excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. R. T. Matlock. Hearing was very attentive. We had a lovely session. On Saturday morning, though, our attendance was small.

Among the many things discussed, there are two which deserve the attention of each member of the Church of Christ, namely Which is the best way to keep a church alive? Second the importance of the feminine sex assisting in doing missionary work as well as men.

Consider the first and ask yourself this: am I doing all thats in my power daily and upon every first day of the week to make the church of Christ stand for something in the community in which I live? Do I meet at the house of God every first day of the week as often as I can and should participate with the brethren in carrying out whatever business becomes necessary for the best interest of the church?

Our hearing on Lord's Day was good and would have been much better had it not been for the inclemency of the weather. The sermon by Evangelist R. T. Matlock was again excellent.

The following churches represented: Walnut Grove, Sherrill $3.85 Pearidge, $3.00 Wabaseka Church, $.54 England Church, $2.00. General Collection $3.06 Total Collection $14.00. Pearidge raised in all during this quarter $8.00 $5.00. were given to the Evangelist before our Convention.

Our convention was very interesting. Other churches are expecting to send in their fees in short.

The future outlook for district number two is bright. I see no room for discouragement as yet.

Rev. E. L. Turner, our superintendent, has the work at heart and let each of us work earnestly, giving him our support.

The next convention will be held at Center Chapel, about four miles south of Sherrill, on the 28 and 29 of June. This is one of our oldest churches in the state. We are anxious to greet the brethren and sisters at this place and trust they will gladly receive us.

Respectfully,

KERR, C. MARTIN.

Mississippi

We have left winter behind. Yesterday, 23rd, was the first spring day. The Almanacs have proclaimed the fact, so does the weather man, so do the parks and woodlands, so do the bursting flower buds and the small boy with his bat and ball. This is the best loved of all the four seasons. Brown woodlands bare and leafless will soon put on their garments of virgin green. As the poet softly sings: "It is a season when the young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love."

Out in the woodlands there is a chorus of feathered songsters pouring their sweet melody, their little throats bursting with the gladness of the season. They will soon be nesting. It is the season of a reawakened world and nature will soon clothe the fields, forests and the country with beauty.

It has been a mild winter, the mildest we have known in many years. And yet many of us stayed at home, neglected the Master's services, complained of the conditions of the times, did not heed His call, said the weather was too bad for you to attend church, and did not render thanks for all his benefits Psalm 103:2-3. God knows what opportunities we have had, and that we have had very little winter.

The health boards over the country are taking their cues from the birds, the flowers and the rising sap in the maples. They are preparing to clear up and remove the accumulated dirt and waste of winter. Ought not the child of God clean up? Come on Christian friends, and let us clean up and remove the dirt and waste of slothfulness, of selfishness, of negligence,of indifference, of doubt, of despondency that accumulated during our stay away from God's house in the winter.

The dog wood is in bloom, which to the out-of-door man means it is time to go fishing. Spring is also a fine time to fish for men. After being kept in during the winter people will certainly come out in the spring, and God's people should take the Gospel net and see if they can do business for the King of Kings, Dear friends, will you do your part? Jesus says if you following him he will make you to become fishers of men. If you will follow Jesus you will not only fish but catch men.

The domestic hen can be heard too gladly cackle, and in more than one home there is a motherly old fowl with a basket full of chicks. What a blessing is Spring time.

The thermometer has quit flirting with the weather man and the Mercury has ceased its descent It is looking upward and the electric fan will soon take the furnace or heater. Won't you who find it so hard to buy wood and coal rejoice?

The ice man is beginning to smile, but the coal man looks sad. He's got to wait till the winter comes again before he can make much money.

Health inspectors are warning property owners that it will soon be time to swat the fly. And the ministers of the Gospel, who are God's sent inspectors, ought to warn the Christians of the fact that the time will soon come when we must account to God for our Steward ship. That they will be remembered in proportion to their labors.

Yes, gentle Spring is here and the writer wishes to impress the readers with the fact that he did not wait until Spring to begin to work but he works in season and out of season in order to catch the season when it comes. Don't you think this is a very good rule?

The fourth Sunday found the writer at Moorhead Here we have a faithful few struggling to get themselves in readiness to build a house of worship. As soon as a suitable location is found we will begin building. I enjoy my work so much at Moorhead. In fact, I enjoy all my church work.

Your companion in tribulation,

JACKSON, B. C. CALVERT.

Oklahoma.

Editor GOSPEL PLEA: A few words from this place, may be of interest to the readers, owing to so much sickness among our members, our rally is continued to the third Lord's Day in April. We had with us for the occasion, the State Evangelist and Corresponding Secretary in the person of Elder D. A. Wickizer (white) also the pastor of the First Christian Church, and his wife, also Bro. C. C. Ayers one of the pioneers of the First Christian Church, (white) and a true and tried friend of the Colored Brethren. Bro. Wickizer preached us a strong and uplifting sermon, then came the tug of war for the solicitors and the following members reported what they had given and solicited First on roll Pastor R. B. Wells reported $50.00 Elder L. C. Davis, .00; Clerk C. E. Edwin, $6.00 Deacon S. B. Wallic, $2.50; W. H. Marshall, $2.09 Bros. John Moore. $2.00; M. W. Webb, $.25; Ed Jones, $1.00; R. B. Wells, Jr. $.50; G. W. Wells, $.25; C. P. Wells, $.30; Chas. Davis, $2.00: Louis Peyton, $.35; Sisters; C. T. Wells, $5.50: E. G. Wase, $2.00; J. E. Williams, $2.25; L. J. Moore, $1.50; L. D. Guy, $2.00; S. J. Meyers, $.50; E. J. Ward, $2.50; L. A. Davis, $.25; Ida Peyton, $.15; Clemnie Davis, $·25; Angie Ward, $.80; Pauline Erwin, $1.00; E. A. Howard, $.25; Maggie Miller, $.30;

MEMBERS CONCLUDED

Bro. Wickizer called for volunteers.

Mrs. L. M. Jordon (white) $.50; and her daugheter $.50; Mrs. George C. Adylott. $1.00; Little Miss C. C. Ayers, $.50; Bro.G. E. Williams, $.50; D. A. Wickizer, $5.00, M. B. Middleton, $5.00; L. W. Ware, $1.00; Total for day, $100.30; public collection, $2.15; grand total, $102.45: So you see we are short on our resolution but by the help of our God we are reloading our guns, for another financial battle. Brethren pray for us that our faith fail us not. Many of the members are sick, sisters Manning, Fritz and Webb are up.

Fraternally,

MUSKOGEE, R. B. Wells.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Harlan, College of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Dear Miss Hunt:—

Just a few words concerning the Auxiliary at Union Point Christian Church, Lum Ala. I am indeed glad to say that our Auxiliary is on the upward move. We have regular monthly programs which are usually very interesting and informing. Lately we've had two additions.

I am herewith sending you a paper which was prepared by one of our members for one of the monthly meetings.

Very respectfully,
Rosa V. Brown.

Our Missionary Hero.

BY J. S. BRAYBOY.

We think of a hero as a man who has accomplished some grand acchievement such as saving a life without stopping to think of self, or one who has performed some perilous task and has come out the victor. We do not connect the word hero with the god heads as did the people of olden times but we place them above the ordinary man.

To become a hero would give any one greater popularity than they would attain were they to leave undone the heroic act which warrants the title.

A missionary is considered as one who spends a part or the whole of his life in teaching or preaching to either the heathen or the less fortunate ones at home. In speaking of a missionary hero we then have in mind one who has done some heroic deed in the missionary field, one who has chanced his own life here on earth to do a work, which if left undone would be to let one or more souls be lost in the happy world to come. With such meanings as these in mind we can not get formed in our minds, even in imaginary way the real value of the man to whom this title is here given.

Jacob Kenoly a missionary hero? Behold in him one greater than a hero. I would call him a martyr but this simply conveys to us the thought of one who suffers persecution and finally looses his life because of his steadfastness in the cause of Christ Jesus. What then can we call this man, whom to call a hero, or a martyr, would be to minimize his real value or just title. God forbid that I weak and sinful as I am, should try to give him his just title or that I should endeavor to make any see or know his real value. This one thing I know, judging from the good name which is given him by his teachers, his school mates, his employers. and those whom he served, linked with the nature of his letters to his friends and their letters concerning his life and character, that he abounded in the spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

His early life is of but little help to us in that he was not of his own free will to go or to do as he saw or felt best becoming. But it might be of some help in throwing light on his greatness to make mention that he was a poor boy being a member of a large family of children with parents who had been slaves and who were deprived of any education except that his father learned to read a little. Jacob's chances to attend school during his younger days were below the ordinary. It was not until he had passed the age of fifteen years that his real school life began. He graduated from the course in agriculture in 1898 at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala. then put in four years of faithful work in the Southern Christian Institute. After finishing his work there in 1902 he went out and built schools and churches in the rural districts of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

In 1905 he left for the dark Continent, there to spend and give his life in spreading the gospel to those of his own race who are struggling in darkness because the great light has not yet reached them.

The account of his journey from America to Africa is enough to bring heart throbs and tears to any one who reads it. Not only because of the perils and dangers which he underwent, but in thankfulness to God for one in whom his spirit so abounded as to make him eager to re ach these needy ones even at so great a cost to self. All the time Jacob seemed to forget self and his own great needs and centered his whole heart and thoughts on helping those whom he felt God intended that he should help. Many of his hardships and sufferings of which we know would never have been known had he not been so earnestly pled with by his friends to give the account. Also the natives to whom he went have told of some of his sufferings which he failed to mention. Yet there are many of his greater sufferings and pains of which

we can never know. They are known only to himself and his Heavenly Father, whose strength alone made him able to bear it all.

In thinking of this great worker, among his brothers and sisters who are pleading for the light of the gospel we must bear in mind the fact that he went of his own accord bearing his own expenses. This will mean more to us when we remember that during these three years between his graduation from the Southern Christian Institute and his sailing for Africa, he was building up schools and churches in places where it required nearly all of his earning to do the work. It was by saving twenty percent of his earnings for this one purpose that accounts for his trip to Africa and the great work which he paved the way for others to reach with fewer perils and dangers than he underwent. During the time after his arrival in Africa till his death we find him trusting absolutely in God and working faithfully and earnestly among those whom he held so dear in his heart and wished so much to help. He felt the call to go and he went; did not wait to be sent.

After struggling for two years trying to teach and build without any salary, God raised up means to help him better carry out his desire. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions, this same band of workers which we represent here to day decided to aid him in his work which had become known to the good people in this country. He was then given a salary of $25.00 per month very little of which was used for his own personal needs Finally the Board decided to raise his salary to $50.00 per month the news of this decision reached him less than one month before he was called to go for his final reward. On June 9, 1911 while opening the mouth of a lagoon or lake in order to catch fish to help feed the fifty-one boys then under his care, the wave over turned the canoe in which he and seven others were returning across the lagoon. His life and that of four others were called from the toils and cares of this world to recieve their reward for their earthly labors.

His death came before he was able to accomplish the whole of his desire that of reaching the Bushman away in the interior. But Africa has been blest by the life and work of Jacob Kenoly, a Negro, one of their own race. A man though black in color of skin he had a heart unstained by the vices which we so often give way too. One that has been washed in the blood of the Lamb and is become whiter than snow. To those who have not already heard or read of "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly" by C. C. Smith. I would urge that you put forth efforts in the near future to either read or have it read. It is indeed an inspiration to our Christian lives.

The work which he got so well founded in that dark continent is still calling for workers to help carry it on to do an untold good among those heathern brothers and sisters of ours. Let us pray to the Father that he might raise up many with such a heart as that of Jacob Kenoly's that the day may be hastened when men every where shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

In closing this paper which has aimed to help guide some one to the work which is calling for true and loyal workers for Christ and His Kingdom I wish to quote the exact words of Jacob Kenoly in a letter written about three months before his death which is as follows: "I can say while I live in Africa let me make every possible sacrifice to heal their broken hearts and bring light around their way and if I must die let me die in active service for this cause—Then I know I will be happy."

Was he not greater than a Hero?

—LUM, ALABAMA.

Dear Editor:—

Our C. W. B. M. State board convened at the Pearidge Church March 16th. at 1:00 P. M. with the writer presiding. Bible lesson Col. 5 chapter. Prayer by Mrs. Phillips: after which remarks and reports were given.

Members present Misses Minnie and Martha Mitchell, Mesdames Margaret Bostick, Pennie Holden, John Mitchell, Brother and Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

We had quite a good meeting. Collection $2.50. Lord's Day morning we all returned and after a good S. S. Lesson and a good practical sermon by Brother Bostick the Organizer announced the Easter offering and gave out the birth-day boxes. Five pledged to take the INTELLIGENCER, that they may become more intelligent in the foreign work.

Our next Board meeting will be at the Argenta church Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in June. Each Auxiliary is expected to report with ten cents per member.

ARGENTA, MRS. A. B. MATLOCK, Pres.

Notice

Again there was a failure of election of trustees on March 10, 1913. I now call a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Christian Institute to meet at the office of A. J Lewis at Edwards, Mississippi at 2 p. m. April 21, 1913 for the purpose of choosing seven trustees for the term of five years.

ANNA R. ATWATER.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for April 20

Edited from Front Rank Journal

Lesson III.

Jacob's Meeting with Esau.

—Gen. 32:3-23:17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you."— Ephesians 4:32.

INTRODUCTION.

At Mahanaim Jacob has a vision of angels. He sends a conciliatory message, announcing his arrival, to his brother; he is thrown into consternation when he learns that Esau is coming to meet him with 400 men. Every possible preparation is made for the meeting; God's help is invoked; the caravan is separated into two bands; a present is prepared and sent ahead. Having exhausted his own foresight and done all that human thought could suggest, Jacob returns alone and spends a tragic night in a ravine of the Jabbok, wrestling with an unknown visitant, who at daybreak, blesses him and changes his name.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Read all of chapter 32. "After this contest with the angel, the meeting of Jacob with Esau has no separate significance. Jacob suceeds with his brother because already he has prevailed with God. He is on a satisfactory footing now with the Sovereign who alone can bestow the land and judge betwixt him and his brother. Jacob can no longer suppose that the chief obstacle to his advance is the resentment of Esau. He has felt and submitted to a stronger hand than Esau's. Such schooling we all need, and get, if we will take it."—DODS.

FROM THE PRESENCE OF GOD TO THE PRESENCE OF HIS BROTHER.

In his contest with the angel of Jehovah, Jacob by prayer and a persistent entreaty that would not be denied, prevails and is blessed by a new name and a new character. In the guidance of God, Esau overcome by Jacob's modesty and humility, finds his own heart prompted to affectionate kindness, and he falls upon the neck of his brother and, in the kiss of affection, he brushes into forgetfulness the bitterness of all the past. The reconciliation made that day endured throughout the lifetime of the brothers. When man has fully and finally made his peace and squared his accounts with his God, the Spirit of God gives guidance in squaring every unsettled account with brother man.

V. 1. FOUR HUNDRED MEN. Jacob's long pent fear of the meeting with his brother it revived at the sight of this formidable band of fighters. HE DIVIDED THE CHILDREN. He places the children of the households under their mother's care and puts them in the forward reverse order of his affection for them.

V.3. HE PASSED OVER BEFORE THEM.—With reverence befitting a sovereign he goes on alone to meet his brother. HE BOWED HIMSELF SEVEN TIMES A token of his penitence and readiness to submit to the commands of Esau. ESAU FELL ON HIS NECK. (See Chap. 45:14;46:29; Luke 15:20.)

This oriental token of high affectionate regard and greeting is almost wholly unknown to our Western civilization. Whatever Esau's original purpose may have been, he now shows only good will and affection to the brother for whom he once had murderous hatred.

Vs. 5-7. THEY BOWED THEMSELVES.—"An interesting picture: the mothers and their little ones came forward in groups to pay their respect to the grim-visaged warrior, whose name had caused such terror in the camp."

V. 8. WHAT MEANEST THOU, (See 32:13 20.)ESAU plainly resused to accept the proffered gifts which Jacob had sent on before him. TO FIND FAVOR. As frankly as Esau asks the question, Jacob responds that the present was intended by him to placate any feeling of ill will and hostility which might have still held in his heart toward his brother.

Vs.9-12—Esau refuses to accept Jacob's gift:Jacob insists, however, that out of his abundance this expression of his good will must be accepted. Esau complies.

I HAVE SEEN THY FACE. Jacob inquires if Esau is as favorable to him as God is,and alludes, without doubt, to the name Peniel, which has now come to be of lifelong significance to him.

V. 12. LET US TAKE OUR JOURNEY. Esau hospitably proposes to join his force of men to the camp and march southward with Jacob.

Vs. 13, 14. THE CHILDREN ARE TENDER, ETC. It is impossible to know whether Jacob had any other motive in his heart than solicitude for his children and his flock. At all events he makes a very gracious excuse for declining the proper escort from Esau's band.

Pres. Lehman

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The Southern Christian Institute.

THE SOUTHERN Christian Institute occupies a strategic position in the work of the modern missions. The Disciples of Christ have never divided into North and South and the religious work attempted here has been of a normal and practical nature. Here, then, is a place where the effort of the Christian people of the North and the Christian people of the South and the Negroes of the whole land can be focused. It is a kind of focal distance from which this influence can again radiate and cast an image of Christianity on the society of the future that will conserve our American Christian ideals.

Fifty years ago the Negroes were freed by proclamation. Fifty years ago in May this hill was echoing and re-echoing the cannon's roar. That time is passed and the better angels of our American manhood have again asserted themselves. In these fifty years the majority of those who came out of slavery have passed beyond and a new generation of Negroes is here. It is now for the Christian people to determine what foundation shall be laid for the work of the future. If we drift as we have in the past, the doom of both white and colored will be sealed within the next half century. Go into our villages where you will and see it for yourself. Unless we have emigrations from without there can be no hope gleaned from those who should be the heads of families. And as to the Negroes, the towns are full of those who represent nothing but degeneration.



TEACHERS AND WORKERS AT THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

The hope of the future lies in an awakening to our Christian duty. The Church of Jesus Christ must take charge of the situation. The Christian white people of North and South must join counsel and prayers and contributions and the Negroes must join this with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their mind. The Negro has somehow been made to believe that he suffered an irre-

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. in accordance with this Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—Dr. E. T. Edmonds of the First Christian Church of Jackson, Mississippi is again to deliver the Class Address, May 15, 1913.

—W. A. Scott, Dawson, Texas: Your subscription number is 100.

—R. S. Ritter, Sycamore, S. C.: Your subscription number is 140.

—J. H. Grady, Columbia, Ky.: Your subscription number is 140.

—Mrs. Louise Mitchell, asks us to change her PLEA from Little Rock to Kerr, Arkansas.

—A letter has been received from C. S. Shirley stating that he is teaching Spanish to the officers of the United States army at the Arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois. He expects to go back to Jamaica where he will engage in teaching. He graduated at the S. C. I. in 1901 and went two years to Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois.

Notes from Our School.

Southern Christian Institute

The S. C. I. is an industrial school. It is more,—it is a Christian Literary Industrial School. We feel that these young people will need the best intellectual development possible for them to obtain, in order that they may cope with the many perplexing problems they will be called upon to solve in the years to come.

With this in mind we have spared no efforts to make our school course the very best. The teachers in the various rooms show an earnestness that is commendable. We take the boy or girl in the fifth grade and carry him through to the third year of a College Course. We also have a Primary School to accommodate those in the community. If a student wants a higher course in Mathematics he may pursue Algebra, Geometry Trigonometry. If he wants English he may get six years work after he completes the Eighth Grade in the Common School. These courses include the masterpieces of Longfellow, Tennyson, Shakespeare, Addison. Milton, Bryant, Whittier and a host of others. The young preacher finds every opportunity to climb in his calling. The Bible is the greatest of all text books. We are continually strengthening the work of the Bible Department. The young teacher finds here a Normal School that will rank well with other schools. Besides work in Pedagogy and Psychology the student takes hold of actual classes of boys and girls and teaches them.

While the writer is not a worker in any industrial department, yet he would venture a word or two about our industries. Recently a young man visited the campus, and said, "I see you build real buildings, saw real boards, set real type, feed real cows and hogs." Upon the plantation of almost thirteen hundred acres, our boys can find plenty of room to study agriculture under almost ideal conditions. The well kept fields, the waving green oats, the corn, the potatoes, the gardens,—all this shows industry of the highest sort. Some of these young men will help to make the South blossom like the rose. All this work is done under the the direction of a skilled agriculturalist. The The mechanical department is a real thing at the S. C. I. The steam whistles blow, the saw mill turns out the lumber, the planing mill prepares the lumber for buildings, the boys make cement blocks with which they construct buildings. A gentleman viewing Smith Hall, recently said to Supt.

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The Southern Christian Institute.

More than a quarter of a century ago, this school was established by the C. W. B. M. for the training of the Negro Youth of the Southland. Passing over her early struggles we will endeavor to picture to you, dear brother, dear sister, some of her accomplishments in this period of time.

First she took for her motto the "Love of Christ Constraineth Us." And with this and the word of God she has shone through the dark past as a beacon light to guide the struggling Negro boy and girl to the path of duty and Christian usefulness.



PROF. AND MRS. HOWARD AND FAMILY, WORKERS AT THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Many boys and girls today are pointing to this school as their guiding star of hope.

This school has more than eleven industries in operation; Agriculture, Horticulture, Stock raising, Poultry raising, Printing, Common engineering, Carpentry, Laundering, Fruit Canning, Furnituremaking, B lack-smithing and dressmaking. All of these industries are the Negro's greatest hope for a livelihood and they give him a foothold in his civilization. While she is training our boys and girls along industrial lines she has not forgotten that they must develop character along with everything else.

The Negro must also have a well trained brain and therefore the school has a literary department in which the students are prepared to take their stand along side of the students of other schools. Its literary courses extend from the Academic to some of the Classics. Bible training is a specialty. This school has given to the world some of its greatest Negro heroes and heroines.

Its buildings are large, airy and clean, the students are invariably cheerful and happy. They make friends wherever they go. Their work savors of Christian training and is therefore valued highly.

Friends, the Southern Christian Institute is a school worthy of your praise. Its broad acres of rich land, the large and well built buildings, the cattle, the horses, the hogs and poultry all give to our boys and girls that sense of pride in possession that we in our homes could never give. The responsibilities going with these possessions, the looking after the farms, the stock and poultry, make of our boys men with the capacity to run large farms and business concerns. The caring of these large airy buildings, make of our girls women with power to serve as mistress of our homes with dignity and ease. She catches those womanly graces that make the most humble cottage, a palace and her, a queen.

The christian influence of this school radiates far and near. Her students can be told from the students of every other school.

The Southern Christian Institute has given to the world the first Negro Christian Missionaries. It is from its bosom that every other Christian school for the negro youths sprang. It gave to the world, I. C. Franklin, the principal of Lum High School. It gave to the world Jacob Kenoly, our Negro Christian martyr. It hovered Harry and Lula Smith of Africa, T. B. Frost, and wife and C. A. Berry of the J. C. I. are its children and scattered throughout the states are its armor bearers.

The day has come when we can no longer close our eyes, or stop our ears to the great work that is being done by this school.

If we are men and women we must support our schools. We must give of our money. We must give to them our children. We owe it to our children, we owe it to the church, we owe it to God.

DALLAS, FANNIE HAY JOHNSON.

Reports From the Field.

Texas

To the GOSPEL PLEA.

Dear Editor:—

At this writing I am at Farmersville, engaged in a two weeks meeting.

I would like to get space to make my first month's report since our District conference.

After our Convention our first trip was to Bell. We have no church at this place, was only viewing out for the future. We left Bell and went to Greenville, our old home. Some of us went to the residence of Prof. F. W. Pratt, President of the State Board. Here we were made welcome. Bro. Pratt's family has increased since our last visit to his home in the person of a young T. W. We found plenty of wind here, but never-the-less a fair audience was waiting for us. We preached here two nights. In the last night the Church was crowded. We received from this church $7.50. Greenville is a wide awake Church and believe in doing things up all O. K. Brother C. C. Chechron is the pastor of the wide awake church and believes in pushing things. We left Greenville and went to Paris. Here we preached two nights. Weather being very bad we could not have as good a service as we looked for. However we found Brother M. T. Brown. as usual stirring things around, received here $2.15 and a dozen of benches for Roxton Church. Leaving Paris we made our way to Roxton; but on account of the small pox we could not arrange things. So we had to move on knowing that this is no time for idle hands. We found plenty of work to do. So we came on to Farmersville and here was a real test of our faith. We arrived here on the 17th. we have no chuch here and some of the people had never heard of Christian preacher. However we went, and seeing the white trustees about getting the school house to preach in and was permitted. We could not preach in it but one night. The school house sits on the property owned by the Baptist Church and after we preached one night and took in one of their members, we had to move and even down, rented the hall so that we could not have any place to hold our services. However the Lord will provide. A sinner man by the name of Frank Gorzals let us have his house. So up to now we have eight at duty and will organize a church here. So you see we are moving right along. We also recieved a student for J. C. I. and will leave in a few days for Hawkins with three more. Brothers let us wake up, look into the district convention in June and the State Convention in August. Don't forget the J. C. I.

Yours for the work,

FARMERSVILLE, L. H. CRAWFORD, Organizer.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA. Please allow me space in your valuable paper to report our Easter Collection, from Center Point Church. It fell to my lot to take the collection and the following members responded Sister F. E. Fuller, $1.00; Bros. E. S. Smith, .50; K. S. Smith. $1.00; S. R. Daniels, .10; W. H. Fuller, $2.00; W. P. Powell, .25; Henry Scott, .25; Henry Fuller, .25: Professor T. M. White, .25; Bros. W. S. Mc Gee. .25; W. J. Fuller, $5.00; Total, $10.85.

Bro. W. J. Fuller is a model in any community as a christian gentleman by living a quiet and peaceful life and is ready at all times to lend a helping hand to any good cause. Our church is moving along very well with Elder R. H. Henry as pastor from Glenfawn, Texas. We may be mistaken, but we think that we have the best Sunday School in Texas. Prof. T. M. White, who has taught our day school, about 15 months, is our Superintendent.

Dear brethren, I want to mention one thing that occured when our convention was in its infancy as near as I can determine I was chosen as Secretary.

We had a very important question to be voted upon, and as the votes were being counted one preacher whispered in my ear "give it to so and so," I was quite a boy but looked him in the eye and said "no, sir." So let us begin to plan to pay in advance and pray for the success of our next convention.

We are making great preparation to send in some boys and girls for the Jarvis Christian Institute next fall. Brethren, you ought to have been at the opening. I was there and never enjoyed anything better.

Please send $2.75 to the brother and sister who have taken Jacob Kenoly's place and $8.00 to the Jarvis Christian Institute.

We had an excellent exercise rendered by the Sunday School, prepared by Prof. White and wife, on Easter Sunday. We considered it a grand sermon through children.

DIXON. K. S. SMITH.

Africa

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

It has been my intention for some time to say a few words to the brother-hood but on account of being greatly pressed with work, and numerous other hinderances I have not been able to do according to my desire.

What I wish to say is that we were all made happy by the arrival of the dear workers, we feel much relieved by their coming, our church membership has increased to fourteen. Six baptised in January and a few Sundays ago another came whose baptism had not been announced.

Work is getting along nicely. Our Sunday School work is about getting into the old way, which is being taught as it was in the days of Mr. Jacob Kenoly.

There has been some work done in Ross' building which is the home of Prof. E. W. Ross. Little did we ever think that it would some day be the home of Prof. Ross.

Some improvements are being made on Kenoly Hall, the enlargement of the dining room and also the ceiling of a room which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith and baby. I feel that things are all far different to what they have been accustomed, though they make no complaint of their circumstances.

I feel sure far more would have been accomplished if there had been another one interested person, to raise my drooping hands, but I failed to find them.

One of the old students of L. C. I. returned on yesterday Benjamin by name. We were all glad to see him. He joined the boys in the work on the dining room.

Lumber is being piled around Ross' building in great quantities at 3 cents a foot.

I must thank the sisters of Iowa for their kindness shown me, they have certainly helped me to bear up under my burdens. They cannot realize the good they have done. They have sent me many fine cards and other presents, and also the sisters of the S. C. I. sent me many kind greetings, letters and presents in the care of Mrs. L. G. Smith.

Eureka has done well its part, and many other places of the United States of America. I wish to extend thanks to them through the PLEA, wishing them great success in this year's work for Christ.

The Lord has been with this little station, and His love still hovers over this work. There are 17 students now but we hope some day in the future to see a great Institution here which will be the alma mater of the schools in the Republic of Liberia. I have chosen the 23 psalm for my motto text. This Psalm is soothing to me whenever it is recited.

My readers of the Plea, I want to tell you of another great sorrow that has come to me. I lost my mother the 10th. of December. She passed from labor to reward after a sickness of three months two weeks. I ask your most earnest prayer for I was very weak by these two seeming hard strokes. My old father is alive and four sisters.

Yours in the cause of the Master,

SCHIEFFELIN, LIBERIA. RUTH E. KENOLY.

Arkansas.

EASTER PROGRAM.

Song.

Prayer by Mrs. Alexander.

Bible reading 16th. chapter of Acts.

Paper by Buford Matlock, subject "Help Lighten the Load."

Song: I love to tell the Story.

Paper by Mr. Griffin, Subject, An Incident in Southern Home.

Paper by Mrs. Mary Evans, subject "What shall our answer be?"

Paper on small gifts by Mr. Stewart.

Song.

Paper by Mrs. Powell, subject, Easter Gifts.

" " " A. B. Matlock, subject "The value of Easter"

Remarks by visitors.

Circle of prayer for new member. After which the Boxes were turned in with each one's Birth offering.

The 10 cents offering was paid on Mary Jane Matlock's membership.

Closing remarks by the President.

Life Member dues	$8.00.
Total collection	$10.00.

ARGENTA. MRS. A. B. MATLOCK.

Tennessee.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me space to say a word or two to the Brethren of Tennessee.

The writer will soon start on a tour to visit all the Churches of Tennesse, for the purpose of soliciting funds to do some much needed repair work here at Warner Institnte. I do hope that every church, brother and sister will respond readily and liberally to this call.

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Auxiliary at the Southern Christian Institute has at present thirty members among the young men and young women, who are in school. The following states are represented in the society, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Alabama and all the boys from Africa and Jamaica are members. All of the above states and some others have been touched by former members of this society.

We will mention a few who are doing good work not only in the Auxiliary but in all departments of the church. Harry and Lula Smith in Liberia, Africa; H. D. Griffin, Rebecca West, Jonesboro, Tenn., Roxie Sneed and Sarah Blackburn in Mississippi; Virginia Willis, Samuel and Louvenia Devine, St. Louis, Mo.; Eric Hunt, Jamaica; Birdie Bridges, Arkansas; Ella Bridgewater, Kansas; Chas. Harris, Memphis, Tennessee; Rosa Brown, Maggie Campbell, Rose Coycault, Luther Brooks and Celeste Jones of Lum, Alabama. Celeste has been a member since a child at the age of eight or ten years. In Texas we find Fanny Hay Johnson, Arah Evans Williams, and others. There are a number of others which we would like to mention who are doing good christian work where ever found.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society at this place is also awake. As a rule as soon as they are promoted they join the Auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. We feel that there are a goodly number in both societies here now who will go out prepared in heart and mind to do the Master's work.

Arkansas.

Dear readers of the PLEA:—

Spring is putting forth its nature and everything seems to be alive of its kind, and as nature brings about its many changes of brightness. We then begin to think why can't the spiritual man impress the active life of Christ. This 19th. century 1913 years, should be one of the best harvest gatherings of our history. We have more educated men and women from all parts of the states, and more colored people, owning their homes and land. Why not this be the best year of gathering souls for Christ and the schools? I notice that the worldly institutions are sapping the spiritual life of the churches. Is this the will of the Father?

We were at Kerr, Pea Ridge Church in a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting. Many good things were discussed. All seem to leave rather prepared to do God's service. On Lord's Day the Sunday School was beautifully explained by the teachers. After this Elder H. Martin, their pastor, preached on the subject: "the duty of the children to their parents, and the parents' duty to their children." He went back in the early days as the children were dealt with in their disobedience. They were punished very greatly. They were taken to the council and were punished and sometimes killed for their conduct. This was a great lesson with me. As I go over the states I see that there are but a very few parents that are not trying to raise their children in this enlightened day.

The writer made a short talk on the Human Societies and Missions, also trying to help some of our young people if we can.

Miss Minnie Mitchell, read a paper of composition of the Sunday School which was good. The sisters took up a collection for Easter of $4 75 and sent to head quarters. The colored sisters of Arkansas have the deep sympathy of our dear workers at head quarters over the death of our great friend Mrs. Harlan, we indeed will miss her encouraging letters and messages over the land. "Thou hast been faithful over few things and I will make thee ruler over many. Enter into the joys of the Lord."

The writer is improving slowly. The good (white) sisters of this state have made me a present of a type writer, as I am suffering with nerve troubles and cannot use pen so well.

Do not forget, my sisters, over the different states the Conference at Edwards in May. No. of Auxiliaries, No. of members, No. of Tidings, the amount of money of money raised for state, and general funds. C. W. B. M. Day offering and Easter collection.

Remember that each Auxiliary is requested to represent with $1.00 or more at this conferenee. I hope see a letter from sisters, organizers, presidents and secretaries from the different states. Hoping for good things at this conference.

ARGENTA, MRS. S. L. BOSTICK.

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parable loss when he was jostled out of politics but politics is a game of selfishness and most men are ruined who go into it. That the Negro was jostled out of politics at a period when he ought to give his whole energy to gaining a place for himself in this Christian civilization can not be viewed otherwise than providential.

Now the Southern Christian Institute is the place where we can concentrate our efforts. The foundation is laid. We have done sufficient work to demonstrate what we can do. Go where I will, I have the first place to visit yet where I find S. C. I. students that I do not find them in the thick of Church, Sunday-school and reform work. All of them are prohibitionists. Wherever one of them goes the people say "he is not like other students."

But only a foundation is laid. The demand is imperative that preparation be made to double or treble the expenditure. The demand for workers in all the states is most urgent. We must have better paid evangelists in all the states; we must equip the other schools better and the Southern Christian Institute must send them better prepared workers. We must find among our Christian white people those who will give large gifts to build up our schools and we must arouse among our Negro Disciples an enthusiasm that will greatly increase their gifts so the C. W. B. M. can better equip the schools in the various states and better compensate the evangelists. We are occupying a strategic position. Ages yet unborn await our action. Let us pray God earnesty that we fail them not.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

May 11-15. Workers' Conference and Commencement, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

May 17 18, Quarterly meeting of District No. 2 at Union Hill Christian Church. Hermanville, Mississippi.

May 10-11, Jackson District Convention at the S. C. I. Church of Christ, Edwards, Mississippi.

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Let us do all that is in our power to build up our school here. I know that some can give five dollars, some ten, some twenty-five and some a hundred. Give as God has prospered you.

The writer is now holding a series of meetings at Warner Institute Church, which began on the 30th of March. Interest good, one addition up to the present. We kindly solicit your prayers for our success.

Yours in Christ,

JONESBORO. H. D. GRIFFIN.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Prout, "You say you did it with boys who had never done that kind of work before; how did you do it?" Every building is lighted by electricity. The wires were strung and the lamps placed by students earning their schooling and at the same time are becoming workmen who needeth not to be ashamed. Those of us who are on the ground know that this kind of work pays. He who learns to toil earnestly, honestly and willingly, and in the fear of Jehovah, is the greatest asset any nation can have.

But the girls are also getting ready to be helpers in the world's uplift. They learn how to do all kinds of housework. They are proud to don their aprons and take their places in the kitchen, bakery, dining room, sewing room, laundry, canning factory. They realize that God loves the honest laborer.

Our Music Department is doing a very important part of our work. Music is an art; lives become refined as they breathe the spirit of music.

The Home Defender Success Club held its regular meeting Saturday night, April 12. Two new members were received: Eustace Shirley of Jamaica, and Robert Howard of Mississippi.

Sunday-school Report. Keen's Neck, S. C

Sunday School enrolled	26
Largest attendance	21
Average	16
Total collection for quarter,	$3 13
Supplies bought from last Easter	12.26
Amount paid for supplies by school	6.07
Amount given to sick scholar	.48
Amount placed on Christmas tree	1.25
Total amount raised by school	7.80
Total indebtness (Second Quarter inclusive)	6.19
Gift to the poor through school by Mrs. M. F. Thomas	3.00
Persons aided by officers, teachers and schools. 6 Amount,	3.98
Total	6.98
Gift to school one package of cards by Mrs. M.F. Thomas,	
Easter collection for poor,	1.38
" " " " " school	1.84
Total collection	3 22

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for May 4

Edited from The Christian Lesson Commentary

Lesson III.

Joseph Interprets Dreams.

Lesson Text—Genesis 40. Commit verses 14, 15. Read Gen. 39, 40.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding."—Job 32:8.

LESSON SETTING.

TIME.—About eleven years later than the incidents of the lesson. Joseph was ten years in slavery, and had been for one year in prison. About B. C. 1715.

INTRODUCTION.

Ishmael, twelve years older than Joseph's grandfather, Isaac, had grown to be a numerous tribe. He was half Egyptian. His wife was Egyptian. Hence the added bitterness between them and the direct descendants of Abraham.

The Hebrew slave is now about twenty-eight years old. Betrayed by the embittered hate of his master's wife, he has been thrown into prison. As a "trusty" he is made the guardian and servant of two Egyptian officials who are under guard (1-4). Joseph finds his charges greatly disturbed over dreams for which they have no interpreter (5 8). He interprets their dreams (9:19), which are speedily verified, as he predicted (20-22). Joseph eagerly asks the chief butler to intercede for him before the Pharaoh, but is forgotten (14-23).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE CHIEF BUTLER—The rise of household slaves to highest civil dignity seems to have been characteristic of the Egyptian government under the 19th dynasty, titles corresponding to those here used as "Scribe of the Sideboard," "Superintendent of the Bakehouse," etc.—These high officers of of the Egyptain court are held in custody pending investigation. Joseph was charged to watch over them and to wait upon them. (V. 4.) The officers have been much disturbed by dreams which they have had and, being under guard they cannot consult a professional interpreter. Joseph declares to them that interpretations belong to God (V. 8), a clear declaration that inspiration comes directly from God.

9-11.—TOLD HIS DREAM. "A familiar mixture of the realistic and the fantastic. Grape juice mixed with water is used as a refreshing drink in the East. Among the inscriptions on the temple of Edfu is one which the king is seen with a cup in his hand, and underneath are the words, "They press grapes into the water and the king drinks."

12.—THIS IS THE INTERPRETATION. "The interpretation of dreams, as a distinct gift, is rarely referred to in the Old Testament (only in the case of Joseph, and that of Daniel, which is largely modeled on it). Elsewhere the dream either contains the revelation (20:3ff), or carries its significance on its face (28:12ff; 34:10).

13. WITHIN YET THREE DAYS. As indicated in the last clause of the preceeding verse the dream foreshadows the butler's complete restoration to his former position.

14. HAVE ME IN REMEMBRANCE. Joseph uncovers his heart to the official and makes petition for his friendly offices in bringing about his release. OUT OF THIS HOUSE. Joseph undoubtedly refers not so much to his prison as to Potiphar's house in which he was yet a slave, although in prison in disgrace.

15. THE LAND OF THE HEBREWS. Ten years at least have passed since Joseph's brothers sold him to the Midianites, but his heart still yearns for the land of his birth.

16. I ALSO WAS IN MY DREAM. "The baker's dream contains sinister features which were absent from the first, the decisive difference being that while the butler dreamed that he actualy performed the duties of his office the baker only sought to do so and was prevented."

17. ALL MANNER OF BAKED FOOD. The baker of Rameses III is not content with the usual shape used for bread, but makes his cakes in all manner of forms. Some are of a spiral shape like the snails of our confectioners; others are colored dark brown or red.

THE BIRDS DID EAT. This is the ominous feature of ths dream. In any ordinary circumstance the birds would have been driven away, but the baker cannot rid himself of them.

19. LIFT UP THY HEAD. Decapitation was the usual form of punishment, but hanging was not altogether unknown. Birds shall eat thy flesh. The Egyptians attached a special importance, as we now know, to the preservation of the body after death. This destruction of the body by birds must have been especially abhorent to the official.

Pres. Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Meaning of a School Like The Southern Christian Institute

THERE ARE many angles from which this can be viewed. In this brief article we want to mention a number of them.

FROM AN ECONOMIC STANDPOINT.

When we look on the assessment books we see that all the states from Texas to South Carolina have great wealth, but when we run through these states we see vast sections practically abandoned or so nearly ruined that they will soon have to be abandoned. If a Christian School like the S. C. I. could so extend its influence as to send trained leaders into every township of these states, we could double the wealth of them every five years for the next fifteen years. So long as the Negro population is ignorant and shiftless no economic advancement is possible. When they become intelligent and thrifty the possibility of our advancement is unlimited. If for no higher motive than desire for economic progress, citizens of our Southern states alone should give us $50,000.00 for this work the coming year.

FROM A MORAL AND SOCIAL STANDPOINT

We have in the past twenty years seen our young men and women go out. Some were merely touched with a term or two, some graduated. Many of them married classmates so that both had the same ideal, others married well chosen mates from other schools Some settled down as farmers, very many became school teachers and some became ministers of the gospel, a few became hotel and sleeping car porters They with but few exceptions have extended a good moral influence in their communities. They will become the creators of a new civilization. We doubt if very many of our readers realize how great is the danger of a social cataclysm in all our Gulf States. Among the better class of both races there is a decorum that makes us most hopeful of the future, but among the sinful class of both races, and they are legion, all barriers are removed and a deluge is sure to follow. If we could send leaders into every community, we could in the next twenty-five years reconstruct society; but this is not done, and our brethren of the North need not flatter themselves that this does not concern them. In the final reckoning they will have to stand the brunt of it. The Southern Christian Institute should have $50,000 in the next two years to enable it to meet the imperative demands upon it. Such an investment will bring back a hundred fold in giving us a moral uplift that will make possible the advancement we now dream of.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CHRISTIANITY.

Soon after the war the Southern white people assisted the Negroes to build meeting houses, so that now there is a church among them wherever there is one among the white people and many more scattered in between. These were ministered to by untrained men from the plantations. They did a good work in this preparatory period, but now we have come to a place where better trained men must be sent them or all will disintegrate and all will be lost Wherever S. C. I. students have gone they have been found in the thick of the Church and Sunday-school work. In fact it is very rare to find one that is not doing this work with great efficiency. If we but had the power to send out our young people into every church community the entire work could be reconstructed. Let not our home missionary societies flatter themselves into believing that they can make these states Christian states where the vast Negro population is neglected. For every dollar the American Christian Missionary Society spends in the South the Christian Woman's Board of Missions should spend one on the work it has undertaken among the Negroes. We must have better paid, and in some cases more competent evangelists. Sunday-school workers who know what Sunday-school work is, should be at work in every state and our schools should be manned so as to enable them to send out hundreds of well-trained young people every year. We are at the dawn of a new era. Our readers must be the heralds of it. A number of states are trying to be front rank states this year. Some will come very near to it, if indeed they do not reach it. This will be the herald of the new day. It was the mind of our martyr of Africa. He said he would show first that he was in earnest and could do things and then aid would come to him.

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Personals

—Prof. J. H. Thomas write: "Touching the Workers' Conference. I think it will be quite impossible for me to attend the one set for next month, much as I regret it. The fact that our commencement falls at about the same date would hinder me if I could overcome the other reasons. I assure you, however, my hearty sympathy, and I hope I may yet be permitted to visit your work before the year passes."

—Miss A. Hall, Fort Worth, Texas: Your subscription number is 145.

Mary E. Monahan, Stephensville, Montana: Your subscription number is 150.

—Subscriptions from South Carolina:B.C. Legare, Dale, subscription number 145; Chas. Middleton Jr., Chisolm, subscription number 145.

—Beecher Matthews, Clarksdale, Mississippi: Your subscription number 95.

—C. H. Thomas, Waco, Texas: Your subscription number is 115.

—K. B. Polk, Cor. Secretary of Texas writes: The State Board of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention will convene in session, in Greenville, Texas, May 10, 1913.

All members of said board, take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Notes from Our Schools.

Jarvis Christian Institute.

The College bells are calling their laborers in to reward them according to their work done. You who have played well your part while in school will have a chance to go forth during the summer vacation and impress others to come back with you in the fall. Remember you are the "Beacon-light."

Elder T. B. Frost preached for the Christian Congregation in Big Sandy on the 2nd. Sunday in April at eleven and at night.

The new gates put in last week, that let us across the Rail road through Alphin Street, that comes straight up from the barn doesn't only add much to the appearance of the J. C. I. but makes it so much more convenient.

The log wagon which was given sometime ago by Brother Jones is now on the campus and will be put in operation as soon as time will permit T. B. Frost to do some repair work.

T. B. Frost left Friday morning April 25th. for Mt. Vernon, Texas where he would likely preach several times before returning. He is also expecting to visit the home of Brother Towels, who gave the horse to the J. C. I. sometime ago, and provide a way to get him here

We were too glad to welcome Major J. J. Jarvis, and his wife (the givers of the land here for a school) and their friend Miss Hearne on the Campus of the Jarvis Christian Institute Wednesday, April 23rd. while they had to come from Hawkins here through the rain they expressed having enjoyed their visit to the highest. Major Jarvis expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress the school is making. He is the GREAT LINK between the old and new. He knows what ought to be done. We sometimes say men and women have the eyes of a hawk (seeing closely). This certainly was the disposition shown by Maj. Jarvis as he entered the campus. Not only did he see what was so badly needed, but gave it. Look! Listen a brand new complete BLACK SMITH SHOP with the best tools of all kinds. We know nothing that Brother Jarvis could have given that has filled its

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Educational Rally Report.

The following sums have been received since last report.

ARKANSAS.

Church at Pine Bluff, sent by M. M. Bostick, $2.60

MISSISSIPPI.

Church at Edwards, sent by M. H. Jones ... 2.00
Henry Foster and wife, Edwards, ... 5.00

GEORGIA.

Church at Eastman, sent by M. Summers, ... 1.00
M. Summers, Helena, ... 3.00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Sunday-school, Ehrhardt, sent by H.W. Edwards, 1.65

KENTUCKY.

W. H. Dickerson, Louisville, ... 2.00
Total report this time, ...17.25
Total report to date 352 65

FUNDS FOR JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Clark Street, Sunday-School, sent by J. E. Anderson, ... 6 00
Church at Circleville, sent by Isaac Crayton, .. 6 00
Total reported this time, ...12.00
Total reported to date, ...270.30

The following at Circleville gave 50 cents: Katy Crayton, Mrs. Maggie Smith, (Baptist), Hannah Rolla, Ella Crayton, Eliza Crayton, Katie Rolla, Isaac Crayton, S. H. Crayton, and John Rucker.

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS.

Rally Day Collection, ... 352.65
Jarvis Christian Institute, ... 270 30
Lum High School, ... 39 00
Liberian Christian Institute, ... 2.75
Graduate Fund, ... 3.00
Total of all Funds, ... 667.70
Amount yet needed to make $1000, ... 332 30

It will take a good lift all around to raise that other $332.30, but it seems to us it will be done. In a few weeks the funds from the Workers' Conference will come in and the Warner Christian Institute will also add to it, and Mrs. Alphin has set her heart for $500 for the J. C. I. We will have to raise $230 more to make that. And then, too, Kentucky makes her bow this week. If every Church in that state comes in, we will go above the mark we have set. A number of states will come near having every church report. It is going to be our best year and we are going to lay the foundation for bigger things next year. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Test of Fellowship

Texas is making a special effort to have a fair representation in the Workers' Conference at the S. C. I. May 13, 14.

The greatest good to be accomplished in this meeting will largely depend upon the representation from the different states. It will cost a few just as much to go there and accomplish little as to go there, meet many and accomplish much.

Texas proposes to meet all the other states in full fellowship in this Conference.

We must not permit just a few of our workers to sacrifice and go each year when they can't accomplish the greater good without better representation. It is our work—For the greatest cause that effects mankind.

Let us make a great sacrifice and take a large fellowship in this great and much needed co-operation. Don't doubt. The Lord willing, you'll meet some body there from Texas. Let's get together, Brethren. —One interested in the Work.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to Gospel Plea and it will appear.)

May 11-15, Workers' Conference and Commencement, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

May 17-18, Quarterly meeting of District No. 2 at Union Hill Christian Church. Hermanville, Mississippi.

August 19-24, Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Cason, Texas.

June 28-29, District No. 2 Arkansas, Center Chapel, Sherrill.

Dear Editor:—A good service was ours at Indianola last Sunday. Two additions at the morning service, and one at the evening service. A collection of $13.53 was taken. The writer dealt hard blows at unrighteous living, and was told by Dr. J. E. Walker and others that the sermon preached did untold good.

From Indianola the writer went out to Holy Grove where he preached two sermons he feels will live as long as those who heard him live. $1.95 was raised in this meeting.

The writer is now in West Point running a revival. Pray for the success of this meeting.

Yours in His Kingdom.

Jackson, Miss. B. C. Calvert.

Reports From the Field.

Texas

Is This Evangelistic Work?

On January 16, I received a letter from the clerk of the church at Beaumont signed by two or three elders and Bro. Zeke Jones, telling me the conditions of the church and requesting me to come at once. We worked our way into Beaumont by January 22.

They informed me they had not had a service of any kind since early in November. Not as much as Bible school and prayer meeting. The Elders were discouraged and the deacons had gone "BACK TO FISHING." The membership indifferent, to say the least, and divided into three factions.

I considered the matter and decided that the business methods of the church justified me in paying no attention to the claim and proceeded to work at real problems.

The officers gave me their co-operation and the church made me pastor, at a salary of what I could get, until conditions were better and a permanent pastor could be secured. During the two months the Bible school was revived with an increased attendance. The Ladies' Aid Society with a membership of sixteen—the Auxiliary to C. W. B.M. with fourteen members. There was seven additions (all grown) from the denominations Five dollars raised for the J. C. I. on Easter. The fellowship of the officers and membership strengthened. Elder T. J. Green, a student of the Louisville Bible School, but late pastor at Standford Ky. was called and installed as pastor on March 25.

It rained in Beaumont every Sunday but two during the two months. In my twelve years experience as an evangtlist, I have not had a more difficult work, or, as a whole a more willing people to work with. In such conditions they raised nearly one hundred dollars in the two months. Much credit is due Bro. Zeke Jones and his wife for whatever was accomplished during the two months.

The Church is revived and believes they were never in such a favorable condition and fellowship. I believe they will continue and by the leadership of Elder Green go on to better things.

They did all that could be reasonably expected for the evangelist. They truly did well. They are splendid people as a whole. Eld. Green expressed himself as well pleased with the out-look.

Since December 30, the Waco Bible School and the Taylor Church have sent or given me the only financial help we received in the work. We are now at home and must borrow money, at ten per cent to pay our debts and to get to my next appointment. Pastors and Superintendent, what about that state misssion money you promised me you would raise and send me? Do you really think you are in fellowship with the work as long as I dont hear from you? I do know I am not doing all I desire to do and also know I am doing more with better results than ever before. I haven't the means to do the work as it should be done or we desire. But I am determined to do the best I can and leave the results with you and Him whom I serve. —William Alphin

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This time of the year being quite a busy time at the J. C. I. no one has had any time to write. We are quiet but hustling all the time.

The writer was at his post of duty, March 2nd at Cason. Had good services morning and night; a full house to speak to at both services. The third Sunday found us on our way to Leesburg. At Leesburg we met Bro. Knight and Bro. Rodgers who were leaving their post of duty for home. We were met by Rev. Tales' son who drove us to the home of his parents, who made things pleasant for us during our stay there. Monday night we spoke at the Church to a small crowd, received 50 cents to help us on our way.

They have their lumber on the ground to rebuild their Church. Rev. M. Knight is their pastor and is pushing things. While there, we received 1 pair of towels from Mrs. Freeman; 1 pair of pillow cases from Mrs. Florence Johnson.

Tuesday we went over to Bro. Nathan Jones and packed up the log wagon that had been given by him, for shipment to the J. C. I. Tuesday night found us again at Brother Falls where we spent the night. Again Wednesday found us on our way to the J. C. I. From Leesburg to Winsboro, the train being late made us miss our train to Gilmer so at 7:30, found us at the Methodist Church where we spoke to a small crowd. From Gilmer to Big Sandy and from there to the J. C. I. But we did not fail to repressnt our work every where we stopped. The J. C. I. is coming. Since being home, we have received from Bellville: 1 pair of pillow cases, 3 sheets, 1 pair of towels, one set of cups and saucers sent by Brother Sam McNeece. Received from

Cedar Lake C. W. B. M. $6.00 for rooms sent by Sister Josephine Woodard Jr. From Greenville Texas, 1 pair of towels sent by Miss Ella Harden.

By oversight we failed to publish Sister K. S. Smith's name among the donors. She sent 1 quilt, 1 pair of pillows, 1 pair of cases. Sister Mayweathers made a flying trip to the J. C. I., Sunday March 30th, She was well pleased with everything. Come again Sister Mayweathers.

Sister Mayweathers is a strong C. W. B. M. worker at Greenville, Texas. On our way from Cason, Mar. 4th we met with one of the old S. C. I. boys, Sidney Wallick, on his way to Dallas to see after his sick brother's business. He was glad to hear how things were at the J. C. I.

Hawkins, T. B. Frost

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

I write my best wishes to the readers of the PLEA. As I look over the reports from the field, it fills my heart with joy to hear of the good work done in north district.

I see that my paper has stopped so I am sending 25c. for three months and I hope when my three months is out, that I will be able to send in for twelve months.

I beg to remain yours in Christ,

Hillsboro. J. H. Fielder.

Kentucky

Pulpitless Pulpiteers

This is Sunday morning. Not the first one but the last one—so far—and now ye good preaching brethren, Nobleman of the Kingdon of God, with a burning message of the risen Christ for the sons of men, what shall we say to you? What of these glorious inviting Lord's Days? Will you face the setting sun with no message delivered? Some few times since manhood I've been out of the pulpit on Sunday (not often though, thank the Lord,) How dreadful were those idle days.

A world of sin. A vision of the cross. The Crown. The glorified call to duty. In the "market places" In the highways. In the groves "God's first Temples," there are ears to hear. Oh! Ye ministers of God young and old "Why standeth ye here idle all the day?" Hath no man hired thee? Hear the Lord of the Harvest say, "Go ye into the vineyard: and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Eventide is coming "call the laborers and give them their hire," is the Master's message. Surely the field is white, all ready for the harvest. How many of you will come rejoicing "Bringing in the sheaves?"

"Necessity is laid upon me." Woe unto me if I do not preach the Gospel." Do you recognize these familiar words? A Mars Hill was not high, an Athens too bad, nor a Rome too great for the servant of God who had "suffered the loss of all things for him" who loved me, and gave himself for me. Unfurl thy banner to the breeze. In the wilderness set up the banner of the cross. So shalt thou both save thyself and they who hear thee. Go then even weeping, sowing for the Master. Though the loss sustained our spirits often grieve. When our reapings over, He will bid us welcome. We shall come rejoicing bringng in the sheaves.

NICHOLASVILLE, C. H. DICKERSON

Tennessee.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

Will you please announce that two weeks' meeting at the Warner Institute Church has now closed with eleven additions. Nine confessions and two restored.

The meeting was a soul stirring one from start to finish. We feel that much good has been here at this place.

The writer is now getting ready for the Workers' Conference that will be held at the S. C. I. in May.

Yours for success,

Jonesboro. H. G. Griffin.

South Carolina

"Climbing the heights that lead unto God
Neither for fame or for glory. Following the steps
that the Master has trod, As told in song or story."

Easter with its various ways of celebration has gone into eternity and before that "Great White Throne" a witness of our loyalty to Him who makes intercession for us. We fervently pray and trust that all who are in His vineyard, who labored in weakness or might, as long as their motives are pure, will be accepted by the "King of kings" as a token of our love for Him who manifested His great love to us by the priceless gift of His only begotten son.

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

In The Field.

"From nature's chain whatever link you strike
Tenth, or tenth thousandth, breaks the chain alike,
And if each system in gradation roll,
Alike essential to the amazing whole,
The least confusion but in one, not all
That system only, but the whole must fall."

Some how this quotation seems to fit in our work, so well in the Lone Star, that before I pen a line of my work done in the field, I quote these lines to Disciples of Christ, and agree with the poet, Pope.

"That the least confusion in the one, not all
That system only, but the whole must fall."

If there have been confusion in our ranks, we are praising His name that the Standard Bearers are seeing "the whole must fall." That if we desire to take Texas, for Christ there must be a oneness of God's people.

There is no room for division in any line of church work. Our pulpits must be filled with men who will keep our school J. C. I. before the people. Yes, we must have men whose hearts are in the work. Earnest consecrated Christian men to lead our people to a higher ground.

Just now in the birth of our new school we are occupying higher ground. We will be better known as a church people. In every church there should be a strong auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. She is the mother of our school and to her we look for protection. These auxiliaries are her children and must lend their influence to a healthful growth of the J. C. I.

On the first Sunday in April we were with the church at Circleville, Tex. We spoke to them at 3:30 p. m. Bro. Crayton is the faithful pastor here. While the auxiliary has not done her whole duty, we believe she will take on new life, Mrs. J. B Hall, the president promises to renew her covenant. Indeed we were glad to name Miss Nannie Robinson as secretary. Miss Robinson is the sister of Elder G. C. Robinson one of our S. C. I. boys. Miss Robinson is a graduate of Tillotson College and teaches at Circleville. She can be helpful to the sisters here in working up a strong auxiliary.

We drove in from Circleville in time to be at the church at Taylor. A splendid audience greeted us and we found the Taylor auxiliary revived. Sister Hatcher, our faithful president was full of good news. If we would not get discouraged all of us would win out. Yes, Taylor women are awake as never before. They are having fine meetings. Raised an Easter offering of six dollars and sent for J. C. I. How thankful we are! Taylor auxiliary has been earnestly prayed for. Look out sisters, Taylor may show Greenville how to do things. One sister said, "If the rest will raise $30.00 my box will have $30.00." So look out Greenville or Taylor will show you. It was a splendid meeting and on Monday at 2 p. m. we had another good meeting.

We returned to Circleville for a Monday night meeting, but were stormed out. Those who came were kept for a short service as the clouds were threatening. The following subscribed for J. C. I. at Circleville. I. H. Crayton $2 50; J. W. Rucker $2.50; R. J. Robinson, M. Rolla, Robert Crayton, and A. Organ one dollar each. At Taylor the following subscribed to J. C. I. George Hendricks $10.00; J. E. Rector $10.00; T. L. Hall and W. F. Hatcher gave $5 00 each. We feel that all these pledges will be paid in August and that all these good brothers will have greater pleasure in feeling they have a fellowship in making our baby grow. They gave us a collection of $4.00 at Circleville and $5.00 at Taylor.

We are praying to find other sisters like Taylor sisters, who have begun the work in earnest.

Work with a will and all your might. We want $3.00 in our boxes this year. Are you busy? If so, God will double your talent.

I am yours for service,

Waco, Texas. Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

"When I found him in my bosom,
Then I found Him everywhere—
In the bud and in the blossom,
In the earth and in the air;
And he speaks to me with clearness
From the silent stars, that say:
'As ye find Him in His nearness,
Ye shall find Him far away.'"

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It is not often that such an opportunity comes to a people as is now before the Negroes of all our Southern States. Will not a thousand prayers go up to the throne of God asking that he will give us to see our duty as he has given us opportunity? This is the fiftieth year since the Emancipation Proclamation was issued It is a Jubilee year. Will we not begin large things on our Jubilee year?

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Many of the larger children had temperance pledge cards. We should like to know the thoughts of their parents as they saw this. We wonder if "A little child shall lead them."

In the afternoon we visited the Easter exercise at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where we were requested to make the closing address in which we tried to make the Death of Christ clear. Many of the people as they shook hands said they were strenghtened with the message.

At night we met at the A. M. E. Church where our daughters took part. We also had an opportunity to testify of Him whose footsteps we are trying to follow. We cannot speak of all the encouraging things heard and seen. But we count the "I'll promise to do the best I can" by two young men who read the pledge as the sweetest expressions of the day for we "Pass through the night into the light by living, loving, and lifting"

Yours,

Dale, Edwin F. Jackson.

SCHOOL NOTES

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place so well. Needed, needed indeed, very badly it was. We know not how to find words appropriate to THANK you, Major. Hence we appeal to our Heavenly Father. We say to you and your friends again Major Jarvis you are always welcome at any and all times to visit Mrs. Jarvis' Baby (J.C.I.) as you call it.

T. B. Frost and his work boys have moved the fence back on the South side of the rail-road and this makes about sixty or seventy-five acres fenced on the South side of the campus.

The J. C. I. is no more a rabbit wilderness, but is beginning to look like a Christian Industrial School. We only ask you for your boys and girls and the Father above for more time.

Liberian Christian Institute.

Today we started getting out the framing for a porch to be added to the west end of Ross Hall and part the way along the South side. We hope to accomplish this before the rains set in. The new kitchen and dining room addition to the Kenoly home has been completed.

Our new wagon is now ready for service. We can haul poles twelve feet long on this new wagon. Blocks are being cut for a work shop which we hope to get well on the way before the rains. Our boys enjoy doing this work with the new tools. They are anxious to learn how to work with American tools. Our new spring stands seven feet in nice clear water. It is much better than the old one. The Lord's day school is improving nicely. Each Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock the little hand bell sounds the note and five minutes later we are all at business. At 11:05 the church service opens. We are having fine services every Lord's day morning.

Mrs. Smith and her girls assisted by Peter, one of the boys, are beginning to make things shine about the kitchen and dining room.

We are trying to get a good many little things out of the way before school opens or before the rains are on.

Mrs. R. H. Louis, of Schieffelin, desired to subscribe for the PLEA but did not have the cash. I told her she had some things which we needed and would gladly buy a subscription worth of eddoes, sweet potatoes and eggs. People must read the PLEA and we must eat. So here comes another new subscriber for a year from Liberia. Mrs. R. H. Lewis and Mr. Joe Walker are the two new subscribers from Schieffelin, Liberia, Africa. Mr. Joe Walker gives one dollar and fifty cents for the PLEA one year and the "Life of Jacob Kenoly." A number of the old readers of the PLEA say they will soon pay up and stay up.

Our baby is ill at this writing. Hope she will soon be alright. Mr. Ross, is busy nowadays with his books and report.

We are sorry to say to our readers that on the morning of March 13, Mr. C. C. Lett a well known and respected citizen of many years in the little town of Schieffelin, went to his reward.

Mr. Lett, was one of Mr. Kenoly's good friends. It was in his home where we had our first tea the morning we reached Schieffelin. His house we entered first and were there made welcome. Mr. Lett was born in Ohio in 1854 and was brought to Liberia at a very early age. Most of his life was spent in Liberia. He had a good deal of this world's goods He leaves a wife, daughter and a large number of grand children behind.

Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for May 18

Edited from The Christian Lesson Commentary.

Lesson VII.

Joseph Meets His Brethren.

Lesson Text.—Genesis 42. Commit verses 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Galatians 6:7.

INTRODUCTION.

THE ROUTE TO EGYPT. "The breadth of the absolutely waterless desert was reckoned by Herodotus as a journey of three days, but, as the distance does not fall much short of 120 miles, we must understand him as referring to the passage of a light equipped traveler, mounted on a good dromedary, rather than that of a body of footmen accompanied by asses. Such a body would scarcely accomplish the journey under six days, at the least. For six days, then, the ten sons of Jacob toiled along the weary desert route, with the blazing sun scorching them by day and the keen desert air chilling them by night, meeting probably few wayfarers, but passing the bleached bones of many animals which had succumbed to the difficulties of the journey. There were no streams, there were no trees, there was no verdure. Across the backs of the animals must have been slung skins of water, filled at the last well along the route that still held out, and carefully watched and husbanded, lest they should be emptied before Egypt was reached.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

3. JOSEPH'S TEN BRETHREN. The dramatic completeness of the story of Joseph's boyish dreams waits only on the recognition of his greatness by his family. Four long chapters constitute this second part of the history of Joseph. The famine of which Pharaoh had dreamed had come to pass. For seven years the storehouses of Egypt have been filling. The famine is now on. It reaches far into Canaan. By it the flocks and herds and families of Jacob and his sons are driven to dire need. Thus begins the series of two visits and four interviews with Joseph which led up to the final reconciliation. All of Jacob's half brothers, with a great train of pack animals, go down to Epypt to buy supplies.

4. PERADVENTURE HARM BEFALL HIM. Read 42: 36-38 for the picture of Jacob's passionate affection for his youngest and only loved son.

CAME TO BUY. "By coming into Egypt they necessarily came into contact with Joseph, for it was he that superintended the sale. The arrival of foreigners with a proposal to buy would necessarily be reported to him. The Talmud says that every one entering the land had to write his name in a book which was sent to Joseph."

6. BOWED DOWN THEMSELVES. See v. 9, 37: 6-9.

7. JOSEPH KNEW THEM—MADE HIMSELF STRANGE "Joseph, now a middle aged man, was dressed as an Egyptian, and spoke in Egyptian through an interpreter (v. 23). His brethren, on the other hand, would not have changed in appearance."

9. YE ARE SPIES. "The eastern frontier of Egypt was fortified and closely watched, and a band of ten men seeking to cross it excited suspicion."—THE NAKEDNESS OF THE LAND. Not its poverty, but its open and defenceless spots. "Egpyt was always liable to attack from Asia, and fortresses were built along that frontier to repel invasion. By suggesting that they were foreigners who were spying out how far the land was open to attack from hostile nations, Joseph had an opportunity of inquiring about his family. We may believe also that, though well intentioned toward his brethren, he sought to bring their sin home to them."

10-12. The brothers are eager to clear their characters and betray themselves into a disclosure of their family circumstances. This opens the way to the question and warning that they need not return without their youngest brother, and this is taken as a test of their veracity, as Joseph threatens that they shall not leave Egypt until he is produced. At the same time their argument was strong, for no father would have risked all his sons on the dangerous tasks of spies.

13. AND ONE IS NOT. "It is a fine instance of literary tact that Joseph never presses the question as to the fate of the missing brother."

14, 15. HEREBY YE SHALL BE PROVED. With well-feigned official obstinacy Joseph perseveres in his charge in order to have a pretext for getting Benjamin into Egypt. Doubtless he hopes also that Jacob will either accompany or follow his favorite son.

15. BY THE LIFE OF PHARAOH. An Egyptian oath is very much akin to the Hebrew, "As I live saith the Lord." EXCEPT YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER COME HITHER.

Pres. Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Day of Opportunity

A FEW days ago Sam Jimmerson bought forty acres of land near Smith's Station at $60.00 an acre, and he counts on paying for it in three years. Sam has been sending his children to the Southern Christian Institute since they were little children and he himself has attended every one of our farmers' meetings. Besides this he has been a careful observer and he has learned many things for himself. As a consequence, if nothing unforeseen happens to him he will easily pay off the land in three years. Ten years ago he could have purchased the the same land for $15.00 an acre, but fifteen dollars an acre would have been harder for him to pay then than sixty dollars an acre now. Sixty dollars is four times as great as fifteen dollars, but he knows four times better how to handle the land and manage his business. Here then is a lesson.

Forty years ago a steady stream of emigrants went from the North to the West and a vast empire has been built up beyond the Mississippi. But that Country is filled up now and the current of that emigration is turning South. The great plantations of the South will be broken up into small farms and these will be farmed intelligently and in another twenty years all this land will sell for from fifty to one hundred dollars an acre. If the people now living here do not awaken to their interests they will be crowded out by those who are wise enough and industrious enough to avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Negro farmers have lived here a long time. They know the climate and understand the hillsides and valleys. If they will now avail themselves of the chance to learn the new lessons of agriculture and stock-raising and put to it the things they can learn for themselves, they can buy up this land and make of themselves a thrifty country people. In the past they have had a mistaken vision. They thought the important thing was to get away from the farm. Every boy in school sought to learn some profession or trade to take him away from the farm. Civil Service Examinations and Sleeping Car Porterships were very attractive to them. In this they could get ease, but they were mistaken as to what was their interest. A mighty revolution has taken place in Mississippi and some other Southern States. While the old holds the appearance of things, the new posseses everything. Mississippi will now be a stock-raising country, poultry raising will be a leading feature. The people every where are more and more setting up the standard of prosperity and goodness before which race prejudice and class hatred is giving away. Our newspapers are more and more giving space to real progress from whatever source.

It is therefore important what the young men do in the next twenty years; for these twenty years will determine what the next five hundred years will be. The first step for every farmer to take is to make a heroic effort to get rid of the ruinous credit system. No country can prosper under it. It takes from two to five years to prepare to buy land. Begin now. The first step is to bend every effort to produce provisions for yourself and your stock so you need not buy. A little thrift will add many eatables to your table for the winter. Every farmer should put up twenty-five bushels of peanuts. They can be shelled and roasted each day and severed as a side dish which is a most delicious and nourishing food. If your mule is well fed on native hay and grain, it will live twice as long and do twice as much work. Every farmer should plan this year to get ready to make money next year to invest in property three years from now. If you try to reverse this and try to buy land this year to pay the first payment on it next year and expect to begin to get ready to make money three years from now, you will make an ignominious failure. In the past it was very noticeable that the most of the people were just tarrying where they were hoping for something farther on. Now they must begin to feel that this is to be the home for themselves and their children and they must make it a real home. Let them name it and date their letters from it when they write to their friends. If you raise stock call it the Galilee Stock-Farm. If you have a nice home, plant trees about it and call it Shady Rest, Walnut Row, The Oaks, Pilgrims' Rest, or a hundred other names. But above all make it a real home. If you do not do it; no one

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. in accordance with this Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—We shall soon put out a special Worker's Conference issue of the PLEA. We would be glad to receive a postal from those who can use some extra copies. All those who atttended the Conference will receive extra copies without writing for them.

—L. H. Crawford, Roxton, Tex., writes: "We are starting a fine work in Sherman,—had to stop long enough to run over to Roxton and take me a companion. I was married to Mrs. Clara Wortham, Sunday night. So you see I have some one now to help me to fight sin. I shall send my report soon. The District Convention for the Northern District Convention will meet the first week in June at Greenville, Texas. Sorry I could not attend the Workers' Conference."

—Subscriptions received: Moses Brown, Jackson, Miss., No. 105; Clela Bunting, Albion, Ill., No. 145; Roxie Sneed, Mound Bayou, Miss., No. 160, R. D. Morrison, Learned, Miss., No. 120; Elder John Lomax, Port Gibson, Miss., No. 145. Are there enough names here from your state? If not, why?

Notes from Our Schools.

Southern Caristian Institute

The Workers' Conference that has just closed was attended by delegates from eight states. Enthusiasm for the work ran high. Standing committees were appointed and an advance made that will be bound to be a benefit to all the evangelistic and educational work. As soon as possible we hope to give a complete report of the Conference. Our friends will be especially anxious to hear the financial report. This is the day of larger things.

The Jackson District Convention occurred at the Institute Church, May 10 and 11. The program was carried out exactly as advertised. Some of the members of the Conference arrived in time to enjoy the Convention. Evangelist B. C. Calvert was in the chair. The officers for the coming year are: R H. Davis; evangelist; A. W. Jacobs, secretary, both of Edwards. The offering for district work was over sixteen dollars, the largest ever taken at a convention in the district. We hope to receive a more extended report from the district secretary.

A father, who has a boy in school attended our commencement and asked the president's secretary how much the boy earned in extra work grades each month. He was told that the average was about one dollar and a half a month. As an inducement to his boy to do his very best he promised to send to the Institution each month for the boy's assistance an amount equal to his extra grades. A capital idea! A hearty co-operation of parents would greatly encouarge boys and girls who are in school trying to earn their education.

This is the day after.—Commencement. It was great in so many ways. The wheels were started to rolling with the Sunday-school commencement at 10:30, May 11. The program consisted of short addresses by Robert Gooden, Nancy Jennings, Richard Davis, and Arby Jacobs. Nancy Jennings and Florence Blackburn sang a beautiful duet. President Lehman then presented Teacher Training certificates and diplomas to a large number of young people. The International Sunday school Association have already issued eighty-three, cetificates and diplomas to our advanced students. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by President Lehman, and was replete with many good thoughts. The music for

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Report of Educational Rally Day Funds and Other Funds

The following has been received for Educational Rally since our last report.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Holly Hill, Briner Church, sent by J. P. Young $5.
Total amount reported to date for Rally Day, 357.65.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE FUND.

Cedar Lake, sent by Thomas B. Frost,.....$6 00
Total amount reported to date for J. C. I $276 30.

WARNER CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE FUND.

The following amounts have been collected By Prof. H. D. Griffin and sent in for repair of Warner Christian Institute.

Mrs. L. M. Walker, Jonesboro, ...$2.50
Mat Irwin, Jonesboro.....5 00
Ella Gardner, Johnson City,..... .10
Mr. W. P. Shipley, Jonesboro,.....1.00
Mr. J. T. Whitlock, Jonesboro,.....1.00
Dr. J. L. Clark, Boone's Creek, ...1.00
Charles E. Wilkinson, Knoxville,.....50
Elder Emanuel Rush, Jellico,.....1.00
Autho Parker, Jellico.....1.00
Mrs. R. M. Cooper, Knoxville, ...50
Total sent in for Warner Christian Institute, 13.60.

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS.

Educational Rally Day,.....357.65
Jarvis Christian Institute,.....276.30
Lum High School,.....39 00
Warner Christian Institute.....13.60
Liberian Christian Institute,.....2.75.
Graduate Fund,.....3.00.
Total for all funds,.....692 30.
Amount yet needed to make 1000.....307.70.

This report shows that it will require only 7.71 to put us below the three hundred dollar mark. Prof. H. D. Griffin has pledges to about the amount of $125 which are good. He will probably be able to put the Warner Christian Institute Fund above the hundred and fifty dollar mark Next week we will have the collections of the Worker's conference to report. But after all this, it is evident that we will have to do some hard work to reach the $1000 before September 1st. And brethren, it would be a great misfortune for us to fail this time. The time has come when we must begin larger things and we are confident the churches will see this and will all fall in line. Several states will very nearly become front Rank states. Let all those who are beginning to see a larger vision, pray for God's blessing upon the great work we have undertaken in his name. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Arkansas.

Report from Montrose Colored High-School

The commencement began April 27, and ended May 2. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. Macon. It was good; he gave many good thoughts on Missionary work. We had a large number of our white friends with us during the week. They were Prof. F. C. Rowell, principal of the white school. He delivered the class address and gave the Diplomas and certificates. Major S. G. Lockheart, Mr. W. T. Cone Rev. T. M. Magees, pastor of the white church,all delivered good addresses. Mr. W.T. Cone who is one of the wealthiest men in the county stated in his remarks that we have the best Negro School and principal in the county. Prof. Rowell's and Rev. Magees' addresses were on a higher order; one said, every leader should first be a Christian so they can teach their people the way to Jesus Christ. Those who finished from the Grammar School are as follows: Evelyn Schropshire, Eugenia Smith, Vassie Jones, Lillie Shelton, Isabel Smith, and Clemmice Burns. One finished High School, Nolie Gray. Prof. D. A. Cook's commmencment showed that he has done all that was in his power for his race. The music was conducted by Ardelia Walker, of the Southern Christian Institute. We are having some beautiful days now. I am very glad to see the good work done by Prof. Cook, a graduate of the S. C.I.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

June 28-29, District No. 2 Arkansas, Center Chapel, Sherrill.

August 19 24, Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Cason, Texas.

The banner of the GOSPEL PLEA must be hung high this Summer. How high can you reach? We have arrangements made to care for all the subscriptions you can send in.

Reports From the Field.

Arkansas.

Report of Sunday School Teachers Meeting.

OPENING

10:30 a. m. House called to order by Sunday School Evangelist M. M. Bostick. Song 623 in Christian Hymnal. Scripture reading—1st. a short talk by the Sunday School Evangelist on the object of the meeting. 2nd. The best method of teaching Sunday Schooi led by O. Holden. Continued by the assembly, concluded by Mrs. S. L. Bostick. Much good was derived from the meeting.

Each one left with a determination to do better in the future. If we could meet more often and exchange ideas as to the best way to lead to success and work accordingly we will see greater fruits of the Sunday School.

Kerr, D. C. Mitchell, Sec'y.
R. L. Brock, Pres.

Dear Editor and readers of the PLEA:—

It has been some time since you have heard from me through our valuable paper. We have been very busy this year. I have been in service every Lord's Day this year, and have preached every Sunday except three, and have been lecturing to Auxiliaries trying as best I could to encourage them and show them the necessity of co-operating in the great work of the Master's Kingdom in all the departments of the work.

I visited Blackton on the 5th Lord's Day in March. Services good, they were all glad to see me. I certainly enjoyed meeting them.

We have had our trials since our last writing in our work at England where we have only four faithful members. We expect to hold services in our new church home on the 2nd Lord's Day in May. While our house is not finished yet we hope to have it done by that time. We had it up on the 14th of March. Both sides and front end weather boarded, rafters and sheeting ready for covering and a strong wind came and blew it down. You know we felt bad over that, but we have it up again. Elder M. M. Bostick of Argenta, the great Christian hero, has the work in hand so you may know it is right. It will be a beautiful little house when done, and we trust not to owe a great deal on it as we have been collecting money for this purpose for two years which enabled us to have the cost of the building material. We had $210.00 on hand when we began, but by it blowing down we had to have more, so we need some assistance. We been have assisted by some of the Brethren and friends. We will give the names of the people that assisted since we began to build.

The following worked one day each:—
Moses Herron, S. G. Stewart, Elder Smith (Baptist), C. C. Bloodsore, P. Lawrence, Geo. Brock, J. W. Sims, Elder J. S. Sims, Fred Taylor, Thomas Goodwin, R. G. Brock, Bud Anderson, Walter Davis, Henry Mc Bride, Julius Mitchell, Elder M. M. Bostick five days.

I am indeed sorry I cannot attend the Workers Conference. Trust it will be the best ever had.

I remain yours in his services.

Geo. W. Ivy.

Oklahoma.

Now to the Editor:—The following is a list of members and officers of the Luther Church that organized since February 15, 1913:
Elder C. J. Roberson, deacon John Patterson, deacon Joe Jones, deaconess' Bell, Jennie Patterson, Josephine Logan. J. L. Logan pastor, Joe Jones secretary.

The officers of the Sunday-school,—Joe Jones, superintendent; Mrs. Jones teacher, of the Bible Class, Miss Odell Johnson, teacher of Junior Class. Secretary Mary Patterson,and treasurer Jennie Patterson.

Now the total membership of Luther Church a t present is 20. We had a very fine Sunday-school on the 27th and Dr. J. A. S. Cox visited our school and made a very noble and able address on The Lines of Christianity of the Disciples of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Luther, J. L. Logan

Dear Editor GOSPEL PLEA:—

The second quarterly meeting of No. 4, District was held on the twelfth of this month with the Verdark Christian Church. The meeting was a success from every point of view, attendance excellent, spirit unsurpassable, enthusiasm abundant.

Bro. Wells the "Goliath" of Muskogee was there treading forth in his strength.

T. A. Scott, the sweet singer of Chandler, was there with a voice of Jennie Lind.

I must beg pardon of all who attended the

meeting for I have lost the report the recording secretary gave me. I am unable to detail a report as creditable to each participant as I desire.

Mrs. Mc. Duff is at home now and I am sure of a place for every thing and everything in its place.

I think the taxation paid in amounted to three dollars and twenty five cents.

Those Muskogee sisters do not believe that a minister can live on earth and board in heaven so they brought their baskets filled with goodies.

Our meeting will be held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday at Muskogee and we urge the attendance of every disciple in the district.

Come let us make Muskogee the Jerusalem church of the state'

Yours in His cause,

TULSA, A. R. McDUFF.

South Carolina

Report from Ghent Branch Christian Sunday School near Olar, Bamberg county state of South Carolina.

We are a few in number but we are still striving and are getting along very well at this time and hope that the church will be better than in the past. We have an average attendance of about 30. We have school nearly every Lord's Day.

Miss Julia Shoul, who is our Bible class teacher, is drilling us on the lesson to the very best of her ability. Miss Pearlie Shoul is an estimable class teacher, she is still doing the same for her class. We are using supplies from the Standard Publishing Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio. We owe them $3.00 for supplies. We have in hand for expenses and state work $2.50. We are preparing for our Children's Day exercise, the first Sunday in June. We hope to try to do all in our power for the advancement, and for the cause of fallen humanity and for the upbuilding of Christ and his church. Oh! Brethren. what can we do for an improvement of our churches to day? It seems as if the churches are not striving as they ought.

Let us see if we can't find out what is the matter with her. If it is the elders let us stick him;if in the deacon let's draw near and get together; if in the preachers look for yourselves; if in the members let's seek them up and bring them to their duty. Christ said, "If any man would suffer as a Christian let him deny himself and follow me." May God of the Most High go with us from one degree to another. May the good prayers from the Brotherhood be sent up in behalf of this little S. S.

A. L. Brobham, Superintendent.

Texas

Editor GOSPEL PLEA:—The members of the State Board have agreed to ask for space on the programme of the near approaching commencements of the Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas. We ask for space on Saturday for convenience.

The purpose is to bring a collection of our leading ministers, preachers, etc., in touch with our plans. Trusting that aside from this announcement in the PLEA, that both the state president and corresponding secretary, will notify every church every minister, teachers and every leading character to be present at our 1st commencement. It is our hope to be present at the Worker's Conference at the S. C. I. inspite of all hard church work, the Lord willing.

My district evangelist and I are on the alert for the Northern District. Last Lord's Day I placed Bro. Powell in my pulpit. I drove nine miles in the country to old Mulberry Church:preached two sermons in the afternoon baptised twice in the afternoon; preached at night. Results twelve accessions. Returned to Paris Monday to get our evangelist Mr. Alphin who spent three nights with Truevine Church as masterly work as I most ever witnessed. Got one confession. Collection $5.40. Good work. Left for Ft. Worth Friday, A. M.

Our District Evangelist has succeeded in getting under an harbor he caused to be constructed in Sherman,Texas on the corner of Montgomery and Pacific streets where I promise to hold a few weeks meeting assisted by myself C. C Barlaw, of Paxton, H. M. Johnson of Dallas, and C. M. Mitchel of Sherman I ask for him help from all the churches in the northern District also for our State Evangelist.

I am called again to Mulberry tomorrow after 11 o'clock Service to preach and baptise and return tonight. At this writing I am in time to funeralize one of the our dearest women, Sister Edna Howard wife of deacon James Howard who departed this life Friday A. M. at 9 o'clock.

Sister Howard lived a exemplary life we feel and say for her that the church's loss is heaven's gain.

Last but not least. May the State be reminded of the near approaching Convention at Cason—Lets make good all back dues—Get ready now. I think I'll leave Texas, after this Convention. I want to build another church I'll go to Clearlew, Okla. where I am promised a bright future.

Mrs. Alphin writes that she will be with us the second Sunday. Come, and welcome,we are waiting.

Yours for a Missionary cause—Jarvis School and the world for Christ.

M. T. Brown.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

In The Field.

We have been saying to our National Board for a long time, the opening of our school in Texas would give new life to our work. Some times, when one has labored for years for a thing and sees no visable results he becomes discouraged. So it has been in Texas. But the opening of the Jarvis Christian Industrial Institute has served as a tonic in our educational work.

If there is any people that need a church school it is the Disciples of Christ. One can not know the need of trained workers unless he could go into the field, and meet the masses.

Leaders, leaders, we need them in our Church work. Yes! we need consecrated leaders. Godly men, men whose life count in the community. Some times I wonder if men think they can fool God. You think you are fooling men but you are not. As sure as the sun rises and sets your deeds will find you out.

Our work now is calling for clean leaders. It's calling for unselfish leaders. Every man and woman who have been to college are not educated. No, no! this is not true. The young man or woman who may have been through many colleges and yet don't believe there is a God, his or her education is a farce. But the young man or woman who received a high education, and as he has investigated and gone on in the scientifiic investigation, and grown to be wiser from having studied the sciences, he or she who has been drawn closer to his God. From such study, he will go out into the world to do a great good. What the world needs to-day is christian education. And as I am now busy in the field I find that our parents are realizing this. Why train the child in a school that will carry him from his God?

It's not enough to come to our state meetings once a year, and receive an office. Just because you are a teacher in the public school and can read and write better than others, that you should think you are able to come to our convention and go home as a state officer. Not enough young people to come here once a year and be good a week, and then go home and go into your shells. The workers in the Church at home are the ones, who will push our school work and state work. See some good in others, push the men and women who are sacrificing for the cause. Yes, the truly educated man will know that he owes to his fellow man a helpful hand.

We are standing on higher ground now as a church people in Texas and the growth of J. C. I. depends on us.

I was with the Vine Grove Church on the 4th. Lord's Day in April. Eld. Troy Taylor, the pastor, gave us the service all day long. It was our best service with this Church. The school opening had helped them. The superintendent of the Bible School had the school to take an offering for me, without the asking, and he himself gave one dollar. He said to the church what I had said about a child's training was worth $10 00 to him and if he had it he would give it.

On Monday P. M. we had a splendid meeting with the sisters, and Wednesday night we had our third meeting. Each meeting was well attended.

One cannot know the help that there is in Christian fellowship, when he is cold and indifferent. In every prayer the state organizer was remembered. Yes, your prayers have strengthened us. Sometimes we have been misrepresented, and the work made to suffer on account of evil speakers. Yes, when we can have the prayers of the faithful and earnest,—we have been encouraged to try to do our best. Yes, the Vine Grove meeting was a strenghtening one.

The parents promised to growd their boys and girls in the J. C. I. this fall. Brothers and Sisters, this is the "King's business." You must have business in christianity. If we wish to win the battle, we must have trained soldiers.

Yes, we are seeing but we must give money for the training of our soldiers, as well as our government prepares its soldiers. If we will train our young people as we should, I mean all races, the army of the Lord will conquer the army of the various nations. We will not have to be giving our boys for the army to be killed. But we can give them to an army where they may win life everlasting. Is is not worth while to enlist in such an army?

The sisters gave a fishing party for us and sisters Wyche and Brown invited us out to dinner. We were made comfortable in the home of sister Belle Normans. They gave us a collection of $8.35. Those who had piedged promised to pay this fall.

We believe they will and trust that many others may have a fellowship in this work. Dollars put into the J. C. I. will be a living monument to those who give. Let's work, pray and give.

I am yours earnestly,

Waco. Mrs. Wm Alphin.

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else will With what measure you mete your brothers will mete it for you. Be booster for your own locality. Be proud of your neighbor who prospers by honest effort and aid him to get still more. Make your children patriotic for the place where you live. In short, quit complaining about your difficulties and begin to remove the difficulties your shiftlessness places in the way of others.

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the occasion was under the direction of Miss Tyner, our music teacher. It was splendid. The C. W. B. M meeting in the afternoon and the Junior program at night, finished out a great day. A fuller account of this will probably be found on the C. W. B. M. page. Monday night the Night School gave its program. It was full of interest and the young people showed by the manner in which they rendered their productions that they had been doing good work. Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 the graduates of the school held their first annual banquet. Probably the largest number of graduates to come together at the S. C. I. at commencement time, was present. R. H. Davis, Bible 1913, was toastmaster. The writer was not present but we saw a copy of the menu and from all reports, those present talked of other days and were glad to be numbered among the alumni of the Institution. Next year we trust their aim shall be: "Fifty graduates present at commencement and Workers' Conference." Tuesday night at eight in the chapel occurred the program given by the graduates. The essays and addresses showed carful preparation. The music was of very high order. At their business meeting we understand they laid plans to give the GOSPEL PLEA a boost. This will be good news to the Editor.

Wednesday afternoon the Annual Farmers' meeting was held. Prof. Cobb of Starkville, was present and delivered a very helpful address. Dr. H. H. Howard, the hookworm expert, was also present and gave a lecture upon the hookworm. The newspapers in the past have joked a good deal about the hookworm,but the fact still remains that thousands of our people have lost their lives on account of its ravages.

The farm and garden had products on the platform,—stalks of oats and wheats, almost ripe, cabbage. beets, radishes, peas, salisfy, onions, etc. The manual training department showed many beautiful articles made during the year. A pattern of the new school desks was also displayed. The pulpit of the S. C. I. church is a very beautiful piece of work.

Wednesday night the largest audience ever assembled in the College Chapel at night,crowded beyond the doors to hear the program of the Music School. No one could have been disappointed,so carefully was each number rendered. Thursday morning the Eighth Grade gave its Promotion Program. Those in the class were: Joseph Lewis, Eugene Lewis, Nannie Lewis, Bernice Blackburn, Ophelia Jamison, Abe Elmore, Edith Hamlin and Estelle Hamlin. Elder Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., in a very fitting manner delivered to them certificates, promoting them to the academy. Many were the expressions of appreciation of the program. It was unique and ranked high among the programs of the week. At 1:30 Thursday afternoon, the climax was reached in the graduating exercises. Richard H. Davis completed the Bible and Normal courses, Arby W. Jacobs, the Bible and academic; Malinda A. Sneed and Fred D. Perkins, the Bible. In a masterly way each one delivered his oration. We were fortunate in having with us Mr. Kimsey, a baritone solo ist, who captured the immense audience with the richness of his voice. He very kindly responded to an encore. Mr. Kimsey is leader of song in an evangelistic meeting, now going on in Jackson. Dr. Edmunds, of the First Christian Church, Jackson, for the second time delivered the annual class address. He spoke upon the subject, "The Man behind the Gun." Time after time was he applauded, as he reached some oratorical flight and drove home to the hearts of his hearers some great truth. There was no doubt about the satistaction of the audience with the splendid address he delivered. Principal Holtzclaw of the Utica Institute was present and favored the audience with some well chosen remarks. All of the graduates have entered the work of the summer term at the Institute and will remain from one to three years to complete higher courses. Our young people are becoming impressed more and more with the necessity of preparing themselves the best possible for the work of life that is opening up so magnificently before them.

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Bible School Department.

For Ministers, Teachers, Scholars and other Christians.

Geneva F. Burgess, Editor.

Lesson for June 1

Edited from The Christian Lesson Commentary.

Lesson IX.
Joseph Tests His Brothers.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 44. Commit verses 16, 17. GOLDEN TEXT.—"Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."—James 5: 16.

INTRODUCTION

CONTRAST. It is impossible briefly to picture the spiritual scene enacted on the earth that early morn just outside the walls of the frontier Egyptian city. The brothers are struck dumb when, out of the last sack, Benjamin's, Joseph's cup rolls into the sunshine. This, then, is the precious youth whose life was of more value than the life of all the brethren, and to keep whom a few months longer in his father's sight Simeon had been left to rot in a dungeon! Is possible that in a childish act this lad has brought irretrievable ruin, if not extinction, to the whole household of Israel? "Had these men been of their old temper, their knives had very speedily proved that their contempt for the deed was as great as the Egyptian's; by violence toward Benjamin, they might have cleared themselves of all suspicion of complicity; but they were under the spell of their own sin. In all disaster, however innocent they now were, they saw the retribution of their own iniquity; they seem scarcely to consider whether Benjamin was innocent or guilty, but as humble God-smitten men, they rent their clothes and laded every man his horse, and return to the city. Thus Joseph, in seeking to gain one brother, found eleven. Thus was the proof given that the house of Israel was now in truth one family. There is a common feeling that binds them together, and a common object for which they willingly sacrifice themselves. They are, therefore, now prepared to enter that higher school to which God called them in Egypt."

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1, 2. HE COMMANDED THE STEWARD.—"This final test of the brothers' dispositon is evidently arranged between Joseph and the steward on the evening of the banquet, to be carried out at daybreak."

"MY CUP" It is very apparent that Joseph had thus planned to keep Benjamin with him; it may have been in addition a character test of the brothers. Once they had heartlessly sold him into slavery and they might even yet be guilty of cruelly deserting their youngest brother.

THE SILVER CUP.—See verse 2. DRINKETH AND DIVINETH. V. 5. While this appears to have been Joseph's ordinary drinking cup from his own table, it is at the same time a favorite means with him of communication with God. It is therefore his most precious possession.

3-5. UP, FOLLOW AFTER. "Just when they had emerged from the city, and think all danger is left behind, exulting in the fresh morning air and still unwearied by travel, they are arrested by the steward's challenge, and finally plunged in despair."

4. "WHEREFORE." The charge the steward makes is a moral one, worse than a breach of hospitality.

5. WHEREBY HE DIVINETH. "Divination by means of bowls of water was very prevalent among the ancients. They appear to have had a superstitious fancy that if one gazed long into a cup, he would see future events reflected in its contents. Bowls have been found in Babylon, inscribed on the inner surface with magical words and exorcisms against evil spirits. In the method of divination called "hydromancy" water was poured into a glass or other vessel and pieces of gold, silver or precious stones might be thrown in: then observations were made of the results of the figures, etc., which appeared with the expectation of learning the future or the unknown by this means." "Apart from this one incident we have no way of knowing what means Joseph used in worshiping the God of his fathers in the midst of the gross idolatry of Egypt, but that his heart was true and faithful unto Jehovah there can be no manner of question.

6 9. FAR BE IT FROM THY SERVANT.—Conscious of their integrity and freedom from evil intent, the brethren declare their honesty and propose, on their own behalf, death to any one of them who is found to be a thief, and slavery for all the rest of them.

10. "MY BONDMAN."—Being a party of the plot, the steward proposes terms more merciful than those the brethren had proposed themselves and agrees to take the guilty only into servitude.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

A SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE

Negro School at Edwards Brings its Annual Session to Close

(From Jackson Evening News)

Edwards, Miss., May 17.—In connection with the commencement exercises at the Southern Christian Institute, at Edwards, Miss , was held a worker's conference of great significance. Delegates from eight states were present, viz: South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Two days were given to the conference work, at which were discussed many vital missionary and sociological questions, and definite work was mapped out for three standing committees, and gratifying results are expected in the coming six months.

Rev. Preston Taylor, pastor of the Lee Avenue Church of Christ, and one of the most successful business men in that city, thrilled the conference with an address outlining a forward movement a long missionary lines. Practically all of the conferences hitherto held in the south to discuss the uplift of the negro race has been from the standpoint of the college man. This one was distinctly from the standpoint of religion and the motive behind it was from the missionary viewpoint. The Church of Christ, under whose auspices the Southern Christian Institute is conducted, has never divided into north and south, and practically as many of its members live in the south as in the north. And there is a large following of negro disciples in all the southern states. With a wise co operation with them a great and lasting work is being accomplished. Dr. Lehman, who is president of the Southern Christian Institute and also superintendent of all the negro schools maintained by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, opened the conference with an address in which he outlined the scope of the work. In this address he insisted that this, the fiftieth year of emancipation. was a good time to take forward steps. He urged that with the right kind of a religious and industrial education the efficiency of the negro can so be brought out that it will be possible for the south to make a progress along all lines; but that if this is neglected, the ignorant and inefficient negro will be a menace that no amount of energy can overcome. No matter how much the Christian people of the south may desire to make progress, they are utterly helpless except as they help the ignorant negro population to advance.

On Tuesday forenoon and afternoon the negro women from the various states held a conference, in which they discussed the problem of putting their women to work along missionary lines. The Christian women among the negroes are now raising in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars in the various states and at this conference they planned to direct this into a more national work.

At the regular conference a standing committee was appointed to study the various social problems growing in the south. This committee will take up one question at a time and study it with a view to furnishing information to those who may desire to do effective social service in the future. Another committee of which Rev. Preston Taylor is chairman will study the problem of how to get all the churches into more effective giving, or in other words, how to get the Christian people to work.

The commencement of the school was held on Thursday. A class of four young people finished the course. The regular class address was delivered by Dr. E. T. Edmonds, pastor of the First Christian Church at Jackson, which was listened to by an immens concourse of people. The graduating class, consisting of four members, represented Texas, Mississppi and the island of Jamaica.

This issue of the Plea is larger than usual, both as to the number of pages and as to the number of copies printed. It is intended that the various states will make good use of it to advertise the Workers' Conference. Send us in lists of names of parties that should have it. We will send some copies to the various state conventions in the fall.

Some good pictures were taken of the Workers' Conference's delegates. These can be had for ten cents each or one dollar a dozen. If any of our subscribers want these they should order them with cash remittance.

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Personals

—The subscriptions of the following expire with Serial No. 95 (issue for June 14, 1913.) : Mary Towels, O. D. Davis, James Williams, John High, Malinda Clark, J. A. Logan, Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Calvin Bender, Mrs. Amanda Thompson, Beecher Matthews, G. Thompson, Mrs. Mattie Carpenter, G. W. Ivy.

—We do not want to lose a single one of our present subscribers, and we want to get hundreds of new ones. If any of the subscribers whose names are given above live in your community speak a kind word to them, urging them to send in their renewal before June 14 and thus get their names on the Honor Roll."

—E. F. Jackson, Dale, S. C., on his way home from the Workers'Conference stopped off at Charleston and found his wife and little daughter there. The little girl had undergone an operation at a hospital, and was getting along fine.

—The commencement exercises at the Martinsville Christian Institute marked the beginning of a new era at that school. Over twenty of the leading C. W. B. M. workers in the white church were out. Rev. Gerald Culberson, their minister, delivered the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday and presented the diplomas at the regular graduating exercises. If the school could now receive the donation of a few hundred acres of land, it could begin in earnest to care for the youth in our churches from that region.

—President Lehman will spend Sunday, June 1st at Nashville, Tennessee, June the 3rd and 4th in Louisville, Kentucky and Sunday, June 8, at Mt. Carmel, Illinois. On the last of the month he is to address the state teachers association at Jackson, and in July he is to address a district convention in Copiah County, Miss. and the state convention in Kentucky.

— A feature of the recent Conference was that Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bostick brought with them a deed to a lot in Argenta, Arkansas which they donated to the Southern Christian Institute. They have retained a life lease in it as long as Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick lives. This is an ideal way to give property. If you make a will, it always causes much trouble and expense; but if you deed it with a life lease, the work is done. If the Lord prospers Bro. and Sister Bostick during the next few years, and they feel so disposed they can make a quit claim deed for it.

—At the recent Conference one of the resolutions was that J. B. Lehman be requested to appoint four associate editors for the GOSPEL PLEA. We therefore make the following appointments. Preston Taylor W. H. Dickerson, Mrs. William Alphin, and K. R. Brown. Look on page 2.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will apear.)

June 28-29, District No. 2 Arkansas, Center Chapel, Sherrill.

August 19 24, Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Cason, Texes

July 26-27, Arkansas State S. S. Convention, Argenta Christian Church.

Report of Rally Day and Other Funds

The following sums have been received since last report.

MISSISSIPPI

Edwards, James Singleton,.....$0.50
Union Hill Church, sent by John Lomax,.....5.00
Total for Mississippi,..... 5.50

SOUTH CAROLINA

Keen's Neck, sent by Edwin F. Jackson,....7.57
Cypress Creek Church, sent by H. T. Rivers..1.00
Total for South Carolina.....8.57

WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

Men's Meeting Workers' Conference,.....60. 00
Women's Meeting, Workers' Conference....65.00
Junior Society,.....42.00
Total for Workers', Conference.....167.00
Total reported this time,.....181.67
Total reported for Rally Day to date.....538.72

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE FUND

Ft. Worth, sent in by William Alphin,.....2.50
Total sent in for J. C. I.....278.80

LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Arkansas Auxiliaries to pay for Gun bought by Harry G. Smith upon going to Africa, sent in by Sarah L. Bostick,.....6.00
Total for Liberian Christian Institute,.....8.75

FUND STATEMENT

Rally Day Collection,..... 538 72
Jarvis Christian Institute,..... 278.80
Lum High School,.....39.00
Warner Christian Institute,.....13 60
Liberian Christian Institute,.....8.75
Graduate Fund,.....3 00
Total for all Funds,.....881.87
Amount yet needed to make 1000,.....118.13

Thus you see we have passed the three hundred dollar mark and the two hundred dollar mark and we are about to pass the one hundred dollar mark. We have three months in which to raise this one hundred and eighteen dollars and thirteen cents But we must not think it is going to be an exceedingly easy matter. We will have to fall into it in earnest

We wish to call attention to the $7.57 given by Edwin F. Jackson of South Carolina. In the fall he promised to be one of forty to send in twenty-five dollars each. This was not a mere stage play. He meant it, and this $7.57 makes his twenty five dollars from Keen's Neck. We wish also to call attention to the $42.00 paid by the Junior Society at the Southern Christian Institute. These little fellows nearly all gave one dollar each. Can your Church not do as well? Now is the time for the Church that has no part in this fund to come forward and help push it over the thousand dollar mark.

Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Miss.

Minutes of the Workers' Conference

THE WORKERS' Conference met at the Southern Christian Institute, Wednesday, May 14, 1913 at 8:30 a m., Eld. K. R. Brown, presiding. After a short devotional service, it was moved and carried that a Committee of five be appointed by the chairman. The following Committee was appointed, Preston Taylor, J. B. Lehman, R. T. Matlock, B. C. Calvert, D. C. Brayboy, E. F. Jackson, and W. H. Dickerson. The committee reported as follows: "That the time has come when the Workers' Conference can and ought to undertake a more comprehensive work than hitherto attempted, and we therefore recommend that three standing committees be appointed, namely: (1) A committee on Contributions (2) A committee on Church and State Missionary Problems; and (3) A committee on Social Service.

We reccommend that the committees undertake work as follows: (a) That the committee on Contributions study during the entire year the problem of getting all the churches and all the individuals in the churches to contribute to the General Educational and Evangelistic funds, or to some of the special funds that are raised in the various states, or to both; and that they use the GOSPEL PLEA and other papers freely to discuss their deliberations, and that they bring in a report of their work at the Conference meeting in 1914;

(b) That the committee on Church and State Missionary problems study the cause of our failures in the past and suggest means of improvement for the future that the unfortunate conditions of using the State Missionary Conventions for acrimonious personal discussions may be avoided and that they bring in a report in the Conference of 1914;

(c) That the committee on Social Service take up some definite line of study of social problems each year, such as What can be done to aid the churches to organize better and secure better ministers? What can be done to make known the problems that are most vital to our advancement? and many kindred preblems.

We further recommend that we adopt the GOSPEL PLEA as the official organ of all our state and general work, and that all special committees of the

Workers' Conference and the various state workers shall make constant and full reports of the work they are doing.

We also recommend that Pres. J. B. Lehman appoint four associate Editors of the GOSPEL PLEA whose duty it will be to aid in promoting the usefulness of the paper.

Respectfully submitted, Preston Taylor
J. B. Lehman
R. T. Matlock
B. C. Calvert
D. C. Brayboy
E. F. Jackson
W.H.Dickerson
W. M. Alphin.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

After this the Chair appointed a committee on nomination as follows: W. H. Dickerson, J. B. Lehman, D. C. Brayboy, W. M. Alphin, J. N. Turner.

A committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Preston Taylor, B. C. Calvert, R. T. Matlock, Mrs. Celeste Howard and Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick.

Then followed the president's address in which very helpful suggestions were made; and this was followed by a duet.

Then the president introduced Elder Preston Taylor who gave a timely and lengthy address. This was followed with short addresses by R. T. Matlock, B. C. Calvert, E. F. Jackson, H. D. Griffin, and William Alphin.

Report of committee on nominations. The committee on Nominations begs leave to make the following report: For President, K. R. Brown; for Vice President, W. H. Dickerson; for Secretary, M. M. Bostick. Committee on Contributions: Preston Taylor, E. F. Jackson, William Alphin, R. T. Matlock, K. R. Brown. Committee on Church and State Missionary Problems: H. D. Griffin, W. H. Dickerson, D. C. Brayboy, M. M. Bostick, Roxie Sneed. Committiee on Social Service: J.B. Lehman, H. L. Herod, J. H. Thomas, Rosa Brown, Isom C. Franklin. Ex-officio member of all committees, J. B. Lehman.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Dickerson
J. B. Lehman
D. C. Brayboy
J. N. Turner
William Alphin

Upon motion the report was adopted and nominees declared elected.

A good report from the Sunday-school district at Lum, Alabama, was read.

A collection of $60.00 was then taken up.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows: We your committee on resolutions beg leave to make the following report:

Since our last conference met our heavenly Father has called from labor to rest, Mrs. M. E. Harlan, corresponding secretary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. In her departure from us, we feel that the work among the Negroes of the South has lost one of its most loyal and active supporters. Her sympathy was always profound and her counsel was always the wisest. Therefore

Be it resolved that the body of conference workers assembled express its profoundest sympathy to those who are left without mother, to the Board at Indianapolis who so long enjoyed her leadership and faithful co-operation; and we pray that our Heavenly Father will raise up one who can carry on to perfection the great work she has laid down.

Again; since our conference last met Sec. C. C. Smith, who for twenty-two years labored incessantly for the upbuilding of the work among us, has found it necessary to resign and retire to California where he can have rest, therefore

Be it resolved that this body of conference workers take this opportunity to express to him an appreciation of his untiring labors on our behalf,and we point him to the good things that are coming to our cause as an evidence of the results of his unselfish labors for us and our children.

Respectfully submitted,
Preston Taylor
B. C. Calvert
R. T. Matlock
Celeste Howard
Sarah L. Bostick.

List of delegates attending

All of the teachers at the Southern Christian Institute.

K. R. Brown	Port Gibson, Miss.
M. M. Bostick	Argenta, Arkansas
W. H. Dickerson	Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick	Argenta, Arkansas
G. C. Robinson	Taylor, Texas
Frank H. Coleman	Mound, Louisiana
Preston Taylor	Nashville, Tennessee
Wm. Alphin	Waco, Texas
B. C. Calvert	Jackson, Mississippi
Nancy Jennings	Port Gibson, Mississippi
Rose Coycault	Poydras, Louisiana
Maggie Campbell	Utica, Miss.
Mrs. I. C. Franklin	Lum, Alabama
Deetsy Blackburn	Port Gibson, Miss.

M. T. Matlock	Argenta, Arkansas
Florence Blackburn	Port Gibson, Miss.
Rebecca West	Pattison, Miss.
Mrs. Eugene Powell	Argenta, Arkansas
Richard Davis	Edwards, Miss.
Roxie Sneed	Mound Bayou, Miss.
J. R. Turner	Mound Bayon, Miss.
R. E. Latouche	Edwards, Miss.
E. F. Jackson	Dale, S. C.
D. C. Brayboy	Lum, Alabama
Mrs. Sarah Blackburn	Port Gibson, Miss.
Celeste Jones	Edwards, Miss.
Rosa Brown	Port Gibson, Miss.
Malinda Sneed	Port Gibson, Miss.
A. W. Jacobs	Kilgore, Texas
Mrs. Brown	Jackson, Miss.
Mrs. Murphy Jones	Edwards, Miss.
Mrs. Robin Donerson	Edwards, Miss.
Mrs. L. R. Garrison	Fayette, Miss.

Adjourned to meet May, 1914

K. R. Brown. Chairman

M. M. Bostick, Secretary.

Minutes of Women's meeting held at the S. C. I. May 13,1913.

One of the most successful meetings held by the women of the Workers' Conference closed Tuesday evening, May 13. Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick presided. 10:00 A. M. meeting opening with a good delegation of wo men present. After song number 73 prayer was offered by Brother Preston Taylor. Bible Reading Roman 12 by Miss Nancy Jennings. Then followed song number 30. President J. B. Lehman was then called upon and spoke ably upon the subject "Object of the Work." Every heart was touched as we listened to the message coming from one who is so untiringly and unselfishly giving his life to the cause he represents. Remarks by Mrs. S. L. Bostick and appointment of committees.

Committee on future work: Roxie C. Sneed, Rosa V. Brown, Mrs. Celeste Howard, Mrs. J. B. Lehman.

Committee on nomination: Miss A. E. Hunt Mrs. Sarah Blackburn, Mrs. Georgia Franklin, Mrs. T. M. Burgess and Mrs. C. R. Young.

Committee on Program: Mrs. J. B. Lehman, Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, Roxie C. Sneed.

President J. B. Lehman then announced that a lot located in Argenta, Arkansas had been given to the Southern Christian Institute by Mr. and Mrs Bostick. This announcement received much applause. After which closing song number 16, and benediction by Brother Matlock.

1:30 P. M. meeting opened with song number 226. Invocation by Brother Matlock followed by song number 6, after which Mrs. Celeste Howard of of the S. C. I. came forward and extended to the workers a hearty welcome, also spoke upon a well prepared subject, "It is time for greater things among the Negroes."

Elder Preston Taylor of Nashville. responded in a most pleasing and enjoyable manner. We then listened to the President's address and report. The addresses were filled with many good things, then followed a short but excellent address by Miss Rosa V. Brown.

ALABAMA AUXILIARIES.

UNION POINT AUXILIARY,

By Mrs. G. A. Franklin: Members, 16; Money raised for General Fund, $5.10; Money raised for State Fund, $4.90; Representation at Conference, $2.00; Total raised, 12.00.

Mrs. G. A. Franklin President,
Miss Rosa V. Brown Secratary.

TEXAS AUXILIARIES,

Some words of explanation given of the work in that state by Brother Wm. Alphine who represented with, $1.00.

MISSISSIPPI AUXILIARIES.

EDWARDS AUXILIARY.

Reported by Mrs. Celeste Howard that some members had moved away and the Auxiliary was not doing as heretofore. Representation at Conference $1.00.

UNION HILL AUXILIARY.

Members, 6; Tidings, 2; Money raised for General Fund. $5 00; Money raised for State Fund, $2.00; Representation at Conference, $1.00; Total raised, $8.00.

Mrs. Cordelia Jennings, President,
Mrs. Sarah Blackburn, Secretary.

MOUND BAYOU AUXILIARY.

Members, 26; Gained, 5; Tidings, 1; Money raised for General Fund, $15.85; Money raised for State Fund, $8.00; C. W. B. M. Offering, $1.00; Representation at Conference, $1.00; Total raised, $25.85; Meetings Monthly.

Mrs. Mattie Christmas President,
Mrs. Nancy Farmer Secretary.

AUXILIARY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Represented by Florence Blackburn.

Members 48. Tidings 10. Money raised for General Fund $53.75. Money raised for State Fund $22.20 C. W. B. M. day offering, $18.31. Total raised $94.26. Meetings the second Sunday of each month. Representation atconference $5.00.

Reports From the Field.

TENNESSEE

Jonesboro Auxiliary Represented by Bro. H.D. Griffin. Jonesboro Auxiliary raised $5.00 for educational purposes.

Johnson City and Knoxville are not yet in touch with the National Board.

ARKANSAS

Kerr Auxiliary: Members 30. Money raised for General Fund, $7.30. Money raised for State Fund $3.55. C. W. B. M. Day Offering $5.00. Easter Offering $4.50 Kenoly Fund $4.50 Representation at Conference $1.50. Total raised $26.35. Meetings monthly. Mrs. Holden, President.

Argenta Auxiliary: Members 8. Tidings 3. Gospel Plea 3. Money raised for General Fund $12.70. Money raised for State Fund $3.50. C. W. B. M. Day Offering $6.50. Easter Offering $4.50. Kenoly Fund $4.00. Life member dues $20.00. Representation at Conference $1.50. Total raised $52.70 Meetings monthly.

Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick. President.
Mrs. Laura Powell Secretary.

Sherrill Auxiliary: Members, 5; Tidings, 2; Money raised for General Fund, $3.60; Money raised for State Fund, $1.35; Easter Offering, $5.55; Represention at Conference, $0.75. Total raised. $11.25.

Mrs. Belle Ivy, president

Little Rock Auxiliary Representation at Conference $1.00

Mrs. L. Galispy, President.

State organizer of Arkansas reports as follows: Miles traveled, 1698; Places visited 23: Days spent on the field 76; Board meetings held, 4; House to house visits, 10; Auxiliaries organized, 1; Little Rock. Made two visits to the Baptist Church and one to the Methodist. Attended the National Convention at Louisville Kentucky. Subscribers to the Plea, 7; Subscribers to the Tidings, 3; Members gained 8; Auxiliaries disbanded, 1; Raised for General Fund, $84.95; Raised for State Fund, $16.95; Kenoly Fund, $20, 00; Easter Offering, 9.05; Special Fund, $37,95; H. G. Smith, $13.00; Total raised, $181.90; Received from Headquarters, $25.00; Colored Board, $10.00; White Board, $5.00; on the field, $2.50; Total recived $42.50; Railroad expenses, 32.70; writing expense; $4.85; Letters for publication, 19; Members and Auxiliaries,78; Cards, 62; Paid for literature, 25.

We should read more, pray more, and give more. There is much to be done, and let us pray that the people of God may do a great work for Him.

Representation from Arkansas, $5.00; Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, State Organizer. After the annual report by Mrs. Bostick, we then listened to a beautiful solo by Miss Tyner.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Nomination reports as follows: We your committee on nomination recommend the following persons for officers: for President, Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick; Vice President Mrs. Hattie Griffin; Second Vice President, M. J. Brown; Secretary, Roxie C. Sneed; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Celeste Howard.

Committee: Miss A. E. Hunt, Mrs Sarah Blackburn, Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Mrs. T. M. Burgess, Mrs. Young. On motion this report was received and adopted.

Committee on future work reported as follows:

Believing with all our hearts that the work of the faithful, when engaged in a religious cause, shall eventually if not continually be prospered; we you committee on the future work recommend that we press forward in the great aim set for us by our natonal Board; viz., that we seek to cultivate a missionary spirit; encourage missionary effort in the churches; disseminate missionary intelligence and secure systematic contributions for mission purposes.

We urge that the officers, at least, of each local auxiliary, and of course as many more as possible, take the Missionary Tidings, that the programs given in it may be followed and that all may become well informed as to the different fields occupied and the various kinds of work carried on by the C. W. B. M. We recommend again the use of the Hidden Answers in the programs in order that all may have some part in each meeting and we especially recommend the use of these answers because of the extensive reading required to find them, much imformation thereby being imparted.

As one means of keeping children from the paths of sin and preparing them for the future work of the church, a Junior Endeaver should be organized in every church where enough children can be gathered together to keep up the meetinge. In this as in many other things circumstances must determine what should be done. But let us be careful not to mistake lack of zeal for a hindrance in circumstances.

It is very important that a greater interest be taken in the Workers' Conference and a larger attendance of it by officers and other workers in the auxiliaries be secured. Let all work together to bring this about.

Since the Educational Rally Day offlerings all go into the treasury of the C. W. B. M. every aux-

iliary should take a great interest in the meeting at which this offering is taken and if the church is backward about the matter, it would be very fitting for the auxiliary itself to hold the meeting and secure as large an offering as possible.

Every auxiliary should observe the special C. W. B. M. Day, selecting a day on which it is probable that a good collection can be raised. The 4th Lord's Day in January is recommend as a day about midway between the Rally Day and Easter, at which latter time a program should also be rendered and an offering for our great work be taken.

Committee: Roxie Sneed, Rosa V. Brown, Mrs. Celeste Howard and Mrs. J. B. Lehman.

On motion this report was received and adopted.

Song and collection, Preston Taylor, $5 00; Mrs, J, B. Lehmen, $3.50; other delegates representing with one dollar each.

Mrs. Safley, President of the white auxiliaries reached the Conference too late to be in the women's meeting, but added $10.00 to their collection which amounted to $63.10.

Closing song and benediction by President J. B. Lehman.

Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, President
Roxie C. Sneed, Secretary.

Texas

Dear Editor: It is with pleasure that I asked space to make my report of this quarter. We have been able to do some good work under such hard conditions but however we have been able to do some good work. On the fifteenth of April we made our way to Dallas, found our beloved friend and Bro. H. M. Johnson and wife who at once received us and made every thing pleasant. We preached three sermons here, had one addition also found the Ash-Cliff Church in debt for eighty dollars. With the aid of sister Fannie Johnson and Bro. Ruth, one of the elders of the church waited upon the white Christian brothers and in two hours we had the debt settled and thirteen dollars left over. If these people had not come to our rescure the property would have been lost. I am fond of the C. W. B. M. Why? because it is broad and full of Christian hearted people.

We left Dallas and went to Fort Worth. Here we met our State Evanglist, Elder W. M. Alphin and we had a joyful meeting. I preached here two nights. Bro. Alphin was very busy trying to raise the money for education. We made our way to Vanalstine, Texas. This church is in the North East connection, however they gladly threw open their homes and made me welcome. I must say that these people are wide awake, and they have fine pews. We left Vanalstine and went to Sherman. This is a hard place, but however we are battling for Christ. We tried to rent a hall, but could not find one. We went to the lumber yard and rented lumber and built a tabernacle. Here we are still fighting. Brother Brown came here from Paris and also C. C. Barlow, Elder Cox and the Vanalstine Choir came over and helped us several times. We do not expect to stop here until we plant something. Here we left brother Brown and made our way to Paris, and had a good meeting. Our next place was Roxton. We have not been able to have any meetings here for two months because the smallpox has been raging. However we were able to have service on the second Sunday. This was a joyful day to me, because we spreaded ourselves and married on this day. so you see we have a helpmate to assist in carrying the work on now. Brothers and sisters don't forget the district Convention the first Friday and Saturday in June. Let every one be on duty; collecting on the field: Paris, five dollars; Ft Worth, seventy cents; Vanalstine. two dollars and fifty cents; Dallas, three dollars and sixty-five cents and five dollars pledged on Jacob Kenley's memorial fund. Roxton two dollars and seventy cents. Sherman, twenty six dollars and fifteen cents. Total fourty-one dollars and fifty cents.

Yours in Christ,

L. H. Crawford.

SOUTHERN TRIP

BY REV. PRESTON TAYLOR

We left Nashville Monday evening May 11, and joined Brother W. H. Dickerson of Louisville, for Edwards, Miss. After a night's travel we reached Birmingham where we breakfasted and changed cars, which took us through a fertile part of the country growing all the products of the Southland. Few people were hanging around the stations, but many were engaged in toil, doing their best to produce from mother earth a harvest of good things. Fifty years has wrought a great change in architecture as well as agriculture. Improved houses, better crops and more stock can be seen for more than five hundred miles. At Jackson, Miss., we were joined by our teachers from Lum, Alabama: Brother Brayboy, Sisters Franklin, Brown, and Coycault. This was a very pleasant surprise to all, but the most enjoyable to us.

The Southern Christian Institute, was reached and it doubly reached us all; for none of us were prepared to see such great things. One thousand

and three hundred acres of beautiful farm land, on most of which were growing crops of corn, wheat, oats, cotton, fruit and gardens; with hundreds of students behind the implements of cultivation. Nature has given this farm the air of the Hudson River, or that of Southern California; beautiful in situation and covered by trees, shrubbery and wild flowers in great magnitude. The scenery is most picturesque and charms the lover of nature. The students are an exceptionally fine set of men and women, thoroughly disciplined and drilled in the best manners. Their earnestness, both in their studies and labors attracts the most sceptical person.

The closing exercises would compare favorably with those of any Institute of its kind. They have students from Africa, Jamaica, and nearly every state in the Union. The faculty is composed of a stalwart set of teachers. Every phase of the ground is covered by them for the interest and advancement of the students. The students are loyal to their teachers and it seems more like a family than a school. The whole of the man and wonan is educated, not the mind only, but the body as well.

Farming, House keeping on a scientific plane, Type setting and Printing, Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Plumbing, Carpentry,Stone Masonry, Brick Masonry, are all taught here.

Last year in the cannery they put up seven thousand quarts of fruit and vegetables.

The students dug the gravel and sand from the banks and made thousands of cement blocks. Cut the logs from the woods,and sawed the lumber,dressed it in the their planing mill and from the carpenter-shop they manufactured the flooring, ceiling, windows, doors, etc.

Now, some of the best concrete buildings that can be found any where, stand on this campus, as monuments of industry and skill to these students. The architecture and construction of these buildings are faultless.

This is a marvelous revolution in fifty years. More than two hundred slaves worked this farm and raised cotton for the market, but now, over two hundred sons and daughters of the slaves have converted this farm into a paradise, and from this Institution they have sent their students to Africa, Jamaica, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Viginia, and throughout the country.

Nashville, Tennessee.

Southern Christian Institute

What shall we say of the weather for the week? Simply superb! A few drops of rain fill two or three times during the week, but caused practically no inconvenience. All unite in saying that it was the best Commencement week in the history of the Institution.

The Day after Commencement one student said "Well, it is all over." The rejoinder was, "That's where you're mistaken; we have just begun." If our friends could be upon the campus this morning and see the students going joyfully to the duties of the day, they would realize how true it is that another's years work has just begun.

Miss Bunting and Miss Fauble, two of our teachers, left for their homes in Illinois, Friday morning. We are sorry to learn that Miss Bunting will not be back next year.

There will be between sixty and seventy students here for the Summer term. An examination will be given Saturday night to all students who wish to enter the Academy, who have completed the eighth grade work but have no diplomas with them.

An application has been received from a young man in Porto Rico, who wants to work for his schooling.

J. B. Wilson, of Memphis, Tenn., has just entered our Industrial Department.

James Rundles the first student who came from Liberia,recently entered the Chicago Record-Herald essay contest on President Wilson's book "The Life of Washington." Not long since he received a two dollar prize.

R. H. Davis, class 1913, was ordained to the ministry one night during commencement week. The service was in charge of Eld. K. R. Brown. Eld. Preston Taylor deliver the charge. It was a very impressive ceremony. The meeting was held in the Y. W. C. A. room in Smith Hall.

Eld. Lomax came a day late for the Workers' Conference,but expressed his regrets that it was impossible for him to arrive sooner.

W. W. Sims, of Vicksburg, arrived on the morning train Thursday for Commencement exercises. R. D. Morrison of Learned, was also present.

Additional Personals

The following gave to the fund which Sarah L. Bostick raised for the Gun taken to Africa by Harry G. Smith.

$2.00 Sarah L. Bostick; $1.00 A. B. Matlock, and M. M. Bostick; .75 John Mitchell; ,50 R, L. Brock, H, Martin, Adeline Childs, Tom Childs, Herbert Franklin, Martha Jones, and George Moore; .25 J. S. Gartel, J. A. Bright, Elder Ross, G. W. Ivy, W T. York, S. A. Wallace, J. H. Ward, Fred Ward, Porter World, O. Holden, Anna Barns, L. Philps, Hatte Evans, Mansfield Bright and Pennie Holden. Other gave, $1.00.

Oklahoma.

Editor of the Gospel Plea:

Dear Editor: I want to say a few words from this part of the Vineyard. The little band of disciples here are yet alive and at work raising money to build. Times are so dull financially until we fear it will delay us some in starting our building but we are going right ahead. Our loss was heaven's gain. One of our members in the person of Sister Manning departed this life May 8th, 1913 at her home in Reevesville. "Sister Manning was a faithful sister to the end," and died in the full triumph of faith. The writer was away from home at the time but Bro. Bonds our District Evangelist happened in town just in time to attend the funeral. We were at Tulsa, Okla., where we have a few members that had ceased to meet and keep house for the Lord but we succeeded in getting them to promise to begin and keep at it until the Master calls them from labor to reward. We secured a tent and arranged to return and help them in a meeting in next month Bro. McDuff was elected to the eldership, Sister Emma Clayton, treasurer, Mrs. McDuff clerk, Bro. George Allen was on trial as a deacon, but the question of qualification was in the way. We were soliciting in the interest of our church fund and met with reasonable success. We got together about 15 members with the promise of others who had left the church to return.

Muskogee,

R. B. Wells.

Texas

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in your helpful paper for my letter. En route for Cedar lake, I arrived in Bay City, Texas on the 7th Inst. and finding the Christian Brethren planning for a District Meeting which convened on the 9th Inst., I stopped over in Bay City to affiliate with the meeting. Here I met quite a number of the Brothers and Sisters from Vine Grove and Cedar Lake which made me feel as if I were at home once more. I also met Sister Wm. Alphin of Waco, Texas. So enjoyed the part of the meeting that I was able to be present, which was the first day's session. But on Saturday morning the 10th Inst., Father Woodard, the pastor of the Bethlehem Christian church, received a telegram from the Cedar Lake church that deacon George Austin was dead, whom I hoped to see the last of. Bro. Woodard and I succeeded in getting to the train on time. Bro. Austin lived a Christian. He was fortunate in securing a home for his family. He left a wife and seven children to morn over his departure. The Lord blessed sister Austin by limiting Bro. Austin's life until the children became of age. I hope the entire meeting will come out in the Plea.

Yours in Christ,,

J. B. Stratton.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—

I know that you and all the readers of the Gospel Plea will be glad to know of the success we are having in our church work here in Jackson. Our regular services were held here Sunday at 3:00 P. M. We had a good congregation of our own people of this city and quite a number from the country. Brothers Austin and Cade from the Christian Light Church at Pearson were with us and helped greatly in our services. They are struggling hard to build up a strong congregation at Pearson.

On Monday after the third Sunday in last month, a young lady quite intelligent, who came forward and confessed that she believed with all her heart that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God, on Sunday, was burried with Christ in the waters of baptism the Monday following. By this you can readily see that Jackson Christian Church is growing as fast as is good for it.

On last Sunday at our three o'clock service three were added to the church of Christ. If we did add but three a year that would be growing plenty fast. But thank God we are adding more than three a year to the cause of Christ here in Jackson. We have added four during the last two months. Does that look like the cause here is dying or is not known? The work we are doing will eventially make itself known All I want is a "square deal." Those who don't believe the cause is growing here in this place just drop in and peep in on us. The eating of the pudding is the testing of it. To peep in on our work here is to be convinced.

The writer attended the quarterly meeting at Union Hill Christian Church. Elder K. R. Brown and I were the speakers of the day. After we were through a goodly number of the brothers got up and said it was the best they had attended for quite a while. There was nothing said that would stir up anger, and every body left the meeting rejoicing. Sister Julia Flowers who is always ready to do what her hands find to do was present and gave a most helpful talk. Would to God we had women like sister Flowers all over the state. We need men and women who will do the thing that will be pleasing to our Maker. When he speaks let us hear. He com-

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

The Southern Christian Institute has received the announcement of the marriage of the State C. W. B. M. President of Illinois, Miss Lura V. Thompson to Rev. J. W. Porter. We wish for them a long and useful life.

Sunday May 11, at the S. C. I. was a great day. At eleven in the morning Pres. Lehman preached the baccalaureate sermon which will long be remembered by all and especially by the graduates and those promoted into the Academic depart. ment.

In the afternoon we had our regular C. W. B. M. meeting which was full of instruction and inspiration. One cannot do justice in writing about such a meeting. You must be there to witness it to receive the inspiration. Miss Anderson had the program in charge. At night we assembled again at 7:30 for the Junior program which was given principally about Livingstone. We closed with an offering of $42.00 for which we were very thankful.

The following Juniors gave $1.00 each: Mozelle Thompson, Jacob Blaikley, Harry Lane, Edwin Jackson, Elijah Rhodes, Arthur Jackson, Johnnie Martin, Robert Howard, Walneta Barnes, Lorseany Bender, Edna Picou, Mary Lewis, Linda Miller, May Davis, Harry Prout, Karel Lehman, Paul Lehman, James Chapman, Lois Lehman and Reba Burgess.

You have read in last week's PLEA about the splendid Conference. It surely was the best one yet. The women raised $65.00. The enthusiasm and inspiration for world wide missionary effort in this meeting cannot be counted in dollar and cents.

In The Field

Just now South Texas, is going through a great training school. For the last five years many northern people have been moving to South Texas. The white man brought these people down here to show them the Lone Star, at a time when it made him feel he had found a good country. Reaching the South in January and finding people planting gardens, was surely a drawing card to the people, who came from a frozen clime. So they began buying the land. Land that lay idle only for the herding of cattle for all these years Land that could have been bought a few years ago for five and six dollars an acre. These northern men bought this land and at once began to drain it. Where there were lakes of water we no longer found them. But found fine fields of cotton and corn.

The Southern, white man had slept on his rights. He had been brought up with servants, to do his bidding, and had little use to use his brain to save labor. But the northern man had been reared in a different school, and so put his brain in labor. These northern men came with their latest farming impliments, and raise crops that are surprising on land thought to be worthless. This land is now selling for fifty and sixty dollars an acre. The northern man begins work on time and demands a day's work. Thus the negro and white man are going through a training school. They are seeing that brain in labor makes one acre yield what two acres used to yield. But as I said to the church people at Cedar Lake, Texas unless we train our chlidren along agricultural lines, they will be as sorely pressed for work in the South as in the north. Every boy that attends our school at J. C. I. may have this same training these northern white men have had. Bro. Frost was trained by northern teachers, who taught him how, when and what to plant.

The white people at Hawkins have said to him "you have taught us what to do with our land."

As we were driven out to Bro. Woodard's, we could see how the northern men were coming South, we decided to talk to Bethleham church about "Lost Opportunities" on the first Sunday in May. We had a crowded house and at every window out side were listeners. While many others listened attentively while we spoke for one hour and thirty minutes. Eld. Woodard who is now seventy five years of age is the faithful pastor. He gave us the service all day. And we feel it was a great day in seed sowing. Many of the parents say they will crowd there boys into J. C. I. this fall. Others will go to see if all I say is true. Some of us must see to believe. How thankful we are that all can see that J C. I. is growing. One mother said to me "I want my girl to go to J. C. I.—not to be a teacher but, so

that she will have some sense and know how to keep home." To me that was a beautiful exprression. What is more helpful than to have the queen of the home, keep that home like a palace, in cleanliness, and know how to prepare the food. A host of young people listened to what we said. And many are begging now to go.

We had a splendid Conference with the sisters on Saturday and a fourth meeting on Wednesday night. Each meeting was an inspiration, the young as well as the old gave an attentive ear. They gave us a collection of $10.10. The following subscribed on J. C. I. Elder H. Woodard sent in $10. Willis Woodard, David Pettiway, Carry Gee, Lewis Henry, Joe Pettiway, five dollars, Edmond Auslin three dollars, Polk Williams $2.50 Willis Hawkins and Dinah Hawkins $1.50 each and Alex. Law, Elisha Woodard, and Jim Williams $1. each.

The Lord loves the cheerful giver. These subscriptions were given in ten minutes time. This was helpful to me as before I had had to work thirty minutes to get ten dollars paid last year.

Sisters, the last issue of the PLEA said let our boxes represent $3. No no, not that, three hundred dollars. It was a mistake of the printer's ink. I am three weeks from home now, and must yet stay out those week arousing the sisters to raise $300. Will you do it? If you say you will you can. Praying that each is busy with her box.

Waco, Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

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mands, let us do.

We have made arrangement with the brethren of the Pearson Christian Church to hold a rally there the 5th Sunday in June. This rally, mind you, will be held in the interest of Jackson Christian Church. The brethren at Pearson want to see the cause prosper in Jackson. They are located about two miles South East of Pearson. This, indeed, is a thick settlement. It is very easy to get large gatherings at this place. So we are expecting good times at Pearson on the 5th Sunday in June.

Now I want to ask the Churches all over the state to take up a collection on the 5th Sunday in June for the Jackson Christian Church. The Church Extension Board asks us to raise $80.00 each year. But without help from other churches of the state we cannot raise $80.00.

There are plenty Churches of the state of Mississippi that are out of debt, and could easily help the Jackson Church in her struggle for life. We need your prayers and all the money you can give us. We are fighting for our existence and ask of you a helping hand.

If your Church is out of debt don't think you have done your whole duty if others are still in debt the Apostle Paul would have us "bear one another's burden." The very fact that you are out of debt makes your responsibility greater. Hear the inspired writer: "I have shown you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words, of the Lork Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35.

Blessing comes to him who gives. Giving is getting. If we want a blessing we've got to make room to receive it. The only way we can make room is by giving what we have. God gives his blessings freely, and if we want him to continue these blessings, we must pass them on to others. The only real way we can return thanks to God for the manifold blessings we are receiving is by helping some one who needs help. Our only way of serving man. "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

If you will not hear the pleadings of a church that is struggling for its existence, I can't see how you can say you are serving God and call yourself a Christian. How long, brethren, are you going to have us plead with you to help us? Will you not notify your people and take a collection for the Jackson Church the 5th Sunday in June?

Trusting you will take the collection, I am yours in Christ,

B. C. Calvert.

Texas

Dear Brother Lehman:—I wish to report that I am here with Brotner L. H. Crawford, our District Evangelist with best endeavors to start a congregation or church here. It is a hard pull, but we are pulling. We have a tabernacle 30 by 40 with fair congregations inside and outside, more outside than inside.

We are hopeful to organize and to secure a church home. We are near Van Alstyene, and have used their choir in our services. This service will cause me to miss Jarvis school commencement, and I am afraid Edwards. I had fully planned to be at Edwards this year.

I will attend the District Board at Greenville next month. May I call attention to our state churches: get ready, collect up back dues for all auxiliaries and state evangelist. Elect your delegates in time for August convention at Cason.

Yours for success,

M. T. Brown.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Liberian Christian Institute

Dear Readers:—

We come again to tell you a little more about our work., We have finished two week's camping on the old field. We have been crossing our boat material. This was quite a task, but with ten of our boys we got it across. We are taking it down the Junk river to Schieffelin, where we are going to build it.

We have planted a few white potatoes and a few other garden seeds. We are getting other ground ready for planting as soon as the seed reach us. We will plant a large patch of sugar cane this week.

The new porch addition to Ross Hall is moving right ahead. Mrs. Smith being sick I turned out my first two loaves of light bread. I have not cut them yet; they are still warm. I do not know how they will taste, but they look very good. Mr. Ross will tell at breakfast in the morning. Our old open kitchen tumbled over the other night during the big rain storm. I believe this is the beginning of larger things for Liberia, and as a result it will not only mean larger things for Liberia, but for all dark Africa. Christian friends, "Desire not to live long but to live well; how long we live, not years but actions tell? I care little how long I may struggle here below, but what I may do to bless some one else. None but Jesus knows how much it requires to redeem the world; none but those who give up friends and home can ever know how sweet it is to cross the swelling tides in the name of Jesus and pour out your life for others.

Paul counted it a privilege to die in the service of God for others. The more we do for our Master's cause, the more heaven will mean to us.

A word to the Workers' Conference which will probally be in session when this letter reaches the S. C. I. Stephen counted it a blessing to suffer as the first Christian martyr for the cause of our Lord and Master. He was enough like our Christ to say in a dying hour, "Lord, lay not this to their charge for they know not what they do." Faith brought forth this beautful saying. He had been as faithful as he knew how. You can never tell when you do an act just what the result will be, but with every deed you are carrying a seed, though its harvest you may not see. Brethren, every day you are sowing seeds and doing deeds, and you should be careful and pray to God that these deeds should be pure and deeds kind and loving. Every day some one should be made stronger because of your good deeds. You are the leaders and if you do not lead well what will the future be. "For life is the mirror of kings and slave, 'Tis just what we are and do. Then give to world the best you have and the best will come back to you." God help you, brethren, to give some of your hardest earned dollars to the rally and use some of your most precious time in trying to give others to give more to Jesus.

Fellow workers in Christ, shall we say let the thousand dollars come? Yes, Mrs. Smith, baby, and I pledge two dollars and a half. We should give as God has prospered us.

Our people have a great school in Mississippi, the S. C. I., and God is blessing it with better equipment each year. Therefore with these manifold blessings, Mississippi ought to be glad to raise $200. Alabama with its graded school is blessed with the privilege of having such noble young men as Isom C. Franklin, L. B. Brooks, and a number of young ladies whom you know received their training at the S. C. I., should do its best to raise $100. Virginia with such an Institution as the Martinsville Christian Institute should not rest night nor day with any amount under a $125. Tennessee is blessed with Prof. H. D. Griffin, they should with prayers and supplication come up with at least $100. Kentucky with such a man as Prof. W. H. Dickerson also Prof. Thompson, the principal, ought to rally around the banner with $175. Texas with everything made pleasant by Frost every morning and Berries all the time should be so happy that they could have the privilege of raising $500. Arkansas, blessed with $5.00 men and with such a noble worker as Sister Bostick ought to take the other $150 and the other states together make it out $1500.

Workers I would like to be with you, but I can't, however I shall pray for you a great success to reach the $1000 mark.

Opportunity occasionally meets a man half way but it seldom comes after him in an automobile. If we raise a thousand dollars we must be up and doing for "duty" and today are ours, results and futurity belong to God. This thousand dollars belongs to God and we should give it to Him.

Harry G. Smith.

NOTICE

The day of greater things is at hand. We ought to be receiving a large number of subscriptions to the PLEA. God has blessed us! Let us read to find out what our brethren are doing.

Pres. Lehman

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Efficiency.

THE IMPORTANT thing about anything is, will it do well what it was meant to do? If it does not do that, it is a failure.

The Church of Jesus Christ was established for the purpose of promoting the spiritual growth of mankind and when t fails to do that; it fails to perform the mission for which it was established. Many people thought the church was for the purpose of getting people to heaven when they died and hence all their energy was expended in inducing men to join the church so they could be saved after death. As a consequence the efficiency of the church as an agency to promote the advancement of mankind was almost negligable. It was doing very little that counted for real advancement in the society of men.

But the time has now come when great improvement can and should be made. Every church, whether in country or city, should study to show itself approved unto God. To do this it should improve along the following lines:

IT SHOULD EDUCATE ITS MEMBERSHIP. The Sunday-school is our best agency to educate the membership. While the education of the children is the most important part of the work, yet all the members, old as well as young, should attend and take a deep interest in all lessons. Much depends on the teachers and therefore every church should seek out its best teachers and urge them to put all their energy into it. The principles of conduct laid down by the Bible are fundamental and they ought to be known by every person, and the Sunday-school is the principal means of giving the information.

IT SHOULD PUT ITS MEMBERS TO WORK. The church that conceives itself as commissioned to no higher service than to meet and worship fails lamentably in its mission. We are beginning to realize a never before that the time has come when we will have to make the other nations of the earth Christians or we will lose our Christian civilization. We must either Christianize them or they will heathenize us. The first step to putting a church to work is to secure a well qualified minister. But this is often a difficult task. Many churches have been ministered to so long by men who were unworthy in their lives that they would not know how to care for a good man. Many churches could not get a good man if they should dismiss their inefficient man. So the changes we suggest cannot be made at once. In fact they should not be made too rapidly. The membership should seek to put themselves to work and then the way will be paved for better organization. First, every church should put its women to work in an auxiliary if possible; if not, then in a Ladies Aid Society. If a woman is not put to work, she becomes stupid and sometimes course and vile. For the sake of the women themselves they must be put to work, and the auxiliary is best adapted to them. Next, the men themselves must not neglect work. In about ninety percent. of the churches they need a better church house. Every man can easily give ten dollars towards such an enterprise. They pay their dues in lodges and in other organizations, yet the Church of Jesus Christ is the only organization in the world that has for its object the spiritual development of the race and they neglect their obligation to it.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has undertaken to direct the work for the uplift of the Negro race. It has undertaken an enterprise that ought to grow into one of the largest missionary enterprises among us. The greatest good can come to the Negroes only on condition that they cooperate with all their energy. This year we have set out to raise $1000 and I guess we will do it. Next year we hope the Committee on Contributions will set the standard at two or three thousand dollars. This year every one of our Southern States has participated in the offering except Florida, but in a few states like Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina only a few churches cooperated. Next year this must be changed and all the churches in these states must be put to work to aid in this great enterprise of the C. W. B. M. work. The two thousand can thus be reached easily.

THE MEMBERS SHOULD LOOK WELL TO THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN. Good church leaders do not happen by chance. If you want your children to carry on the work of the church efficiently you will

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. in accordance with this Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—Last fall we made an announcement of a contest for subscriptions to the GOSPEL PLEA, among the various states. Next week it is our intention to make the first announcement of how the contest is getting along. We have four months during the summer before the end of the contest, in which to make a whirlwind campaign for subscriptions. The following are the credits allowed: 5 to the state sending in the largest amount of money for subscriptions; 5 to the state sending in the largest number of new yearly subscriptions; 4 to the state that has the most old subscribers who pay up for one year, or more, in advance before their time is out; 3 to the state having sent in the highest average amount of money for each subscriber; 2 to the state which receives the highest average number of points. A new subscriber for a year is 30 points; an old subscriber that pays for a year in advance before his or her time is out counts 25 points.

—Subscriptions received: Mrs. John Mitchell Kerr, Aakansas, number 145; Mrs. Cora V. H. Lester. Berkley, California, number 145; Hammond Grant, Ehrhardt, South Carolina, number 145; Joseph Albright, Shelldon, South Carolina, number 145; Taylor Cole, Kerr, Arkansas, number 110; Mrs. Harriet P. Lane, Sharon. Mississippi, number 120.

—The Nashville Globe, a Negro paper of considerable importance, contained a write up of Elder Preston Taylor's visit to Mississippi and also a pciture of a number of the buildings of the Southern Christian Institute.

—Mr. Cochran, a friend of Jacob Kenoly, died at Scflieffelin, Liberia, April 28. He was formerly from the state of Tennessee. Brother H. G. Smith writes that he would attend the funeral.

—What kind of ammunition do you use when you go after subscribers to the GOSPEL PLEA? The Plea ought to be in the home of every member of our churches. The work will prosper just in proportion to the number of enthusiastic readers of this weekly religious journal. We wish God speed to all papers that are conscientiously trying to promote the kingdom of God among men; but we do feel that the PLEA has a special mission. We know that hundreds of our readers feel that too.

—The many readers of the GOSPEL PLEA will be glad to know that the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has deemed it advisable to have published a large number of additional copies of "THE LIFE AND WORK OF JACOB KENOLY." If you have never read that remarkable book about a remarkable life, you should send a half dollar to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, and get one.

—S. W. Scott of 2501 Allis Street, Kansas City, Kansas is regularly employed in the great store of Montgomery Ward & Co. He writes that they will give him a vacation sixty days beginning July 1st. He would like to hold meetings during that time. If any church or churches will assure him railroad fare and board, he will hold the meetings for any free will offerings they may want to give him. Churches in Missouri and Kansas should avail themselves of this opportunity.

Special Fund

For the Support of the Educational and Evangelistic Work among the Negroes.

The following sums have been received since we made our last report.

Mrs. Mary P. Fuller, Los Angeles, California, ...$10.00.
Mrs. A. E. Parker, St. Louis, Missouri,.....1.00.
Mrs. Cora V. H. Lester. Berkeley, California,..9.00.
Edwin V. Cole, Humbolt, Kansas,.....1.00.
S. D. & M. Doyle, Bloomington, Illinois,....5.00.
Mrs. Belle Miller, Liberty, Missouri,.....5.00.
Total reported this time,..... .....31.00.
Total reported to date,.....928.34

This fund was not started till late this year, so we regard it as a good beginning. These Christian people are friends of the work we are attempting to do in this field, and we rejoice greatly in their fellowship. The Negroes will raise something over $1000 this year, and we think it would be a good proportion for the white Christian people of America to determine to give ten times as much towards this work as comes from the Negroes themselves. At present they are giving about thirty times as much, but now that all our Negro Churches are awakening and beginning to give one dollar each this will be changed. Thus when the Negroes give $10000, the white Christian people of America will give $100000. We then can attempt much better evangelistic and school work. We believe as firmly as we believe anything, that the Disciples of Christ have a special call into this field. They can and they must do better. If we, who can come here with the right kind of a Christian message, fail to perform our duty, someone else with a much lower standard of education will go on and do it and our children's children will suffer for it. There is an awakening in the Negro Churches all along the line. A strong effort will be made to get every Church and every member in the Church to have a part in this work. If they do, we will raise $10000 from that source. To those who have given in the above, we wish to say that your money is used to awaken these latent energies of the Churches. Every dollar you send in will find many others. We hope ere the year is out to record many large gifts in this Special Fund.

Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station Edwards, Mississippi.

Short Editorials.

WE FEAR THAT the GOSPEL PLEA will not come to our readers in as good shape this time as usual. If you notice that the print is not as clear, you will know that something new is happening in the printing office. We were waiting for an expert to come and help us start off our new cylinder press, but he could not come at the time we needed him, so one of the young men in the office started the wheels to going and staid by it till the issue was printed. He had never seen one run before. Next week is S. C. I. catalog number of the PLEA. If we are late you will know that we are "hung up" with the new press —T.M.B.

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EDITOR LEHMAN IS off on a business trip for two or three weeks in the North. We trust that he may meet many men whom God has blessed with this world's goods who will be anxious to give something towards carrying forward this great work in this southern field. God bless the cheerful giver. —T.M.B.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS in the various Churches must be made a greater power for good. The Sunday-school is really the Church at school, Grandfather, uncle, aunt, father, mother, brother, sister, all should be in their classes when it is time for Sunday school to begin. Brethren, we must plan greater things in Sunday-school work.—T.M.B.

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On another page in this issue is found an obituary of Caroline D. Vandervort. A number of our readers will remember that she was a teacher for a number of years at the Southern Christian Institute. Those who knew her best speak of the splendid life she lived.—T.M.B.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

June 28-29, District No. 2 Arkansas, Center Chapel, Sherrill.

August 19 24, Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Cason, Texes

July 26-27, Arkansas State S. S. Convention Argenta Christian Church

July—,C. W. B. M. State Convention, S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi.

Reports From the Field.

Kansas

The Second Christian Church of Kansas City, Missouri is now making another attempt to secure a house of worship. It is indeed surprising what a handful of members, about 40, can do when you get them once aroused and properly encouraged. Sometime after the two factions came together, the City Missionary Board induced the Business Men's League to assist the above Church to buy a lot to build on. The Men's Business League, to encourage and help this disheartened struggling band of members, offered to give the sum of one thousand dollars, if they thmselves would raise a thousand in a given time.

The C. W. B. M. also agreed to give them five hundred dollars if they would raise the one thousand in order to get the amount promised by the Business Men's League. From these promises came an East Wind which blew upon the dry bones of the members of the Camp of Israel and caused them to rise and like an irresistible army, march to victory. The money was raised, the lot paid for and they have $1,050 to begin work on the building. Brother A. A. Harris is the efficient minister. There are 20 Christian Churches in Kansas City, Missouri, including our Church, and 8 in Kansas City, Kansas, with the two Colord Christian Churches. Brother J. D. Smith's Mission Church on the corner of 5th and Sandford Street is growing very rapidly. He held a meeting recently in which he had seven additions. Brother Smith is now planning to buy a church from the white Baptists on 5th. Street and will move it on his own lot in the near future. I preach for him every Sunday night and will begin a Bible Class the first Sunday in June. It will meet in the evening just one hour before time for Church services to begin.

Brother A. R. Sittler has left us and gone into the A. M. E. Church. Just where he will land next only God knows.

Kansas City. S. W. Scott.

Arkansas.

Editor of the Gospel Plea:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to say something about the work and development of Christ's kingdom. It is evident from the scriptures that when Christ spoke of the kingdom of heaven being like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field, indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs. It becometh a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. He was looking forward to the work and development of his kingdom when the holy spirit would be sent down and fill the apostles with understanding of the plan of redemption that this understanding would create in them much energy and patience. It made them bold as a lion but harmless as a dove. There was no punishment that their enemies could inflict them with to make them give up their master Jesus Christ who had ascended up to heaven, set down to the right hand of God. It is true their enemy killed some of them and imprisoned some but none of these things stopped the spreading of the kingdom. The understanding of this great scheme did not only move the apostles with energy to preach the word of God, but those who were made Christians under their preaching and were scattered abroad on account of the persecution went everywhere preaching the word. We do not know the names of all who were scattered abroad but there is one thing certain they went everywhere proclaiming the word of the Lord; they did not wait for the apostles to do all the work themselves. But in as much as they had understood the object of Christ's mission into this world, that it was to save the world from eternal punishment they took upon themselves a part of the ministry. For this reason we ought to have more preachers to-day, If our young Christian men of to-day have understood the importance of conveying the message of Christ to every creature they should take upon hemselves the work of the ministry. There cannot be too many preachers. Now I say that to young Christain men of today, the apostle Paul says, "He that desires the office of a Bishop desires a good work." Then it is not a low or degraded work, but high and honorable as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." A few years a go long before colored people learned much about reading and writing there was a full supply of preachers but now since they have learned to read the supply is scant. I am afraid they have sat down and eaten and rose up to play. That is the Lord has given them much learning and they are spending it all for pleasure of this life but with many of the Isrealites who did this the Lord was not pleased and overthrew them in the wilderness. Again some think if they become preachers they will haye to be away from their wives and children too much, forgetting

when Peter said to Christ, we have forsaken all and followed Christ, he told him that every one who hath forsaken house, or brethren or sister or father mother or wife or children or land for my sake shall receive an hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life.

Wabbaseea E. L. Turner.

Oklahoma.

Who is the Almighty that we should serve him and what profit should we have if we pray to Him? Job 21-15. When a man looks around himself and sees that he enjoys the universal blessing of God equally with all men, and by skillfulness and economic management he has prospered above others ,it is easy for him to be betrayed into the belief that there is little or no use to serve God. He says, "The people sing and pray and are bound to some religious ties that do not amount to anything." If not why is this, so many people who do not belong to any Church organization at all are so much more prosperous? Not long ago I had a talk with a man who was of the very same type of man I speak of. He said to me, "Do you pray for rain or anything you may want? Now I believe in God but I don't believe as you Christians. I don't ever ask God to give me a dollar or send rain, and I get 90 per cent. more than you do." Others argue that man must work for what he gets and too God has suffered one race of people to excel the other so far that I can't see any need of praying. Is it any wonder that such men fail to see any need for prayer or know anything of its great value?

As a force, in reading history, we learn of many things accomplished through prayer. But in every case the individual or people are represented as having sound body which is necessary in order to have a sound mind. Their thoughts are pure, because they are daily meditating upon God's law. They have surrendered their all to Him. Then, God must either answer their prayer or give up His throne. God is the same today. If men would get in the right attitude, the world would soon know who the Almighty is and what profit it is if we pray to Him. Jesus says, "Love your enemy. Do good to them that curse you and pray for them that persecute you. Bless and curse not." Never in life did I know that Christian people were so unwilling to stand a test as I have learned in Oklahoma. I know of preachers who are so carnal as to refuse to do a day's work or sell anything to a man if he is a democrat. I know prominent members of different denominations fairly curse the hairs on their heads. Now, we are all human and are subject to mistakes.

In a report of the last board meeting of this district, the writer made a mistake in the use of a word. This may be called a mistake of the head and not the heart. Just as a doctor might say, this patient will recover but the patient dies. This being your family doctor you would believe him; but when a man willfully sets aside the teachings of Christ and chooses for himself the way of adjusting the affairs of life, temporal spiritual; that man has made a mistake. not the of head but of the heart. Love your enemy, pray for them and God will take care of the situation.

To be continued.

Tulsa, A. R. McDuff.

Texas

I write this to express my delight and pleasure in the impression made upon me in attending the Commencement of the S. C. I. and the Workers' Conference at the S. C. I. last week. The work at the S. C. I. and the need of the Conference are worth all it costs one to attend.

The promoting and graduating exercises are great and truly inspiring. The spirit is excellent and object and purpose clear. It is all practical. No wasted time, lack of thought or unguarded energy. Thought and action directed to the essentials. The matters that are worth while are dealt with. Teachers and pupils are united in ideals. Their relationship the finest I have ever seen. They are all happy and enjoy the work. The work of the class room is thorough; and the work on the farm, shops, and walls of the buildings is exellent. The buildings put up by student labor are wonders. The boys who did the work are wonders. Teachers who can direct and instruct so as to get such result are wonders. In fact all at the S. C. I. is a wonder to me. Then to hear the orations, the product of the thoughts of these boys who put up these buildings, and see that their minds are as well trained as their eyes and hands, and they are perfectly at ease and efficient in either or both, increases the wonder. Especially is this true when we consider who these boys were when they entered the S. C. I. and other circumstances and conditions in which the teachers have had to do the work.

If one's conception of life is right and they visit the S. C. I. they will love the place, work and workers. It will be richly worth the means and time of any of our state workers to send an earnest worker as a representative to the S. C. I.

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Texas

In The Field

"Where He leads me I will follow." How often we hear Christians so sing, and yet when difficulties come forget they made their promise to follow him.

We made our visit one week longer in order to attend the Matagorde District Meeting. And when we arrived in Bay City, we were told by an officer there would be no District Meeting. Two brothers had openly opposed the meeting, and the rest had decided we could not.

Long ago I found strength in opposition. Whenever I am told I can't, then I believe I can. And so I begin to work asking His guidance. So I began to work on the brothers who thought we could not. The next week the programs were out, and I served as distributer to the Churches.

As they were given out I could hear them say, "too little time." Others "I am not going." But I continued to say there must be business in Christianity. Long ago you knew the time, and yet you are not ready.

The meeting was held at Bay City, Texas, May 9th, 10th and 11th. The delegation was large. There were more than thirty delegates.

As the slang expression is I was there, there to "set up with them," "When the big thing come off." But the "Big thing" never came off. Although every delegate and the president was looking for it. Maybe we had knocked some of the props down, as we had spoken to the three churches represented before the meetings. It was one of the best District Meetings I ever attended. I counted more than fifteen men, who had quit their plowing and chopping, to come and do work for the extension of His kingdom. Elder Bryant Wyche, the president, made an able address. There was so much good in it, had it been written I would have sent it to be printed. I have not heard a better address delivered by the president of our state convention, since I have been in the state. It came from the heart. There were suggestions of how to make the work grow. He said that the object and purpose of the meeting was for the extension of "His kingdom." "If for any other purpose it must come to naught."

Do you know many of us go to our conventions with the idea of carrying my plan or knock others until some time we forget that we are church gathering? The president's message served as a balm to the scars, that had been made by the expectation of "The Big Thing." Spiritually it was a good meeting, financially it was a success, and educationally it was a step of progress.

The Matagorde District meeting stood on higher grounds. Each Church represented paid .15 per member, for active members representation fee and each delegate paid twenty cents.

There were excellent papers by young people, and splendid subjects discussed by the elder ones. All agreed it was good to be there. We listened to excellent sermons by Elder C. Wyche, Wm. R. Brown and Elder Sam Brown. These young men will mean much to our work in south Texas if they will only go.

Yes, Elder Ivy Taylor was on hand to deliver two soul stirring sermons. Elder Woodard was called home the 2nd day of the session owing to the death of Brother George Austin. Every one left praising His name for the good meeting.

Sing it over and, "Where he leads I will follow." Then follow, doubting nothing. Elder Wm. R. Brown, the District Evangelist, promises to get busy.

These brothers have more than fifty dollars now on hand to do District work. So if Bro. Brown don't go, it's not the fault of the District.

Sister Bell Norman is president of the District C. W. B. M. Department. She has some earnest district sisters who are doing things. Brother Joe Pettiway is the superintendent of the Bible school work. This department was a live wire in the meeting. They raised $34.95 from all departments. Of this amount $4.65 was for J. C. I. The J. C. I. was on every tongue and it was truly inspiring to have this manifestation, after we have been so many times misrepresented. Grumblers and kickers might just as well get off the fence. This is the Lord's work and it will grow. The people see now and are satisfied.

Elder Sam Brown, of Vine Grove subscribed $5.00 on J. C. I., He called the writer after the

meeting was over and made his pledge. They gave us $5.50. This came from all the departments. They meet next at Bellville, Texas, in August. Praying that the next may be better still.

I am yours earnestly,

Waco, Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

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The Workers' Conference was by far our best. Largest delegation and more states represented Best work, largest fellowship, full co-operaton of President Lehman and faculty. Mrs. Lehman and the other white teachers really love and take perfect delight in helping their sisters in black. Practical and sane methods for the year's work were agreed upon that will greatly advance the general work. The Conference took an advance step. The better day is at least dawning. We are getting a vision. "Not at the top but Climbing." If we desire a larger vision we must get on Mount Beulah at the S. C. I. There one will see wonders. Also see wonders to be performed in our various states and how we can help to perform them.

President Lehman and the entire faculty have won their spurs and are undoubtedly uncrowned Kings and Queens. The C. W. B. M. in the Spirit, love, and name of the great magnet power of the great Magnet of the world, is drawing the earnest and honest, but scattered efforts of the Negro Disciples into harmony and fellewship of the greater service.

May Our Heavenly Father keep our hearts grateful and humble and give us wisdom to see and know our ability, and do our duty as He has given us to see it.

Waco, William Alphin.

EFFICIENCY.

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have to prepare them for it. If they do not carry on the Church work you have begun, you might as well not educate them, for they will return to the heathen state anyway. Whatsoever ye sow that shall ye also reap. You must educate the boys and girls under the right kind of influence or you need not count on accomplishing anything through them. Send them to our schools. A boy growing up under Prof. Thomas, Prof. Franklin, Prof. Griffin or Professors Frost and Berry, will get the right ideas to begin with. Let him come to the Southern Christian Institute and under our environment he will see visions of service that will equip him for what you want.

Evangelists, it is good that you should plant new Churches, but it is of vastly more importance that you should put to work the Churches we already have. We need more efficient service.

Caroline D. Vandervort

Was born at New Antioch, Ohio, August 24, 183?, and died May 15th, 1913, being 80 years, 9 months and ten days old at the time of her demise. She was the oldest child in a family of eight, five of whom are still living.

She began teaching in the schools of Ohio at sixteen years of age afterwards teaching in Kentucky and Michigan, and for six years (1892-1898) in the Southern Chirstian Institute at Edwards, Miss. So receptive and obedient did she find the colored children that she loved to teach them and said if she could have a thousand years to live she would like to spend itin their service. Every movement for betterment of society appealed to her and she gave herself freely to the cause of temperance and to church work in all its phases, being a devoted member of the Church of Christ for about sixty-eight years. She led a useful, noble and successful life. She was laid to rest at Maldron, Michigan, mourned and honored by the peopie who had known her in the days of her usefulness. The pall bearers were men who had been her pupils years ago, and many other of her pupils were there as sincere mourners. The friends had decorated the Church beautifully with flowers and plants which she loved. The service was conducted by Elder Hacker, pastor of the Christian Church.—STEUBEN REPUBLICAN, published at Angola, Ind.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—

Find enclose fifty cents for six months subscription. Accept many sincere thanks for the copies sent me from the "Sample Copy List" till I could renew my subscription, for I am at a loss without this weekly religious news paper. I enjoy reading the different letters from the Christian brethren and sisters. This paper should be in every home for it is as a light in dark paths.

I hope to meet the Sisters at the convention at Edwards. May each Sister meet to sow a good seed of loving deeds. I pray we may be successful in a financial work as well as spiritual.

am yours for the success of works of our Lord and Master.

Hermanville, Mrs. Julia Flowers.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

Friday night, May 24, Harry and Ruth Prout entertained Lois, Karl, and Paul Lehman, Loraine, Fanchion and Reba Burgess. Japanese lanterns were hung around the spacious dining hall, and everything looked beautiful. Ice cream and other good things were served.

Prayermeetings will be held in the Y. W. C. A. room this summer. Malinda Sneed, Bible 1913, will be the manager. Last Wednesday night, Prof. Burgess spoke for a few minutes on the subject "What would Christ have me to do?"

Supt. Young has a bumper crop of oats. It will be ready to cut before this issue of the PLEA reaches its readers. If no storm injures it, it will be the best ever produced at the S. C. I.

Seven young people have united with the Institute Church of Christ since Commencement, three of them being by confession and baptism.

The Academic English Class is reading books from the Library. The class will study rhetorical figures of speech in connection with their reading.

The new sidewalk to the Printing-office is a great improvement.

The Girls' Summer Literary Society gave the first meeting of the summer term. Their meetings will be held in Smith Hall. The boys will attend their meetings and each alternate Monday night the girls will attend the boys' meetings in the Chapel.

Liberian Christian Institute

All of our boat material has been crossed over the old field and brought down to Schieffelin and stored till we are ready to build it. The porch and rooms around Ross Hall have been framed also south and southwest sides of the Kenoly home a porch has been framed on. These will be covered as soon as the boards are out. Corn, eddoes, turnips, tomatoes, lettuce, celery, carrots, beets, beans, peas, parsely, onions, radishes, sugar cane, musk me'ons, egg plants, water melons,and cabbages are planted. The cabbages came up in two days. We hope before a great while to have some nice vegetables growing for table use. However this is our first trial with vegetables in this country so we do not have much idea as to what the result will be. We are only hoping it will be good. We have eighteen boys and five girls. Our family is on the increase during the last few days. Three boys came last Monday and one this afternoon. We are glad to have these good promising boys to come. I feel that we have a very good set of boys, and I guess I may say as much for the girls.

It seems that the rains have started, not the heavy rains but the light showers are on. We are spending a little time in gathering palm nuts and making oil. Mrs. Smith and her girls turned out two and a half gallons of oil today. If there is no rain to prevent their work tomorrow they will be able to turn out three and a half or four gallons. As the children say, "this is we something to grease with."

God is our refuge and our help at any time of need. So far he has bleesed us with health and strength and has been very near to us at all times. I believe the brother was right when he said they were praying to God to stay the fever from us. I believe brethren your prayers were answered. It is true that we have had a little fever but I believe the worst has been stayed from us, at least for a while.

We thank God for such a man as Bro. Preston Taylor. We hope to hear from others in the same uplifting way. May the means come so much and freely till we may say, "Give us this day our daily bread."

The morrow shall take heed unto itsel f "The master said no more, no more we need,"

We are well.

Yours in His service,

Harry G. Smith.

IN MEMORY OF JACOB BLAIKLEY

(BY JOSEPHINE GARDINER)

What counts in a life when its sun has gone down,
And the stars shine out in the dark?
Is it years that tell? Is it houses or land?
Is it learning's wealth we would mark?
Fame, learning and wealth, like the sunlight's glare,
May blind our eyes with their light;
But the stars of faith and hope and love,
Glow soft in the quiet night.
If faith directed that precious life,
If hope and love filled its days,
If willing toil was gladly given,
If its heart was filled with praise;—
These shall point us the way to eternal day
The night's soft darkness through,—
The stars of faith, hope, love and toil,
As their steady light beams true.

Pres. Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

WHAT! $2000 before September 1st? When we said we wanted to raise $1000 this year we almost felt that we were tempting our faith and a number volunteered to be the ones to give the last one, two, or five dollars. We kept climbing steadily up the hill until at the last report we lacked only $118 of the one thousand. Since then the Lee Avenue Church of Nashville, Tennessee has taken under advisement to adopt the new cylinder press at the S. C. I. as her living link missionary who is to preach to some family in Lum Graded School Fund. We ask in all seriousness. "Why shall we not make it $2000 before September 1st?" It will be well for you to go into your closet and pray over it. Do not let your enthusiasm run away with you. It will take patient and hard work to make it $2000 by September 1st. It will require some reduplication of gifts. That is, some who have already given must give again.

And now a word for next year. In the year 1863 was issued the Emancipation Proclamation. It took till 1865 to show whether it should stand or not. These three years must be made rally years. Our evangelists must be better remunerated and better service must be demanded of them. Our schools must be better equipped. Two more schools are needed. One in South Carolina for the South Atlantic Coast states and the Louisville Christian Bible School should be removed and reorganized and made a school for both girls and boys to supply the demands of the Ohio River States. This should be our Jubilee work. That is, it should be the work to commemmorate the fiftieth year of Emancipation of the Negro. Why not ask our white Christian people for $50,000 to properly equip our schools and evangelistic work and ask the Negro Churches to raise $20,000 in the three years to undertake this new work? By the close of 1914 we ought to have it $7000 and by the close of 1915 it ought to be $20000.

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DELEGATES OF THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE MARCHING ON TO VICTORY

the United States every time the press turns over for twenty years. They believe they will do it, and if they do, this will add six hundred to the amount. The Gay Street Church of the same city is hustling to raise a special offering of $100. The churches in Louisville have pledged over $100 to the fund. Mrs. Mary Alphin of Texas is on fire with the new gospel which is "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." If she comes up with from two to three hundred to the convention, it will still help along. And then Prof. H. D. Griffin has over a hundred dollars worth of pledges out and Bro. Bray boy is certain the Alabama churches will lift up the

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personal

—On June the 7th a telegram was received announcing the death of Mrs. Preston Taylor that morning. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon. Bro. Taylor wishes to thank all his friends for their kindness and tender thoughtfulness during his bereavement. Mrs. Taylor was one of the original Fisk Jubilee singers who made such a record in this country and Europe a half century ago. We trust some one will write for the PLEA an appropriate obituary notice.

—At the recent state Convention at San Angelo, Texas, it was decided that the aim for this year shall be $1000 for the Harlan Memorial, $1000 for Jarvis Christian Institute, $1000 for a saw mill for Jarvis Christian Institute. Thus you see the white sisters of Texas are endeavoring to raise two thousand dollars for the J. C. I. The Negro Churches of Texas can easily raise $1000 next year for their school. The National C. W. B. M. borrowed $2,000 to buy the additional and which gives that school one section of land. This must be paid. They have also voted to begin a boys' dormitory this summer to cost in the neighborhood of $1000. The Convention at Cason should be the beginning of the larger work for Texas. The salary of the state evangelist has been raised $100 and this will enable him to do a more efficient work. The year of Jubilee will begin at Cason.

—Announcement of the graduation of Robert D. Brooks from the Law School of Howard University, Washington D. C. has been received. Eighteen years ago he was a student at the S. C. I. and for a time he was at the head of the Lum Graded School.

—Since returning home from the Workers'Conference Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick has made a report at the State Convention at Little Rock (white) and has visited a number of points in the interest of the work. Her report at the Little Rock Convention made a profound impression.

—At the time of our Farmers' Meeting at the S. C. I. Commencement, Dr. H. H. Howard, Assistant Director of Public Health of Mississippi delivered an address on the Hook Worm. This address was highly enjoyed by all,and the entire school and many of the community submitted themselves for examination. Of the entire number only five had hook worm. Two of these were from Jamaica and two from Liberia and one from Jefferson County, Mississippi. Dr. Howard states he has not found this good record anywhere else. We rejoice in this good report.

—A good many of our readers have expressed a desire for more accurate statistics. To all those we wish to say that we have just made arrangement with Grant K. Lewis for the accomplishment of this purpose. President Lehman will visit all the Conventions this fall it will be possible for him to meet, and he will have report cards with him and will explain them. He will also send a supply to each State Evangelist and he can aid in carrying out this. In this way the next year book will show to us and the world the real story of the work in our Southern field. We confidently expect every one to cooperate fully in this.

Rally Day and other Funds.

The following amounts have been received since our last report.

TEXAS

Clay Street Bible School, Waco, H. Sharp, $1.05

VIRGINIA

Church, Roanoke, J. R. Lauderback,.....9.00
J. H. Thomas, Martinsville,.....1.00
Total for Virginia,.....10.00

TENNESSEE

Church, Lee Avenue,.....1.80

KENTUCKY

Green Street, or Central Church, Louisville, 2.70
Total reported for Rally Day this time.....16 55
Total reported for Rally Day to date,.....555.27

LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE FUND.

Junior Endeavor Society, Payne Street Church 2.00

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Total reported for Liberian Christian Institute to date,.....10.75

FUND STATEMENT

Rally Day,.....555.27
Jarvis Christian Institute,.....278.80
Lum High School,.....39.00
Warner Christian Institute,.....13 00
Liberian Christian Institute,.....10.75
Graduate Fund,.....3.00
Total for all Funds,.....900.42
Amount yet need to make $1000,.....93.58

Thus our readers will see we have past the last mile post towards one thousand and very soon we ought to pass the end of the last mile. Pledges are in to send it way beyond, but since it looks as though we might make it two thousand before September 1st, it is urgent that an effort be made to round up all those Churches and Bible schools that have not yet had a part in this newer work. They should be told that this is the year of Jubilee and the Jubilee will last till the close of the year 1915. Fifty years ago the American slaves were declared free, but they were not really free until the spring of 1915. These must be our years of Jubilee when we will enter into a new and larger freedom, the freedom to work with God for the establishing of a Christ permeated civilization.

At our Workers' Conference Elder R. T. Matlock reported on his own pledge for the Pea Ridge Church, Kerr, Arkansas, $10. This $10 was added into the amounts reported from the Workers' Conference. This week this $10 was received from Henry Martin, but it can not be reported, since it was previously reported.

The time has come for us to aim to get every member of the Church to give not less than $1.00. We can do it. We must do it. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Mississippi

Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper to make our report for District No. 2.

We are glad to say the Lord has spared us to have another district meeting with the Union Hill congregation. We were blessed with good weather and a good delegation, and best of all with the spirit of Christ. Rev. B. C. Calvert and our state evangelist, K. R. Brown were present and made our hearts glad as they spoke about the wonderful cause. It seems to create the best spirit in our midst that we have ever had for a long time. We hope that the churches will continue in that spirit and in the knowledge of Christ.

Churches reported as following:

Hermanville .....$.75.
Christian Chapel.....4.00.
Center Church.....4.00.
Grand Gulf.....5.25.
Union Hill.....5.50.

Rev. R. B. Brown preached a strong sermon from the twenty-eighth chapter of Matt. and the nineteenth verse. His subject was, "Once in Christ." Invitation and the Lord's supper by Eld. S. L. Watt.

Total collection.....$27.30
Expenses.....$5.80.
Turned over to treasurer.....21.50.

Yours for Christ,

S. D. Yarber.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

June 20 22, S. S. Convention, Spencer, Va,

June 28-29, District No. 2 Arkansas, Center Chapel, Sherrill.

July 12-13, C. W. B. M. State Convention S. C. I., Edwards, Miss.

July 21-27, Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention, Nicholasville.

July 26-27, Arkansas State S. S. Convention, Argenta Christian Church.

Aug. 14-17, Mississippi State Convention Port Gibson.

Reports From the Field.

Texas

Synopsis of the State Evangelist's report from August 26th, 1912, to April 1st, 1913.

Days in the field.....143.
Sermons.....66.
Additions.....23.
Subscriptions to the Plea.....11.
Bible Schools reorganized.....3.
Addresses to Bible Schools and other auxiliaries 19.
Letters for publication.....4.
Church officers ordained.....1.
Amount raised on salary.....$239.40.

I have attempted in a brief way to give an account of work done by our State Evangelist, Elder William Alphin; servant of ours as he is, subject to every command, braving all conditions and trusting in God and man for support with no official head responsible for any stipulated sum as monthly [illegible], relying upon true Christian worth and your wag[illegible]ness to give. Do you feel, taking the Texas willing[illegible]ood in a body, that from the amount given Brotherh[illegible] time reported, that we can hope to do by you for [illegible]'ong evangelistic lines in a great state very much a[illegible] like ours?

Much of the t[illegible] collect that which is justly [illegible]ist in coming to us [illegible], could be spent in those his, were it sent to hi[illegible]eded. But why does he places where he is most ne[illegible]s it because we won't have to meet us face to face[illegible]hen he comes; it is pay? No, because we do that [illegible]as a church that from a lack of interest in those thing[illegible]ball those who should concern us most. How long s[illegible]exas Christ go to make up the great body of the [illegible] and pay tian Missionary Convention stand idly by[illegible] that is no heed to the "Death-knell" to the cause, pealing forth in our very ears?

Bro. Alphin, possibly, has not at all times done what we wanted nor come up to our expectations, yet he has done much for the work in Texas for which we should be grateful and mindful; but how true it is, that those things that could be used as a healing balm, a life prolonger, or a sunshine producer, are saved for flora, material to be waisted upon the grave after the battle worn soul has passed into the Great Beyond.

I fear that our ministers and officers take too little interest in educating the laity up to what is expected of the[illegible]m for the maintenance of the State work. The future work of each department if read and explained from time to time to the congregation would be the means of over-coming many of the obstacles that now confront us. From appeals made, and measures passed, and results obtained, do we expend a certain amount set aside each year for minutes as a matter of custom or from results to be obtained?

It is not long until convention; awaken brethren from slumber and make this year a banner year for Christ.

K. B. Polk, Cor. Secretary.

To the readers of the Gospel Plea and especially to the Texas Brotherhood—we are reminded that we have been ushered into the last quarter of our Annual Convention year.

The summer is here. Let us do our best to finish our gleanings of the unsaved, and means for the support of our missions.

I will begin now, and use my best endeavors to secure the best rates to the Shady Grave Convention, and ask the aid of all who can help.

Taylor, M. T. Brown

South Carolina

Editor of the Gospel Plea:- The pictures of the Workers' Conference remind me of my promise to write nearly all of the workers I've met. Allow me to say to them that I am trying to keep my promise and your turn will come in due season.

Allow me to say to all whom I met and especially the group of teachers that bade me good-bye on the porch of Allison Hall, that their picture is ever before me. Also the form of that noble man who stands as a leader and father of the school with his deep concern for the welfare of others, will be an inspiration to me for many days.

Since my return to S. C. I. have been engaged in the pleasant task of portraying on paper the many events that transpired at the S. C. I. This I expect to place before my people here, then before the editor of the Plea for publication, if it does not find its way into the waste basket. Even if it does the pleasure derived from pleasant memories will amply repay me for the event.

I would like to thank the Bible School of Three Mile Creek who gave me $2.20 to aid me on my trip, the Church at Dale and my loyal friends at Chisolm

and Keans Neck for their loyalty to me. I cannot give each by name but the post cards I mailed you from the school show that I thought of you all and always appreciate your kindness.

To the brethren of S. C. Convention: Bro. Lehman will be with us and also sister Bostick. You will also notice that I donated $5 00 for S. C. at the Workers' Conference. Let Three Mile Creek get busy. This is no time to enter into disputes as to who is the greatest. It is the Church that does something that counts. We are expected to be up and doing. Get fifty copies of the PLEA in your Churches and community and you will have fifty workers. Let S. C. fall in line.

I am yours for progessive service,

DALE, EDWIN F. JACKSON.

Tennessee

The writer has just returned from a visit over a part of East Tennessee and Mississippi where he attended the Workers' Conference and the closing exercises at the Southern Christian Institute. My travel in Tennessee was for the purpose of raising money to do some much needed work at Warner Christian Institute, at Jonesboro, Tenn. My success was very good. Raised some cash which has been reported in the PLEA and got a number of pledges which will be paid by the 15th of July. The Jonesboro, Knoxville and Jellico Churches are the ones that have part in this. I expect to visit Bristol, Johnson City, Rogersville and other points soon.

On my way from Tennessee to the S. C. I. where I expected to attend the Workers' Conference, I stopped over one night in Jackson, Miss., with Elder and sister Calvert who made me welcome to their home. The next morning Bro. Calvet and I left for the S. C. I. accompained by sister Brown. On arriving at Edwards we phoned President Lehman for a rig which soon came and in a short while we were at Beulah. Here we met teachers, students and friends who made us feel that we were at the right place. Bro. Jackson of South Carolina soon arrived and joined our company. Saturday and Sunday were spent in attending a District Meeting which was held at the Institute Church. Very soon Elder Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tenn., Bro. Dickerson of the Louisville Bible School and Elder Brayboy of Alabama came. Then as a rushing mighty wind came delegates from eight states. These delegates I would like to mention, name by name, but as they have been announced through the PLEA, hardly think that it is necessary.

Every day of the week of Commencement brought something new to our minds. The Women's and Men's Conferences were the greatest in their history. A new vision has been seen and the Workers are rushing forward to do the biddings of the Master.

From the men's conference three standing committees were appointed. Through these committees we hope to better the Church and mission work.

Among the number of good things that made our hearts rejoice while at the S. C. I. was the good work that is being done in the Bible department. A number of young men and women received certificates from this department. Thursday morning and evening we listened to the promotion class and graduates.

During the week, two lectures were listened to. One from an agriculturist who said many helpful things to the farmers. He also advised every farmer to raise his food stuff at home. The scientific method of farming is fast taking the day and he who fails to get in line will soon have to step down and out. The other was from a specialist who spoke on hook worm.

I need not say anything about the addresses and talks made by the delegates for as you know they were brimful of good things. From the S. C. I. the writer visited relatives and friends in Claiborne and Jefferson counties. While there the writer preached at Forest Grove, Providence, Little Zion, and Fayette churches. The services were good and well attended. From there the writer returned to his home in Jonesboro finding his wife very sick under treatment of the doctor. Glad to say that she is better now.

It seems that there is a great awakening among the Negro disciples. They are coming together as never before Of the $1000 asked for by the C. W. B. M. we have gotten within $118.13 of it. Now, brethren, let us rally for we cannot afford to fall short of this small sum.

Yours for success,

JONESBORO H. D. GRIFFIN.

Read the Kenoly Book!

We make the following special offer, good till October 1, 1913; For one dollar and twenty-five cents, we shall send one year's subscription to the GOSPEL PLEA and that remarkable book, "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly." This applies both to old and new subscribers. The PLEA is getting better and will soon be larger. Address, GOSPEL PLEA, Edwards, Mississippi.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Arkansas.

Dear Editor: We are about to say a few words about the Conference and Commencement held at the S. C. I May 11 15. It was our pleasure to meet some of our leading ministers. Bro. Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tenn. added much strength to the Conference, then our faihtful brother W.H. Dickerson of Louisville, Ky. was there, Bro. Brayboy of Ium, Bro. E. F. Jackson, of S. C. Bro. Alphin and Bro. Robinson, of Texas, K. R. Brown, H D Griffin and others. All gave much inspiration to the meetings. Our faithful brother Pres. Lehman gave the opening address which was helpful to all. Good reports were given by Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Blackburn, and Misses Roxie Sneed, Rose Coycault, Rosa Brown, and Florence Black burn. The president than gave her address.

Monday night the Night School under the leadership of Mrs. Burgess entertained us with a good program. Their motto was "Toiling upward in the Night." Tuesday night the Alumni gave a good program, more than twenty Alumni were present. Wednesday night we enjoyed a musical program by the school given by Miss Tyner. The president of the Men's Conference was at his post in due time with his co-workers. Wednesday afternoon the Farmers' Meeting was in session. All went away feeling they had learned a lot of good and useful things. Thursday morning we witnessed the program of the promotion class. Splendid orations and recitation were given. Thursday afternoon the graduating class had the hour. Dr. Edmonds, pastor of the First Christian Church in Jackson, Miss. gave the class address which was enjoyed.

I think every one returned to their homes determined to do greater things. Let us as Christian workers go there next year to learn still more and let it be the aim to have every Auxiliary reported.

I am now planning to make some visits over the states and I ask your prayers that I may be successful in every undertaking.

Yours for His cause,

Argenta, Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, Organizer.

Annual report of the work from the colored auxiliaries in the various states.

In 1911 we reported 43 auxiliaries and about 30 Missionary Tidings. In 1912 we reported 58 auxiliaries, 78 Missionary Tidings, and 550 women. Report of 1913 auxiliaries 54, (4 disbanded), Missionary Tidings 80, and women about 575. Small reports received from 13 states: Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri, Kansas, Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Louisiana and Ohio. Total number of women in this great army of C. W. B. M. workers, 76,934. Number of Missionary Tidings taken form all sources 37,634. Are we thinking? The amount raised this year in the various colored auxiliaries is about $953. Total raised by the churches about $1000. My friends, we must get busy and do a greater work than ever before. Do you know that the C. W. B. M. paid to the teachers of our schools last year $5,780; besides helping to support evangelists in seven states and helping two state organizers? A number of the Negro disciples in the different states are co-operating and giving large gifts in all lines of Christian work. We have a great work before us and we must all get busy while it is day. We are indeed thankful for this faculty and the great wisdom that is given them each year and for the fruit bearers that go down from this place each year.

We have wealth, intelligence and schools among us; then why not be more progressive? We need more of our leaders to attend the conference at the S. C. I. each year.

Tennessee

Dear Editor of the PLEA: Please find space in your valuable paper for these few words. We are a band of little workers here in this gospel land. We want to place the Bible in every heathen lands that they may read of Jesus and learn to love him too. As every little child ought to do. Jr. C. W. B. M. of the Church of Christ.

Knoxville.

The above society sent $2.00 for the Jacob Kenoly Fund—Editor.

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But to do this we will have to do two things. Every member in every church must have a fellowship in it with not less than one dollar and those Negroes of means in all our states must be made to see that it is incumbent on them to give large gifts.

When you have finished reading this, lay it down and go to your closet andask God to help you to consecrate yourself to do your part. The new year of Jubilee has come when the Negro is to find a new freedom, a freedom to have a part in the great work of making America a Christ permeated land. Let us hear from you what you think of the NEW Jubilee.

Additional Personals

—We can not make the PLEA 16 pages till our young men become more familiar with the new press and the paper cut to our present size is exhausted. If there is too much matter pressing in on us we will make a few twelve page issues.

—The standing in the contest for subscriptions is as follows: Rank I, Texas—5 for largest number of new subsciptions; 5 for the largest amount of money sent in for subscriptions; 4 for the largest number of old subscribers who paid up for a year in advance before their time was out. Rank II, Arkansas 4 tied Texas in largest number of old subscribers paying up. Rank III, Tennessee—3 the sending in the highest average amount of money for each subscriber receiving points. What will the record be when the next report is made?

—GOSPEL PLEA, Serial No. 95, is still on the press. Everybody in the office did his best to get it out on time. The greatest hindrance was the "breaking in" of the new cylinder press. We thought it best to start on No. 96 and try to get it out on time. All our readers will get the issue for June 14, 1913, as soon as we can finish it.

—The following subscriptions have been received: Mrs. Julia Flowers, Hermanville, Miss., Subsciption No. 120; Eld C. G. Griffin, Tillman, Miss., No. 150; Mrs. Malinda Clark, Bay City, Tex , No. 150; Geo. W. Ivy, Sherrill, Ark., No. 125; P. C. Fludd, Charleston, S. C. No. 150; M. F. Roberson, Louisville, Ky., No. 125; Mrs. M. E. Mead, Louisville, Ky., No. 150; Mrs. G. W. Prout, Summer, Ill., No. 150; Geo. W. Lacky, Lawrenceville, Ill., No. 150; Rev. Henry Jackson, Edwards, Miss., No. 150; Mrs. W. M. Butcher, Wathena, Kansas, No. 150; Mrs. Anna Butcher, Oak Mills Kansas, No. 150.

—In some way we omitted the name of Prof. H. D. Griffin, Jonesboro, Tenn., from the list of delegates to the Workers' Conference. Prof. Griffin was present with all his enthusiasm to help out in all the ways possible.

—Prof. J. H. Thomas, Martinsville, Va., writes concerning their recent Commencement: "It was the most successful and encouraging in some respects that we have ever had. It was such an agreeable surprise to have so many of our white friends attend."

Bro. W. H. Dickerson, of Louisville, assisted in the funeral of Sister Georgia Minor Gordon Taylor. The leading pastors of Nashville, white and colored paid tribute to her beautiful Christian character. Next week we hope to give a more extended account of the funeral.

—The Church at Hagerstown, Md., where Bro. F. C. Cothran ministers, has recently installed a new twelve hundred dollar pipe organ.

—The Third Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., where Bro. W. H. Dickerson, one of the associate editors of the PLEA, ministers, has recently been treated to a fine new coat of paper.

—The following is clipped from the IOWA TIDINGS: Mr. Lewis Hurt, now in College of Missions, will start for Liberia in June, and expects to reach Mr. Ross on the latter's birthday, July 28th. Dr. Pearson will go also, but will stop in London for a course in tropical diseases, and reach Liberia later. The people so need a doctor. They come for miles for Mr. Ross to treat them. He gives them salves, quinine, camphor, and prescribes baths, massage and clean teeth. They feel better, and are coming to think that Mr. Ross is really a doctor; but he tells them, "No—the Doctor is yet to come." It will be a great relief when Dr. Pearson can be there, for the missionaries themselves will feel safer, to say nothing of the work to be done among the natives.

—The following sad news will be received with sorrow by the students of the Southern Christian Institute of former years, and the many friends of the school who have chanced to visit us during the last twenty years: This morning, June 18, word came from the little cabin on Mt. Beulah that "Uncle Mack" is dead. He was a slave. He was highly respected by everybody. Many will ask God's blessings upon his faithful companion who is left to mourn his loss.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

Tuesday, June 6, was a red letter day at the Institute Canning Factory. How would you have enjoyed being present when the girls in that department put up five hundred and thirty quarts of plums in one day. One set of girls under the direction of Miss Hunt goes out and brings the plums in by the barrels full and another set of girls under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Young, Supt. of the Canning Department, prepares the fruit and does the canning. Those in charge say we must have three thousand quarts of plums this year. On June 6, they had seventeen hundred and fifty two quarts. One reason why the folks at Mt. Beulah love the place so much is that there is "something doing" all the time.

A word or two concerning former Academic students: 11. Henry Miles is married and owns property in Memphis; 12 Leona Page,—the writer has lost track of her; 13. Minnie Walker is at her home near Edwards; 14. Joetta Young.—we do not where she is; 15. Samuel Cotterell graduated at the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, and is now practicing at Georgia;16. Katie Banks is at home in Edwards; 17. Virgia Broomer married E. W. Willis and lives in St. Louis; 18. Gabriel Brock, living in Arkansas the last the writer heard; 19. Oscar Byrd is an electrician and a worker in his home Sunday school at Waco, Texas; 20. Birdsee Calvert, pastor of the Christian Church in West Jackson, Mississppi. Note: We would be glad to hear from all former Academic students; we want you to know that Mt. Buelah never forgets you. Address, School Note Writer, Gospel Plea, Edwards, Miss.

The Institution has recently secured a boiler and engine from Mr. Flowers in Warren County. The boiler has been installed in the Planing Mill. The boiler that was in there has been taken beyond the barn and will be used for buzzing wood and for running the theshing machine. We now have three steam engines and two gasolene engines. When the steam engines all get to whistling at once we have plently of music.

Elijah Killebrew, of Sabino, Mississippi, who was in school two or three years ago writes that he intends to enter the S. C. I. again this year. His friends will be sorry to learn that his father recently lost his house and household goods by fire.

R. H. Davis, S. C. I. 1913, has been elected permanent pastor of the Edwards Christian Church, and has entered enthusiastically upon his duties.

Miss Lois Lehman who is visiting in Angola, Indiana, writes that she is enjoying herself very much.

Miss Josephine Gardiner who will have charge of our Primary School this coming year is enjoying a few weeks' rest at the Alden home in Hiram, Ohio.

Liberian Christian Institute

Since last I wrote we have been having a good many showers. Some of the things we planted two weeks ago are coming up nicely. The Irish potatoes are not coming yet. I judge they were planted two weeks soon and the sand was too hot thus they were parched in the ground. Our corn, cabbage, tomatoes, radish, musk melon, and eddoes are coming up nicely.

Many boys and girls are wanting to come to our mission, but it is a matter of room with us. What a splendid thing it would be if all of these boys and girls could be taken into schools of this kind and taught higher living and how to work. I feel that the day is not far off when more schools of this character will be built for this people It seems so pitiful to listen to the earnest plea of the parents when they bring their children to the mission. "I did not have the chance" they say, "but I am so glad my child will have a better chance than I" "Boy," they say, "you must be good and learn." Have a good heart, meaning to say, you must be honest.

I made three trips a few weeks ago in one night in that crooked, small part of the Junk river in order to get home Sunday morning. It was thundering and threatening for a heavy tropical rain and wind storm every minute. All around was darkness in an African jungle swamp, the only light being the lightning. From six till twelve o'clock at night I trusted it all to him and came through alright. These things make us love the cause of the Master just that much more. I am glad I can do these things for Jesus' sake.

And what is a life?—A weary pilgrimage whose glory in one day fills the stage with childhood, manhood and old age. How much more will life in the beyond mean if we live our best through these three stages of action. God help us to do all we can for the kingdom and humanity while on the stage of action. We are well.

I am yours in His service,

HARRY G. SMITH.

Pres. Lehmann

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What is Real Growth?

Much educational energy has been wasted because the men who directed it did not have clearly defined in their minds what was aimed at in education. Most of them thought of education as a development of the intelletual faculties which produced a culture that gave certain advantages to those who had attained it. They thought of education as a means to make life easier and in an indefinite way they thought of the educated as a privileged caste. But the human family gained nothing from them. As a rule their education was of such selfish tendencies that they did not even care to make the sacrifice to raise a good family of their own and we gained nothing permanently by their education.

The truth of the matter is, the divine scheme of education contemplates something of far more importance than mere intellectual development which is simply a consequent. In the old barbarian society from which we all sprang, a set of passions developed into instincts. Envy, hatred, jealousy, lust, anger, fighting and war lust were as necessary to the preservation of life in that society as the horn of the cow was to her preservation in the wild state. These passions, if unchecked, develop as naturally in our children as the weeds spring up in a poorly tilled soil.

When Christianity came to us it was for the purpose of destroying those old barbarian passions and developing in their stead a new set of passions called the Christian virtues, charity, love, chastity and good works. Eternal life was impossible in the old barbarian passions. They looked to the jungle life as the weeds look to the abandoned field. While the Christian virtues look to true education as a beautiful fields of corn look to thristy husbandry. The old barbarian passions necessitated standards suited to them. The new Christian virtues have standards suited to the life they make possible; but they are diametrically opposed to each other. What the barbarian passions called virtues, the Christian virtues call vices; What the barbarian passions called vices the Christian virtues call virtues. The man in the jungle praised the man who could hold spite and had the capacity for a lustful life; the Christian calls that vice. The man in the jungle despised the man who forgave his enemy and lived chaste; the Christian makes a hero of him.

Thus it is clear that a true development, and therefore a true education, is the atrophying of the barbarian passions and the development of the Christian virtues, and intellectual growth is incidental to that. Judged by this standard many of our universities will yield the race no permanent good. The only standard they set up is intellectual growth and oftimes the college life is such that the old barbarian instincts are cultivated. In a kind of hazy way we have the notion that the Sunday-school can remedy this situation. It is, indeed, our only present remedy; but no permanent good can come until we discover that we dare not make the distinction between secular education and the Sunday-school. Trying to educate the youth as we now do in the university is like trying to do up to date farming but allowing the weeds to go to seed. When our educational system will once undertake to develop the conscience as much as the intellect, we will have no more trouble with trust magnates and Godless labor leaders. The saloon and house of ill fame, the last vestige of the worship of Baal and Ashtoreth yet remaining with us, owe their existence wholly to the fact that we have not educated the conscience of our children.

Many of our universities were disgusted with the world's sectarian jealousies and so organized what they called non-sectarian schools; but in reality they made non religious schools and so gave up the one vital principle of education. There is no wonder that the moral conduct of the student body about those centers is so bad They sought to develop intellect while the barbarian instincts were left untouched. They thought it a feat worthy their effort to see how big a stalk of corn they could raise in a field of weeds.

The plan of work at the Southern Christian Institute is entirely different. We believe the standard set by the Saviour when he said, "What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul," is the only true one. The development of the conscience with the intents and purposes of

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Personals

—We have received the program for the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Christian Churches in Kansas at the Eighth St. Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, Aug. 7-10. It is a well prepared program. We would like to print it in full. Among those who are to take part are: S. W. Scott, G. T. Murray, David Johnson, B. C. Duke, H. L. Brown, E. D. Crittendon, Mrs. Lucy Bridgewaters, H. J. Burton, E. Johnson, Sophia Burton, B. F. Tydings, Ella Smith, J. A. Graves, J. D. Smith, Triney Frey, Mrs. Roy Weeks, W. M. Butcher, Prof. Sawyer, and Mrs. Espanola Scott.

—The subscription of the following expire with Serial Number 100 (issue for July 19, 1913): Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Minnie White, Ellen Edwards, Miss Ada Coffee, Eddie Vaughn, Eld. A. L. W. Shields, L. H. Hurndon, Mrs. C. Waldon, Mrs. Minnie Christian, Charles Harris. We hope these will want to help their states out in the subscription contest. Be sure to get the money here before the above date in order to count. Address GOSPEL PLEA, Edwards, Mississippi.

—The following subscriptions have been received: B. F. Tydings, Lawrence, Kansas; Subscription Number 125; G. Thompson, Topeka, Kansas, No. 125.

—Two Junior Endeavor Societies have promised $25.00 to buy a yoke of bullocks for the workers at the Liberian Christian Institute to use in farming and hauling.

—We have received a splendid article written by Mrs. Ella Pickman, Martinsville, Va., on the subject, "The Need of Mission Work," which will be published soon.

—It will be impossible for us to print the Program of meeting of the Second District Union to be held at Gallilee Christian Church, near Holly Hill, South Carolina, June 28 29, before it occurs. We trust the brethren may have a spiritual feast.

—Kansas is waking up in the subscription contest, and appears to be rushing Texas. You say your state board needs money. Why not kill two birds at one shot? Add power to the PLEA by sending money for subscription, and at the same time win Rank I. or Rank II. and get some money for your State Board. Remember our check comes to the winners Octobers 1, 1913.

—Prof. W. H. Dickerson writes that in many repects the recent commencement of the Louisville Christian Bible School was the best in its history.

—We intended to make this issue twelve pages, but we just could not get to it. After the Fourth, we hope to do better. If you have ever been a printer, you know how things pile up sometimes.

Notice

To the Churches of Christ in South Carolina, take notice that the right hand of fellowship has been withdrawn from H. Husser, a former Minister of the Church of Christ in this State on charges of gross immorality. This step has been taken only after repeated warnings and efforts to reclaim him have been unavailing. He is therefore unworthy of the confidence and respect of the brotherhood.

E. F. Jackson, President of Board

M. J. Duggins, Vice President

J. L. Wood, State Evangelist.

Reports From the Field

Mrs. Georgia Minor Taylor's Funeral Largely Attended.

Fisk Jubilee Singers Pay Last Tribute of Respect.

The funeral of Mrs. Georgia Minor Taylor was held at the Lea Avenue Christian Church Monday, June 9th. The church was packed; there was hardly standing room, and the streets were lined with people. The many beautiful designs were an evidence of her wide circulation of friends and was a glowing tribute to the distinguished lady.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Dickerson. The hymn, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," was sung by the choir, after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Sexton, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church. The Fisk Jubilee Singers sang "In Bright Mansions Above." The 23rd and 24th Psalms were read by Rev. Spencer Jackson, Pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The Fisk Jubilee quartette sang, "We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

Prof. H. H. Wright, of Fisk University, gave a brief history of the life of the deceased. He said in part: "Georgia Gordon was born in Nashville, September 24, 1855. She attended the public schools and also attended Fisk University when it was first opened in the Soldiers' Barracks. When the Jubilee Singers went on their mission to secure money for the help of the institution, she went with them. She was later married to Rev. Preston Taylor, and was the mother of one child, which died in its infancy. She was of a generous disposition, helping many worthy causes by gifts and counsel, free of charge. She has been a help to her husband in all of his work.

The faculty and students of Fiske University remember her as a Jubilee singer and always hear her name in connection with the story of the Jubilee singers. Her name is cherished in the University, and every year she is thought of with greater and greater appreciation. When we were getting up a large concert to be given at Ryman Auditorium for the Fisk Endowment Fund, she was one of the first to purchase tickets. She was loyal to the school and she will always be well remembered by us." In closing he extended his sympathy to the family, church and community.

Reminiscences were then heard from Mrs. Ella Sheppard Moore, pianist of the Fiske Jubilee Singers and one of the original troupe, who traveled abroad with Mrs. Taylor, singing before kings and queens. In her remarks she said; "Long before Fisk Jubilee Singers come forth we went out every Friday and Saturday in the city of Nashville and nearby towns, singing in order to secure money for Fisk. We then went forth with Fisk Jubilee Singers to secure money to pay off the debt which the school had accumulated. This work succeeded far beyond our expectation. Twenty thousand dollars was raised with which the land where Jubilee Hall now stands was purchased; $165,000 was raised to erect buildings for this school. Georgia was very useful. She sang in jails, hospitals and everywhere her musical talent could comfort and sustain. We never went to a concert without first asking the presence of God. When we were called to sing before Queen Victoria she said she had never had anything to comfort her more since the death of Prince Edward. We sang before large crowds in Scotland and were called time and time again to sing before a king or queen. We sang at a great meeting held by Dr. Moody in London, and when our voises went out in that crowd as we sang "Angels are Hovering Round" the people seemed to think that angels had really come down from heaven."

"Swing low sweet chariot," was next sung by the Jubilee Quaratette, afer which a few remarks were made by Elder A. N. C. Williams, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Franklin, who told of how she aided Rev. Taylor in the building of his church. Remarks were then made by Dr. R. Lin Cave, pastor of the Woodland Street Christian Church, who has known Mrs. Taylor for years and who has known Rev. Taylor from childhood. He said that the colored race was beginning to realize that life was worth while and that they must have the confidence of their own race and also of the white race.

A tribute was then paid by Dr. Carey Morgan who, though a stranger, had gathered a full estimate of the life of the deceased and endorsed what had been said. He spoke of the beautiful designs as tributes of respect.

The closing remarks were then made by Rev. W. H. Dickerson. He said; "We shall not know the worth and influence of our dear sister who is gone to her home on high, in this life, but we shall know it better when the mists have rolled away." He told of the many messages that had been re-

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Addtional Educational Notes

Jarvis Christian Institute

Elder T. B. Frost reports two good sermons at Cason, June 1st; one reclaimed.

Elder T. B. Frost preached at Big Sandy June 8th; three took membership with them.

Superintendent Frost and Prof. Berry spent one day last week screening the first story of the dormitory. We rejoiced to see the set of Black-smith tools come in on June 8, given by Major Jarvis of Fort Worth, Texas.

The 10 acres of J. C I. cotton has been chopped and is looking nice; 10 acres of corn is being laid by.

I wonder if the Texas people don't hear the anvil ringing at the J. C. I.

Superintendent Frost says no more dull plows. As these notes are b ing written the writer can hear the continuation of the hammer pang, pang on the anvil making ready some tools for work.

Mrs. Frost and children attended service at the Methodist Church of Hawkins on the 8th; a good service reported Brother and Sister Pouncy were welcome visitors at the J. C. I., June 8th Co ne a gain, Brother and Sister Pouncy.

While Prof. Berry was alone on the campus Sunday, June 8th he was agreeably surprised by the unexpected call of three young ladies. We are sure he enjoyed them.

Dear Editor ofthe PLEA:—

We, the members of Shady Grove, are still trying to work for the Master. Yet I am sorry to say in my letter that we have lost our Churches at Cason, Texas. Tuesday night, June 17th; both Shady Grove Christian Church and a Baptist Church were destroyed by fire from unknown parties. There was preaching at the Baptist Church the same night. After preaching there was a mass meeting held to arrange for the June tenth celebration; dismissing about 1:12 a. m. and before the congregation were all home the light was seen from the burning of the Texas buildings at the same time. Both Churches were a total loss, no insurance.

Brother T. B. Frost being our pastor, I am sure it will be a shock to him to hear of our misfortune. Of course this is the work of Satan done by the hand of some poor, weak, needy, creature that has let Satan over come him in this life so far. Yet we are living in hope that his secret will be revealed to the world some day.

We can't stop here, the Master's work must go on at Cason. We are preparing for the State convention here, August 19 24, 1912.

This has set us off some, but by help of the Almighty and the good people of Cason and its surrounding vicinity, we shall still be proud to entertain the Convention. We are now preparing for our District Convention to be held at the J. C. I., Jure 27-29. We will use every effort possible to be on hand at the beginning of the meeting. We desire the prayers and aid of the brotherhood in our struggles to rebuild.

Cason, W. G. Doody.

Missouri

The Third District of the Missouri Christian Missionary Society, held its tenth annual meeting with the Church of Christ at Frankford, May 28 31.

Reports from, Hannibal, New London, Center Salisbury, Huntsville, Madison, Middleton, Louisville, Hillsdale and Frankford, were made which showed a general growth along all lines.

Rev. G. A. Terry, the president of this District had a well arranged program and each session seemed more and more inspiring.

The Sunday School department reported, $7.32. The C. W. B. M. department reported, 8.00. The Churches of the District reported 64.96. Total amount raised by the District for state missions, 80 28. Two were added to the Church by confession and baptism, during the meeting. The meeting adjourned Sunday night with appropriate resolutions to meet with the State Convention at Hannibal.

Fraternally,

J. B. Parsons.

Texas

Editor GOSPEL PLEA:—

Please allow space in the column of the PLEA for me to mention that I resigned my pastorate with Paris Church, have accepted the work at Taylor. The prospects are not great but we are hopeful. Have been with them ten days, It was mine to pull off their Rally for church debt Sunday, June 1st. Collection $81.90. Last Sunday we collected $20 00 and added to this. This is medium for a membership of 50 who have been pastorless ten months. Let Texas Churches get ready for the August Convention.

Respectfully,

M. T. Brown.

ceived by Rev. Taylor in his hour of bereavement. These messages appear elsewhere. Rev. Dickerson said further that life does not consist of satisfying the sense of hearing, sight or touch, but the greatest thing in life that is said of a character was said by God of Moses. He said, "Moses my servant is dead." The greatest thing that I can say is that a servant has gone home to rest. A servant of God—she has been a shelter in the time of storm. She has sheltered her husband and he has sheltered her.

The Jubilee Quartette sang, "My sister's took her flight and gone home." The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. A. G. Coombs, rector of the Episcopal Church.

The remains were interred at Greenwood Cemetery.

—The Nashville Globe.

Mississippi

The Quarterly meetings are over and we are now looking forward to the convention which will convene at Port Gibson, August 14-17. It is there we hope to meet all the ministers and a good delegation from each congregation. Let us come together with the spirit of Christ forgetting ourselves looking to the advancement of the Master's cause.

The commencement at the S. C. I. is now a thing of the past. It was the best in the history of the Institution. The Workers' Conference was a real success, eight states were represented, and the ministers from the different states brought a ray of sunshine. Plans were laid to bring a closer relation between the various congregations and the larger work of the Church. The time has come that we must succeed and a united effort is the only way to bring real success. We hope to so represent the work in the different fields of labor as to create an interest that will cause a larger attendance of the ministers and laymen to the Workers' Conference next year. Time is passing and our day is moving on. We must work while it is day; night comes when no man can work. If you mean to do the work of the Church now is the time. The Workers' Conference has caught a vision of the larger work. How can you stay on the outside looking for the way? Say we can do this and then come and put your time, talent, and money in the onward move for Christ and his cause.

The fifth Lord's Day in June will be Rally Day with the Christian Church at Mound Bayou. Bro. Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee will be present. He will come three days a head and will preach two nights at the Christian Church before the fifth Lord's day. From there he will go to Port Gibson and spend a night or two.

We are planning to commence a ten days' meeting in Greenville commencing on the 23rd of June. Remember we have no house of worship—only a few disciples. We hope to be able to get the disciples together and add others that we may commence to keep house for the Lord right. Any congregation or individual that feels to help the Master's cause may send help to K. R. Brown, Greenville, Miss. Whatever you send will be gladly received and rightly used. To succeed we must have support. We will let you hear from us.

The Sunday School convention promises to be a success. May God bless you.

Yours,

K. R. Brown.

Texas

Dear Editor:—

Allow me a space in your paper. I feel that you will be surprised to hear from me. But I have been rather busy. I have the work of the Circleville Church moving on nicely. I had quite a time to get it in a working shape. Now we have a hundred dollar rally on for the third Sunday in July. Hoping we may have a grand success in raising that amount of money; please pray for us that we may have a success. The second Sunday in this month was given to the C. W. B. M. We had quite a crowd out, the president failed to meet us, I dont know the cause.

I hope the state is wide awake endeavoring to raise the amount of money we want to raise. I can't hear anything from the secretary or the State Evangelist nor the President of the state board. Brethren, wake up and let us go, for the time that knows us now shall soon know us no more for he that hath, shall have abundance, and he that hath not shall be taken away even that he seems to have.

Brethren, the Bible says it is more precious to give than to receive. I am expecting to go to Davilla Church the second Sunday in July.

Yours truly in Christ,

Eld. Isaac Crayton.

Read the Kenoly Book!

We make the following special offer, good till October 1, 1913; For one dollar and twenty-five cents, we shall send one year's subscription to the Gospel Plea and that remarkable book, "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly." This applies both to old and new subscribers. The Plea is getting better and will soon be larger. Address, Gospel Plea, Edwards, Mississippi.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Texas

In The Field.

On May 15th we arrived at Beaumont, Texas, and was met by the pastor, I. J. Green, who carried us to the home of Brother and Sister Simmons. Here we had a comfortable home and enjoyed every minute of our stay. Brother and Sister Simmons are deeply interested in the Church. Their home is known as the preacher's home. For years they have cared for those who have been laborers in the vineyard.

On Saturday afternoon we had our first meeting with the auxiliary sisters. It was our best meeting in the week that we had been able to have with these sisters.

The new president, Mrs. Ed Oliver seems anxious to learn more of the work. She wants Beaumont Auxiliary to be second to none in the state. We were glad to see the pastor active in this work, and we were not surprise that he was for he is a product of the Louisville Bible School; not one of those who went for a few months and came out claiming to be from Louisville. He stayed in school until he finished his Biblical course. It will mean much to our Church work to have these young men in Texas. Many good ministers fail for lacking to be able to have an active Church along all lines. The pastor and sisters assured us that Beaumont meant to do her best and make report after this.

On Sunday morning we were given half of the service. The officers just insisted that we shall have every service. In the evening the whole service was ours. This afternoon service was given us, as one Sister Parker and husband had asked that they have afternoon service so they might come. These are white Christians and Brother Parker is an elder in his Church; he could not leave in the morning.

Brother Elders of the colored Church of Christ, why do you not feel the responsibility resting upon you? How many of our people want to be in office and absent themselves from the service?

We had a splendid audience and an attentive one in the afternoon. We were glad to have Brother and Sister Parker with us. It is the first time we had had white Christians in our meetings since we have been doing mission work in Texas. It was a helpful service. When we were finished Sister Parker had a few words to say; in these few she touched the audience—and they saw her not as a white woman but a Christian woman. At night again the pastor insisted on us saying something. We felt somehow it was good for us to be here. We found new life in the Church. An excellent choir rendered praise service before the beginning of the service. The officers were in their places, not only at the Sunday-school services, but in the prayer meeting.

Beaumont Church has taken on new life and we believe that she has a great field before her. One officer said to me, "Sister Alphin we like Brother Green; he does not think we should always abide by his decision. He likes to counsel with his officers over matters." A church with an official board doing business for the Church—planning for its spiritual growth, with a trained man in the pulpit will soon make itself felt in a city like Beaumont.

The Ladies Aid added $1.50 to our collection. A reception was planned for us on Monday night by the Ladies Aid, but as we could not stay they added this amount to our collection. We received $6 66

The following subscribed five dollars on J. C. I.: Sam Allen, Lee Kilcrease, Joe Dickson, Mrs. Minnie Flemmings. J. S. Johnson and G. W. Twiggs two dollars and fifty cents each; Johnie Gilder and Mrs. E. Gordon, one dollar each.

Praising His name for the helpful service at Beaumont and feeling that we as a people are beginning to grow and take Texas for Christ, we must push the J. C. I. with all our might and strength. Praying for His guidance and help that we may have more wisdom and strength to push the work,

I am yours for service,

Waco, Mrs. W. M. Alphin.

"I am but one;
But I am one,
I can not do everything,
But I can do something.
What I can do I ought to do,
And what I ought to do
God helping me, I will do."

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life must be looked after first. The intellectual development will follow as a natural consequence. Education is not to make a selfish caste. It is to teach our children to do their part of the world's work with the unselfishness of the great master teacher, Christ. If we can give the Negro race such an education in the start of their career, there will be almost no limit to the possibilities of their future.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:- As our paper, the GOSPEL PLEA has been enlarged, we who are doing anything worthy of reporting ought to write often and keep it filled with good things. Since we have an enlarged paper let us, brethren, say something along doctrinal lines. Give each other the advantage of your ideas.

There are lots of folks who would subscribe for the paper just for what they might find along scriptural lines. Everybody don't have the same tact. Some like stew while others like stake. Give each one what he wants and he will speak a good word for the paper, thus enlarging it to have a wide circulation. What the Negro Churches have been needing for years is a paper large enough to take up all phases of the Kingdom. The laity of the Church need to know more about the plea we are making. When boiled down to a fine point you will find that a great majority of our people don't know why they are Christians. This should not be for Christ has said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." If a man is free from sin he is a Christian. But mark you the freeing process is in knowing and obeying the truth. Hear the inspired Peter: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth." (1 Pet. 1:22) Again, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it must first begin at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (1 Pet. 4:17).

Believing that men must obey the truth in order to inherit eternal life, the 4th Sunday in May found me with the Moorhead Christian Church of which I am pastor. This was a beautiful day, and our services were good day and night. The text for the morning service was found Luke 2: 11. As usual, the members were stirred to do more for the Master's cause. At the night service a woman who seems to have spent many summers in this world, came forward and confessed before a large audience that she believed with all her heart that Jesus Christ is God's Son. Well might we rejoice for ANGELS around the throne rejoice when one comes making this good confession.

Do you ask whether we were at Indianola the first Sunday or not? No use asking, you know I was there. You need need not wonder about Indianola for it comes "across" with the hard cash.

Our morning service was hindered greatly on the part of a funeral and marriage. Yet we must say the service was a good one. A large crowd turned out to hear the words of eternal life the first Sunday night, and was not disappointed. The writer took for his text John 9:4. "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day." This passage showed that this does not simply refer to our dying days as many suppose, but has reference to our opportunities. As a result, three were added to the Indianola Christian Church. The work is growing nicely at this place. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

From Indianola the writer went to Cedar Bluff. Here we held our regular services at Pilgrim Rest the second Sunday; a crowded house was ours to speak to. It would have indeed been a great day at Pilgrim Rest had we not been stormed out at the evening service. Pilgrim Rest is one of those points that need a deal of training along the line of giving. Those who preached for them prior to my election as pastor preached for nothing, and in so doing spoiled the people at this place. Some of them feel that it is almost a crime to give. It is hard indeed to make them see that it is a part of their Christian life; still we must say there is a great change in some of them. Others will learn through patient toil.

We haven't forgot Educational Rally. We are going to have a hand in bringing it up to the $1000 mark. All of my churches are in debt which makes it hard to get them to give to anything else. Pray for us.

I want to ask again that the Brethren of the state remember that the 5th Sunday of this month is RALLY DAY for Jackson Church. Don't forget us please. The Jackson Christian Church is your baby. You know you won't forget to see about your little ones. We have been crying and are still crying for bread. Give us a morsel. Let each pastor ask his church to take the collection even if he cannot be there. If all the churches send in a little it will help greatly. We will be thankful for whatever amount you give.

Yours for righteousness and peace,

B. C. Calvert

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

The following final plum report comes to us from our Canning Factory: three thousand and thirty one quarts. These were all picked and canned by our young women.

The writer recently attended the students' Wednesday evening prayermeeting and this was just about the order of service. Mabel Thompson, leader. Meeting began promptly on time. Florence Blackburn, College 1914, was the leader of song; Kate Jackson, Bible 1915, was at the organ. There was an opening song; scripture reading and prayer by the leader; song by the audience; prayer by four of our young people; duet by Florence Blackburn and Nancy Jennings, College 1914; a series of prayers; short talks by Nancy Jennings; Plantation Melody, "Steal away to Jesus," by the audience; Short Sermon, by Timothy Barnett, Bible 1914; Invitation song; Benediction. It was one of the best prayermeetings the writer has ever attended.

The work on Crawford Cottage is being pushed right along by the boys of the Carpentry Department. When completed this will be a delightful home for the Principal and his family.

The writer has just returned from the threshing machine. The way the oats came out would remind one of Illinois or Indiana. Supt. Young has "a smile that won't come off."

The following officers were elected at the regular business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association last Saturday night: James Rundles, President; Frank Coleman, Vice President; Stanford Matthews, Treasurer; Arby Jacobs, Secretary. The regular devotional meetings held on Sunday afternoon, are very helpful. They are well attended.

Liberian Christian Institute

At this writing Mr. Ross is in Monrovia looking after freight. Four boys, Ben, Charley Marshall, Charley Williams and Bob will go to Monrovia with canoe to join three other boys who walked from Paynesville to Monrovia with Mr. Ross, Saturday. These seven boys will bring a load of freight home, Tuesday.

Our corn, cabbage plants also sugar cane are doing fine so far. We are now planting out some cassava. A good many of our garden seeds did not come up. The rain is coming pretty regular now a days.

Steven Hilton and Isaac Louis are the latest boys added to our students list. School is not open yet.

Mrs. Smith organized an auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. with 13 members today. I tell you it was a happy meeting. We hope all may only prove faithful.

Today is the beginning of your great week at S. C. I. I pray that God's blessings may be on you. May many hearts be inspired to greater things for God's kingdom.

My best wishes go with those who have fought well and are now closing their school days to begin a larger work for mankind.

I need four hundred yards of good heavy hog-proof wire to make a small pasture for pigs. This should be forty eight inches high.

What Church, auxiliary or individual will help our cause that much?

Brethren, you must hurry for every day delayed in this dark land is a battle lost to the cause.

In His cause,

Harry G. Smith.

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We hope to make the Educational Department a very interesting part of our paper. All of our schools are kindly invited to send in items of interest for it. Our readers are also asked to contribute Educational notes.

Pres. Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Great Wisdom Needed.

ANY ONE who can at all read the signs of the times can see that great changes are impending in the South. In April a great Sociological Congress was held in Atlanta attended by about one thousand delegates about equally divided between the Negroes and white people. The white delegates came largely from our Southern Colleges and the things they contended for were the questions of simple justice the Christian Missionary Schools have all the time striven for. At the recent Teachers' Association at Jackson the Jeans Fund teachers from Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi held three sessions. Dr. J. H. Dillard, Dr. J. H. Caldwell and Dr. Leo. M. Favrat, all Southern white educators, were greatly in evidence in all phases of the work. At this same Teachers' Association it was announced that the Mississippi Fair Association has decided to put up a large building in the center of the grounds for Negro exhibits and to erect suitable restaurants, rest rooms, etc. and to give two important days wholly up to them, and they gave assurance that they will be made welcome on any other days. On my trips about our Southern states I am accorded a welcome and a distinction that make it easy to bring the importance of this great work before them.

Now with this great opening comes also a great responsibility upon the Negroes. If they now show proper humility and true appreciation of these things there is no reason why they should not go right on to the full realization of all the good things that Christian people have prayed for. If, on the other hand, they do not show the proper humiliation and a true appreciation of these things, the tide can as easily go out again as it came in. When we say proper humility we do not mean the cringing of the slave which deadens the mind We mean the humility Christ taught in the parable of the feast when he showed how much better it is to take a lower room and wait to be invited higher than to take a higher room and be asked to give way to a more honorable man.

In the past many have withheld from the Negroes all titles of distinction as Mr., Rev., Dr., etc. and he felt that he had to contend for his rights and then went to the other extreme and felt offended when Mr. was not used and attached D. D. to men who had not passed the sixth grade and some who had taken a correspondence course attached Dr. of Philosophy to their names. When we consider all the surrounding circumstances we do not wonder that it is so. In fact the white people have often set a very poor example in this respect. But now how much nicer it is for the Negroes to go modestly on and do the educational and social and religious work that is so much demanding their time and let the people, South as well as North, give them titles as they have earned them, than for them to go out demanding titles, which have been a great curse to the white people in their Church work of the past, and forgetting that work is to be done. If, in this hour of great opportunity, the leaders of the Negro race can teach them to show the humility Christ taught in the parable of the feast, a great kingdom awaits them, the kingdom of becoming an important part of God's force for building up and conserving the Christian civilization. The law, around which no man can get, is that "Whosoever humbleth himself shall be exalted; and whosoever exalteth himself, shall be humbled." Many an humble servant has become great in the eyes of God and man, while many a proud and haughty man who went out to battle for his honor was humiliated to the dust.

If the Negro were humble enough to go to work to do the best he could, before the year 1945 practically all the old worn out farms would be in his possession and restored to their original fertility This would make him a powerful factor in the world's work. But God will never give him such a distinction unless he shows himself worthy of it. Unless God sees he can use him in the world's advancement he will give him no such a place of vantage.

But, on the other hand, suppose they do prove themselves wise enough and good enough to merit God's blessing, who can ever guess what may be done in the next twenty-five years in religious, social and ecomonic reforms? We should trust God and work in his work and he will bring to pass great things.

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Personals

—The following is the program of the Arkansas State Sunday School Convention to be held at Argenta, July 26 27: P. Worls, presiding; Instrumental prelude; Song, "My Jesus, I love thee; Paper, Taylor Cole; Song; Enrollment of delegates; Welcome address, Hallie Evans; Response, Decatur Mitchell; "Is the Bible School auxiliary to the Church?" G. W. Ivy; "Is the Bible School increasing or diminishing?" Virta Franklin; "The Needs of the Bible School," Birda Bridges; Adjournment for Refreshments. AFTERNOON: Song at 1:30; Prayer, H. Martin. "Who should attend the Bible School," Minnie Mitchell; 'Who should teach in the Bible School?" G. L. Moore; Duet, Rainy Williams and Hubard Keeney; Paper, "The Bible School at our Home," Mattie Brock; Solo, M. M. Bostick; Paper, "The Way to Success," Alex Stewart; School Reports; Treasurer's Report; Evangelist's Report; Quartette,—Robert Cunningham, Itelia Chiles, Decatur Mitchell, Tomey Kick; Collection and Adjournment. SATURDAY NIGHT(7:30): Praise Service, G. D. Jones; Sermon, G. W. Ivy. SUNDAY MORNING(9:30): Sunday School, taught by Thomas Ivy; Paper, "The Duty of the Superintendent," Mary Bradley (10:45); Sermon, Eld. M. F. Mitchell. SUNDAY AFTERNOON: "The Kind of Literature to use," Maude Holden (2:00); Paper, "The Best Way to secure Attendance in the Bible School," Itelia Chiles; Paper, "The Need of Music in the Bible School," Addie Clark; Closing Song by the Choir. Committee: P. Worls, Mary Bradley and M. M. Bostick.

—David Lee, Allendale, S. C, writes: "Bro. J. L. Woods paid us a visit on the third Lord's Day in June, and he did good work at our church; it is prospering greatly. Bro. Wood is a great man in the Gospel Field. He loves his people. He is indeed working for Christ."

—A new church was recently organized at Nowata, Okla., and Bro. R. B. Wells of Muskogee, sends in three subscriptions from this new church. Brethren, the best way to get a church in line for greater service is to get your members to faithfully read the GOSPEL PLEA each week.

—Bro. K. R. Brown writes from Mound Bayou, Miss.: "Bro. P. Taylor of Nashville was with us four days. Preached four strong sermons. Raised $184 00. The membership is much encouraged."

—We call attention this week to the change of date of the Missouri State Convention to Aug. 12-17.

—The following ministers were callers at our office last week: Rev. J I. Garrett, Edwards and Rev. J. E Holmes, Natchez.

—The following subscriptions have been received: D. H. Johnson, Jonesboro, Tenn., subscription number, 150; C. W. Ryans, Jonesboro, Subscription No. 150; A.R. Ryans; Johnson City, Tenn., Subscription No. 125; David Lee, Allendale, S. C., Subscription No. 125; Mrs. J. Graham, Mrs. Eliza W. Johnson, and A. B. Johnson, all of Nowata, Okla., Subscription No. 125.

—Tennessee this week takes a leap forward in the subscription contest. Things are beginning to warm up a little.

Short Editorials

SOMETIMES WE FEEL that we can't do much in a financial way for the kingdom. That is indeed true with some, but it ought to be an encouragment to us all to know that in the Negro Christian Church, we have some disciples whom God has blessed with great wealth. Many of these are using their money for the spread of the gospel. It is reported that at Beaumont, Texas, a brother is worth a hundred thousand dollars. —T.M.B.

PROF. KELLY MILLER, Dean of Howard University delivered two notable addresses recently in Louisville, Ky., one at the Colored Normal commencement, and one at Y. M. C. A.

In our judgment, Prof. Miller is delivering some of the most profitable and helpful addresses heard from any of our Negro educators and leaders.

To the Colored Normal graduating class, he said among other good things, "Wherever you find human beings, you find opportunity,—opportunity to educate; to teach how to earn, save and wisely spend money; how to make better Christians and better citizens."

When he spoke of Moses choosing rather to be with the despised Hebrews than be a Pharaoh, I thought of the many Negroes who are trying to disown and get away from their race.

I have always thought, and yet think, that any one who attempts to leave his own race because of his or seeming(?) misfortunes, attempts to jump from the "frying pan into the fire." No man can so well serve a race as can the efficient ones of that race.

—W.H.D.

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Oct. 24-26 Alabama State, Lum.

South Carolina.

Report from Ghents Branch Christian Sunday-school near Olar. We are still moving along gradually. We have on roll forty scholars and are getting along very well at this time hoping that the future will find us doing better. We carried out our Children's Day exercises on the 2nd of June. We had two schools present with us, Kearse Chapel of the M. E. Church also Macedonia, a Christian Sunday school. We raised a good collection on that day, $12.25. Everything went off very quietly.

The missionary envolpes did well; they raised $9.25. Miss Edith Frazer raised $1.83; Miss Julia Glover raised $1.85; Miss Perlie Glover raised $1.00; Little Mattie Orr, 8 years old, raised $1.00. We sent $4.00 to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and $1.00 for Educational Rally Day to Bro. Lehman, Edwards, Miss. May the blessings from on high pour on us still; may we have the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Pray for us that we may press on to the mark of the high calling.

Yours for Christ and his Church,

Olar. A. L. Brabham, Supt.

Texas

GOSPEL PLEA, will you allow space in the worthy columns of the PLEA for me to report that I have been with the Murphey St. Church to look after its debts? Since June the 4th, I am glad to report that not with standing the Church has been standing idle for many months. It is beginning to take on new life. Total collected this month up to date $150.00. Two accessions, one by baptism and one by relation.

We are endeavoring to make subscribers for the PLEA and to put life into all auxiliaries. Mrs. Arah Williams (formerly Arah Evans), an Edwards student, is our organist. Will endeavor to secure rates to Cason to the Shady Grove Convention. May I appeal to all to State Churches to make ready? A hearty invitation to Sister States. Come, and welcome.

Taylor, M. T. Brown.

Reports From the Field

Texas

Editor Gospel Plea:—

Please let me say a word to the Brethren of Texas. I am a Texan native-born, have Texas work at heart. I have been helping to foster the cause of Christ in an educative way for the last eight months.

We have just closed school here, and the students are at their homes. We thank you for the hearty support you have given us during the past session. We have been putting the test to our Brethren and we find that we have some faithful workers; men who believe in education. We need not take up space to tell you how well pleased the parents and friends were to find that we had met with success and closed a session of toil and industry at which closing eight certificates were granted from the D S. department. The work on the farm is now going on.

We have received a total of seventy-nine dollars and thirty cents for educational purposes during the closing week. We shall never forget the kindness of our Palestine friends. They really mean to support the work here. Center Point Church has contributed largely to the college this session by way of sending in boxes of supplies. Keep sending supplies and also a little money, Brethren. Any amount sent in will enter on the record here. Your name no doubt is with us and when you send in, you will be credited. Continue to help. We hope to meet you this summer. Write for information to the President Christian Industrial College, Palestine Texas. We are in the field. We need your prayers.

Yours in the work,

I. Q. Hurdle.

Editor of Gospel Plea:—

It has been quite a while since you heard from us at the J. C. I. It was the writer's pleasure to visit Fort Worth, Tex., on the 25th of May; leaving Hawkins Sunday morning at 5 o'clock arriving in Fort Worth, we found our way out to the Mission on East Annie St., and found the little faithful band busy in their Sunday-school work.

Brother Little, their Superintendent had them well drilled in the Scripture. After school the writer was introduced to the audience. They were glad to meet the Superintendent of the J. C. I. The writer was asked to preach for them at 11 o'clock which he gladly did, after preaching the table was made ready and we communed. This showed to the world that they were following the Apostles' doctrine.

Brother Henry Campbell a former student of he S. C. I., was out and took an active part in the service Wherever you find an S. C. I. student that has spent any time at the S. C. I., you will find him engaged in Sunday school and Church work. After service we went to the home of Brother and Sister Webb, who made things pleasant for us. Eight o'clock found us at the Mission, a good audence waiting to hear something about the J. C. I. of which they had read much. We told them the best we could about the work in general, the situation and condition of things. Afterwards we preached to them from the subject "Man's Purpose." After service we spent the night with Brother and Sister Little. Monday, at ten o'clock found us in the city pricing things for the J. C I.; while in the city we called at the Firm of Montgomery Ward & Company. After finishing our buisness about five o'clock we took a car for north Fort Worth to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, about five miles from the union station. We could not bear the idea of leaving Fort Worth without visiting the home of the donors of the Jarvis School land; we found Major Jarvis not feeling so well, but he was able to be out looking over some cattle he had just bought. Any one that has ever met Mrs. Jarvis knows how she is, merry and happy. I was speaking to some one at the Mission of Mrs. Jarvis; they said Mrs. Jarvis was the best posted woman in Fort Worth. She could tell you at what time and place you could catch all cars for any part of the city. While I was out talking with her hired man about sending his girl to the J. C. I., this fall, she came out and called, "Come on, Tommie, you have only seven minutes to get to the car line;" but before I could make it to the car line the car was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis have a beautiful home in a nice quiet place, their son on the left, daughter on the right. All three of the houses are large two story buildings, on a high knoll. Leaving the Jarvis home at seven o'clock we made our way to the home of Mrs. Anderson who lives with her son-in-law Dr. Huse who made things pleasant for us. The Fort Worth Mission people do not fail to make things pleasant for their visiting people. They have a nice church lot with a small house on it. They expect to build soon, they will make their last payment on their lot in November. Leaving Fort Worth at 9:30 we arrived in Hawkins at12:00,

found all at the J. C. I. well and hearty just getting up from dinner, most of which came from our garden.

Yours for success,

Hawkins, T. B. Frost.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—I am keeping very busy in the Master's Vineyard. Surely those who work much will receive a great reward. God is no shorter than His word. His promises are for the faithful, and when we are trusting His promises we are trusting something that cannot fail. Oh for a deeper, stronger faith in the living word of the living God!

On yesterday, (Sunday) we were again with the Jackson Christian Church. You ought to have been with us. A good service? That's what I'd call it. Every soul in the building showed by the expression on his face that he really enjoyed the meeting. It seemed that the Heavenly Father is with us. Our service began at 3:30 P. M. We had larger audience than usual. Growing? At the evening service the writer took for his text Luke 14:28." For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he has sufficient to finish it?" The theme of the discourse: "Counting the Cost." At the close of the sermon Bro Henry Johnson, formally a member of the Rose Hill Christian Church, came forward to cast his lot with the diciples here Bro Johnson is a man of a family, and no doubt his wife will come over later. She is now a member of the Methodist Church.

Bro. Emanuel Austin of the Pearson Christian Chuch, who was with us last month in our service, walked seven miles to be in our service Sunday. This was on the 15th. After the service was over, Bro. Austin made this declaration: "As long as I can enjoy a sermon like I did to-day I wan't mind the walk." Bro. Austin tells us that they are expecting us the 5th Sunday at Pearson. He is sparing no time in getting things in readiness for our coming. Nearly all our members from Jackson will be going.

I have written nearly all our preaching brethren concerning our rally on the 5th Sunday of this month and I am confident they will respond. Brethren, Jackson Christian Church must look to you for you were instrumental in giving it birth. It is yours When you are giving for its well being, you are giving your own. You have some as good Christian workers here as you can find any where, but they need help. They can not bear these burdens alone. It is your indispensable duty to lend the helping hand. Some of you don't have anything to do but meet and worship and pay your pastorial dues. Here is a church that has to pay its pastor and a debt of $400. Won't you help? I know you will.

The writer will preach for Rev. Hayes at the Hall Wednesday night out on Baily Ave., in North Jackson. His members will accompany him to the place of worship. Will be at Moorhead Sunday. This point is also on the upward move Its membership is gradually growing. The Delta needs more of the Jerusalem Gospel, and it takes men who don't love the dollar too well to preach it.

God has but one plan to save the world and that plan is the Gospel. Give me a man who will preach God's word as it is written, one that will be satisfied with nothing less. Otherwise he would either add or take away from His word. The man who starts out to preach the Gospel has a great responsibility resting upon his shoulders. He had better plumb the line, for there is a great penalty hanging over the man's head that adds or subtracts from the word of God. Does God say anything about adding to His word? The Bibie answers, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." (Deut. 4:2) "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it." (Deut. 12:32), "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Prov. 30:6), "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in the book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book." (Rev. 22:18 19). Look out brother preacher, if you are not going to preach the Gospel as it is written, you had better let it alone As for me, I am satisfied with the naked truth.

Yours in Christ,

Jackson, B. C. Calvert.

"Whatever Lord, we lend to Thee,
Repaid a thousand times will be;
Then gladly will we give to thee,
Who giveth all—who giveth all."

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Program of the C. W. B. M. Convention to be held with the Mt. Beulah Christian Church, S. C. I. Edwards, Mississippi July 12-13, 1913.

SATURDAY

10:00—Praise Service conducted by Mrs. Mattie Christmas, Mound Bayou and Mrs. Cordelia Jennings, Port Gibson.
Enrollment of Delegates and appointment of Committees.
Address by Mrs. Julia Flowers, Hermanville.
Remarks by the delegates and visitors.
Closing remarks by President J. B. Lehman.
Collection.
Song.
C. W. B. M. Benediction.

2:00—Praise Service conducted by Mrs. A. E. West, Mound Bayou and Mrs. Riley, Tillman.
Welcome Address, Deetsy Blackburn, S. C. I.
Response, Rosa Brown, Port Gibson.
Reports of Auxiliaries, Mission Sisters, State Organizer and Evangelist.
Song.
Address, Mrs. P. R. McCary, Mound Bayou.
Paper, Mrs. Mary Eliza Walker, Tillman.
Paper, Celeste Jones, Mt. Beulah.
Report of Committees.
Election of State Officers.
Collection.
Song and Benediction.

SUNDAY

10:00—Sunday School.

11:00—Praise Service conducted by Mrs. Celeste Howard, Mt. Beulah and Mrs. Margaret Walker, Tillman.
Paper, Mrs. Cora Greene, Port Gibson.
Music.
Address, Mrs. Safley, Preisdent of State work (white.)
Music.
Collection.
Song and Benediction.

4:00—Services in charge of Mt. Beulah Auxiliary.
One number of the auxiliary program will be a quiz which will include the hidden answers in June TIDINGS. Let all be prepared for this quiz by previous study.
Collection.
Closing song and C. W. B. M.
Benediction.
Business Meeting.

Tennessee

Dear readers:—The C. W. B. M. work is yet alive at Jonesboro, Tenn. We had a reviving meeting the second Sunday; many good things were said by each member; then a talk by the writer, subject, "Woman's Duty." Closing remarks by Prof. Griffin. After meeting closed all were invited to the Library at W. C. I. and in a short time the dining room table was fixed and ice cream and cake were served. Everybody enjoyed it just fine. Then we planned to have an entertainment, and each one was to give something; this we did. Friday night we had the entertainment, and some of the children rendered a program, conducted by Lucille Perry, one of our graduates. The program was as follows:

Welcome Song.
Invocation Rev. R. D. Ponder
Dialogue, Rose gatherers and Planters
Recitation, The Drunkard, Lala N. Ryans
Solo, Words of Love, Mammie C. Carson
Recitation, The Soldier's Reprieve, Ella Mae Perry
Solo, If I only had a Home Sweet Home, Gladys W. Ponder
Comedy The Smyth Family
Recitation, Throw the Weeds away, Berthena Griffin
Recitation, Hill School Gladys Ponder
Solo, The Longest Way Round is the Sweetest Way Home, Ella Mae Perry
Recitation, Flo's Letter, Mamie Carson
Solo, Bright Days Have Vanished, Fiora B. Stuart
Fan drill
Quartette, Faint Not, Lala N. Ryans and others.

This closed the exercise, after which refreshments and ice cream were served. We raised $1.00 in all. We are working to raise what we can to report in

the convention in August. Pray for our success.

Now everybody at Warner Institute is very busy getting things ready for school. So many things are needed to be done. Every thing is beautiful since the trees are white washed; but there is so much repair work to be done yet. Will be glad of any aid any one may give.

Yours in Christ,

Jonesboro, Hattie J. Griffin, President,
C. W. B. M.

Texas

Dear Editor of the Gospel Plea:—

We wish to say through the Gospel Plea a few words concerning our most worthy Prof. A. J. Thomson whose work ends June the 5th 1913, as president and teacher of the L. C. B. S. The apostle Paul said, "Render therefore to all their dues, tribute to whom tribute is due: custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honors." He has spent about twenty-one years trying to help our race. Some of us did, and some did not appreciate what he did The Negro Disciples in a few states, at least will miss such men as Prof. A. J. Thomson Prof. J. B. Lehman and C. C. Smith.

Trustees and Faculties of almost all schools are often criticised by the student body and would-be friends of said schools. But the L. C. B. S. certainly has been a blessing to the Negro Disciples of a few states at least. It would be a great thing for some of us to catch the spirit of these Godly men that are standing at the head of these schools of the C. W. B. M., even if we do not get the letter. The Negro Disciples are very much in need of being taught more about what it is to be Christians. A truthful Christian, a praying Christian, a debt-paying Christian, etc. The man (young or old) that sat at the feet of Prof. A. J. Thompson for instruction and staved there for a reasonable length of time, and proved himself before the public to be dishonest, did not get it there.

We do not know where he is going or what he is going to do; but should he retire from service he can be called Emeritus. We need more money, and we need more students to attend all of these schools. Let us all pray to this important end, and if we pray like Elijah did, God for Christ's sake will answer our prayers.

Beaumont, T. J. Greene.

At this writing I am in Greenville engaged in a two weeks' revival. On May 10th I received a card from the pastor Eld. Chichon, to come and help him in a meeting. I answered his call by arriving in Greenville on June the second; and we really went to work fighting sin on the right and left. As to our success we will let Zion be the judge. Up until this writing we have twenty addition, and some of the old guards say they have never witnessed a meeting of this kind since a long time. On Sunday we mad our way one half-mile down the railroad track in a hard rain and thunder storm to baptise those twenty souls who made the confession. The sadest scene I ever witness was to see those converts making their way to the pool. When the storm was raging Eld. Chichon went down into the water and there he baptised the converts. Oh, this was a joyful time; it made me think about the days of Bro. S. W. Scott, S. W. Crawford, C. C. Haly, and John Guest. Our district convention convenes with this church on the 6th and 7th. We will write more about the convention later. One of the most solemn communions I ever witnessed was on Sunday night The church was crowded. We preached from the 2nd Chap. of Rev. Our text: An exile from home. All around the house was a large crowd. We had a glorious time. You could hear a pin fall while the deacons were passing the loaf around. We will close for this time.

I am yours for the work,

Dallas, L. H. Crawford, District Organizer

Arkansas.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Plea: We are glad to say that we held service in our new Church house on the 12th Lord's Day in May, Elder Rocca from Little Rock delivered us a good sermon. We had refreshments on the ground; everybody enjoyed the day nicely. We raised ($50.) fifty dollars Mrs. Guss Mitchel gave ($5.00) five dollars. We are indeed proud of our new Church house though not complete; quite a number gave liberally. We hope to have it completed in the near futhure.

We want to dedicate on the 2nd Lord's Day in Oct. We had excellent singing by the Oak Grove Choir, directed by Bro. L. Martin. We had some visitors from Pea Ridge who added much life to our service. The Methodist and Baptists were very kind to us. assisting much in our collection and also dinner. We are expecting great things for Christ at this place. Your humble servant,

Geo. W. Ivy.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

M. L. Jones, of Cooington, Ky., and his neice, Miss Prosser, of Edwards, came out to view the campus last Friday morning. We are alway glad to have visitors to come out to see our beautiful campus. A guide is always on hand to take them through the various buildings.

The writer recently went out with Supt. Young to see some of the corn being produced by the Boys' Corn Club. It is really remarkable to see what fine corn the boys are growing. The boy's corn will be growing in the same field with other corn, and one can easily tell it from the surrounding corn. This is the first effort of the kind in this section of the state, and is certainly encouraging. The boys growing this corn were day students in school the past term. It is delightful to see how far-reaching the influence of the school has gone along agricultural line.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1. Where are you going to attend school his fall?

Ans.— At the Southern Christian Institute we hope.

2. How much is the tuition?

Ans.— Tuition is free.

3. What is the cost of board, room, light and laundry work?

Ans.— Eight dollars for every four weeks, and work each Monday till 5:00 p. m.

4. What is the entrance fee?

Ans.— Three dollars.

5. You are a young woman; how much must you bring along for a uniform?

Ans.—Seven dollars and a quarter.

6. What is the name of the building that is the home of the young women who are boarding day students?

Ans.—Smith Hall.

7. How many young women can find comfortable homes in this building?

Ans.—About one hundred fifty.

8. How are the rooms of Smith Hall heated and lighted?

Ans —It has electric lights and a modern vacuum steam heating sytem.

9. Do young men attend the Southern Christian Institute also?

Ans.—Oh yes! some fine ones.

10. What is the name of the building that is their home?

Ans.—Belding Hall.

Liberian Christian Institute

Our auxiliary has fifteen members to date. We had our first program last Sunday the 18th. We hope all of our members will always be faithful.

Mr. Ross has just returned home from Monrovia where he spent about ten days on business. The boys made three trips there for freight while he was there. Our school will open in about a week from now. The roof will go on the porch at Ross Hall this week. Cassava will be planted this week. This is a very good food for hogs. We have a pair of nice pigs. We hope to get others soon. Corn, eddoes and sugar cane are doing fine. Our first planting of garden seeds did not do well because the sand was too hot for them. Four thirty-foot poles were cut yesterday. This means that our Church bell is to be lifted 25 feet high to proclaim the hour when the sweet story will be told. Benches are being made for the dining room. The old kitchen has been rebuilt. Sills are being put under the porch of Ross Hall. Mrs. Ruth E. Kenoly now lives in Schieffelin. She moved two days ago. Jacob Cole and James are the latest to arrive.

Listen friends, which Church or individual will kindly give us 400 or 600 yards of 48 inch hog proof wire to make a hog lot? I can do but little towards raising hogs until I can get this wire I pray that the Lord will open the heart of somebody to give us this small amount of wire. Who will give it?

I trust that your commencement at Edwards was a great one. I hope that many were inspired to greater endeavor for our King. We are now at the dawn of greater things and God will give us these greater things. I pray that our work here may be so worthy that the love of Jesus may go forth from this place throughout this dark land More soldier are needed in the battle field for our King. Are there others to enlist? Each day I love these girls and boys and their work more and more. Some of these dear children are so anxious and faithful. I trust that they may always be of that spirit. God can make greater use of them in His vineyard. Brethren, quit yourselves like men and get out of self and ask God for greater gifts and he will grant your request. Mississippi alone ought to raise five hundred dollars because it is blest with the S. C. I.

In His service,

Harry G. Smith.

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

WHO ARE the saved? In the past Christian people have been greatly exercised over the question as to whether they were going to heaven when they died. They talked much about being saved and always had in mind the fate of their soul after death. This was too superficial a view of the mission of Christ upon the earth. It was the child-like reasoning of men.

The saved man is the man who has escaped the deadening influence of the old debasing passion of the wild man. Christ came to make the individuals, and through the individuals, the race, over into a new creature. The cow, in her wild state made great use of her horns. When we domesticated her we made her to forget how to use her horns. In fact her horns are obsolescent members of her being. In like manner the old barbarian passion of hatred, spite, jealiously, lust, fighting and war were all very necessary in that old state of society but they were deadening in their effect. They made for the jungle folk a narrow forehead and protruding lips So long as these passions reigned in their mortal bodies God could make no use of men. They were lost.

But no mere human philoophy or human teaching could save them. It took some of the same vital force to make man over into a being with a new set of passions called the Christian Virtues that was shown when God said "Let there be light." He sent his only begotten Son into the world to bring that vital force. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "There is no other name given under heaven where by men must be saved." There is no power in the universe that can save men but the religion of Jesus Christ.

When these things are once thoroughly understood we will have new sciences of criminology and penology. An understanding of these things will enable us to do the proper things that will drive all the harmful influences out of society and the right kind of influence will be established.

The cultivation of the barbarian passions superinduces the state of intellect of the barbarian. This is seen in the fallen girl. A woman can get married and perform all the functions of wifehood and motherhood and develop all the time into the full stature of a great woman like Mrs. Garfield or Mrs. Wallace. But let her prostitute herself to gratifying the sensual passions of men and she at once reduces herself to the state of mind of the inmates of the harem of Sargon. She is a slave woman. Since the pitiful condition of white women who found themselves in this mental captivity, first attracted our attention, we called them "white slaves," and now white slavery stands for prostitution. When we once understand that the prostitutes in our land, white and colored, are our barbarian women, and the men who visit them are our barbarian men, reduced to that state of mind by their having cultivated the wrong set of passions, we will be able to avoid the danger. But that we will never understand until we accept the teaching of Christ at its real value. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of our escape from the barbarian passions. These were cultivated so long in that barbarian state that they became instincts of the race and have a firm footing in our physical make up. When a man gets drunk he wants to do vile things. Why? Because alcohol deranges the nervous apparatus of his brain, and, since the Christian virtues are more recent, more temporary, and not yet instincts, they are easily overthrown; but the old barbarian passions being well grounded and developed into true instincts, are not overthrown but excited to action. Hence the drunken man wants to fight, is lustful and wants to do everything that is base. When Christianity will so thoroughly permeate our society as to debar all degenerating influences, humanity will make rapid strides towards the saved state; and humanity in the saved state will become a mighty engine in the hands of God for the accomplishment of his purposes in the ages. If you would delight to be one of God's servants, shouting the hallelujahs of his name, then crucify the flesh. But if you do not want to be that and want to be a barbarian, then cultivate the old passions. Do it secretly as a hypocrite making yourself believe that nobody knows it, for then the degeneration is all the more rapid.

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—Eld. M. Summers, state evangelist of Georgia is trying to get every Church to represent at the convention at Mulleo Grove, Oct. 31. Why not every other state emulate this example and get every Church out?

—Prof. Martin L. Pierce of the Phillips Bible Institute sends in one dollar for the PLEA and adds, "If any of your students, who have gone out from your institution, desire and are in position to take additional school work, I would appreciate very much having you put us in touch with them. We are situated so that we can render them splendid service."

—Mr. David Thompson of Chicago is visiting with his brother, G. Thompson, 1033 Grand Ave. Topeka, Kansas.

—Mrs. Bell Jenkins and family have moved back to their country home. She asks the change of PLEA from 2003 W 10th Street, Topeka, Kansas to route 8.

—J. B. Wyche, Bay City, Tex., sends in an article on the subject, "Christ and Social Uplift," by one of their young women. It was read at their district convention, and the motion was made by Mrs. Alphin that it be sent to the PLEA for publication. We trust our friends in all the conventions will send in for publication the best articles given in the conventions. In this way you help to make the GOSPEL PLEA the religious newspaper of all the people. We shall print this article as soon as possible.

—Eld. B. C. Duke, of Topeka, Kansas, was in Kansas City, the fourth Lord's Day in June to see what those good people were doing for the setting of the Annual Convention there in August.

—The article in this week's issue from the pen of E. F. Jackson has been in our office for some time. We have been waiting for a twelve-page paper to publish it. We feel that our delay will not lessen the interest of the reader in it.

—H. G. Smith, S. C. I. class of 1907, missionary to Africa, wrote a letter to be read at the recent Alumni Reunion. It arrived too late for the meeting. In the letter, the writer urged the graduates and old students of the S. C. I. to take the lead in raising the Educational Rally Day Fund to three or four thousand dollars next year. Those who have been trained at our educational institutions do not yet know their power in raising big sums for the extension of Christ's kingdom. When they once find out how instrumental they may become, in securing larger gifts, we may confidently expect to take higher ground for Christ's great kingdom.

—The Church at the S. C. I., Edwards, Miss, has been anxiously awaiting the coming of the C. W. B. M. State Convention, next Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13. We trust the attendance may be large.

—When securing a subscription for the PLEA, get it for a year, if possible. It counts more in the contest for your state.

—The True Vine Christian Church, Beaumont, Tex., are very happy over the gift of one hundred thirty-five song books by the Standard Pub. Co.

—At the last Contest report Arkansas and Texas were a tie on the number of old subscribers who had paid up for a year in advance. In the report of July 1, Texas takes the lead over Arkansas in this one point.

—Look for the State Subscription Contest Report in our next issue. Meanwhile let us all get busy.

—The following subscriptions have been received: C. H. Hughes, Bristol, Tenn., Subscription Number 155; Prof. Martin L. Pierce, Canton, Ohio, Subscription No 155; R. S. Ritter, Sycamore, S. C., Subscription No. 170; Mrs. W. M. Thompson, West Point, Miss , Subscription No. 110.

Rally Day and Other Funds.

We have received amounts as follows for the various funds since our last report:

Rally Day Fund.

Ghent's Branch Sunday School, South Carolina, $1.00
Total for Rally Day to date, ... 556.27.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

District Meeting Bay City, sent by Elisabeth Wyche, ... 4.60
Total sent for Jarvis Christian Institute, ... 283.40

WARNER CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Jonesboro, W. M. Crockett, ... 5.00
Bristol, sent by H. D. Griffin, ... 2.10
Knoxville, E D Bassett, sent by H. D. Griffin, .. 1.00
Nashville, Mrs. Mary A. Southall, on pledge at Gay Street Church, ... 2.50
Total for W. C. I. to date, ... 24.20

LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Mapleville, Kansas, S. S, sent by Mrs. M. Wallace, ... 2.00
Total sent in for Liberian Christian Institute to date, ... 12.75

FUND STATEMENT.

Rally Day Fund, ... 556.27
Jarvis Christian Institute, ... 283.40
Lum High School, ... 39.00
Warner Christian Institute, ... 24 20
Liberian Christian Institute, ... 12.75
Graduate Fund, ... 3 00
Total for all funds, ... 918.62
Amount yet needed to make $1000 ..... 81.38

Note. In last report in the PLEA the name of S. W. Scott was entirely omitted. Those who took time to add up the amount found that the total was one dollar more than the items reported called for. We are sorry his name was omitted.

At Bristol, Tennessee the following gave: James Hughs, C. H. Hughs, Mrs. C. H. Hughs Mrs. V. S. Bavings, Mrs. Mary Bradley, Mrs. Mary Carter, and Mrs. Sarah Hughs.

You will notice that we are now down to $81.38 as the amount yet needed to make the $1000 we set out to get this year. In a few weeks the Convention will come on and then some more will come in also. The committee of which Brother Preston Taylor is Chairman, will soon make a report on contributions. It is well that we now plan for next year's work. There are a good many pledges out and we will do our best to get them in before September 1st.

Send all money that is to go to any of the above funds to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

A Young Banker's manly Act.

A young banker, a member of the Christian Church, was called upon to respond to a toast at the State Bankers' Association banquet, in Indianapolis. He was asked to speak on behalf of the rising generation—the younger bankers of Indiana. He did so in a very honest, manly and straightforward manner. At the close of his speech he proposed to drink a health to the older bankers of the state, whose wise counsel and kindly consideration had so aided the younger men in their effort; and in the presence of 200 guests, the wealthiest and most fashionable of Indiana people, who had been sipping costly campagne and Rhine from thin and delicate glasses, this young business man, in his maiden speech, dared to say: "I propose that we drink a health to the older bankers of the state, and that we drink it in clear cold water!" Every glass was raised, and as they drank pure water, every guest felt the force of the object lesson. It took courage to teach that lesson but it was well taught.—THE NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN.

If you wish to be miserable, think about yourself about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you; and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose.—Selected.

The Need of an Awakened Ministry

Dear readers of the PLEA, before entering into the discussion of the subject before us, I ask leave to say a few words of introduction.

Since the writer has been elected as evangelist of the Jackson District, he has been silent so far as making any report. This is not because he has been in a dormant or inactive state; but rather busy days of labor.

Many of the readers know that the writer is still at the Southern Christian Institute taking the two years' college course. Those who have had the opportunity of visiting the S. C. I. during the summer term of school know that it is a veritable beehive of industry. From 5:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. every day of the week except Sunday there is not an idle moment on the campus. The writer, being a part of this busy throng of workers, is kept on the move all the time.

Besides the work of district evangelist, the writer is also serving the Christian Church at Edwards. Since April we have been making marked progress, not numerically, but spiritually. We have service two Sundays each month and Sunday-school regularly every Lord's day. We have also organized a prayer-meeeting which meets after Sunday school in the morning.

Our auxiliary society under the leadership of Sister Celeste Howard is taking on new life. We have also organized a "Teacher Training" class which will begin the first Sunday in July. Our Sunday school is made up of all the members of the Church and is doing fine work with Brother James Singleton as superintendent and Prof. Howard of the S. C. I. as teacher. Our motto is, "Go forward."

On June 27th the writer left the S. C. I. enroute for Dentville, a distance of about fourteen miles from Utica, Miss. Friday night was spent in Jackson and early Saturday at 6:30 a. m. the journey was resumed. Utica was reached at eight o'clock. After remaining there for a few hours, Brother Williams, a fine Christian gentleman, a deacon of the colored Baptist Church at Dentville met the writer with his horse and buggy. After riding for about four hours over hills and valleys, through plains and woodlands we reached our destination about 5 p. m.

The writer was put up at the home of Brother and Sister Kie Williams. Needn't say anything about the way the writer was accommodated, because it would take half of the PLEA to tell all the good things enjoyed while there. The writer was not with Baptist people then, but with Christian men and women.

On Sunday morning Brother Williams took the writer to the colored Baptist Church where a very appreciative, though not large audience was gathered. The subject of the discourse was: "The Christian Religion and Human Progress," text Philip. 3rd chapter. 13th and 14th verses. There were a number of white people present both from the Christian and Baptist Churches. Brother and Sister Safley (white) were present, and right here I want to inform you that it was Sister Safley who made the writer's visit possible. This Christian lady and her husband are lights in the community in which they live—not hidden under a bushel, but shining brilliantly so that men and women are seeing their good works and are glorifying their Father in heaven.

At the close of the morning service there was great satisfaction shown and the writer was again asked to speak at night. The invitation was accepted and at 8:30 p. m. the Church was almost crowded. There were nearly as many white visitors as colored. The writer spoke from Paul's epistle to the Galatians 6 chap. 7-9 verses. Subject, "Labor and Reward." At the close of the service many expressed their wishes for another visit which the writer will be glad to do whenever it is possible.

From the Church the writer was taken to the home of Brother Ransom Williams where he was royally entertained. Brother and Sister Williams are types of true Christians. They have two daughters whom they hope to send to the S. C. I. next fall if possible.

Dear readers and friends, too much has been already said but just a few words on the subject. The time has come when the ministers of the gospel must awake. The people are perishing for the bread of life while many of our ministers are giving them that which satisfies not. They are asking for fish; do not give them stone. The time has come when the preacher of the gospel must live what he preaches. He must be an example in words and deeds. We need clean, moral men—men whoes hearts and lives are pure: men whose lives are open books that all can read. We need men who will teach the laity of the Church to see the large vision of life. Remember, brethren, "where there is no vision," says the wise man Solomon, "the people perish." We need men who will build up the Church instead of tearing it down. Our people are perishing for the want of true, Christian leaders. We are not pessimistic; neither are we finding fault with the work that has

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The Need of Mission Work

By Mrs. Ella Hickman

Dear friends: we are met here for the purpose of discussing mission work that is much needed the world over. It is the duty we owe to God to help those who are suffering and are in darkness, who know nothing of our Lord and Savior who suffered and died upon the cross to save them from their sins. Remember the foreign nations as China, Japan, India, Africa, and the Isles of the sea, who are worshiping wood, stones, and reptiles, whose lives are passing away in need of the Gospel. How many pennies, dimes and dollars have you given to these heathen, that they may be taught about the living God whom we love and serve? How many times we have the opportunity to do mission work for the Lord and Master and like Jonah go another way? God forbids that we do so when he bids us come and work in his vineyard. Let us remember that a man is justified by works and not by faith only. Some may say we do not have to leave here and go to Africa or some foreign fields to find mission work to do, for we have so many that are in need near our homes. We have old men and women not able to work and earn money to buy food and fuel to keep them warm the long cold winter days And again many poor little barefooted children who do not have enough to wear nor enough to eat, shivering with cold and dying with hunger. Dear friends, just think of it. Ask yourself the question, how much mission work have I done for those who are in need? Ye who are children of God such will make your heart beat with sorrow and eyes fill with tears. All may do something, just speak a kind word, lend a helping hand, and it will make some heart rejoice. All this is mission work. Although they who are servants of the devil may point at them with a finger of scorn and laughter, yet your deeds will bring his well done. So we need your presence, we need your prayers, and above all we need your means to help preach the gospel to all nations. Now, may we who think so little of what God requires of us to do, pray that he may open our eyes. Wake up and do more work for the Master and minister unto the necessities of the saints. In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me.

We should do more mission work in our homes, teaching our little children about the Lord and Master and try to train them up to be useful men and women. If they are taught to obey their earthly parents, they will understand better how to honor and serve their Father in heaven Remember the gospel was first preached in Jerusalem and from thence went forth into all the world. Thus many who were strangers to the God whom we love and serve are learning to worship Him also.

Young men and women, do not think too much of the world. The day now is when we should set our affections on heavenly things. Bring the little children into the Lord's day school and teach them of the Lord and Master that they may be in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. Now may God bless all of you who are here tonight. We ask your prayers that we may grow stronger and do more mission work in the future than we have in the past.

Martinsville, Va.

Kansas

Dear Editor and Readers of the Plea: May this find you all well and happy. We the Church family are not all well. Sister Bettie Nelson, a most faithful member, has been confined to her bed most a year and mother King more than a year.

On the third Lord's Day in June, Brother B. F. Tidings of Lawrence, Kansas, visited with us and led in our morning worship with scripture readings and a short talk. He informs us that the disciples of Lawrence are not in good working order at this time.

Sister Dan Weeks of Emporia, Kansas, attended the State Federation at Lawrence last week and on her return stopped off at Topeka to visit the Church and greet her many friends. We are always glad to meet Sister Weeks because she carries sunshine where ever she goes.

On the 4th Lord's Day in June was our first financial rally. We raised forty-three dollars and thirty five cents ($43.35.) Quite a few were not ready.

Topeka. G. T. Murry.

Read the Kenoly Book!

We make the following special offer, good till October 1, 1913; For one dollar and twenty-five cents, we shall send one year's subscription to the Gospel Plea and that remarkable book, "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly." This applies both to old and new subscribers. The Plea is getting better and will soon be larger. Address, Gospel Plea, Edwards, Mississippi.

Reports From the Field

South Carolina.

Dear Workers of the PLEA:

Ever since my return to South Carolina my thoughts continue to dwell on the many happy hours I spent on the Campus of the S. C. I. Many because the events appeared to crowd on each other like the ever changing figures in a kaleidoscope. Happy, because it was a foretaste of that better life that is being opened up to the Negroes by the servants of God.

Hours, for we could scarcely realize that we spent five days amongst those who had caught the visions of the Christ and were engaged in the social service which engraves their name high upon the roll of honor not a roll of parchment, neither a tablet of stone, but engraved in the hearts of those who are striving to show by their actions the good wrought in them.

It is said that every age takes a pattern after its leader; also, that like begets like. The hearty greetings of the alumni; the happy responses of those who had come up to their "Alma Mater",—all appeared to show the throbbing of one great heart, each voice engaged as he who stands at the head of this "Happy Family", either in praises to our Heavenly Father or that which is good or solicitous for others' welfare.

With such a leader, what a power for good has begun to flow out over the land in obedience to the Heavenly mandate, "Teach them to observe whatsoever I have taught you."

Dear readers, it is not my intention to shoot paper pellets but to try in the only way that is in my power to let you enjoy the sights that were crowded into that short space and fearing that my pen like my tongue may refuse to do its duty for fear it would break forth into praises of the good things seen and heard, we will plunge in, fearing the waste basket more than we do the eyes of our chairman, who is ever ready to knock down with his little mallet.

Get off the train at Edwards, Miss., walk up the broad road between the high moss-covered banks where some one anxious for fame has carved words that may petrify and be handed down to the coming generations; pass on by the vine-covered wire fence look to the left and you will be spellbound by the noble structure standing up in its strength and beauty, a silent tribute to the great heart after which it is named, Smith Hall; also to the brain that directed the unskilled hands that erected this temple for the women of God. Temple, yes, and more, a fortress for out from within its walls are coming those who are sweeping over our land gathering all that is noble and true to their aid, for upon their brows the crown of true womanhood is being placed, that noble crown that fixes the destiny of all nations.

Let us examine this beautiful structure and see what part of i is intended to take in this great social service movement. Walking up its broad steps we are met by the smiling faces of the matron and the girl students. Already you begin to feel the effects of the purity of its atmosphere that bear witness that these have been with our Lord. Down an easy flight of stairs and we are ushered into the Y. W. C. A. room. It was here we heard the eloquent pleading of Elder Calvert as he bore witness of our Savior. In this room we met to lay hands on Elder R. H. Davis, a son of Jamaica, one tried and proven to be worthy of the office he desires to work in. Here the singing was directed by one of the most cultured and beauliful voices we ever heard.

In an adjoining room we met the graduating class of the graded Bible Course and wonders. There was a young woman working examples on the black board from her memory of the Bible. We now understand the apostle's saying, "The words of God will make thee wise unto salvation."

Passing the great heating system with hundreds of feet of piping, we had a peep into the furnished rooms. Some of these rooms are rooms of merit Here we were entertained by the matron and shown some of her skill as a good worker. Wonders will never cease; upon the roof we went and what a beautiful sight met our eyes. "Fields of living green." We understood then the temptation that caused Nebuchadnezzar to stumble, but the voice of Prof. Burgess called us to witness other things as he said, "See what God has done for us." We turned away with that beautiful song on our lips, "He careth for me."

We next turned our eyes to the Mansion House with its tall Grecian columns and long French openings that gave one the idea of peaceful rest. Going out from it are the telephone and electic wires, sign of "Life and Light." We found all this to be true.

It is here the various committees met for council, here the outside world comes in contact with this happy family. From here the noble patriarch, (for he is indeed the father of families) keepeth watch upon his own, for here amidst the restful quietness he can be alone with his God for strength and council.

Following the telephone wires with our eyes we gazed upon a panorama that made our hearts bubble over with joy and our lips to frame the words, "Our eyes have seen the glory of our Lord."

Following the broad drive way with its side walk bordered by green clover, we met Prof. Prout, master mechanic of this well ordered plant, and as we grasped his strong hands and looked up to his commanding figure we understood and felt the strong personality and will power that could guide the unskilled hands into erecting these noble structures a silent tributes to Him who gave gifts to men Prof. Prout needs no praise on these grounds, for his works do praise him.

Allison Hall, the home of Prof. Prout is a building of concrete blocks of the same pattern as those of Smith Hall. Here the boys, girls and teachers assemble three times a day; here we also love to meet them, for its well filled tables appeal strongly to us.

There was a cheerful devotional spirit that permeated the atmosphere. The giving of thanks, the clatter of knives and forks, the low hum of the happy voices, the strokes of a gong for silences when floating on the air came the sweet voice of Prof. Burgess, reading the story of Joseph from that precious Book of Books, then followed his earnest appeal to God for guidance and strength for the day.

A word here to the discouraged, read the life of Joseph as told in the Bible. The son, the servant, the prisoner and the ruler. Like him stand on the side of God and righteousness and you will "win out."

Allison Hall is devoted to the culinary arts. A walk through its kitchen with its fine range, for this happy family numbered near two hundred souls at each meal while we were there. Then down stairs in to the bakery, presided over by one of the girl students; a peep into its model oven, then step into its store room, turn back the linen, a look at the beautiful loaves and we were compelled to shake hands with her again for hers is no small task to make us happy. A long look at the empty fruit jars, a longing look at the filled ones, oh! well some day we expect to be back to aid in emptying the well filled jars that gave the teachers and girls so much pleasure to fill. Prof. Young says they canned eight thousand quarts and none ever spoils.

Next we come to Belding Hall, the home of Prof. Burgess, a small man in statue, 150 lbs. brawn 50. lbs brain, plus 150 lbs. loving energy and you have a fair proportion of this faithful servant of God. Readers, when you are tired of that bug bear, "The Negro Problem," tired of the newspaper standard they are trying to fix for him, before you render your verdict against him, go and see the Burgess' home and that company of boys at the S. C. I. Hear their chaste conversation, see them at meal time, hear them at their recitation and class work, then see these same boys in their work clothes, in the printing house, around the electric plant, in the saw mill, on the farm, in the gravel pit and in the woods and you will find they have only changed clothing and not habits. Then ask God to forgive you for not obeying His commands to "Teach all nations. "For the solution of the race question lies in the words of God, "Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord."

One night the delegates being in a room in this Hall knelt and joined Elder Alphin in thanksgiving to God for this great gift. On the veranda of this Hall sat Taylor of Nashville, Dickerson of Kentucky, Alphin and Robinson of Texas, Matlock and Bostick of Arkansas, Calvert and Brown of Miss., Griffin of Tennessee, Jackson of South Carolina, Davis and Gooden from Jamacia going over thoughtfully and prayerfully the part the Church must take in this great work. Readers, think of the place fifty years ago, then compare it with today; yes it is something to learn to toil, to fight on the side of God and changeless right.

Last but not least comes Faurot Building the home of Prof. Young, superintendent of the Producing Department who has enobled his calling at the S. C. I.

It is said we must go to Greece for art, Rome for Law and Jerusalem for Religion but when you are cast down and discouraged go and attend the Workers' Conference at this Hall for inspiration.

First take the communion, first came "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," then the Invocation, next Holy, Holy, Holy. I think I can hear the happy voices of the servants of God now. The scripture reading, the invitation, then the Lord's supper; how our hearts glowed within us for "Blessed are they who sit down in the kingdom of our Lord."

Sunday was Junior day. If David Livingston could have heard these young people his privation and sufferings would be counted as dross, but perhaps God did allow him and that beloved secretary who has gone up from the strife and the battle, to look down for their spirit was there manifested in the toil and devotion.

A collection of $42 00 was taken by the young people; verily the hands that are laying this foundation are laying it well.

Next came the C. W. B. M. day, the noble women who are holding open the doors of hope for our

girls and boys in the name of Christ and his Church. Loyal hearted women who are standing behind every good work, through every phase of this school life their silent influence is being felt, unlike that power that gives to this nation its supremacy, "the man behind the gun." But as the flower turns to the sun so does all that is good and true respond to the influence of their self-sacrifice and devotion.

Then, the Workers' Conference and the addresses made by eminent and eloquent men pointing out the road to success to all those who are not wedded to their father's method.

The farmers' conference with its exhibits from the farm, the walls bedecked with the implements of war that will some day subdue the world. Trowel, ploughs, and hammer, this coupled with the direct lecture of the agricultural expert who not only told you where you were wrong but explained how you could start aright.

Next the music which brought out hearty applause and encores. Then the presentation of diplomas. Is not this inspiration enough for us to be up and doing? If not, take a drive with Prof. Young over these broad acres of growing crops and let him point out as you pass along, what nature has put at your doors begging you to take and place yourself above the things that make farm life a drudgery. Look at the sheep, hogs, and cows. Take a walk to the gravel pit with its five feet of over burden, then stand in the pit where the boys have dug out about ten feet deeper to get out Smith and Allison Halls. See the steep road bed that they have overcome by simple but ingenious methods. Hasten back from the pits and find every thing ready and waiting to see you off. Back of these is the C. W. B. M., whom the love of Christ constrains and somewhere amidst the shadows sitteth God keeping watch over His own.

Dale, Edwin F. Jackson.

Oklahoma

Editor of Gospel Plea:— Allow us to report from this needy field. I am just home from an evangelistic tour. I visited the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Convention June the 2nd and 5th and was permitted to speak to the Convention on the Needs of the Oklahoma work and especially the Muskogee work where we are trying to build. The white brethren of the State are interested in our work. As an instance of the fact, I received a letter from the white brethren of Nowata to the white brethren of this city, asking for a colored minister as they had been talking to some of the best colored people in Nowata. They wanted to be organized and set to work after the apostolic order, so I went over and preached a few nights, and on Lord's Day and organized them by the appointment of the following, officers: Elders, Bro. W. M. Oneal and E. W. Johnson; Deacons, Bro. A. B. Johnson, and J. Graham and H. W. Jones. We closed with ten members. Those brethren all own their own homes and are reputable people in the community in which they live. We also organized the ladies into an auxiliary with the following officers: Mrs. J. J. Rose, President; Mrs. W. M. Oneal, Secretary; Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Treasurer; Mrs. Bell Graham, Cor. Secretary. These women will begin permanent work as soon they receive literature from head quarters.

We secured three six-months subsciptions to the Plea from the following members at Nowata, Oklahoma: Bro. A. B. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Graham, and Mrs. Eliza Johnson. While at Nowata, we received a message from Bro. A. R. McDuff at Tulsa, asking me to come over and help and be there by the 28th but as our second quarterly District Meeting convenes here in Muskogee on the 28 and 29, I will be two days late in reaching Bro. McDuff. We are looking forward to a successful meeting. I hope the scattered members through this part of the district may attend so we can understand something about the State meeting. I am informed that the place selected at the last annual Convention has refused to entertain the meeting and a change must be made. Many of those who are expecting to attend the coming District meeting were at the State Convention. We will be able to publish the change I hope as the time is short.

Muskogee, R. B. Wells.

Editor of the Gospel Plea: Allow me space in your valuable paper to say something concerning a meeting held here by Rev. Wm. Alphin. Our hearts were made to rejoice in the meeting. We feel that much good was done by his coming, Church membership was increased, also some became reconciled with the Church as well as one to another; re elected officers of Church five, three deacons, two stewards. We are now in readiness for work. Each member seems to be awakening to his duty. He also organized the C. W. B. M.; we sisters are now working with love and kindness; chance to meet only once with a nice congregation. Officers of C. W. B. M. are: Maggie Comdy, President; Ever Alphin Secretary; Ida Smith, Treasurer. We feel that we can do much good here in his auxiliary in the growth of Christ's Kingdom.

We sincerely thank Rev. Alphin for his coming. We trust that we may meet many men whom God has blessed with this world's good, who are anxious to do something toward the work.

Ardmore, Bessie Austin

The Need of an Awakened Ministry

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been accomplished in the past. We have many who are doing and have done their best; but we do need a thorough transformation among the many of our so-called ministers of the Gospel. Brethren, remember that man looketh on the outward appearance, but God searcheth the heart. Brethren, remember whose agents you are. Christ has left a living example; let us pattern our life after his and then go forward in his strength.

Yours in His service,

Edwards, R. H. Davis.

Oklahoma

What is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit should we have if we pray unto Him?

In 1910 we had a drought from April to the last day of August, and there were only showers in spots. The people throughout Logan County, this state called to all the churches to assemble and pray for rain. This they did, but it remained dry. Do you know why? "Surely God will not hear an empty cry, neither will the Almighty regard it." If you ask a man why he prays for rain when these hot winds of Oklahomo take the place of rain and he will tell you, "to save my crops," It is this single thought of self that underlies all prayer of this nature, or for the most part of any nature. This is why James says we ask and receive not because you ask amiss, that you may consume it in your pleasures. The things we most often ask for in our prayers are not things best suited to teach ourselves and others the great lesson God meant for us to learn.

All prayers to be accepted with God: first, must lie within the two petitions of the pattern prayer the Master taught his disciples, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." There is no prayer beyond that. It may be divided into sentences and syllables and made to fit the necessity of the hour, but when prayer moves the heart of God, it is because it is confined within that compass. Thy will be done; there is no phrase more often in use in Christian thought and speech than that of "the will of God." Very many of our hymns are concerned with it and in praying we utter it again and again. But it is this familiarity that has in some measure robbed us of a keen sense of its vital importance; its meaning is too little realized. In common with many of the most sacred things, it has largely become a kind of fetish that is worshipped because it has a sound of piety while the fact that it is the supreme subject of Revelation and the one and only abiding law of life is forgotten. It is the will of God that men should pray. Then the one and only law of life that sets a man free from all the forces that blight and destroy is the will of God.

May God help us to pray such prayers as will be accepted with Him and will strengthen our faith.

Tulsa, A. R. McDuff.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

July 12-13, C. W. B. M. State Convention S. C. I., Edwards, Miss.

July 21-27, Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention, Nicholasville.

July 26-27, Arkansas State S. S. Convention, Argenta Christian Church.

Aug. 14-17, Mississippi State Convention, Port Gibson.

August 19-24, Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Cason, Texas.

Aug. 12-17, Missouri State Convention, Hannibal.

Aug. 20-24, Ohio Christian Missionary Convention, Wehrman Ave. Christian Church, Cincinnati.

Aug. 21-24, Convention, Leaksville, N. C.

Aug. 7-10, State Convention, Kansas City Kansas.

Oct. 23 26 Georgia State, Mulleo Grove Church, near Eastman.

Oct. 24-26 Alabama State, Lum.

Sept. 10 14, State Convention, Wrightsville, Arkansas.

Oct. 7-12, State Convention, Washington, North Carolina.

Aug. 13 17, East Tennessee Convention, Johnson City.

August 30-31, District No. 1 Convention, Maglane Christian Church, Sycamore, S. C.

Short Editorials

HAVE A NOBLE DISCONTENT. Some people are too easy to satisfy. Some are contented with almost anything. Sometimes we see people with fine homes, well-reared children, plenty of stock around them, a good bulging bank account! How easy it is for such people to become contented with their lot! But how about the other fellow? Do not these people in their fine homes owe some debt to the less fortunate ones of the earth? —T.M.B.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Notes and News.

Bro. R. B. Wells, Muskogee, Okla., recently organized an Auxiliary at Nowata, Okla.

Miss Mary Kingsbury who is one of the pioneer missionaries to India and has served nearly thirty years is now home on furlough. Her many friends will wish for her rest and renewed strength.

The Junior C. E. society at the Southern Christian Institute recently elected new officers. Pres., Wesley Sims; Vice Pres., Grover Rodgers; Sec'y., Willie Heath. Four of our Juniors have recently been baptized.

All Auxiliary members should keep the following taken from the Missionary Tidings close at hand in order not to make added work at Headquarters.

Correspondence at Headquarters.

Mrs. J. E. McDaniel is to be addressed in regard to bequests, annuities and gifts Also correspondence about Living Links, Life Memberships, Native Helpers and MISSIONARY TIDINGS subscriptions should be address to her. While drafts, money orders and checks should be made payable to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, letters containing such remittance may be addressed to Mrs. McDaniel.

Mrs. Effie Cunningham, under the new arrangement will carry the interdenominational correspondence, have oversight of general development, striving for a three fold development of the Missionary Societies along educational, expressional and spiritual lines. The programs for the monthly meetings will be under her care. Orders for literature for the meetings should come to her.

While, for the present, Mrs. Cunningham will continue as Editor of the MISSIONARY TIDINGS, the detail work of the magazine will be shared by others at the office.

Miss Allena Grafton has been given oversight of the Young Women's Mission Circles. Correspondence on this branch of the work should be addressed to her. Miss Grafton will also help in other lines of office work.

Mrs. Harriet R. Longdon, as Superintendent of Young People's Work, carries the correspondence concerning the Mission Bands, Junior and Intermediate Societies of Christian Endeavor, and Triangle Mission Club Societies. Correspondence connected with the support of orphan children and subscriptions for the KING'S BUILDERS should be addressed to Mrs. Longdon.

The correspondence with the mission fields is, as formerly, in the hands of Mrs. Anna R. Atwater. Applications for service under the Board, and inquiries concerning the missionary undertakenings of the Board, should come to her.

Texas

In The Field

We are penning these lines while we wait for our train in Houston. We are homeward bound and while we have been from home for four Sundays, we feel that the need of more field work, has justly kept us from home.

During this time we have also spoken to club women in Houston, Galveston and Beaumont. These Church and club women have given us receptione and teas and our stay was a pleasant and profitable one. The Church women's motto is: "The World for Christ" and the club women's motto is: "Lifting as We Climb." Their work is so closely blended together, until they seem like one. Indeed they are one in the end, for the club women wish to Lift up the less fortunate, and save them for Life Eternal. We spoke to the club women of Houston in the new colored Library. Mr. Carnegie gave fifteen thousand for this Library after the Negroes bought the ground. As we cannot use the White Libraries in the south, a Library in each of our large cities is much needed.

In Galveston, we spoke to the largest Baptist Church there. Dr. Williams, the pastor, made us welcome, and helped lift the collection for us. He put more stress on than many ministers of my own Church.

In Beaumont, we spoke to the club women in our own Church. I was glad of this as I had spoken to them before in Methodist and Baptist Churches. At each place we had good audiences. Our best collections came from club women. One address in Houston and they gave $12.00 and local entertainment, while the Churches all had my service all day Sunday and two services during the week.

While our churches moved up a notch I still want them to move up a notch. As I have said to you we are too much along the "Kickers" line when it comes to giving. Other church people have been shoved to give commendably to their workers, so they may do their best work.

There is not a cent in the state treasury for your organizer to go on, and yet you want her to go. Sisters, let's move up a notch, and make your reports regularly, as you make your workers suffer, you also make the foreign field suffer. As you report, the National Board is able to do more field work. I want every auxiliary in the state to make their reports on time in July.

Don't forget the boxes. Remember three hundred dollars is what we want and twice that amount if you will. Depending on each of you to share in the work of raising means for the extension of His kingdom,

I am yours earnestly,

Waco, Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

Arkansas.

Dear Editor:—

This is to inform you that we have been doing some regular mission work since our return from the Workers' Conference. On the fourth Lord's Day in May we held our Auxiliary meeting at this church and had a good one. We then talked of the good that was accomplished at the Conference. We are asking our missionary sisters to come to our meetings with something that they have done for some one or have given some one. As we understand that the Christian family is responsible for the world's being saved we must help some one today. Almost all of our leading workers are talking over this plan.

On the first Lord's Day in June we were at Pine Bluff where we had a good meeting. We made some other arrangements in regard to officers; as our president was getting old we added Mrs. Mary Bradley of Noble Lake, Ark., for the leading officer. Mrs. Bradley is well prepared and is willing to do what she can. The report sent to headquarters was $1.00 and for State Fund 25 cents.

The next place we attended was the (white) Christian Convention at Little Rock the 3-4 of June. This was said to be their best convention. They had visitors from Ohio, Tennessee, and St. Louis, Mo. Good addresses were given by each. We heard much of making the necessary sacrifice to sustain the missionary work in Arkansas. They took up pledges of $2,800. The writer made the report of the colored work of the state. Applause came from all over the house. The organizer (white) spoke favorably of the colored work. We are trying to do a better work this year. The Colored Auxiliary sent to Headquarters $1.50 and for state work $0.50 The Argenta Auxiliary sent to general funds $2 70 and for state work .50. We visited Sherrill just after their Children's Day. The report of their work was good. They raised $5.00 and some cents. We spoke to them after listening to a well prepared paper by Miss Bertha Bridges. They report to General Funds $2.00, State Funds .50. Our next trip was to Kerr, where we spoke to the Baptist Church, concerning the rights of women. We are beginning to see that since the Churches give the women the liberty to do the work of the Church, we have better churches, better homes, and better husbands. They are broader in mind and influence. One of the greatest works the women are doing is to help educate the people, especially the children and young people. From Kerr we went to Pearidge, and met the people at 4:00 p. m. We spoke of the good plans of our work laid out at the Southern Christian Institute and at the (white) convention. We are hoping to see better work. The president being ill we found others slow. Their report had not been sent off. We are very sorry when our auxiliaries fail to send in their reports on time. We hope this will not be the case any more. Business is business. We ask you all again to please send reports to me by the 11th of each month. They sent to general funds $1.55.

My next trips will be to Center Point, Washington, Russellville, Wrightsville, and Plummerville, and to the Bible School convention which convenes at Argenta. We are now looking forward to our State meeting which convenes at Wrightsville, Sept. 11-14th.

Yours for Christ,

Argenta, S. L. Bostick.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

11.—When does the fall term begin for boarding day students?

Ans. September 30, 1913.

12. How many kinds of students have you in school?

Ans.—Three. Boarding day students, day students, and Night School students.

13. Who are the day students that do not board at the school?

Ans.—They are young people who live in the community, and attend the day school by paying in advance three dollars for the fall term, two and one-half for the winter term, and two and one half or the spring term.

14. Who are the Night School students?

Ans.—They are the young people who labor a year in the various industrial departments during the day, and attend school at night.

15. How much does it cost Night School students to enter?

Ans.—Three dollars' entrance fee and about a fifteen dollar deposit.

16. How much does it cost Night School students for board, room, light, and laundry work?

Ans.—Nothing, except their work in the industrial department.

17. How long are students in Night School?

Ans.—Till the beginning of the fall term if they have lost no time.

18. When the fall term arrives, what do the Night School students do then?

Ans.—Enter as boarding day students and attend day school during the entire academic year, for eight months.

19. How much does it cost them for board, room, light, and laundry work?

Ans.— Not a cent, but work each Monday till 5:00 p. m.

20. How many young people ought to be glad of an opportunity like this?

Ans.—At least a thousand.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ross who used to be workers here, have taken charge of the dormitories at Christian University, Canton, Mo. For several years they have had charge of Lida's Wood, at Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois.

We are glad to announce that Miss Clela Bunting will return to Mt. Beulah the last of September, to teach the Sixth and Seventh Grades. This will be good news to all who were at the Institute last year.

There is no use talking about it, the necessity for better trained men and women is apparent on every hand. Our schools have been built and equipped that the youth of the land may have the proper education. Father and mother, you know your son or daughter ought to go away to school this fall, and yet you say that you cannot spare them. Parents must think of other things than the earning of dollars with their children.

Robert Gooden, Bible 1914, is spending the Summer at Utica Institute, assisting in the erection of a cement block building.

Educational Notes.

The high courage and vision of Emory Ross are inspiring. His letters are all filled with signs of such courage and such vision. Recently he wrote, "The longer I am here the more the field grows in perspective and prospect. We have a most enviable position. In a dozen years our direct missionary effort here will be felt. The mere fact of having a hospital, the only one in the republic of Liberia, will help us mightily. In a few years we shall outgrow Liberia. The French Soudan and the interior of the English Sierra Leone are just behind us, and we will be into them before we know it with our evangelists and out stations." —MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

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School will open at the Warner Christian Institute, Jonesboro, Tenn , the first Monday in September.

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The young men who are to enter Jarvis Christian Institute will be glad to know that a new dormitory is to be built soon for them. Supt. Frost and Prof. Berry are just about as busy as they can be.

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Prof. L. B. Brooks, formerly of the Lum High School is now at Masters, Colo.

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The Southern Christian Institute has just received a full-blooded holstein bull calf by express, a gift of Bro. Ashley S. Johnson, of Johnson Bible College, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.

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IS IT NOT about time for us to stop and get our bearings before we drift farther to sea? We have now produced one generation under our present free school system and it is well for us to take an inventory of results. We can see what kind of men we have produced.

Practically all of the big business and all the big financial deals are in the hands of men from our universities, while our politics is in the hands of men from the high schools and colleges. What is the moral standard of our big business and great financial deals? Never before in the history of the world was the standard on a more immoral basis. A few days ago one of our big business houses was asked to bring their books into court to prove or disprove a fraud. They made the plea that they could not afford to let their books be seen by their business rivals. Let us assume for the sake of argument that this was the real cause; what does it imply? Nothing more nor less than that this firm is conducting its business on such a low ethical basis that its methods dare not be known by a rival. Another instance. A year ago representatives of one of our biggest rail-road systems showed what fine earnings they were making. French bankers bought up stock and sold it out to the French peasants. In six months these same managers put the road into the hands of a receiver and shook out all of the peasant investors. Our "high finance" practically all of which is in the hands of university men, is kept straight only by the most rigid surveillance of inspectors.

But turn to politics and what do we see? Graft on every hand. One man conceives the idea of gaining power by breaking up "the machine" and then he proceeds to build a "machine" ten times more corrupt than the old one was, and so it goes on ad infinitum. What is the cause? The answer is in the nature of our educational system. From the kindergarten to the greatest university the one aim is intellectual development. There is not a branch from the bottom to the top of the whole system that is calculated to develop the moral nature and the religious instinct. We taught Latin and Greek in such a way as to superimpose the old pagan ethical standards of the Greeks and Romans on our children in the age of character forming. Caesar's commentaries in the hands of a teacher who could point out the difference between Caesar and David, or Homer in the hands of a teacher who could point out the difference between Homer and Abraham would be alright; but as these branches are taught now we are simply making pagans out of our children.

Now if we make the stupendous mistake of giving this intellectual training to the Negroes, we will simply add an army of ten million grafters and political tricksters to the host we already have. But the Negroes have this advantage. Their leading men were born in a missionary school. Of late there has been a tendency to leave this form of teaching and seek after the intellectual culture so universally sought for by the white people. As a result practically all of the students from our state schools are of no use whatever to the churches and Sunday-schools; and this is almost the case with many of the schools which were once regarded as Missionary schools. The fault is in the nature of training. We teach scientific temperance in our preparatory schools. Still our people will not destroy the saloon or the distillery and brewery. Why? Because scientific temperance is not enough. It requires moral temperance with it. Let the schools once go after moral and religious development and they will find that the intellects will develop twice as fast as they now do and the grafters and political shysters will disappear from our public life.

The Christian Womans' Board of Missions has a system of education in the South that is the keystone to the work that is to conserve our Christian civilization. They themselves have scarcely realized how strategic was this work and have often cast a longing look for the more purely intellectual standard of training, but the fruit is beginning to show, and by their fruit ye shall know them.

The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not get; to serve, not to be served.—Selected.

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Personals

—Eld. B. C. Calvert writes entertainingly on the subject, "Mothers." Too much cannot be said upon this important subject. The boy who loves his mother, and is kind to her always, will some day make a good husband in a home.

—H. Campbell, Dallas, Texas, writes concerning a young woman who wishes to enter the Southern Christian Institute; he also says he will soon send in some money for the PLEA.

—The church at Martinsville, Va., of which Bro. P. H. Moss, is minister, observed Children's day. They raised the largest offering in the history of the church, over $16.00.

—The following subscriptons have been received: Mattie Props and Sally Syper, Center Point, Arkansas, both with Subscription Number 115; Susan Hood, Washington, Ark., Subscription No. 160.

—The time for the International Convention at Toronto, Can., is approaching. We feel certain it will be a great convention. There are so many matters of great importance to come before the meeting. Two years ago this Summer the Office Editor had the privilege of passing through the beautiful city of Toronto, and it almost makes our "mouth water" to go to the Convention this fall, but we shall have to remain here to "watch the wheels go round."

—The disciples of Christ (white) of Arkansas are about to start a College at Fayetteville, near the campus of the state university. In this way students would also get certain advantages from the state institution.

—The following is the report of the subscription contest between states up till July 1, 1913: RANK I., Texas—5 for sending in the largest amount of money for subscriptions, on which points are given, 5 for sending in the largest number of new subscriptions, 4 for having the largest number of old subscribers renew for a year before their time was out. Total number of points for Texas, 14. RANK II., Tennessee—Three for securing the highest average amount of money for each subscription sent in. RANK III., a tie between Illinois and Missouri—2 for receiving the highest average number of points for each subscriber.

—Eld. B. C. Calvert writes the following postal: "I keep as busy as a bee in the Master's kingdom,—so busy I hardly have time to be sick. We filled our appointment at Pearson the fifth Sunday in June. Raised $5 05. We did not tax the members, but just rallied for freewill offering. Was at Indianola last Sunday. The services as usual were good. Collection good also. Went to Holy Grove Monday night following and preached a sermon to the delight of all present. Will leave Indianola today for West Point."

—Prof. H. D. Griffin, Jonesboro, Tenn., writes: "I am trying to get the PLEA into every home possible. To do this means that our membership will be better, our Church services better, and too, our finances will be better. Pray for our success." A number of subscriptions accompanied the letter. Hard work, with prayers, always counts.

Short Edtorals

WE HAVE NOT read in the columns of the PLEA where any of our Churches have started a mission Church or a mission Bible School. How it would thrill our hearts to have such reports come in. Some of our churches ought to be strong enough to reach out in that direction. Just think of the vast throng of the un-churched. Almost every community presents opportunties for an advance movement in God's work.—T. M. B.

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SINCE WRITING THE above, word has reached us that the Oak Cliff Church, Dallas, Texas, has come under the supervision of the Preston St. Church. This is good news. Bro. H. M. Johnson is the faithful pastor.—T. M. B.

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ONE OF THE great needs of the Church of Christ to-day is SERVANTS. The Church needs more good service—better service, in all departments.

Our Lord's Day Schools are greatly in need of more competent and faithful officer's and teachers. I doubt if there is a Colored Sunday School in all the city of Louisville, Ky., that has a sufficient number of competent loyal officers and teacher.

We have a number of persons who boast of being ordained preachers, but who, because they can not hold a church, walk idly around, rather than serve as officers in some church, or as officer or teacher in some Sunday School.

They seem not to have studied the text: "What so ever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" Eccl. 9:10. Do thy duty that lies nearest, and the the duty that you can do.

The strength of a people must not be measured by what they have, or what they know, but by their willingness to serve in the Master's kingdom.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few," Matt. 9:39.

"Jesus, Master whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand, and heart, and nerve,
All thy bidding to fulfill;
Open thou mine eyes to see
All the work thou hast for me."

—W. H. D.

Mississippi

Dear Readers:—

The Rally with Mound Bayou Christian Church was a success. We started out to raise $100.00, but we closed out with $186.00. Satisfied.

The contest was between the White Ribbon and the Blue Ribbon. White Ribbon was led by sister A. E. West; Blue Ribbon, by sister P. R. McCarty. White Ribbon raised $59.00; Blue ribbon raised $106. 51. Public collection, $21.05. The membership is small, but there are some as faithful workers as can be found anywhere. We feel proud of the membership. We hope to see the day when the Church will be in its bloom. The young people must be put to work. Our aim is to have a real progressive congregation. They have a desire to treat the minister right.

Bro. Preston Taylor of Nashville was with us and added much to the cause in so many ways. His visit will be remembered. The sermon was strong and convincing. We had planned to have him come to Port Gibson but his presence was so much needed at home he had to return early.

We are planning to begin a meeting in Greenville in this month. All of the Churches in this state should help us hold a meeting in the city of Greenville. We must do something. Bro. N. S. Taylor has promised a lot to theChristian Church. We must go there and build up a congregation, build a house of worship.

Dear Brethren, don't forget the convention that will convene in Port Gibson, August 14th.

Bro. M. F. Mitchell of Louisville, Ky., is spending a few days with us. While here he is preaching some very strong sermons. Brother M. T. Mitchell is a young man, strong and ambitious, full of the spirit of work. He will succeed.

Now may the Lord crown our work with success.

Yours for Christ,
Port Gibson. K. R. Brown.

South Carolina.

Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—Please allow space for me to say a few words. I see that my subscription number is nearly out, so please find enclosed 50 cts. for the balance part of the year for I feel as if I am lost without it.

Elder J. L. Wood, our state Evangelist, was with me on the 3rd Sunday in June at Maglane Christian Church and did much good; he preached a most stirring sermon, and gained one from the Baptist Church, one from the world. Our next union meeting will be at Maglane Christian Church, Aug. the 30th and 31st in district No. 1. I hope we will come together and fix our additional laws to the constitution.

I am yours in Christ,
Sycamore, R. S. Ritter.

Additional Educational Notes

Warner Christian Institute

School is out at Warner, but business is going on just the same. Preaching every First and Third Sundays at 11:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Lord's Day School at 9:00 A. M., Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30 P. M., Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening. The Junior C. E. Society meets every Saturday at 4:00 P. M. During the week we look after our gardens which are doing nicely.

On the First Sunday the writer visited the Bristol congregation for the benefit of the school. Preached two sermons, which I believe were of much strength to them. This flock is without a shepherd. Some good man is needed at that place. They have a nice Church building and a good strong membership. They can, and are willing to support a good man. Bro. Hughes and son (officers,) are among the best citizens of Bristol, and are all around Christians; this includes their wives also. Any good minister desiring work, may write Bro. C. H. Hughes, 924 Alabama St., Bristol, Tenn.

Thursday the writer will be in Rogersville, remaining over Sunday, soliciting for the school. Brethren, remember that the W. C. I. will only be what we make it; so let us put our energy into this work. Give your boys and girls a Christian education, which means a preparation for this life and also the life to come.

On the 5th, Jonesboro lost one of her best citizens, in the person of Elder John Marshall a Methodist Minister. For more than 40 years, Bro. Marshall labored for the Master. He was a man of patience and long endurance. He was loved by both white and colored. He loved peace, and tried to make peace where there was confusion. He leaves a wife, three daughters, three sons, grand children, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We can only say, "Sleep on, dear one, and rest from your labor." The remains were laid to rest in the Jonesboro Cemetery. The family has our sympathy.

Southern Christian Institute

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

21. Do young men have a chance to study agriculture at the Southren Christian Institute?

Ans.—Yes.

22. What is the nature of the work?

Ans.—They have a class in which the very best text books are used; they also take teams and go into the fields, and learn at first hand the lessons the soil would teach them.

23. How many acres are there in the school farm?

Ans.—Nearly thirteen hundred.

24. How is this department of the school managed?

And.—It is in charge of a skilled agriculturalist.

25. What is the tendency of the world today?

Ans.—Back to the farm.

26. Can the right kind of farmer make money on the farm?

Ans.—Certainly. A good farmer is one of the happiest fellows on earth.

27. What does the Boys' Corn Club show?

Ans.—That the boy following the principle of scientific agriculture can raise more corn to the acre than his father who follows the old methods.

28. Does the Institution raise stock?

Ans.—Yes; cattle, hogs, and sheep.

29. What kind of hogs are raised?

Ans.—Some thorough-bred Berkshires, and others of good blood.

30. Does it cost more for a Night School student to enter the agricultural department than any other department?

Ans.—No.

Miss Mabel Harvey of Angola, Indiana, has been secured as post-mistress of our post-office; she will also be secretary to the President and treasurer of the Institution.

A few words concerning former Academic students. 21. Henry Campbell married, and lives in Forth Worth, Texas; we do not know what occupation he is following, but we feel certain he is doing something worth while. 22. Rose Coycault is spending the summer at her home in Poydras, La.; she taught in the Lu n High School the past session. 23. Rose Dixon, was at her home in Mound Bayou, Miss., when we last heard from her. 24. Lulu Gettis married H. G. Smith and is a missionary in Africa. 25. Emma Howard changed her name to Mitchell and lives in Indianapolis, Ind. 26. Seab Howard,—we have not heard from him for a long time. 27 Dora Hutton married a minister, Eld Conic, and their home is in Jackson, Miss.; she was commander-in chief of girls, and also taught a year or two at Mt. Hermon Seminary. 28. Tansy King, after leaving school taught a number of years near Tillman, Miss. 29. W. Harrison Lane, we do not know where he is. 30. Alexander Martin is married and lives in Memphis, Tenn.

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A SOUTHERN FARMER'S THRIFT.

The circular of the National City Bank, published this morning, contains an account of a farmers' meeting in Mississippi at which a member testified that in 1907 he owed $900 on his 160-acre farm; he had two ponies, small plows, and a wagon. He added:

"The merchants in my town would not credit me for five cents, because they thought it impossible for me to make a living for my family and seven children and pay my debts."

But the "demonstration work" begun by the late Dr. S. A. Knapp of the Department of agriculture, reached this farmer; Dr. Knapp's local agent urged him to cultivate one acre of cotton under the government's instruction. He was asked to break eight inches deep. To do this he had to borrow a team from his neighbors, and the full bale of cotton which he gathered from that one acre—he had previously cultivated twelve acres with a combined yield never over three bales—opened his eyes. He produced six bales of cotton on twelve acres in 1908, nine bales in 1909 and he is now in a way to grow two bales of cotton for every acre that he cultivates. His financial status has, of course, changed:

"Merchants now run after me to sell me goods. I have paid the debt on my place, have four fine mules, and the future looks bright. I have one son and one daughter in college this year, and believe that I am going to be able to give all my children a college education."

At the close of the farmer's talk a merchant arose and said that, whereas in 1907 he would not have credited this man "for a plug of tobacco," he would now give him credit "for $500 any time that he wants it." The fact that practically all the Southern states are co operating in this demonstration work, and that they are reaching many thousands of farmers like the one who recited his experience, seems significant, in the opinion of this very influential bank.—NEW YORK TIMES.

Texas

Dear Readers of the PLEA:—It has been some time since you have heard from us here at Dallas, but we have been busy just the same. We have had 127 feet of piping put in, and water run into the pool in the Church, and water in the parsonage which cost us $22 00. We have also put in a walk of white rock all round the Church. We are now rallying to put new pews in the Church. I wish I could say we are doing something for missions but this I can not say just now. We are hoping and praying that in the near future we will be able to do something along that line.

The past month was a month of revival meeting with us. Several of the white ministers participated. Brother Scott, (white Co. Evangelist) and Brother E. O. Sharpe, pastor of South Dallas Christian Church (white) also preached for us.

The Oak-Cliff Church (colored) has been redeemed and the Preston Street Church has adopted it as her mission. Services are held there every Sunday evening at three, which keeps us busy all day Sunday. The Church is doing fine in the work of home Missions. We hope to take a part in world-wide missions soon.

Pray for us.

Yours in His name,

Dallas. Fannie Hay Johnson.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

July 21-27, Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention, Nicholasville.

July 26-27, Arkansas State S. S. Convention, Argenta Christian Church.

Aug. 14-17, Mississippi State Convention, Port Gibson.

August 19-24, Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Cason, Texas.

Aug. 12-17, Missouri State Convention, Hannibal.

Aug. 20-24, Ohio Christian Missionary Convention, Wehrman Ave. Christian Church, Cincinnati.

Aug. 21-24, Convention, Leaksville, N. C.

Aug. 7-10, State Convention, Kansas City, Kansas.

Oct. 23 26. Georgia State, Mulleo Grove Church, near Eastman.

Oct. 24-26 Alabama State, Lum.

Sept. 10 14, State Convention, Wrightsville, Arkansas.

Oct. 7-12, State Convention, Washington, North Carolina.

Aug. 13-17, East Tennessee Convention, Johnson City.

August 30-31, District No. 1 Convention, Maglane Christian Church, Sycamore, S. C.

Reports From the Field

Program of the 27th Annual Session of the Arkansas Missionary Convention of the Church of Christ

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30—Praise Service by Dewit Wilhite: Sermon by Wm. Martin.
Benediction.

THURSDAY (C. W. B. M. Day.)

FRIDAY NIGHT

8:30—Praise Service by J. H. Hawkins.
8:45—Appointment of Committees.
8:55—Report of Delegates
9:10—"Our Financial condition," by the president; Discussion
11:00—Preaching by T. H. Busby.
12:00—Adjournment for Refreshments.

AFTERNOON.

1:30—Praise Service, by Lewis Finley.
1:45—Address by Prof. J. B. Lehman
2:45—Address, "The Pastor's Relation to the State Work," by H. Martin; Discussion.
3:45—Quartette: Birdie Bridges, Minnie Mitchell, G. L. Moore, P. Worls.
3:50—Address, "Our Relation to the Foreign Field," by E. L. Turner; Discussion.
4:35—"Systematic Missionary Work," by R. T. Matlock.
5:00—Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION

7:30—Praise Service, by R. L. Brock; Sermon by M. F. Mitchell.
9:30—Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING.

8:30—Praise Service by Steve Mitchell.
8:45—"Why the Church should support Bible and Industrial Schools, led by Geo. W. Ivy.
9:45—Address, "The Benefits of a Bible School," by M. F. Mitchell.
10:15—President's Address.
11:00—Preaching by H. Martin.
12:00—Adjournment for Refreshments,

AFTERNOON.

1:30—Report of Committees: State Treasurer's Report, Corresponding Secretary's Report, State Evangelist's Report.
4:30—Round Table, "Our Opportunities."
Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9:30—Bible School; the regular lesson taught by A. M. Bright.
11:30—Praise service, Geo. M. Thomas.
Preaching, Geo. W. Ivy.
Adjournment for Refreshments.

AFTERNOON.

3:00—To be supplied.
7:30—Praise, Calvin Waters.
Preaching, R. T. Matlock.
9:30—Collection.

N. B. A collection will be taken at each session.

M. M. Bostick, Chairman
G. D Jones, Secretary.

Toronto Convention

REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCHES.

In connection with our last national convention held in Louisville a mass meeting of all those attending the convention was convened at which a constitution was adopted providing that the future national conventions should be composed of representatives of the Churches properly chosen and authorized by the Churches themselves. This mass meeting further adopted a resolution which provided for the appointment of a committee of fifteen brethren and sisters to arrange for the first convention to be held under this new arrangement. In the discharge of its duties this committee appointed the three persons whose names are signed below as a committee on credentials for the convention of 1913 to be held in Toronto, Canada, September 30 to October 6

Article III of the constitution adopted at Louisville provides for the membership of the convention and reads as follows: "The convention shall be composed of members of Churches of Christ as follows: Representatives appointed by Churches of Christ on the following basis: Each Church may appoint one representative, and one additional representative for each one hundred members, provided that no Church shall have more than five representatives."

It is therefore the privilege of each Church to designate a certain person or persons as provided by the constitution to attend the Toronto Convention and to act as its representative or representatives. This committee will later provide the Churches with blanks by means of which the fact of the appointment of each person may be certified by the officers of the Church. The representatives of the Church should bring this form when properly filled out with him to Toronto and upon its being deposited with the person authorized to act for this committee

and upon the payment of a convention fee of fifty cents he will receive an official badge and program. The badge will entitle him to a reserved seat in a section of the convention hall set aside exclusively for representatives of the Churches. All matters coming before the convention will be decided by the votes of these representatives

Other persons who may desire to attend the Toronto convention are hereby informed that a non-official badge will be provided for them and that this and the program may be secured by paying the convention fee of fifty cents. Such persons may sit in any part of the convention hall except in those sections reserved for representatives and may enjoy all the privileges of the convention except those which by the constitution are reserved exclusively for the representatives of the churches.

It is the intention of this committee to provide these blanks and so distribute them that they will be available for every Church but in case any Church fails to receive them a note or card addressed to any member of this committee will secure them In case this can not be done, a note certifying that the person named is a representative of the Church will be accepted by the committee.

Allan B. Philputt
W. C. Morro
Effie L. Cunningham.

Christ and Social Uplift

By A. Dale.

At the beginning of the first century eyes were anxiously waiting and looking for something they knew not what,—something that would quiet the critical condition that was being endured.

The different religious parties were so disputing with each other in beliefs that the cause of religion through God was almost lost from sight. The Everlasting Father was born in low circumstances; but his mission was to redeem the world. Picture a young man drawn away from home by a fresh and striking message of a new teacher, Christ. He feels that he has a mission, his enthusiasm has no limit; he has the assurance of success in his own heart. Here he gives his first lesson to mankind, when he withdraws from the crowd into solitude in order to study himself and gain strength for the most perilous mission that he was soon to undertake. Yet in spite of the solitude, he was not yet away from temptation; for there he received his greatest temptation, but his faith never failed.

Now when man notes his human qualities; his own struggles throughout against evil suggestions so fierce that he forgets to eat or drink, he says to himself, "Salvation is dethroning evil and enthroning good."

Christ taught that all men are created equal and he has given to each all the power that he himself had to uplift his weaker brother,—hands to serve, tongue to speak words of cheer and comfort, brains to study plans for meeting the needs of others, heart with which to sympathize and to love, a will to keep all steady and hold the machinery in active unison, time to work for the uplift of mankind, the power of faith and the power of prayer at hand,

Christ's love and sympathy go out like the scent of a flower, penetrating the atmosphere with its fragrance, but has the price for itself. This atmosphere has been breathed into the heart of such a woman as Jane Adams who is spending her life uplifting the helpless, homeless and friendless. It is this atmosphere of love and thoughtfulness of others that found hospitals and lead men to prohibit child labor, white slave traffic and help to clean up slums; remove this atmosphere from man and he will strive only to develop his animal capacity. As man comes more and more in touch with Christ and His teaching he will be found leading more and better organizations against workers of iniquity, as Christ himself led.

Every generation is surrounded by more and better social conditions that tend to uplift striving humanity. Prayers are gone up for the time to come when nations, the world over, will rise up and with one sweet tune sing:

"We are marching on to Canaan
And Jehovah is our guide,
We are marching through the desert,
He is ever at our side.
In the darkness or the danger,
We can never go astray,
With Jehovah for our leader
And our guide upon the way."

Bay City, Texas.

Read the Kenoly Book!

We make the following special offer, good till October 1, 1913; For one dollar and twenty-five cents, we shall send one year's subscription to the Gospel Plea and that remarkable book, "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly." This applies both to old and new subscribers. The Plea is getting better and will soon be larger. Address, Gospel Plea, Edwards, Mississippi.

Mothers

BY B. C. CALVERT.

Every child is a bundle of tremendous possibilities; and whether that child shall come forth to life, its heart attuned to the eternal harmonies, and after a life of usefulness on earth go to a life of joy in HEAVEN, or whether across it shall jar eternal discords, and after a life of wrong-doing on earth it shall go to a home of impenetrable darkness and an abyss of immeasurable plunge is being decided by nursery songs and Sunday-school lessons, and the kind of walks, rides, and the company its mother allows him or her to keep. Oh, how many children in glory, crowding all the battlements and lifting a million voiced hosanna, were brought to God through Christian parentage.

Good mothers are very dear to their children. Sanders from Glasglow says: "The mither's breath is aye how sweet." Every woman is a handsome woman to her own son. That man is not worth hanging that does not love his mother. When good women lead their little ones to the Savior, the Lord Jesus blesses not only the children, but their mothers as well. Happy are they among women who see their sons and their daughters walking in the truth.

Who are the industrious men in all our occupations and professions? Who are they, managing the merchandise of the world, building the walls, walks, tinning the roofs, weaving the carpets, making the laws, governing the nations, building the ships, making the earth to quake, heave, roar and rattle with the tread of gigantic enterprises? Who are they? For the most part they are descended from industrious mothers, who, in the old homestead used to spin their own yarn, weave their own carpets, plait their own chairs and do their own work. The stalwart men and the influential women of this day, nintey-nine out of every hundred of them, came from an ancestry of hard laborers.

The idle mothers of the world are carried off with every temptation and fashion—peddlers of filthy stories. For the most part, they came from mothers idle and disgusting—the scandalmongers of society, going from house to house, attending to everybody's business but their own, believing in witches and ghosts, and in horse-shoes to keep the devil out of the churn; and by godless lives, setting their children on the very verge of hell. The mothers of Samuel Johnson, Alfred the great, Isaac Newton, St. Augustine, Richard Cecil and other great men I might mention were mainly Christian mothers.

Let mothers labor to make home the happiest place in the world. If they are always nagging and grumbling they will loose their grip on their husbands and their hold on their children, and the boys will be tempted to spend the greater portion of their time away from home. Home is the best place for boys and men, and a good mother is the soul of home. The smile of a mother's face has enticed many to the right path, and the fear of bringing a tear into her eye has called off many a man from evil ways. The boy may have a heart of iron, but his mother can hold him like a magnet. The devil never reckons a man to be lost so long as he has a good mother alive. Great is thy power, Oh woman! See to it that it be used for Him who thought of His mother even in the agonies of death.

Oh, the satisfaction of Hannah in seeing Samuel serving at the altar! Of mother Eunice in seeing her Timothy learned in the scripture! That is the mother's reward to see her children coming up useful in the world, reclaiming the lost, healing the sick, pitying the ignorant, earnest and useful in every sphere. That throws a new light on the old family Bible when she read it, and that will be ointment to soothe the aching limbs of decrepitude and light up the closing hours of life's day with the glories of an autumnal sunset.

Children, whether they be old or young, should reverence their parents. Look out for the young man who speaks of his father as the "Governor," the "Squire," the "old Man," or the "Old Chap." Look for the young woman who calls her the mother "Maternal ancestor," the "Old lady," or the "Old woman." "The eye that mocketh at father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." Prov. 30:17. Again, "For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him." Lev. 20:9. Young people, if you mistreat your parents you will certainly see it again.

If the good old father or mother can not read it is the indispensible duty of the son or daughter to sit down and read for the parent. They enjoy hearing the Bible and every good religious paper read. It does the inmost soul good.

I am satisfied the GOSPEL PLEA goes into many a home where parents can not read, and it is wrong for the children to get the PLEA and read it and then lay it down before they read it to their parents. Remember what education you have, your parents sacrificed nearly everything they had to give you that education. The thing that will grieve them most is to be ungrateful wretches. Show your appreciation by doing everything you can to make

come happy for them. Don't think you will do too much, for you never will pay your parents for the trouble you gave.

Let us do all we can for our good old mothers now, for soon the eternal gates will lift and pass the worn out pilgrim into eternal springtide and youth, where the limbs never ache nor the eye grow dim, and where no tears shall ever fall.

I am yours for more kindness to these mothers, of ours.

Jackson, Miss.

Texas

North Texas District Convention.

To the Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:

Dear sir, please allow me space in your valuable paper to make the following report from the North Texas, District convention, which was held at Greenville, Texas June 12th to 15th.

We had a grand time although the weather was bad. We as co-workers in the vineyard were ready and willing to do our part.

Rev. A. C Chichon, pastor of Clark St. Christian Church, Greenville, Texas, and his members bade us welcome to their town. Rev. L. H. Crawford delivered an able sermon, Saturday night. There were thirty-four additions; baptizing the third Lord's day in June. We raised $23 00. We left Greenville with a high spirit to do more for Christ than ever before.

I am yours for Christ and the uplifting of the race.

Roxton, Pearlie Wright, District Sec.

We your committee on Future Work beg leave to make the following report:

(1) That a committee of three be named by the president to draw up the by-laws and constitution for the North District meeting, and report at the next meeting.

(2) We recommend that each Church in the District observe one Sunday before the state convention to raise funds for J. C I., and the amount raised be sent to the District treasurer to be reported at the state meeting, as the District educational money, and that all who give $5 00 have their names sent in for publication in the minutes.

(3) We recommend that each member of the Churches be taxed 25 cents per quarter and the same be raised by the officers of the Churches and be reported at the District meeting.

(4) That the District evangelist visit each church at least once during the quarter and a free-will offering be taken for him.

Committee,

Eld. H. Crawford,
Silas Garnett,
K. S. Smith,
Mrs. Wm Alphin,
T. W. Pratt.

Mr. President, officers, and members. I beg leave to make the following report:

Days in the field	85
Sermons preached	130
Lecture to public school	1
Additions	19

Received from the following places:

Greenville	$12.10
Paris	75
Roxton	22.00
Dallas	3 60
Vancustine	2.60
Bonham	1 50
Sherman	5.25
Ft. Worth	70
Sylvan	1.60
Farmerville	8 00
Celeste	nothing
Denison	nothing
Total	$66.10

May 7th, 1913, received from the treasurer of the district convention, $7 25.

Greenville, L. H. Crawford, Evangelist.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

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Jarvis Christian Institute

The District Board held its session June 27-29 at the J. C. I. Delegates from Mt. Vermon, Cason, Dangerfield, Union Hill, Leesburg and Pittsburg were present.

Harland, Sidney and Miss Guise Marhall, and two Mr. Burnleys. two Mr. Waldens and another young lady, all from Big Sandy, attended the Board meeting at the J. C. I. Sunday, June 29.

Mr. S. J. Sansom arrived at the J. C. I. from Davilla, Texas, June 25th with his sister, Elsie Sansom, who is to work her way through school. Mr. Sansom remained over until Saturday and was in the Board Meeting.

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Arkansas.

Dear Editor:—

This comes to inform you about our missionary work at this place. We are growing slowly but we are trusting for better things. Three new members have been added to our workers and we are taking on new life since the visit of our missionary sister Sarah L. Bostick was with us for five days. She visited several of the sisters in their homes. The sisters met on Saturday to clean up the church. Sister Bostick took her full part in this work also.

On Lord's Day she gave us a very interesting address and at 4:00 P. M. we all came back for a Bible lesson taught by her. Every one enjoyed the lesson. We are always glad to have her visit us for we gain much inspiration.

I am the president of the missionary society at this place and young in the work but I am willing to do all I can to impress the work on others. We are planning to make a good report in September. I trust all the sisters will be faithful and help me all they can.

We raised $1.55 for Mrs. Bostick. We are always glad to have her come and sorry to see her leave. We ask for your prayers.

I am your sister in the work.

WASHINGTON, MRS. IDA STEWART.

Our Prayer in Africa

Month before last I went a few miles, about forty, as nearly as I could tell, back into some Liberian bush. Does that word "bush" puzzle you? If it does, it's no wonder at all. You know what bush means, don't you? Certainly you do, and there's no use in me trying to make you believe—you who see plenty of bushes every day out in the parks, or in your back yard, or in Kaufman's pasture—that I found one large enough to let me walk through it for two whole days—is there? And yet I declare upon my honor as a former Junior, that I did that very thing. For, you see, while "bush" in America may mean a little shrub some five or six feet through, "bush" in Liberia, African bush, means miles and miles and miles of forest! And such forest as it is! Likely most of you have at least seen pictures of the big forest reservations out west, where the underbrush and vines and deadwood are cleared away and nothing meets the eye but big, fine, straight trees—well, don't imagine an African forest looking that way. Maybe some time I can write you a little description of what African "bush" looks like.

I had walked all day through the bush with Masagai, my "boy" (who is older than I), and two other companions, and had at length reached a little clearing. In the clearing was a clean, well-kept coffee farm and in the midst of the coffee trees was a little house. Here I was to spend the night. My two companions soon went on to their destination, five or six miles further in the country, where I was to meet them the next morning before breakfast. It was a native man at whose house I'd stopped; half Gola and half Vai he was, and his American name, as they say out here, was Henry Stewart. Years ago he had become a Christian at the mission school, where my companions and I had slept the night before, and now he had this coffee farm and a plank house and was very well to do, as prosperity goes out here. And had he been content to use his worldly goods only for himself? Far from it. Fifteen little native boys were gathered into his home with him. He had provided them with clothes, fed them, taught them English and told them over and over of God. That night the moon was in the first quarter; at seven o'clock it was directly overhead and the white bare clay of the little front yard looked like a sea of yellow-white in its rays. I strolled out and stood under a tall, lone palm tree and thought how glad we'd all be when our little mission had grown and had moulded a life like Henry Stewart's, which, in turn, would impress itself upon the boys and girls of this big Liberia. And as I leaned there thinking, a little bell rang on the piazza and from the shadows all around, out into the moonlight and toward the house moved the little black boys of that household. I, too, went to the piazza and they gave me a seat at a little, wabbly table, where a smoky, tiny lantern was doing its best to make things bright. One of the older boys came to sit beside me and ask me to choose a hymn from the book he offered, but when they knew that I wished to hear them at their evening devotions just as if I wasn't there, they sang a song—in English—of their own choosing,

The boy beside me read a Psalm and then offered an earnest, simple prayer in his broken English. Another song followed; then silence—a dead, unbroken silence. I could just feel them looking at me. I knew what they wanted—that they wished me to say something to them. But the spell was so completely over me my tongue was tied—the dark forest just yonder, the little coffee trees nearer, right at hand the gleaming clay, the lantern smoking in my face, the steady boyish eyes looking, looking, and over all that mellow, yellow pearl of God's we call the moon—my heart had so many thoughts just then I couldn't speak. A word from Henry Stuart and the spell was gone, and for four or five minutes I talked with them about how, no matter where a boy is, or what his tribe or nation, God wants to be his father and Christ his Elder Brother; how in my country the finest of the boys when their work and school and play are done, and night comes down about them, drop at their bedsides or at their mothers' knees and have a little talk with Jesus, and how sure we are that Jesus hears and knows and wants to hear again. I finished, and after a moment's silence the whole group of boys slipped to their knees on the porch and made a little prayer—a prayer that brought me a big, big lesson. And when they had finished and I had sat alone in the night and thought the lesson through, I resolved on the spot to write you about it.

When I was a little baby boy in Kendallville, Ind., years and years ago—I'm terribly old now, you know—my mother taught me a prayer that maybe every girl and boy who reads this story has learned at some time or other—"Now I lay me down to sleep"—you know it, don't you? Well, for years I would say that prayer at night. It was as familiar to me as the big red house in which we lived. It was "my" prayer, same as Miss Daniels was "my" teacher. Of course I shared that prayer with lots of other white boys and girls there in Kendallville. just as I shared Miss Daniels with the other boys and girls—all white—in that wonderful first room at school, but all the same, it was "my" prayer—a few other children having it—children just like me—didn't make any difference in my mind. So of course, as I grew up that feeling remained with me. I don't recall ever fetching it out and saying out loud: "'Now I lay me down to sleep' is my prayer," but the impression was always there, "that's mine" —and in saying "mine" you see, I rather included all the children like me who had learned that prayer.

Well; at Henry Stewart's that night those little Gola and Pessy and Vai and Bassa boys knelt there on the porch and without any warning to my already overfilled mind, began: "Now I lay me down to—," I almost started. Could my ears deceive me? Could my mind, already filled that night with memories of my own boyhood be playing tricks on me? And in surprise and uncertainty a question flashed over me: "What could these boys, African boys, be doing with my prayer?" But on they went, in perfect unison:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.
This I ask for Jesus' sake, Amen."

—The KING'S BUILDER

Out of Touch

Only a smile, yes, only a smile,
That a woman o'er-burdened with grief
Expected from you. 'Twould have given relief,
For her heart ached sore the while;
But weary and cheerless she went her way,
Because, as it happened, that very day
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a word, yes only a word.
That the Spirit's small voice whispered, "Speak"
But the workers passed onward, unblessed and weak,
Whom you were meant to have stirred
To courage, devotion and love anew,
Because, when the message came to you,
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note,
For a friend in a distant land.
The Spirit said, "Write" but you had planned
Some different work, and you thought
It mattered little; you did not know
'Twould have saved a soul from sin and woe;
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a song, yes, only a song
That the Spirit said, "Sing to-night—
Thy voice is thy Master's by purchased right,"
But you thought, "'Mid this motley throng
I care not to sing of the City of Gold."
And the heart that your words might have reached grew cold;
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day!
But, oh, can you guess, my friend:
Where the influence reaches, and where it will end,
Of the hours that you fritted away?
The Master's command is, "Abide in Me,"
And fruitless and vain will your service be,
If out of touch with your Lord.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Liberian Christian Institute

Today is a great day with the children at the L. C. I. School opens. The evening of the thirty-first of May at fifteen minutes to seven o'clock our big bell rang out the glad tidings for the first time.

It would do you good to see our eddo patch and corn. Don't say a word about our sugar cane, a perfect stand, growing fine.

Our list of students reached thirty nine the first day. I was surprised after I had gotten through classifying the children and summed up finding that the mark was thirty nine. I worked till I did not have a dry thread left. Because of their lack of understanding English it takes about four times the talk necessary to find out what you want to know.

Mrs. Smith and myself are carrying on the work at home here while Mr. Ross is away for a few days attending to business in Monrovia.

We are this week putting on the roofing on the porch and rooms added on to Ross Hall.

I never spent a happier day in my life than I spent today. Brethren and sisters, with all our inconveniences each day our souls grow happier and more courageous in this cause of bringing the gospel light of Christ to these boys and girls.

The love of Christ constraineth us. Indeed you can look into the faces of those boys whose lives were never touched with the love of Jesus through Jacob Kenoly and see at a glance what a vast difference there is between them and those whose hearts have been touched. Our souls have reason to leap for joy because such a man as Jacob Kenoly once labored in this small corner of this land of heathenism. What a great camp fire he left burning here in the hearts of this people of superstition and sin. Thank God for such a life.

I pray the Father daily that I may only be worthy to follow in the path where such a noble character trod.

God is our refuge; we only need to have faith through Jesus Christ to believe; if we trust in Him and obey His word He will not only be with us at all times but in time will give us through His Son the the victory over sin. This battle in which we are engaged is not to be won today for it will take years to even begin to realize that any good is being accomplished at all. God is a just rewarder and we may rest assured that in His own time He will crown the efforts of the faithful with a fruitful success. All we are to do is to labor faithfully to the end according as He said and He will see to the yield of fruit. Brethren, those of you who will open up your heart and respond liberally to this great cause of redeeming Africa, can rejoice greatly when the hour comes when she shall no longer walk in utter darkness of heathenism, superstition and in tree and rock and river worship. Won't that be joy when Jesus Christ shall be lifted up in all the dark lands of the earth? Christian friends, don't you want a part in this great accomplishment for God?

I hope that you will not forget that we are much in need of four or six hundred yards of 48-inch hog-proof wire for a large hog lot. Who will kindly help the cause this much?

It is my prayer that the state conventions this year will all be at peace and do much honor to our King. Let us lay aside every weight of sin which so easily besets us and run this race with patience. For it is not to the swift but to him that endureth to the end.

May God grant a blessing on his cause the world over. Let us all pray that this may be a year of great things for the Master.

Faithfully in the cause,

H. G. Smith.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

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The boys and girls will keep fat at the J. C. I.; peas, beans, and cabbage are plentiful these days, and the roasting ears and melons will soon be ripe. Mrs. Frost and girls are busy these days canning berries and beans for the winter.

Prof. Berry and George Lewis, the first work boy who came to work his way through school, have the first coat of paint on the girls' hall.

Prof. C. A. Berry and Supt. T. B. Frost attended the Emancipation Celebration June 19th, 4 miles north of Big Sandy, and spoke for them. Mrs. Frost and children reported a good time at Hawkins on the same day at the celebration.

Mr. Harris and wife (white) near Fouts, were at the J. C. I. on the 29th, and made some pictures of the delegates and buildings. Every delegate took a picture of the group.

Mr. Harris and wife said the J. C. I. will succeed because it has a good foundation to build on.

The J. C. I. was visited with a good rain and T. B. Frost and boys are finishing the setting out of the potato patch.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

"IF ANY MAN would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The taking up of Christ's cross and following him is a work so sublime that those who are self seeking can never comprehend. The world is to be redeemed through the efforts of those who unselfishly labor for it as Christ labored for us. When all goes well, many men call themselves Christians who have never learned the A B C's of this higher service , but when the real difficulties come on it is soon seen who are the true shepherds and who are the hirelings.

That a real crisis is impending is recognized on all sides. In the recent California Convention a leading speaker said that he foresaw a social crisis impending that would be harder to meet than the martyrdoms of old. While there has been a great religious awakening throughout the whole country, there has also been a social degeneration that is alarming. Paul said, "Where iniquity abounded there did grace the more abound." In our case it seems to be reversed and where grace abounds there does iniquity the more abound.

Especially is this true in our Negro Churches and missionary organizations. That there has been a great religious awakening all along the line is manifest to all who have observed. At the same time there is coming a spirit of worldliness that is perfectly alarming. It is probably due to the fact that the awakening of those men and women who have seen a vision has in some way startled those who are thoroughly in the bond of self seeking and they have not hesitated to touch the most sacred altar of God with the foulest of methods. Brethren, you who love God and the cause of righteousness, to you we appeal. Let us stand like brave men for the great cause. If like in California it will take more fortitude than the martyrs of old showed, let us show ourselves true servants of God. We are called to one of the greatest tasks ever given to man to do. Here is a race of over ten millions of people just entering into larger service. Seven or eight millions of them live in the South. If we start them aright they will lay a foundation for a new civilization that will bring much joy to the world. If we allow self seeking men to lay this foundation, this country will see five hundred or a thousand years of dark ages. Brethren, over this you should pray most earnestly. The outcome depends on what you do. Sodom fell because there were not enough righteous men in it.

So far all the conventions held, but one have endorsed the Jubilee Program and that one will valiantly support the work. In all those states God has a host of true servants who are brave and earnest and they will make the Jubilee shout from one end of the land to the other; and as they go to work they will not only give money but they will develop the spirituality of the Churches and this will be the greatest thing of the Jubilee.

We are now beginning on the second year of the Jubilee. The work we are doing means better schools and better evangelism and and better Church work. We already have $2154 53 and it will yet require $17845.42 to reach the 20 000. In a few more weeks we will again see the Sunday before Thanksgiving when all the Churches will rally for a good collection. There is a power in concert of action that is irresistible. One man standing alone can not do much, but many men standing all together and cheered by the same thoughts and actuated by the same motives become irresistible. Let every Church in all the states come up with a good offering. If we do this and then go after the special funds we will raise $8000 this year, Brethren, let all pray earnestly that we may be able to do the bidding of our Heavenly Father in this crisis.

Every Church should make careful preparation for the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents should write to us for programs, pledge-card and reports of the committee on contributions of the workers conference. It is a blessed thing for Churches and Sunday-schools to have a part in this. We are in a great business. We are to rehabilitate the Churches and start new ones; and in our schools we are preparing workers for the larger work that is coming. Sometimes we feel like robbing the schools for filling positions. Often a call comes so urgently that we feel that the work must go to ruination if we do not send them a man, but we have only partially prepared students. To the Churches we appeal. Help us in the collections and with the collection send a prayer and then give us your children to be educated so we can have more workers to send to the great harvest field. Pray earnestly for our strength that we may do what we ought in this hour of great opportunity.

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—The East Tennessee Convention met at Johnson City. The Church in that city is in a most auspicious location on one the best thoroughfares. The various Churches in the district sent large delegations. The delegation from Rogersville stopped over at the Jonesboro School and were delighted to see what were being done. Prof. and Mrs. Griffin entertained them royally.

—Prof. Ervin, principal of the Langston High School, was a great help in the convention. He is an educator of great influence in that section.

—The Missouri Convention met at Hannibal, in North East Missouri on the Mississippi River. The convention was well attended. The Church is situated in a good location for a good work.

The Missouri Churches are blessed with a good number of earnest women who will do a great work when they are rightly led.

Rev. T. A. Abbott, faithful to his love for the advancement of the Negro Churches, was with them Wednesday and Thursday.

There seemed to be a feeling among a few that nothing done South of Mason and Dixon line is worthy of approval. A visit to see what work is being done in the far South would be a great enlightener.

—The Texas Convention met with the Shady Grove Church near Cason. There are many Disciples living about there and the Convention was well attended.

—The auxiliaries led by Mrs. Alphin are doing most substancial work. They put on the table $200 for Jarvis Christian Institute. The Churches in Texas are just at the point where they are finding themselves.

—The second building at the J. C. I. is up and about enclosed. When the campus east is cleaned off and the main street cleared the new institution will make a fine appearance. The institution will give a public highway near the railroad. The authorities in Hawkins will build a straight road to it and the authorities in Big Sandy will finish it in the other direction.

—C. H. Dickerson speaks straght out, from his old Virginia home. The editor is in favor of the advertisement from all our schools. We second the motion that all subscribers hustle for new subscribers and for boys and girls to attend our schools. The world is to be saved through the foolishness of preaching. But if the young people do not attend the schools, and prepare for this religious service, where are our leaders to come from ?

The Last Jubilee Offering for the Missionary Year closing September 1, 1913.

The following is the last report for this missionary year. Read it carefully and see what we have done.

WARNER CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

East Tennessee Convention, pledge of E. W. Meeks, ... $5 00
Total to date for W. C. I. 169.76

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FUND.

Mrs. Bettie Hackley, Lawrenceberg, ... 1.00
D. I. Reid, Lexington, ... 1 00
Total for Kentucky School Fund, ... 2 00
Total to date for Kentucky School Fund, ... 827.25

LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Three mile Creek, Ehrhardt, S. C., ... 8.00

FUND STATEMENT.

Rally Day Fund, ... 578.27
J. C. I. Fund, ... 524 50
Lum High School, ... 89.00
Warner C. I. 169 76
Liberian C. I., ... 20.75
Graduate Fund, ... 3 00
Kentucky School Fund, ... 827.25
Total for all Funds, ... 2162 53
Amount yet needed to make $20 000, ... 17837 47

REMARKS. In last report we gave an item of $37. 10 credited to the Texas Sunday Schools, given by T. W. Pratt. This was erroneously reported. It should have been Texas Sunday Schools, $3.00 and Church convention, Cason, Texas, $34.10 The latter collection was taken at a Church period and should be credited to the Churches.

Now, Brethren, the next report will begin new. In the year just passed we surprised ourselves by going beyond the two thousand dollar mark. We must go to work now to get ready for Rally Day, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The aim must be to get every member in every Church. It is not simply that we want to raise a big sum to show what we can do, but we want to grow spiritually as we give more, for we have a great task on our hands. We are saving for the great Work of the Kingdom, the children of a numerous people. Our task will take the best in us. The secular education that was so much stressed a few years ago made pagans of our children. We must begin to make servants of God out of them.

Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

SPECIAL FUND GIVEN BY FRIENDS OF THE WORK.

Mrs. M. J. Allen, Akron, Ohio, ... $25.00
A Friend, ... 5 00
Mrs. John Heydlauf, Crandall, S. Dak., ... 2.50
A Friend, ... 5.00
First Christian Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, ... 15.00
Total reported this time, ... 52.50
Total reported to date, ... 1265.34

REMARKS. We are gratified that this fund has reached as much as it has. It was not possible for me this year to visit any of our great conventions nor one of our important Churches in the section where our people are strong, My only dependence was to send circular letters and not much of that could be done.

But a good foundation was laid. We have made a good start towards removing and remodeling the Louisville Christian Bible School, and we feel that the new missionary year will bring us good things. We are praying earnestly that God will touch the heart of some good Christian man or woman in Kentucky and another in South Carolina so we will get two plantations for the extending of this great work.

We ask all our friends to pray most fervently that this work may be enlarged. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Short Editorials

THE EDITORIAL STAFF of the GOSPEL PLEA has made it unpretentious bow to the readers of this religious weekly. All of the editors have now been heard from in this department. Our friends are very generous in their praise of this new department. We have all put our shoulders to this GOSPEL PLEA wheel to make something turn around. We are looking for you to grab a hold just where you are.

—T. M. B.

A GOOD WHITE brother said to me some time ago, your people do not seem to take to the Christian religion, they like the Sectarian Churches on account of the commotion and noise. My reply was, many communities never heard a Christian Minister and the people have to take the commotion and noise or nothing. Why not every Christian white Church, see that there is established in their city or community a Christian Church for their brother in black? This would be the most profitable mission ever undertaken.—P. T.

THE WORKER'S CONFERENCE will mean much for the Disciples of Christ if only we will make good use of the opportunities granted. The contribution committee has advanced progressive ideas; its plans will enlarge the vision of our people and they will then see things in a different light. The Jubilee movement and the plan to raise $20.000 will meet the approval of the most of the conventions. Churches and members, let us lift up Jesus Christ.—K. R. B.

A WORD TO THE STATES:

IN THE PAST we have been in the habit of publishing how much money we have raised. We must now begin to publish what we have done with the money. Nothing we can do will stimulate the work more than this. Let all the conventions begin to do this. For example, M. T. Brown, President of the Texas Convention publishes this week that they have raised $1500. This now should be followed with a statement of what has been done. $524. 50 of this has been reported for the J. C. I. and some more is yet to be reported. Say, $400 went to the Evangelist; possibly three or four hundred went to support the C. W. B. M. organizer and some for expenses like minutes. Let us have a frank and open statement of what was done and we will find the people have scarcely begun to give. If their confidence is unshaken they will at once enter upon their larger work. This also will take away all temptation for any one who holds the money to carelessly use some of it.

—J. B. L.

A. T. Ross Dies.

The father of Emory W. Ross of Schieffelin Liberia, Africa, died at the home of his sister in Winchester, Indiana, Aug. 26, 1913. The remains were brought to Eureka, Illinois, for the funeral and interment. The funeral was held at the Eureka Christian Church, Aug. 28. Bro. Ross and family for a number of years were workers at the Southern Christian Institute. We are sure that every ready of the PLEA will sympathize with wife and son who are left to mourn his loss. We pray God's richest blessings upon Emory, who has been deprived of being present at the last sad rites.

A WORD TO THE East Tennessee Churches. You have a great responsibility in the Warner Christian Institute. Heretofore it was run in conjunction with the county, the C. W. B M. furnishing two teachers and the County two. This year it became manifest that this arrangement was not for the best interest of the school and further aid was declined from the County. This will make it necessary that the Churches redouble their effort in raising funds to meet the the loss of this money. The Churches are able to build up a good school now, if they see a vision of their great opportunity. It will take some four hundred dollars more to run the school. This will have to come from churches and contributions and from tuition. Now another thing the East Tennessee Churches must do is to give a more earnest patronage. So often we have clamored for schools and then when we had them we sent our children elsewhere.

The Jonesboro school has a corps of fine Christian characters as teachers who will teach your children how to do Church and missionary work and be good, straightforward men and women. You do not find it so in many schools, even tho some of them have thousands of dollars where we have hundreds. The W. C. I. has a good place for boys to room and a good place for girls where they will be directly under good teachers day and night. We confidently look for a great advancement in the usefulness of the W. C. I. and you will make a great mistake if you do not send your children there now. The school needs three things from you; (1) it needs your prayers and good will, (2) it needs your contribution, and (3) it needs your patronage. Fill up the W. C. I. with your children and do not be like the old lady who said, "I'm in favor of building schools, but I'm agin attending them." —J. B. L.

The Personal Inclination

THE personal inclination, so often considered as a guide to one's choice in an education or vocation, has usually little or no value. As a rule, it is the result of early environment. There is always a period in a boy's life when he wants to be a policeman or an engineer. Those historical inclinations in youth that are said to have controlled the future of so many great men are often the "recollection after the fact." The only effect of a strong personal inclination is its influence on one's industry or its excuse for lack of effort.

As pertinent to this question of education, it must be remembered that the underlying and governing factor in growth or development is either self-control or the subordination of one's self to others and to conditions. The measure of success is governed by capacity for self-control or capacity for subordination to conditions or to the control of others.

After self control the most important elements are directness of purpose and honesty, and a thorough realization of one's responsibility for every act, and of one's accountability for the result of every act.

The lack of self-restraint or self-control is, in its influence on individual life, far worse than any inherited vice or taint. Nothing else is so destructive of all that goes to make success. Many of the essential lessons and good habits are best acquired at the mother's knee. Though the exercise of firmness, gentleness and consistency from the beginning, they can be acquired unconsciously and without any of the suffering that comes through the discipline

necessary to conquer settled habits. The child who is allowed to indulge his whims for this or that thing is being severely handicapped in his future struggle for success.

Give a boy an elementary education, a training and foundation, and he will do all the rest. Influence he will make for himself; the push and pull that so many depend upon, he will himself create.

In response to an article that went the round of the papers about the difficulty of finding men for positions of leadership, hundreds of letters were received. Many of the writers were serious and earnest, and showed a desire to rise above an environment that seemed to be hopeless. Others, full of conceit, desired to step into a position of leadership without experience of any kind, confident that they possessed all the necessary qualifications. Some of them offered to eat their letters or pay some absurd wager if they did not succeed. Others ranted on the theory that all employers were slave-drivers, and that no one had a chance without money and influence; still others deplored the lack of opportunity, but mentioned the numerous posisions of trust they had occupied that, for some unrevealed reason, they were not able to retain. In a word, they nearly all expected to be pushed into position and kept there by brute force.

Only a few of the answers gave any indication of a capacity to appreciate what a position of leadership means, or what it requires.

Business leadership requires, first of all, natural capacity, then the training and experience that come only from a long successful struggle with all kinds of environment and obsacles, and, lastly, some successful experience under full resonsibility.

In the making of a business man, and in the course of a business life, there are practises to be cultivated, things to be learned and habits to be formed that are most helpful to success. These are the most important of them.

Definiteness of purpose and thoroughness in deciding on a pursuit, and in doing and learning all that is necessary to be done or known for its accomplishmeut.

Observation, or the habit of noticing little things —instinctive recognition of anything wrong, or out of place. This is incidental to orderly habits, or the result of them. General deduction from single incidents should never be made. One incident may be accidental; many similar accidents comes from a common cause.

Foresight and precaution; there never was a succfull leader who did not continue all precautions until the moment of success.

Self-confidence without overconfidence or offensive egotism; it should rest on a thorough knowledge of what is to be done, or an experience in the doing, or in both.

Respect for the unknown; in every undertaking there are difficulties that only a familiar and practical acquaintance can reveal.

Respect for the opinion of others.

Deliberations over new ideas. Many thoughts that are seemingly wonderful lose their apparant value when slept over, or exposed to impartial criticism.

Attention without interruption to any one who is at all entitled to be heard. Cultivate the mind in many directions. To know intelligently about many things is always valuable to a business man.

Reciprocity in all the affairs of life. It is only by reciprocity that permanent success can be gained. Every exchange should benefit both sides.

Those who feel discouraged by hard conditions should remember that most successful men have started under discouraging conditions.

—The youth companion.

Texas

Editor Gospel Plea:—

Please allow me space to announce the following in the worthy columns of our Church organ I am just out of our Thirty-first Annual Convention that convened with Shady Grove congregation, at Cason, Texas. It was successful convention with as large or larger convention attendance than we have ever had.

The Spirit was peace, harmony and work. The Church, with all its auxiliaries were well represented. I am compelled to commend Shady Grove Church for its hospitality shown to the entire attendance. This convention was very greatly financed raising above 1500.00 in cash. The next convention will go to Clay Street, Waco, Central Texas—prehaps the largest Church or building in the state and a large membership. I am glad to announce that we not only raised the $1000.00, the C. W. B. M. asked Texas to raise this year, but in all $1500.

The fight is on—let's go. The convention saw fit to send me to Muskogee, to assist them to organize better the Oklahoma Convention. I found them in convention assembled. A special meeting was called by its President, Brother Daniels, at Muskogee. It convened its session under a large tent on their Church lot where they trust in the near future to

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North Carolina

Dear Editor:—I received your card and was very glad to hear of you and the laudable work you are doing and to know that you had clipped the report from our state paper, "The Evangel" and published it in the GOSPEL PLEA. By this you gave it to the readers in the various states, and have formed a larger acquaintance.

If there is anything I can do to assist you in our state I am very willing to do so.

We number about fifteen thousand of colored disciples in our district which is the eastern part of the state running west to the Tar River. Our district is known as the Washington and Norfolk district. Our chief meeting is called the district assembly, which meets once a year.

There are sixty-five organized congregations and seventy ministers, of whom I am chief. This year we change officers.

Our assembly will meet at Washington this year October 7. It continues to the tenth. We would be very glad if some of the brethren from neighboring states would come to our meeting, so that we might better understand each other.

Yours in Christ,

Plymouth. W. A. James.

Those We See Not

Have you ever thought how comparatively few persons you have ever met out of the great hosts thronging the world around you?

Some persons have a much larger list of acquaintances than others, but it is possible that the fewer one has the better he knows them, and so the general evenness is maintained.

How many acquaintances have you that you really prize and appreciate? How many of them are beautiful in their character and powerful in their influence over you?

Do you believe that among the multitudes now counted as strangers, and in whom you feel comparatively little interest, there are very many who, if you could only know them, would be most congenial, delightful and helpful to you?

What if you could associate with a suitable circle of the choiest spirits in each city and rural district in the United States? How it would expand your thought, enlarge your affection, augment your views of life and destiny, and make the old earth a livelier scene of action than it has ever seemed to be.

Think of the traveling public, the thousands constantly on the road, all going somewhere, each on a mission bent, every one esteeming life just as precious as you esteem yours, and the concourse never ceasing or greatly diminishing!

What a world we live in! What a strange existence it all is. Its end and purpose no man knoweth, though many think they do. 'Tis mystery all. Each one is a component part of the mighty mystery. Fathom yourself. Study your associates. Enlarge the number if you will, but remember that in every life, even the youngest and most obscure, there is a whole world of significance and potency.

Our being is a problem. It cannot be fully solved while here, but we can do our best at it, and we can merrily cheer on the ones who seem most capable and sincere in their efforts to make society in every part and in every respect just as pleasing and uplifting as possible.—Selected.

My Purpose

I purpose to live a clean, temperate, industrial and economical life.

I purpose to take the same religion into politics that I take into the church.

I purpose to hate cant and Sunday whining and to love frankness and bravery.

I purpose to sing just as sweetly at home as I do in the prayer-meeting.

I purpose to read the Bible with the common sense that I read other books.

I purpose to pray more for the approval of God than for the compliments of men.

I purpose not to talk about the inconsistencies of Christians until I am very sure that I am nearer the standard of Jesus Christ than they are.

I purpose to hate with the same intensity and to treat with the same contempt, all snapping, snarling and growling in the biped as in the quadruped.

I purpose to open my mouth when I believe I can do most good by so doing; to shut it on other occasions.

I purpose to pay my grocer before I make any great display over the contribution box.

I purpose to bear the disgrace of my own mistakes without trying to throw it on some one else.

I expect to make mistakes and failures enough to give people a chance to say many hateful things; but whatever they say, I purpose to go straight forward in faith, hope and love.

So help me God!—N. B. Sargent in "The Congregationalist."

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—

The convention in reality has passed. Some of the things said and done will live in the hearts of men for years to come. All things considered the convention was a success. The ministerial meeting was indeed good,—quite helpful to all, especially to those who were aspiring to the ministry.

The reports of ministers, lay members, and Sunday School workers show that the work is on the increase. One of the great needs of the Church of Christ in the State of Mississippi is more Church houses in towns and cities. If we can get good strong congregations in the centers of influence we will then be able to do a greater work.

The future for the Church of Christ is indeed bright, if only we could get self out of the way and look at Jesus Christ and work for the advancement of his cause. The Lord was unselfish in that he died for all mankind. The great commission is to all the world. If the M. C. would turn its attention and strength to Evanglization and Church building in towns and cities, work in harmony with the C. W. B. M., encourage the Churches to support the Educational work and the Foreign Mission work by contributing to the C. W. B. M., that is now doing the real work that is so much needed among our people, the Lord would bless our work.

Brothers, it is a waste of breath to ask God to help you to do a better work, to pray for the conversion of all nations, when the opportunity to do the thing that you are praying for comes to your very door and you see that the real work is being done in an unselfish way, and you will not fall in line and help the great movement.

Negro enterprise is one thing and the religion of Jesus Christ is another.

It is now time for our people to open their eyes. Some years ago a few congregations led by a selfish, ambitious spirit bought a printing press and started a newspaper. The press is somewhere covered with dust and rust. The paper has gone to the wind. The poor people were then led to purchase or to come into possession of a piece of property and start a school, —just a makeshift. The people were worked for all they were worth to help pay for the property. The school ran down; the property is still not paid for. The money spent has done no real good. We are held responsible for the waste of what the Lord has blessed us with. Let me tell you that to run a great institution there must be a strong source to draw from.

Let us cast down our bucket where we are and make good use of what we have. The children need education now. Twenty years from now the children of today will be past the days of school.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Port Gibson, K. R. Brown.

Dear Editor: –

Please allow space in your valuable paper for me to say a few words. I was surely glad to see what a great offering Kentucky gave to this great work. I wish more of the Brothers in Mississippi could see as they do. Well, I pray in the near future they all will and we will do a great work here. I am doing all I can for the work and wish I could do more.

Let us not forget our C. W. B. M. Quarterly meeting. We urge upon the preachers to come out and help us in this great work. You preach, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." Now we want you to come and help us send this Gospel. We women want all the brothers and sisters to write and help in this great work.

There are few of us struggling Christians at Hermanville trying to build a Church, we want help from any one.

God bless the cheerful giver. May the Lord help us all to give more for this cause, I am yours in His cause.

Hermanville, Mrs Julia Flowers.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me to say this in your paper concerning the death of our beloved sister of the Church of Christ. Sister Rowena Toliver died on August 15th and was buried August 16th. She was sick for more than two years. She left a husband, two children, a good mother, and a host of friends to mourn her death. I am sorry to say that we have lost one of our faithful members, yes it is our loss, but heaven's gain.

Now a word or two about our Church, which is the Church of Christ. Our Church here is beginning to take on new life. We have just closed our Revival meeting, after two weeks of hard labor. During this meeting we had with us Elder H. Vaughn of Hushpuckanna, Miss., Rev. H. Holston of Fayette, Miss., and Elder R. B. Brown, our pastor of Hermanville, Miss. We had a successful meeting.

Yours in Christ,

Fayette, Max Bingamon.

Reports From the Field

Kentucky

GOSPEL PLEA:—Tenting a few days in the old Dominion, I have missed the PLEA. Born in old Virginia, rocked in her cradle, schooled in her cabins, baptized in her waters, served deacon and Elder in her churches, and minister in her pulpits, I am naturally proud to visit the Brethren and "See how they do." Yesterday I stood by mother's grave and wondered at the ways of God.

The stalwart oak nearby points up to that
Holy and beautiful city,
Whose builder and ruler is God.
John saw it descending from heaven
When Patmos in exile he trod.
Its high massive walls are of jasper
The city itself is pure gold
And when my frail tent here is folded
My eyes shall its glory behold.

I found many vacant chairs. Many old landmarks are gone hence. Practically all things are new, "for the former things are passed away." But many of these new ones are worthy. They are pushing the battle, even to the gate. The products of our various Church schools, especially the Martinsville, Va., School and the Louisville Bible School of Kentucky are having great influence in the Virginia work. Some of these people have been too reticent or modest to tell of what they are doing. This false modesty must be overcome; and while no one should boast of his own achievements, yet each one should report his work that others may get both the knowledge and inspiration.

Bro. P. H. Moss of Martinsville, Va., should tell the brethren through the PLEA of his consecutive success there and in that part of the state. Bro. Muse of Graham should speak out. Bro. J. R Louderbock of Roanake could tell of enough conquests to make a book. Bro. G. M. Dickerson here at North Tazewell has remodeled and enlarged his Church house and congregation as well. It doesn't look like the same thing I spent three years on when I first came out of school ten years ago. What shall I say of Bro. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem N. C. He is one of our Virginia boys and can "put up about as much hay," as any man in the field, at least nobody claims a score ahead of him. I am to have him with me at Nicholasville, Ky., this fall and some other Ky. Churches will use him while he is in the West.

Once more, these preachers and their congregations must take and read the GOSPEL PLEA of Edwards, Miss. I wonder if we could not have in the PLEA a Kentucky column, a Virginia column, a Carolina column, Texas column and etc. This or some other informational means would point towards a more aggressive and unific work.

Now I've just one more. 'Tis this: why not each of our schools carry a standing advertisement in the GOSPEL PLEA? and let each reader of the PLEA hustle for students for the schools and for other readers of the PLEA.

Hoping to get back to my old Kentucky home about Sept. 1st.

I am yours in the harness,
Nicholasville, C. H. Dickerson.

Texas

C. T. & I. C. Palestine, Texas.
To the Christian Brotherhood:—

I have been a faithful reader of the "PLEA" all this year, and see that it has been quite a benefit to me by way of encouragement. I see that some others are suffering for the cause.

The work in Texas has become worthy of note. I can hear a sound that is being carried to and fro that the colored deciples of Texas are moving consistantly along with one exception, and that is we are not meeting together in the conventions. With all due respect to both sides, I wish to state just here that we are not so far apart, as some have tried to make appear we are. Educationally, we have different views. And I think all people worthy of note, have not the same views on everything. Education means a great deal, and there are but few men who really understand the term. For that reason, there are many kinds of education that are being offered. The Athenians thought to give the youth a high literary training was the education he needed, the Spartans thought to develop his physical strength and prepare the youth for the service of his country was the education he needed. We now have put the two together, and find that it is still not sufficient for the present day.

At the time of the Athenian Supremacy, Aristides, seeing the drift of affairs, changed his views. Being placed at the head of the party of nobles, he secured a law abolishing the property holding qualifications and allowing any efficient person, regardless to the mass, or class, to hold office.

Eld. A. J. Hurdle has been styled as the father of the North East Convention, who has divided the disciples of Texas. We are a people of Christ's church who believe that charity should begin at home. The North East Convention is composed of colored disciples who want to first build missions and prepare the people at home, and then go into the far-off lands. Let them be able and prepared to go. We need help. We can do work for ourselves if we try, and in a few days we can go out into the highways and hedges. A charge has been brought against us, of which we are not guilty. We want the aid, and all the aid we can secure from those who are able to help us. We believe in "Unity". We want to do all we can, and let others help. We want to lead the colored disciples into the right way and continue to lead them in it. If we have able leaders, let us follow them. That is the aim of the North East disciples. Since we have been at work on the school project, we have met with a fair success. Let us not become discouraged. Within the last twelve months the expenses of the district convention have been met, and within the same time our expense of the school and its connection has been $1800.00 and it has been paid. All this is transaction of our own. We have done it. We have a board of directors, of which Rev. H. S. Gearron is president and Eld. S. S. Sharpliss of Big Sandy, is treasurer, and we colored disciples believe that if we prove to our white brothers that we mean to try for something ourselves, they will be convinced that what they do for us will not be done in vain, and they will help to push us on. I have had them to tell me so. And I believe they mean it from the heart. We have had a great deal of assistance from them, and for the peace and harmony of all, let all the colored disciples of Texas appeal to our brethren to help us, and quit saying we are distant from each other. It is better sometimes that we prove ourselves clear than to try to make them see by talk.

We will open school here on Oct. 1st. Will your son or daughter be here? We would like to have representatives from other states, if they desire to be with us. Pray for us, brethren.

Yours in fraternity,
I. Q. Hurdle.
August 16, 1913. President, N. E. C. T. & I. C.

State of Arkansas, County of Lonoke.

We the undersigned as members of the church of Christ do most heartily congratulate Bro. M. F. Mitchell for his untiring efforts in preparing himself so efficiently for the ministry, during which time it has caused him much sacrifice of both means and time. Whereas there are such a few that will sacrifice all for Christianity; we consider him one. Therefore be it resolved that a vote of thanks and appreciation be tendered him for his faithful preparation for the work so much needed among our people, and that this his initiatory sermons since his graduation become a source of inspiration to all who may hear him. May the spirit of the Christ attend his labors everywhere his lot may be cast. May many of our young men and women become interested in the salvation of the world and follow his example. We kindly thank all who may have spoken a word of encouragement to him to lead him to make this splendid preparation. May he have the general co-operation of the brotherhood in all of his earnest efforts for church work. Yours for better service,

M. M. and Sarah L. Bostick.

Mississippi

Dear Fditor:—

Please allow me space in the PLEA to say that we need more and better trained ministers. It has been said the gospel is needed in the benighted lands. But my friends, the gospel is needed more where future lightbearers are being so well taught. These are being taught and are still wandering in the night. We truly understand that Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation," and then we will travel over hundreds of miles where the people understand the gospel and leave the men and women behind who know nothing of the Christian cause. They do not even know the name of Christ.

The traveling preachers, the couriers of the gospel of Christ, should strive to put the gospel into every building that is called the house of God and we should bear their expenses. It is true that they are asking more each year, but my friends more is needed. Watch and keep step in the battle of life. One cannot hire a substitute. Let us do our best and leave the result with God.

West Point. Mabel Thompson.

It is not how well other people love us, but how much love we have for others that will make our lives beautiful or ugly.

Love for others will make us kind, and generous, and patient.

Your Son Needs an Education.

Your daughter needs to attend a good School.

The Southern Christian Institute stands ready to receive your children this fall, September 30, and fit them for the important duties of life. It is being recognized in these days that no man is fully developed unless his head, heart, and his hand are educated. Some of the advantages of this school, located in the very heart of "Dixie" will be noted farther on.

ITS LOCATION. It is located on a plantation near Edwards, Mississippi. It is away from the contamination of city life. Young people have the chance to pursue their education under almost ideal conditions.

COURSE OF STUDY.—Ministerial Course, Academic and Collegiate Courses, leading to the B S degree, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Sewing, Printing, Scientific Agriculture and Stock-Raising, Manual Training, Sawmill and Planing Mill work, electric lighting, and the various phases of Domestic Science.

ITS PATRONAGE.—The past session students were enrolled from Illinois, Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, District of Columbia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Island of Jamaica, and the Dark Continent Africa.

THE BUILDINGS.—Smith Hall, a four story cement home for young women—electric lights—steam heat—elegant bath rooms—all modern conveniencies. Belding Hall, the home for young men—being enlarged and otherwise improved this summer—hot water heating system—electric lights—Other modern improvements. Allison Hall, containing the spacious dining room, is also a beautiful cement building, Large School Building, Mansion, Planing Mill, Power House, Printing office, Laundry, Foreman's Cottage, Barns.

THE COST.—All students are charged $3.00 entrance fee. Boarding day school students pay $8.00 in advance and work on Mondays for four weeks of board, room, light, and laundry. Night School students pay no board, room, light nor laundry bill during the twelve months they are working during the day to pay for their year's schooling in the Day school. Night School Students make a fifteen dollar deposit to provide for books, clothing, and other necessary expenses during their first twenty months.

These beautiful summer days are passing by and you must decide soon where you are going to send your children to school this fall. Write at once to

The Southern Christian Institute

J. B. Lehman, President

Edwards, Miss.

A NUMBER OF GOOD ROOMS LEFT.

The Fellow Himself.

"Why, I like the fellow after all," declared Senator Bill Stone, of Missouri, when he heard President Wilson read his message to Congress. Senator Stone had criticised the President's disregard for precedent previously, but relented with frank good humor on seeing Mr. Wilson face to face.

About nine-tenths of the ill feeling in this world would be wiped out if we could always be brought face to face with the other fellow when he is in his better mood. It is so easy to dislike a man in the abstract, but flesh and blood, tone and inflection, mien and make-up—personality in short—square a good many imaginary grievances. It will help mightily just to remember that the other man is of flesh and like passions with ourselves.

How great a factor for the world's peace is a patient, reasonable, considerate human being! "A soft answer turneth away wrath," but an answer by wire or even by letter, much less in cold type, is not likely to be soft. Jesus Christ put himself into his work, and he won all who gave him a fair hearing. So also may his followers win for him.

May the Father of us all so guide his children that they will be willing always to give the other fellow a square deal.—THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD.

Education, Pagan or Christian.

BY PROFESSOR J. HOPWOOD.

Thirty to forty years ago the Church had the work of higher education almost entirely under her direction. The colleges were Church schools. Their curriculums were generally made from the Christian viewpoint. Time has changed this; the State now assumes to educate the whole people. And the general Government is giving money and men for agricultural schools and experimental stations to enlarge and perfect the work of the State, while rich men are offering their millions for libraries and endowments as well as for new and untried fields of education. So we have the kindergartens, primaries, high schools, State colleges, universities, normal schools, technical schools, experimental stations and extension courses all offered at public expense.

This whole educational system is of incalculable worth to our civilization. It is the agency, the developing force of our material and intellectual progress. The race could not advance far without this public educational work. But a watch, however costly and accurate it works, has no value without hands to point to the hour; all of its parts were made to show the time. So of what permanent good will be this costly complex educational system if it has no spirit of God, no directing force pointing to man's true goal. Of what blessing, if it lead not man into his own—the virtuous, the eternal. Can a people think and practice that which they have never been taught? Can they heartily promote that which their educational course from primary to university has studiously avoided? Will preaching and Sunday-school work two or three hours a week, with a few outside moral organizations, be able to leaven and direct this great stream of State and national educational training into righteous service, and put it under the leadership of Christ? If not, how can his teaching and character be grafted into the minds of the young? How can his thoughts become a part of the education of the next generation?

Eight of the justices of the U. S. Supreme Court are the product of Christian colleges. Three-fourths of the Chinese Assembly which voted the Chinese republic began their lives of usefulness after training in Christian schools.

On the walls of the Margaret Morrison School for Girls in Pittsburg is: "To make and inspire the home; to diminish pain; to increase happiness; to aid humanity in its struggles to elevate itself; to ennoble and adorn the work of life, although it be humble—this is the chief aim of woman."

—THE CHRISTIAN COURIER.

Future Events

(Do you want your convention listed under this heading? Send post card to GOSPEL PLEA and it will appear.)

Oct. 23-26, Georgia State, Mulleo Grove Church, near Eastman.

Oct. 24-26 Alabama State, Lum.

Sept. 10 14, State Convention, Wrightsville, Arkansas.

Oct. 7-12, State Convention, Washington, North Carolina.

October 16-19, South Carolina State Convention, Three Mile Creek, Ebrhardt.

Mississippi, C. W. B. M. Quarterly Meeting, St. Luke's Christian Church, Pattison, September 13-14.

MAY WE COUNT ON YOU?

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All of God's people upon the simple Gospel Plan of one Church, one faith, one baptism.

A Saloon-less Nation

By 1920. Our Slogan shall be, "The saloon must go."

The Spread of the Gospel

To the ends of the earth. We believe that every color, race, kindred and tongue should know and love Christ.

The Principles Promulgated

By the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and a more systematic, conscientious study of the Word of God. The Kingdom of God needs trained workmen.

The Subscription price is only one dollar a year Send all money to The Gospel Plea, Edwards, Mississippi.

Texas

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build a house.

We found Bro. R. B. Wells, one of our Texas workers and leaders its pastor. We succeeded in inducing the brotherhood to reorganize including all of our auxiliary work and to support the J. C. I. and S. C. I. schools. We gave out some of our cards for the three years' Rally. We also gave out some sample copies of the PLEA with a hope of securing subscribers.

Next year's State Convention (Oklahoma) will convene in October, , when I am invited to be present. Among its leaders are: J. R. Stadford, Tulsa, Okla.; T. A. Scott, Chandler; Prof. J. B. McCabock, O. Zollar and Miss Julia Hagans, and others.

There are more than fifty members in Muskogee. The state has more than fifteen congregations with a membership above 250. The work was peaceful. They received us with greetings to work with us after our manner, pledging support to our paper and our schools. My R. R. fare from Cason and back to Greenville where I am finishing this article Sunday afternoon after preaching to a good house this a. m was $16 05 instead of $10.00, as we supposed.

I was forced away from Muskogee's special meeting this year to consider our evangelistic work on Monday. Sept. 1st.

I arrived here last evening at 6 o'clock on the Katy Flyer.

I am due to preach tonight for Greenville. After the State board meeting tomorrow I will leave for Taylor, my home Church, to stir them for all they are worth—for Home Missions, General Education, the GOSPEL PLEA and the J. C. I.

May I mention that I had a Church lot given me in Clearview, Okla., where I bought and asked the Oklahoma board to look after it. There are some sixteen Christians in Clearview.

Yours for success,

M. T. Brown.

Additional Education Notes.

Jarvis Christian Institute

Mrs. E. Pouncy was a welcome visitor at the J. C. I., Saturday, August 30. Come again, Mrs. Pouncy, you are always welcome.

Eld. T. B. Frost left for Mt. Vernon to attend the Quarterly meeting, Thursday night which will be held with the Mt. Vernon Christian Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 29-30-31st. While on this trip he will stop off in Tyler to buy doors and windows for the boys' dormitory.

Mrs. Frost and girls were at the Baptist Church Sunday, August 31 st. and report a good sermon, if they did do without dinner to get it.

Look, Listen! The Jarvis Christian Institute opens on the 30th of September. Are you getting ready to come? Board and tuition $8 00 per month. Bring all the last books you last studied.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis were our welcome visitors, Sunday, August 31st. Come again, Lewis'. We are always glad to have good people on our campus.

The boys' dormitory is beginning to look much like a building since the weatherboarding has been put on it.

Southern Christian Institute

Miss Harvey, our new secretary and postmistress, began her work in the office September 1. She and Miss Evans live together in Allison Hall. We hope that Mt. Beulah will get a hold on her that will not let go.

The boys from the farm department have been hauling in many loads of poles from Shiloh, for wood.

The programs of the Summer Literary Societies have been above the average this summer. The productions for the most part have been well prepared and well delivered. We feel that this is due largely to the high standard set by the Franklin, Philo and Excelsior Societies during the Academic year. New students entering this fall will find the character of work done by our literary societies attractive and educative.

The boy or girl who enters college for the first time finds everything new. He feels that he may not know what to do nor what to say. Every student at the S. C. I. was a new-comer once and he knows just how it goes. Practically all of the obstacles in the way of the new student are obstacles of thoughts rather than of realities. Come and join the happy throng of young people at the Southern Christian Institute this fall, and you will receive help from every source and it will be only a short time till you will be an old student too.

The inhabitants of the campus are always glad when the output of the poultry department finds its way to the dining room. What a blessing a thousand fowls would be.

Miss Deetsy Blackburn, College 1914, has been called to Warner Christian Institute, Jonesboro Tenn., to teach. She left Sept.4, on the 9:50' p. m. train. Arby W. Jacobs, College 1915, will leave Oct.1, for Martinsville Christian Institute, where he will have charge of Boys' Dormitory and teach in the Institution. Both of these young people have been here all summer, and were about to enter upon their college course, Sept., 30.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

91. How much tuition is charged those in the community who attend day school, but do not board at the Institution?

Ans.—$3 00 for the fall term; 2.50 for the winter term; and 2 50 for the spring term, payable for the whole term the day he starts to school.

92. Suppose it is impossible for a day student to start to school till the first week in November, would he have to pay $3.00 for the fall term?

Ans.—No. When he enters he would pay at the rate of twenty-five cents a week for the rest of the fall term. In other words, day students are to pay their tuition only once each term, and that is on the day they enter.

93. Did you ever know students to come to school to try it to see whether they would like it or not?

Ans.—Yes.

94. What do you think of that wayof doing it?

Ans.—A very poor way. Usually young people who do that never make a success in life.

95. What is the better way?

Ans.—Make up your mind that you are going to school to win in spite of any difficulties, and you will find plenty of company.

96. Is is advisable to start to school when the term is half gone?

Ans.—That would depend entirely upon the conditions. Not many can carry the work for the term when they do that.

97. Are there any free classes in vocal music?

Ans.—Yes, every class in the first eight grades has at least four recitations a week, the same as Arithmetic and Reading.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt Editor.

Program for October

Subject for special prayer—

That the members of our Missionary Societies may learn to pray for missions regularly and definitely.

For the new missionaries and those who are preparing to be missionaries.

Bible study—

What is the Bible?

United Mission Studies—

"The King's Business."—The King's Business Its Magnitude and Importance. Chapter I.

"America, God's Melting Pot."—The Alchemist and the Melting Pot Chapter I.

Suggested book for general missionary reading in October—"The Unfinished Task," by James L. Barton. Price 75 cents. Order from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

Suggested book in the Bible for reading in October—John.

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PRAYER AND PREPARATION WILL MAKE A GOOD MEETING.

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Hymn. Prayer. Hymn.

Bible reading: Psalm 42:1, 2.

Business period.

Roll-call—Answer the roll call by naming an object for prayer by missionary women.

SPECIAL HELPS FOR THE MEETING.

Leaflet—"Prayer and Missions," price 2 cents. Order from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Make this meeting a season of prayer for the work and workers of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Sing prayer songs such as "Nearer My God to Thee," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," More Holiness Give Me," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "I Am Thine, O Lord." Use some Scripture quotations. The following are suggested: Matt. 6:5 8; Luke 11:9 13: Matt. 26:41, Luke 11:5-13; Rom. 12:12; James 1:5-6; Heb 4:16; I Tim. 2:1-2; I Thess. 5:16-18; Col. 4:2; Phil. 4:6.

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Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.—Matt. 6:9-13.

Read John 17.

How great, how rich, how beautiful is the priviliege of prayer! If prayer were a work of art it would be a Madonna. If prayer were music it would be an oratorio. If nature were called upon to represent the glory of prayer it would require to exhibit the splendor of its most brilliant day combined with the beauty of its most starry night: and this in all seasons of the year. It must bring the jewels of the winter, the songs of the springtime, the sweetness of summer and the richness of autumn Prayer! Such combined existences and acts could but faintly hint at the value of this wonderful privilege which we have called a law, but once you put it to use it becomes a life. Though the act of prayer is intricate and difficult, it would be hardly possible to exaggerate how great is the privilege it offers.—Henry Ostrom.

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,
When from the the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be paised!
The power of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they fear,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss
The lovliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth, and sea and sky
From depth to height reply,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

A Bit of History.

Thomas Jefferson's name first appeared in the story of the Liberia, in 1781, when he advocated the abolition of slavery and the colonization of the freed slaves. It was not until 1821 that a colony was finally located on the African coast. The government arranged the purchase, with perpetual tenure, of a strip of land one hundred and thirty miles long and forty miles wide. This purchase is given as the last direct act of the United States government towards the establishment of the settlement, although the government sent, from time to time the liberated Negroes for the colony. The Republic was inaugurated in 1847. The capitol, Monrovia, was named for President James Monroe, and many of the towns and settlements were named for different places in the United States from which the settlers came. There is a Philadelphia, a Maryland, and an Upper and Lower Buchanan. These last were named for a cousin of James Buchanan, who went out with a company of freed slaves. The village of Scheffelin, where our school is located, is named for a Christian philanthropist of this country, no doubt a member of a wealthy eastern firm.

Mr. Joe Major, of Eureka, Illinois, has in his possession letters written by the freed slaves of his father, in 1849, and in the fifties. These freed slaves love their master's name in that new country. Mr. Joe Major, now in his seventy-eighth year, sent for Emory Ross just before he started for Liberia and urged him to hunt up these same freed slaves or their descendants. He said with choking, tearful voice: "My father never forgot his black people; he loved and sent them help as long as he lived. I never have done anything for them, but I will yet if you find them."

"Although the United States is virtually responsible for the existence of Liberia, diplomatic history shows that this government has hesitated to stand sponser for the little republic before the world."

Booker Washington says we should give as freely of our money and men to upbuild Liberia as we have given for the Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba, Port Rico, and Santa Domingo.

Mrs. A. T. Ross.

Teaching the Young

We learned a few weeks ago that boys and girls generally do not attend school; that there are not government schools enough even if all wanted to go. In India there is only one man in twenty that can read and write, and but one woman in one hundred and twenty-five that can read. Many people in India now want to learn to read and the English government is anxious for the misssionaries to open schools. Many times the people of a village will send to our missions begging for a school which we cannot open because we have not workers and money enough. One year Bilaspur had a school all year in a cow-shed, using the dust of the ground for a blackboard and sticks for pencils, because the people wanted a school so badly and we had not sent money enough for anything better. Usually our mission school is the whitest, cleanest and most attractive mud house in the village. In Bilaspur and the villages near we have more than eight hundred in these school. Miss Ennis wrote, "It is most interesting to see hundreds of boys and girls ranging from five to thirteen or fourteen years of age, sons and daughters of ignorant villagers, day by day coming from such homes to learn to read and write and measure their land. To see how disciplined and intelligent they become is truly wonderful." School work of this kind is being done in all our stations excepting Rath and Maudha. There are also some boarding pupils in our orphanage schools, and, of course, all the girls and women in the orphanage are taught. We have also a number of orphan boys who are being cared for and educated in the orphanage school in Damoh.

—The King's Builder.

"If you and I today
Should stop and lay
Our life work down, and let our hands fall where they will—
And if some other hand should come, and stop to find
The threads we carried, so that it could wind,
Beginning where we stopped; and seek
To carry on the good design
Distinctively made, yours or mine,
What would it find?"

Read the Kenoly Book!

We make the following special offer, good till October 1, 1913: For one dollar and twenty-five cents, we shall send one year's subscription to the Gospel Plea and that remarkable book, "The Life and Work of Jacob Kenoly." This applies both to old and new subscribers. The Plea is getting better and will soon be larger. Address, Gospel Plea, Edwards, Mississippi.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jarvis Christian Institute

Mr. and Mrs. Price with their children were our welcome visitors Sunday Aug. 17. Come again, Prices, you are always welcome.

Mr. W. L. McCoy was on the campus Sunday and Monday where he joined his wife and two daughters, who had been here a week. They were all called back to Marshall by Mrs. McCoy's mother from Mississippi.

The boys' dormitory is now framed and the weatherboarding is being put on.

Prof. J. B. Lehman, the Supt. of the Negro work was a welcome visitor on the campus, Monday Aug. 18, and went from here to Cason, Texas, to the State Convention. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the work being done at the J C. I.

Eld T. B Frost, C. A. Berry and Willie Fleming visited the State Convention at Cason, Texas

Mrs. Arah Evans Williams in company with Mrs. Hendrick were gladly received on the campus Sunday Aug. 24. They were delegates from Taylor, Texas and didn't feel to go back until they had seen the J. C. I, which they had so earnestly worked for. Good example, my friends. Come again.

Eld. and Mrs Alphin and their little son, Wm. Alphin, who have been laboring a number of years for the Jarvis Christian Institute could not think of coming so near the school on their way home from the State Convention without seeing the campus. They have always shown a great interest in the work and faculty here. Oh, how we need more men and women, who can find time enough to see the school they have been working for all these years. These friend have been here three times since last September and every time they come they give us new inspirations. Come again, Alphins. You are always welcome.

Liberian Christian Institute

Today marks the end of our first school term of the school year. A vacation will take place for the next ten days. Our school work so far has been very pleasant. The children have done well and have kept in fine spirit.

We have reasons to believe that Mr. Ross and Mr. Hurt are somewhere between Monrovia and England and will soon be at Monrovia. Oh! What joy to think that another son has laid his life on the altar for Africa.

We are having some heavy rains at present. The sixteenth of July was the beginning of larger things along the line of raining. Six and seventeen hundredths inches fell in fifteen hour. You may know by this there is something doing.

Our eddoes are doing fine and the corn is doing us some fine service now.

I am very glad to send in one new subscriber to the GOSPEL PLEA,—Solomon Saul Page, Marshall Liberia, West Africa. Mr. Page has a boy here in school. He paid cash for the subscription. We are well.

Faithfully yours,
Harry G. Smith.

Notes

A personal letter, received Sept. 1, from Prof. E. W. Ross, states that he and Bro. Hurt arrived at Monrovia Aug. 27, on scheduled time. It was Bro. Ross' birthday and what a birthday it was! Ninty-six letters and two boys' loads of other mail were waiting his arrival. That night he was invited to a reception at President Howard's Executive Mansion, but he found it impossible to leave his mail till the last letter had been perused at two in the morning.

Major Young whom Prof. Ross accompanied to France, arrived safely at his home in Ohio. The father and mother of Emory visited him in his home, and how greatful he was that their son had left his busy life in Liberia and had shown him every assistance on his voyage north to France and had seen him comfortably located upon the out-going steamer for New York.

We understand that the Liberian Christian Institute is to have a horse named "Friday," the gift of the University Place Church, Des Moines, Iowa, of which Bro. Medbury is pastor.

It is likely that Mr. E. W. Ross was at the American Legation in Monrovia, when the cablegram came announcing the death of his father at Winchester, Indiana. Our hearts go out to him but we know that God will sustain and keep him.

School opened at Warner Christian Institute, Jonesboro, Tenn., September 8.

Martinsville Christian Institute has had a total of thirty-three graduates.

At Martinsville, Virginia, the management of the country fair has given free space to the Negro exhibit, and has asked Principal J. H. Thomas to take charge of it.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

OUR TASK

WHEN WE think think seriously of the task before us we are almost overcome with the magnitude of it. In our Southland one third of the population is Negro. We are in a time when it is thoroughly demonstrated that a purely literary education will not meet our needs. This has been demonstrated in a *hundred ways. The young men* from our universities are not capable of meeting the great social needs. They do not understand the functions of the Church. They do not know how to minister to human needs. In short they do not go to Church but give themselves up to a career of self aggrandizement. The young men we train under the influence of our missionary schools are therefore our only dependence in the tremendously important work of laying the foundation of the civilization that is to be. The outcome hinges entirely on the question of our ability to send out a sufficient number of trained men and women to lead the people into the larger service.

The first step in meeting the new condition confronting us is to get the people to give more means. The inauguration of the Jubilee Campaign was timely. Twenty-thousand dollars raised from among the Negro disciples before the close of 1915 will be the first step in the task and one which will be an earnest of the final success of our undertaking. At the same time we will do our best to induce our great brotherhood to raise a large sum, possibly fifty thousand dollars to equip the work already begun. With this money we can raise the standard of our work and increase the opportunities for young people and this brings us to the second step. We must get more of our young people into the schools. We will need a hundred trained young men and women to turn into the work in the next ten years. Every one of our six schools must make this the one object of its work. We need teachers in the schools, ministers in the pulpits, teachers for the Lord's day schools and citizens who can build homes. Every one of them must have a profound knowledge of the underlying principles of the religion of Jesus Christ. It is not at all likely that we will be *able always to support the young* people with a high salary and often they will have to make a sacrifice for the advancement of the work. But our work is important. It is the redeeming of a race. The saving of a race for the great services of God.

Blind indeed is the man who can make himself believe that the Negro will always remain in his present condition. He will, if properly led now in the hour of his awakening, become one of the great forces of God to lift up mankind; but if not so led, he will drift into an attitude where he will rapidly sink and in the sinking he will pull all about down. It is important to send missionaries into all foreign countries, but if we shirk our duty to take this tenth of our population by the hand and lead them into a larger service, we will most certainly see a collapse of all that we hold dear.

Another step is the enlargement of the evangelistic work. Some of us are blind to our highest interest. Some fifteen years ago a few men in Mississippi began a contest for personal ambition and the gospel was exchanged for the selfish cry of Negro Enterprise and all that could be done in this time was to conserve what was gained. If all had remained at the God given task of bringing men and women under the power of the gospel, the Church in Mississippi might to-day number five times as much as it now does. Eld. K. R. Brown could have a self supporting Church in six or seven of our larger cities where we now have none. He and a few helpers might have gone into the Delta country and organized the people who emigrate into that country into churches. As it was he could do no more than conserve what he had. Brethren, in the name of all that is good and true, I ask you to go at the great task before you in earnest. *If there are men in your way who* have no spiritual vision, men who see no more in the Church than an institution that furnishes office and place for those who are ambitious you will have to go on without them. God will hold you accountable unless you do all you can. We are at one of the strategic epochs in the worlds history. Unless we can send into the field hundreds of good and pure young men and women in the next ten years, we must necessarily fail. But we can not get the hundreds of young people unless we can have a full cooperation of the men and women of educable age. It is true that you can find better equipment in many of the state schools than we can offer, but they can not fit your children to grapple with these problems of human advancement. We are living in a great age when it is sublime to be good and craven to be unworthy of the opportunities.

Let us therefore make the Jubilee a threefold rally. First we must raise the $20,000; secondly, we must send our children away to prepare them for service; thirdly, we must seek to develop the spirituality of our churches. In the coming rally we should insist on all three of these.

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Short Editorials

NORTH CAROLINA CHURCHES. In a recent trip to North Carolina I found the following. They have about two hundred and fifty Churches in the State. Their work is divided into four district conventions which are each of the proportion of states conventions. The Peidmont District co-operates with Southern Virginia and aids in supporting the Martinsville Christian Institute. The other three, called respectivly, Goldsboro and Raleigh, Washington and Norfolk, and Cape Fair, co operate with each other and support the Goldsboro Christian Institute. They have separate conventions and send fraternal delegates to each other's conventions and every four years they meet in one convention .This quadrennial meeting comes next year and they meet at Goldsboro where they have their school.

Their terminology is quite different from what has been in general use among us, though it is just as scriptural. In place of chairman or president they say chief and in place of secretary and assistant secretary, scribe and assistant scribe.

The convention at Washington was marked with harmony and earnestness of purpose and we feel that when the time comes when they will enter the larger fellowship of all the states that they will be a wonderful strength. When their women organize auxiliaries to the C. W. B. M. they will find a great field of work.

J. B. L.

THERE SHOULD BE an awakening among our young people for the Y. P. S. C. E. As we pick up the Plea we see reports from all departments of church work except from the Y. P. S. C. E.

I believe this is an important auxiliary of the church work.

We must awake our young people. They are the future church and need to be wide awake in the Y. P. S. C. E. Let's hear from the Y. P. S. C. E. of the various states.

MRS. WM. A.

South Carolina

Dear Editor: It has indeed been some time since I have written for any of our papers. Last spring my health failed me, and I have been somewhat secluded. I have kept up my appointment with our home congregation. During the month of Sept. I went up into Forsythe Co. also into Davidson County assisting Prof. C. C. Nelson in his Church work. Prof. C. C. Nelson is one of the most selfsacrificing men I have ever met. His home and school building are about two miles from Clemmons N. C. Clemmons is in Forsythe Co. N. C. on the Southern R. R. between Winston-Salem and Moxville, about twelve miles from Winston Salem. His school is known as the Nelson preparatory school, many bright young men and women are being sent out from this institution. Some of them are engaged in teaching both in Forsythe Co. and in Davidson Co.

They hold good first and second grade certificates and are reconized as being efficent in their work. As a whole he sends out the best prepared vocal music teachers I have ever met from any of our schools. He will have this year about thirty boarding students. One of the young men, C. E. Craggett, a graduate from this school has gone to Louisville Bible School this year.

We were with Prof. Nelson three weeks in meetings. The white brethren of Warrener's Chapel gave us the use of their tent to be used at Redland, in Davidson Co. They pitched the tent by the side of a Mr. Henry Dulin's Tobacco Factory. Henry Dulin is the only colored man we know of having ever manufactured tobacco in the state. It was quite interesting to be at this place. We began our meeting on the second Lord's day in Sept. and closed the following Friday night.

The following named persons made the good confession and was buried with Christ in baptism. Dinah Kimbrough, Lucy Bowman, Ella Allen, Molly Dulin, Blanche Dulin, Rubie Dulin, Sammy Allen, Valley Wheeler, Jno. Dulin, Birtie Dulin, Lucy Allen, Lewis Smith, Robert Horton, and one other lady whose name we failed to get. This meeting was one of the most delightful meetings we were ever in. We were never supported by such excellent singing in all our life. Prof. Nelson, Bros. Orange Eccles, Harvey Doutlett, and quite a number of excellent singers went with us from Nelson's Chapel. Misses Either and Ella Revel and Clara Blackwell of Clemmons, Miss. Lena Craggett of Martinsville, Va., a graduate of peoples' High Industrial School at Clifton Forge, Va. These young ladies are loyal consecrated Christians, all of whom have in some way been either taught or influenced by the school and church work of Bro. Nelson. Prof. C. C. Nelson received his training at the hands of one Bro. and Sister Neally (white), who have long since gone from labor to reward, but they left footprints on the sands and their good work still follows them, ever broadening to bless our race. We forgot to mention the name of Mr. Jerry Looton, one of the most up to date colored farmers in Davidson Co. He too obyed the Gospel during the meeting. His wife is the efficient clerk of the church of this new congregation and is keeping special record of everything for history in the future.

Yours in the faith,

Reidsville. M. C. Walker.

Texas

GOSPEL PLEA—We are reporting for October somewhat in advance. First Sunday in October after the down pour of rain we baptized one unto the Lord Last Sunday the 12, Murphy Street pulled off their meeting: Mt- Esie Baptist Church, Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church; Circleville Church all co-operating.—Our sayings were boosting Murphy St. What's it? Rally! Rally! Rally! Rally!

Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, $84.00; Mt. Esie Baptist Church, $208.17; Murphy St. Christian Church, more than $250.00.

That's it! That's it! That's it! We shouted this three times. Murphy St. must lead one 12 months any way. We are planning now for Educational Rally Day. Then our Xmas.

Murphy Street is crying with the other State churches Minutes! Minutes. We so much regret the loss of Brother J. E. Anderson from the State and from the pastorate of Clay Street. My Church, bless your lives, does not stay shepherdless.

It is yours to care for the expectant great convention of 1914, over which we hope to preside with much tenderness and forebearance, as of last year. Minutes! Minutes!! Now is our cry.

Respectfully,

Taylor. M. T. Brown.

There is a way of doing kindness which looks as if no kindness has been done; a gentle and delicate way which adds preciousness to the gift. I have known some men to do a kindness as if they were receiving it rather than giving it, so that the poor were not made to feel their poverty. This was Jesus Christ's method, and it will be ours as we approach his likeness.—JOSEPH PARKER.

Reports From the Field

THE GAME

BY K. B. POLK.

The very mention of game, brings the inquiry as to the kind; and interest taken, upon the knowledge the participants may; or the interesting features it may hold out to them. Some games, we must admit, become more interesting in proportion to their merits becoming more thoroughly understood, and our ability to do credit to ourselves in performing the duties that the game in question may demand.

In proportion to our ability, real to fictitious, are we able to feel keenly the pangs of defeat. At this juncture we find danger point, and too often have individuals allowed themselves to wander into questionable paths, for the sake of becoming " past-master " in this particular art.

There is no legitimate reason why the ambitious should be censured, so long as the desire to excell does not benumb the finer sensibilities, or make in them a prototype of the " Evil One " Ambition that will give an individual an impetus to rise in all their might of God given strength, usually get IN THE GAME from a motive of right and might which are bound to win, yet admiration may not be present to applaud these commendatory feats, still they are the rejected corner-stone upon which posterity will build a more imposing edifice to the glory and honor of the departed.

Thousands of dollars are being expended yearly for the support of idols of some particular lines of sport, these Hercules of modern times have won their fame through untiring efforts to keep IN THE GAME, and when Time alone begins to claim them as his own, do we cease to hear plaudits for them except from a few lingering admirers who speak in sympathising complimentary tones for a " Has Been" as they trudge onward; time necessary for the finding of vacancy-filler, too precious to spend more up on them. A beautiful life blighted and wasted all for the purpose of giving and receiving pleasure. Yea, but

"Pleasures are like poppies spread,
We seize the flower the bloom is shed,
Or like the snow-flake in the river,
A moment white, then melts forever."

Mention possibly could be made of hundreds of games that have been gotten into, as the sporting world would phrase, and still many more to be chronicled by the unborn, and yet not one monument to Him who doeth all things well.

The one game that should interest us most, and which tends to make the world better by our having done so, and into which there should be a throwing of our natural and supernatural forces for getting into and a staying into, is the game of Life; yes that life lived as He would have us live it.

In this game, be the valuable member that becomes the wanted prize of every manager of Life's elevating clubs; a hitter whose record can not be discounted, but has the "safe" upon it; the batter that marches to the plate, faces him who is there to deceive if possible, his keen eye; and when his goods is to be delivered to his confederate at his back, brings down that old reliable stick of faith to meet the coming adversary when at the very moment familiar tones of "fair ball" peal forth upon the air, just as the first base of an honest purpose and a score for the right are made mid the "I thought sos" from the Doubting Thomases upon bleechers of criticism.

A fielder that is able to cover the ground of his opinions, that can judge accurately the height, distance, or force of any descending ball that may be batted within the confines of his realm, and thereby cut off a score in the interest of wrong:

A base—thrower, that has made the record of being able at all times to deliver the point—ball directly to the place desired, thereby making his opponent at the moment when interest IN THE GAME, becomes intense hold his base, for too well does he know that a step too far in the wrong means defeat as far as his efforts are concerned:

A good fellow IN THE GAME, who when he has been deceived by things presented to him in the game, takes the decision of "you're out" for his own misfortune, takes the bench and abides his time, for it ever comes to all his good workers alike.

The season for action is now ripe, room a plenty for players, professional and amateurs a never changing guide, an Umpire whose deisions are at all times right and just, a park that is world, opponents that are constantly studying the art of deception, and compensation far in advance of all others, "Life Eternal."

Arkansas

Dear Editor GOSPEL PLEA:—

I am delighted to say, just after the convention I made a visit to Nashville, Tenn., where I chanced to meet about ten thousand negroes at the celebration of

the fiftieth year of the Emancipation Proclamation; there I heard splendid addresses from both white and colored. I also attended the National Baptist Convention two evenings. The womens' was indeed grand. There were about four hundred delegates [women]. Oh! how sincere they were in demonstrating their part of the work. All the exhibits of the Baptist work were held in Rev. Preston Taylor's park, of the Christian Church. I visited Bro. Taylor's church on Lord's day, morning and evening. There I met an intelligent congregation. I impressed them to do all they could to help raise the twenty-thousand dollars ($20, 000); and also that more of the members subscribe for the GOSPEL PLEA and THE MISSIONARY TIDINGS. They seemed to enjoyed my visit so much. Bro. Taylor is one of the most refined house-keepers for God I ever met (colored); every thing was up to time.

He begins on time and ends on time. And this is what I would like to see every minister do because God is a God of order. Miss Malry, the organist certainly took interest in leading the music. She also has a good chorus, we certainly enjoyed the music. Bro. Taylor is certainly a broad hearted Christian. He gave to the Baptist gathering the use of his park free of charge. He is a great man and is loved by his members and friends, and is greatly respected by all. He has a beautiful Church, a beautiful park and as beautiful an undertaker's department as I ever visited. I wish to say he is an example to the Negro race. As my visit was limited I didn't get to visit the other Christian Churches in the city I returned home very ill, with nerve trouble and was in bed seven days, but I am something better at this writing and am planning to visit the auxiliary at Mound Bayou on the 11th.

Mr. Bostick has just returned from attending the National Convention at Toronto, Canada. He brings good news from there.

I must say that we all are so sorry to give up Bro. Moses Mitchel. He has gone to St. Louis to take up the work there. We wish him much success on his stay there. His presence at our convention gave much satisfaction. I am around trying to leave as many pledge cards as I can in the state for our $20,000 offering. I have about one hundred more to distribute.

May success be ours.

I am yours for the work,

Argenta. Sarah L. Bostick

OKlahoma

To the GOSPEL PLEA:—This will let the readers know that we are yet on the map and are trying to let our influence be felt for good in the Master's kingdom. We had fine services yesterday. Three confessed their Savior and were baptised. The sisters reoganized the Auxiliary with 14 members, with the following officers; Mrs. C. T. Wells, President; Mrs. J. E. Williams, Vice President; Mrs. E. G. Ward, Secretary; The ladies are also preparing for the Okmulgee convention. The 1st Christian Church's new pastor Bro. Buchhart of Indianapolis, Indiana is on the ground and has started his work and preached his first sermon Lord's Day, Oct. 5th. I know he preached a great sermon as he preached on a great subject. "The Church and its Power in Unity of Action." We are glad to have Bro. Buchhart in our city as he assured us that he was a friend to missions regardless of nationality therefore he can be of much help to the cause of primitive Christianity in this new field. One has to come to Okla and look on the field before he can realize the great importance of the work. There are so many nations represented here until it is like preaching in the foreign lands. We have some sickness among our members have had all the year. Sister Julia Hasdiman, a daughter of Bro. R. T. Matlock of Arkansas, is in poor health, and is thinking of having an operation performed as soon as she is strong enough. Sickness in our membership has greatly retarded our work this year but we are endeavoring to take courage and go forward more.

R. B. Wells.

Kansas

Mrs. Fannie Smith Moss, daughter of Eld. J. D Smith, died here Sunday Sept. 28, at her father's country home. Mrs. Moss was born at Lawrence Burg, Anderson County, Kentucky Dec. 13, 1875. At quite an early age she became a member of the Third Christian Church in Kansas City, Kansas. She was a brilliant and talented girl and soon became a leader in both Sunday-school and church work. She was always ready and willing to bear her share of the burdens of the church. Mrs. Moss leaves a mother, father, brother and sister-in law and many friends to mourn her loss, but our loss is heaven's gain. Before she died she selected the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes from which the funeral was to be preached. The writer was asked to preach the funeral.

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All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt Editor

Arkansas

Annual Report of 1913 given at the convention Wrightsville, Arkansas.

About eight months of my time was given to missionary work. Number of miles traveled in the state, 1,254; number of miles out of the state, 1,703; places visited in the interest of missions, 32; two were outside of the state. I attended the National Convention at Louisville, Ky. and the workers' Conference at Edwards, Miss. Addresses made, 50; trips to Kerr (Pearidge Church) 5; Russellville, 4; Sherrill, 2; Pine Bluff, Center Point and Washington, 1 each; Little Rock, (colored) 2; and 1 to the white Auxiliary at Little Rock also one visit to the (white) state Convention at Little Rock. Made two addresses in Baptist churches and one in a Methodist church. House to house visits, 10. Organized an Auxiliary at Little Rock and a Young People's Circle at Kerr. No. of Auxiliaries, 6; Auxiliaries disbanded, 2; No. of members. 109; gained, 11. Board meetings held, 3; subscriptions for Gospel Plea, 19: subscription for Missionary Tidings, 1; No. of Tidings taken 10. The Auxiliaries which observed C W. B. M. Day were Pearidge, Sherrill, and Argenta, raising a total of $17 55. The same three observed Easter, raising $8.40. Money raised for H. G. Smith of Africa for a gun, $13. Money for State Fund from five cent dues, $11.70. Money raised for state mission at the convention, $20.25; raised on pledges for Life Membership, $20.00; sent the conference at Edwards, Miss. $5; for the Kenoly fund, $3; Money sent to the General Fund at headquarters, $38.36; Total raised $138 26.

Railroad expense to the following places: Kerr, $2.88; Sherrill, $4.52; Pine Bluff, $2.52; Center Point, and Washington $7.78: Russelville, $6.10; Little Rock; four trips, $.40; Lunches. $1; Total for R. R. expense in state $24.20 Rail road expense out of state $25. 40; Grand total of R. R. expense, $49 60.

Money received from headquarters $25, received from the state board $12.45, received on the field from Sherill, Washington and Center Point $4.10; received at convention $7.75. Total received from all sources $49.30. Balance due organizer $5.

Our last state convention was one among the best spiritually we have held. We all enjoyed Pres. Lehman's visit and helpful message to us. His message given at Wrightsville will long be remembered by all. Pres. Lehman is doing a great work for the uplift of the "Negro Race." We paid him $15.00. As this was a poor part of the State for a convention the delegation was not as large and not as much money raised as usual. The C. W. B. M. program was of a high order. But greater work was planned for 1914.

I am yours in the work,

Argenta. Sarah L. Bostick, Organizer.

Tennessee

Dear Readers:— The C. W. B. M. work at Warner Institute, Jonesboro, Tennessee is getting along nicely. We sent $1.50 to the General Fund the last quarter. We also reported $11.00 at our State Convention. The following officers were elected for the coming year; Pres. Hattie J. Griffin; Vice Pres. Deetsy L. Blackburn; Secretary. Mrs. Sarah Stuard; Assistant Secretary Mrs. Roxie Jackson; Treasurer Mrs. Janie Jackson. Committees Mrs. Bell Perry, Mrs. Lora Got, Miss Mathes, Mrs. Ryans, Miss Sudie Ryans.

We had a good meeting to start with Oct. 2nd. Our subject was, The Hardships of Missionaries. Talks were made by Miss Rebecca West, Miss Deetsy Blackburn, Rev. W. P. Martin, the writer and others, after which Prof. H. D. Griffin preached a soul-stirring sermon. We are trying to get all of the faithful women in town to take part with us.

We were blessed to have Pres. J. B Lehman to visit us in August. My little Junior Society gave a reception in honor of him which was enjoyed by all.

Yours in the work,

Jonesboro. Mrs Hattie C. Griffin.

Dear Editor:— The 18th of last month we visited the Women workers' Convention at Pattison, Miss. The Pres., Mrs. Sarah Moore asked me to say a few words. From there we went to Forest Grove, next day returned to Pattison and Mrs. C. Jennings and I went to St. Luke Church. Here we found such faithful workers. Rev. S. Smothers preached a soul stirring sermon and encouraged them all he could to go on. If only our preachers would do as he is doing our work would grow so much faster. I planned to be with the sisters at Pine Grove on the fourth Sunday of last month but could not on account of the heavy rain fall. The first Sunday in this month I was with the Auxiliary at Union Hill. We had a good meeting and had Eld. R. B. Brown and Bro. A. C. Smith with us. They helped us by their presence and talks. We were sorry the rain stopped so many of us from attending the Quarterly meeting the second Sunday in last month. We are glad the meeting was carried out alright. Our next Quarterly meeting will be at Center Church the third Saturday and Sunday in December. I am going to do my best to to visit all the Auxiliaries before that time.

Let us in Mississippi see what we can raise for the Jubilee fund. The sisters at Union Hill say they want to raise $25.

The writer visited Mrs. N. E. Hutchinson's home Monday morning. She says she is going to work with us. She subscribed for the Plea. We are glad to get such women as sister Hutchinson. May the Lord help us in His work.

Yours in His work,

Port Gibson, Miss. Sarah Blackburn.

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"The leaves have their time to fall,
And the flowers to wither at the short wind,s breath,
And the stars to set but all—
Thou has all seasons for thine own, Oh! death
We know when moons shall wane when summer
birds from far shall cross the sea
When autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain
But shall teach us when to look for thee."

S W. Scott

Liberian Christian Institute

Dear Readers —Again I am stealing a few moments from other duties to give you another little peep at the L. C. I.

This has been a day of hard rain but business moves on.

I had planned to put out about three hundred cabbage plants today in a new garden spot which we just cleaned off in the clay ground. But the rain has been too much for me today. Last Monday and Saturday Mr. Hurt and I made trips to Marshall after freight.

School is moving along in fine shape. The middle examinations will be held next week.

In about four weeks, we hope to start to work on our boat. You can't imagine the relief it will be when we shall have finished it and are able to use it.

Sunday, September 7th, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hurt, the girls and myself went across the beautiful sandy beach looking over the ocean. It was pleasure to watch the boys play in the ocean and see the crabs run toward the water as the surf dashed against the shore which caused it to bound back to sea. The gathering of many beautiful sea shells and watching the steamers at sea go by.

Mr. Ross is still at Monrovia. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Uriah, Moses, Elijah and Joseph are all represented at the L. C. I. Frances and Abraham are the last to arrive.

It seems but a few weeks since I came here but for a fact we are on the tenth month, and a year ago I was hard at work at the S. C. I. getting ready to say good bye to one and all.

Every day brings extent to our vision of the possibility of greater work in this needy land. How sweet it is to labor in a field when each day brings greater opportunities for greater accomplishment for the Master's kingdom.

God is leading his army on to victory against the foe. In Christian service there is coming about the spirit of oneness among all religious bodies. What a glorious thing this is! To accomplish the most for the uplift of all mankind. The people of God must come together in order that we may march foward as one great unit of power, conquering sin and evil as we march.

The man has tested in the army of God for the purpose of fighting against sin and vice, superstition and ignorance in the world and is too much of a coward to fight, isn't anybody.

Your captain is one that never lost a battle. Therefore why should you, as a pastor, be afraid to stand up before his Church like a man and tell them fifty, seventy-five or a hundred must be brought up for the November educational rally?

Brethren, do not be afraid to trust God for all things. You trust him for some things, why not have the courage to trust him for all?

This should be one collection in which the shepherd should walk down out of the pew and place his five dollars on the table and tell his people he is leading out with larger things and they must move up a few notches. Where they have

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DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

Sunday, Oct. 12, was a great day for the Mt. Beulah Sunday School. Dr. H. C. Lyman, Supt. of work among the Negroes, under the direction of the International Sunday School Association, was spending the day upon the campus. At 9:00, in company with Prof. Burgess, Supt. of our school, Dr Lyman visited these three Teacher Training classes. At ten thirty they visited several other classes of the school. As they entered each Sunday School room, Brother Lyman spoke encouraging words to teacher and pupils. At the end of the two hours, so fast did the minutes fly, six classes out of the eighteen were still unvisited. At 11:00 o'clock Dr. Lyman occupied the pulpit of the Institute Church. He delivered a very helpful address. He is a specialist in Teacher Training, and he spoke from his heart, urged our young people to stay by their training coures until their years' work was done. The need of trained teachers in the Sunday school is imperative. He is a delightful and enthusiastic speaker. Our students will not soon forget the great truths he uttered.

What a great blessing it would be if every Sunday school had at least one training class. Our Institutions of higher learning must take the lead in this. Dr. Lyman has marked out for him a great and important task.

Robert Howard's father of Bolton came over to see him Sunday.

Saturtday night, Oct. 11, occurred the closing exercises of the Girls' Summer Literary Society. It was good from beginning to end. The work of the Girls' Glee Club deserves especial mention.

Students in the academy who are expecting to make their credits for the Fall term must enter before Thanksgiving.

A number of convicts are straightening the public road west of the campus.

At the close of the regular monthly missionary meeting last Sunday afternoon Dr. Lyman gave a very interesting account of the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland, which he recently attended. His definition of education was unique. Everyone present followed him with rapt attention.

Most of the girls in the Sewing Room have made book bags for themselves. They look fine. We think this is a great idea.

Jarvis Christian Institute

Supt. T. B. Frost and two work boys from Ardmore, Okla. are building the flues for the boy's dormitory, while Leeventon Hendricks, a work boy from Taylor, Texas, is giving the campus a beautiful appearance with the ax.

We are having beautiful sun-shine to-day for the first time in about one month. Welcome, blessed sunshine, we need you in our business.

Prof. C. A. Berry was out to the Methodist Church Sunday and heard a good sermon by the pastor Rev. Hays of Big Sandy.

We are glad to see Mrs. Frost able to go from the kitchen to the dining room again. We know that all goes well when she is there.

Zumer Oscar of Waco, Texas, is the last pay student to enter the J. C. I. She came Sunday, Oct. 5th, 1913. We yet have some room for pay students.

The Lord's day School at the J. C. I. is taking on new life each Sunday. Our largest attendance was Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Willie Fleming and Geo. Lewis who have made their year and are in school now have contracted with Supt. Frost to put in some sand on the main street and pick some cotton to make a few extra dimes to help them through school. That's the way to do it boys.

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Liberian Christian Institute

given 50 cents they must give $1.50, in the place of one dollar $3.00 must turn up. Double your fives.

Every day lost here in the old father-land for the want of a dollar to push the work farther in the jungle that a few more of these perishing souls, dying with no knowledge of Christ may have a right to the tree of life.

Remember friends, every added dollar to the mission field means added souls to the kingdom.

"Ask what ye will in my name and it shall be given you."

Do you not want the millions of souls now in idol worship redeemed? If so, ask it of God through Christ as you lay your money on the table for his cause.

In His cause,

Schieffelin. H. G. Smith.

H. Mrs. Sarah Boshick
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THE GOSPEL PLEA.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

SUPPLYING THE DEFICIENCY

WHILE IN Norfolk, Virginia it was our privilege to listen to a lecture at the Y. M. C. A. in which the speaker took half of his time in explaining the motive underlying the educational feature of this work and the other half of his time in showing steriopticon slides illustrating the night and day school in the various Young Men's Christian Associations.

In his lecture he said that man must be equally developed in his four natures, which are Religious, Intellectual, Social and Physical. He deplored the fact that our present public instruction up to recent times was wholly intellectual while the other three were neglected, and that now there was a tendency to take up in addition to the intellectual the physical and social training while the religious is not only neglected but often scorned. He stated that the Y. M. C. A. is trying to supply this deficieny by giving a proper religious environment for the development of the other three natures of the vast numbers who are otherwise lost.

In my recent trip to Toronto it it was my privilege to meet a great many ministers and talk with them and without an exception they have come to the same conclusion. The present folklore and fairy tales told the children are the products of pagan civilizations and it is generally believed that the new "fandangled" dances and the tendency to immodesty in dress are possibly very largely due to this great error in the education of our children: As they grew up the spirit of paganism asserted itself.

But this danger does not confront the Negro so vitally yet. In the missionary schools, and especially in the missionary schools under the C. W. B. M. the theory of education is the same as that advocated by the lecturer at the Norfolk Y M. C. A. only the environment is such in the missionary school as to make the religious training more natural and more efficacious. For example the Southern Christian Institute is a college of missions as well as an educational center of the ordinary type. The other schools under the C. W. B. M. are aiming at the same results and are approximating their aim remarkaby well.

Therefore, we wish to impress upon the minds of all those who have in any way anything to do in the support and upbuilding of these schools that they are doing a work of so great importance than which there is no greater in this country. We are civilization builders. Upon us will depend the weal or woe of our children for generations, or even ages to come. We need to emphasize a money and men's campaign. We need a hundred thousand dollars at once to equip these schools so we can produce the men who will be prepared in heart, head and hand to go out and lead the vast throngs of their people into a noble service for the uplift of mankind. The first era of the freedom of the Negro has come to an end with the end of the first fifty years of that freedom. He must now be led into a sacrificial service for God and man or he will drift into that which will be exceedingly harmful. Had Joshua been followed by the right kind of leaders, the dark age of the Judges would never have come. The battle cry of our Jubilee then must be money and men. This is a crusade that absolutely every one can engage in. All those who can in any way lay by money can give it to the cause and those who can not give, can encourage men and women who have children to put them in one of our schools till they are all crowded to their capacity. The time is coming not many days hence when our great brotherhood will awaken and the money will pour in on us and then the serious question will be men and women. The work is so important that we can not afford to entrust it to miniature minds. We have long ago learned that men whose education is lopsided will do more harm than good. Often they have no conscience to enable them to see the right and wrong in problems and they seek self, first last and all the time. Everything they touch their hands to is ruined. Now the coming of these larger things is largely dependent on what our Negro churches do in the start. The Jubilee offering is the entering wedge. The sending of your children to these schools until they are filled to their capacity will be an earnest of our hope for men and women to carry on the work.

We appeal to the ministers, Sunday School superintendents, auxiliary workers and all members of churches who have influence to aid us in reaching all the churches. Tell them it is the year of Jubilee when God has called us into a higher service.

"Be sure that God
Ne'er dooms to waste the strength He deigns impart."

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L. C. Davis, Subscription No. 145.

—Bro. C. C. Smith and family have move moved back to Cincinnati from their California sojourn. Their address is 2837 Melrose Ave. They are constant readers of the Gospel Plea, and are always interested in the work being done by the Negroes. We know our readers will wish Bro. Smith many years of usefulness in the kingdom of God.

—Bro. I. H. Moore, state evangelist of Kentucky, has just closed a meeting at Hustonville, with twelve added. He raised $67. He will be at Milledgeville next where he will ordain an official and ordain a minister.

—How we could boom things if all of our state evangelists would often send in postal card reports of their work. Brethren, it will only take two or three minutes and a penny.

—A good white sister writes very hopefully concerning the workbeing done among the Negroes. Among other things she says, "But the Nature of The Gospel Pleaastonishes me by the quality of its contributions. The issue of Sept. 20 (Serial No. 109) was especially fine and I have kept it as a specimen copy to show of what the race is capable."

—C. A. Taylor, Pocahontas, Va, is doing some good work for the Jubilee Rally the Sunday before Thanksgiving. He says, "I like the Plea very much, and I have the promise of two subscribers."

—JUBILEE EDUCATIONAL RALLY! The Sunday before Thanksgiving. We are confident hundreds of Churches are preparing to make this a great day in the history of our work.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION

Seven college presidents and a number of college instructors, including ex-President Taft, will contribute to The Youth's Companion during 1914.

Then there is Gene Stratton Porter, whose stories of Indiana woods and swamps have made her famous, and Kate Douglas Wiggin, who never wrote a dull line in her life, and Mrs. Burton Harrison, who remembers when conversation was really an art as practised in Washington and in the manor houses of Virginia. And this is just a beginning of the list.

If you know The Companion, you have a pretty clear idea of what is in store for next year's readers. If you do not know, ask us to send you sample copies—for instance, those containing the opening chapters of Arthur Stanwood Pier's fine serial—"His Father's Son." Full Announcement for 1914 will be sent with the sample copies.

For the year's subscription of $2 00 there is included The Companion Practical Home Calendar for 1914, and all the issues of the paper for the re-

maining weeks of 1913, dating from the time the subscription is received.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE.

Kentucky

Dear Editor:—

We are here in a meeting with Bro. Robinson. Large crowds each night. Four additions thus far. These people here are very loyal, they came from twelve miles to hear the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When the speaker starts to speak at night, the entire house is hushed in silence until everything is over. They are very attentive.

We are very sorry we can't remain longer but owing to a previous engagement with the Gay St. Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., we will close here Sunday.

Brother Robinson is very much concerned about the educational work, and is planning to raise all the money he can in every honorable way.

Bro Robinson leaves for Lexington, Ky. to-day, to see about the Emancipation Celebration: as he has not heard anything about it since the convention therefore he is going. I am in charge until he returns.

Whenever I go I shall do all in my power to help make the work a success. Of course I have just been out school since the 5th of June but am always ready and willing to do with every might whatsoever my hands findeth to do.

I have found Bro. Robinson to be a fine Christian gentleman to work with. He has his own way of doing things but they always coincide with the Book.

I have been taught many things while here and have been given inspiration to do more and more for the cause of Christ.

We never know a man until we are thrown with him and work together. I am very glad that it has been my opportunity to work with Brother Robinson for I am sure I have been strengthened greatly. It would be good for any of our preachers to work with him. If there is anything Brother Robinson and I can do why just let us know and we are ready.

Wishing you much success in all your work. You have our prayers.

I am yours in His name,

Lawrenceburg, Ralph Wesley Watson.

Texas

Dear Editor of the Gospel Plea:

To the Brethren and sisters of the Texas Christian Missionary society. We are nearing the close of the first quarter of our convention year. As we look over our last year's work there are a great many things for which we should rejoice and take courage for the work of the present year.

Remembering that there is no such thing as standing still. We must progress or retrograde and as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ having obligated ourselves to him in our confession of our faith in him we cannot afford to do the latter, therefore we must go forward in advance of our past record, and in order to succeed in this there are some things we should consider seriously.

The absolute necessity of preaching the Gospel to the people and the going into new Territory in order to enlarge our work and extend the border of the kingdoms of the Master, and the individual responsibility resting upon each of us. The time is now when men are becoming more and more concerned about the question of unity in the body of Christ and the New Testament. Christendom is expending more money today in missionary endeavor than ever before that men may have an opportunity of salvation and also to create a more congenial relation between the nations of the earth and this is also our work. We should therefore feel that it is of sufficient importance and magnitude to call out on our part the small amount at least that your future work committee recommended in our last annual meeting which after careful and earnest consideration they felt to be within the bounds of reason. They simply recommend that each member of the Church in Texas that was represented in our convention or those who are allied with the state work and for some cause were not represented, pay (50) fifty cents per annum for Texas state Missions. No people can boast of their greatness as a religious body who do not provide for those in their employ upon whom they depend in a large measure for the success they hope to have in their efforts to establish the new Testament Church in their state or county as the case may be. The brethren whom you selected and who compose your state board to perform the business of the Church, in the interval between the conventions, are exceedingly anxious that we begin now and make such provisions as will enable the Board to pay the evangelists expenses and other incidental expenses that must be provided for. The fifth Sundays, in the months that contain five Sundays, have been designa-

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Reports From the Field

THE OFFICIARY OF THE CHURCHES
AND
THE JUBILEE RALLY

BY WM. ALPHIN

It is becoming more apparent daily that more attention must be given to the officiary of the local Church. The doing of the real work of the Church is helping us to find the place and importance of the officiary It seems that in all institutions that the officiary stands more for the good of the institution than in the Church. In the Church it is too often that holding the office is one thing, and faithfully giving the service belonging thereto is entirely an other matter. The real nature of the work demands the best officiary possible. It is dangerous to consider it otherwise. The Church is a divine institution, composed of human beings with a divine mission. The offices are divinely appointed. The qualification of those to fill these offices, are divinely given. Their work in the Church is divinely out lined. In the New Testment we find five offices, and twenty qualifications, seven negative and thirteen positive, for those who fill these offices. The work of the Church, as it is being thrust upon us, should help us to see clearly the wisdom of following the scriptural teaching, just as far as possible, in selecting and ordaining the officiary of the local Churches. There is not an institution whose officiary is more strictly in harmony with the nature and well doing of the institution than that of the Church. The work of the Church and its best service rest upon the officials. This is also true in other institutions—good or bad. The reputation of the officiary is the reputation of the Church. Our respect, loyalty and care for the Church is really shown in selecting and ordaining the officiary. It is very necessary at this stage of our work to give more attention to teaching the Church respecting, and the cooperation with the officiary. Our Churches must become more teachable along this line. The officiary of our Churches, although there may be a few ruling elders and head deacons among them, must regard in spirit and conduct the instruction from the word of the Lord. One should read the Holy scriptures very carefully before and after accepting an office and examine and conduct himself in the light of their Holy teaching. It is possible here, for the love of the office, and gratification of friends and factions, for one to commit a great sin and retard, to say the least, the great work of the Church. We, more than others, know when we are fit for the place.

Most of our Churches will continue to move in a circle, to say the most, if we are not more honest with, and consecrated to, "thus saith the Lord" in selecting and laying hands upon men to be servants and leaders in the work of the Lord. Never was a time so ripe for the Christian Churches to act with scriptural conscience in selecting and ordaining officers. Our problem at this point, is much less one of knowledge than of conscience. Our great work is to do what is to inspire the Church—the men of the Church to do what is already known to be the right thing to do. Many congregations are helpless at this point. They need courage. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is a sin." Our supreme duty is to apply the teaching of Jesus and his gospel to the heart the Church, and inspire and encourage men to lead, in spirit and in letter, the great work of the Church.

The crisis through which we are now passing, undoubtedly need as a whole, a better officiary. All the work rests upon the local Churches. The strength of the local Church is in the hands of the officiary. The Church makes its officiary. It is the agent through which the Lord and Master calls men to His service.

Nothing should guide the Church in this important trust and service but the spirit and words of the Master.

All the appeals to and contribution of the Church are in the hands of the officers of the Church The appeals of the Jubilee Rally properly, and to bring the best results must come, through the officals, to the Churches. In twenty one years of experience as pastor and evangelist, I have my first time to see a Church turn down a recommendation, coming endorsed by the pastor and officers. I hope I never will see it. If our preachers and officers stand in line at the front for the Jubilee Rally and let our Churches have it heartily endorsed by them, they will raise the twenty thousand "and then some." The problem of raising the twenty thousand is very largely, if not entirely in the relation of our preachers and the officiary of the Churches. We must, by the divine order of the Church depend upon our preachers and officials in this great effort for a better service.

It is a great and glorious thing to be truly an officer in the Church of Christ during these days. All great and glorious efforts and positions carry with them an equal grave responsibility. The eight thousand for this year will come before next Worker's Conference, if our preachers and officiary can so see

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt Editor

Mississippi

Report of Mound Bayou Auxiliary for quarter ending with September.

Money sent to General Fund, $3.45

Subscribers to MISSIONARY TIDINGS, 3. Members gained during quarter, 2.

Not being able to meet on our regular meeting day in September, on account of the continual rainfall, we met the first Sunday in October, collected the offering for September, and elected officers for the ensuing missionary year. President, Mrs. Mattie Christmas; Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Farmer.

The second Sunday we meet in our regular meeting. Mrs Sarah L. Bostick of Argenta, Arkansas, who visited with us from Saturday till Thursday, was present and spoke Sunday, Sunday night and Tuesday night. Her coming had been notified and a good many came out to hear her and were deeply impressed by her helpful lectures. One member was added to the auxiliary and others promised to take and read the MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

Educational Rally Day is now before us. Pledge cards are in the hands of members and look forward to a good collection being sent up from this place.

Mound Bayou. Roxie C. Sneed.

Arkansas

Dear Editor:—

I am delighted to know that Miss Rosa Brown of Port Gibson, Mississippi has accepted the work as General Organizer among our colored sisters. Long have I prayed and asked for some one to take up this great work. We are looking for greater things in the missionary movement in the near future among the colored Disciples in the various states.

Argenta. Sarah L. Bostick.

Women and Children

The girl babies in China, as in India, are not welcome whether in a rich home or a mere hut, and when two or three little girls have come and no boy the parents would like to put the little baby girl to death and this they oftentimes do. Mothers of China love their little girl babies but the disappointment often causes other members of the family to put the baby girl to death when the mother knows nothing of it. Many times these baby girls are thrown away by people who have not the courage to kill them. Not one boy in ten, and not one girl in 500, taken all over China, is able to read. In the last few years many schools, both missionary and government, have been opened to educate Chinese boys and girls, and while ten years ago not one girl in a thousand was ever taught, today many Chinese parents are anxious for their girls as well as boys to have an education. For a great many years the feet of the little girls were bound to keep them small, this making them cripples for life. While this is still practiced to some extent, and little girls are caused horrible suffering by it yet Christianity and the civilization of China in the last few years has caused it to be in disfavor and great numbers of Chinese girls and women are freed from this cruel custom. The life of the little Chinese boy in the better home is usually one of study. There is a Chinese proverb which says, "Better to rear a pig than bring up a son who will not read." One of the first things a Chinese child is taught strict obedience and to honor his parents and no country in the world has taught its children this lesson so well.

KING'S BUILDERS.

Chinese Peculiarities

The Chinaman shakes his own hand instead of yours.

He keeps out of step when walking with you.

He puts on his hat in salutation.

He whitens his shoes instead of blacking them.

He rides with his heels in his stirrups instead of his toes.

His compass points south.

His women folks are often seen in trousers ac-

it to be their duty to lead every one of our Churches in well observing Educational Rally, or some day before the Conference. If at all possible we are sure our pastor and officers will find it far better, in every respect, to well prepare and all observe Lord's day before Thanksgiving and put on the finishing touch on Thanksgiving Day and night. We beg our pastors and officials to not permit any thing to take Sunday before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day from the Educational Rally. It won't do to hitch some other collection on these days, on to the Educational Rally. Don't try to run a "double header" these days. We fear you haven't enough men and fuel. All our pastors know what effect the first effort in a Rally has on the following ones. All pastors and officials should get their churches on roll this year. We are depending on each other, and all our pastors, officials and Churches should so act as to increase each other's confidence and greatly strengthen the work.

Waco, Texas.

Virgina

After a long tiresome ride I arrived here Saturday October 4 about eleven o'clock. Prof. Thomas had been meeting all the late trains in order that I might be safely conducted over to the M. C. I. However he had not become too tired to make one more trip. I happened to be on. We had no trouble in finding each other. Not any more than two old acquaintances. After giving my check to the baggage man we walked over to the home of Brother Thomas which is also the sight of the Martinsville Christian Institute. I was introduced to the folks and everything else, and then told to make myself at home. I began at once to do so. The first place I went was to the kitchen or dining room, after being satisfied I then began the task of smoothing things around in my new home. When this preparation was over I began forming plans for the week's work I had before me.

At the exact hour on Monday morning the bell rang. All the primary children gathered in and went to work. This was not my day because the more advanced students do not begin their school work until Tuesday, so this gave me a chance to fill my lawn pillow with pine needles from off the mountain side.

No one would have the least trouble to know when the State line is crossed coming into Virginia. If your senses work right, you surely will smell tobacco. There is a lot of people employed in working with the stuff. Too bad that they can't find something else to do. I have been told that, there are counties in this state and North Carolina in which one can find families with ten and twelve in a home, and everything from "Papa to baby" eats tobacco in some form. How deplorable! As I think of this, I can not help wondering.

Can persons with sound minds, with good understanding and with a desire for purity, lose themselves in filth, like, that? No man has any right to feel himself morally good who can, with a conscience, hand his little baby girl or boy a chew, or fill its lip with snuff. The older folks say, they have formed the habit, and can't quit. I don't dispute that, because you know, if they have been under its influence for a number of years it has weakened their nervous system. They have lost self guidance and keenness of pride.

But still they must not try to find in this an excuse. God will not excuse a sinner and save him because he formed the habit of sinning and became too weak to change. He must create within himself an ambition. One through which he can imagine. People without ambition can not imagine correctly, and without a correct imagination, things are done wrong.

The POWER in the lives of the teachers of the world has been discovered in this way. Have ambition,— for whatever you will; then continually nourish it with labor, expectation and faith. The world will soon know the contents of the heart. Suppose he has no ambition? Well then, he must help himself out a little bit. First, create a desire to do something, next, feel that he can. Then, go ahead and do it. Without the DESIRE, no life can possess knowledge, truth, wisdom and power. This kingdom is far different from the physical world. We can by inheritance become wealthy without one hour's toil. But not so with knowledge, truth, and power. Because,

Father's life to him belongs,
And mine also to me;
The deeds he does both right and wrong
Are his eternally.

The thing that plays the greatest part in making a good man or a good woman is environments. The child who never sees a bottle of liquor, or comes in contact with it never becomes a drunkard. The child who is never handed or allowed to come near tobacco never becomes a subject of its filth, no matter how much his father and mother enjoy it. The boy or girl who has been reared with good people, whose mind is held above sin, and made familiar with some of life's trapdoors, who is taught that the happiest

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companied by men in gowns.

Often he throws away the fruit of the melon and eats the seeds

He laughs on receiving bad news. (This is to deceive evil spirits).

His left hand is the place of honor.

He says westnorth instead of north west, sixths four instead of four-sixths.

His favorite present to his parents is a coffin.

He faces the bow when rowing a boat.

His mourning color is white.

To bore a hole he uses an instrument that works up and down instead of around.

The children of a Chinese school study out loud.

King's Builders

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and most industrious is lived in the kingdom of God, will become a man or woman of power. Fathers and mothers, then, have a part to play in giving true education. You cannot lie to a child and expect it to tell you the truth, neither can you be guilty of other meannesses in the presence of your children without them taking more quickly to that than to the good you do. Now if you fathers and mothers would live correctly, yourselves, pray more, spend more time at home teaching the children how to be independent, humble,and honest; the sheriffs, the police, the farm-managers, and the good people,— the teachers and preachers would have less hard work. And you yourselves would be worthy of more respect.

Martinsville Arby W. Jacobs.

Y. W. C. A. Topics

Oct. 19, The Spirit of Cheerfulness—Prov. 15:13
Cordelia Mosley

Nov. 2, Strong Women, the Nation's Hope—(Esther)
Malinda Sneed

Nov. 16, The Law of Contagion—1 Cor. 15:13
Kate Jackson

Nov. 30, Books That Have Helped Me—Prov. 9:1 6
Aletha Thomas

Dec. 7, The College Girl at Home—(Ruth)
Lottie Guice

Dec. 21, The Christmas Joy. —Phil. 2:17-18.
Florence Blackburn

Jan. 4, A Clean Page.—Phil. 4:8
Ellen Johson

Jan. 18. I Haven't Time—Hebrews 2:1-5
Cornelia McCloden

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ted as Rally days for the evangelist. Brethren too much importanace cannot be attached to this phase of our work. May we not therefore depend on you to help in this important work. The fifth Sunday in November is the day of our first collection for this purpose. Let us all do the right and proper thing on that day. All money collected on this day should be sent to evangelist, Wm. Alphin, 919 South 9th. St., Waco, Texas and you will please send to my address, 812 Robinson St., Paris, Texas, the amount sent in that a correct record may be had of all our work.

Now brethren this is the Lord's work that we have been called into fellowship with him in performing it and that those whom we have leading in this work need our prayers, our money and our co-operation in every legitimate way that is necessary to the success of His work. There are quite a percent of our people who pay 50 cents per month in other institutions that have for their aim temporal advantages, some of them pay as high as six and eight dollars annum without any hesitancy. Is it therefore unreasonable to suppose that 50 cents per year is too much in matters pertaining to our spiritual well being? With implicit faith in the Master and abiding confidence in your loyalty to His cause, we are looking forward to a great day of giving on the fifth Sunday in November.

With best wishes I beg to remain,

Yours in the work,

Paris, Moses Powell, Cor. Sec'y.

Editor Gospel Plea:—

Sir, I noticed the publication of a letter, signed A. C. Chichon from Texas. The publication made several mistakes which places me in a bad light before the public.— I wish you would at the earliest time correct the printer's mistakes to wit:— "with the funds of the Christian Missionary Convention" —It should be written: "within the bounds of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention" (See letter). Another mistake:—"God's revelation toward the Bible." -It should be—"God's revelation—the Bible."

Those who know me know I do not make such mistakes. Please do me the justice to correct printer's mistakes.

Again:— "Pastor of the Clark St. Christian Church., Greenville, Texas."— It should be; "the then Pastor of the Clark St. Christian Church.

I am

Address all mail— A. C. Chichon.,
Greenville, Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

The two student Commanders will assist in writing school notes. We hope to make our notes more interesting.

We have daily been expecting a young man and a young woman from Jamaica, but as yet they have not arrived.

Prof. Bebout is occupying the pulpit of the Institute Church to the satisfaction of all. Last Lord's Day one made the good confession and one came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship.

The closing program of the Boys' Summer Literary Society occured Saturday night, Oct. 18. Much enthusiasm was shown from beginning to end. Mrs. Prout deserves much credit for her untiring efforts in behalf of the music. There was a large audience present and the program was well rendered. One young man said he was glad it was all over and that he had gotten it out of his system.

Robert Gooden, who has been working at Utica Institute this Summer, has returned to take up his duties in school. All were glad to welcome him back.

Bro. Pierce of the International Sunday School Association urged at the Toronto Convention the need of an hour and a half for the teaching of the Sunday School lesson. We believe that teachers everywhere have felt the need of more time. One section of the Mt. Beulah Sunday School has fifty-five minutes and the other forty-five. While this does not come up to Bro. Pierce's idea, yet we believe it is a long move in the right direction.

At this writing three weeks of school have passed. The attendance for October thus far is the largest for any October in the history of the Institute.

Eric W. Hunt, B. S.. 1911, will be married to Miss Edna Carmen Berry, Oct. 22, 1913, at the Christian Church 70 Duke St., Kingston, Jamaica. Eric's many friends wish him and his wife a happy journey through life.

Last Sunday evening our Endeavor society took steps to make ours a better Y. P. S. C. E. A committee was apppointed consisting of Misses Ellen Johnson and Nancy Jennings, and Richard Davis Our young people are always striving toward the best.

A number of students are planning to enter school in a week or two. The day students will soon be coming in more rapidly. They will pay twenty-five cents a week from the time they enter till the Christmas vacation.

Warner Christian Institute

Rev. Preston Taylor of Nashville, who is deeply interested in the Christian work every where, was present on Tuesday and Tuesday night. We were indeed glad to have him with us; many hearts were revived when he had spoken to us Tuesday night. We highly appreciated his coming, and will be indeed glad to have him come again soon. The ladies of W. C. I gave a banquet in honor of him, and several of his friends had the pleasure of dining with him.

Prof. and Mrs. Griffin visited the Rogersville, Christian Church last Sunday. They spent pleasant hours.

The Smyth society is doing good work this year with Virgil P. Martin as president.

The Teacher Training class is gaining interest every time they meet. We hope to have a good success.

Mrs. Ellen Smith came to visit her son, Stanley last Sunday.

Misses West, Blackburn and Gardiner went chestnut hunting a few days ago. They were accompanied by several of the school girls. They report a splendid time.

Rev. Brazelton of Bristol, Tennessee was upon the campus looking around Monday morning. Come again. We are always glad to welcome such men as you.

We are thinking about educational Rally. What about you? Let us aim to make a good report. Every Sunday school, Church and Y. W. C. A. ought to make a good report.

What I Would Be

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare;
I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift.

—Howard Arnold Walter.

414 N. 24th St.

Mrs. Sarah Bostick—

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HELPFUL TO ALL

TO ANY careful observer it is clear that the world is entering upon a new era. The old internal questions have given away for external questions. National politics has given a place to international politics. The questions which engross the attention of our president are: What shall we do with the Phillipines? How shall we adjust our affairs with Japan? What attitude shall we assume towards the new China? What shall we do to settle matters in Mexico? What treaty arrangements shall we make with the European nations for the settlement of disputes? What part shall we take in the revolutions of Latin-American nations? and even far off Africa demanding more and more of our attention. These questions reveal to us the strategic position we hold in the work of the new civilization that is to be. We now have it in our power to make or unmake the civilizations of the newer nations that have come into the family of nations in the last score of years.

But a good and all wise providence seems to have prepared us for this great day. One of the most significant of these preparations was the Emancipation of the American slaves. Suppose, for a moment, that slavery were still in existence and all the old slave states together with the states that were sought by those who advocated that institution, which would include Kansas, Nebraska, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico and Virginia, would be trafficing in slaves. Practically all the foreign emigration that went into the west would have been prevented and half of the American population would be undeveloped slaves. Under these circumstances we would be utterly incapable of accomplishing anything in the larger world problems. As time goes on the world must more and more regard Abraham Lincoln as a seer whose vision went far beyond that of an ordinary man.

Fifty years ago the Negroes were declared free by proclamation and were made free in a most deadly fratricidal strife. In these fifty years of freedom they have matured in intellect and in spiritual service so that at the dawn of their Jubilee year they are ready to enter the work of establishing the kingdom of God among all the nations of the earth. How providential this is! Our great work now is not gaining territory by conquest. President Wilson has well said that America will never again seek to gain another foot of land by conquest. Our work is teaching the world. Our choicest sons and daughters must go into all the hedges and byways of our own land and compel them to come into the great world endeavor; and they must go to the remotest of the nations of the world and teach them advanced ideas under the power of the Gospel of Love. Before the year 1950 we must send out more of our trained youth to teach the world than marched on the field of Gettysburg in 1864, and more will give up their lives as a sacrifice to unsanitary and undeveloped conditions than lost their lives in that memorable battle. The hegira of the flower of our youth to teach the world clearly marks the coming in of the new era.

And what an opportunity for the schools under the Christian Woman's Board of Missions! We must prepare hundreds of youths in the next decade or two to go out and teach the masses; and we must prepare to sustain them when they go out. We dare not depend upon the secular schools to do this work for they can not do it. The university that scoffs at the efforts of the Bible Chair can not be depended upon to lay the foundation of the civilization that is to be. Only those who understand the purposes of the Church and have a profound love for it can do this. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions stands at one of the most strategic points in the battle for the new era. Already our Negro schools have their pupils scattered over the world. Missionaries in the West Indies, teachers in Africa, and noble workers in many of our southern states make up the number. But only a beginning is made yet. The real conquest is yet to be made.

The Negro Disciples have started out to raise $20,000 as a Jubilee memorial. Our white Christian people should cover this with a gift of fifty thousand. Remember we are counting on you in the crisis.

"An act of kindess when the day
Is young and fair;
A cheering word to charm away
Some wan one's care,
And, though all else be done in vain,
That day has still brought precious gain.
A high resolve, a kindly thought,
When morning's glow
Is on the earth and night is not—
Good will—and, though
The tasks may press, the fetters gall,
That day brings triumph, after all."

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Personals

—Prof. T. W. Pratt sent the Ms. for the Texas Minutes to our office about the last week in October. They came just at a time when we were changing hands in the office and we had to delay some. This will explain the delay to those who are impatient. They are printed now and will either be expressed to T. W. Pratt or mailed out from here as directed.

—JUBILEE RALLY next Lord's Day, November 23, 1913. If for any reason your church is not prepared to take the offering on that day, try to take it before Christmas. Every Sunday is Rally Day until the collection is taken.

—Is your church taking advantage of the liberal subscription offers of the GOSPEL PLEA? We are anxious to raise our subscription list to two thousand.

—Brother R. B. Wells of Muskogee, Oklahoma, recently lost everything he had by fire while he was at prayer meeting. He calls upon his brethren to assist him. His letter will be printed before long. His Post Office box is 262.

Short Editorials

Question. We have a member in our church who seldom ever communes and does not pray in any form. He is a good man whom I honor very highly for his upright character. When asked why he does not do these things, he says he is not worthy because he has to work on Sunday. Will you kindly comment on this in the GOSPEL PLEA? M. T. Brown.

We are inclined to believe that there are many who do not understand what Paul meant when he said, "Therefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unholy manner, shall be guilty of the blood of the Lord." Paul here did not teach that a man must be perfect before he can commune, for this would debar the great mass of people. The Corinthian brethren with whom Paul was laboring were making a picnic of the communion service. They were bringing baskets full of food to the service. They were partaking of it in an unworthy manner. If our brother in Texas feels oppressed because he is doing something that his conscience tells him he should not, he needs the renewing power of prayer and the communion far more than if his conscience were at perfect ease. People often get the wrong notions of the meaning of scripture.

—J. B. L.

Report of Jubilee Funds Given by Friends of the Work

Ladies Aid, Eureka Illinois,.....	$25 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Webber, Oregon, ...	5.00
Mentor Plaines Auxiliary, Ohio,.....	2.50
Senior Christian Endeavor Soc , Los Angeles, Cal.	5.00
Auxiliary, Mentor, Ohio, ...	2.35

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Webber, Oregon, ... 5.00
Total reported this time, ... 44 85
Total reported this year, ... 75.85
Total amount reported in the Jubilee Fund from white friends, ... 1341.19

A promise of five hundred dollars has come in for the Louisville Christian Bible School which we hope to definitely report in this fund. We also hope to be able to report progress in the securing of two plantations, one in Kentucky and one in South Carolina, soon. About the first of the year we will make a special appeal for this fund. Now we give you the right-of-way to Jubilee fund of $20,000.

J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Additional Educational Notes

Southern Christian Institute

The fire escapes are being put on the east side of Smith Hall.

Elder R. H. Davis, R. A. Gooden, and Prof. Z. H. Howard attended the district convention at Jackson, last Saturday and Sunday.

Our delegate to the International Convention held at Toronto, Canada, President J. B. Lehman, gave an interesting report of the Convention at the morning church service, Nov. 9.

The orations for the Home Defender Success Club Contest are to be handed in not later than Monday morning, December 1st.

Our Music School was never in a more prosperous condition. Miss Reed is teacher of voice and Mrs. Prout is teacher of organ and piano lessons. We feel certain we could keep another piano or two busy.

The Y. W. C. A. observed the week of prayer last week.

Our reader might be interested in various "student homes" in Belding Hall. Each Room in reality is a boy's home. We give merely the state or country from which the young men come: Room 1, Jamaica and Texas; Room 2, Jamaica and Texas; Room 3, two from Arkansas and one from Mississippi; Room 4, two from Jamaica; Room 5, two from Africa; Room 6, Mississippi and South Carolina; Room 7, Mississippi and Louisiana; Room 8, Mississippi and Texas; Room 9, Mississippi and South Carolina; Room 10, Texas and Mississippi; Room 11, two from Mississippi; Room 12, two from Arkansas; Room 13, Mississippi and Alabama; Room 14, Arkansas and Louisiana; Room 15, Texas and Oklahoma; Room 16, two from Mississippi; Room 17, Texas and Alabama Room 18, two from Mississippi; Room 19, two from Mississippi; Room 20, two brothers from Alabama; Room 21, two brothers from Illinois and one boy from Mississippi; Room 22, two from Mississippi; Room 23, Mississippi, Africa, Texas and Arkansas.

The topic, "Temperance Facts and Figures" was very interesting at the Endeavor Society, Nov. 16. A quartette, composed of Misses Blackburn, Crockett, Thomas, and Mosley, furnished special music.

Last week the following students in the Academy told the story of the following books: Robert Gooden, "Autobiography of Frank G. Allen;" Ad Banks, "The Pilot"; Kate Jackson, "Julius Caesar"; Georgia Trevillian, "Life of Columbus."

The latest student arrivals are Prince Gray and Ida Daniel.

Beverly Westbrook, of Hickmon, Ark., who used to be in school writes that he thinks of the S. C. I. often He is now a maker of rustic furniture. The Institution is always glad to hear from former students.

Martinsville Christian Institute

We are still busy. The student body is increasing every week. We were glad to welcome Misses Mildred Carter, Savanah Peters and Jennie Jefferson in among our boarding girls. The faculty and students were favored with an address by Dr. Painter last Friday morning. Dr. Painter has spent forty years in China as a missionary under a Presbyterian Board. His message was very interesting and helpful to all. The Fayette St. Christian Church engaged in a rally last Sunday; raised sixty one dollars. This will continue until Nov. 9, 1913. A. W. Jacobs returned on the four o'clock train last evening from Chatham, Virginia. He spent Saturday and Sunday with the Main Street Christian Church. They had a crowded house each service. —raised $12.84; no additions. The M. C. I. is fast coming into possession of a new barn. We hope to complete it before the Blue Ridge blows its breath on us again.

The following students were rank one in the Middlers Class last week: Misses Annie Green Hairston, Daisy Dillard, Lucy Hairston. Rank two: Misses Fannie Kenoly, Mariah Hairston, Janie Gravely. Rank three: Everett Hairston.

In the Junior Class.

Rank one: Annie Geter, Callie Moore, Rachel Scales, Mary Foster. Rank two: Jennet Stockton, Annie May Hickman.

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Reports From the Field

Kansas

Dear Editor and friends of the PLEA:

We know you have wondered and asked what's the matter with Kansas. She yet liveth and is preparing to observe Educational Rally Day.

The long and tedious drought was broken early in September and all nature looks as green as in early Spring. The farmers are busy, some cutting their fourth and fifth crops of alfalfa for the season.

Brother Patrick Moss of Martinsville, Virginia visited relatives and friends in Kansas, during the month of September. While here Brother Moss preached for us at the Second Church on the First and Fourth Lord's day.

The Second Church stands as one for Brother Moss.

It was Mr. Emmerson who would ask his daughter on her return from school: "Is your teacher a teacher teaching school?" When he was assured that he was, he would say, the subjects will take care of themselves. Brother Moss, belongs to that class of preachers, he is a preacher preaching the Gospel. The strings of our door-latches hang on the outside for him in Kansas.

Brother C. W. Nelson of Kansas City, Kansas accepted an invitation and came and preached for us the first Lord's day in October. Brother Nelson is an earnest worker. He will perhaps accept work in the state.

Brother B. C. Duke preached for us the last Lord's Day in October.

The Second Church will have a parsonage soon. The trustees have bought a nice building to be moved on to the church lots.

At our convention held at Kansas City last August the president appointed four reporters, each to send in a write up of the convention to the PLEA and other papers. Your humble servant was one of the number appointed or named. Why none of them responded, I cannot say; but for myself, I simply lost connection with Central. By that I mean I was absent on two occasions.

What's the matter with Kansas that we don't hear more from Maple Hill, Emporia, Atchison, Wathena, Lawrence, White Cloud, Lawmont and Troy?

Humbly Yours,

Topeka. G. E. Murray.

Dear Editor:—I did not get to fill my appointment to-day, yet I am quite certain that the day was not lost as I went to the church on this side where I was allowed a few minutes to speak about the rally on Thanksgiving. When I was through, the minister, Will Hancock, warmly indorsed what I said, and several of the leaders of the church came to me for further information concerning the rally and pledge cards. I am quite certain that a collection will be taken for the Jubilee Rally. One of the leading sisters and one of the deacons so expressed themselves to me. They became stirred up when I told them that the church on the Missouri side had asked me to allow Naomi, my daughter, to recite the poem dedicated to Jacob at their rally on Thanksgiving day. One deacon said "Naomi belongs to this church, why can't she speak for this church?" I told him she could if they desire to have a program for the Jubilee Rally. Nothing less than three dollars yearly, maybe more, will be given by our family. Little Isaac Alden Alexander, though he has passed over the river, yet he will be represented in the year's campaign for the $20,000.

Bro. A. A. Harvey recently held a week's preaching to the Church in K. C., Mo, setting forth the C. W. B. M. work among our people. This meeting resulted in a re-organization of the Auxiliary in the Church to the C. W. B. M. Mary Yancy, President; Carry Smith, Secretary; Gus J. Watkin, Treasurer. $16.00 was raised during the week of service. The Jubilee Rally is becoming contagious in these parts. Success to the Plea.

Kansas City, Respectfully, S. W. Scott.

Mississippi

WE LEAD WHILE OTHERS FOLLOW.

Dear Editor:—I desire to give a brief story in this article of the difficulties we had in getting a Church at Indianola. I have been preaching at Indianola two and a half years. Had twelve members when I took up the work. We now have forty on roll.

At the beginning we were compelled to drift from pillar to post. Our first services were held in Belle Grove Baptist Church. As we continued to fire away with the old Jerusalem Gospel members of the the Baptist Church began to join us. This, of course, was unsatisfactory to that Church, hence we had to get our "bundles by our sides and get

farther down the road." Having been excluded from the Belle Grove Baptist Church, we found entrance into the Second Baptist Church of Indianola. Here we were permitted to worship some five or six months. But the "same dog that bit" Belle Grove Baptist Church bit Second Baptist Church. So we had to "ski-doo." We can say with the poet, "Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come." But, "Fight on my soul till death shall bring thee to thy God." After our exclusion from Second Baptist we laid our complaint before the Santified Brethren. Having heard our story they threw wide their doors, bade us welcome. Here we worshiped until the erection of our church 1912.

If the Baptist Church were the Church of Christ as the Baptists say, it seems as if they would accept Christ's word. But some of them will get mad with you for preaching simple gospel truths. They that are Christ's will hear Christ's word. "I know my sheep and my sheep know me; and they hear my voice"—literally my word—"and they follow me; but a stranger they will not follow, for they know not the voice of strangers." John 10:5-14.

The Convention of 1912, was held with the Indianola Christian Church, though the church was not completed at that time. It was not ceiled, neither had the upper part of the windows been put in. We now have a completed house 24x40, with an inclined floor.

This house is built on the Gothic style, Gothic windows, and Gothic roof. Middle doors on spring hinges with transoms over head. Only Negro church in town with transoms over double doors leading into the main part of the Church.

Canary ceiling. Varnish, wainscot—mission. Dark paper on the walls. The back of the rostrum is elevated about three inches above the front part. Banisters around front part of rostrum.

Our church property is valued at $1500.00.

The first Sunday of this month was rally day for Indianola Christian Church. The sisters were organized into two clubs, white and blue ribbon. We asked these two clubs to raise a hundred dollars, but thank God they raised a hundred and thirty-four dollars.

Sister Lela Walker, chairman of the Blue Ribbon Club raised $54.00. This is what Sister Walker raised herself. Members of her club raised a good sum but she raised more than they all.

Sister Amanda Lee, chairman of the White Ribbon Club raised $7.60. Sister Jane Brown, a member of Sister Lee's club, raised $8.60. Sister Lizzie Williams, a member of the same club raised $10.00.

All the sisters did extremely well under the circumstances.

Each brother was asked to pay $10.00. And all paid except two. These two had good reasons for not paying at the appointed time, still they are going to come "across" with the hard cash.

We raised $246.50. There is not a church in this state that has ever done this before. And yet they have a larger membership. We have only forty on roll. WE LEAD WHILE OTHERS FOLLOW. We have won this for ourselves, and all we ask of other churches is to just walk up and make a nice bow.

If you want to know how to do things, just watch us at Indianola this is the best in the state.

The Methodist and Baptist are trying to take Dr. Walker away from me, but I am not the least afraid of his going, because the seed of the kingdom has taken root way down in his heart. Dr. Walker is a great church worker.

Let the brotherhood not forget the Jackson Christian Church in Washington Addition.

Yours in his service,

Jackson, B. C. Calvert.

Kentucky

Dear Editor:—

We have just closed a three weeks meeting at High Street Christian Church Mt. Sterling, Kentucky of which Elder W H. Brown is pastor. The meeting was a success along all lines. Forty-one made an open confession of their faith in Christ and the total collection during the meeting was about $170.00. Seven dollars of which was given to the Virginia Christian Orphanage at Stuart, Va,

Elder Brown is a great man and is pastoring one of the strongest Churches in the state. His wife is a great help mate to him. She is assistant principal of the City school and wields a wide influence. We had an over-flow house almost every night and on the last night at the close of the meeting we had two or three confessions. The meeting was then at its best.

We began meeting at this place Sunday October 26th, and will continue three weeks. Eld. C. H Dickerson is the pastor, he seems to be the right man in the right place. His wife is teaching in the City School at this place and is much loved by everybody. Mrs. M. A. Peters, my better two-thirds, is with me and is a great help to me in this my first missionary tour through Va., W-Va. and Ky. I will send you a write up in full of our tour, etc. when we get home November 27th. We ask the prayers of all the readers of Gospel Plea.

Nicholasville, R. L. Peters,

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues; that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Arkansas

Dear Editor: I write to urge every state missionary and Auxiliary worker to remember the first Lord's day in December is set apart as a special day for the C. W. B. M. The pastors and Auxiliary presidents should work together and have fellowship one with another in working up a good meeting. This is the day to raise a special offering and the program should be one that would be instructive in order to inform those who are not members and by so doing gain new members. We hope to meet in our Worker's Conference at the S. C. I. next May with every Auxiliary represented with a good report. We can easily give a dollar to this collection and a dollar to State Work and another dollar for Educational Rally each fall. Some can even do lots better than that. We should not think this is very much when we will pay not less than $3 50 for shoes. There are some who will give five and ten dollars to this worthy cause. There is an awakening among our churches. More are asking about our schools, the Gospel Plea, and are impressed with the $20,000 that our worthy Bro. J. B. Lehman has asked for. Let us think about our missionaries, Bro. Harry Smith and wife, Bro. Emory Ross and Bro. Taylor of Nashville, Tenn. If we think of our faithful ones laboring in Africa and pray for them then the money will fly.

Now a few words to Sunday School workers. Do not send your money to me but send it to Miss Minnie Mitchell, Kerr, Arkansas, R. No. 1, Box 49. I am not a member of the board but I am interested. Our S. S. work at Argenta is alive. Mrs. Belle Matlock is quite an able Sunday School teacher. The five cents per month is not left off. If the Superintendent is not there everything goes on well. She is a very energetic woman and her work is principally among the (white) women. Please remember the different missionary calls. Many thanks to the S. C. I. for such nice work on the minutes of the Arkansas conventions.

Faithfully yours in the Master's cause,
Sarah L. Bostick, President of the Conference.

IN THE FIELD

We came to Cason, Oct. 31st, was met by Brother Knight, and carried to his home, where we were made welcome.

On Saturday we went to the church grounds, but found no building. Only one sister met sister Knight and me. It was cool and you could not blame these sisters for not coming. But the Lord was good to us and gave us a warm Lord's day. They came out in good numbers both men and women, so that we could have service under an arbor. How thankful were we.

Before we could talk missions, we had to abuse them for slothfulness. Brother Walker said I did them good and assured me Shady Grove would build their church.

Their church was destroyed by fire just before our state meeting. Not a man of them would have left his family out of doors that long; but a house would have been built. This congregation has more of our men who are able to do than any I know. A number of them own three and four hundred acres of land and good bank accounts. Any one of them could build a church and not be hurt. "We will do better," they say. Brother Walker said they needed more preaching like I gave than about Luke and John. He said the whipping did good. But brothers and sisters we have not the time to come and whip you about home duties. Everybody should look after home. I come rather to show you your duties to mankind, and to cause you to enter larger fields of usefulness.

When we had finished the whipping we spoke to them on "Lost Opportunities." They gave us their closest attention. We spoke for two hours and no one left. We tried to impress them that life was the time to serve the Lord. We held before them the life of late Sister Harlan who dying could live in service for mankind until the end, crossing the river and leaving some of her insurance money for world-wide missions and asking her children to continue the work their parents have begun. This was a better legacy than leaving them among the idle rich.

We pictured before them the life of a young man who had used every moment to gain the wealth

of this world, but on a sick bed he wished to remain that he might render a better service, but it was too late. Nothing left for missions by his will, but all to the family. As soon as he crossed the river the relatives were in court and the lawyers got more than he had ever thought of giving for missions. One brother said when I had finished, that he saw the picture and said that he carried two thousand dollars insurance. He never thought of anything else but leaving it all for his relatives. He said that he saw his mistakes and would change his will and leave something to help some one else.

I hope others who read this report will be impressed, and remember it's the unselfish, that do great things for humanity.

The sisters named sister Rogers as their president for another year and sister Knight as secretary. They will meet next Lord's Day and lay money on the table for a building. May God bless them and help them to lay plans for a larger service during the year. We have promise of three for J. C. I., and one young man for the Southern Christian Institute. Among the number was Prof. Doddy's daughter. He will send his children to Jarvis Christian Institute and not a denominational school. Let us push our boys and girls in the Jarvis Christian Institute and fill her up. Don't lose the opportunity, make the sacrifice to get them in. If I had a million dollars to give, I would give it to train young lives for service.

What our churches need every where is consecrated lives, young people who love the Church. Will you not give one of your children a chance to have a training? Waco, Taylor, Cason, Ardmore, Okla. have young people now at the Jarvis Christian Institute. Let every church be represented at Jarvis Christian Institute. Rather see you enthusiastic along this line now. Will you not wake up?

I was up early this morning to see a father who had a son, who wished to go to school. The father wanted him to have the training but did not see how. But when I had talked with him about his duty to his children, and the need of training, he said "write Bro. Lehman." If every parent would just realize their duty to their children, and give them a chance —there would not be so many aching hearts

They gave us a collection of $6 00. Could we have had a second service they would have given ten. Praying God may guide them so they may be in a new church house, and render an acceptable service to Him.

I am yours earnestly,

Waco, Texas. Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NOTES

MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Continued from page 3

Mr. R. T. Mills, of Tuffin, North Carolina carried a sample of his tobacco crop to Danville for sale last Monday. He was offered fifty cents per pound. His entire crop matured about five thousand pounds.

The weather is now pleasant.

Martinsville. A. W. Jacobs.

A few Facts and Figures From Old Virginia

BY JAS. H. THOMAS

"Comparisons are always odious," it is said, and hence we shall refrain from making any here. But ever since we saw announced in the PLEA some weeks ago the generous donation of our good Kentucky colored folk to the National C. W. B. M. to assist in carrying on our Negro educational work in that state, we have been intending to go over our books at the first opportunity to see just what had been done by the colored folk in this neck of the woods for the maintenance and support of our school here at Martinsville during the past 12 or 13 years. Of course, we knew that all had not been done that could have been done, but still we had a curiosity to know just what the little had been, and just how far from the tail-end of the financial procession we ranked.

Well, we now know. We have at last gone over the figures, and will you take a guess at the amount they foot up? We wonder if you will be as much surprised as we were, to learn the actual total. In round numbers, these people of the Piedmont District of Virginia and North Carolina (and there are less than a score of active churches, nearly al of them country churches at that) these people, we say, have poured out, for the support of this work, $7000. We repeat it — Seven Thousand Dollars!

And does not include some five hundred or more dollars contributed toward the purchase price of the land on which the school stands. Nor does it include $100 appropriated by our Church and Sunday-School Conventions at their last session for the support of our Bible Chair during the current year. But it does include $500 those Conventions have contributed for the same purpose during previous years.

No, we are not boasting at all; nor are we drawing comparisons — they are odious But you will surely permit us to feel a little honest pride in the discovery that we are not exactly the tail-end of the procession.

Yours for the biggest Educational Rally in our history. —Martinsville.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jarvis Christian Institute

The Sermon by Eld. T. B. Frost Sunday night November 9th, was an excellent one. He instructed the student body along the lines of obedience.

Bro. K. S. Smith of Dixon, Texas was the welcome visitor of the J. C. I. Sunday night. He heard the sermon by Eld. T. B. Frost. Bro. Smith is here getting lumber and other materials on the ground to build on the land he bought. We are very glad that Bro. Smith has made such a wise choice. This means a great deal for the School. Who will be the next to follow? There are six hundred acres near the school which can be bought.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Arah (Evans) Williams to bring us two pay students from Taylor, Texas. The students brought are Shirley Crayton, a brother of hers and Irene Hall, a niece of hers.

Friday morning November 7th, between four and five o'clock with sadness the news was flashed over the campus that Eddie Jones, one of the work boys from Ardmore, was dead. Eddie had been sick with a cold a few days, but not confined to bed. On Thursday evening November 6th, he was on the campus playing ball and went to the hall and ate a hearty supper. He also went to bed Thursday night without any complaint. But when we went in his room Friday morning to see why he was not at breakfast he was found dead.

The doctor said that his heart failed him. This is indeed sad news to the J. C. I. force and yet it cannot be helped. "God giveth and God taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord." The body of Eddie Jones was taken to Fort Worth by T. B. Frost where his father from Ardmore met him and took charge of it for Ardmore, Okla.

The entire force at the J. C. I. is in sympathy with Brother and Sister Jones whose hearts must be sad over the loss of son.—Trust in the Lord and all will be well at the end.

Supt. Frost has shown to this community that the talk that the Jarvis land given for a Negro industrial school is not any good, is a falsehood.

Corn raised this year, four hundred bushels; cotton, four bales; hay and other rough feed, six tons; peanuts, six bushels. Our garden this year has been excellent — Saved the expense of about $160.00 and is yet furnishing all the vegetables we can make use of.

Alabama Christian Institute

It has been some time since you have heard from me but I am still in the faith. Thinking over the condition of our people, a thought came to me, that I could do even more than I was doing to uplift fallen humanity. I put this thought into operation. I have been trying to awaken the interest of our people here in Alabama to the sense of their duty along educational lines, and to create the spirit of giving within them. They seem to have caught a glimpse of this duty and spirit. I told them how the C. W. B. M. has helped and is still helping them, and how then is the necessity of further donations. I appealed to them for individual gifts. Many made pledges to be paid by the 4th of October. Very near all of these pledges have been paid. Some have not paid but I believe they will in a short while. We hope to raise, not less than one hundred dollars before Christmas. We have already sent $60 to President J. B. Lehman. I have some more on hand and will send it in soon. I am sendingthe names of those who gave above fifty cents. Names as follows: J. S. Brayboy, five dollars; Shepheard Henderson, two dollars; Lee Caldwell, one dollar and fifty cents; J. P. Brayboy, one dollar and forty cents; J. F. Hattermers (white) Randolph Robinson, S. M. Watson, Oliver Tyson, Cornelius Gray, Henry Williams, W. M. Wadkins, W. M. Timmons, Summer Bell, J. A. Wright, Lawrence J. Phyler, Alfred Edwards, Ceasar Standley, Buel C. Castlebury, Tempie L. Young, Enoch J. Smith and Seabe Howard, one dollar each.

Lawrence Crockett took one of our lists to work and has already worked and turned over sixteen dollars and fifty five cents in our treasury. Sister Lizzie Bimbo, raised nine dollars and eighty-five cents on her list. Many others had lists and have sent them in, they range from five dollars and thirty-five cents to forty-five cents. I began this work about the first of July. I find they work better with an object in view. Their object is to put seats, lights and an organ in our chapel. We hope to accomplish this great and good work in the near future.

We desire your prayers. I have visited very near all of our churches and made appeals for our schools. I aroused them enough to sixty dollars or more before our convention. Now what will they do after having heard such soul stirring addresses made by President J. B. Lehman, Rev. H. J. Brayboy and Mr. Isom C. Franklin? Our school is now dedicated The name is changed to the Alabama Christian Institute.

Yours for service,

Georgia A. Franklin.

"He breathed a prayer; he sang a song;
He helped a weary soul along;
His life thus spent in kindly deeds,
He had no time for warring creeds;
A being built on God's own plan—
The world could say, 'Here was a man.'"

Mrs. Sarah Bostick-G-

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PRAYER

WHEN attending the Kentucky convention we heard a quartette of which C. H. Dickerson was the leader, sing the old plantation melody, "I couldn't hear nobody pray way down there." They started it on a low pitch and each new stanza was started on a higher pitch until they were so high that they had to rise on tip toe to reach it. The melody voiced the plaintive cry of the soul of a slave whose ear could hear no prayer.

Now there is a great lesson in this. One of the Hebrew prophets said, "Where there is no vision the people perish" and we may add that where there is no prayer there is no vision. Prayer is to the heart what cultivation is to the corn. When the farmer ceases to cultivate the soil the ground gets hard and the weeds come up thick and the corn is choked out. The fields rapidly return to the state of the heather when the cow weeds and briers flourish. In like manner, the moment we cease to pray we lose all vision of greater things and our hearts rapidly return to the state of the old heathen ideals from whence we came. The old passion of lust, anger, malice, hatred, lying, stealing and all the other miserable things of that old state take possession of us. In many of our churches, this state is manifest. Immoral ministers have been in charge, and officials and leading members were all to ready to condone it for it gives them a cheap opportunity to indulge their baser desires. By and by the impure preacher found himself so involved that he had to move, but the home church was left so honey-combed with all forms of impurity that it was pretty nearly impossible for a good man to labor with them and make a living, and all because "We couldn't hear nobody pray down there."

We do not need evangelism of the character that goes out to organize new churches, except in a few strategic points; but we do need an immense amount of the type of evangelism that will bring the church back to the Christ life. If we could bring to their knees all the members we now have, we could give them a vision in a day and with a proper vision we could have a working force in all our southern states that would turn the world upside down, or rather right side up.

In Kentucky we are planning to make a reorganized and enlarged school of the Louisville Christian Bible school. The state department of education of that state is giving every encouragement. One man has offered to give $500 as soon as the location is found There are others who will give as much and more. But brethren, is there as much praying as there should be? We can't hear nobody pray. It may be that the prayers are abundant, only we can't hear them. And then there are Texas and Missouri. There are some serious state problems there, but every one of them would melt away like a snow before a summer sun, if we could hear more prayers. And what is true of these states is true of many of the other states. We miss the power of prayer.

And a word to Mississippi. There is perhaps no other state that has such opportunities as you have. You could send out as many prepared sons and daughters as all the other states put together, but only a few know that we have such opportunities. The migration to the great Delta Country places before us one of the greatest missionary problems of any state; yet only a few are awake to it.

We suggest that pastors and evangelists preach to the people urging more prayers. Some people can not pray until they are in distress, and distress usually comes to them soon enough. What we plead for is that the people be taught to pray ere the distress comes. We need not only the formal prayers we have been making, but the prayers that come from the real longing of the heart for the things of God If the Jubilee Rally gets the Christian people to praying more fervently the one of the most important things will have been accomplished. The giving of $20,000 will be great, but the hearing of the prayers all along the line will be far greater.

The first club of twenty-three month subscribers came in from the church at West Point, Mississippi. Brethren, if we do not get two thousand three month subscribers, we are going to be disappointed. Every church should go at it. Clubs of one hundred should come in from some churches. Here is the offer:

$1.00 for clubs of not less than ten, for one year and life of Jacob Kenoly; ten cents for clubs of not less than twenty, for three months. $1 25 for single subscription one year and life of Jacob Kenoly. $1.00 for single subscriptions one year

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—Thomas B. Frost in digging his potatoes at Jarvis Christian Institute found some large ones. He sent one to Mrs. Atwater at Indianapolis, Indiana and she wrote him as follows:

It was very thoughtful of you to send it here. Land which will produce potatoes like that must be good. It takes splendid land to raise such large ones. We have dreaded to cut into it so much that we have kept it, so far, to look at. Our plans are laid, however, to cut it up and divide it among about four of our small families here at headquarters, so that a good many will have a taste of the Jarvis Christian Institute land.

—Elder M. T. Brown writes: The Murphy Street Christian Church of Christ proposes to raise the required missionary money this week including Thanksgiving. We have a week's Bazaar and hope for a half hundred notwithstanding constant rain. Sunday's services were rained out. Mrs. Rosa Taylor is our general in this war. Brother Alphin promises to be with Murphy Street the first Sunday in December.

Additional Educational Notes

MartinsvilleChristian Institute

We are now upon our seventh week of school. Not a moment has found us ignorant of the importance of Time. New students are being added to our number every week. We were glad to welcome Miss Channie M. Hairston in among the happy girls, today. There is a special effort on the part of each student to make the highest rank during the week. Rank One last week, Misses Annie Green Hairston, Daisy Dillard, Fannie Kenoly, Annie Geter, Rachel Scales, and Jessa Milner. Rank Two: Misses Lucy Hariston, Mariah Hariston, Annie May Hickman and Jennetta Stockton. Mr. Everett Hairston Rank III.

We are having some very beautiful weather now. Rev. P. H Moss was called away to preach to the congregation at Meadon, Va. last Sunday Nov. 16. By request Arby Jacobs filled his appointment with the Fayette Christian Church, which was the regular pastor's day. We hope to finish our new barn within the next half day after the roofing arrives. We are looking for it now. It's pleasing to report that Miss Beatrice Kenoly, and Mr. Hariston joined hands in holy wedlock last Wednesday night at the home of Brother and Sister Kenoly. We wish for them much joy.

Southern Christian Institute

Never before has the quality of work in the various departments at the S. C. I. been better than at present. The teachers in the various rooms of the Day School are doing a kind of work that would compare very favorably with similar work done elsewhere. It is a joy to observe the students, and to note their progress.

Tell your friends that the S. C. I. has room for twenty or thirty more girls in that splendid new home. It costs $3.00 for entrance fees and $8.00 a month for board. Four weeks is considered a month. Splendid opportunities are offered and your friends should know about it. There are more students on the campus than ever before.

Thanksgiving Day is always a big day at the S. C I. This year was no exception. The weather was like that of a beautiful spring day.

The exercises for Educational Rally were held in the Chapel before dinner. The spirit of the real Thanksgiving was abroad in the meeting. The Jubilee Hymn written by Brother Jas. H. Thomas was sung most beautifully by the choir. Mrs. Howard recited very touchingly the poem, "Jacob Kenoly, the Missouri Missionary." Prof. Bebout and Pres. Lehman delivered addresses. Then the dollars began to roll in. Where there is no vision the people perish. Where there is a vision they give, and as they give, they find themselves in that larger life. When songs had closed, it was found that one hundred dollars lay upon the altar. Our Sunday-school on Educational Rally Sunday gave thirty-eight dollars in addition to this.

Then came the dinner and what should not be said in praise of Miss Evans and those who helped her? The decorations were fine? In fact the decoration at the chapel, Allison Hall, Y. W. C. A. room were all fine. The decoration committees were faithful to their duties.

After dinner a ball game between the Philo and Franklin societies was played. The score was five and five, the game being called at the end of the 4th inning on account of darkness.

The musical given in the Y. W. C. A. room at night was splendid. It would be difficult to describe it. There were vocal numbers by Miss Reed and Miss Harvey; piano solos by Mrs. Prout, Miss Lois Lehman, Harry Prout and Reba Burgess,

"The five brave Knights" was rendered by Reba, Harry, Paul, Karl, Ruth and Candace. Miss Evans recited "The Bear Story." She also responded to an encore. Harry Prout and Reba Burgess played piano duet.

A few days ago Nancy Jennings heard that her brother Ira had died. He was a student at the S. C. I. last year.

Jarvis Christian Institute

Superintendent Frost and his work boys are headed but one way now-a-days and their cry is "Work on the building." Before these notes are out the roof will be on the boys' dormitory and the inside work will be going in great speed. Superintendent Frost says this building must be ready to dedicate by the 1st. of January 1914.

We are glad to receive of Mrs. I. Crayton of Taylor, one quilt, four sheets, two pair of pillow cases. Thank you Mrs. Crayton. We hope that others will fall in line and help furnish the boys' dormitory. Also remember Prof. Berry's room in this department and send something along for it as did Mrs. Crayton. We thank you again Mrs. Crayton.

Brother K. S. Smith of Dixon, Texas spent all of last week here getting his house started and the left it in the hands of the Howard boys (white) to complete while he goes back home, to Dixon, to get ready to move. Brother K. S. Smith is a hustling man. He says when he is moved here he will have five to put in school.

Brother Fuller of Dixon, Texas spent last Tuesday and Wednesday here looking at some land. We were glad to have him stop in with us while here and to express himself in full about the J. C. I. We also hope that Brother Fuller can get the land he wants and also join us here in this great work.

Prof. W. G. Doddy, Mrs. Flemings, Mrs. Eddie High and Miss Pearlie Williams, all from Cason, Texas spent the night of the 15th of November on the campus and got a good view of things to carry back to their friends. Prof. Doddy brought his daughter, Jenetta and entered her as a pay student.

After Sunday School last Sunday Prof. Doddy gave us a grand lecture. He is a deep thinker. Here we give a few of the thoughts he left with us: "(1) We must be thinkers, (2) Lay well your foundation for life's work, (3) The law of obedience, (4) Not can't, but I will!" We are glad to have friends to call any time.

We were very sorry to know that J. D. Smith, the son of K. S. Smith had to be out of school a few days for his health. We hope he will soon get better and enter the battle field again.

Dear Santa Claus, we have some very good boys and girls at the Jarvis Christian Institute, Haw-

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Reports From the Field

Texas

Editor GOSPEL PLEA:—

I just want to make a few brief remarks through the worthy columns of our honored church organ. Since our $275 rally, more or less, our principal debts are paid.

Our busy women are at work in the twentieth century bazaar for this month including Thanksgiving week. Seventy-five dollars is our aim.

Our Church building is now undergoing completion. The young folks say they must and will have the neatest and coziest church house in the state. Although I am late starting, I am beginning a Church Attendance Campaign. We will be at work within a week. We ask the prayers of our brethren in this.

I recently secured ten subscribers for the Christian Courier on their reduced price plan for three months. I wonder if this plan would not work for the GOSPEL PLEA. (See issue No, 117 for our plan and go at it at once. Editor.)

Mrs. A. E. Williams. one of Murphy Street's noble workers, has just returned from Jarvis Christian Institute where she went to take her little niece, Miss Irene Hall, and also the son of Brother Hall and the son of Isaac Crayton. Brothers Hall and Crayton are prosperous farmers and Brother Crayton is a trustees of the J. C. I. Mrs. Hall, the wife of Brother Brock Hall also visited the J. C. I. to enter her son Lewis. She returned with Mrs. Williams.

I wish to make mention of the death of Sister Susan Moses, sister of Elder S. W. Scott of Kansas City, Missouri, and of S. A. Scott of Paris, Texas. It is reported that she left Paris Tuesday, November 4th for Guthrie, Oklahomo, and died there shortly after her arrival. Her remains were shipped back to Paris where the funeral was held in True Vine Christian Church. Some time last spring I received Sister Moses by letter. I feel that she was a true Christian worker

Murphy Street Chistian Church will do some missionary work soon. We need a visit from the state organizer of the C. W. B. M. We are looking for a visit from the State Evangelist the first Sunday in December. We extend to him a welcome and hope he will stay a week and aid us in our meeting which we expect to open November 30th.

On account of the floods, I could not attend the Methodist Conference.

Taylor M. T. Brown.

Evangelist's Report for September and October 1913.

Days at work, 61; place, Waco; sermons, 9; additions by letters, 2; additions to Bible schools, Y. P. S. C. E.s, Auxiliaries, and public schools, 11; conferences with Church officers, 5; business meetings with churches, 4; state board meetings attended, 1; personal visits, 19; letters written, 171; postal cards, 67; articles for publication, 3; money raised on salary and support, Waco Church $11.26 money raised on the indebtedness of the Waco Congregation, $91.05; total raised for all purposes, $102 31

Faithfully yours,

Waco. Wm Alphin

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In explaining the fact that the whole of September and October was given to Waco our Evangelist writes: Without money I could not well spend them in any other place. My time has been lagely given to clerical work in the interest of all the departments of the state work. The Waco Church needed my service and the same was asked by the pastor, most of the officers and members. Eld J. E Anderson resigned with the church owing him $125.00, insurance on the building was past due, and they were owing the Church Extension Board nearly four hundred dollars, past due, they had a pastor to secure and had to prepare to entertain the Convention of 1914. Believing it to be right and just to all concerned I am giving this report to the public with this statement. The brothers are to judge from the above conditions whether or not the evangelist was justifiable in spending these two months as above described. In passing judgment, however, it will be well to remember that your board enters the work of the present year without funds to operate the work on strictly business principles, and therefore could not make the demands on the workers as would have otherwise been made. And this suggests that if we are to do a harmonious and satisfactory work, we must as a people supply the means necessary to that end. This we can easily do, and I feel that we will do this thing; and when we do, a great difference will appear all along the line of our work.

Paris. Moses Powell.

To educate his heart, one must be willing to go out of himself and to come into loving contact with others. —JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

Mississippi

Dear Editor of the PLEA -:

Please allow me space to say a few words in your good paper. I have been taking the GOSPEL PLEA for two months and I am delighted in reading it On last Sunday Nov. 2 a big rally was held at the Christian Church in Indianola.

Rev B. C. Calvert our pastor preached a good sermon We raised $239.20 and still have more members to report. The women were arranged in two clubs, White Ribbon and Blue Ribbon. Mrs. Amanda Lee was chairman of the White Ribbon club and Mrs. Lelah Walker was chairman of the Blue Ribbon club. A good many were present. Visitors from Arcola and Morehead. My sister is getting ready to enter the S. C. I. as a student if there be any room. This being my first time publishing something in the paper I will be very short and I hope it will not find the way to the waste basket.

Yours Respectfully,

Sadie William.

Oklahoma

Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA: -

We have just returned from our state convention where we had a grand session as it was the first convention with a real missionary spirit in it we have had in the state.

The officers elected were as follows: R. B. Wells, Muskogee, President; Young Daniels, Meridian, Vice president; G. Q. Daniels, Secretary; A. C. Wicks, Treasurer; S. B. Wallic, Muskogee Corresponding Secretary. Now that the convention is over and we have all resolved through the convention to endorse the Jubilee Campaign and all the departments of work done by the C. W. B. M., let us show our faith by our works. The convention was not a great one financially but otherwise I consider it a great meeting from the fact that all the brethren made the new resolution unanimous. Bro. K. C. Thomas of Ardmore, Okla. was elected state evangelist. I hope Bro. Thomas will prove the right man in the right place. Much of the success of the work depends upon him. We shall look forward to a successful year's work and pray God to crown our labors with success. The PLEA was made the organ of the state and a lot of samples given out for future subscriptions. We had a hard pull to make the convention see the difference between a state doing work with auxiliaries and a state opposed to them and doing nothing for the uplift of the race and for world-wide missions. The Committee on Publication of the Minutes may try to have the PLEA do the work if they can do it. I shall try to get them together. Brethren pray for us that the Word may have free course.

Muskogee, R. B. Wells.

Montrose High School.

All members of the faculty were on the campus ready to begin work Monday Oct.. 27th. The following are the workers for this scholastic year. D. A. Cook, Principal; Miss Roxie A. Walker, Asst. Prin. Mrs. Mary E. Smith Carter, 3rd and 4th Grades; Miss Ardelia H. Walker, 1st, 2nd Grades and music; Miss Josephine Farbes, Domestic Science.

School work is now assuming normal proportions for this season of the year. A very profitable meeting was held by the faculty Nov 6 each teacher was given his line of work for this month. We are going to do our best to make this a prosperous school year. Regular lessons in plain and fancy sewing will be given this term to all girls above the second grade. All of the assistant teachers are able to give excellent instruction in sewing.

We are also prepared to give special attention to music this year. Miss Ardelia H. Walker, music instructor, is well prepared for the work. A boys' and girls' glee club will be organized by next week. The principal is highly elated over his helpers this year. Rev. Wm Tyler, Prof. J. R. Burdett, principal of Dermott Academy, and Mr. Auant of Helena, Arkansas were visitors this week.

We are planning to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. A sermon will be preached at 2 o'clock p. m. A free program and entertainment will be the order of service for the day. Miss Roxie A. Walker will be the orator and Mrs. Mary E. Smith Carter the soloist for the night. The proceeds collected on this occasion will go towards paying for the bell, principal's desk and chair and chapel outfit. We hope to have a grand success. The publicis cordially invited to attend.

Arkansas. D.A. Cook, Principal.
Mary E. Smith Carter, Secy.

Die when I may, I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.— ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C.W. B. M. dues, that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Arkansas

Dear Editor,

Please allow me space in the Plea to say that we are a band of Christians. We have been working here alone, but now our eyes have come open to the knowledge of working in unity. We are building a new church house which will soon be completed.

We are having a lively Bible School and our church is now in good working order, and as soon as our house is completed we are expecting the C. W. B. M. to start up. We are also looking forward to the Jubilee Rally which will be held on the fifth Lord's day in November, 1913. We are expecting Brother M. M. Bostick of Argenta to be with us then.

Thanksgiving Day is nigh at hand and we have a large programme to be rendered that day. Brother G. W. Ivy preached for us a soul-stirring sermon on the fourth Lord's day in October. We all were glad to see him and to have him with us.

We ask the Christians all to continue their prayers with us.

Plummerville. Ida Hervey.

Alabama

Having been appointed by the Board, National Organizer of the Negro disciples I now take advantage of this space to say just a few words to you.

I truly believe that we are at the dawn of greater things in this great work of redeeming mankind. Greater and enlarged efforts are necessary on the part of each individual to make the work a success. We have too long been idling away our time. If we would only consecrate our talent, to His service so great would be the result. What might we not do with the moments which we spend so selfishly or the idle thoughts which we lavishly waste were they only placed at His disposal.

I would that every sister could catch the spirit of the great vision of life and thereby become so thrilled that ere the passing of a decade, ten thousand Negro women would be enlisted in this great army marching on to victory, holding high the banner; —"The World for Christ" "for His Love Constraineth Us"

I am indeed anxious to get in closer touch with each state organizer and every local auxiliary, that I may be of every possible service to them. This of course will have to be done through correspondence as I can not begin my work of general organizer until late spring.

Very truly, Rosa V. Brown.
Lum, (National Organizer.)

Mississippi

The C. W. B. M. Quarterly Meeting To Be Held At Center Church Dec. 20 and 21, 1913.

SATURDAY MORNING.

10:30 —House called to order by the president. Devotional service led by sister Lillie Bradly of Grand Gulf and sister Morgan of Center Church. Short talks by delegates on the work, led by organizer and followed by others. Song and prayer by Bro. J. Coffey of Pine Grove auxiliary. Sermon by Elder M. J. Green. Collection by Bro. Johny Runels. Dismissal for dinner.

1:30—P. M. Devotional service led by Sister Liza Freemon of St. Luke auxiliary and sister Ada Coffey of Pine Grove. Discussion—Why should we support the C. W. B. M. led by Elder S. D. Yarber, Bro. Charles Wilson, Bro. A. Foster, Bro. Wm. Rose, Sisters Robert Walker, William Ross, Martha Moore and Sister A. J. Allison. Song and prayer by Sister Charles Wilson. Report of auxiliary Mission sisters, State Organizer and State Evangelist. Song and prayer by Sister Judia Flowers. Sermon by Elder Johny Miller of Grand Gulf. Collection by Bro. A. G. Sneed. Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9:30—A. M. Sunday School Bro. B. Neitter. Review by Elder Robert Brown. Devotional service led by Elder S. S. Flowers and Sister Liza Lomax. Address, Sister N. E. Hutchinson. Paper by Miss B. C. McClodden. Song. Sermon, Elder M. Smothers. Collection Bro. E. Vaughn. Discussion.

1:30—P. M. Devotional service led by Bro. A. C. Smith and Sister C. Jennings Paper by Mrs. Carrie Flowers. Quiz by Mrs. M. J. Brown. Series of prayers led by Sister E. Trevillian, closed by Sister C. R. Green. Sermon by Elder K.R. Brown. Collection by Bro. F. Ellise. We ask each member to give twenty-five cents in in this collection. We want to have the best meeting we ever had. I hope each one will come out with that desire. Come all and let us do the work of the Lord.

S. S. Blackburn.

IN THE FIELD

We went to Daingerfield on Nov. 5th and was driven to Sister Missouri Wallick's for a conference with Sisters. As the hour was late we postponed the meeting until Thursday afternoon. Wednesday night found us in the school house where we met the faithful few.

As much as we think of some of the workers at Daingerfield, we were compelled to go after the officials of the church about slothfulness. They have a church but the windows are out and no fire.

Not a man in the church would keep house for themselves at home like that. Keeping house for God should mean more to us than keeping house for ourselves. Attentively they listened to the need of the field and better child training.

Although few in number the meeting was an inspiration, as Daingerfield has been hard to keep in line with mission work. But the state meeting at Cason had inspired Sister Missouri Wallick, and she said "Sister Alphin we will have an auxiliary here if only Baby and I are in it. But she did not need to think she would be alone. I know mother Wallick and her daughter would be with us. This was much strength to me as just last year this same sister had said, "She did not believe in missions." But I did not get mad and abuse her, but I told her some day she would see her mistake. And she did begin to open her eyes, when her daughter visited Jarvis Christian Institute, and then when she came to the State meeting and saw what had been done she was convinced she was wrong.

How thankful we were! We named as officers for this year. Sister Missouri Wallick, President Willie Wallick, Secretary, Nola Wallick, Treasurer. We feel assured that Daingerfield will take on new life. They gave us a collection of $3.95. On Friday night we spoke at the New Hope Baptist Church on club work.

After which we organized a club for the training of our young people for a better and higher life. They gave us a collection of $3.00.

Praying that we may all learn to do good to all the people we can in all the ways we can.

I am yours for service,

Waco, Texas. Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

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ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NOTES

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

kins, Texas, who have both worked and studied hard. Since we know these are the kind of boys and girls you always visit at Christmas, we ask you to please come by here and see these that they may be encouraged to do a better year's work next year. Don't forget them.

Arkansas

Dear Editor:—Please allow me space in the PLEA to say something regarding the necessities of the christian work. I have been here just a few weeks formerly from the State of Mississippi, Cedar Bluff, attended the State Convention at Wrightsville and from there to went other places in Arkansas and I can see a great necessity of more christian ministers in this state. This place is beautifully located and inhabited mostly by colored people. The writer has not been able to meet with any disciples of Christ.

Yours for His name,

Ervin B. Johnson.

Cotton Plant.

Have Courage

Have courage, boys, to do the right
In every little thing;
No sin is small in Heaven's sight,
But trouble sure 'twill bring.
The wise and good can safely stand
Where others surely fall,
For goodness strengthens every hand,
And makes strong men of all.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Liberian Christian Institute

Dear Readers, One week tomorrow and I shall have closed a hard year's school work. Mrs. Smith's year's work thus far has been doubly hard, for she has not only taught five classes most of the time but she had charge of the washing (I guess I had better not say laundrying yet awhile) and the chop for the children and a good share of the time has rolled up her sleeves and has cooked our own meals, looked after the baby, sewed for all of the children and kept up with house keeping, taught some music, played at services, organized an auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. and gets out a helpful program each month. There are many other things you will understand she has to look after which space will not allow me to mention.

Since Mr. Hurt's arrival he has taught three classes, and I took three of hers, making her work that much lighter.

I have never put in a fuller year in my life and have never been happier in my life than I have this year.

At times I was afraid for her because she was not a strong woman and even here the strongest must be careful, but when I think for a moment, why should I have been afraid at all for we were working and trusting in God. He never allows any harm to come to those who love and trust him.

Mrs. Smith has gotten stouter because she has been feasting in a larger and fuller service for God and man. He who trusts well will do well.

But he who trusts little may expect the worst. When I read of the splendid work being accomplished by the faithful ones at home, it is like the electric current when a little more speed is put on at the power house. The current all along the line is made stronger. So are we made stronger here by increased faith, courage and the larger work being done at home.

J. B. Lehman asked for one thousand dollar during the last educational year but his reports tell us that you went over the two thousand mark. That was indeed good.

But brethren, we must give four times that amount this year if you wish to get the twenty thousand. It must come. Let us pray, work and pray until it hurts. Every church should be represented this year.

One of the spies which Moses sent out was faithful and when he returned made his report, while others reported discouragingly, but Caleb in spite of their reports said to Moses, Let us go up and possess the land; we are well able to possess it. Were they not truly able to overcome it? Was not God almighty leading them? Surely he was and there can be no defeat when he is directing matters.

Is not God with us and will he not lead us right up to any point in his service where we may desire to go if only we are faithful and good enough? Most surely he will. Let every state evangelist like Alphin, Brown, Jackson push their pastors and churches for all they are worth and the eight thousand will come jumping for they are worth it and will use it for something else which will be no profit to themselves nor to the kingdom of God. Why not give it to God where it will be a blessing to mankind?

I do appeal here to all the graduates of the Southern Christian Institute that each one should pay not less than five dollars to this worthy cause. Should not we move forward to the point in every worthy cause such as this which makes for the redemption of man and the building of a better civilization on earth.

This is a time when we should prove our training. Have we had imparted to us the great lesson of truth concerning this larger work for God. In proportion as God has blessed us with better opportunities so ought we to help to bring better opportunities to others. Have we not been taught that we should do this? If so pass it on to others.

Then how we help others will prove how much of the larger vision we have caught sight of.

Well I must get back to our work here. Mr Ross is still at Monrovia but in a few days will be at his post here. Mr. Hurt is not feeling too well these days However, he is on the go.

The boys have just finished a trip to Monrovia for chop. Out of a setting of two hundred and twenty-five cabbage plants we have one left to tell the story. Just as they began to grow off nicely the boys cut them off just even with the ground.

We are getting things cut off so we can begin to see a good bit of ocean now. We try to keep on the go here for our King.

Remember you can't afford to stand still, because he who stands still is already going backward; neither can you afford to be a mere follower. For he who is contented to follow another is always behind.

In His service,

Faithfully Yours, Harry G. Smith.

"Where shall I find Happiness?' asked a soul, 'Next door to Content,' said one who knew." The direction appears to be accurate. Certainly Happiness does not, and can not live next door to Discontent—what neighbor would who could help it? Many discontented young people expect to have Happiness drop in upon them suddenly to stay. But can there be any real chance of it?—SELECTED.

414 W. 24th St.

Mrs. Sarah Bostick - G -

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Why Salvation Is A Free Gift

A [illegible] Paul's letters there is an insistance that we are saved by grace and not by works, and yet there is an insistance that we must work out our salvation. We must give our bodies a living sacrifice in service. There is no contradiction here whatever. At one time he views it from one standpoint and at another from another standpoint. Both are true and they re-enforce one another.

The plan of salvation is a free grace and no power of man could have provided it. We are saved by grace alone. On the other hand, we must appropriate the blessings of this plan of salvation by our own efforts. We must take up his cross and follow him. We must work out our salvation by fear and trembling. Thus you see there is no conflict but a perfect agreement.

Now let us see how important is this salvation of grace. Man in his long barbarian existence very highly developed a set of passions which Paul calls "the flesh," and which Christ calls "this world," and we call "worldliness." These passions were so highly developed that they were in the form of instincts, and they reigned over man, with as much authority as the instinct of the wild ox to gore ruled him. It is true the domestic ox seldom hooks, but we tamed him. He could never, thru all the endless ages have domesticated himself. The power had to come from without him. So far as he was concerned, it was a work of free grace. In like manner, man could never have freed himself from the old barbarian instincts. The power to enable him to escape their power had to come from without, and there was no power without but God, and so he sent his only begotten Son, for he loved the world so that he made his great sacrifice. To accomplish this Christ came and met the meanest passions of man and finally died because of them and thus opened the way for man to destroy his baser nature, or as Paul calls it, "to crucify the flesh."

Christ is the great center of human history. All that was done before his time was for the purpose of preparing man for the reception of Christ. Men, completely in the throes of barbarism could not have apprehended the meaning of his great sacrifice. All that has been done since that time has looked to bringing all mankind under the spell of his grace. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of our salvation and as time goes on we will comprehend it more and more. It was this great thought that inspired Paul when he said, "ye are saved by grace."

But God's grace decreased in proportion as man's power increased. When he said. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," he delegated to man a very large portion of the great work of redeeming the world. The world's development now waits on us. The truth of Christ is powerful enough to develop any people but unless it is applied by a Christ fearing people, it is very slow. It is simply an evolution. If the Roman Christians had not come to the Germanic races with the message of Christ they would yet be roaming in the forest shooting the deer with the bow and arrow. But the Roman Christian made the mistake of stopping his effort when he had delivered the first message and the Germanic peoples took a thousand years of dark ages to evolve to their present state. Had they sent choice men and women to teach the children of the Germans the calendar would have been pushed ahead a thousand years.

Now we must not make this mistake today, for a more strategic age has come than that one. God means for the God fearing element of this Anglo-Saxon civilization to take care of the children of all the other nations as they come under the spell of the saving power of Christ. We dare not permit them to take a thousand or two years to develop as we did thru the process of evolution. A thousand years of dark ages now would be a fearful disaster to the world. All hinges on the Christian element of our Anglo-Saxon civilization discovering their responsibility. Will we allow China and Japan and India to grope their way thru a dark age? We believe we will not. We have our missionaries in those countries by the thousands. They will do wonders. They will become the "free grace" for those countries.

But are we doing as well at home? The Negro of the jungles of Africa could never have escaped the bonds of their old passions. Some outside influence had to reach after them. In this case they were first reached after by venal commercialism; but in the slavery that followed they learned of Christ and they made him theirs. By and by the conscience of the American people was so troubled as to bring on a turmoil and he was freed. Then came the opportunity of an age. This people fell into the power of the Christian people of America, helpless in their old passions and instincts except as they had

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All subscribers are paid up in advance. In accordance with this Notice, it will be easy for all to tell when their time is out.

Personals

—Rev. William H. Van Deree, pastor of the first Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, has gotten out a very interestrng calendar showing the progress of the race in fifty years. It is well gotten up.

—Miss Roxie Sneed and Mrs. West of Mound Bayou, who have a store under the name of West and Sneed, have sent to our office a can of baking powder and a package of soda, all with the brand of "West and Sneed" on it." We rejoice in their prosperity.

—Most graitfying news comes from the state work in Texas. The letters that are sent in by all parties are impregnated with the spirit of hard work and harmony. If all will work in this spirit, the Texas work will go forth by leaps and bounds.

—The Louisville Christian Bible School has six enrolled and good work is reported. Mrs. Dickerson is teaching a number of classes. Prof. Dickerson is doing important pastoral work in addition to his school work.

—Miss Celicia Hurt, a [illegible]ate of Martinsville Christian Institute will teach music and [illegible] at the J. C. I. after January 1st

—The Church at Waco, has extended a call to Elder N. A. Mitchell of Columbia, Missiouri.

—In some way or other we made two somewhat serious mistakes in Bro. Wood's article, "Fifty years of Freedom" in a recent issue The printers put it "courage" where it should have been "carnage," and "action" where it should have been "nation."

—We hope that the above personal wil correct the mitakes In last week's personal.

—When we offered the special club offer of twenty at ten cents each for three months, we thought there would be a great rush. In this we were disappointed. tho some good clubs came in. A good start was made and so we have decided to extended the time until May. Now up and at it. We just must extend the circulation of the Plea. Clubs of twenty for three months at a dime apiece.

—Revival services are being held at New Port, Kentucky by Rev. Meyers. Six have been added to date.

—A. M. Bolton writes that he has been suffering a great deal with his eyes, but he is working for the Jubilee Rally.

—It was first planned that a dedicatory service would be held for the opening of the new building at Jarvis Christian Institute, January 13, but it was found impossible to have it sufficiently complete by that time. tho they are in it now. Announcement will be made later on. The first building at the J. C. I. has been called "Forest Cottage" and the one just completing "Texas Hall."

—President Lehman will soon mak a trip to Kentucky to look after some matters connected with the school there. He was appointed by the Toronto Convention as one of the committee to direct the "Men and Millions" movement and while away will attend a meeting of the Committee at St. Louis Missouri.

—This issue of the Plea is the first issue of sixteen pages run off on the new press on one sheet. We are getting ready for a larger circulation. Are you going to aid us in extending the circulation? We will soon pass the one thousand mark, and then we will go on two, then four and five thousand. We need you to help us.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS

from December 13 to December 26, 1913

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

ARKANSAS.

Church at Argenta, sent by Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, ... $12 00

Church at Russelville, Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, 3.00

Total for Arkansas,..... 15.00

MISSISSIPPI.

R. B. Brown, Hermanville,..... 1.00

MISSOURI.

Church at Osage City, A. Webb, ... 2.00

OHIO

Church at Oxford, W. Cordell, ... 15 00

TENNESSEE.

Church at Lee Avenue, Preston Taylor, 25.00

GEORGIA.

Church at Bethesda, W. H. Smith, ... 5 50

Church at Hurt Grove, ... 5 50

Total for Georgia,..... 11.00

VIRGINIA.

Church, Fayette Street, Martinsville,..... 6 00

Total reported this time, ... 75.00

Total for General Edcuation this year, ... 508 68

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KENTUCKY SCHOOL FUNDS.

Church Little Rock, R. E. Hatheway, ... 10.00

Church at Germantown, R. E. Hatheway 7.00

Church at Nicholasville, C. H. Dickerson,.... 13.00

Sunday school at Nicholasville, C. H. Dickerson, 2.00

Chaistian Endeavor Society, Nicholasville, C. H. Dickerson, ... 1.00

Total for Kentucky School Fund this time, ..33 00

Total for Kentucky School Fund this year....66.00

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FUND STATEMENT.

For General Education,..... 508.68

For Jarvis Christian Institute,..... 35.25

For Warner Christian Institute, ... 21.85

For Kentucky School Fund,..... 66.00

For Alabama Christian Institute,..... 60 00

For Liberian Christian Institute, ... 6 00

For Foreign Work, ... 14.50

Total Reported this year,..... 712.28

Total Reported in this Jubillee Fund' 2874.71

Amount yet needed to make 20, 000,000. ..17125.29

Remarks. The following sums were given by individuals in the above report. Argenta, M. M. Bostick, 5; Sarah L. Bostick, 2; Mrs. Annie Bram 1; Mrs. Bell Matlock, 1; C. Wallace, 1; Plato Williams, a Baptist, 1; Rev. Paul Johnson, a Methodist, 1. Paris, Kentucky, John Jones, 1; Lillie F. Carr, 1; Lizzie Carr, 1; At Dover, James A. Johnson, 1; at Germantown, Mollie Commander, 1. At Martinvsille, Virginia, P. H. Moss, 1.25

It should be noted that Missouri makes her bow this time We knew we could depend on A. Webb of Osage City. We also know that we can depend on a goodly number of others. We know the "Show me" state will stand by us before it is over. It should also be noted that most of those are two and three times as large as they were last year.

There are yet a great many pledge cards on file that have not been redeemed. We hope to hear from all those soon.

Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edmards, Mississippi.

Additional Educational Notes

Martinsville Christian Institute

Last Saturday we had our annual memorial services. The students rendered a splendid program from 2 to 3:40 p. m. We were glad to welcome Rev. Culberson (white) who gave some interesting thoughts. We also welcomed Rev. H. T. Bolden our Methodist minister.

The students are all off on their holidays vacation. They are expected back Monday, December 29.

Miss Nettie C. Moss is spending the holidays with her mother in Winston-Salem, N. C.

We can see plenty of snow upon the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The Fayette St. Christian Church will have their Xmas tree Wednesday evening December 24, for the Sunday School. No program save an address by the writer.

All our voices go out in thanking Santa. He made his annual call to Mrs. Jas. Thomas yesterday leaving a five dollar bill.

New term of school begins December 13, 1913.

Happy new year to all.

A. W. Jacobs.

Our new term of school begins December 30. Students who spent the holidays off the campus are returning today, the 29th of December. Our holidays were all pleasant ones. Rev. and Mrs. Wadkins spent Sunday evening with us. Miss Mary Sue

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Mississippi

Dear Editor,

Please allow me a short space in your valuable paper to mention our quarterly Sunday School meeting to be held at Union Hill Saturday before the third Sunday in January 1914, Saturday and Sunday. Meeting opens Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Newton Brown of Union Hill. Afterwards a few remarks by the district worker, the minutes of the past meeting were read. Necessary committees were appointed. Afterwards a short talk was given by Bro. Harry Beaseley, subject "How to keep a Sunday School alive in the winter." Collection by Bro. E. D. Vaughns of Center Church; $2.00. Afternoon meeting conducted by Bro. B. Netter of Center Church. Reports of Schools; afterwards a sermon by Elder S. D. Yarber of Engleside. Collection by Bro. Coffee of Grand Gulf. Sunday morning 9:30 A. M. Sunday School was taught by Bro A. C. Smith of Hermanville and reviewed by R. B. Brown of Hermanville. Devotional exercises were led by Bro. C. H. Chappel of Grand Gulf.

Collection by Bro. E. D. Phelps; Reading of minutes of previous meeting, unfinished business, schools that have not reported, cash pledges by Rev. K. R. Brown of Port Gibson. Sermon by Elder J. H. Miller of Grand Gulf. Collection by Sister J. Flowers of Hermanville. One or two speeches from each school by the superintendent. Come out brothers and sisters. Try to have a good meeting.

Yours in the work,
A. G. Sneed, District Worker.

Dear Editor,

Since you heard from me last, I have preached one funeral sermon, and done some substantial work for the Master's kingdom.

Friday before the 4th Sunday in November found the writer at Yates' Chapel, where he attended Sister Mary Kellum's funeral. It was his good pleasure to visit her during her illness, and to administer the Lord's supper. Sister Kellum remembered this, and her last request was that "Brother Calvert" should preach her funeral. As this was the last thing the family could do towards carrying out her wishes, they used every means possible to get into communication with the writer, and as God would have it, they succeeded.

A large crowd turned out to pay their last respects to the deceased who was just entering into the prime of life.

Sister Kellum accepted the Gospel in her early, teens and lived a consistent Christian until her death. She leaves three sisters, a father and a host of friends to mourn their loss

May God bless the bereaved family.

From Yates Chapel I made my way to Moorhead and from thence to Holly Grove where I spoke to the faithful few in November.

The first Sunday in December found the writer with the Indianola congregation. Here we have, as some of us know, a most beautiful Church house.

A good service was ours the first Sunday. The attendance was good. Our rally closed on the first Sunday. Fifteen dollars more was added to what had been raised, the total being $261.50.

While at Indianola the writer went out to Bro. John McDaniels whose house he ceiled. Thus you see I am, in various ways, putting into practice what I learned at the Southern Christian Institute.

While at work I often thought of how Paul with his trade as tent maker, labored and preached the Gospel. In my meditations I said to myself, "Why should I be ashamed to work with my hands; I am no better than he" God bless the preacher that will pay, pray, work and preach an unadulterated Gospel!

The Second Sunday of this month found the writer at Pilgrim Rest with our beloved State Evangelist, K. R. Brown.

The Evangelist is planning to do a great work this conventional year. Let us fall in line and help him. Each of us has a part to play. Things will not work smoothly unless everybody gets busy, and make a united effort for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

I am Yours for a more united effort.
Jackson. B. C. Calvert

"If you are unhappy, it is probably because you have so many thoughts about yourself and so few about the happiness of others."

"Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart, and secure comfort."

WHY SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

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overcome them in slavery. It was one of the finest missionary opportunities the world ever saw. And this opportunity was seized by a host of Christian people both North and South and they have developed an army of Negro men and women who are able to do most efficient work. In those places where the Christian white people refused to perform their God given task, and talked much about the Negro's shortcomings and said he had no soul, the Negro has degenerated and in his degeneration he has pulled down with him those who should have lifted him up: and now the social condition in those localities is shocking in its aspect. It is fast being discovered t hatthe fate of the American civilization is dependent on our attitude in this matter. The Negro needs the help the Christian white people alone can give. If he fails to get it, he will rise only thru a long process. If he gets it, he will make of himself one of the greatest world helpers the world ever knew. His power of doing good in the next three or four hundred years is almost unlimited. We thank God that the Christian people are discovering this and from North and South and East and West is coming a cry for more effective missionary work in this field. The Negro men and women who have gained the place of workers are fully comprehending the the true situation and are leading out as best they can to make of their people instruments of righteousness in the hands of God to insure righteousness to the generations coming after us. The year of Jubilee marks the beginning of this awakening.

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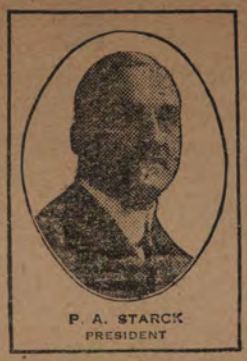
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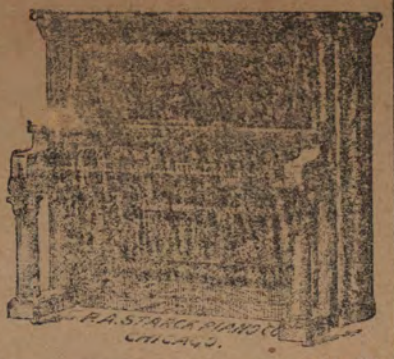

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ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NOTES
MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

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Hairston is visiting with her step-mother in East Martinsville. Miss Salicia Hurt, Class 1912, will leave on the 12 o'clock train December 29 for Edwards, Miss. She is in route for the J. C. I., Hawkins, Texas. There she will teach. We wish her a pleasant trip.

Jarvis Christian Institute

The students with the faculty of the J. C. I. are rejoicing over the beautiful organ and piano. You who are claiming you would send your boy or girl to the Jarvis Christian Institute if they had music, can now send them. We have the instruments and teacher; hence we are looking for you to send them at once.

Elder T. B. Frost, who pastored the Christian Church at Cason, Texas this year, was elected to pastor again there for the year of 1914. He is planning to build a nice church there.

Regardless of the bad weather, the Christmas holidays at the J. C. I. were happily spent. We want to thank our friends for the nice presents sent us, which made our Christmas tree a success on the 27th.

The following officers were elected for the Sunday-School at the J. C. I., December 28th, for the year of 1914:— Supt., T. B. Frost; Vice Supt., K. S. Smith; Teacher, C A. Berry; Secretary, Ethel Frost; Treasurer, J. D. Smith; Organist, Miss Laura Smith.

We are glad to welcome back on our campus Willie Flemmings and Jenetta Doddy accompanied by two other work students, Willie Williams and Julia Smith all from Cason, Texas. We would be glad to have Greenville represented here before we close in May.

We are in need of some pillows and quilts at the J. C. I. We will be glad if some of our good sisters will send us some pillows and quilts for the new boy's domitory.

A royal Entertainment.

Leaving the J. C. I. December 20th for the home of Prof. W. G. Doddy, I landed there Sunday night about 7 o'clock. Here we found a beautiful home, a loving wife and children to make the home happy. All of these with Prof. Doddy did all in their power to
t pleasant for me while there during the holidays.
)oddy has long learned the value of time, and
it has been successful in getting some valua-
'rty. He owns about three hundred acres of
plenty of stock and a good bank account.
so acsomplished quite a reputation as a
h, how bad we are in need of such mothers
as Prof. Doddy and wife!
not think of going so near father and
't without calling to see them on this trip;
so Christmas we caught the train at Cason for Daingerfield, where we were again royally entertained by the Wallicks. Bro. and Sister Wallick are two of the old citizens of Daingerfield and are loved by all. Who could not love such a dear mother as Sister Wallick? They too own some four or five hundred acres of land and a lot of stock and a bank account. Mrs. Wallick wouldn't let me leave without bringing a Christmas box to Mrs. T. B. Frost.

We thank you, drar friends, for the kind treatment given me on this trip.

The Palestine School

Editor of the Gospel Plea:—

I just received the Plea and read the statement of interrogation between Professor I Q. Hurdle an Elder Wm. Alphin concerning the indebtedness of the C. T and I. C. at Palestine, Texas.

It seems there are some doubts of the statement of I. Q. Hurdle as to whether the porperty has been paid, for or owned by individual persons or parties. I will make you this statement that it is the property of N E. T. C. M. C. paid out b the North East, Texas Christian Missionary Convention.

If this statement is doubted I will cite you to the Secretary of the state of Texas, I. W B Townsend who recorded the following: State of Texas, County of Anderson, know all men by these presence that we, H. S Gearron, N. L. Moreland, S. R Daniels, all citizens of Texas, under and by virtue of the law of this state do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the terms and conditions herein set out as follows:

1st The name of this corporation is N. E. T. C.

2nd. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is declared to be educational and it is the purpose of the incorporators and their associates to establish a school of first class for the teaching of Literature and the Educational science and arts and the teaching of the principles of Christian religion among the colored youths of Texas and the South.

3rd. The place where the business of this corporation is to be transacted is near the city of Palestine in Anderson Co The term is 50 years.

I have given you an outline of the charter The white people that donate to this institution know full well of the situations and encouraged us to press forward. Now by the help of our Lord and Savior we want to work in peace with our fel-

ow men. Hoping that this letter may be published in the PLEA for the benefit of inquiring friends.

I am yours in Christ,

A. J. Hurdle, Evangelist of Dallas District.

We are glad to publish the statement above of A J, Hurdle, but it fails etirerely in answering the questions asked. We are not doubting the statements of either Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, or his father A. J. Hurdle but we insist that since the question is raised that a definite statement be made. It will be neither detrimental to the cause of the North East District work nor to the individuals managing the work to come out in a plain, straightforward statement of what they did during the past year. In order to make clear what I mean I want to ask Bro. A J. Hurdle a number of questions, which I hope for the good of the work, he and those associated with him will answer. Do not answer by yes or no, but answer by stating what was done.

(1) How much money did you raise the past year.

(2) Was any of this money given by your officers in large sums.

(3) How much was given by white people and who were they?

(4) How much money did you pay out last year on the mortgage?

(5) Is the property entirely clear of debt now?

(6) Do you or any of the officers hold any claim against the school in the form of a note or mortgage?

(7) Is the deed made out to the N. E. T. C. M C., or to the trustees of the school or to individuals?

We will gladly give you space for your answer, and we insist that you owe it to your people and to our readers to make these clear statements. I have heard it intimated that you now have the property under your control by means of a mortgage or notes A clear statement from you will go far to clear this up. Brother Hurdle, it will be a good thing for your work to make a full and candid financial state ment and I urge you to do so.

With an earnest prayer that our Heavenly Father will lead us all to a larger service,

I am very truly,

J. B Lehman, Supt. Negro Schools.

Texas

Dear Edttor,

The church work is good, and the pastor is preaching able sermons which are being felt in the city.

We baptized a fine woman Sunday night in the person of Mrs. Robinson. Our choir has few equals and no superiors. The finances are not as good as they should have been but they will get better. Texas is being damaged grealy by the floods but our city has made its escape so far without being molested. The Menges Evangelists Co. (white) have recently closed a forty four weeks with nearly eight hundred converts. The city was stirred as never before. Every church (white) was blessed with additions. The Catholics were not left out. We are looking forward to the Christmas Holidays. Our church shall try by the help of the Master to make someone's heart glad on this occasion. We have on our sick list Sister Mary Gilder, Eliza Caesar, and a few mothers have sick children.

I am yours for a better service.

Beaumont. Bennie Oliver.

Kansas

S. W. Scott Jr. writes: "The Sunday School and the young Men's Clean Club of 3rd Christian Church had their Christmas tree and concert Christmas Night, December 25th. They had a full house and all were pleased. The Church and Sunday School are getting on nicely."

Mrs. Elizabeth Merrical, wife of Mr. John Merrical died Dec. 13. Sister Merrical died in the faith of the gospel of Christ having served faithfully in the Church for forty-two years. She raised a family of ten children, nine of whom are living, seven daughters and two sons. They have all accepted the faith of their mother and father and are still in the path with the exception of two who have become tangled with a religion known as Christian Science which has the boldness to set aside the plain, literal teaching of Christ and his apostles. Sister Merrical formerly lived on her farm at Ashley, Mo. where the preachers always found a welcome. She and her service will be much missed by the Church and friends. But our loss is heaven's gain.

Independance, S. W. Scott.

"The greatest words of tongues or pen,
At the last, are these, 'What have I been?'"

Reports From the Field

Texas

I came to Bay City December 4th. This is the 8th and we have not been able to have a service at the Church. Rain and high water have put church goers out of business. In addition a norther came down upon us Sunday Morning and the levee protecting Bay City from the high waters of the Colorado River, also broke and Negro citizens were forced into service. Only one train out and none in Bay City in two days. Most railroads south of Waco, Texas are tied up by washouts. Not a letter from my family in eight days the longest period without a letter in five years. I am being well cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark.

I have spent the month of November with some of the Churches in South Texas. Up to date I have spent from three to eight days at one point, in behalf of State Missions, Educational Rally Day, J. C. I. and Jubilee Rally. Although we have had constant rains, bad roads in country, high waters and greatly damaged crops, the most of the Churches visited so far, have gone far beyond their record last year. I spent four days, three in the rain at Lyons. Had only two small services. They gave $8.55 for State Missions. Had recently made their financial report for the Jarvis Christian Institute. Cards were out and they were working for Educational Rally Day and promised to report promptly. They always report promptly. One addition to the Church. I spent one Lord's day and five nights with the Church at Belleville. Here we found bad seed had been sown by "wondering Stars" from the North East. Rev. McNeese the pastor and Bro. McDonald, one of the Elders, I found standing for a better and larger work. It is a small membership caught wrong for many years—but Bro. McNeese is faithfully leading them to a larger service. Each member gave fifty cents for State Missions, but one. They will observe Educational Rally. On account of conditions there they asked that each name be published that gave to the State Mission work, but the above statement we hope will give satisfaction and inform the brotherhood of the co-operation of Belleville Church. Sister McNeese got us a turkey home for Thanksgiving but I was not able to get home to join the family.

As usual we made our home with Bro. and sister McDonald and little Louis. There is not another Louis McDonald in Texas, and little Louis will enter the Jarvis Christian Institute soon. The Church gave $10.25 for State Missions.

I spent one Lord's Day and five nights in Beaumont. Bro. Andrew Simmons met me at the post office and ordered my suit case and hand grip to his house as usual. Elder T. J. Green yet leads the Church and he is hopeful of better things. The co-operation along all lines is not what they desire but they are moving on working for greater things. With much water on the ground and constantly coming down they gave $17.25 for State Missions and twenty-five song books.

We spent two days and one night in Houston. Met a few of the mission there. They continued their service, I was not able to meet I. L. Turner their pastor. While in Houston I arranged to return just as soon as possible to give them a long service. We must have more financial help to build up a mission and work just a part of a town like Houston. We spent three nights and two days with the Bethlehem church, Cedar Lake post-office. We had only one service on Sunday and that one in the rain. Bad roads and high water made it impossible for the people to gather. Elder Woodard, the pastor, has been sick all the summer and fall. Able to meet his church once or twice since the convention.

They have contracted for lumber to build at New Bethlehem. Elder Wm. R. Brown, the district Evangelist, and Elder Henry Woodard Jr. and others preach for the Church when Elder Woodard Sr. is not able. Brother Joe Pettiway leads the Bible School and is a strong man in the local church work, and for all missionary appeals. At Bethlehem we also found some fruit of the bad seed sown by that same "wondering Star." In one service they gave us $20 30 for State Missions. Many of the brethren paid fifty-cents each and then paid for many who could not get there on account of rain and high water. They will be late in reporting for Educational Raily Day but it will come and will be commendable for Bethlehem and Elder Woodard. Brother M. R. Brown and Sister Brown again took good care of us while there and loaded us on rice wagon and sent us twelve miles to the Vine Grove Church.

We went directly to Elder Troy Taylors' and as we expected found him in his pecan Grove. We spent six days with the Vine Grove Church. Elder W. L. Laws is their pastor. Here we were able to have five small services in eight days. Rained six days out the eight. Brother Laws and his officers had well notified the Church and also collected som

for State Missions. They gave $24.60 for State Missions. Also collected some for General Education that brother Laws will report later. Elder Laws is very hopeful and the indication is Vine Grove will hold her place first for Missions and put themselves high upon the roll for education. Brother and Sister Taylor always make us welcome and our stay is always pleasant and comfortable. While at Beaumont the Greenville Church sent us $18.75 for State Missions. If more of our churches would send in the money we could do more extension work and they would see different results. If they want the work done this year they will have to do more sending, for we are not able this year to do the going and working as we have heretofore.

In our going this fall we are trying to help the brethren to strengthen their local churches. I am sure this work is needed. Our old churches must be made stronger and more efficient to do the work of evangelization and education, that is needed to be done and is rapidly coming upon them. Both men and women in the local churches must be reached and truly informed and enlisted in the work. Then the membership must be increased. The essential work that the church is doing now in a co-operative way appeals to the men and women of the church. Too many of our churches don't hear properly, if at all, about this essential work, and responsibility from the pulpit and from her officials. We must be made stronger at this point. Then, too, many in our churches don't read so as to be informed. We must really get busy here. No one can do the work at this point better than the pastor or some efficient one in the congregation. The evangelist is not excused by any means; but when he must raise his own expenses and support for family and the work, he can not wisely carry along so many things. One constantly on the ground of the local church can make a better campaign for the PLEA. Our people are seldom ready the first time you solicit them for the PLEA and when they set the time it is often after the evangelist is gone. With our pastors we are working for earnest, sincere lovers of the work and Plea in the local church who can, and will be constantly on hand.

If we can strengthen the local churches at these points it will help wonderfully in our Jubilee Rally not "C. W. B. M's. Jubilee Rally"

We mean to do our best and help to put all the Churches of Texas on the roll in the Jubilee Rally this year.

Again we have our evangelistic work outlined for the missionary year. We mean by the help of the Lord, to work to our plan or aim this year. If all interested in this State Mission work would give fifty cents and urge all churches to collect fifty cents from each member we would soon have an evangelistic fund to work with. We ought to collect fifty cents per member for State development. Don't wait for spring and summer to raise it. Again, brethren, we will not borrow money at ten per cent to work on again this year. If borrowing must be done your State Board must do it.

I shall do my best on what I get and when that is out I shall continue to do my best.

Wm. Alphin

To the GOSPEL PLEA:—

It has been some time since I had anything to say through the Church Organ. However I am writing to you this time with better spirit than I have before.

After reading so many interesting articles in this week's PLEA—indeed each one is very inspiring—it makes me think that the brethren have lost sight of all foolishness, and selfishness and are looking forward for one great and noble cause, that is for the uplifting of fallen humanity and Christ's Kingdom. Indeed this is a great Jubilee year and since this is true, let us rally in all departments of the church. And while we are rallying financially do not lose sight of the spiritual side. If I fail to say something concerning our local work here at Greenville, I will do an injustice to my congregation, as well as myself. Our work here is wide awake in all the departments of the church. My young people are working as never before. And, Oh, if you could be with them in their Sunday evening prayer meeting, you would realize the fact, that there is reality in serving a true and living God. Harmony prevails throughout the entire Church, and every one having for his motto: "A Larger Year's Work than Ever Before."

The first thing that we did was to raise our apportionment for both State and district missions, and we have paid same to the state evangelist and district convention. We don't believe in talking so much about our local work, and letting our workers, starve on the field. We believe in caring for all departments, national, state, district and local work. No church can be classed as a front rank church unless it keeps up its claims.

We are now looking forward to the second Sunday in December. Our watch word is $1,000. Your humble servant has been elected president of the Northern District, and we urge all the pastors, elders, and deacons, Presidents of all Auxiliaries and Sun-

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Mississippi

The 9th day of December the writer was called to meet the Jacob Council in the city of Columbus. After the council adjourned we spent two days looking up scattered disciples also attented the service at the white Christian Church. Mr. S. M. Martin of Washington did the preaching. He is indeed a wonderful minister of the Gospel. May he live long to preach the gospel of truth. Bro. Glimmer,, a preacher, promised me that he was going to arrange for a meeting and have me come out and preach ten days or more. I think now is the time for many colored people heard S. M. Martin preach the simple Gospel of Christ and it would not be hard to have them accept the truth. From there we came to West Point where we met the faithful few and preached for them. We went from there to Pilgrim Rest, where we met Brother B. C. Calvert, the pastor. We were favored with a very timely sermon at night. I preached also Monday and Tuesday nights. The weather was cold and raining. Therefore the attendance was not what it would hava been. Much interest was shown under the circumstances. At many places there would not have been any service. From there we went up to Palo Alto Christian Church. The rain, the cold, and the slothfulness of the membership prevented the service. Still we were not discouraged. The home of Brother and Sister Henry Doss was our home. We were never better entertained. The home is a real Christian home. From there we came back to West Point, stopping at the home of Brother and Sistee Lucky, the preacher's home. We preached to a good audience that night. Brother J. H. Bell of Fulton, Missouri was present and made a real helpful talk. Brother Wilson, the minister of the congregation, is a promising young man.

Brother Evans Calvert will move to West Point. He and wife are excellent members and will add much to the church. H. T. Bennett and family are now living in the town, they too will add much to the church. From West Point we came to Jackson with the hope of meeting the church in Washington addition, but we were hindered. The third Lord's Day found us in Port Gibson. At two o'clock p. m. we performed the marriage ceremony between Mr. Seward McKinzie of Vicksburg and the beautiul daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaefer, Miss Julia Shaefer. At three o'clock we preachedv to an apppreciatvie audience at Christian Chapel.

The C. W. B. M. Sisters held one of the best meeting in the history of the organization at Center Church. The object of the C. W. B. M. was clearly set before the people. Sisser Sarah Blackburn is a determined worker. Following the footsteps of Brother. W. R. Sneed who has reported to God for stewardship. God bless her.

Yours, K. R. Brown.

Ohio

Dear Editor,

Pleaese allow me to make the following report of meeting held recently by our most able evangelists, Elder Stafford Campbell, minister for the Christian Church at Paris, Kentucky.

He held for us a very splendid meeting of two weeks in duration, beginning December the 8th and ending December 21st. We had six addition; five young men, four for baptism one by letter also one young lady by letter.

We feel that the meeting will result in several more additiions who were convinced by irrefutable and strictly logical sermons delivered by the great preacher. Brother Campbell is a friend to the Young preacher, and will do any thing within his power to help him.

He is the man for the field who has been well trained for the work and is known far and wide

F. D. Cowan

Kentucky

Dear Editor,

We were with the Disciples at Richmond the second Lord's Day in December. We found them in need of a Lord's Day School also the mid-week prayer service. Eight long weeks had passed in and out of eternity and no prayer services. In the days of the apostles, they had an hour of prayer being the nineth.

Richmond paid $3 20, missionary money. The third Lord's Day Lexington paid $1.55. Monday night following Elder R. E. Hathoway paid $ 50.

We rejoice to learn of Educational Day being so highly observed in Kentucky.

Moreland Isiah H. Moore, Evangelist.

The Bible is a window in this prison of hope thuough which we look into eternity.—DWIGHT.

Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.—SHAKSPEARE.

Oklahoma

Dear Editor and readers of the GOSPEL PLEA,

Allow me spcce to say somethiug concerning our church work, We have done fairly well this year and hope to do better the next year by the Lord being our helper. Let us do a great work at home and abroad. We are too few to be devided; together we stang and d vided we fall. Let us read our Bibles more and learn what God would have us do. May God ever keep us.

Yours in Christ,

Muskogee. Angie Word.

Kansas

Twenty years ago, who would have predicted that twenty years hence we would be engaged in this great interprise of rising $20,000 to support our schools and missionary work?

Twenty years ago, Mrs. Southgate of Cincinnati, M. F. Robinson of Louisville and myself sat in the great auditorium of Bro. Black's church in Chicago and heard brother C. C. Smith's thrilling appeal for the Southern Christian Institute.

At the close of the adddress pledges were taken. Mrs. Southgate promised $10. My name was put down for $5. I don't remember the amount Dr. Robinson pledged. As far as I know all the pledge were paid. Then we had only two schools viz. The Southern Christian Institute and the Louisville Bible School. Since that time the C. W. B. M. through the g uiding hand of providence has planted five other schools. The Alabama Christian Institute, Martinsville Christian Institute, the Warner Christian Institute, Jarvis Christian Institute, and Liberian Christian Institute have been added to the list, making seven in all.

As these schools are chips off of the old block (The Southern Christian Institue) no one need be alarmed as to what kind of teaching and training the student will receive. I believe that Prof. J. B. Lehman better understands the solution of the race problem than any other living man. If only our churches would place a hundered thousand dollars into his hands to assist him in accomplishing the great desire of his heart. I notice that all of our schools are begining to reqiure their stuents to take daily lessons in the Bible during their school life. At the national religous council of the congreational church recently held in Kansas City the president of the council said that all "students however learned they many be will be of little value to the human race unless they are baptized in the religion of Jesus Christ"

There will never be fields of ripe wheat unless the wheat is first sown on the soil. In like manner, if we would produce a race of excellent citizens there must first be a sowing and a daily cultivation of the seed of the kingdom—the word of God in the soil of the human heart. The idea of Jubilee Rally among our churches to raise $20,000 by 1915 is certianly a great concepton and it is just like brother Preston Taylor to do such things. It will take sometime to properly inform our churches of this movement and of the good it will bring to us as a people; but once let the wheels of this movement make two revolutions and it will carry everthing with it. No pledges will be left unpaid at the end of 1915 because the 20,000 will be collected before the end of the Rally.

Kansas, S. W Scott.

THE REST IN LIFE.

For Life, Love and Friends
we all rejoice and thank God
for permitting us to live so long
upon the earth.

Life that knows no dying—
Love that knows no measure—
Friendship that knows no ending—all even now in the dawning.

O God, make me worthy to have fine friends, such as those I now have, and and still multitudes unknown.

With a heart full of best
wishes for the New Year and
all the years to come, I want
always to be.

LAUGH

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A good story is welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom. Learn to keep your own troubles to your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you can not see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but they are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good-humored man or woman is always welcomed. but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere, and is a nuisance as well. —THE ADVANCE.

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day School superintendents to send in their report to Miss Pearlie Wright, District secretary, Roxton, Texas and all money be sent to Prof. T. W. Pratt District treasurer, Greenville, Texas.

At our last district board meeting, Brother M. Powell, our corresponding secretary of the state board, was elected district worker for the Northern District.

We have a great deal of rain here now, sickness, and death but we have learned not to murmur nor, complain, knowing that the Lord worketh all things, for good for those who love him.

Sister May Weathers, our state treasurer of the C. W. B. M. and Elder C. C. Haley are convalescent. Since our last writing we have lost one faithful worker in the person of Sister Classie Murrell Jones. Indeed it grieved us very much to give her up. But the Lord's will must be done. Your humble servant had the pleasure of preaching the Thanksgiving sermon at Roxton, Texas. At this place we pastored two years. Although without a pastor, they are yet alive. We urged upon them to call a pastor at once. Some of the best workers of the state belong to this congregation. They have a beautiful church that your humble servant erected during his pastoral work and they only need an efficient leader.

The Auxiliaries, better watch Greenville's C. W. B. M. Not only that but the Greenville pastor challenges any pastor of the Southern District to a contest for the banner for bringing in the largest amount of money at the Waco, Convention.

Yours respectfully,

Greenville, L. H. Crawford,

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to say through the columns of the PLEA (1) that the North Texas District Convention will meet with the church at Roxton, Texas on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in January 1914. Further notice will be given by the secretary of said district. The various churches in the district are hereby urged to prepare for a good representation, remembering that a good district organization is very essential to a great and successful State Convention; and that the coming convention must break all previous records all along lines of our work. It is desirous that each member of the church in our great state, will feel as never before the great responsibility resting upon him or her, and also a sense of willingness to do all his power to effect this end. The district superintendent has not been able to do a great deal along the line of work assigned him. We have had quite a deal of unpleasant weather and other conditions and circumstances that prevented. However, we had a very pleasant visit to Shelton Hill Church, when we preached for them. They gave us a collection of $1.75. We also visited Roxton and arranged for our January meeting and preached while there. They gave us a collection of $2.10. While being without a pastor they were working and raising money to pay off some indebtedness on their church. Since then I have been informed that they have secured the services of Elder M. Knight of Cason, Texas. If this is true, we may look for some good news from that point. I'm concluding this part of my letter as I wish to say that each member in the district is expected to pay 15 cents per quarter in the interest of the work in the district.

(2) I have at some length written to the various churches which comprise our state work urging upon them the importance and the indispensibility of observing Sunday before Thanksgiving as General Educational Rally Day and also the fifth Sunday in November, as State Mission Day, if we would serve our best interests. I also asked that each church answering this call report to the corresponding secretary, the result of the occasion, that record might be had of the same. Up to this time we have heard from only two. Bro. Pratt reports that Greenville has sent in their collection to the Evangelist and Bro. Tom Rundles of Bonham says that they had taken a collection for State Missions and would send in shortly. Bro. Chichon of Paris, Texas has fixed the fifth Sunday for State Missions. Elder M. T. Brown of Taylor is pushing things to that end; and this means, of course, that we will have something good from Taylor. We have been informed that Bro. Mitchell of Missouri has been called to Waco. If true, Waco will soon be in line. So all along the line the indications are that we may look for general improvement along all lines of our work. We want five hundred men, laymen, of our church to meet us at Waco in August. Of course our sisters will be in evidence. Sisters Alphin and Wyche will take care of that proposition. You know as a rule the women do things when it comes to the Master's work. The corresponding secretary is planning to visit all the churches and missions, during the months of January and February in the interest of our state work, provided such can be arranged with the churches. I could hold or assist in short meetings and thus make it possible to do this important work in hand. I hope the preaching brethren will cooperate with me in it.

Looking forward to a great and successful year's work.

Paris. Moses Powell, Cor. Secretary

Tennessee

The Christian Church at Rogersville, Tenn. has enjoyed one of the greatest soul stirring revival meetings in the history of the Church. Eld. W. P. Martin, our state evangelist preached the simple gospel for three weeks with power. Each subject was a masterpiece, both reviving and convincing. The entire town was moved from side to center. At each service Jesus Christ was manifested in our bodies and many were sitting bathed in tears while others shouted aloud.

It was expressed by many that the truths which were planted in this meeting would never be forgotten. The best of all. the evangelist saved the best till the last. Three wonderful subjects were discussed with great ability on the last day of the meeting and that to the satisfaction of the entire house. The meeting closed December 14, 11:00 a. m., subject, "Do." 3:00 p. m. subject, "The Spirit in Prison", 7:30 p. m. subject, "Sin Against the Holy Ghost.

We feel in this meeting good was done. The Church is greatly helped both spiritually and financially and I believe that each member will endeavor to do a greater work for the up building of the Master's Kingdom than ever before.

The meeting closed with some additions to the Church and quite a little sum of money was raised Elder Martin will raise the flag again on the second Lord's Day in January, 1914 with the Christian Church at Gun Town, Tennessee. We pray that his effort will accomplish much good with that church.

D. W. Bradley, Pastor; W. P. Martin, State Evangelist.
Rogersville.

Kentucky

Dear Editor:—

Please allow us space in your paper to report our work.

After closing a very successful meeting with Elder M. F. Robinson of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky with an addition of ten, we made our way to Nashville, Tennessee and preached for the Gay Street Christian Church for one week. We had two confessions and the church was greatly revived. The members expressed themselves as being well pleased and invited us to be with them again.

On the 9th of October, we took charge of the Danville Christian Church. We preached in the morning and in the evening. The pastor and members of other churches were with us and spoke words of welcome and encouragement. A splendid day it was.

Since being here we have worked up our Sunday School from one to three classes. The Bible class is taught by the writer.

We are told by those who know that the attendance is greatly increased. Our C. W. B. M. has been reorganized and it is going on and on. It is our aim to bring our C. W. B. M. up to any C. W. B. M. in Kentucky. We can do it because we have some splendid material here. The Christian Endeavor is growing. It is only three weeks old, but it shows signs of being a great help to the church.

On the third Lord's Day in December, we had an ordination service, the sermon was delivered by the writer and the charge was given by Elder Garrison, pastor of the White Christian Church. Then by the "laying on of hands" and with prayer we solemnly dedicated three elders and three deacons to the work of the church. The entire church was filled with the spirit and we really believe that that service will live as long as the ones that witnessed it.

We have had four to take membership with us and are expecting to get many more.

Our rally is on the third Sunday in January and the Monday after the rally, our meeting will begin. We ask the prayers of the entire Brotherhood that we may through our own efforts build up the cause of the Master here.

We are trying to get some subscriptions for the PLEA. A number have promised to take it, so in a few days we will send them in.

We do pray that your efforts will be greatly blessed this year.

Hoping that all of your work will be crowned with success.

We beg to remain,

Danville, R. W. Watson.

In many cases simple foreigners have been corrupted because the only welcome they received was from those who intended only to rob and degrade them. The foreigner who comes to our country and prospers, needs to learn some things as well as he has learned our ways in business. He is the most favorable subject for evangelization.— SELECTED.

Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C.W. B. M. dues, that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

SPECIAL OBJECTS FOR OUR GIFTS.

A Mission Station: Average Annual Support, $2 000.—Cannot some great churches be found to plant and maintain a fortress in the mission fields? We have great churches today. There are many willing to attempt great things for God. A definite station may be assigned. The details of work in this station may be known and provided for.

Two sister churches may unite for the support of a station, calling the same by the name of their city, if desired.

A Mission Hospital: Average Annual Support, $1.000.—Many Living Link churches, through the successful handling of their definite work, have caught enlarged visions, and have developed much zeal for missions. Their strength has been greatly increased. They have outgrown the old standard and should pass on to larger service. The living link requirement of $600 no longer mersures their ability. They should adopt a larger aim. For such we wish to suggest the support of an institution—a hospital, an orphanage, a school. One thousand dollars a year is an average for such.

A Living Link: Annual Support, $600—Living Link missionaries may be supported by churches, organizations, or individuals. A definite missionary will be asigned and the supporters may get in personal touch with their missionary through correspondence.

The Living Link Standard is more appealing, if possible, than the support of a Living Link missionary, since the Standard provides equipment and facilities for the work of the missionary and maintains his work, instead of just providing for his personal expense.

Then, too, the Living Link Standard may be divided between two or more stations, one in the home field and one in the foreign field, where desired. Definite stations or institations will be assigned for Living Standard support, and the churches or organizations carrying such Standard can be in touch with the work through correspondence with missionaries located in such stations.

Dues to the General Fund, C. W. B. M. Day and Easter Offering, apportionment, Life Memberships, and offerings from Mission Circles and Junior Societies can apply on Living Link support. Sunday-schools and classes also frequently contribute generously for the support of such work.

A Special Missionary: Annual Support $600.—Churches and organizations not able to contribute $600 for Living Link support may combine their offerings with those from other churches for such, in which case the missionary supported is called their "Special Missionary," not Living Link. Dues from Missionary Society cannot be counted on the support of "Special Missionaries." All offerings credited on apportionments to special work will apply toward support of a "Special Missionary."

A Life Line: Annual Support, $300—Churches, organizations or individuals may support a Life Line. Dues from Missionary Societies are not counted. The Life Line may be in support of some particular person, institution or mission station in any field.

A Scholarship in the College of Missions: Annual Support, $300.—No farther reaching work is possible than the fitting of a missionary for his life work. Many most capable young people will give themselves for the work, but are unable to meet the expenses incident to preparation in the College of Missions. By contributing $300 annually one missionary may be helped each year to the specific training needed for his life work.

A Scholarship in Mountain School: Annual Support, $100.—It would not be possible to find a more promising class of young people than those who come down from the mountains of our Southern States to get "a chance at life." For the small sum of $100 a year these boys and girls may be given the opportunity of education and Christian training. As they return to their mountain homes the whole community is touched for higer things. Mission Circles have been asked to provide these Mountain Scholarships.

A Native Helper: Annual Support, $50-$250.—The ultimate work in Christianizing the races must rest with the native workers. Many native Christians are employed as evangelists, teachers, medical assistants, nurses, etc. The support of such co-

workers depends upon their ability and the kind of work being done, ranging usually from $50 to $200 per year. In some countries the support required is higher. It is often possible for those supporting native helpers to know the name and exact work being done.

STATION SUPPORT: One Share Annually, $50.—There is no other special object for missionary gifts where the help is so much needed as for Station Support. From this fund everything must be met that is not provided for through special gifts. All expenditures incidental to the upkeep of schools, orphanages, and hospitals; printing and literature for mission fields; property expenses, including light, heat, repairs, improvements, etc.; missionary outfits and travel; appropriations for evangelistic work, together with numerous other expenses, constitute Station Support. Organizations not able to maintain Living Links or Life Lines are urged to undertake a definite number of shares in Station Support. The field which it is desired to help may be specified. If through this permission some fields receive too much while others are not adequately provided for, the matter will be adjusted through correspondence.

A BIBLE WOMAN; Annual Support, $30.—A Bible woman may have great influence among her own country-women, going from home to home, reading the Bible to them and talking with them of the Christian faith and life. In the Woman's Home at Kulpahar, India, institutional work is done in behalf of needy women, child-widows, homeless women and girls, and women expelled from their homes because of becoming Christians, and others who for any reason need such assistance, are eligible to place in the Woman's and Babies' Home at Kulpahar. Here they are trained to work, becoming self supporting, and are given Christian teaching. After leaving such an institution their whole lives will exert an influence wherever they go. It requires $30 a year to support one of these.

AIMS FOR GROUPS OF ORGANIZATIONS.

The states having few organizations, Districts, County Unions, and neighboring churches may combine their offerings for support of some special work. They may build a mission home, $2 500; support a mission station, $2 000; support a hospital or other institution, $1.000; support a Living Link Standard, $600; support a Special Missionary, $600; or support a Life Line, $300; selecting the largest aim that their united effort can attain.

Aim for Individuals.

In the providence of God, the time has at last come when the greatness of the world work is appealing to people of means in a great way, and they are responding in measure worthy of the faith they profess in Christ and the mission of Christianity in the world. Consecrated stewardship is no longer an empty phrase. The largest single bequest yet reported was from the personal estate of an English multimillionaire, whose will left over $4,000,000 for missions, to be administered by two London missionary Boards. There have been other notable gifts requiring seven figures for the writing. There are many of our people who are giving in thousands of dollars, and not a few are making gifts in six figures. Other will do so.

Through endownment gifts great memorials may be erected. Funds so invested will perpetually serve the cause for which given. Thirty thousand dollar will endow a Chair in the College of Missions.

Other worthy memorials are found in erecting buildings of institutions bearing the name of the one memorialized.

Hospitals, chapels and mission homes are memorials within the reach of many. Numbers of earnest-hearted men and women today are supporting missionaries or natives workers in the fields. Others will send out the missionaries, paying for passage, or for outfits. Some will equip hospitals, other will endow hospital beds or wards.

Not only are gifts needed for the work, but where there is the vision and devotion that will prompt large giving there will doubtless be wisdom of counsel. The new international Constitution for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions provides for a Council of life Directors, to be composed of such as make gifts of $500.00 to the work. The first year should call forth at least one hundred women from our eighty thousand to take the place of Life Directors for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

The membership of local Missionary Societies is now about eighty thousand. What an army! The Life Membership of the International Society is but a small number in comparison. Thousands should take Life Memberships each year, until there will be a great host of those enrolled at Headquarters in this army of the faithful. For a gift of $25 a Life Membership is secured, and a fitting certificate is sent bearing the name of the giver, or any other name she may wish so honored.

An individual gift of $10 will place a memorial nameplate in the College of Missions. Many friends and loved ones are commemorated in this way. There is room for many others. Would you like to place the name of a favorite miesionary there? Not many of our missionaries are so commemorated.

"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."

Mrs. Josephine McDaniel Stearns.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Southern Christian Institute

We are very anxious to keep up with all of the students of the Southern Christian Institute who have been here in past years. We are arranging for a "follow up" system for all Academic and Collegiate students. If any of our former students who are readers of the Plea know of the whereabouts or occupation of former students the "School Note Reporter," Institute Rural Sta., Edwards, Miss., would be very grateful for only a card. We continue an account of those who were Academic students before the present plan of given numbers was adopted: 41, Eliza Willis. stopped in her Junior year, was stenographer in the office of the Principal of the Utica Institute; we have not heard from her during this school year. 42. Mamie Brayboy, married and lives in Alabama. 43. Susie Brayboy, one of the teachers at the Alabama Christian Institute, Lum. Alabama. 44. Stella Edwards, was working in Vicksburg; we have not heard from her during this school year. 45. Arah Evans Williams, married and lives in Taylor, Texas. She is one of the officers of the State Y. P. S. C. E., and we hear good reports of her work in Endeavor, Church and Sunday School. 46. John Fielder, deceased, wrote some poetry that has considerable merit. 47. Janie-Howard Byrd, married and lived in Montgomery Alabama, when last we heard from her. 48. Eugene Johnson married and lives in Memphis. He is a workman in a tile factory. 49. Dixie Merrills, at her home in Pensacola, Florida, when last we heard from her. 50. Carrie Sampson Bolden, married and lives in Memphis. None of the ten young people stayed long enough in school to graduate, but we are quite certain that the world has been enriched because of the years spent in the dear old S. C. I.

The Jamaican Colony at the S. C. I has been increased to five by the recent arrival of Edward Davis.

The Christmas Entertainment for the students was held in the Y. W. C. A. room on Friday night. The program was very enjoyable and the tree and its presents looked beautiful.

Miss Fauble's School gave its Christmas entertainment at Crawford Cottage, Wednesday night. The children rendered their parts in fine shape.

No report of Christmas week would be at all complete if we did not tell of the splendid Christmas dinner prepared under the direction of Miss Myrtie Evans. We are sure that all present did ample justice to the dinner. The committee on decorations and arrangement of tables at Allison Hall was composed of Miss Gardiner, Miss Harvey, and Prof. Bebout. That they did their part well was the opinion of all.

One of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season occurred Saturday night at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Prout. The teachers began to gather about 7:30. Soon all engaged in a guessing game. Then they read amusing advertisements hung around upon the walls. Last but not least was the lap lunch which was brought in in courses. Altogether it was a most enjoyable affair.

Warner Christian Institute

Our Christmas exercise is over. The program was very good. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. The tree was nicely decorated. Old Santa Claus was good to everybody at Warner's Institute, for we were all remembered.

Miss Gardner of Johnson City is spending the Christmas vacation at home with her parents and friends.

Prof. H. D. Griffin is spending part of the vacation in Valaho, Virginia, preaching. We hope he will have a pleasant trip.

The prayer service at Warner Institute, December the 25th, conducted by Prof. H. D. Griffin, was quite a success. The bell rang at five and half past five o'clock Thursday morning. About six o'clock a good crowd had gathered and was ready for service. The prayers and songs were very touching. We feel that all were helped.

The weather has been very good. We feel that it was a special treat to have such good weather in December.

We have had a good term of school. Attendance was very good. We are expecting even better results next term. We hope that all the students will fall in line and do their best. We can do much in a short time if we set our heads to it.

Two of the boys are spending the vacation off the campus. One went home, the other is visiting his grand parents.

The meeting to be here January 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the brotherhood we hope will be a success.

A BOY'S PRAYER

"Give me clean hands, clean words and thoughts;
Help me to stand for the hard fight against the easy wrong;
Save me from habits that harm;
Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone as if all the word saw:
Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me:
Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself
Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Thee"

Mrs Sarah Bostick -Is-

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The Workers' Conference

THE WORKERS' Conference that convened at the Southern Christian Institute last week was the best ever held. The following states were represented by delegates, viz, Alabama, Prof. and Mrs. Franklin, D. C. Brayboy, Prince Barnett, R. C. Gray, Rosa V. Brown, and Anna Brown; Arkansas, Sarah L. Bostick and Mary Bradley; Georgia, M. Summers; Kentucky, W. H. Dickerson and W. H. Brown; Louisana, Frank Coleman; Mississippi, K. R. Brown, Mrs K. R Brown, John Lomax Jack Trevilian, B. C. Calvert, J. N. Turner, Mrs. Sarah S. Blackburn, Mrs. Cordelia Jennings, Roxie Sneed, and Mrs. P. R. McCarthy; North Carolina and Virginia, P. H. Moss; Tennessee, Rebecca West Deetsy Blackburn; and Texas, Mr. and Mrs. William Alpkin and T. B. Frost.—ten in all. Ohio. Missouri, Kansas and South Carolina will send in their representation fee and will thus be a part of the work and no doubt will send delegates next year. This will make fourteen states which have joined in the great work of creating a new civilization. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the proceedings of this meeting.

The Contributions Committee made a number of recommendations of which we mention these; (1) that the first Sunday in July be observed in all the Sunday Schools as Jubilee Exercise Day; (2) that in those states where there is a school a special fund be raised; and (3) that in all the states a great effort be made to increase the Jubilee Funds.

The first of these recommendations is already well under way. Many Sunday Schools have already sent for the literature. We urge all to send at once so they can prepare for a great day. Send to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards Mississippi.

The second recommendation has been the policy of all the states except Virginia and Mississippi. In Virginia they raise an even hundred dollars in the convention for the Martinsville Christian Institute. It is hoped they will make it a Martinsville Christian Institute Fund this year and raise as much as they can. Mississippi should set a mark and attempt to raise a special fund, and this fund should be to aid the S. C. I. or be given to the General Fund. Tennessee has set her mark at $1000 this year. Kentuck will no doubt start something big and they will no doubt set their figures at $2000. Texas is already hard at work on the J. C. I. Fund. Alabama is taking on new life all along the line. No doubt their fund will take on more shape next year.

The third recommendation is big enough to include all. All these funds and the general fund are to be $20,000 before the close of 1915. Brethren, it will not be an easy matter to raise this amount, and yet our faith is firm that it will be done. If it is not done, it will be because our faith has not been large enough to see our great opportunity. There are prosperous negroes in all the states who have hitherto not been interested in this great work. We must now call their attention to it and bring them into fellowship.

We expect from time to time to speak of some of the other features of the work of the Conference. Suffice it to say here that there are many features of the most vital importance in connection to this work.

Many white people, who are deeply interested, attended the sessions. Among these were J. E. Spiegel, State Evangelist, of West Point; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bryan of Vicksburg, Mrs. J. A. Safley of Dentville, Mrs. Powell of Utica, and a large number from Edwards. Mr. Yeates who is Hinds County's industrial manager attended all the sessions and delivered a most helpful address to the farmers on Wednesday. Dr. A. W. Taylor of Columbia, Missouri gave two addresses that will never be forgotten.

The young people in all the the graduating exercises showed a depth of comprehension of all the larger problems that delighted beyond expression all of the visitors from abroad. We believe God has given us the key that will open the door of our problems in the South. Are we good enough, wise enough, and liberal hearthd enough to use it?

Being a Christian means keeping in the right way day after day. Like the successful boy in the race, the successful Christian is the one who keeps running in the same track, and pays no atlention to the fact that others are stopping to rest The men and women who tell you that the Christian life pays are those who have had grit enough to keep at it through thick and thin. The failures were easily thrown off the track.

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—Sidney B. Wallick of Muskogee, Oklahoma returned to Texas to attend the funeral of his brother, Saint Henry. Sidney is an important factor in the church life of Oklahoma.

—Rosa V. Brown, the national organizer is now aiding Mrs. Sarah S. Blackburn in Miss. Her plans for the future are not yet fully made.

—Next week we will give a financial statement of the Workers' Conferencce. A numder of individuals and states did not report in time for the meeting, but these are now coming in. It now looks as tho it will run close unto $175. This is an increase over last year.

—We are now sending out programs for many S. S. to observes Jubilee Sunday July 5, If your S. S. has not observed it, you should send in at once for programs.

—Elder E. F. Jackson writes, We closed our school Monday May 4. You would have commended our efforts if you had been here. He has many adverse circumstances to contend with such as blind tigers and worldliness.

—C. H. Dickerson writes, I had 89 in S. S. yesterday. Col. $6.36 Three added yesterday, 3 men. One last Sun. Delivered address to High School Commencement at Richmond Friday night, 600 present. They had 8 graduates. 6 girl, 2 boys. Will deliver Commencement address for Little Rock School, next week. They have 4 graduates, all boys Work moving on. Choice weather.

Couldn't get to Workers' Conference. Slate too full.

—The Brethren in Missouri passed most appreciative resolutions upon the death of Bro. T. A. Abbott, who for many years gave all the aid to the col-

ored people he could. They had a true friend in him and they honored themselves when they passed those Resolution.

—W. H. Dickerson writes;

Closing exercises of Louisville Chaistian Bible School is June 4th. There will be three graduates,—all for the ministry. Among them will be Kentucky's first graduate from this school.

List of delegates to the Workers' Conference.

Alabama,—D. C. Brayboy, I. C. Franklin, S. P. Barnette, Cornelius Gray.

Georgia,—M. Summers.

Kentucky,—W. H. Dickerson, W. H. Brown.

Louisana,—Frank Coleman.

Mississippi,—K. R. Brown, R. B. Brown, B. C. Calvert, John Lomax, J. N. Turner, Jack Trevillion.

North Carolina,—P. H. Moss.

Texas,—W. M. Alphin, T. B. Frost.

Virginia,—P. H. Moss.

Tennessee

Dear Editor,

We have been in a great campaign for our work here and were getting ready for the District meeting which was a success. On May 15th District No. 2 opened its session at 9 o'clock A. M. with Elder Crump in the chair. This meeting was very well attended and a considerable amount of money was raised. On Saturday the Lord's Day School was in session. We were blessed to have our State chairman with us and to know of him only as one of Knoxville's strongest young ministers. We opened a week's meeting on the 11th, spending a nice Lord's Day On the 10th we observed Mothers' Day. Eld. James Crump preached the sermon from 2 Kings 4 chap. 26 verse, and on Monday, May 11th, two of the delegates from District No. 1 arrived in our town. Our State Evangelist, Elder W. P. Martin, and the principle of Warner Christian Institue, Prof. H. D. Griffin, who spoke Monday night arrived, and he certainly entertained us. He lectured on "The Great Need of Man" Prof. Griffin said some had complained about Education, and said man had never been satisfied and as long as he was in need there was a work to be done. He took his subject from one of the most learned men we read of, the Apostle Paul: "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth?" This was discussed with power and was enjoyed by all. May 12th Eld. Eesley was to lecture, but a storm came up at the time, 7:30, and I suppose it prevented him, but at 7:30 P. M. we did get to begin, and at 8:00 P. M. we were made glad again with Prof. Griffin. He said in the beginning, "Well it is a little strange to see this face after looking forward for another."

On Wednesday at 7:30 P. M., May 13, the C. W. B. M, had a sermon from the State Evengelist, Elder W. P. Mantin; and he certainly preached a wonderful sermon on missionary work. Elder Martin took for his text one of the most important of Christ's parables, the question that the lawyer asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Christ asked him, "How readest thou?" and then told him, "This do and thou shalt live." Elder Martin showed in his sermon that a Christian, a Disciple, a Follower of Christ, must obey his commands to go into the vineyard and work if he is to inherit eternal life. Of course we sisters wers glad for he told and showed how the women were a great help to this work for Christ. And if the evangelist keeps preaching this kind of missionary sermons, we will have more missionary societies.

Thursday, May 14th, 7:40 P. M., we had a lecture on education by Elder A. D S. Grigby, which was a ably delivered. This was followed by a recitation by Rosa Bassett, and a paper by the writer, subject "What American Christian Women have to be thankful for."

Now we are back to our general session, Friday A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Elder James Crump gave a drill with class which all enjoyed, and at this period Elder A Stansbery gave us one of his notable lectures and we are glad to see and hear him. And on Lords Day at 9:30 A. M., we were assembled. Fifty of us in our whole school, which have been very busy all this time trying to get wisdom and knowledge and above all understanding of the Scriptures. At 11 A. M. Elder E. W. Meek, our chairman of the state, preached and I must say we listened to an able and well studied sermon. His manner of explaining the one church was to be commended highly. His text was from Matt. 16:16 and Acts 8: 37; "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." At 3 P. M. we had a sacred program and at our last meeting we had another sermon from Elder Griffin. This closed our meeting. Delegates of District No. 2 were Chairman E. W,

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Reports From the Field

Texas

Editor of the Gospel Plea:—

Please allow space for the following report of the evangelist for April 1914.

Days worked 30, places visited 4, viz. Macedonia, Daingerfield, Shady Grove and Union Hill. Sermons preached 11, additions by confession 1, addresses to Bible Schools 3, auxiliaries, 1; Bible Schools reorganized, 3; auxiliaries reorganized, 1, Union Hill; conferences with churches and officials 1, personal visits 19, letters written 16, cards 7, articles to the Plea 0, subscriptions to the Plea 0. Money collected on salary: Macedonia $7.70, Daingerfield 8.00, Shady Grove 7.35, Union Hill, $8.00; Bay City, $2.00 (reported) L. H. Crawford, Greenville, $.50; Texas State Board (white) $30 00; Total on salary $63 55; Raised in cash and pledges on the new church at Daingerfield, $37.00; Total for all purposes, $100 00.

There is one fact in the above report that should be taken very seriously, and that is the appropriation of our white brethren to our work. There is certainly good grounds to expect a people to do their very best when it is so evident that others are really interested in sheir religious welfare. The churches visited made very favorable reports, considering the weather. One church, Bay City, sent theirs in which shows a healthy condition. It may be well to keep an eye on Macedonia, a little group nothing to be compared to other churches much larger than it that have not done half so much according to their number. We have a nice little Bible school. Sister Tom Randles is a great force in this school. Sister Thompson while some distance away renders all the assistance she can to make it a success. We had a splendid audience at our last appointment there.

Paris Moses Powell.

Kansas

To the Inter state Workers' Conference, assembled at The Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., May 10- 14: 1914.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Workers' Conference:- Not being in a position to meet with you on this occasion, I hereby tender you my cordial sympathy and support by sending you one dollar and a note of encouragement.

What of this great Mountain, $20,000 that standeth in the way of our victory, and who by his wonderful magnitude and awfull visage seeketh to intimidate, discourage and weaken the hands of these mighty men and women of God in this conference?

Behold, thou shall become a level plane over which the soldiers of the king with running feet shall cross bearing the waving flags of victory. For thus sayeth the Lord: Not by might nor by power but by my spirit. Zec. 4: 6. Then, dearly beloved, let us pray more earnestly, beseeching the Lord to give us more of his spirit, of knowledge, of wisdom, of courage, of temperace, of brotherly kindness, of charity, of humility, of faith and of liberal giving even to the extent of the widow's mite, if necessary. So we shall lay the foundation of a larger work among our people.

May the spirit of the Lord abide with us.

Respectfully,

Kansas City. S. W. Scott.

The Workers' Conference

at 9:30 A. M. Tuesday, May 12, 1914.

The house was called to order by President J. B. Lehman.

Piano Solo by Miss Reba Burgess.

Song, "All Hail the power of Jesus Name."

Scripture reading, Matt, 5:1-20 verses followed by prayer by Prof. Isom C. Franklin of Lum, Alabama.

Welcome address, Miss Anna Anderson.

Response to welcome address by Mrs. Priscilla McCarty of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Response in behalf the Men's Conference by Prof. W. H. Dickerson of Louiville, Kentucky.

Duet by Miss Seberlie Grubbs and Nancy Jennings.

Address by president J. B. Lehman.

Song, Nearer My God to Thee.

Prayer by W. H. Brown.

The following committee. were appointed.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

J. B. Lehman, J. H. Thomas, I. C. Franklin, Rosa V. Brown and B. C. Calvert.

On Nominations.

W. H. Dickerson, D. C. Brayboy, T. M. Burgess, P. H. Moss, M Summers and Robert Brown.

On Contributions.

Preston Taylor, W. H. Brown, W. M. Alphin, s. Sarah L Bostick, Mrs. W. M Alphin and John max.

On Resolutions.

Roxie C. Sneed, R. H. Davis, D. R. Bebout, thie B. Lehman, Prince Barnett and J. N. Turner.

WEDNESDAY MAY, 13th.

9:30 House called to order by the president.

Scripture reading, II Corinthians 13, Chapter by W. H. Dickerson.

Prayer by D. C. Brayboy.

Song, "Rescue the Perishing."

Address by Rev. Colmery of Edwards, Miss.

Address by K. R. Brown, president of of Conence.

Quartette, National Hymn of Liberia.

Address by Porf. A. W. Taylor of Columbia, ouri.

Short addresses by the following reprsentative e given W. H Brown of Kentucky, W. M. hin of Texas. Attorney W. J. Latham of Jackon, Miss was introduced to the Conference, after which he gave a short talk. Collection was taken and the conference adjourned to meet 4:P. M.

4:P. M. the Conference met again.

Song No 183, from 20th Century Songs.

Prayer by Brother John Lomax of Port Gibson.

Brother Summers of Georgia told of his work n that state. Brother P. H. Moss of Virginia also old of his work in that state.

The report of the following committees were mitted. Committee on Social Service:

Moved by Brother B. C. Calvert and seconded by Brother D. C Brayboy that the report of committee be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Brother R. H. Davis and seconded Brother C. Gray that the report of the Committee on Nomination be received and adopted. Carried. Officers: President, K. R Brown, Vice President, W H. Dickerson, Secretary, M. M. Bostick.

Moved by Brother W. H. Dickerson and nded by Brother B. C. Calvert that the report e Committee on Resolution be received and ad. Carried.

pon motion by Bro. D. C. Brayboy the report Committee on Finance was received and adop-

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7:30 A. M.

Song led by Brother B. C. Calvert.

Prayer by Brother S. P. Barnette.

Report of the Committee on Missionary Problems was made by Brother W. H. Dickerson. Moved by Brother B. C. Calvert that the report of the committe be received. The motion was amended by Brother Alphin that the report be published in the Gospel Plea. Carried.

After this the chairman called upon J. B. Lehman Superintendent of all the work the C. W. B. M is doing among the Negroes, to explain the relation of the Workers' Conference to the National C. W. B. M. President Lehman came forward and made the following statement:

The National C W. B. M. undertook to do all the work our brotherhood is doing among the Negroes. The Workers' Conference was organized to enable the various Negro organizations and individual Negroes to sysematically cooperate with them. The Workers' Conference sustains very much the same relation to the Nationa C. W. B. M, so far as a working basis is concerned, as a state organization does to the national organization. It is subject to its authority. The National C. W. B. M. expresses its wish thru J. B. Lehman, who is superintendent of the Negro work and who is subject to their wish. It would be both unwise and inopportune that the Workers' Conference should have either veto power, or power to dictate policies in the larger work. The National C. W. B. M. is anxious to build up a large work, and this can be done only on condition that all cooperate in the truest faith. The question as to who should be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven should be answered by the faith of the true child. We have undertaken a great work, and if it is propely done, it will be the most far reaching of any work undertaken by man, and we therefore plead earnestly that all do their part well, for we are all servents of our Master.

It was moved and carried that we have a Program Committee consisting of President J. B. Lehman. K. R. Brown and Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick.

It was moved and carried that the Committee on Church and State Missionary Problems be retained.

It was moved by W. M Alphin and seconded by D. C. Brayboy that a representative from each state should write a letter and send it in once a month to the Gospel Plea.

On motion of W. M. Alphin the Conference endorsed the work of the C. W. B. M,

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues, that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Mississippi

C. W. B. M. Quarterly Meeting to be with Hermanville Church

The 4th Saturday and Sunday of June 27-28, 1914.

SATURDAY A. M.

10:00 Devotional Service led by Mrs. N. E. Hutchinson and Mrs. J. A. Wilson. Remarks by president and appointment of committees. Short talks by delegates and visitors. Sermon by Elder S. S. Flowers. Series of prayers beginning with Elder John Lomax and closed by by P. B. Ellis. Collection, Mrs. S. Sneed. Benediction and adjournment for dinner.

SATURDAY P. M.

1:00 Devotional Services led by Sister Flowers and Miss Florence Blackburn. Discussion "How to make our Auxiliary Meetings interesting," introduced by Mrs. C. Jennings and closed by Mrs. N. E. Hutchinson. Report of auxiliaries, Mission Sisters, evangelists and organizers. Sermon by Elder R. B. Brown. Collection by Sister Rosa Williams of Pine Grove. Benediction and Adjournment.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 Devotional Services led by Sister Sales of Hermanville and Sister Alice Moore of Pine Grove. Address by Miss H. A. Allison. Sermon by J. Miller of Grand Gulf. Collection by Sister Roxie McCray. Benediction and Adjournment.

SUNDAY A. M.

Sunday School taught by Miss R. V. Brown, National Organizer. Reviewed by Brother A. C. Smith.

11:00 Devotional Services led by Miss D. L. Blackburn. Quiz conducted by Mrs. M. J. Brown. Discussion of program committee by Miss Rebecca West. Talk on "Our great opportunity to serve." by Miss F. E. Blackburn. Sermonette by Elder Smothers, collection and adjournment.

SUNDAY P. M.

Devotional Service led by Miss Rebecca West. Chart exercise conducted by Miss R. V. Brown. Sermon by Rev. K. R. Brown, followed by B. C. Balvert. Collection by A. Jennings. Report of committee, Benediction and Adjournment.

Sarah S. Blackburn.

South Carolina

To the Gospel Plea:

Please allow me space to make this report. We are still moving on. We had our revival meeting and had a most glorious time. Bro. W. E. Cephas broke the bread of life for us at 11 o'clock. He preached an excellent sermon and it was enjoyed by all. When the invitation was extended to the sinners, we raised from the world eight lost sheep. A collection of $34.55 was taken up. After this dinner was served. At 3:30 o'clock we entered the church again and had an enjoyable service. Then Bro. B. J. Kearse mounted the stand, confining himself to the 11th chapter of Luke at the 18th verse: "I will arise and go to my father's house." He followed his text very closely and all were made to feel happy by his teaching. Another invitation was extended and we received sight from the world. The total number received in this meeting was six-members, A collection of $3.40 was then taken up which made a grand total of $37.95.

A. L. Brabham, Clerk.
Three Mile Creek Church.

Use the talent you possess. The Woods would be very silent if no bird sang there but those which can sing the best.—THE WAY

Warner Christian Institute

Locatated at Jonesboro, East Tennessee

Under the Leadership of Prof. H. D. Griffin, of Tillman, Mississippi

WATCH WORD: One Thousand delegates and $1.000 by the Annual Convention in August, 11-17, 1914 at Nashville, Tennessee. Fifty Boarding Students for Warner Christian Institute by September 1st.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

TRUSTEE BOARD:

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H. N. Evans,
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Fred Smith, Recording Secretay of Annual Convention,
Prof. J. N. Ervin, Chairman Executive Boar of Trustees and Corresponding Secretary of e Church in Tennessee.

How to Raise a Thousand Dollars

The Brotherhood meeting of the Christian Church met in the Chapel of the Warner Institute, January 2 and 3, 1914.

This meeting was called for the purpose of outlinig the best methods by which to raise ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS by August Convention, which will convene with the Lee Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Preston Taylor, Chairman of the Trustee Board of Warner Institute, visited the school in October, 1913 and saw so many needed improvments to be made, both on buildings and entire campus and he became a strong supporter and advocate of the movement in raising said amount.

In order to accomplish the end, Dr. Taylor promises to give through his church, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, thus leaving EIGHT HUNDRED to be raised through the state.

Now Brethren, the position is up to US. What shall we do with it? Shall we, with the aid of this good man, raise one thousand dollars or shall we say, "NO?"

The great question may come to us, HOW TO RAISE $1,000?

First: There are over four thousand members identified with the Christiau Church in Tennessee. We therefore only ask each member to lay aside $1 00 by the Annual Convention in August. Should we do this, we would have $4,000.00 instead of $1,000; but we only ask for $1,000 00.

Can we raise ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS? All voices say "Yes"

Do we believe that God is the origin of this movement? Do you feel that His guidance has been manifested in its very history? If we can see, then, that God, who guides the destinies of all men, is the underlying factor in this movement, the answer to the great question is, Yes, we can raise double the amount $2,000 00.

Every Disciple in Tennessee is honored with a Christian school, whose local aims are to become the center of our Christian devlopment in Tennessee. In the broadest sense, this school is national, and its doors stand ajar to all who wish to enter therein. We therefore believe that evry Disciple in the state should do more to advance education and Christianity. We can only save our lives by helpin to save others.

A Christian school is one of the greatest agencies in the evangelization of the world. We therefore appeal to the officers and pastors of each congregation that they will enthuse and encourage each member of their church to give $1.00 for this great work, the same to be collected by the officers and pastors and sent to the Annual Convention by the delegates of each church.

The Church and Lord's Day School in East ennessee will remember that they have an ob

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in appointing Miss Rosa V. Brown as National Organizer for the C. W. B. M.

Report from Alabama was made by Bro R. C. Gray.

Short talks were made by the following brethren, S. P. Barnette, T. B. Frost, J. N. Turner and John Lomax.

It was moved, seconded and carried that at the convening of each conference a Committee of Enrollment be appointed by the President.

The following letters were read on Wednesday at the afternoon session of the Conference.

James H. Thomas, a fellow-servant and coworker with all them that love righteousness and truth and and look for the coming of the New Heaveven and the New Earth: The S. C. I. Workers Conference now assembled. GREETING.

We are again unfortunately denied the privilege of meeting with you. This we regret for several reasons, but chiefly because we are losing an opportunity of gaining a more perfect understanding both of each other and of the problems confronting us,—an understanding which is absolutely essential to the fitting of brethren to labor together in genuine harmony. And yet, since it is true that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord", it would not be surprising if even this which seems at present a great misfortune should in the end prove to be quite otherwise to all concerned. Be that as it may, we could not forbear to do the next best thing namely, send you by mail this assurance of our harty sympathy, together with some thought and suggestions which, if not helpful, may not be entirely inappropriate.

A conference such as yours must not only be justified by the exigencies of the time, but, in order to accomplish the good it may have in view, must set out from certain fundamentals upon which all its participants are more or less agreed. Now it is certainly patent to the most casual observer that there is, among our Negro population of every community, urgent need of wise, unselfish, clean, manly Christain leadership and guidance; and the fact that you have come such distances to confer with each other on such matters, proclaims more eloquently than mere words could do that you are fully awake to the needs. We hope you will discuss them with both freedom and frankness; but permit us to remind you that meanwhile there is but a step between you and a fatal error into which many men of superior wisdom have allowed themselves to fall- the error namely, of assuming that the reformation of the Negro is all that is needed to perfect and perpetuate [illegible] Western civiltzation; that he (the Negro) is a great [illegible] an ointment which, but for him, would the only fly in [illegible] of the heavens with a fragrance of fill the blue vault o[illegible] Certainly our labors should only the sweetest kind. [illegible] s if such an assumpbe as earnet and well directed [illegible] keep constantly tion were really true, but we need to [illegible]er bedim, on our guard that our entunsiasm may neither distort, nor narrow our visson of things as they actually are. Failing in this, our aims and purpose, however well meant, may work their own defeat. There is such a thing as literally killing one with kindness; and perhaps no race has ever suffered as has the Negro from slander unintentional, but slander nevertheless by his kindest friends.

Another fundamental distinction which seems important to be borne in mind is, that while we are Christians only, we are not the only Christians. Remembering this, we shall escape the false idea that no religious people other than our own ever did or can contribute anything to the uplift and advancement of our people. In all the centuries, nothing has fettered true Christianity or blocked the path of human progress like religious egotism and bigotry. Let us believe what we believe with all our hearts—that is right; and yet freely grant the other fellow the same privilege and credit him with equal sincerity. We may dilate all we please upon the relative merits of a tree: this will not affect the quality of its fruit—"By their fruit ye shall know them." Instead of contributing EVERYTHING, happy are we if we may contribute SOMETHING to the steady, world-wide transformation of mankind into the image of the Creator. And when we have done our best, the spirit of Christ bids us count ourselves unprofitable servants.

This reminds me to advance another thought. There are certain matters pertaining to the civil and social welfare of the Negro which the Church generally feels it beyond her province to interfere with. Wisdom and prudence both dictate that you should refrain from entering into a discussion of such matters in your deliberations. And yet we should caution you against being too hasty about condemning discussion and agitation of such things by agencies outside the Church as such. As truly today as ever before,

"God moves in mysterious ways
His wonders to perform."

Two things we ought to fear, and no third;—God and the loss of self-respect.

"I have written unto you, fathers, because y

know him which is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one."

And now the very God of peace, full of grace and truth, be with you all.

Martinsville, Va., May 8, 1914

The following telegram was received: by Prof. J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Mississippi.

Greetings to the Conference and congratulation to you upon the splendid work done among our schools. Great improvement have begun along all ines,and the watchword is, "Each year better." Count on Tennessee for one thousand dollars at the State Convention in August.

Nashville, Tennessee, Preston Taylor.

The following card was received: Louisville, Kentucky. May 7, 1914. Prof. J. B. Lehman,— I wish you and your co-workers great success at the Workers' Conference. Sorry I cannot come. I am trying to pay off our church debt so I cannot be with you.

Glad to hear of the farm for the school. I will say, "Ich Dien.,,

M F. Robinson.

REPOET OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

Soon after the close of the meeting of the Workers' Conference of last year we began to study the question of how far the migration of the Negro population is unchurching them. All of the members of the committee except Brothea H. L. Herod, searched dilligently for data and reported the finding so far as they could determine the facts. Our conclusions are as follows.

On account of boll weavil conditions there has been an immense migration in the farming section of the Gulf States. On account of the industrial development of the Southern States great numbers have moved to the industrial centers. Besides there have been at work a number of other causes that induced many to migrate. In many instances these people have moved away frem church influences. At one time it was said, with truth that practically all of the Negroes were church members. What has taken place during the past ten years is rapidly changing this and unless this influence is checked, another twenty-five years will bring disaster to the faith.

We therefore urge that all Christian workers redouble their energy to change this condition. The evangelists in all the states should seek to start new churches where the people have moved. Pastors of churches in localities to which the people are moving should seek to hold them under the influence of the church. But the most important thing to be urged is to build up our schools so as to send out many more prepared workers.. As we view it, our hope lies in the young men we train. The schools should be better equipped and the parents should seek to send more young people to them until all are filled up.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Lehman,
J. H. Thomas,
I. C. Franklin,
Rosa V. Brown. Committee.

We your committee on contributions beg to make the following recomendation.

I. We recomend that the individual enrollment fee be one dollar.

II. We recomend that the annual enrollment fee of State Church Convention be five dollars; and each Bible School State Convention be five dollars.

III. We recommend that each church in the different states observe Educational Rally Day Sunday before Thanksgiving and that each member of the church be urged to give one dollar.

IV. We recommend that the 1st Lord's Day in July be known and be observed by all the Bible Schools in each state as Children's Day and the collections be given to the Jubilee Fund.

V. We recommend that each state have a definite amount to raise annually on the Jubilee Fund.

VI. We recommend that each state representative bring a written report to the conference showing the amount of money raised for Mission and Education.

VII. We recommend that the churches in each state observe a State Educatinal day and the collections on this day go to the school in that State or to the General Fund if there is no school in the state.

VIII. We recommend that each State Convention send a representative to the Workers' Conference with a report of the work and money raised for Missions and Education.

IX. We recommend that each State Convention give a place on its program to the Contribution Commitee and Workers' Conference.

Committee:
Preston Taylor, Chairman,
Elder W. H. Brown
Elder John Lomax
Elder R. T. Matlock
Elder K. R. Brown
William Alphin, Secretary.

If we would stop to thank God for every pleasure, we would have no time for complaining about our misfortunes.

King's Builders

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gation annually of $1.00 each, making a total of $22.00 from Church and Lord's Day School for education. Now, if the $1 00 per member of each Church and Lord's Day School equals or exceeds your present obligation of $22 00 your obligation of $22 00 is releasted.

We also aupeal to the Churches in Middle and West Tennessee to lead East Tennessee in this movement. We further ask that the officers and pastors will assist and encourage each member to at once lay aside $1.00 for the educational work at Jonesboro, Tennessee, and report same at the annual Convention August 11th, 1914, Nashville, Tennessee.

Need

We further desire to make known to the church in Tennessee some of the greatest needs of Warner Christian Institute by the way of repairing and some additional work that should be done before school opens in September.

First. We want to install a furnance and light the entire building with electricity.

Second. We should have an annex building to the Chapel in order to accommodate our larger gathering pertaining to church service and the school work.

Third. We should make our boarding department a specialty. Therefore we propose to look well to the care and comfort of the boys and girls who come to us from other towns.

This appeal has the edorsement of the Trustee Board of Warner Christian Institute.

Therefore we sincerily appeal to the churches, officiers, pastors and all who are interested in the educational work of our people to rally this year, that we may reap a full support for the propagation of Warner Chaistian Institute, for our Christian civilization in Tennessee largely depends on the development of this school.

May the brotherhood work as never before for this great cause that's so dear to us all and the victory shall be ours

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No man is honored by others quite so much as the man who never seeks honor. Nothing kills a man's prospects in this direction as to have it known hat be is after all the honor he can get.

Arkansas

Dear Editor and Readers of the Plea:—

It has been sometime since you heard from me. We are thankfull to our Father that we are yet alive, both temperally and spiritually. I have been called to the work at Pine Bluff again where I was four year ago. The work there had run down, but I am glad to day that the work there is slowly improving.

The sisters, especially, are taking on new life. They have raised $4 73 to buy a bell. This amount was raised by the following sisters: Sisters Alice Mayo, $2 00; Willie Conyer, $2.18 Sister Sadie Conier, .55. Sister Willhite has decided to present lamps to the church and she has raised $1.06 of the money. We feel that Mt. Beulah Ch. at Pine Bluff is taking on new life. We would also like to say that the work at Plummerville is certainly alive and if they continue, they will do a great work. They have a S. S. and choir, second to none I know of. The sisters there have been reorganized in an Aux. to the C. W. B. M., with a truly great woman at the head. in the person of Sister Rebecca Hervey. She has a number of good sisters on her roll. We sympathize very much with our worthy brother Strickland, the Eld. who has an invalid daughter, and a sick mother-in-law to contend with together with the church and a large family of children. Bro. Strickland does not only need our prayers but he needs and deserves our aid in a financial way as well. And last but not least, we would like to mention a few things about our little mission at England. We had an excellent sermon Sun. May 10th by Bro. Pink Kimmons at 11 o'clock and at three 3 o'clock P. M. we had a strong sermon by Bro Hall, the C. M. E. minister of the above named place. We were also favored with excellent singing during our services by Oak Grove choir conducted by Bro. Leonard Martin. In the afternoon we were favored by an address by two distinguished ladies of the Baptist church, namely, Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Lumpden. Our object in this rally was to raise money to light and seat our house. The collection was good all things considered.

The donation was as follows: two dollars each, Moses Gartrel, Mary Gartrel; one dollar, Lucy Outlaw; seventy-five cents, Moses Daniel, George Moore; fifty cents each, Thomas Ivy, Holland Shed, Judge; Hill, Pater Brown, Fred Taylor; forty cents, Prince Johnson; twenty-five cents, Tom Hues, Ben Wills, Mr. Warkman, Prince Turner, Mrs. Turner, Pres

Torrence, Mrs. L. B. Miller, Sister Blair, Essie Marshall. Leola Herron, Mollie Daniels, Carrie Moore, Siter Rush, Charley Armstrong, Sister Steward, Eld. Hall. We look forward to a great place in the near future. Remember our District meeting will convene in district No. 2, in June.

We are expecting the greatest S. S. convention this year in the history of our S. S. The S. S. Convention meets at Pine Bluff. The church there is preparing to care for it.

I am yours Servant for the Master.

Geo. W. Ivy.

Kentucky

Monroe Jackson as I Remember Him

BY C. H. DICKERSON

Move my arm chair, faithful Pompey,
In the sunshine bright and strong,
For this world is fading Pompey,
Massa wont be with you long
I would gladly hear the south wind
Bring once more the sound to me
Of the wavelets softly braking
On the shores of Tennessee.

Then the trembling voice grew fainter
And the limbs refused to stand
A prayer to Jesus and the soldier
Glided to that better land
When the flag went down the River
Man and master both were free
While the ring dove's note was mingled
With the Tennessee.

'Twas amid some such scenes not far from the the "Rolling Tennessee" nearly three score years ago that the boy lived who has since become my man. While Brother Jackson was born at Hunstville Ala. he is a product of Tennessee and a splendid repsentative of the rugged manhood which that State has given to the world. Without early schooling (for there was none to be had) a little yellow fat faced boy played in the sand drift of the Tenneasee. Some one has said that "a college Education is good for those who have not sense enough to get along without it." With some training as my man advanced he gave his life to the Lord and with it came that innate desire of those who love the Lord, to serve and help the childern of God.

In those days preaching was not lucrative among our people and especially not in Tennessee. No church pronounced a salary and made overturers for a pastor. It was a day of "Free Gospel" money was scarce, liberality scarce, and contributions scarced Many of the people really thought it an unpardonable sin to contract to pay the minister for his services, but at his stage of the game Brother Jackson entered the Ministry and was ordained by Eld. Turner Hardison. Then and there began a useful and faithful ministry. Bro. Jackson rode horseback, and drove thirty-five and forty miles for a number of years far and near to preach the Gospel of Christ as an independent evangelist. No state board behind him to pay a salary, and offtimes no board ahead of him; but he went on. He became a farmer. Leaving his work SATURDAY morning he would leave wife and children and ride or drive to his "Point", preach all day Sunday, baptize his converts in the river and by Monday night be back on his farm for the rest of the week. God Blessed him and his "ground brought forth by handfulls".

He never doubted God, These are the men who put the church "on a hill", and we young men might well pray God to let their mantles fall upon us. Some twenty years he preached in Tenn. That his children might have advantage of school, he sold his farm and moved to Nashville where he still owns valuable properties. Coming to Kentucky my man pastored Hancock St church in Louisvilie four years, during which time they bought the church from the white people. He was twice elected State Evangelist and did excellent field work, and retired in good order. He is now Pastor at Millersberg KENTUCKY where he is doing the best work of his life. He's a clean man above all reproach and honest as the days are long. His consecrated wife has ever been his stay. He is justly proud of his famaly of ten children, and grand childeren, and like old Jacob, says of them. These are they whom the Lord has given me. The Millersberg church appreciates Bro. Jackson's worth and lets him know it while he lives.

Nicholasville.

Things to Think On

1. Don't be a stumbling block to any one.
2. "None of us liveth to himself." Watch our example.
3. Every one is responsible to God for his influence.
4. Jesus is a friend to the little ones, the helpless.
5. When guilty of wrong-doing, repent.
6. Cutlvate a forgivng spirit.
7. Faith in Christ is all-impoatant. Hold it fast.
8. The Lord is entitled to honor above the servant.
9. No special praise is due for duty performed.
10. No man can make God his debtor.

GIRL HOOD DAY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND STATE MISSIONARY PROBLEMS.

We your Committee on Church and State Missionary Problems beg leave to make the following report:

1. Whereas this Committee has personally studied the great problems in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas and has further been informed through correspondence with various other states, we do feel that the following are some of the problems that must be solved before the Church and Missionary work will prosper as it should

There are now many churches without pastors and many pastors without churches. This condition exists principally because of the men who are in office. As a rule, these officers do not study God's word so that they may know what to do and how to do it. And worse still, they do not want those who do know to teach them. Many of them have the idea that "once an officer always an officer"—till death, at least They do not watch the condition of the church so as to avoid trouble, but will bring certain things before the whole church that could be better settled otherwise.

Again there is the lack of proper division of the work of the officers. Sometimes a certain elder or deacon thinks he must do everything or it won't be done right. Such an officer keeps the church in an uproar, and very little or no progress is made. Each officer should have his special work and be taught to do it. Then too, in many of our churches there is only one man (and that one man is sometimes the preacher) who knows anything about the condition of the church debts; and when that one man happens to be out of place, the church is like a ship on a strange and stormy sea without compass or anchor. A Financial Committee of two or three good men who have charge of the obligations of the church, is a good remedy for such church ills.

Again, in some of our churches the officers are the cause of the vacant pulpits. The congregation wants the preacher, the officers want the preacher to apply for the church in place of the church calling the preacher. Don't think now that the preacher must sit still and not make any effort, he of course must do his part and the church its part and the preacher not do all.

(2) In the District and State Conventions, we find to some extent the same spirit existing among the leaders that has existed for many years, which has proven to be a great hindrance to missionary work in the state.

In coming together from various congregations to plan for better work we are led off into small matters from which little good is derived so far as the advancement of church work is concerned, but over such matters great discussions arise and the real work that should be done is partly lost sight of.

Again, so many do not properly understand the work and therefore are not interested. Another class who understand the work but are not willing to sacrifice time and money that the cause of the Master be pressed forward. Thus we note the slow movement of missionary work among our brotherhood.

Again, so many among us want to be placed in position where we can consume the money raised and if we are not placed there will do much to impede the work. This, as we know is done from a selfish standpoint.

All properly organized to do things in a systematic way, laboring for one common good and end will bring about good results.

The coming together of representatives from various states into a national meeting such as the Workers' Conference will help to solve the missionary problem.

Committee:

H. D. Griffin, Chairman,
W. H. Dickerson,
D. C. Brayboy,
M. M. Bostick.
Roxie C. Sneed.

RFPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nomination of officers beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend as officers of the Workers' Conference for the ensuing year.

President, K. R. Brown.
Vice President W. H. Dickerson.
Secretary, M M. Bostick

Committee:

W. H. Dickerson;
D. C. Brayboy,
T. M. Burgess;
M. Summers;
P. H. Moss.

List of Contributions to the Workers' Conference.

Mrs. W. M. Alphin	$1.00
R. B. Brown	1.00
W. H. Brown	1.00
K. R. Brown	1 00
D R. Bebout	1.00
T. M. Burgess	1.00
B. C. Calvert	1 00
W. H. Dickerson	1.00
R. H. Davis	1.00
T. B. Frost	1.00
I. C. Franklin	1.00
B. C. Gray	1 00
Miss Josephine Gardiner	1.00
H. D. Griffin	1.00
Z. H. Howard	1 00
L. C. Jones	1 00
W. J. Latham	1.00
P. H. Moss	1.00
R. T. Matlock	1 00
Willis Prout	1 00
M. Summers	1.00
A R. Saunders	1.00
A. W. Taylor	1.00
J. N. Turner	1 00
Indianola Church	1 00
Jackson Church	1 01
Enrollment Fee	1.00
J. B. Lehman	3.50
Texas State Convention	5 00
Mississippi State Convention	5.00
Kentucky State Convention	5.00
Pedimont District	5.00
J. Lomax	50

The following gave twenty-five cents.

Miss Mary Bradley, Mrs. Georgia Franklin, Mrs. C. Jennings, Mrs. Priscilla McCarty, Miss Roxie C. Sneed, and Mrs. Sarah S. Sneed.

Statement of Money

RECEIVED SINCE THE BEGINING OF THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE, MAY 1914.

Kentucky,	$918.00
Texas,	391 56
Tennessee,	252.69
Mississippi,	226.73
Alabama,	194.19
Arkansas,	120.00
Virginia,	72.87
South Carolina,	58.46
Ohio,	41 00
Missouri,	19 50
Kansas,	18.40
Georgia,	17.50
Oklahoma,	3.00
North Carolina,	2.65
Liberia Africa,	2.50
New Jersey,	1.00
Louisana,	1 00
Workers' Conference,	167.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following report.

Whereas the influence of our people is becoming greater each year in the industrial, educational, social, and religious forces of the country, the time is at hand for us to plan for more extnsive work.

Whereas we see the growing interest in the Workers' Conference and the possibilitiy of making it a still greater agency for good, Be it Resolved: That every person and delegate attending this conference and carrying away with them the spirit of this meeting shall endavor to interest a larger number of the churches in this fellowship.

Be it Resolved: That as an appreciative people we show our good will to our National C. W. B. M. by working for our schools and for the extension of the women' movement.

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Be it resolved: That we hereby express our gratitude to all those who ministered to our comfort while at this Conference and to all the workers whose zeal and courage have made this program so helpful to all.

Be it resolveed: That we have the fullest confidence in the leadership of President Lehman and his able assistant, Mrs. Lehman, and that we pledge our moral and financial support to the great work of which we are all apart.

Committee:

Chairman, R. H. Davis.
J. N. Turner
S. P. Barnett
D. R. Bebout
Roxie C. Sneed
Mrs. J. B. Lehman

Texas

Editor Gospel Plea:—

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks through your valuable paper for the following donation to aid Cochran St. Mission in building their house of worship. Rev. J. O. Shelburn, minister of Central Ch. white, $5.00; Miss. Minnie Bowles, white, $5.00. Others among the white brethern have their money waiting our collection. The donation of the church Greenville, Texas has been reported. A word to the brethern: Do not let the opportunity to have fellowship in aiding this little Christian Mission pass. It is the Lord's work and must succeed. The brotherhood of Texas, white and black, are interested in the mission work to be bone in Dallas, the Metropolitan City. It is said that within twelve months, Dallas will be the home of 115,000 people. At present, the colored population of Dallas is 23,000. The christian Church owes them a duty which no other religious body beneath sun can perform. These people must be taught the moral, social, and spirtual importance of the New Testament religion. To them the old Jerusalem Gospel must be preached. Now, brother, don't you see? I know that you do. For us to suecessfully and intelligently do the work this great city will demand We must own a respectable church home; and we believe the brotherhood should and will see to it that this is done for the few dicíples now making the struggle of their lives to build a house of worship in thrice needed part of the vineyard. Remember, "He that stoppeth his ear to the cry of the poor, shall also cry himself and shall not be heard," Bible teaching. Send your donation to Mrs. Lula Grant, 2608 Flora St. Dallas Texas.

Yours in the promis of Jesus,

Dallas, H. M. Johnson.

Saint Henry Wallick

Saint Henry Wallick, was born Oct. 20th, 1882, died, May 11, 1914. He united with the church early in life. He leaves a wife, children, mother, father, sisters, brothers, and friends to mourn their loss. We hope some day to seehim again. Bro. Wallick will be greatly missed in his home, community and church. Many knew him as brother, teacher and comrade. These will miss him because his chair will be vacant. May the blessing of an allwise God rest up on the thrice bereaved parents of this son, and help and strengthen them to bear their burden looking to the Great God for fortitude in every time of need. Yes may they even under this dark pall of death see the mercy of an everlasting God and say in the language of the Poet.

Oh for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble on the brink,
Of any earthly woe.
That will not murmur nor complain,
Beneath the chastening rod;
But in the hour of grief and pain,
Will lean upon its God.

Mississppi

Dear Editor,

We are now in the midst of our revival. Eld. Wm Alphin is doing the preaching. Eld. Alphin knows the Book, and is presenting the truth with power.

Our meeting began Thursday night after the Workers' Conference and Commencement at the S. C. I. The meeting is now four days old. Pray for our suc·ess.

On the third Sunday of May at 3:30 P. M., Mrs. W. M. Alphin spoke to the women of our church. Sister Alphin is a great worker. Her address will long be remembered. She urged the sisters to take full stock in the C. W. B. M. work. Would to God she could make a tour over the entire state.

Yours for the work,

Jackson. B. C. Calvert.

Warner Christian Intitute

Editor of the Gospel Plea,

Please allow me space in your paper. Our school closed out at Warner Institute and we had a very good time. It was one of the best exercises we ever had at our school closing. The teachers all have done their duty and showed the people that they know their business. Miss West and Miss Blackburn left for home on the 7th of May. A large crowd of the citizens and students went to the depot to see them take their departure. All hated to see them leave. We wish we had more such girls as they are to teach our children Trust they will get back this year. Bro. H. D. Griffin is in Knoxville holding a series of meetings. Bro. Wydner is holding his service here today in his absence. Bro. H. D. Griffin is here with us and we find him to be a Christian gentleman We are trying to raise $100.00 this year for our school

A reader of the Plea.

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Meek, Jellico, Tennessee and also Elder Emmanuel Bush of Jellico, Tennessee. And of District No. 1 Prof. H. D. Griffin, Elder W. P. Martin; both of Joneboro and we had a general turn out from Huckleberry Springs.

Report of churches: Jellico $2.25, Knonville $40 71. Of course we had a great rally on for this purpose as we did not represent but $4 00 in our second meeting at Jellico. We doubled our force this time and hope we can do more at our annual convention in Nashville. We are going to try to take $100.00 along with us, and we have begun to work on that One Thousand Dollar Movement. Sister I. M. Tedford and Sister E. A. Martin and Mary Hodge have been on the sick list but they are improving, we are glad to know. Thanking the Plea for its kindness, we are

Yours in the work for Christ's cause
Knoxville. Mrs. W. A. Britton.

Notes from Commencement and Workers' Conference

It was a great week. Not a drop of rain to interfere with any of the meetings.

Four young men; T. B. Barnett; R. E. Latouche; F. E. Coleman; and R. A. Gooden; were ordainned to the ministry at a sunrise ordination service. Wish the number had been many times that many.

Our greatest commencement crowd came this year to Mt. Beulah. All roads led to the S. C. I.

The Second Annual Sunday School Commencement Sunduy morning was a success in every way. The young people delivered their addresses in splendid shape. President Lehman delivered a large num bers of Teacher Training diplomas and Certificates from the International Sunday School Association.

K R. Brown was in the chair at the Workers' Conference, and presided with his usual good humor. Tuesday afternoon the Women's Conference was great. It would have done your hearts good to have heard what those women said.

A year ago our visitors saw only the foundation of what was to be Crawford Cottage. This year they had the privilege of passing through the rooms and beholding the building in its completion. It stands there a monument to the industry of boys earning their way through school.

Were any of your friends present during the week? Ask them to tell you aboutit.

Delegates were present from the Atlantic to almost the western Texas border, and from the Ohio to the Gulf.

The stand did a thriving business, Wednesday and Thursday.

The automobiles, buggies, and wagons made dusty Supt. Saunders newly woked road down college Avenue.

The smaller buildings and fences paint ed white presented a very pleasing appearance.

This year the visitors saw only the plot of ground where our new Industrial Building will stand. Next year our commencement visitors will have the privilige of entering the new printing office canning factory, laundry and manual training room all under one roof.

Principal Jones and one of his teachers of the Piney Woods Industrial School and Mr. Latham, attorney, of Jackson were intrested visitors at the Conference on Wednsday.

The wokers from the various states were glad to meet Miss Rosa Brown, the National organizer of the C. W. B. M.

All of the music for the week was excellent. The instructors in our music School, Miss Reed and Mrs. Prout, spared no pains to make it the very best. The faitfulness of Miss Lois Lehman at the piano on many occasions during the week dose not escape the notice of the writer of these notes

Jarvis Christian Instute

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Frost are rejoicing over the birth of a fine boy who made things lively for all who entered Forest Hall, during the commencement at the J. C. I.

We want to thank the Southern Christian Institute for the beautiful communion service sent us.

The J. C. I. boys are rejoicing, having played four games of ball this season and lost one game. The last played was Big Sandy Public School. Scores 3 to 4 in favor of J. C. I.

The J. C. I. Commencement is a thing of the past. All who were here said the closing exercises were good. We were very sorry that more of our own people were not out to hear the noble addresses made by Prof. J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Miss , also the addresses made by Eld. Wm. Alphin, Waco, Texas; Elder L. H. Crawford, Greenville, Texas; and

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. E. W. Hays of Hawkins, Texas. Too, we had hoped for more of the State Officers to help dedicate Texas Hall and organize a church, but the condition of the weather and sickness prevented. We are sure that you will be glad to know we have a Christian Church at the Jarvis Christian Institute. Service twice a month — 2nd and 4th Sundays. Officers: T. B. Frost, elder; K. S. Smith and C. A. Berry, deacons; K. S. Smith, Treasurer.

Elder T. B. Frost and son, Judge Edward, left Monday night for the S. C. I. Commencement at Edwards, Mississippi. While in the state, they will visit some relatives. We wish for them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Thursday, 7:30 P. M., just at the close of the Commencement of the J. C. I., Prof. C. A. Berry and Miss Celicia L. Hurt, the music teacher, were quietly united in the holy bond of matrimony at Forest Hall. Eld. T. B. Erost officiated. They are now in charge of Texas Hall.

Liberian Christian Institute

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Prout:

Dear teachers,

Quite a little space has passed since we have found time to write you, but I have thought of it so many times. Mr. Ross, Mr. Hurt and Dr. Pearson started on their bush trip the past Sunday night. We are left alone again to carry on the work. We are so glad we can. We hope for them a profitable trip. However, I feel it will be a hard trip for Mr. Hurt.

I have plenty of work on hand now. I have just started a new building 50 x 30, the main hall; and the wing 23 x 36: all parts two stories. This building is to serve as dining room and home for the girls and Mrs. Smith and baby and me. In a month the rains will be well started and that means we must get our building framed up and at least covered within the next six weeks, This you may know means get up and get, for the boys and me. We are now laying up the sills. I have used the broad-axe hard all day today. This made me think much about the summer Jacob Shirley and I lined out the posts and other material for the barn at the S. C. I. I feel so proud that you put that big twelve inch blade in my hands that summer. You were then unaware of the fact of preparing me for work here. I feel so grateful to you for so many valuable things you taught me while there. I feel I should write you every month but I am so busy all the time I can't keep up at all with my correspondence. I have quite forty letters now to be answered, and a large building to build in six weeks, eddoes to plant, corn to plant, sugar cane to finish planting, sweet potatoes to set out, more cassavas to plant, coco nuts to plant, bananas to put out, peanuts to plant, dress the boy's sores while the doctor is not here. Oh! so many things I can't tell what all. But thank God with His help I can do it.

Well two days have slipped by since I started this letter. I just wonder what you are doing now. What are you building? Have you started the college building or not? How large will you make it? I see by the Plea that you have your hands full. This is not new; for you always have them running over at the S. C. I.

Since January I have taught a Bible class in the Sunday School at Schieffelin. Have had a good class. Yesterday the boys drew out on the wagon from Schieffelin twenty-two hundred pounds. These boys work wellto have had no training in steady work as hard as they are now doing.

Mrs. Smith has one boy about fifteen years of age that she has trained to cook, and I tell you it would do you good to eat the chop he cooks. He didn't know one thing about cooking when she took him in hand. She has taught him all.

I long for a saw mill so we can have some straight boards. I am going to make all of the window sashes for our building. It will be quite a job.

I was about 25 miles from the Doqaire river not long ago. I beheld those great trees ten and more feet accross the stump, with a body bushing up quite a hundred feet to the first limb. I could not simply hold my peace Right around us there is no real virgin forest, however here is much beautiful timber for lumber. Oh, such high grade colors! The Red Beach is something great. Only a little time and the means and there can be no doubt about building here a great institution which in time will be felt throughout the whole country.

We have tea at 6 a. m. and breakfast at 11 a. m., go back to work at 1 p. m., have supper or dinner at 5 p. m. Many days at noon I cut out and make a pair of pants for some one of the boys, so you see I am still a student. Sewing here goes hard against Mrs. Smith, so I help her all I can.

When we are in our new quarters, I will have to make furniture for the rooms. I guess by this time you are beginning to prepare for commencement. I hope you will have a great one. I have sent a letter asking the reunion to accept and adopt a pledge which I have proposed for $150.00. I do not know what they will do but hope they will do so. This is to go toward the twenty thousand.

With best wishes to you and family, I am faithfully, your student in the cause of humanity.

H. G. Smith,

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Rejected Stone Finds Its Place at the Head of the Corner

THE Legislature of Louisiana has voted to discontinue its state school in New Orleans for Negroes and is now taking the first steps in establishing an industrial school in Central Louisiana. A large farm was purchased near Baton Rouge but such a storm of protest was raised against it that the purchase was given up. The authorities then purchased a large plantation near Baker, Louisiana where the work of building up the school is now commenced.

Robert Graham Baxter, a fine type of Christian manhood, has taken a keen interest in the project. He lives adjoining it and he is very anxious that the work be done right. He recently wrote to me for data on religious training in industrial school work and I sent him a personal letter and two addresses which he took to the State Superintendent of Education where respectful hearing was given. Brother Baxter, in writing of this closes his letter by saying, "I thank you kindly for the interest you took in my repuest, and on occasion I will try to get the President of the Negro University to take notice of a school that has done such good work for education, not of the negro alone, by discovering those things needful to give a man or woman the education that makes for the highest good here and hereafter."

During the past fifty years the tendency in the educational world was away from religious instruction and toward a purely intellectual course. The results were most disappointing. A prominent professor recently said, "The unspeakable deviltry of Yale seniors plainly shows that intellectual culture without the proper moral culture as a balance wheel leads back to the barbarian man." When an attempt was made to give this character of education to the Negro youth, the evil results were easily seen. You know we can see the faults in others much more easily than those in ourselves. But those men who had this work in charge knew for a certainty that to allow the masses to remain ignorant was sure to bring disaster. Ignorance is no remedy for anything. ostrich's burying its head in the sand while the body is exposed is highly expedient in comparison to the act of the man who advocates ignorance for the settlement of difficulties.

But now that men are beginning to discover the inadequacy of the purely intellectual course for the white youth they are turning to the work the missionary schools have done for the Negro youth and are discovering what they have needed all the time. The masses are discovering what Brother Baxter and a number of others have known all the time. That which was rejected by builders is now about to become the capstone of our educational work in America.

We wonder if the masses realize what a mighty work has been wrought in their midst by the missionary school. Christ says if we want to gain our larger development, we must lose ourselves in a service for others; and if we will attempt to save ourselves it will end in a degeneration of all our better qualities. No superior cast has ever been able to maintain itself in the presence of an inferior people. This is seen in India, in Cuba and in Mexico. The Spanish Aristocrates, did not, and could not maintain themselves in the presence of the Indians and half breeds. The only hope was to reach down and help the peons and this they did not do. The result was first a Dictator, Diaz; then a Usurper Huerta and an upheaval.

In this country there has always been a fear of the bug-a-boo of a Negro uprising. As a matter of fact there never could be such a thing as that. The danger did not lie in that direction any more than it did in Mexico. The danger lay in the degeneration of the white politicians who, after a course of bitter strife, would begin to use the lower classes as a club to beat out one another's brains. Our real danger is our possible Huertas and Villas. If it had not been for the work such schools as the Southern Christian Institute have done, they would be here right now. Unless we redouble our efforts they will come in less time than twenty-five years. However, our faith is such that we do not fear this. The church of the living God has been at work here. The late Col. C. E. Hooker, about a year before his death, with tears gathering in his eyes, said "Many hard things are said against you, but pay no attention to it." You are right and you are going to take this whole country with your idea.

Now one word to the Christian Negro. Such an opportunity as is opening to you for higher work never has come to a people before. God is giving you what you could

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Personals

—Elder C. H. Dickerson of Nicholasville, Kentucky write: Miss Rosa V. Brown spent Thursday night with our church. We had a good house and a fair offering. Our church wants to raise $100.00 for the Kentucky fund this year. Our C. W. B. M. will take on new life. Sister Brown "made good."

—Elder Richard Davis who lacks only one year of finishing his college course here, will go to Martinsville, Virginia, where he will be pastor of the church and teacher in the school. After one year he will return and finish his course at the S. C. I. Elder Moss will begin his Sunday School work October 1st.

SHORT EDITORIALS

I took a walk over the fields with Prof. Saunders. If any one wants to see what skill can do, he needs only to look over those fields. Land that it was not thought could produce a crop has corn leaning over with heavy ears. Soy beans are large and deep green. Two of the tennants have done all they could to profit by the instructions of Prof. Saunders and Mr. Yates, the county demonstrator, and they have cotton, on land that was supposed to be nearly worn out, that looks as though it would make a bale to the acre.

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In talking to one of the boys in the printing office I cautioned him to watch the press carefully and jokingly said, "You know the Negro boys have not developed a machine sense yet." He quickly replied, "You mean a machine conscience, do you not?" There are many white people and colored people who have not developed a farming conscience yet either. If now when cattle and sheep and hogs and chickens are going up to a higher price, we can just make the people see how they can raise fine corn and fine cotton and fine everything, we will soon have a country like Illinois and Indiana in wealth.

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But wealth without a machine conscience and a farming conscience and a religious conscience is a curse rather than a blessing. God has purposely kept the masses poor. He dared not give them wealth until they knew how to use it. No people anywhere had a finer opportunity to get wealth than the people of Hinds County now have, but until they qualify for it, they will never get it.

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In all the fall conventions we need men who are anxious to see every one advance. They must be ready to "in honor prefer one another." They must not think evil of one another. If one goes wrong and needs disciplining he must be corrected as a brother and not as a visious enemy. In short we need more Christian culture in the conventions.

J. B. L.

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not gain for yourself. If now you are modest, show gratitude, have faith and cooperate earnestly you will see great things. If you fol-low the leadership of those who scorn the aid that saved them, who show ingratitude for what was done for them and who are a hindrance to the great work, you will be sent back into the wilderness many more decades.

Coming Events

Tennessee Convention, Nashville, August 11—17
Missouri Convention, Fulton, August 11—17.
Kansas Convention, Warthena, August 13—16.
Texas Convention, Waco, August 18—23.
Piedmont District, Martinsville, August 20—23.
Ohio Convention, Xenia, August 26—30.
Oklahoma, Convention. Ardmore, August, 26—30.
Arkansas Convention, Pea Ridge, August 26—29.
Georgia Convention, Eastman, October, 15—18.
Alabama Conventions, Strata, October 22--25.
South Carolina Convention, Charleston, October 26--November 1st.

Report of Jubilee Funds

[The following report is continued from last week]

Des Moines Iowa, Bible School, University Church, sent to Sec. C. C. Smith by Elder C. S. Medbury, ... $12.50
Chicago, Illinois, Anna Coddington, ... 5.00
Clinton, Mississippi. Ruth E. Simison, ... 5 00
Lawrenceville, Illinois, G. W. Lackey, ... 15.00
New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. H. C. Draper, ..1.00
Waukarusa, Indiana, Jacob Bechtel, ... 1.00
Lawrenceville, Illinois, J. I. McCarty 1.51
Hood River, Oregon, Mrs. Jennie Smith, ... 7 00
Des Moines, Iowa, C. S. Medbury, sent to Sec. C. C. Smith, ... 50 00
Fortuna, California Geo. R. Lane, ... 1.00
Kookuk, Iowa. Mrs. B. F. Smith, ... 1.00
Total reported this time, ... 100 00
Total reported in this fund, ... $2226.75

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This has come in as a voluntary offering. We feel that it is a great pity that we do not have time to present the great claims of a great work to more of the people. Circumstances have made a work for the Disciples of Christ which demands far more of them than they have done. We feel that all that the people need is the information and they will give.

J. B. Lehman, Supt. Work under the C. W. B. M. for the Negroes.

The Need of Trained

Christian Workmen

BY

MISS SEBERLIE E. GRUBBS.

This is a great age in which we live; great because of the success achieved; great because of the opportunities it presents and because of the responsibilities it brings to us.

Never before has there been a greater work laid at our doors. It is true the problem of slavery had to be solved. We are not ignorant of the fact that our nation has been engaged in the most disastrous wars fighting for what we thought to be of vital importance. But we have a problem, we have a fight, we have a work still at our doors as great as any we have ever done.

The work to which I refer is that of reforming society. Our society is corrupt and must be purified. It must be placed upon a Christian basis..

Too many of our young men and women are being educated with no thought of helping to relieve these conditions when they are out in the world. They are selfish to the extreme and live only to gratify themselves. This class of people might well be used in our political wars and a large per cent voluntarily enlist. But back of their ambition is some selfish aim, some honor, some glory, some praise. Of this class of people very few enlist to fight in the war against sin. Why are there so few who are anxious to put down the evils of society? Why do we shirk the task of helping the Lord bring His Kingdom on earth? Why are we content to sit idly by while saloons infest our society? Why are we silent while our leaders are immoral and corrupt? We must build a new civilization and trained Christian workmen are needed.

Paul's injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," is very applicable to us.

There was a time when it was commonly thought that a Christian workman needed no training. Our doctors, lawyers and teachers should be well trained for their work, but those who are to do the work

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of the Lord, that of uplifting humanity, needs no special training. We are beginning to see it quite differently now. The individual who does the work of the Lord needs the highest possible training and development.

Our Teacher Training Courses offer a part of this training It is in reach of every young man and woman. Is there a course in your Sunday School? If not, why? Is your Sunday School graded? If not, can you go into and grade it properly? Are your teachers well trained for the work they are expected to do? Is your superintendent well informed as to the best methods of doing Sunday School work? I dare say there are few who could answer in the affirmative to all of these questions. Then, how great is our need for trained Christian workmen! I would like to emphasize the words "Trained Christian workmen"

If we were to build a new home, whom do you suppose we would choose as our workmen? With fond hopes, we look forward to the time when our home is all complete. It stands in our imagination a monument of credit to ourselves and the community. Then how careful are we to select workmen who are skilled that our work be done aright.

Can you imagine your self trusting a dear friend who is seriously ill to the care of an untrained physician? With the lightest case in court, we feel that we must have the best Lawyer.

Friends, the application is clear. In this work of building a new civilization, in the task of training men's heads to think, hands to work. hearts to feel; in this undertaking to change men's ideals yes, I say to build a society worthy of the name; requires the best trained Christian workmen that can be produced. Then, we who are called to labor in the Master's vineyard, let us not be satisfied with anything less than thorough preparation.

Texas

Report for June 1914.

Days at work 30; places visited, Waco. 1; sermons, 8; additions, 1; addresses to Bible schools, 3; to auxiliaries, 1; conferences with churches and officials, 3; personal visits, 12; letters written, 9; cards written, 11; subscriptions to the Plea, 0; articles to Plea, 1; money collected on salary, $20.45; money collected for the work, $58; Total from the fiield, $78.45; received from C. W. B. M. $75; Total received on salary, $95 45.

Remarks

It will be observed from careful reading (1) that for the two months as above the evangelist received for his time on the field from the churches $20.45 which is certainly a bad showing. There are but few preachers indeed who would pastor one church for that small sum. Of course the visit by our Evangelist to the Worker's Conference and the loss of interest there to should be taken into account. Also the stringency in the money market. No doubt it had its effect, but notwithstand ing it does appear to me that this could have been better. (2) That the whole month of June was spent at Waco. In this case I think the Evangelist acted upon the advice of Bro. T. W. Pratt the president of the Board, because Waco had no minister and were expecting to hold our convention there. From present ndication we are apt to go to Waco without a programe for all the deparments unless more interest is manifestd. I have written all concerned. but most of them are either asleep or off on a journey. Brothers T. S. Anderson and M. T. Brown being the only ones to make reply. I shall announce the question of Rates as soon as I shall have heard from the roads.

Yours in Christ,

Moses Powell.

Editor of the Gospel Plea:—

Please allow space for the following. In the columns of the Plea for the last week of July, I observed a statement of the Evangelist of Texas that all churches in the state, failing to send $1.00 for the J. C. I. would not be enrolled. May I say for the good of all concerned, that the State Convention nor State Board has made any such regulations. All state churches stand for the J. C. I., all the Negro schools, the C. W. B. M. auxiliaries and general education. True they may not all contribute as largely as they should; but such unauthorized, rigid legislations will not tend to good, but rather to the reverse. Again I wish to make known to the churches that I have been informed through the General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the I. & G. N. R. R., Houston, Texas that the July meeting of these agents agreed to cut out rates to churches on convention occasions. A letter from Eld. Moses

Powell the corresponding secretary informed me of the same. But suffice it to say I have secured one and one-third rates over all the M. K. & T. lines in the state. And now I have a letter from Mr. D. G. Price, General Passenger and Ticket Agent of I. & G. N. that after considerations in a July meeting, seeing the M. K. & T. agent had granted rates that they had also granted the same; so that the the churches will observe that we have one and one-third on both roads, dates August 17 to August 25. It shall be our endeavor to secure the same over all lines in the state. May we awaken to the sense of all our duties; a great need of larger giving to the J. C. I. and larger attendance to our state convention.

Respectfully yours,

Eld. M. T. Brown.

Evangelist's Report for the month of May and June.

May 1914. Days at work, 31. Places visited, 4. (viz), Edwards and Jackson, Mississippi; Hawkins and Waco, Texas. Sermons preached, 17; additions, 0; addresses to Bible Schools, 3; to auxiliaries, 2; conference with officers and churches, 0; churches organized, 1; (J. C. I.). Meetings held, 1: (Jackson, Miss). Personal visits, 21; letters written, 19; cards, 5; articles to the PLEA, 1; subscription to the PLEA, 0; money collected, Waco, 0; Hawkins, 0; Jackson, Miss, $10.06. Total on salary $10.06.

Waco, Wm. Alphin.

Kentncky

Editor Gospel Plea:

It has been said: "We shout through a megaphone the vices of our fellowman but we whisper his virtues softly to the ground." Too often we press thorns into his flesh while living and pile flowers on his grave when dead. As I would rather have one flower to hold and admire while living than mountains of flowers on my grave when dead and as I believe in the practical working of the Golden rule. I beg space for the following: During the meeting of our 1913 convention Prof. W. H. Dickerson very ably discussed: Our living heroes.

We have a number of brethren in Kentucky who could justly be termed a "Hero." Out of that number I wish to select one because he looms up high and conspicious in the great work in which we are engaged. For over a quarter of a centuary he has lived in Louisville, Kentucky's metropolis and during all of that time a part of which he has stood almost alone. He has courageously fought error and ignorance with the truths of God's word and has held fast to the faith he so implicitly believes. I speak of Dr. M. F. Robinson. To be a real hero one must be severely tried and not be forever wanting. In the great city of Louisville surrounded by the intellectual giant of the sectarian world Dr. Robinson has stood during all of these years meeting error with the truths of God and fighting those giants with his own giant brain. Like the Rock of Gibralter that has stood for ages lashing back the waves of the angry sea. Dr. Robinson has stood firmly and fearlessly in the midst of great sectarian waters lashing back the waves of error, ignorance and superstition. So great is his faith in and so firmly dose he believe the truths of God as they reveal themselves in the word of God that he stands ready at any and all times to match his brain with that of any man who in his presence tries to defend error in the name of truth. Ministers and others who have spent their lives in the smaller places away from the great pressure that is brought to bear by the sectarian and other worlds upon ministers who, like Dr. Robinson, live in our larger cities can never know how Spartan-like must be the Godly courage of those men who fight our greatest battles. These are the men who can sing with full knowledge of its meaning that grand old war song:

"Sure I must fight if I would reign
Increase my courage Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word."

Stanford. J. M. D. Thurman.

WHY READ THE BIBLE?

Read the Bible every day. It is the greatest literature that the world has produced.

As an educated man or woman you cannot afford to be ignorant of the Book of books.

It is the basis of all culture and it underlies progress, Brotherhood, altruism, charity, democracy, justice and all our institutions—the Church, schools, hospitals, all benificent organizations—have sprung from the teachings of the book that we call the Bible.

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Christian Woman's Board of Missions

All C. W. B. M. dues, that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member and all Special Collections of the auxiliaries should be sent to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Adaline E. Hunt, Editor

Mississippi

Dear Readers:—

I began my work as National Organizer, June 1st, 1914, and each day my interest increases as I see the great amount of work to be accomplished.

On the 2nd Sunday in June I met with the Christian Chapel Auxiliary where we met a faithful few and had a heart to heart talk with them. Some very hearty expressions were made by some of them which made us all feel that it was good to be there.

Misses Florence and Deetsy Blackburn were with us and each had a few words to say which all enjoyed. We were also glad to have our own Miss Mosley with us who had just returned from the S. C. I. where she has been in school for 3 years. A few words from her also encouraged us. One name was added to our roll.

On the 3rd Sunday Miss Mosley and I went to Grand Gulf where we met a fairly good audience, after an address by the writer, 5 subcriptions to the Tidings were taken and $1.50 collected for Africa. We feel much encouraged about the work at this point. We want to thank Mrs. E. E. Carrol for the cordiality shown us in her beautiful home while there.

The quarterly convention held June 27th and 28th was a good one and each day well attended. Some good plans for a large work were laid. Seven were added at this meeting to various Auxiliaries.

1st Sunday in July we visited Pine Grove and even tho they were not notified we had a good meeting. At this point we have a number of enthusiastic women and men who are anxious to do all that is in their power for the Master. May they continue to grow strong. Three subscriptions to the Tidings were taken here.

On the 2nd Sunday July we went to Forest Grove where they had splendid services. The writer was given space to say a few words which she accepted. One subscription was taken for the Tidings. At this point we found that the Sisters had been neglectful of their duty, thus had been having no meetings. They promised to do better and I am sure they will.

We are asking each Auxiliary to report in the convention not less than $10.00 which can easily be done by beginning now to raise this money.

Remember this is our year of Jubilee and extra effort should be put forth. Mound Bayou. Forest Grove. Union Hill, Christian Chapel, and Pine Grove of course will have more than $10.00 Jackson, Edwards, Patterson, Hermanville nor Grand Gulf can not afford to be behind. Remember the convention will be held in Port Gibson on the 3rd Sunday; Friday night and Saturday before, of September.

Very Respectfully,

Rosa V. Brown.

Texas

IN THE FIELD.

On the third Lord's Day in July we were with the churches at Circleville and Taylor. Elders Crayton and Brown made us welcome. We were with the Church at Circleville in the a. m. and p. m. Found Circleville with a wide awake Bible School and Auxiliary. Miss Nannie Robinson with the help of other faithful workers, deserve great praise for their splendid work at Circleville.

We were indeed glad to find Brother Gentry Robinson home on a visit. He was at his post in the Bible School. Brother Gentry has been very successful in the printing business in South Texas. Although he has entered the business world we found he had not lost any of his interest in church work.

It was an attentive audience that greeted us, and we believe Circleville will come to Waco with her best report. Two new members were added to the Auxiliary. They gave us a collection of $2.00.

Brother Robinson drove us into Taylor in time for the night session. It is always a joy to meet the Taylor congregation. There are some of our best workers in the Taylor congregation. Yet they seem not to pride themselves, so much from a selfish stand point, but rather in loyalty to Christ. A splendid audience greeted us, that gave their undivided attention. The theme of our message was,

the growth of our Educational work, and the responsibiltty of each of us doing our part. If we shall show faithfulness and crowd our children into our schools—we shall begin a firm foundation for a great wave of evangelism among the Negro disciples.

On Monday morning at 10:00 we had a conference of the sisters and they showed me they were interested by laying aside work, and meeting us in this conference.

Taylor Auxiliary planned for greater things. Mrs. W. F. Hatcher is willing to do her best, that Taylor Auxiliary may stand on higher ground. Mrs. O. V. Williams, another one of our S. C. I. students is a faithful worker in her church. We found her pushing the Y. P. S. C. E., Auxiliary, and working in her church and Bible School.

Brother Brown promised to pay his $10.00 for J. C. I. Brother W. I. Hatcher will give another $5 00 and some others said they would give something. Brother Brown urged them to give us a liberal collection as well as Brother Hendricks. Not all of our pastors so do, but we are glad most of them do. He showed he meant it by beginning the collection with $0.50 and his officers followed with $0.50. They gave us a collection of $5.00. Every penny was given without any question. The same was true at Circleville. Brother Crayton promises to pay some on that $100 pledge. All if he can.

Praying that we may all continue to do our full duty and push students in J. C. I. this fall.

I am yours for service,

Waco. Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:—I have been a silent reader of the Plea for sometime. But each message from the brethren and sisters of different parts I have enjoyed. Each one seems to feel the need of unity in the church and among God's children. Let us read the book of Esther; see how the strife started; see what it took to save her people from destruction. She commanded her people to fast and pray three days that she might find favor in the sight of the king, that she might beg the life of her people, the Jews. They did as she requested. See how they conquered their enemy. Just so we should do. We should go in fervent prayer to God that the things that are dostroying the christian spirit causing the people to become divided may be moved. The king we serve is able to deliver us as as well as Esther's people. Then let us pray to our king. If it please thee O king, grant that we become as one. May each heart feel the need of unity that we will be a family of light, gladness, joy and honour; seeking to please thee, O Lord, and not man. Let us not stand idly by and see the evil that is coming upon us and do nothing to prevent it. But as the Jews let us go in prayer each and see our king to lead his people conquer. It does not take talk to bring us together, but prayer that we may have power to sustain the right which is pleasing in the sight of God. When we can get the Hamans from among us some good can be accomplished. Prayer is a higher privilege. Let us pray earnestly and continuously; for it is not wealth, not pleasure, not fame, but service that is the measure of our success.

Some of leaders have three hands, right, left and a tittle hand behind. This hand needs to be cut off for it secretly does the damage. Its the hand that is throwing the stone. So dear sisters as we can see afar of the coming destruction upon us. let us go in prayer to God for we know he is able to withstand. Prayer is mighty when it comes from a pure heart and is well meant. And I believe the power of our prayer will save our people and bring us unity. God wants no strife among his children but all band together in one band of love.

Yours for unity,

Hermanville Sister India Flowers.

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This is the only Book that tells of your origin, how to live and of your destiny. This is the only book in which the authors spake as they were moved by the Spirit of God, and whose words are spirit and life and the power of God unto salvaton to every one that believeth. The Bible is the only Book that gives the correct origin and solution of sin, "This Book will keep you from sin; sin will keep you from his Book". "There is but one Book, that book is the Bible", Read it.

DON'T LET SATAN HINDER.

If the Lord wants you to give a dollar, or ten dollars, or ten thousand dollars, to help forward his work, do not let the devil hinder you. It is safest to obey God. When stewards pour out, the Master pours in. You never can pump fresh water from the bottom of the well, till you have pumped the stale water out of the top of the pump.

What men withhold from the Lord generally

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goes to the devil; and Satan finds property that the tax-gatherers cannot discover, and will take more out of a man at one haul than the Lord can get from him in a lifetime. Give and it shall be given. Keep and you lose what you have kept. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth".

—THE CHRISTAN COURIER.

THE FOLKS WHO LAUGH

The folks that laugh—God bless them!
They lighten all the day.
They bring the cheer of sunshine clear
Tho' skies be brooding gray.
They lift the load of trouble,
They ease the grip of toil:
They leave less room for grumbling
Our precious hours to spoil.
What tho' they have their sorrow?
What tho' they have their woes?
They aim to get the laughter debt
The joyous old world owes:
And so they make a stranger
Of foolish fret and fear,
And make each day a happy way
Of rich content and cheer.
The folks that laugh—God bless them!
What ills do they not mend!
For them the rose in beauty glows,
And every man is friend.
For them the skies grow bluer,
For them the stars are bright,
Gloom flees away across the day
And comfort bides at night.

Mississippi

Dear Editor:

We are now in the midst of our revival. It is four days old. Have one for baptism. Will run two weeks. The odds have been against us but we believe the Lord will give us souls for our hire. We ask the prayers of all our readers for the success of this meeting.

Elder J. W. Murry is expected to assist in the revival but as yet he has not made his arrival. Very likely he will be in on the first Sunday. It is our fond hope that he will come. Our congregation is growing, and next week we will have, no doubt, a full house every night.

Yours in his cause,
Indianola B. C. Calvert.

North Carolina

New Church Dedicated

The colored brethren at Graniger station, six miles N. W. of Kingston dedicated a good church building, Sunday, July 19th. It seems to be well put up, is ceiled inside and painted outside. The little band of about seventy disciples there deserves much credit for this splendid work.

The dedication sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by a Brother Gregory. In the afternoon, S. W. Sumrell and Bernard P. Smith were present and the latter preached, taking as his text, "Other foundations can no man lay than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ." He preached a historical doctorinal sermon. A large crowd was present and among them four colored preachers.

North Carolina, —THE WATCHTOWER.

Southern Christian Institute

Robert Gooden, who sailed from New Orleans, for Liberia Africa on June 29th is now at Coruna, Spain. From this point, he mailed several cards to members of the faculty and students. He says he is unable to talk with the people, because he can not understand nor speak their language. At the time he was expecting to sail from Coruna, about August first, it is quite certain that no ship was possibly available because of the strong probability of a general war in Europe. We are anxiously waiting to learn what course he pursued. He may find a way to reach England or return to U. S.

The season for conventions is at hand. President Lehman will attend a number of them. When the Plea reaches you, he will be in Fulton, Missouri. He will attend the convention in Tennessee on his way to the North,

The canning industry has livened up considerable since the recent rains. Miss Hunt and the girls are storing the cellar with things needful for the dining room,

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HELPFUL TO ALL

THIS ONE THING I DO.

The Apostle Paul wished the disciples to know that he had concentrated his energy on the one thing of making Pagan Europe over into Christian Europe. He saw the work before him in the true perspective. He had a true vision of his mission in the world and he determined to concentrate all his energy upon it. And how much the world owes to him for doing so! Had Paul faltered in his work, his writings would have betrayed it and this would have crippled the work of the church thru ages. As a matter of fact those who came after him did faluter and this caused the church of the middle ages to take on much of the form of the old things and as a consequence the Catoholicism of the middle ages was about two fifths Judaeism, two fifths Paganism and one fifth Christianity. As the years have gone by the Paganism has somewhat diminished and the Christanity has increased but the elements of Judaeism and Paganism are yet conspicuous. We ask, what would be the result had Paul, who laid the ground work faltered or scattered his efforts.

Now here is a lesson for us. Any whose mind can penetrate the laws of cause and effect can clearly see we are in a transition period. We are at the beginning of one of the world's great epochs. The work we are doing is laying the foundation for the new civilization that is to be. When Columbus discovered America, the world consisted of a little strip of Western Europe. When he gave to them a new hemisphere, he greatly enlarged their world. The next four hundred years were to be taken up in discovering, exploring and taking possession of the rest of the world. Now we are at a period when the rest of mankind is coming into the family of nations. God has called his Christian servants to "give his servants their portion in due season" in order that he might "make them rulers over his whole household." No greater task was ever given to mortal man to do than he has given to us and we ought to concentrate all our energy on it. If ever a people should say, "This one thing I do," it ought to be us. Providence knew how great our task would be and so he has given us the opportunity to accummulate great wealth. I know we are prone to complain of hard times every time we feel a little scarcity but these periods of scarcity are providential; for if we are left to undisturbed prosperity, we plan larger wants for ourselves and we unfit ourselves for God's work.

We should know that God has made us the wealthiest people of all times, and that he has done this to prepare us against the great task he has placed before us. He gave Rome a great prosperity in the days of Trajan for he knew how soon the impact of the Germanic nations would come; but the nation did not use it and soon the Germanic nation overran the Roman Empire by literally sending millions of their people into it. We must now Christianize our own nation and all the other nations or they will overrun us as the Goths did tne Roman Empire.

The Negro Disciples have undertaken one phase of this task, viz. to aid the Negro in America to find his proper place in the great task of sacrifice for the world's uplift. If they do this, it will be one of the great things in this great epochal period. Since the war, millions have been spent for Negro Education, much of which was destitute of moral and religious training. As a result, many of the Negro youths coming home from the schools are no aid to the churches. All this must be changed if the race is to find its place in the new civilization that is to come. Brethren, I wonder if you know how strategic is the Jubilee effort started a year ago. You started out to raise $20,000 00 to commemorate your entrance into this work. But if you find the $20,000.00, it will not be half as great a find as the discovery of your mission in this strategic period. Christ said that whosoever would humble himself should be exalted, and whosoever would exalt himself should be humbled. The Negro must not go into this to show what he can do, but he must go into it feeling that the Lord hath need of him in this crisis.

Every minister should lay this upon the conscience of his congregation. He should ask every member to give one dollar. He should aim to get every member to have part in this work. If we get the $20,000.00, it will be great; if we lead the Negro Disciples to find their mission it will be greater; but if they do a work that will save our children's children from a thousand years of dark ages it will be greatest. Let the motto be a Jubilee Collection from every church and Sunday School; and that collection shall be participated in by every member.

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PERSONALS

—Subscriptions received:
Indiana, George G. Wilson; Kentucky, D I. Reid, F. T. Floyd

—The canvass of the church at the Southern Christian Institute shows already not far from one hundred dollars in sight. Brethren, if your children can do such things, can you not set your mark up around the hundred dollar mark?

—Prof. W. H. Dickerson is unloading the first car of lumber at the Central Christian Institute. Those who want to write him, address him at Crofton, Kentucky, Route 2, Box 44, as this is the route that goes by the school. While we are mobilizing our forces at the school, the Kentucky churches should mobilize their forces to raise the biggest collection ever. Do not leave anything to chance Canvass your membership. You have men who belong to the hundred dollar class, and they will do themselves an injustice if they do not go where they belong.

—We are greatful for so many short. snapppy news items. We will use them as rapidly as possible. Then that many more can be heard in each issue.

—Word has come of the illness of the wife of brother H. G. Smith. missionary to Liberia. We are hoping that the cheering news may come soon, that she is better. Let us, now and then, raise a prayer for our missionaries, home and foreign, who are so bravely bearing the burden of the world' sin.

TRIP UP TENNESS RIVER

Preston Taylor.

(Continued from last week)

The meeting followed up with afternoon and evening meetings and the audience continued with us all day and seemed to regret that there were not more to follow. They came to learn, with their Bibles in hand, and if they did not get what they came for, they readily would ask such questions as would give them satisfaction.

We have never seen a people that were striving for the Truth more than these people. Brother W. P. Martin organized this congregation about three months ago and it now numbers about fifty of the best men and women of that community. They have already bought a well located lot and are making plans to excavate the basement and they purpose on building a handsome structure upon it. They have an abundance of sand and gravel at their command and they are people of influence and wealth sufficient to buy other material to accomplish what they purpose to do.

Twenty-four confessions and baptisims resulted from the last meeting which was continued by Bro. Martin The country is rich and fertile and our people have taken the advantage of buying homes and many of them, farms, in that community.

During our stay there quite a number conducted us to Pittsburg Landing, where Grant landed

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his army and fought the famous battle of Shiloh. The Government has beautified a park of a thousand acres. Many of the states erected costly monuments to the memory of heroes who fought in this battle. A more beautiful spot is seldom seen, but the mark of death brought on by war tells the bloody story of the many lives that were sacrificed for the emancipation of my people.

Too much cannot be said in praise of W. P. Martin for the work he has accomplished in this organization among our people. He is held in the highest esteem by all. When you remember that this work has only been made possible thru our National Board of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions you can see at once the importance of the support that our people ought to give them.

Already several committees have been sent to the church at Savannah asking that an organization of Christians be effected in their committees saying "come over and preach this Gospel to us." A large number will unite upon this plea and you will have no trouble to secure ground and material to erect the church house.

Nashville, Tenn. October 31st, 1914.

The Remedy

JAS. H. THOMAS.

"Our whole system of society is rotten from top to bottom, and the social environment is the worst that the world has ever seen."

Such an utterance would seem to savor of the deepest depths of pessimism and to be worthy only of the most confirmed calamity howler. But coming as it does from Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace, one of the greatest thinkers and scientists of modern times—coming, I say, from such a one, even at a period of life when the best of minds are usually in their dotage, it is rendered worthy of our most careful consideration.

Not alone in his native England, but in all Europe, in America, in the whole of Christendom, the social system and environment, he avers, are "the worst that the world has ever seen." How appalling to contemplate! Worse than when the Great Pyramid was reared on the hearts of a race? Worse than when the Praetorian Guard sold at auction the Roman throne, or than when later the seven Electors accepted from each of two kings a bribe for the crown of Germany? Worse than in the days of the Spanish Iquisition, or than when the English barons wrung Magna Charta from old King John? Worse than when John Tetzel, hawking his shameless indulgences up and down the country, drove Luther to nail his 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenburg? Worse than in that terrible interval between the storming of the French Bastille and the setting of the star of Napoleon at Waterloo? Worse than when the heaping damnation of two-and-a-half centuries at last overleaped all bounds to plunge the "land of the free" into woeful anarchy and deluge her with the blood of fratricides? How reckless indeed would seem such an assertion!

And yet, giving it more than a color of truth, see how hell today holds high carnival all over the eastern hemisphere; then at our very doors behold bleeding Mexico; and lest, perchance, we might forget, we have writhing Colorado this side the Rio Grande, emphasized at intervals by the terrific detonation of a bomb exploded in some big city church.

What should it all mean to the United States of America? Should it spell only another problem in revenue, as to the professional politician? Should it suggest only more and bigger cannons, three dradnaughts instead of one or none a year, the converting of the whole citizenry into a nation of soldiers, and swelling the ranks by training even the school-boys in the art of war? Such is its only meaning to the American fighting man. Should it mean only an opportunity for profit by manipulating prices, or of securing, by hook or crook, a tremendous merchant marine so as to gobble up English and German export trade while those two nations and their allies are busy with cutting each other's throats? Rather should it suggest to us the advisability of subjecting our own civilization and national ideals to a searching analysis to see where in they resemble, those of the warring peoples. Rather should there occur to us the wisdom of pausing to take our bearings, lest before we know it we ourselves be overwhelmed in some dreadful social cataclysm.

We think no rational, well-informed person would dare affirm that the American body politic is immune from such a pestilence as that which at this moment is devastating Europe. Not only might we, in any one of a hundred ways, easily become involved in it, but in any one of a hundred others ways (which we have neither the time nor

the inclination to discuss here), a similar one might at any moment originate within our borders. When back of the valiant little Belgium of today we trace the trail of misery she left years ago on the Congo; when, in the midst of our sympathies for England and France, we recollect in the one case, for instance, the Chinese Opium War and the South African Boers, and, in the other case, the ever-increasing ungodliness; when we reflect upon all this and then remember that God is just,—absolutely just —who of us can but tremble for his country?

But there is a remedy — which is not only a cure, but a sure preventive. It is Christianity. Not the Christianity which thanks God for that it is "not as other men", but the kind that feels deep kinship to all humanity. Not the brand tha is content with the teaching to turn the other cheek and then, by silence, giving tacit consent to conditions which make cheek-turning necessary but the brand which kindly yet firmly and fearlessly forbids the cowardly smiter to smite. Not the passive, world-despising type of Christianity which thinks only of heaven beyond the grave, but the joyous, militant variety, which would chase the devil out of the earth that the new Jerusalem may "come down from God out of heaven" and abide with men forevermore. The Christianty which, while itself so unselfish as to endure being spat upon without resentment, will nevertheless if need be, single-handed and armed only with a bundle of small cords, fall upon even a band of thieves for the sake of others. The Christianity, in short, of the weak yet terrible Jesus. I say, this is the only remedy for all social and economic disease-- the only sure preventive for such ills: this is the only righteousness that truly exalts the nations.

But it is unpopular in most quarters, as was vaccination originally against small-pox. Aud a remedy, how-ever intrinsically efficacious, is worse than useless if not taken.

Whose shall be the task of popularizing it? To what agencies shall we look for making it the warp, as it were, upon which shall be woven all the threads of our intricate social relationship? To the pulpit? Yes, first of all. And what of the press? Its power today surpasses even that of the pulpit. But second to neither of them as a possible influence in this direction is the school. Science and culture are among the best things in God,s best of worlds, but ere long we shall come to see that to rest these upon anything less than the broadest and deepest principles of Christianity is to leave the youth, white as well as black,-"to turn his arithmetic to rougery and his literature to lust",——is to sow the wind from which we shall reap the whirlwind. Not less of mathematics, but more of morals; not less industry, but more of spirituality; not less of belles-lettres ibut more of the New Testament; not less of Greece and Rome, but more Bethlehem and Nazareth; not less of Ceaser and Socrates ,but more of Chrit—this is the Greater Vision which they who have in hand the shaping of the character and policy of the countless schools of the country must see, and which ,once seen and followed faithfnlly ,cannot fail to redeem us from the danger and the fear of a calamity such as that which today afflicts the nations of Europe. Remember Educaional Rally Day.

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WHAT EFFICIENT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK CAN ACCOMPLISH FOR THE NEGRO.

P. H. Moss.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, that I am permitted to speak a word in behalf of a people who desire to find, and, if possible fill the little niche in life, that may have been in the divine arrangment of the economy of things.

The alloted time does not permit the discussion of the past condition of the black race; this you find stored away in archives of history. The paramount issue, regarding the race, is his present conditi. n and his future destiny.

It is said that the Negro constitutes one eighth of America's population; grant this to be true, and who can deny that he must contribute his share to character, history and social well being of this commonwealth. In the last analysis we must see that the Negro must help or hinder this great nation. Since the Negro must be inevitably a positive or negative force in the world's advancement, the question is, how can the masses of the race be reaced and elevated to a higher plane ol life, where they may get the vision of the age. Many times the question is asked by those who are pessimistic in views, warped in opinions and cynical in judgement, can any good thing come out of a race, born in poverty, cradled in superstition and reared in ignorance? Were I permitted to answer, I would say wait and see. We can not think of God as a wise and loving Father ordaining some of his children to cultured happiness and usefufness, and others to misery and to be a menace to society.

I believe that he who directs the destiny of a nation has designed a work in the world's great scheme of civilization that can be accomplished by the Negro only. Therefore if he would play his part well, he must have that training of head, heart and hand. This brings us to the subject in hand: "What Efficient Sunday School Work Can Accomplish For

The Negro." The Sunday School has an easily organized work to accomplish as the training department of the church. This work if done in an efficient way, will doubtless mean more to the Negro than any other people under the heavens; for this race is the most susceptible to religious training.

Dr. Ruffner has said of him, "He wants to do right and is the most amicable of races." You who know him best know him to be of a docile spirit, quick to imitate the virtues or the vices of his environment.

It may appear to some incredulous yet it is true nevertheless, that many of the "Old school preachers," the preachers of forty years ago, learned their letters in Sunday School.

These men with a desire to know God's word entered the Sunday School each Lord's Day with a spelling book and New Testament in their hands. There they spent hours trying to read the blessed Word. Some made good and to-day many of our well trained men are pastoring congregations that were organized by the old type preacher, that could boast only of an imperfect training received in the Sunday School.

If the Sunday School of four decades ago, with its imperfect equipment, accomplished so much good, what should be the out come of the modern school which has for its aim the winning of souls to Christ and the highest training in Christian service?

What can efficient Sunday School work accomplish for the Negro? It can and will develop those qualities which have long since been discovered and tested in the Negro when opportunity presented itself. I repeat, it will develop those virtues, the constituents of true manhood whether white or black, namely: loyalty, sobriety, humility and charity.

I am glad to say that the black man, has in a remarkable way shown himself loyal to whatever has been committed to his trust. Tho American history be mute on many of the loyal acts of the Negro, the fact remains nevertheless. When the nation was almost crushed to the earth by British oppression in 1776, in the crucial hour when fidelity was demanded of him, the blood of Cyprus Attuck, a loyal Negro, was first to puddle upon State Street, Boston, Massachuetts.

Again in the midst of a most sanguine struggle, and awful crisis of the nation, the Negro proved true to his trust. He knew that the triumph of the South would rivet the bond that held him fast, and that the triumph of the North would sever his fetters; yet while never he betrayed a Union soldier, at the same time he never betrayed the most sacred trust of his master, to-wit: keeping the home together, and the wolf from the door while his master upon the battle field marched against the foe.

But to the subject, what efficient Sunday School work can accomplish for the Negro. It will lay the foundation for Christian character by inculcation of Bible truth. It will help the Negro to make the best use of his opportunities of the prescentury.

If the Negro is given a chance he will make good. Given the same chance as others he makes a good citizen. Tho born in poverty, his poverty has never proven to make him treacherous. He has never dishonored the stars and stripes; treason and anarchy has never entered the heart of a colored man. He is willing to learn the high truth, and aquire that knowledge of God's word is the supreme need. We believe with the Psalmist that entrance of his word giveth light, and that it giveth undeastanding to the simple. Given a practical knowledge of God's word the Nego race will produce a church environment that will enable him to do what God intends him to do for the extension of His kingdom.

The Sunday School is the most potent means of placing this knowledge within his reach and thus lifting him to a higher plane. It can do a work in this particular that no other institution can do so well. Efficient Sunday School work can do more in bringing the Negro to a knowledge of the Scriptures than the work done by the minister in the pulpit The masses of our people look, so to speak, for a sign; but if their dark ideas be illuminated with the word, they will see things as other men see them, and feel the same sense of responsibility for the salvation of the world.

Dear Editor:

When I wrote you last we were en route for Berea, having had orders from Brother Brown the chairman of our convention, to see about making a sale of our property there. Having accomplished this, we came to Richmond whose pastor we had recommended to the church at Carlisle.

We spent a few days in Richmond exhorting all with purpose of heart to cleave unto the Lord. We stopped with Eld. Moss and Brother Simpson the deacons of the Church whose hearts were thrilled with the message of grace. Brother Simpson is a young man full of vigor and activity; on him we may ever rely.

We recommended a minister to them but in case

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

All C. W. B M Dues; that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member, and all Special Collections of the Auxiliaries should be sent to the CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Dear Readers:—It has been some time since I have been heard from through the PLEA. I have been on the sick list for quite a while. Glad to say I am up again. First Sunday in this month the writer was with Elder M. Smothers and his members at St. Luke. They all were so glad to see me up again. I spoke to them a few minutes concerning the work and what we want to do This being his monthly date would not permit me to say much.

Elder Smothers has such faithful members — Our C. W. B. M. Convention is a thing of the past and now we began another year's work. We raised more money this year than ever before. This we feel proud of. We hope to do better each year. I organized and reorganized seven auxiliaries the past year, letters, 195; cards, 75; places visited, 15; Tidings taken, 15; subscriptions for the PLEA, 10; members, 50. Our aims are, to raise $300 more another year; Tidings, 50; members, 100. We hope to do better in every way. We did not hear from Frost Grove or Grand Gulf in the convention. I am expecting to visit both points as soon as possible. Now sisters and brothers, don't forget Educational rally. Let's see if we can't beat last year Brother pastors,, when you hear of me or see me coming, say "We must get our Educational money, because she is there to get it." I am hoping that our work will be better and it will if only we all work to make it so.

May the Lord help us all to do more for His cause.

Sarah S. Blackburn,
State Organizer of M iss.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

I present for your consideration my Annual Report as Evangelist from October 16, 1913 to October 30, 1914. I have been employed 395 days; miles traveled, 5211; visited 27 places and revisited 18; meetings held, 2; assisted, 2; sermons and addresses, 79; churches organized, 2: First Christian, Ehehardt; Ashton Branch, Colleton County. Auxiliaries organized, 1, Galilee Church, Holly Hill; one new point entered and opened for preaching Seiver, Aiken Co.

Church at Summerville recoved from Baptist. Added to the churches by baptism, 3; others, 38; work in third District brought to life and reorganized. Attended white Convention; District Meetings attended, 5; churches set in order, 3; conferences with church officials, 7; house to house visits, 113; letters mailed, 116; postals, 94, ordained two ministers, one elder. Money received from churches, by districtss First District: Board, $37.30; Antioch, $3.03; Three Mile Creek, $15.14; Cherry Grove, $4.50; First Christian, Ehrhardt $2.50; Ashton Branch $1.25; Cypress Creek, $1.55; Mt. Pleasant, $1.00 Maglain, $9.10; Total for First $75.37.

Second District: Board, $29.70 Galilee $10.70; Briner, 15 35; Zion Pilgrim, $4.45; Holly Hill, $9 45; St James, $1 28; Liberty Hill, $1.55; Ebnezer, $1.60 St. Peters .75; Green Chapel, $3.70; Cedar St. Charleston, .75; Total for Second Dictrict, $79.28,

Third District: Board, $2.10; Keans Neck, $2 00; Edwin F. Jackson, $1 00; M. E. Jackson, .50; H. Barnwell, $1 00; Paul Bryan, $1.00; Cal Fisken, .50; Meetings Chiolums Landing, $1.35; Gethsemane, $1 40; Second Christian Seabrook, $1.25; Stephney Heywood, $3.50; Sandy Heywood, .50; Total for Third District $16 10. From State Board, $15.00

Received from white friends of the work: Minister S. S. Jones, Columbia, $1 00; Mrs. S. S. Jones, .25; Mrs. B. B. Kirkland, $5.00; Minister H. E. Haton, Holly Hill, $1.00; Grand Total received and collection in state and applied on salary and expenses $193.00. Raised for l cal work, Ehrhardt, $84.00; Received from National Christian Womans' Board of Mission, $400 00. Car fare and clerical expences $86.15.

Respectfully Submitted.
Sumter, S C. J. L. Wood.

The era of Christianity—peace, brotherhood, the golden rule as applied to government matters— is yet to come, and when it comes, then and only then, will the future of nations be sure. —KOSSUTH.

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this minister does not take up the work, any minister wishing to apply for the Church may write Brother John Simpson whose address is No. 81 Irvin St. Richmond, Kentucky. He is prompt to reply.

We came next to Aaron's Run and found Eld. C. H. Johnson in full charge of both the church and Sunday School. He is wide awake and has the best financial system I have seen in the State.

In our next issue we will give his financial system in full. True enough, a prophet is without honor in his own country, but there are exceptions to all rules, therefore we have recommended Brother Johnson to his home church.

From there we were called to Lexington to meet the State Missionary Board, having framed a contract we presented to the board and it was ratified both in letter and spirit.

From there to Milledgeville to recommend a Minister; they having accepted the same, we returned to Montgomery County for the purpose of engaging in a religious awakening, but the "crystal stream" came so continuously from the heavens that we were unable to make much headway. However they raised every cent that they promised. We came next to Fairview in the financial interests of the state. There we had two additions.

We came next to Carslisle, where Bro. Floyd whom we recomended in the month of June, holds sway. His people have a mind to work. The Fourth Lord's Day in this month they raised $39.15 and the fight is still on. We will leave this section of the state soon and tour the southwest We hope to report again in the next issue where we will give the full account of the financial system of Bro. C. H. Johnson.

Danville, Ky. Isaiah H. Moore.

SDUNAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 29, 1914

CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

Lesson: Mark 15: 21 to 41. Read also the account by Matthew, Luke and John.

Golden Text:—Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:4.

Time.—Friday April 7th A. D. 30. The crucifixion lasted from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Place—Calvary, just outside of the city of Jerusalem. olgotha, a hill outside of the city of Jerusalem, surrounded by gardens and sepulchers.

1. ON THE WAY. TO CALVARY.

Two incidents occured on the way. Jesus became exhausted in bearing the cross, and Simon of Cyrene was compelled to take it np. There were plenty who were going that way, but they were mocking and deriding Jesus. They laid hold of an African who met the procession as he was on his way to the city. It is possible that he expressed some sympathy for Jesus and he was then pressed into the place. Little did he know the great honor that would come to him as cross-bearer of the son of God.

The daughters of Jerusalem also "bewailed and lamented him" on this weary way. Jesus told then. to weep for themselves and their children. He had been rejected by Jerusalem and it should be laid waste. He was facing death walking in the path of duty, but they were facing death walking is sin and disobedience.

II. THE CRUCIFIXION SCENE.

Before Jesus was nailed to the cross he was given sour wine such as soldiers used. In this was put some drug to stupefy and dull the sense of pain. He refused it. He was to die with all his powers alert. He was to be conscious of all that passed till he should say "It is finished". The form of the crucified one was nailed to a cross on the ground. He was then raised to an upright position and the cross was allowed to slip into the hole that was dug to receive it. The physical suffering was most intense but it was also the heart of Jesus that must suffer; the soul was tried. His own people had chosen a murderer instead of him; he is now mocked and scourged and led out of the city to die. How great was the suffering to the heart of Jesus. Are we worth the price that Jesus paid? When we sing, "Jesus paid it all" it means much. The accusation, KING OF THE JEWS was written in three languages. It was used in derision. It became a living truth. Jesus is not only king of the Jews but of all nations and people who will yield. We are told that finally every kneee shall bow and every tongue confess, for thru this crucifixion Jesus became King and founded his kindom among men.

III. THE MOCKING GROUNDS.

People passing by looked upon the scene; mocking jesting and ridiculing they refer to him who said he would destroy the temple in three days and build it up again. He acknowledged himself king and now he has no power to come down from the cross. They say how great was his claim but how small it would be to come down from the

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cross, and yet he is not able to do so. Those who were crucified with him reviled him. One of these victims was profound y imprssed with Jesus and soon turned to him for forgivness. Even on the cross Jesus was doing some of the work he came to do on earth.

IV. THE CLOSING SCENE.

At the ninth hour or three o'clock in the afternoon, the time for the evening sacrifice, when daily in the temple the lamb was slain, and the people offered prayer. Jesus cried with a loud voice "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?" The Son of God seems to say, "all men have forsaken me, have reviled me and done wahtsoever they desired, but why hast THOU forsaken me?" A little later Jesus cried with a loud voice. This time it is a shout of victory. This time it is a shout of victory. The evangelists represnt Christ as laying down his life. It was voluntary on the part of Jesus. What we do must be voluntary—a willing service. As Jesus expires, the great veil between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was rent in in twain. All this was accompanied by an earthquake and graves were opened.

Southern Christian Institute

Last Sunday, Nov. 15, our church instituted the every member canvass for Jubilee Educational Rally. Four teams, each composed of two young men, called upon every member of our church, for a pledge for the Rally. The results were very gratifying. At the Sunday morning service, our minister announced the plan and urged all the members to remain at home in the afternoon so one of these teams could call upon them. Before entering upon their mission all of the teams met at a central point and engaged in a season of prayer. After the canvass all met to obtain the results of their efforts.

The district convention of the Jackson district occurred with the church in Washington addition, Jackson, November 14-15. Jas. Rundles was the delegate from the Mt. Beaulah church. Others from the Institute who attended were Prof. Howard and A. W. Jacobs.

The following is written in the hope that church officials in many places may read it: "The every member canvas of the Mt. Beulah church, Southern Christian Institute, November 15th, for the Jubilee Educational Rally, was a great success. Brethren, try the plan. God will use it for His glory in your church.—T. M. Burgess, Elder, Mt. Beulah Church."

President and Mrs. Lehman left Monday morning, November 16, for the state convention at West Point. They will probably be gone most of the week.

During the spring term, Miss Hunt's class received the highest member of credits in our Sunday School, and as a consequence the members of the class were permitted to select books to the amount of one dollar and a half to be given to the Institute Library Luverne Barnett, the president of the class, presented the following books to the Institute Librarian, Miss Gardiner, a few Sundays ago at the close of the Sunday School period: Ann of Ava and The Boy from Hollow Hut.

On the west side of the roof of Smith Hall, extending across the roof is: "1914, Smith Hall." The date and name of the building are in red, and adds much to the appearance of things.

The partitions are being put in between the engine room, canning factory and laundry in the new Industrial Building.

This week we continue the account of Academic and College students: 51. Mabel Hicks Jamison, recently married Paul Jamison and lives near Edwards; 52. Ellen Johnson is now in her senior year in the Bible Department; 53. Aletha Thomas Brown, lives in Jackson; 54 Pandora Thomas, pursuing her studies at the S. C. I.; 55. Peter Dunson, formerly of the Liberian Christian Institute, Schieffelin Liberia, will probably complete the Bible Course at the S. C. I. next May; 56. Stanford Matthews is helping to construct Smith Hall—captain of Co. D of the young men's brigade; 57. Ardelia Walker Smith, was recently married at Pleasant grove—she will probably make her home in Arkansas; 58. Kate Jackson, a senior in the Bible Department at the S. C. I.; 59. Prince Gray has been working at Lake Corant, Mississippi since last commencement and has just returned to pursue his studies at the S. C. I.; 60. Olivia Hicks.

Belding Hall, the home for young men, never had the rooms more complety taken so early in the year than now. We urge all who are intending to enter this Academic year to write to President Lehman at once and make arrangements, so as to be sure to secure a place.

The final meeting of the Boy's Summer Litetary Society, although belated was given November 14, in the College Chapal. The weather was stormy but a goodly number were present. The literary and musical numbers were all well rendered. Next summer's society will have to hustle to beat it.

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THE TRULY GREAT

Christ said, "Except ye become as one of these little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." But this has been the stumbling block of the cross. Men have resorted to every device possible before they chose simple faith as the road to greatness. The standard that God has set is diametrically opposed to the standard men have set. God calls those great who have great capacity to serve mankind in its struggle: men have called those great who had the capacity to make others serve them in their own struggle for greatness. The former is a process by which mankind can make great advancement: the latter is a process by which one man is made great, but he and all the rest are demoralized in their effort to make progress. Caesar Augustus destroyed the Roman Empire in his effort to become great, and Alexander destroyed Greece in his plunge for greatness.

If we examine the history of by gone nations we will see that their greatness lasted in direct proportion as they were of use to God in the advacement of his kingdom. Those that were of no use were soon removed: those that were of use persisted long. God is no respecter of persons. He has no favoritism for any race. Those that become his humble instruments in propagating his truths he will make great among men, and if they keep on serving him he will make them proportionately great. It is the law of God and he who goes against it is like the ox that kicks against the pricks.

At one time the Jews were called great in the sight of God for he used them, but when they refused to have their great prophet Christ, they were cast out as a nation. At one time Rome was great and had the care of the church, but when they refused to hear their prophets of larger light they were cast out. Now the Germanic races are great, and among them the Anglo Saxon is the greatest. Like all the rest, they are proud and many boast of their greatness, but a mighty host among them hear the voice of their prophets and are doing the greatest missionary work ever undertaken by man. So long as they remain true to this, they will be great in the affairs of the world. But if they should hear the voice of their politicians they would soon be removed.

Now the Japanese and Chinese and East Indians and Africans are coming into the kingdom. If they make the mistake so often made by other peoples, their lives as nations will be short. But if they now become humble servants of mankind in the world's great work, they will become great in the eyes of man. In fact we expect they will be great for they had a better chance than the older peoples had. The Japanese, Chinese, Indians and Africans saw western civilization first through the life of a missionary. The men who have been the closest in the counsels of Japan and China were our missionaries, and Africa is beginning to see daylight through the lives of these missionaries. The Negro in America entered his freedom through the door of the missionary school. The politician who was nicknamed Carpetbagger tried to open that door but he failed, for Providence had reserved this privilege to the missionary school.

The Gentile standard of greatness where the great ones "lord it over them" is based on militarism. The Christian standard of greatness where "he that would be greatest among you shall be your servant" is based on love. The present great war in Europe will be a blow to militarism and consequently a blow to the Gentile ideal of greatness. Henceforth no nation will be able to be great long on the basis of militarism.

The Negro of our Southern States can now by the simple process of making himself helpful to all advancement make himself great. If he should make the mistake of getting the ambition that wrecked all the great peoples gone before, his life would be short. The Gospel is the power of salvation in temporal things as well as in spiritual things.

NEGRO WORK

(Reprinted from the Tidings)

Rrofessor J. B. Lehman visited Headquarter recently. He came before the Executive Committee with a very comprehensive message concerning our work among the colored. Mr. Lehman's long service among these colored people and his devotion to the cause to which he is giving his life, made his message very forceful. We try to keep in touch with every department of our work, and to understand its needs; but when coming into the experience of this man we are made to understand more clearly than ever how large is the work to be done and how much more we ought to be putting into it. Mr. Lehman has large visions for the service, both in the educational and evangelistic fields. Our people ought to redouble their energies for this depatment of the work.

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—It will not be long till the reports of the results of Educational Rally Day offering will come. We hope that every church will have a good report to give.

—The office force of the PLEA are becoming enthusiastic and faithful in their attempt to give the readers a better paper each week. We have some good plans for enlargement and betterment, which will become apparent as the weeks go by.

—Look at the array of reports from the various institutes this week. Let us hear from you often.

—Send for sample copies of the PLEA, and get up a club of subscribers. Liberal commission and the good you do the cause will be your reward.

—A large number of short, but interesting articles this week. This gives us a chance to reach more of the fields than otherwise.

THE YOUTH COMPANION CALENDAR FOR 1915.

—The publishers of the Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription is paid for 1915, a Calendar for the new year. It is a gem of calendar-making. The decorative mounting is rich, but the main purpose has been to produce a calandar that is helpful, and that purpose has been acheived.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Perhaps no people is blessed with the co-operation that we enjoy here. During our late Convetion we were blessed with the talent and experience that our white brethren have gathered in years and they were most liberal in distributing it to us. During the month of October a corps of the most experienced workers of the Y. P. C. E. Society from Vine St. Christian Church came to the the rescue of Lee Ave. Christian Church in reorganizing the work of our young people.

Nothing has been more helpful to our people than their visits and laboring among us which they gave to us each Sunday evening for one whole month. They imparted to us much strength and encouragement. Truly a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Last Lord's Day Lee Ave. Christian Curch had present an audience of sunshine and enjoyed one of the happiest meetings that has come to us in a long time. Three additions to the congregation; one lady came sixty miles, made the good confession and was baptized; her farther is a Methodist preacher and in her early childhood she had been sprinkled, but having learned the way more perfectly she left her home without the consent of her parents; and returned to them a happier woman for having obeyed the Master in the fullest sense.

Preston Taylor.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS

The following amounts have been received up to November 20.

For General Education.

AFRICA.

Monrovia, Elder Harry G. Smith, ...$2.00
Mrs. Harry G. Smith, ...2.50
Elder Harry G. Smith, for Smith Hall, ..1.00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Brunson, Rena Harrison, ... $1.00

ARKANSAS.

Plummerville, Mrs. Irene Smith,.... ....$1.00
Total this time,..... ....7.00
Total this year, ...46.40

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For Jarvis Christian Institue.

Hawkins, Y. P. S. C. E. at the J. C. I..... $6.01
Prof, C. A. Berry, ... 1.00
Total this time,.... .... 7.01
Total this year, ...122 37

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For Tennessee Christian Institute.

Nashville, Mrs. A. M. Southall,..... ....$.1.50
Total this year,.... .... 2.00

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FUND STATEMENT.

For Jarvis Christian Institute,.....	$122.37
For Alabama Christian Institute, ...	50.25
For General Education,.....	46.40
For Children's Day, ...	16.10
For Tennessee Christian Institute, ...	2.50
Total in fund this year,....	237.62
Total in Jubilee Fund, ...	4312.76
Amount yet needed to make $20000 00 ..	$15687.24

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Remarks. In the last report a mistake was made in copying so that the name of H. Johnson, of Varnville, South Carolina was omitted. The total was correctly stated but this name was simply omitted when reporting.

We have received a caad from Dr. M. F. Robinson who is canvasing Kentucky in the interests of the Jubilee effort in that state. He writes as following, "I am working to raise the $2000 from Kentucky. Pray for us that we may succeed. Everything good for a large collection this year. Lawrenceburg, Houstonville, Danville, Mt. Sterling, Nicholasville, Louisville, and many others are in line for a good collection."

Prof H. D. Griffin writes that he, Prof. Coleman and a number of others are giving five dollars each, Knoxville in planning a big rally later on.

The canvass at the Southern Christian Institute shows already over seventy-five dollars. The Sunday School has raised forty dollars.

The next report will begin to give the results of the rally day on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Send promptly in to J. B. Lehman Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Dear Readers:

We are all happy but nots all well. Mr. Smith has been in poor health.

Our work progresses nicely. We have connected the lake with the ocean just opposite the campus. Just how much success we will have in keeping it open I can not yet say. We hope it will prove successful enough to bring sail boat s in through the channel with cargo from Monrovia or Junk Marshall. In a few weeks the rain will cease such heavy pourings and out side activities will pick up. Let us all do our part.

I am yours in his cause,

Scieffelin, Liberia. H. G. Smith.

Dear Editor:—

Please report our Church Rally of Little Rock Christian Church, held Oct. 18. M. M. Bostick the over seer of the work here, worked faithfully to bring about the following resu ts.

The Bible School was taught by Prof. G. M. Bright. 9.30 A. M.; 11.30 A. M.; preaching by M. M. Bostick and (Evangelist) R. T. Matlock. 3 P. M. Dr. J. H. O. Smith Pastor of the First Christian Church (White) preached a very practical sermon on working together with God.

The song service was led by Prof. Bright, with vocal and instrumental, solos aud quartettes. The night was strictly musical, with the assistance of some from the Baptist and Methodist Choirs. Those who took stock in this were few, but seemed to be interested.

Bro. M. M. Bostick is a good financier, and knows how ot succeed. With him it is either work or nothing.

Those who contributed to the raising of our church debt are as follows:

Little Rock church : G D Jones. $5; Mrs. G. D.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Jones, $6; Mrs. Emmer Lumsden, $5.20; J. C. Chamberlin, $1.50; Mrs Littlie Gillespie, $1.00; Mrs. Blanch Martin, $1.10; Mrs. Mary Wroten, $1.10; Mrs. Hallie Sammington, 75 cts; Mrs. Fannie Womack, $1.70; William Longley, 50 cts.

Fr m elsewhere: M M. Bostick. $5.00; Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, $4.00; Wayman Martin, $6.40; Dr. J. H. O. Smith, white, $5.00; W. E. Cox, white, $5.00, J. Copeland, white, $2.00; R. T. Matlock, $2.00; Mrs. Wayman Martin, $1.30; Mrs. Louisia Mitchell, $1.00; Claude Bright, $1.00; Decator Mitchell, 50cts; Joe Smith 50cts; Brother Powell, 50cts; James Gartrell 25cts; Miss Alice Mitchell, Jr., 25cts; A. M. Bright, 25cts; Mrs. Josie Perkin, 35cts; A. Bostick, 25cts; Margaret Bostick, 25cts; M. Powell, Paris, Tex., $1.00; Johnny Bostick, 25cts; Miss Lillie Ross, $1.50; Mrs. R. T. Matlock, 80cts; Public offering by visitors, 85cts; total, $63.55. There are more cards yet to come in, and hope we can make it $75.00. We were fifty dollars in arrears on our debt, and $18. current expenses. We yet owe about three hundred and thirty dollars to Mrs. Jno. F. Fletcher. If we can hold brother Bostick, I am certain that we will pay all amounts within twelve months, with even ten faithful workers. I am ready at any time for another five dollar rally. Pray for us.

Little Rock, Ark. J. D. Jones.

To Brothers and Sisters of Kentucky: We promised at our convention at Winchester, in July, 1914, that we would raise two thousand dollars this convention year for our school for the boys and girls, those of our church and other boys and girls, you know. Now let us come together with our brain, heart, hand and money and hold up our dear friend and brother, J. B. Lehman's, arms while he leads us on in his good way. We have been asking and talking about the kind of school he wants us to have. We have been thinking about it, some have been talking, but he, Brother Lehman, has been working. Now let us, thinkers and talkers, become workers and then we will have what we have been thinking and talking about; i. e., a good school for our boys and girls. I am your humble servant and special agent to raise $2000 appointed by the missionary Board of the Christian Church.

M. F. Robinson.

One of the greatest meetings for so short a length of time, ever held in Piedmont district was held at Reidsville, October 20 to 30. Seventy-eight responded, 63 of which were added to the Church as follows: by baptism, 47, and 18 from the denominations and back-sliders. There were 13 who confessed Christ but were hindered by the enemy to the truth. (Matt. 13:4; 13:18-19) Elder M. C. Walker, better known as the "Weeping Prophet," is the pastor. His ten years' service, his moral standing and great executive ability account for our success. He had preceded the meeting with a few nights' "prayer service," and when we arrived we found the meeting organized every soldier on firing line. We began with a full house and audiences continued to grow until the building was packed to overflowing. A prominent family was blessed through God's word, in that two sisters and one brother were made brother and sisters in Christ, by obedience to Matt. 28:19-20 The family spoken of is Thomas Pannill. He runs a first class livery stable and is highly respected by both white and colored.

The meeting was a financial as well as a spiritual success. The Church paid us more than they contracted. The people invited me to return for a lecture on Nov, 27, for the benefit of the Va. Christian Orphanage.

Sister Walker is a preacher's wife indeed. Sister Wat, a prominent member there, did much in securing the Evangelist for the meeting.

We are now at the Orphan's Home and see so much to do we don't know what to take hold of first.

Stuart, Va. R. L. Peters.

SO MAY IT COME TO PASS

H. M. JOHNSON

Knock a hole in the balance of that Twenty Thousand, by Jan. 1st. 1915; it can be easily done. So says evangelist W. M. Alphin. This is the right statement, at the right time, and I therefore second the motion, that a hole, and a big one, be knocked clear through the Twenty Thousand Dollar Jubilee fund, by Jan. 1915. We further suggest that each brother or sister, who wants to see the hole knocked through, load your Winchester with five, Ten, and Twenty dollar bills; (be careful) be sure your aim spells meat in the pot, for get-

ting self interest and with fixed purpose of heart to speed the cause of Right against wrong, Light against darkness, Peace against war, with a full charge of faith in Jesus the Christ, rewarder of all good, pull the trigger and land those bills, in the hand of Pres, J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Mississippi, and about the first of Jan. He will tell us about the hole. Good service at Cocheran Sunday night.

Dallas, Texas.

On September 15. I visited Dale and held a week of successful meeting with Elder E. F. Jackson, at the Keans Neck church. Owing to his taking suddenly ill we were prevented from holding other meetings, which we had made arrangements for, at the phosphate mines.

Brother Jackson is an enthusiast in the canning industry. I was shown fruits which were canned by himself and family.

Kean's Neck impresses me as a community that is rapidly advancing in culture and refinement.

During my stay at Brother Jackson's home, he and his family, Mrs Lucas, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Barnwell, and the other friends did every thing possible which would conduce to my comfort and happiness. October 11. I closed a year of service with the Church at Three Mile Creek. The Lord has dealt bountifully with us, and has prospered the work of our hands in the vineyard, by 38 additions: 1 by reclamation, 3 from the Baptists, and the others by primary obedience. The church building is improved, there is an increase in the offering and a deepening of spiritual life. I am called by an overwhelming majority to serve the church for another year. Again I desire to express my appreciation and thanks to the ministers, officer, members, and friends who have so generously helped in carrying forward the work of the past year, and without whose aid so much woul not have been accomplished. Our elders are the recipients of many a congratulation on the quiet, orderly manner in which the call was carried through.

When we sit around the board of our senior Elder, brother William Kearse, and when I ride on his horse through his many acres of cotton, corn, etc., they all proclaim that he is one of the largest and most prosperous farmers of the community. Many a morning and many an evening we kneel together with his happy family and render thanks to our Heavenly Father for all his good gifts to the children of men.

Probably, before this letter appears in print, our State convention will be past, but I trust that all grievances will be amicably and finally settled, that the Master's blessing will descend richly on us, that all things will be done in accordance with His will, and that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all our deliberations. We are told that the German Imperial Chancellor, addressing his people, reminded them of the words of Prince Frederick Charles to the soldiers of Brandenburg: "Let your hearts beat for God and your fists on the enemy." In our combat agianst evil, let our heart beat for God, and concentrate our every energy aganist ignorance and sin. I close by quoting from "In memoriam":

"Ring out the feud of Rich and poor.
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife,
Ring in the nobler modes of life.
With sweeter manners, better laws."

W. E. Cephas.

Dear Editor:—

When I wrote last I was on my way to West Point, having been away there three weeks. In the meantime a meeting of three weeks' duration began with the Church of Washington Addition of Jackson, Mississippi. Elder K. R. Brown, the Evangelist, made his arrival in Jackson the second week of the meeting, got in the trenches and did some tall preaching. The members will never forget his sermons. The Church was greatly revived. I am informed the Evangelist spared no pains in dcelaring the whole counsel of God.

The writer made his arrival the third week of the revival, and took up the work where the Evangelist left off, laid hold on the Gospel plough and ploughed unto the end.

As a result of "contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," one from the Baptist came into the Church of the living God to wear no name but Christian. The meeting closed the third Sunday night.

The theme of the writer's discourse on the third Sunday evening, "The Two Covenants and the Observance of Sabbath." Text: "Ye shall keep my sabbath and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord." (Lev. 26:2). When the invitation was extended the sister of whom we have spoken came forward to unite with the Church of Christ.

Each third Sunday, you will observe, is rally day with the Church of Washington Addition. The members are asked to pay a dollar each to

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

All C. W. B M Dues; that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member, and all Special Collections of the Auxiliaries should be sent to the CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

Miss. C. W. B. M.

My dear Friends: I am to talk to you awhile about our C. W. B. M. We are fully launched upon another year of C. W. B. M. work and since I am to fill the position of President for this year, I am saying to you we can not stand still, we must not fall back, therefore it must be onward and upward.

My dear co-workers, I must thank you for the confidence you have shown in me, making me your presiding officer; I must say that I have taken hold of the lever with mingled fear and hope.

I fear that the task is a great one and that I am inadequate to it, but I do hope that with your assistance through prayer, and Divine guidance, we shall go onward and upward.

We truly realize that we have yet to cross the Alps. We are moving upward slowly, but we are sowing the seed of good which will sink deep into the hearts of men.

We should not expect to be mowers and gather the ripened grain until we have first been sowers and watered the furrows with tears.

We know the seeds have germinated for young plants are springing up to assure our success. The increase will come of God. My dear co-laborers, let us lift up our heads with renewed courage and press on!

Our next meeting will convene in Forest Grove Christian church, Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th of Dec. All members of the church of Christ are earnestly urged to be present. Let each of us do our best to make it excel all former meetings in spirit and finance. To make it better spiritually we must be more earnest in prayer. We are taught that men should always pray. Many of us say our prayers, but few of us really pray. In order to have fellowship with Christ in prayer, we must be willing to pay the price.

At his baptism he prayed; before choosing the twelve, he prayed, and he prayed in Gethsemane. He admonishes us to "Be ye followers of me even as I am of the Father." He said unto his disciples, "The harvest is truly plenteous but laborers are few. What is the first thing that he suggests? A collection? Sending missionaries? No. It was "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest." Afterwards, he said "Go ye to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Before giving or sending or going, comes praying.

So my dear sisters, let each of us pray earnestly for the success of this quarterly meeting which is first quarter in our Christian Woman's, Board of missions year.

Next, let each of us come prepared to give more than before. Remember it is more blessed to give than to receive.

M. J. BROWN.

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rid the Church of its debt. Sorry to say some are beginning to fail along this line, a thing which ought not to be done. Yo can hardly find a Church big or small that is out of debt. Every Church that amounts to anything is in debt. It is no disgrace. Disgrace comes when the Church and its members do not have enough of the love of God in their hearts to do their duty toward lifting the debt. If you have been born into the Master's kingdom the love of Christ will constrain you to do your duty. May God help you to see this truth!

Those who paid one dollar each on the third Sunday are as follows: B. C. Calvert, B. J. Brown and Mrs. Lizzie Calvert. Mrs. Janie Williams, 50cts. The ten dollars given us by the C. W. B. M. State Board made a total of $13.50.

Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and push. When all work things go easy. Will you do your part? The fourth Sunday found the writer with the Church of Shaw. These brethren hold their services in a school house which is about four miles East of Shaw. They are contemplating buying and building in town. This is indeed a wise plan, and it is our fond hope they will be able to carry out their plans.

From thence we went to Hollendale. Our home was with Brother William Sneed, a staunch member of the Church. He has been in Hollendale a good

many years and has always stood firm for Christ's Curch. He runs the butcher-shop in this town, and has a wide influence. He says he will give $25.00 to start a Church,

The writer is planning to hold a meeting in this town in the near future. I want to take this opportunity to ask the Churches all over the state to raise a collection for the running of this meeting, because we will have to rent a house to hold it in. Brethren, I hope you will see to this at once. I have been before the people of this place and I know that much good can be done. I have preached at both the Methodist and Sanctified Churches, and have an appointment on foot for the Baptist Church which carries the largest crowd.

At Indianola on the first Sunday; theme of the morning discourse, "Giving." I assure you each member's duty was put to him As a result more than $83 00 were raised.

I tell you brethren, Indianola is the leading church of the state. And as long as we have such leading spirits as Dr. Walker, Brother Williams, Brother Brown, the cause of Christ will continue to make long strides.

I am today at West Point Made my arrival yesterday at 1:30 P. M., preached last night. We are in the midst of a revival at this place. The outlook is good. The Master gave his life for me and I have decided, long ago, to give my life and talent for His cause, and I really belive I am right. Don't you?

I believe in God's word with all my heart, and I find it does all that it claims to do. It will feed you when you are hungry, give you water when you are thirsty, clothe you when you are naked.

West Point. B C. Calvert.

Christ Risen From The Dead.

Lesson:—Mark 16: 1—8; Matt. 28: 11—15.

Golden text:—Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but risen—Luke 24: 5, 6.

Time:—Sunday Apr. 9th A. D. 30, the third day after the crucifixion.

Place;—Jerusalem and vicinity, more especially near Calvary.

Measures Taken—To make sure that Jesus was really dead. (1) The soldiers' spear piercing his side. (2) The tomb was a new one. (3) The Roman guard and the sealed sepulcher, and guarding of the dead body is the basis for the reality of the resurrection.

JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD

Matt. says very early Sunday morning, and Mark says when the Sabbath was past. The Jewish Sabbath began after sunset on Friday and ended at sunset on Saturday. Jesus was in the tomb a part of Friday, all day on Saturday and a part of Sunday. He stated to his disciples that he would arise on the third day.

When the Sabbath was passed Mary Magdalene came to the Sepulchre. Out of her Jesus had cast seven devils. The other Mary is thought by some tn be the sister of Mary the mother of Jesus.

They came with no thought of His coming out of the tomb They wish to anoint his body. It appears that the women knew nothing of the watch at the tomb nor of the Roman seal that had been placed upon the tomb. They suddenly remember that a stone lay before the door, which they could not roll away. Very soon they discover the stone has been removed

"They saw a young man." God had sent the angel. He was in the form of a young man. What a lesson for the young and strong! How great things God has for you to do.

"Be not affrighted." the angel knew they were seeking the body of Jesus. Ye seek Jesus the Nazarene who hath been crucified; that is, ye seek a corpse; but there is none here. Behold the place where they laid him. He is risen. Go tell the disciples, These women looked into the sepulcher. They saw the bench that had been cut into the soft rock, they saw the grave closed, face cloth folded by itself. They ran to tell the disciples. "Those sent on God's errands must not loiter."

Note—1 Every Sunday and especialy Easter Sunday, keeps before us the Resurrection. 2 He is a a living Savior, and lives for ever more. 3 He is a loving Savior He invites his disciples to him. 4 He is a royal savior. All power and rule is in his hands. 5 He is a present savior. "I am with you always."

ARKANSAS DISTRICT NO. 2

To the brethren in the district: Our next meeting will be held at Center Chapel, in Searil, Arkansas the Saturday before the second Sunday in December. I hope all the churches will send their delegates, with their contributions, put at thirty cents for each woman and fifty cents for each man.

E. L. Turner, Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Since the division of our literary society, the society work has been much better. The Smith Literary Society rendered a Halloween program on the Friday night before Halloween. The program was exceptionally good. The pantomime, which preceeded the Ghost Drill, was ideal. The members of this society feel very good over the program.

Prof. Griffin was called to Knoxville to attend the District meeting. While there he hopes to get many pledges for the Rally. The District meeting will convene here at the Institute Church Friday and Satuday, November 20, 21. So far as we have heard, not many of the churches have observed the state rally day. We hope they will, because this will raise our Educational Fund greatly.

Jessie Kinchlow of Rogersville is the latest boarding student. Mrs. Emma Pearson of Morristown spent Sunday on the campus visiting her daughter, Ada B. Pearson.

The church service was conducted by F. H. Coleman, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (subject, The Invitation of Jesus). The house was crowded. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, we did not have any service at night.

Our enrollment has reached the seventy mark.

MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

On Sunday, November 1 st, Miss Clara Dillard, one of our boarding girls confessed her Savior. She was baptized on Sunday night, November 15th, by Eld. R. H. Davis. We hope more of our girls will follow her example.

On Tuesday, November 10 th, Eld. R. H. Davis was called to conduct the funeral of Bedford Hairston, one of the charter members of Fayette Christian Church, Martinsville. He was also called to perform the same function on the 15th inst. at the death of Brother Dennis Hairston, another member of the Church.

Miss Simpson, our Domestic Science teacher, has been turning out some fine penny buns for the last three weeks. They are very much enjoyed by teachers and students.

Last Tuesday night, Nov. 17th, Prof. Davis and his boys attended the revival at the Missionary Baptist Church. They were made welcome.

Friday morning, Nov. 13th, the following prizes were given by Prof. J. H. Thomas to the students who won them in the exhibition at the fair: Hattie Hairston $1.50 for first prize in raffia work; May Baker, $1 35 or first prize in drawing; Sarah L. Hairston, 2nd prize in drawn work, 50 cents; Francis Hairston $1.50 for first prize in hand embroidery; Ruth Baker, 50 cents for 2nd prize on hand sewing; Chanie M. Hairston, first prize on writing, $1.35, and second on embroidery, 50 cents; Emma Divens, second prize on drawing, 75 cents; Janie Gravely $1 00 for first prize on hand sewing, and 75 cents for second prize on writing; Clara J. Dilliard, first prize on drawn work, $1 00; R. E. Martin, 75, cents 2nd prize raffia.

Many of our students have paid their pledges for Educational Rally We are hoping to take up a very creditable collection that day. We believe in being punctual in business.

On Sunday, Nov 15, the inclement weather reduced the attendance at Sunday-School; but those who were present enjoyed a fine lecture by Prof. J. H. Thomas, on the lesson.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

The Music Club had their regular monthly meeting in Allison Hall last Saturday night, under the direct charge of Mrs. Prout and Miss Reed. The program was unusually good, and all numbers were heartily received. Those who took part in various ways were the Misses Reed, Wright, Gale, Pearson, and Jennings, and Mr. Banks.

Quite a number of the Home Defender Success Club are writing orations for the contest which occurs Wednesday night, December 16. The club has never charged an admittance to these contests. The contest this year will be the tenth. Not a year has been missed since the Club was organized nine years ago. The following young men have won first prizes: Harry G. Smith, missonary to Africa; Samuel Cotterell physician in Georgia; Eric W. Hunt, missionary to Jamaica; Richard H. Davis, teacher in the Bible Department, Martinsville Christian Institute, Virginia; Arby W. Jacobs, student in his College Course at the S. C. I.; Robert Gooden, missionary to Africa; ———, December 16, 1914, student at the Southern Christian Institute.

The Superintendent's home has been connected with one of the main electric lines, and now it is letting its light shine.

The students are appreciating very much the efforts of Miss Gardiner, our librarian, to arrange suitabe reading hours in the Library. Never in the history of the Instititute has our library been such a real help to students as at present.

A large number of the students have entered school within the last week or two.

Prof. Sander's father and mother of Franklin, Indiana, are visiting him.

S. C. I., Nov. 23, 1914.

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Prophecy is distinctly a Christian product. It is distinctly a property of the mind of a man of faith. Traces of this can be seen in the habits of thought of those who have an abiding faith and those who do not. Those who have faith in the Christian religion have their faces set as it were to the future as well as to the past; those who do not have faith, have their faces set as it were to the past only. This is due to the quality of mind produced by faith. It is a greater mind, a more developed mind, and can have a more comprehensive view of human action.

Science has done a great work in searching out what nature is and does, and to it we owe an undying gratitude for what it has given us; but Science can not construct a system by which men can develop a society which will bring happiness. Every device of man as expressed in club, or society or lodge will turn out a failure in the end. The German nation was drifting rapidly to the point when it was staking its fate on its science and giving up its faith in the Church. It was soon led into the fatal error of beliving it had a destiny as a conquering nation and this has led it into a terrible disaster, no matter whether it wins or loses.

The politician is a man who can not be classed either as a man of faith or a man of science. He is rather the lineal descendent of a class found in all times who played a game of selfishness with the hope of selfish gains. He has been the bull in the China shop in every human crisis. It was he whom Christ characterized as a false prophet who would decieve many in the crisis that was upon the Jewish nation in the last days of Judaism; it was he who gained possession of the Catholic Church in the days of Martin Luther; it was he who surrounded the court of King George the III. in the days of our revolution; it was he who held our halls of congress in the dark days leading up to our Civil War; it was he who came in as a carpet bagger in the wake of it; and it is he who is trying to push himself to the front now when all the nations of the earth are coming into the family of common interests. Their "Lo, here" and their "Lo, there" will but lead many into a wilderness of confusion to be slaughtered.

Christianity is comprehensive enough to include every nation on the earth, and we are bidden to preach the word to every creature. It means that we shall be helpful one to another. It can not be anything else. When we tell of Christ to any one individual of any race or nation, we open up the gate which must lead to the great kingdom of helpfulness one to another. The advocate of segregation knows not the least of the kingdom toward which we are journeying and he will lead those who are deceived by him into a terrible disaster. And there are vast numbers in both races advocating it. Whether it is the white politician trying to drive the Negro out, or the Negro politician trying to exclude himself, the effect will be the same and will inevitaby lead to disaster.

But the way to overcome this is to begin at the top, not at the bottom. The Christian men and women can easily unite to carry out the great missionary, benevolent and educational enterprises, for they are men and women of faith and "God is not ashamed of them to be called their God; for he has prepared for them a city." The men and women who are without faith, and often without moral development, can not do this work. It is best for us to leave the undeveloped classes where they are till we can enlist them in a great task which creates great faith.

In the missionary enterprise under the C. W. B. M. we have a divine opportunity to do a great work. The Church has never divided into North and South and we can unite our efforts in a work the greatness of which no man can now see. It almost appears that the Church of Christ came to the kingdom for this very purpose. The success of this work will depend very much on the extent to which the Negro Disciples co-operate in it. Their tendency to segregate is in this realm while the tendency of the politician to segregate is in the lower realm where nothing can be done any way till the people are lifted up higher. Let us pray earnestly for men of faith who will aid us to set our faces towards the new civilzation that is to be.

The era of Christianity—peace, brotherhood, the golden rule as applied to governmental matters—is yet to come, and when it comes, then and only then, will the future of the nations be sure.

Kossuth.

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PERSONALS

—Subscriptions Received; Arkansas: Mrs. Rebecca Hervey; Kansas, Elder J. D. Smith, E. E. Johnson; Kentucky, Mrs. Caldonia Moore; Oklahoma, Elder R. B. Wells.

—P. H. Moss, National Field worker among the Colored Sunday-schools, was a pleasant caller at the PLEA office. He is busy with his new work.

—B. C. Duke, Kansas city, Kans, reports three confessions at Maple Hill church, Nov. 22. He also reports some cash subscriptions.

—Rev. C. E. Craggett is minister at Topeka Kansas, and is doing good work. He recently held a meeting at Emporia, Kansas.

—We hope all subscribers will watch the expiration number of their paper, and renew in time. All those whose subscriptions expired with 170 ought to renew at once, and send for the missing number.

—Eld. R. T. Matlock has gone to Saratoga, Ark. for a week's meeting and to lead them in a church building enterprise. It is a new point and they have thirty three members and the work is promising.

—Eld. J. R. Louderback has just returned from Princeton, W. Va., where he attempted to build up the work in that new town. He is pulling hard for its Jubilee Rally.

NICHOLASVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Report for Oct.

Collection	$2.05
Av. attendance	28
Spirit fine, but much sickness.	
Collection wanted	10.00
Av. attendance wanted	100

Minister absent in Chicago meeting

Watch for our Nov. report; come on with yours.

T. M. Elmore Supt,
Annie M. Venable, Secretary,
C. H. Dickerson,
Minister.

SOUTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL REPORT.

On November 6, the auditing committee met at Cherry Grove Christian Church to examine the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the State Board. We found the account correct as follows:

——RECEIPTS——

Sunday School	$73.19
Convention of 1913	30.84
Union No. 1	34.00
Union No. 2	6 50
Rock Hill Church	.60
Convention of 1914	2.50
Total	$147.63

——EXPENDITURES——

Prof. Lehman, Education	$10.00
J. L. Woods, minutes	15 00
Workers' Conference	5.00
Prof. Lehman, Education	10.00
Bank at Varnville	102 63
Total	$147.63

W. E. Cephas, Chairman.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS

The following amounts have been received up to December 2, 1914.

For General Education.

Mississippi.

Institute Rural Station, Sunday School,..$40.00
Institute Rural Station,..... . .... 64.65
Institute Rural Station, Junior Society,.. 38.00
Total from Church at Southern Inst.,..142.65

South Carolina.

Holly Hill, Rial Simmons..... ..2.00

Texas.

Hawkins, Church at J. C. I. for Smith Hall,2.50

Arkansas.

Argenta, Church,..... 19.00
Kerrs, John Martin and family on pledge. to be credited to church at Pea Ridge,.....13.50
T tal this time,..... .....180.75
Total this year,.....227.15

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For Jarvis Christian Institute.

Hawkins, Church at J. C. I., ...49.00
Total in fund for J. C. I.,..... ....171.37

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Fund Statement.

For General Education,.....227.16
For J. C. I.,..... ..171.37
For A. C. I.,..... .....50.25
For Children's Day, ... 16.10
Eor T C. I., ...2 50
Total this year, ... 467 37
Total in Jubilee Fund,.....4542.51
Amount yet needed to make $20,000 00, .. 15457.49

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Remarks. The first thing I want you to think about is the fact that the teachers and students of the Southern Christian Institute raised $142.65, and the Church at the J. C. I. $51.50. Of the $51.50 raised at the church at the J. C. I. $16.50 was raised by the teachers and studens and the rest was contributed by their friends, white and colored. Prof. Berry in writing about it says, "You can not imagine how happy we are over the amount. Had the weather on Thanksgiving been good, we are sure we would have gotten over sixty dollars, It rained all day and no one was out but our little band." And then you can scarcely understand what it means for the studenta and teachers of the S. C. I. to raise $142.65. Much of this represented hard work at least a month ahead against the day of offering. Any one can see clearly what we may expect when these young people go out into the world. These efforts should stimulate many a one who has much more money. There are men who own lands and houses who will not give as much as one of these students gave.

Next, we wish to call your attention to the acmount given by the little church at Argenta. The membership is small, but they have heard the call. Brother and Sister Bostick each gave $5; Mrs. Joe Smith $2; and the following $1 each; viz., Mrs. Bell Matlock, Mr. Shelton Wallace, Prof. A. M. Bright, Mr. Thomas Ivey, and Mrs. Anna Bram. Mrs. Mary Peyton gave .50, and Bufford Matlock and Mary Jane Matlock, children of Brother and Sister Matlock .25 each.

And next we wish to call attention to the gift of the Mitchell family at Kerrs. Brother John Mitchell and all his family made a pledge for five years, and this is to pay those. The amounts are as follows, John Mitchell, $5; Mrs John Mitchell, $1; Decatur Mitchell, $1.50; Alice Mitchell, $1; Burlie Mitchell, $1; Annie Mitchell, $1; Ollie Mitchell, $1; John Mitchell Jr., $1; Carrie Mitchell, $1; and Brother Mitchell adds that two of his daughters that pledged have recently married aud they will send it in themselves. Here is an example of a whole family sharing alike the burden of doing the Lord's work that ought to become contagious.

We urge every church and Sunday School and individual to send in the money promptly to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi. If the times have been hard, do not draw in on the Lord's work first. Let the great work go on.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION

EDWIN F. JACKSON

"His purposes are ripening fast, unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste but sweet will be the flower."

How true are these lines and to none more applicable than for the South Carolina Churches who like the children of Israel of old have wandered through a period of forty years of darkness, yet ever groping toward the light. This was not because the leaders were not loyal but because we failed to catch the vision of the "Life of service."

Oh! could our forefathers and pioneer preachers have caught glimpse ef our last Annual and

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seen those servants of Christ who had come up from the noise of the battle, to meet and do business for our Lord, who met with us according to His promise, for His presence was manifested by the many lofty ideas expressed in the resolutions made and the spirit of prayer that prevailed over all

Never before was South Carolina with such a number of workers within her gates as on this occasion. The first to arrive were Prof. P. H. Moss. National Sunday school Organizer, and Miss Rosa V. Brown, National Organizer of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The next train brought Prof. J. B. Lehman. It was not long before his inspiring voice and spirit of devotion led us out into the spirit of service.

On each committe were men of thought, who solved the problems brought before them in the spirit of Christ. We had the pleasure of serving on one where a difficult adjustment was made with "one accord." Jas. L. Wood read the report of the last Committee on Watchword and Aim. W. E. Cephas read the report of the Committee on resolutions. One of them provides, that we send $5.00 with our delegate to the worker's Conference in May. Bro. Sander's honor Roll of $1000 was unanimously adopted. Prof. Moss read a very touching tribute to the dead. The Committee on time and place heard the cry of the church near Ehrhardt and will go to them next year, time to be arrainged with Prof. Lehman and Elder F. O. William of Holly Hill.

The women's work was under control of Miss Brown; of her we can but say: young, talented and consecrated with a heart filled with a desire to help the work. She was ever ready to take hold every where, whether leading a song, or writing a letter or offering a prayer. Well may her Alma Mater be proud of her. We trust the sisters of S. C. will mention her work through the PLEA The C. W. B. M. have chosen wisely. Prof. Moss is a man who has been with Christ. He has a knack of getting right next to you, and make you take a fresh grip on your self. Do you now understand our success when we had those who are mighty in prayer with us? And now, that we are getting our State conventions in line, why not each State send a delegation who are mighty in prayer, to attend them all? Returning to Prof. Moss we cannot say at which he is best, in the pulpit, in the S. S. or when he gets next to you in his little brotherly talk. But this we do say that the children have one to guide them who understands their needs. With a grateful heart, we ask God to shelter these worthy people. May the work done by them in S. C. be as jewels laid up to adorn their crown.

Dale.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

As the days pass by, we can see a large vision of the Lord's work. There is no longer a doubt as to what we are doing with our missionary money. A few years ago our educational system was very poor and we could not see our way clear. But gloom has been driven away, and replaced with great schools, to prepare our girls and boys for the future. In our Waco Convention, a Board of Education was elected, with L. H. Crawford chairman, Mrs. W. M. Alphin of Waco. sec. And M. Knight of Cason, treas. As we try to make our educational facilities greater than they ever have been, we do make an earnest appeal to all of the churches, to observe the regular education Rally and all money raised will be sent by post office money order to Mrs. Wm. Alphin, 919, 9th St. payable to M. Knigt, Cason Tex., and the board will make the report to J. B. Lehman. This message would not be complete if I did mention some of our work here. Since our convention, two have been added to the church, and our work has been placed upon a better basis; every one seems to be working as never before. We observed the first Sunday in Nov. for state missions. We were able to raise $31. 00 for first quarter. We trust the churches and individuals who have not raised their money, will do so, for the work can not go on without your support.

Eld. L. H. Crawford.

Greenville.

THE CONVENTION AGAIN

J. L. WOOD.

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Colored churches of Christ in South Carolina, held with the Antioch Christian church, near Varnville, Oct. 29 and Nov. 1, is now history. Barring a few minor incidents, it was the best convention ever held in this state among our peoples. To be sure much less

money was raised this year than last, owing to the European war. The attedance was fairly good and a fine Spirit prevailed through out. In information imparted, in inspiration generated, in spirtual uplift and in enlarged vision, this was away and beyond, our best convention. We were fortunate indeed in having with us, Pres. J. B. Lehman, Miss Rosa V. Brown, National organizer of the C. W. B. M. and Prof. P. H. Moss, National Bible School Evangelist. Pres. J. B Lehman on Thursday afternoon made one of his matchless addresses from the theme "I am debtor both to the wise and to the unwise." Rom. 1; 14. and again on Friday night preached one of his incomparable sermons from the Text "and ye shall be my witness" Acts. 1 ,8; to say that he was at his best is sufficient for those who have heard him. He has the faculty of gripping one's conscince as has no other speaker the writer has ever heard. Miss Rosa V. Brown made a thrilling address to the convention on "How to better the condition of our work." She brought to us a great message and deliverd one of the most effective addresses of the entire convention; and again on Saturday night with chart she made an interesting address on the work of the C. W. B. M. which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Near the close of the convention she succeeded in organizing an auxiliary with about 15 members. On Thursday night Prof. P. H. Moss preached a strong and searching sermon from the subject the "Coming Kingdom." The discourse was excellent, timely and deeply spiritual. The climax of the convention was reached Sunday morning when Prof. Moss held his Bible School Institute and from maps charts made a most interesting and highly instructive address on how to conduct the Bible School .He seems to possess an inexhaustible fund of information on Bible school and modern methods of conducting them; surly he is the right man in the right place. During the convention, he conducted the quiet hour, which proved to be most impressive. W. E. Cephas, on the needs of the work, made an eloquent and an able plea for a trained leadership emphasizing the idea that the minister should be a leader for his people. Saturday night Mrs. Betsey E. Davis and Miss Rachel Grover read very interesting papers on various phases of the work. Mrs. Narcissus Benjaman made a short address. At the Sunday School midday service Elder E. F. Jackson, the retiring President preached a most excelent sermen from the text "We are laborers together with God." The writer, at the night service, spoke on the "Plan of salvation." The committee on Watchword and Aim took high ground and committed South Carolina to a man's task for the Convention year: Watchword, Information, Education. Aim, a boy and a girl from every Church and $500 for our schools. The next convention goes to Macedonia church, near Ehrhardt. The following officers were elected: Presidnt, .O Williams; Vice President, J.C, Counts; Sec., H.W. Edwards; treasurer, R. C. Harter; State Evangelist, J. L. Wood.

Sumter.

WEST POINT, MISS.

A meeting of five nights duration was held at West Point last week. We had no outward results but according to expressions shown the church was greatly revived. Many new truths, I am told, were learned concerning the Great Salvation. A brother not a member of the church of Christ, is said to have cofessed to his having learned a deal about baptism.

The battle was just beginning to get warm when we closed Friday night, just when it was being noised abroad that the meeting was going on. Had our best crowd on the last night, which is good proof that the interest was getting high. Had to close on account of the District meeting which was to be held at Pilgram's Rest on the 7th and 8th.

The West Point membership are few in number and odds greatly aginst them yet they succeeded in raising $4.75 for us. We feel grateful to the faithful few. We pray God's blessing upon them.

The District meeting was held on the above named dates. It was not what it should have been. Only four brethren met on Saturday afternoon, we had a most beautiful day. Some Christians [I say Christians] are so slothful, negligent, so careless, so untrue, so unfaithful, so unthankful, they will not serve God with any kind of weather He gives them. A man can never serve God with excuses. Away with your excuses! Away with your shortcoming! Away with your complaints of hard times and render unto God service for His benefits. He has already blessed us far beyond what we deserve, and still the greatest thing we offer Him is our complaint.

It is indeed hard work to bring she West Point District out, but we are bending every energy. We have some faithful brothers and sisters in this District who mean to remain faithful to the work, but the majority are just the other way. Sorry to say some of this people have imbibed a deal of the anti mission spirit. Pray for us, brethren.

We were stormed out Sunday night.

Elder Bennett broke to us the Bread of life Sunday morning. Text: "Feed the flock of God which is among you." 1. Peter 5:2. We were favored with a strong sermon. The Elder has not forgotten how to preach.

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

All C. W. B M Dues; that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member, and all Special Collections of the Auxiliaries should be sent to the CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

PROGRAM

OF THE QUARTERLY SESSION OF NEGRO CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF MISSISSIPPI,

FOREST GROVE CHURCH, PATTISON, DEC. 19-20.

Saturday, 10: a. m.
Meeting called to order by President.
Devotional, led by Mrs. Fannie Clark, Mrs. Aida Coffee and Mrs. Alice Monroe.
Three minutes talk by delegates, subject: Missions.
Song.
Sermon: Elder S. Watts.
Song.
Invocation.
Prayer; J. Jenkins.
Song.
Dinner.
Devotional service at 2 P. M., led by Mrs, J. Flowers, Mrs. Bridgers and Mrs. Clayborn.
Song.
Query; State Organizer Mr. S. S. Blackburn.
Song
Addrss: Rev. John Lomax.
Song.
Adjourment.
Saturday 7:30 P.M.,
Devotional, led by Mrs. Cordelia Jennings, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs Edna Travillian.
Address by Mrs. C. K. Green, ex-president.
Song.
Sermon by Rev. M. J. Green
Song.
Invocation by Rev. Jno. Lomax.
Prayer, Mrs. Carol Morgan.
Doxology.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Devotional, led by Mrs. Bowan, Miss Lillie Bradley and Mrs Jno. Lomax.
Address by Mrs. V. A. Jones, State Secy.
Song:
Sermon: Rev. S. Yarber, assisted by Rev. Jno. Miller.
Solo: Miss Cordelia Mosley.
Report of Mission Workers.
Song, Congregation.
Ten minutes, intermission.
Reassemble.
Song.
Prayer.
Song: Duet, Miss R. V. Brown and Miss Mosley.
Address of President.
Song.
Report of Auxiliaries.
Song: God Be with You.

Committee: Sarah S. Blackburn.
C. K. Greene.
C. Jennings.

STUART, VIRGINIA

I came to this place Nov. 2, to fill a position with the Va. Christian Orphanage, as teacher and book-keeper, and do missionay work for the church at this place.

Stuart is located on the D. & W. railroad, and is the county seat of Patrick county. I am principal of the town school, teaching both there and at the Orphanage, and am very well pleased.

The Orphanage owns a large plantation, and it was a beautiful sight to me, on my arrival, to see the orphan boys and share croppers at their work grinding cane, getting up corn etc.

Brother R. L. Peters, the founder and president of the "Home," is also pastor of the church, and is well thought of by both white and colored.

He was here when I arrived and introduced me to the people. He spent a week here, and held services every night. They have a splendid building, and a large and influential membership. It is one of the best paying congregations for its size, I have ever seen.

I will do all I can to instruct them in both vocal and instrumental music, and to keep up their Sunday school and prayer services.

Ardelia M. Thompson.

The only riches we can have in the world to come is the riches that come with good deeds. The riches of earth will fade as a flower. Many of the rich will be paupers in the judgement. Put good works in the bank of heaven, "where moth doth not corrupt, and where theives do not break through and steal."

Jackson. B. C. Calvert.

P. H. MOSS.

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They made us one of them in all of their conventional work. I think one of our best meetings and most profitable talks was the Sunday morning of the Varnville convention. There people are anxious to bring their S. S. up to the standard. They wanted me to stay and visit their schools; we could not stay but hope to return to them as soon as we can.

Greenville N. C. Sunday afternoon we left for the State convention of N. C (white) Nov.2—5.

The pastor J. J. Walker made me welcome, Bro. Robt. M. Hopkin, the national S. S. Sec'y gave me ten minutes of his time to get before the people; I was received with great applause We spake on "The out look of our field."

Wed. after noon we left for the state convention (white) in Columbia, Nov. 5—8. We spent just a few hours in this city; left the platform for the train. Was received with heartiness.

We left Columbia, S C. for the A. C. I., Lum, Ala. We met the S. S. here yesterday; will hold conference with the Supt. and his cabinet Tuesday night. Will leave Wed. 11th, for the city of Birmingham; will attend state convention (white) in Ensley, Ala. Will speak in that convention if chance comes our way.

Thus far we have enjoyed the work Hope to hold some S. S Institutes soon. Let all the people hear, an invitation to your field is in order.

Send my mail to Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Miss. It will come to me wherever I am. My work is under the auspices of The American Christian Missionary Society, hence my coming to any field will not be a financial burden.

Let the colored Disciples line up to the great S. S. movement. The S. S. is the training department of the church. Where the S. S' light is extinguished crape will soon hang upon that church's door. Come, brother, get the vision of the age. Where there is no vision the people perish.

Bro. Supt. if you sleep your school will lag. If the whole head is sick the whole heart faints.

Request of your sec'y: that the Supts. of every S. S. read the little book; "Organizing and Building up The Sunday school," by J. L. Hulbert. Get the book for 65 cents; Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Mo. After the supt. reads the book let him write in ink his name at the top in the back of the book, then give it to his teachers till all have read and written their name in the back, Sec'y and Tr. not excepted. This will bring the dawn of a new day to your school.

Sunday School Lesson.

December 20, 1914.

THE ASCENSION

LESSON:—Luke 24: 50-52; Acts 1:1-11.

PLACE:—Mt. Olivet, near Bethaney.

PERSONS:—Jesus and the eleven.

GOLDEN TEXT:—He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. Acts 1:9

Time:—Thursday May 18th A. D. 30.

ASCENSION:—Forty days before the ascension Jesus arose from the dead. In these forty days he had repeatedly walked and talked with persons who knew him. The disciples were not present when Christ arose from the dead, but they had ample opportunity to test the reality of the resurrection. The last picture of the Christ is to them one speaking of divine power. He could have lifted himself out of the present mob who crucified him. He could have avoided the grave by going up into the clouds, but he was willing to die to become man's savior. His last picture is not of the cross, nor of a tomb. It is one of an ascending savior who is leaving behind a promise of his abiding spiritual presence, and a promise to return again. 2. Disciple's joy—How strong the conviction must have been that brought the disciples back from their beloved master not in sadness but in great joy. When Jesus talked to his disciples about the work he was committing to their hands, and the promise of the Holy Spirit, their minds could fathom this meaning When he leads these disciples to Olivet and there ascends, the hearts of the disciples were made glad. They were inspired, empowered, as they had not been before, and hasten back to the city of Jerusalem, with praise on their lips, and thanking God for what they had

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DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Elder P. H Moss, general superintendent of the Sunday School work for Negroes under the American Christian Missionary Society, arrived at the Institute, Tuesday evening, December 1.

December came in like spring. It is hard for us to realize that it is December.

A number of plasterers arrived from Jackson, Monday morning, November 30, and proceeded to put mortar upon the steel lath of Smith Hall just a little faster than the boys were able to get it up to them. The girls and their matron are beginning to feel jubilant over the prospect of getting into their new home by holidays.

The Athletic association is very grateful to "A Friend in North Carolina" for three tennis rackets, two tennis balls, and a net. They are now hunting out a place for a court.

Six young men were received into membership in the Home Defender Success Club at the regular meeting of the club, November 29th. All young men of the Institution find that if they are to become the world helpers they ought to be, they must ally themselves with this organization, which is so helpful to young men.

The closing exercises of Mt. Beulah Sunday School struck a high note last Sunday morning when Mrs. Prout's class rendered a fifteen minute missionary program. It is the aim to have a missionary program by a class each month.

We are glad to read the notes coming in from so many of our schools.

We have recently had good rains. We were almost to the point of having to haul water. The cisterns have been replenished, for which we are thankful.

Last Sunday afternoon the young men accepted the invitation of the young women to unite with them in their meeting at Allison Hall. The subject was, "The Trial Balance." All entered heartily into the exercises and a good meeting was the result.

Every fifth Sunday the Juniors meet with the Senior Endeavor Society. Last Sunday at 7:00 p m, insead of having the regular program, Mrs. Lehman the delegate of our church to the State Convention (white) at West Point, gave her report. This was followed by a report of the Jackson District Convention by James Rundles. Both of the reports were interesting and helpful.

Superintendent Prout, who left Thanksgiving night in company with Prof. Saunder's father and mother, for Grand Bay, Alabama, returned Wednesmorning, December 2, coming by way of New Orleans. While in the Crescent City he looked after the heating plant for Smith Hall.

The young men have made a new seat for their porch at Belding Hall.

Dec. 3, 1914.

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The cold weather compelled us to move our kitchen. The old place that has been used for kitchen for a long time, will now be used for a laundry room. The Matron was glad to prepare a nice Thanksgiving meal in her new place.

Miss Gardiner, our primary teacher was called to see her sick sister at her mother's home in Johnson City, one day this week. We are glad to report at this writing that she is much better. Miss Gardiner also reports that the rally at the Johnson City church was a success.

Our Thanksgiving service was very good. We did not have very many out. The service was conducted by Prof. Griffin. A nice program was rendered. The solo by Miss Gardiner was excellent. We will make a special item for educational rally.

The program which was to be rendered by the Lehman Society, has been postponed until next Friday night.

We are anticipating a nice program for Christmas. The literature has been sent for already.

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been permitted to witness. When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles in Jerusalem, we may believe that they were emboldened, not alone because of the living message that came to them, but because of the abiding presence of Him who said, "and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

D. R. B.

Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high—
Can we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, oh Salvation,
The joyful news proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Raise Farming Up.

IF ever a people had outside encouragement to improve, it is the Southern farmer. The Department of Agriculture has spent millions of dollars to teach them how to destroy the cattle tick and how to combat the boll-wevil, and the various great rail-road systems have agricultural experts at work along their lines teaching the people how to do better farming. All our Christian Industrial schools and many of the state schools are teaching the youth how to farm. Improvement ought to show itself soon. But up to the present not a great progress has shown itself. This was due to a number of reasons three of which were, (1) it is not an easy matter for any community to give up methods used thru generations, (2) The experts had to begin in theory and these theories were not always the easiest to make practical, and (3) the mass of people had a wrong conception of farming. They were not trying to make a home for themselves, they were just tarrying where they were.

But now the time has come when we must change up or give away to some one else who will make a change. The land has been impoverished until it will not produce anything any more. We suffer some from boll wevil, and some from war prices, but these were small in comparison to the suffering from worn out soil. The old plantations will scarcely pay taxes any more. Something must be done. What? The soil must be restored to its original fertility. How can this be done? In the first place the large plantations must be broken up into small farms. Every big plantation owner should survey his land off into forty acre lots and invite the people to come in and buy it. The men who buy this land must fence it and raise stock on it and make manure to enrich the soil. Some commercial fertilizer must be added to it. Clover and legumes must be sown. Some of these must be plowed under. The soil must be plowed deeper. The farmer must think and try the things he thinks. Mississippi and Lousiana have a chance and a half to do well where Kentucky has one, and have two chances where Ohio has one. If the broken up Belgians families come to Lousiana they can make it far greater than Belgium itself was.

The Federal government is planning to loan $350,000,000, to cotton farmers, but only on condition that they diversify their crops. But how is a common Negro farmer to diversify? He must do the best he can on the land he rents and when he learns how, then he must not lose any in buying a piece of land himself. This fall is an ideal time to begin to buy land where a man has a little money on hand to begin with. Just as soon as this depression is over land will double in price. Those who have purchased and are unable to make any payments this fall, should hold on if that is possible till another year, or till the war is over.

Heretofore the farmers have made a frantic effort to get much out of the soil. Now they must begin to think how they can put something into the soil. If plowing is done in the winter, pine straw and forest leaves can be gathered up and plowed into the the furrow. Next year you can have hay and manure and fertilizer and then your soil will yield you a good increase.

Each year for ten years we have had a farmer's meeting in connection with our closing exercises. This seemed strange to some, but now this thing is becoming popular throughout the country. Eureka College announces their first farmer's institute. A corps of experts from the State University will come and and the college will be practically turned over to them for two weeks. If those farmers who have developed their farms up to be worth three hundred dollars an acre need this, certainly we need it.

If any of our readers want to buy land and do not know where to buy, write to J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Mississippi. He knows of land in the various states that is for sale and he will be glad to aid them in buying. But most of you know of land close to your home that you can buy. Now is the time for you to act. This old worn out land will blossom as the rose if you touch it with a hand that knows the soil.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold,

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PERSONALS

—Elder K. R. Brown writes: "Brother Moss's visit meant so much for us. I feel that our Sunday school will take on new life. I think he is so well fitted for this work. The only regret I have is that we were not well prepared for a good meeting. I hope to see an institute held in this county that will be a credit to our churches.

—In the Jubilee report last week under the head Kerrs, Arkansas, occured this "John Martin and family on pledge to be credited to Pea Ridge Church," This should have been "John Mitchell and family." He is the proud father of such a family of girls and not John Martin. However, you who read foot notes learn it was John Mitchchell and not John Martin.

—We are glad to give space, for the first time, to a report from the Central Christian Institute, of Kentucky. Read how things are being accomplished over there.

THE NEW GOSPEL PLEA

As has been said before, we are soon to make a great change in the size and form of the PLEA. It is a change which has been desired by the managers for a long time. The first issue will be made about January ninth, 1915, and we are sure you will like it.

Instead, however, of making a sixteen-page paper, as intended, we have decided that for the present, we will enlarge the pages, thus giving much more space for reading matter, and at the same time making it much more up-to-date and attractive. We decided this for one or two reasons, as follows:

First, the cost will not be so great. As it stands, the subscription list is not large enough to enable us with any reason to put so much in it. Some expensive machinery would have to be purchased, and other equipment, and many obstacles to be overcome. Then, it is a difficult matter to keep enough printing force on hand, to make it sure that we could always keep our promise of a sixteen page paper; at any rate, for the present.

Second, the new paper will be much better-looking. The pages will be the size of the average religious paper, and the shape will make it equal in looks, to almost any paper published by the Church of Christ, white or black. The pages of the old PLEA are so small, that it is hard to do justice to the articles, but with the new page, all that will be made better.

Third, if at any time we find that we can put out sixteen pages, we can do so, and still keep it looking well. This we will do, when we can get the force to do it.

The new PLEA will be equal to thirteen pages of the old PLEA, and will be a paper that the entire brotherhood of the Church will be proud of. Look out for the new GOSPEL PLEA! It will be out early in January, and you will like it. Now is the time to subscribe. Send your dollar or less and get the first issue.

THE CALL OF THE AGES

By Fannie Hay Johnson.

From the time God created him, and placed him in the Garden of Eden, down to the present day, man has been in some feeble way, endeavoring to answer the call of the age in which he lived. Being rational, the responsibility of developing a world and make it habitable for his kind was placed upon him. His creator, being infinite, so created him that he in some measure becomes a miniature creator. Thus he began to create a civilization according to the call and demand of the age. From the cave-man, to the now highly developed and well housed monarch of the twentieth century is one long struggle to bring into existence that something that ever leads man higher, the ideal of human development that brings back to him that Image, that in the long ago, he lost in Eden. One great continual struggle for that something without which he is no longer man—once more to be like his maker. The age beckons him on, on. Like spectral phantoms they flit along calling, calling, ever calling to man as he struggles up the higher mountain to better things, larger life, greater usefulness to God and his fellow man. Through the dark night of barbarism, through the slough of ignorance, down in the valley of sin, through the thick fog of superstition up the mountain side of civilization has he struggled, and yet as the ages call, scattering as they swiftly fly, millions of opportunities, and a thousand and one avenues to development, in the home, in the state, in the Church. When the time came, they called for the better dwellings. Man answers with rude huts, an improvement upon the cave. The successive demands upon his ingenuity awakened latent desires, increased his ambition to cope with the age, not only developing the brain but his stature. The shape of the skull began gradually to improve. The large round skull becomes more shapely, the short thick limbs more lengthy and supple. And so the development continued until we have an almost perfect being in stature. But this was not the only growth, the intellect, the spirit of the being grew apace.

The God-voice that makes itself heard deep down in the inner consciousness that brings about restlessness, that burning desire to do things, must in some way be obeyed. To refuse means death and decay. Mexico refused so she must suffer the consequences. Europe refuses and dies by the thousands from war, disease and famine. It is the same with nation and individual—to refuse means death; to obey life more abundantly. The call is to us. dear Christians; dare we refuse? Dare we shirk our duty? Dare we defy God? It's to you, brother, sister—it's to me. Shall we obey? Shall we open the door of opportunity to our posterity? Or shall we forever close it? The age sent out the demand for schools, institutes and colleges and forth they came one, two, three—then without number. Among them are our own schools, thus setting before your children and your children's children, an open door; will you lead them in? Or will, you hold them back? Beware the penalty.

Once there was an army in fierce battle: Their aim was to set their flag upon a high rugged mountain. But the opposing army was powerful, The fact seemed impossible of accomplishment. One brave soldier took the flag and began the difficult ascent; the opposing army began fiiring. The captain of the ascending army seeing the danger to the soldier, shouted, "Bring the flag back to the line! bring the flag back to the line!" "No," replied the soldier, "bring the line up to the flag!" A moment's silence then the captain' clear voice rang out in one curt order, "Charge!" With a yell the army leaped forward—up the mountain they struggled, catching the undergrowth, holding to rocks, some crawling, but ever advancing until at last amidst the cannon roar, the flag was planted. Slowly she unfurled to the breeze and the victory was won.

Our own flag has been lifted high. The order to charge has been given. Will we obey? Charge for Jubilee Rally. Charge for C. W. B. M. day. Charge on the enemies! Every duty is an order to charge. Will we be good soldiers? Will we obey the God-voice of the charge? What if the call for the S. C. I. had been disobeyed where would have been our Jacob Kenoly? Our Harry Smith and many others whose lives are useful in the development of the race and Christianity? Let us remember, to fail in the duties God has placed upon us, is to imitate the unfaithful servant in the parable and we remmeber what became of him.

Let us think more seriously of our responsibilities to our Creator. Let us value the blessings he gives us. We know that we are God's instruments to accomplish great things if we will only be ready. We should support our schools that God in his mercy has given us. When the age called for a Christ, God out of his great love for man, gave his only begotton Son. That son in turn gave his life. What shall we give? Remember, to fail in this great crisis means destruction.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

LIBERIA LETTER

Dear members of the GOSPEL PLEA family:—It is time that I should be showing that I am still a member of the family by telling those of you at home some of the things that I am seeing and doing out on this far off field. There are lots of things that I could tell you about Africa that would be of interest to you but as I find myself limited by both time and space I shall only try to give you a "bird's eye view" of a visit to a native town. On Sunday afternoon Sept. 27, just after our morning service at the Institute Mr. Hunt and I started out for a native town taking our oldest boy with us as an interpreter. Our path wound its way first through an open field covered at different points with beds of water which while not deep enough for swimming in was much deeper than one would care to walk through but as there was nothing else to be done except to turn back and that we were not prepared to do, we went forward through some of these. From this field the path led through a forest of tall trees with just a little less water in it than there was in the field but it was quite enough to keep our feet that were already wet from getting dry.

Toward the farther end of this forest were openings here and there where the natives plant rice. These were just about ripe and presented a very pleasant scenery to the eyes and awakened in the beholder a consciousness of what can be done along agricultural lines here if the people only know how. A few chains beyond these beautiful fields of rice and we found ourselves in one section of the native town, about ten or twelve huts of mud, covered with roofs of stick and straw. Nearly all the inhabitants were out on their farm driving birds away from their rice, however we found seven at home. They were apparently pleased to see us although we could not understand their language and they could not understand ours. Through our interpreter we told them that we would like to talk to them and told them who we were and what we came for. They came together and lighted their pipes and gave us a part of their attention. I tried to tell them about Jesus and his great love for them, but as I had to talk through an interpreter and not directly to them I really do not know how much I said they understood altho sometimes they seemed fairly interested. After spending about half an hour with them we left and went to another settlement near by. Here we found only the chief who had always visited us at the station, but on this occasion he was dressed. Can you imagine what kind of clothes he wore? I am sure you can't for I couldn't if I did not see him. He did not put on a suit of clothes as you or I would have done but he had his entire body painted white with a substance much resembling our paint but only it seems as though it can easily be washed off when he wants to have another change. He is a jolly old fellow and can speak a few words of English. We learned from him that all the men were at the next settlement, not far off, gambling. We did not spend much time with him but passed on to the next settlement where we found just as he had said, that all the men were there gambling. It seems as though these people adopt the vices of civilization much easier than they do the virtues.

When we reached this settlement we found about a dozen men sitting in a circular form with a mat of their own construction spread on the ground before them. This served the purpose of a table. They used little shells in place of dice. They first shook them vigorously in their hands, threw them up in the air using their right hand in throwing them up, caught them with the left hand and instantly throwing them down on the mat. They win or lose according to the position in which these, fall. Just as we arrived on the scene ono fellow who had lost all he had in the game began to beg us for money so that he may enter the game again and was sadly disapointed when we told him that we could not give him money to be used in that way. These natives are fond of begging. They seem to think that the missionary ought to always be giving them things They use the word "dash" instead of our word "give" and they are always asking us to dash them. These gamblers were so interested in their gambling that it was impossible for us to talk to them. If we could speak to them

personally perhaps we could get them a bit interested in what we had to say, but to speak through an interpreter was a different matter.

After leaving them we started home again feeling rather tired and hungry. I need not tell you how well we enjoyed our dinner that evening after our long wallk among the native settlements.

Robert Goode n

FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

Splendid services the 4th Lord's day. Our Sunday school is wide awake, classes taught by efficient teachers, among whom we mention Miss Jessie Webb, one of the city teachers, and an active church worker. We have larger schools in Texas, but we hardly think they are better.

Last Monday Bro. W. H. Little, H. Cambelle and the writer, went to the Ft. Worth National Bank and with the payment of about one hundred and six dollars secured our deed, abstract and the last note against the church property. These papers are now in the hands of the church clerk. A large corner lot a most desirable location on East Annie and Virginia Sts., paid for in full. We hope to begin and complete a house of worship, in the next twelve months, worthy of our great name, and the earnest efforts of those workers for Christ.

The Texas Churches should open their hearts and pocket books to establish the New Testament religion in Ft. Worth and Dallas. As a missionary people it is our duty to establish churches in cities and towns where we have none. To us it seems that this really is Evangelistic work. Why evangelize organized churches when thousands of souls in the destitute fields have never heard "The salvation from God our Holy one" unmixed with sectarianism. Many very intelligent people in these waste places talk fluently on many important topics of the day but mention to them the New Testament religion, and its doctrine, and at once they lose their reasoning powers and talk like foolish men! And this too, right here in our own Texas, where we talk so much mission.

H. M. Johnson.

ORBITUARY

Mrs. Julia Bush Gee, the writer's mother-in law, was born December 12, 1849, in Christian County, Kentucky. Departed this life, at her home October 31, 1914, near Lafayette, Kentucky. She was married to Thomas Gee, Februaay 14, 1868, To this union were born 11 children, six boys and five girls, seven of whom survive her, five boys and two girls. She lived a faithful Christian life. She was a kind mother and devoted wife. She leaves a husband, seven childrsn, three sisters, three bothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure. The funeral services were conducted by Elder H. W. Huffman, Pastor, Roaring Springs Church of Christ. This is the church in which Sister Gee so much delighted to worship God. Althougb she was confined to her bed ten months, she bore her affliction with much patience and good cheer. Farewell, Sister Gee. We miss you, but our hope to meet you on the other side of the River, in the sweet Beulah Land, is based on the precious promise of God, who shall wipe away all tears from our eyes where parting will be no more. Rev. 21:1-4.

Hopkinsvilie, Kentucky. J. E. Anderson.

NORTH MIDDLETOWN, KY.

Allow me me to report another great meeting held in North Middletown. We secured Bro. A. W. Davis of Lexington noted temperance lecturer and preacher. Bro. Davis is a great power in the pulpit; he had to hear him both "black, and white" every night. Our church and town have been greatly benefited by his powerful sermons. Fifteen confessions. Fifty-four dollars and eighty cents raised last Sunday night. We regretted very much to close our meeting, but conditions were such Bro. Davis could not stay with us longer. It seems he is a busy man; while in our service he was called to Millisersburg to hold a meeting for Bro. M. Jackson. May God bless Bro. Davis in his work.

W. M. Grant.

A few lines from Mt. Sterling. I am glad to say our church is moving along nicely, every department at work. The Sunday school is on a fishing trip, under the leadership of Susan M. Brown, Superintendent, for every new pupil, you get a fish; therefore the one that brings in the most new pupils, will have the longest string of fish.

On November 29th we had our Education Rally, and as one of our good brothers says, "Kentucky is on trail." I suppose we will say, Dr. M. F. Robinson was our judge on that day, as he was present, and preached two good sermons, in his good old way, and altho it was a very bad day and night, we raised $75.00. Would have raised $100 easily had it not been for the inclement weather.

Elder Brown tells his members what he wants them to do, and it is done.

Lizzie Magowan.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

All C. W. B M Dues; that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member, and all Special Collections of the Auxiliaries should be sent to the CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Sisters: Two months of our year's work in the Auxiliary have already passed and we are now entering upon the third, which wiil end the first quarter of this convention year. We hope that each Auxiliary and each member have pledged to make this our best missionary year in every sense of the word. We of course realize that we are facing an awful crisis and that money is a little hard to get, but my dear friends, we must not become selfish because of this and keep back that which belongs to the Master. If we do this we can not expect His blessings. I some time feel that if we were a little more generous with the Lord and willing to share wlth Him of our blessings, He would be more bountiful in His blessings for us. But often, too often, when all is going well with us, we forget God and those who need our sympathy and love.

In order that we may get our Auxiliaries to the place where we may work with some system, that each auxiliary may have its regular monthly meeting and make quarterly reports to the National Board at Indianapolis Indiana, and that those faithful Auxiliaries may give inspiration to the weaker ones, we have arranged that each Auxiliary will make a quarterly report to the Gospel PLEA, to be printed therein. For this purpose, cards have been printed which will be sent to each local Auxiliary. We will ask that each Secretary fill out the blanks as soon as possible and forward same to, Editor of C. W. B. M. page, GOSPLE PLEA Office Edwards, Miss.

When ever a report is made to the National Board let us be careful to let it be know that the report is from a Negro Auxiliary. Since we have started out with renewed effort we want credit for all that we do as a race in this work, and we will be given credit, if the right course is pursued. Let each Auxiliary respond briefly. Yours for the advancement of His cause.

Miss Rosa V. Brown.

LET'S HAVE A LIQUORLESS CHRISTMAS.

(Reprinted from The Progressive Farmer).

"Give your christmas money to your wife and children and not to a saloon keeper" is the advice given in a notable article on another page, and if there ever was a time in the history of the South when every farmer should take that advice. that time is now. One of the South's most prominent railroad officials writes to remind us that with the approach of Christmas—the birthday of Christ—"the people are using superhuman efforts to get their goods into every farmer's home in the South." Then he urges all Southern editors to use the influence of the press to offset such efforts; and we are with him. The sentence with which he concludes his letter is worth passing on and thinking about:

"Distilled liquor is responsible for more poverty, ignorance, illiteracy, mal-nutrition, disease, and lack of efficient accomplisnment in the farm and country districts of the South than any other cause that confronts our people."

Let's have a liquorless Christmas for the sake of the wife and children who need the money for better things: for the sake of the boys and young men, who need a better example from the older men, and certainly from their fathers; and out of a decent respect to the Founder of the Christian religion, whose birthday is celebrated. If there is one time of all the year more than another when a man ought to be free from dissiption and immorality, that time is Christmas.

During the past year there have been many notabte gains, among which is the greatly increased number of remittances received. There have been one thousand four hundred eighty-two entries above the number received last year. This bespeaks an ever-increasing number of people who are having fellowship, through their gifts, in the missionary service.

CHRISTMAS LESSON

MATTHEW 2: 1- 12 LUKE 2: 4—14

Golden text:—And the angel said unto them, be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.

Time:—Christ was born four years before the date we give to his birth. In our counting time we follow the date that was fixed by early chronologists.

Place:—Bethlehem.

The home of Joseph and Mary was at Nazareth about 70 miles north of Jerusalem. Luke says that there had gone forth a decree that all the world should be enrolled. This decree required that persons should return to their native places. Joseph and Mary came from their home in the north to Bethlehem. So many had reached the place before them that the inn was filled. The writers give us the facts as to the humble surroundings where Jesus was born Not only his mature life but his birth and infancy were connected with poverty and toil.

I. THE ANGELIC MESSAGE.

(1) This message came to the Shepherds, WHILE AT WORK Visions do not come to the idle, nor to those out of their places.

(2) IT WAS FOR ALL PEOPLE. Jesus is for all the world. It is the work of the church to get all the world to Christ.

(3) IT WAS GOOD TIDINGS. The promise had been made centuries before this. Now the long promised One had come. The Giver of all arrives to make His home with man. "There it born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour."

(4) IT WAS ACCOMPAINED BY HEAVENLY MUSIC. Kingsley says "Music has been called the speech of the angels. I will go farther and call it the speech of God himself." Christmas is a day of songs, of carols and of hymns; and let it be so always. Some may not be able to make music with the voice, but in hearts and lives we join in the angelic song.

II SEEKING CHRIST.

The wise men came from the east, guided by a star. These are things that become stars or lead us to Christ: (1) the star of science—as knowledge of God's works.

(2) The desire for light; "More light" was the dying cry of Goethe. Jesus came as a light to the world.

(3) The need for help in trouble. Nations and individuals look to God in times of great trouble for God bends low in times of great affliction if we feel the need of him.

(4) The star of hope. It is hope that buoys us up and nerves our heart to do our best.

To day we should bring our best gifts and lay them on the alter of service to God and man.

D. R. B.

MOSS AT MATTHEWS ALA.

The following is the report of our Sunday School. Brother Moss wrote me that he would like to meet our Sunday School officrs on Thursday night November nineteenth, but because of the storm the officers did not meet. We met the next night, the Conference was in our home. Brother S. P. Barnett led in prayer. Then brother Moss told us of the Modern Sunday School. He told of the great value of trained teachers and if we want a Sunday School to succeed we must have trained teachers.

He next discussed the graded Sunday School. He said this was done to fit the lesson to the student. In connection with this, he told what kind of songs we are to sing for Sunday School. He next discussed the task of the teachers. He said they are responsible for the students in class; after this, we organized the teachers' training class with five members

T. B. Barnette.

THE SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

W. H. DICKERSON

The best farmer is not always the one who cleans up the most new land, but the one who cultivates well the land already cleaned, and keeps life in its soil So it is highly important that much life and activity are kept in the old members of the church, otherwise there is but little encouragment for new members. Revival meetings are not always a failure because many new members are not taken in. Sometimes it is a good sign that the church is not ready or prepared for new members when there are no additions.

But continue to preach the Word. It will not return void. When this is read in the PLEA we hope to have all the lumber on the ground for the first building of Central Christian Institute, Kentucky

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Mrs. M. E. Baker, State President of the Ohio Christian Woman's Board of Missions, recently sent a check for twenty five dollars to be used in the library of Southern Christian Institute, where it is greatly needed. In addition to the gift itself, the spirit in which it is given brings to us a precious blessing.

Last Sunday at the closing exercises of the Sunday School, James Rundles, president of Miss Hunt's class of last sunmer term presented the following books to the S. C. I. librarian: In Red Man's Land, Polyanna, The Child in the Midst. This is the class that received the Banner for the term

The plasterers at Smith Hall put through a carload of wood pulp last week. The boys who carried in the mortar were going at a pretty fast clip.

The meeting of the Y. M .C. A. last Sunday was under the direction of the Missionary committee. The leader was Carey Hunter, the chairman of the committee. Several new members were received at the close of the meeting. Steam has been turned on in the Industrial Building, and the occupants seem happy about it.

All the boys who helped to build the new poultry house enjoyed a little party in the chicken house last Saturday night The repast consisted of chicken, gravy, bread, butter and margarites. Toasts were given. Then after eating, each one told what part he had in the construction of the house. Many motions were brought forward in an effort to name the building. The name that finally prevailed was "Red Hen Dormitory." The young men will never forget the good time they had.

Examinations for the fall term have started.

The Home Defender Success Club Contest occurs Wednesday night December 16, admission free. Every body invited.

S C. I. Dec 8.

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Lehman Literary Society rendered its Thanksgiving program last Friday night. The program was very good.

Rev. W. P. Martin, the state evangelist was on the campus Saturday. He has been from home for quite a while. He reports a success in Savannah, Franklin, Holtsville and adjacent places.

We have begun our practice for the Christmas exercises. Mrs. Bailis, one of our former teachers, is assisting with the music. Mr. Clarence Keebler, one of our students who finished the eighth grade was on the campus this week. He speaks of continuing his education later on. Prof. Bailis, "The Movie Man" of the town was with us at noon last Saturday.

Prof. Griffin was in Johnson City on business Thursday. Miss Willie Mae Gardiner, of Johnson City, spent Friday and Saturday on the campus visiting her sister, Miss Flora Gardiner, who is our primary teacher.

December 5, 1914.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

During the month of November twenty acres of wheat were sown, a car-load of lumber,—thirty eight two-horse wagon-loads—were hauled to the school campus; two thousand five hundred bricks were hauled a distances of ten miles, a ditch one foot deep, two feet wide and seven hundred feet long was cut, to prevent the water washing the wheat we sowed, and about six acres of ground were ploughed for next year's corn, and some fence was repaired. Soon we hope to have the saw and hammers in action on the first building, to be two stories high. 36x40 feet.

W. H. Dickerson.

KANSAS CITY

I wish to say a few words about the work of the Third Christian church and Sunday school.

We are getting on nicely at this writing. Three have come into the church, one from the Baptists and two from the world. The Sunday school is largely attended every Lord's day. Success to the PLEA.

J. D. Smith, Pastor.

The earth has grown cold with its burden of care.
But at Christmas it always is young,
The hearts of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the Angels is sung.

Geo. Lehmann

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HELPFUL TO ALL

THE DANGER OF THE CARNAL MIND

When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth he tried to correct their carnal mindedness which showed itself in a vain strife for popularity. He began by telling them that God has not chosen many wise nor many mighty and not many noble and gives them the terse statement, "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." In another chapter he takes up the difficulty in the Corinthian Church over the question of men. Some said Paul was the greatest, others said Appollos was really the greatest, while others said they were for Christ, and possibly they said it in a partisan sense. Paul told them they were carnal minded or they would not engage in such a strife. "What then is Appollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him. I planted, Appollos watered; but God gave the increase"

There is no more foolish thought than the silly notion that it is profitable to seek after the praises of men. In the first place their praise is more likely to be wrong than right and very often the men who are praised the most are the farthest from the truth: and in the second place, even though it is correct it is ephemeral. Those who praise us to-day because it pleases their mood to do so, will curse us to-morrow if it pleases their mood so to do. It is much better for each of us to regard ourselves as simple ministers through whom God is giving his truth to the people. If our work is such that we need popularity God will give it to us, but we should rest assured that God will never give us popularity simply to gratify our vanity, and the men who seek most for it in that way fail the farthest in the end.

If I am smart, who made me so? If I am handsome in personal appearance, who made me so? If I am capable of managing great things, who made me so? If God gave me these powers, and I developed them and properly cared for them, I have some honor in it, and it does my soul good to have good men say so, but I must never forget that I am no more than God's minister to give to the people the simple truths of his Gospel; and the moment I begin to hunt glory for myself I become too carnal minded to know his truth and I eliminate myself as his minister.

When I was a young man teaching country school I had almost a superstitious dread of praise for I always looked for a storm cloud after the sunshine, and it seldom ever failed to come. Every young man should heed well the fundamental principles so well understood by Solomon and expressed in Proverbs, "A haughty spirit goeth before a fall, and pride before destruction." Paul knew it when he said, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Measured by what Paul wrote in the first Book of Corinthians, the Christian people of all nations of today are yet very carnal minded. They have the false pride he condemned in the first chapters and they lack almost all trace of the guileless love set forth in the thirteenth chapter. It would be better for us to take the precautions taken by the early Christians. They never told what any man did except as it was necessary to give his message. Not enough stress was laid on the life of Christ or the lives of any of his apostles to give date of birth and a full history of parentage and childhood and youth. They did not yield to the temptations to allow personality to obtrude itself into the place of the great truth in Christ Jesus.

This is the last message of the old year and it should be a fitting one for the new year. The Negro Disciples of Christ have started out to do a great work for the Lord. It would be an easy thing for them to allow personal ambitions to divert them from this high purpose. Every one who has anything to do with it is insignificant in camparison to the great work we are doing We are laying the foundation for a work that will live and be great when even the epitaphs on our tombstones will have been forgotten. A false step on our part may mar the work for the next hundred years. Let each one retire to his secret chamber on the first day of January and solemnly ask God to help him to be unselfish and efficient, so that generations yet unborn may not suffer because of anything which we may do.

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PERSONALS

—Subscriptions Received;
Mississippi: Alfred Jennings, Mrs. Missouri Naylor; Texas: W. J. Fuller.

—Through some mistake, the Nicholasville, Ky. Sunday School, C. H. Dickerson, pastor, was reported to have raised in their collection for October, $2.05 instead of $4.05, the correct amount. We are sorry to cheat that good school out of two dollars, but are glad to return it in this way, and wish we might pay all our debts as easily and willingly.

—On the 15th of October, Mr. Emory W. Ross, head of the mission in Liberia, wrote that Mrs. Lula Smith had developed a bad case of blackwater fever and the only hope to save her life was in bringing her home. On account of the great difficulty of getting proper passage in war times and because Mr. Ross was to come home anyway, it was decided that he should bring her home. They sailed from Monrovia November 15, and after a stay of a week in the Canary Islands they came on to Porto Rico and Cuba, landing in New Orleans on Decmber 17 and came on to Edwards. Mrs. Smith recovered on the way home so she was in good condition when she arrived She performed some of the most important work at the station and it was very fitting that all the workers there were true to her in this time of trial.

—Brother C. H. Dickerson reports that they are busy getting together their $100 Educational offering. He says it will be raised.

- Brother John W. Smith, of Nicholasville, Ky., was buried on Sunday, Dec. 13, from his home at that place. He was an undertaker there for twenty or more years. He was highly respected by all, and a good Christian man. Funeral services conducted by his pastor, Elder Dickerson.

—Word comes of the death of Sister Harriet Brabham, of Three Mile Creek. South Carolina, which occurred on Nov. 14. She was seventy-three years old. She left three daughters and two sons.

—The death of Sister Lillie Glover, of the same neighborhood, is also reported, She is survived by husband and children. Both of these sisters were members of the church there.

—We take this oppurtunity to extend to our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The great rush of our office work, and the contemplated enlargement of the GOSPEL PLEA, have prevented our making more of the season, through our pages. But we do assure you that we long for all, that peace and love that has been spreading over the world since the Christ-child was born. What a time it is to let the best in us have its way! God sent His best that Christmas eve so long ago. We wish that all wrong-doing of every kind might be put away for that day, at least, and that only good deeds and kind thoughts be in your lives. This wish and our promise that a larger, better and more satisfactory GOSPEL PLEA will be your weekly guest all next year, shall be our Christmas gift to you.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

THE RECORD BROKEN IN TENNESSEE.

A two weeks' meeting conducted at Holtsville by myself. Holtsville is nine miles down the Tennessee River from Savannah, and is in a community of very wealthy Negroes, a number of them worth ffom five to twenty thousand dollars each. One man there who was the first one to settle in Holtsville, is easly worth seventy-five thousand. In this community they have two splendid schools about a mile apart. These Negroes are all of them educated and cultured. They are building houses worth four to five thousand dollars and all the work is being done by Negroes. They have a first class store in the community; they own farms of five to six hundred acres each.

One farmer, a merchant of Holtsville has an average crop of corn of three thousand bushels; he raised quite a crop of cotton and pea hay.

They have two Methodist churches, one Baptist church, good houses of worship and each church is largely attended. At my ordination serivce at the Christian Church in Savannah on the third Lord's Day, in October I invited the people of Holtsille to attend this service, which they did. Dr. Preston Taylor, of Nashville was present with me, and the entire service was in his hands. The people from Holtsville were so impressed with his sermons they said they were the best they ever heard. Dr. Taylor left Savanah. On the morning of the same date I received a telephone message from Holtsville, to make an appointment to preach for them. I sent an appointment to begin meeting November 5. I preached each evening up to the thirds Lord's Day in November. At no service could we seat all the people; meeting closed on November 15, resulted in 49 additions to the Church of Christ. Buried in baptism 3 of the above in the Tennessee River, at Bluff Landing at 2:30 p. m.; the others had been baptized. Historically, this was the greatest gathring of its kind ever around Holtsville and Savannah, more than 45 wagons, buggies and hacks, 75 horseback, quite a number walked.

Hon. De-Ford (white) of Savannah ran two special boats, loaded with the members of the white Christian church. Lord's Day night we had the communion service for the first time in Holtsville. Seven men were appointed to be Elders and Deacons. It was estimated that about 600 people attended the baptizing. Hon. De-Ford, a member of the white Christian Church of Savannah, a very wealthy man, who had formerly given fifty dollars for building a house of worship for our people at Savannah, was so impressed with the work that he gave another fifty dollars.

The two meeetings, at Holtsville and Savannah, resulted in 77 additions to the Church of Christ. I baptized 52 of the above, 25 having been baptized. Money raised for building a house of worship ta Savannah, including the gift from Hon. De-Ford, totals $361.00.

The building will be modern in style and equipment. We hope to be able to secure all the skilled labor for making the blocks and laying same in the wall, from our Edwards, Mississippi, School. The organization of the new Christian church at Holtsville was conducted by Dr. Taylor.

This is the greatest success in Tennessee for the Church of Christ among the colored churches. This will add much to our convention work in Tennessee. The work is in fine condition here as far as our plea has been heard.

Holtsville. **W. P. Martin.**

OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Allow me to render my report for the past year. I notice now and then, reports through the PLEA, that inspire one to higher efforts, and maybe mine will help others. I am not ashamed to say that I am a farmer as well as a preacher. I want to show the brethren what one ean do if he only tries. I have this year cultivated with one plow, thirty acres, and taken care of a congregation of people. And this is styled one of the best churches in the state.

Owing to the distance, I only met with the congregation once a month, but during the year, there have been added to the church thirty-three members. I have visited other congregations, too, and at home here (Three Mile Creek) we have had seven additions. At Macedonia, there were twelve added; at Cherry Grove, three; at Mt. Olive, five; over in Springfield, Georgia, I preached two sermons and gained twelve for Christ. Total number taken in by me, forty-eight. You can readily see that we have been moving. A great number think that education unfits one for work, but let me say this: work that you may not be an unneces-

—A telegram was received on the morning of the 17th, from President J. W. Ervin of Hawkins, saying that Texas Hall had burned tc the ground with all its contents. None of the details were given but it seems it was during the night and all the contents were destroyed, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. This is a terrible disaster to the J.C. I, but we urge all to pray for President Ervin and his faithful workers. While this seems like terrible disaster, they sometimes lead to larger things in the providence of God.

WHY THE CHURCHES IN MISSOURI SHOULD OBSERVE THE JUBILEE RALLY

By S. W. Scott, Cor. Sec'y.

Because the churches nor their leaders, will never again have the privilige of participating in another Jubilee rally on earth. Fifty years from now we shall all wake up in eternity.

All readers of the Bible are well acquainted with the importance of the Jubilee years spoken of in the Bible. One important feature of the Jubilee was to set the people free from the bondage of debt. I believe if we in Missouri observe the Jubilee as we should, bringing forward a great free will offering it would forever liberate us from the bondage of selfishness.

No church among us needs this freedom more than the churches of Missouri.

Some time ago the question was asked through the Plea "Can any good thing come of Kansas? As far as I know the question was not answerd.

I now attempt to answer by saying yes. If my memory serves me correctly, Kansas, with about half or one third as many churches as Missouri gave about twice or three times as much money to the general missionary work, although I don't think Kansas has a single active auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. while Missouri has several. The auxiliaries in the churches, you know, tend to lead the churches into the general mission work.

The second reason is because the churches of Missouri are lacking in this one grace, the grace of giving to missionary work beyond her state boundary lines. This grace is important because it was predominant in the master and his servant, Jacob Kenoly, who give his life for those who were far beyond his territory. During his leadership in the state of Missouri, J. B. Parson made several attempts to embark the churches upon the open sea of world wide missionary work. However he did not succeed.

The cause of the failure I shall not attempt to discuss, but simply say that people are moved to take part in any enterprise by which they see and hear of its good features. The churches of Missouri have not heard or seen sufficiently through The Gospel Plea, the work which the churches in other states are doing for the missionary work among our people.

When Paul desired the church at Corinth to do her best work in raising means for the poor saints at Jerusalem he told them about the great sacrifice the churches of Asia had made, even beyound their ability. I call upon all of the preachers and leaders of churches of Missouri to get busy and let us arouse our selves and the churches and endeavor to roll up an offering which will be worth much to the churches in the state. The auxiliaries to the national C. W. B. M. should take the lead and then induce the churches to fall in line. If you would be inspired to do greater things read the thrilling reports in the Gospel Plea of all our churches in the various states.

Another reason is because the "life and work of Jacob Kenoly" Missouri's ebon son, gave birth to this Great Rally!

Who knows but that the Men and Millions movement was lighted by the flames which arose from the holy, consecrated sacrifice of Jacob Kenoly upon the altar of God in the dark continent of Africa.

Jacob Kenoly is a son of the great state of Missouri. Born one hundred years to the day, from the Declaration of American Independence, the birth and life and the death of Jacob Kenoly mark an Epoch in missionary work.

Shall not the churches of Missouri take the lead in honoring her noble son by a free will offering of $20,000 for the rally? Here goes down one dollar, besides fifty cents each month for Missouri Missions this year. Who will follow?

BIBLE SCHOOL FIELD SECRETARY

Despite the big snow here that fell from the early afternoon Saturday until late in the night, we had fine services yesterday. Sunday School Conference Lord's day morning, at which time we organized a "Teacher Training class" and the reading of the little book "Organizing and building the Sunday School" by Hurlbut. I am very much delighted with my visit.

Argenta, Ark. P. H. Moss.

sary burden on your people. Let us, as ministers learn to help our congregations in every way we can, rather than be a hindrance.

Let us learn to sacrifice. Educational Rally is now on. Ask yourselves the question, who is to lead in this work? The answer is, the minister. How? By first of all, giving on your part. Second, by urging your officers and members, to follow your example. We will succeed in proportion to the work we do. I always feel glad when I can start a collection off with a piece of money. We have been trying for a goodly number of years to establish a church in the growing town of Ehrhardt, But it has been a very difficult task. But watch 1915. The writer will serve them once a month, and I want to be able to do something. For the editors and readers of the GOSPEL PLEA, I wish a merry Christmas.

B. J. Kearse.

"WHAT OF THE NIGHT?"

C. E. CRAGGETT

"Watchman, what of the night?" "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

The blackness of night that encircled the camp of God's army surely has been dispersed by the Son of Righteousness, and we now stand in full orb of day. He that sleepeth now slepeth in the day "Awake thou that sleepeth," for behold the sun is at its zenith. The day is at hand, and the Master calls for thee. Wake up, gird up thy loins, and look at yonder harvest field with ripening grain, bending before the winds of destruction. Do you not see the reapers going forth to garner the grain? "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Therefore go fulorth to join them in the work. The day of opportunities and possibilities is at hand, and surely we will not let the curtains of night roll themselves down upon us not having wrought well in the field of service. The night has passed, the mists have rolled away, and the high plains of religious work are before us. Let us go up while it is day and possess them. The pioneers of the gospel did, and are yet doing, a great work. They have in many places broken the barriers of sectarianism, cleared up the fields and made ready the soil for cultivation. Yet there is an immense field. that has never been explored, waiting the coming of the disciples of Christ. A new era has dawned upon us, and its day is fast advancing. Let us make it a day of big things. First, by increasing our energy, second, our ability, and third, our offering, We need more energetic young men and women on the field to labor for Christ. The pulpit and missionary fields are calling for men and women of ability. The Bible school and other organizations of the church are calling for men and women of ability to lead them to success.

But we cannot hope to succeed, without increasing our offering. Men and women with the ability to preach and teach, if they are give their time and talent to the ministry and mission fields, must be supported. Every church, or congregation, in calling for a minister, makes it fully known it wants only the best. They not only want a man of high morals and good behavior, but a man of ability and silver tongue. But they are not willing to give of their means to support him. So many of our people go to church, have their ears tickled with pleasant sermons, and turn away from the minister without giving him the proper support financially. Many talk of the need of more young men for the ministry, but they never give anything to help support one after he is put on the field.

Wake up, ye modern Rip Van Winkles! Come down from the mountain of slumber, and join the army at the foot of the hill wrestling with demons, principalities and powers. Let us all catch the vision of day; and in solid phalanx let us march across the plains of service, being clothed in garments of righteousness with the banner of Jesus floating above our heads. Before such an army the devil must retreat and his works topple and fall.

Topeka, Kansas.

READ THE GOSPEL PLEA

The Gospel Plea is getting to be a "Great host." Read the the issues of November 7th and 14th. The "Helpful to All" by the Editor. Then in the PLEA of November 21, read "The Remedy" by Prof. Jas. H. Thomas, and "What Efficient Sunday School Work can Accomplish for the Negro," by Prof P. H. Moss. These three issues alone are worth the price of the PLEA ($1) for one year, to say nothing of the hundred of good things that make you think and act, from the able correspondents from Texas, Arkansas, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Mississippi and Africa.

Subscribe, pay for, and read the GOSPEL PLEA, and watch yourself grow in service for the Master.

W. H. Dickerson.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

All C. W. B M Dues; that is, the ten cents a month paid by each member, and all Special Collections of the Auxiliaries should be sent to the CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send in the money at the close of each quarter.

HERE AND THERE

There has come to the Headquarters an offering of $5 for the Jacob Kenoly Memorial from a colored woman who lives in the home of Miss Luella Syfers. This little message from Miss Syfers comes with it:

"Mrs. Lizzie Lewis of Jamestown, Ohio, two years ago sent an offering for the Liberia Mission, and now she sends the second offering of $5 for the "The Jacob Kenoly Memorial.' She makes her mission and church money by selling popcorn at odd times. She ssys she believes in Christian union, helping when she can those in sickness and sorrow, as opportunity comes. She is called 'Aunt Lizzie' by many in town and in the country round about. In the home where she has been for about twenty-four years she has shown much faithfulness, and at the Society meetings, which are usually held here, she wants to give her offering. She is very much interested in her owe people, their education and uplift for better life. She was particularly interested in the work of Jacob Konoly in his devotion and work for his people in far away Liberia. She was much grieved over his tragic death. With this offering goes much effort on her part, and also her prayers. Surely in her limited way 'She hath done what she could.' "

Robert Gooden, who went from the Southern Christian Institute to help for two years in the work in Liberia, wrote under date of August 31: "I left the Southern Christian Institute on June 26 and reached Liberia Christian Institute August 28. I had to remain three weeks in Spain, two weeks in Coruna, and then I went to Cadiz, expecting to get a ship bound for Monrovia in two days' time, but instead of two days I had to remain there another week. I arrived at Monrovia late on the evening of August 22. I had just enough time to leave my trunk in the custom house and find a place where I could get lodging when it started raining, and rained without a break until early Monday morning. On monday I found the home of Major Young, where they were on the lookout for me. I was cared for by them free of charge until Thursday when Mr. Ross and Mr. Smith came down. Friday morning Mr. Smith and I started for the station at Schieffelin, and reached there some time that night.

"I am very thankiul to our Heavenly Father for His protecting care, and I am trusting to Him for courage and strength that I may be able to give my best service to Him here in this benighted land. One need not go very far to see the dreadful results of ignorance and superstition. Our school here is doing much to bring about an awakening: though as yet being in its infancy, its influence is not felt very far.

"The burning of Smith Hall at the Southern Christian Institute has been a greater blow to me than any other event of my life. I had great interest in that building. My best work was put into it, and all of those who lived in it were very dear to me. The campus will not look just right to me when I return to find a frame building where our beautiful Smith Hall once stood. It is sorrowful to thik of such a loss to the institute. I would like very much to help those who have lost all they had in the burning of the building. Please send $19 to President Lehman for me. It is to be used in helping those who have suffered in the destruction of the building and to pay my pledge on our Alumni Jubilee Offering."

THREE MILE CREEK

We are still going on, spiritually and finanancially. Last year we paid to pastor, $157.10; for other exepenses, $131.80, total, $288.94. We hope to do better next year.

Miss Rosa V. Brown was with us on Sunday, November 8, and her visit was enjoyed very much by our best members. Her address was good, and impressed all who are interested in the upbuilding of the kingdom. She succeeded in organizing an Auxiliary with twenty members. Offi-

cers elected were as follows: Minnie Murdu aght President; Cora Edwards, vice president; Ellen Kearse, Treasurer. We hope to have sister Brown with us again South Carolina has been in the dark for a while, but through our Master's help, we will all do better. We crave the prayers of the entire brotherhood for Three Mile Creek Church.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CONTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Before these suggestions are in print we shall have entered our last year in raising the Twenty Thousand Dollars Jubilee Fund. The state convention of 1915 will be our last in which to rally for the fund. We are now in our last Missionary or Convention year.

The contribution committee desire to call attention to the above facts, and again appeal to our preachers, officers and state missionary board for an earnest and prayerful effort in full fellowship and cooperation during 1915 to raise the balance of the Twenty Thousand.

The committee were not able to have a meeting before leaving the Workers' Conference last May, but it was agreed to continue an urgent appeal to raise the Twenty Thousand. Two or nearly two, years have past. The report to date Dec. 12 th shows we have not raised Five thousand of the Twenty Thousand. It is clear that we must do our best in 1915.

The committee wishes to make some suggestion for our action in 1915.

1—That all our pastors, and preachers and evangelists give ten dollars to the educational work of the church during 1915. And that this ten dollars be paid in the state educational rally day, General educational rally day, state Convention or Worker's Conference.

2—That each state missionary board name a definite sum to be raised by the churches in the state during 1915, and observe a state educational rally day, and a definite sum for each member of the church to give. Then pastors, officers, evangelists and Cor. Sec'y give, and faithfully urge every member, every where, to give.

3—That each member of the church be requested to give Two dollars to the educational work of the church during 1915. This two dollars to be paid in the state rally day, General Educational rally day, or in the state convention.

4—That each sunday school be requested to send to the State Convention Five dollars for the school in the state, or any school it may select.

5—That each state represented in the Worker's Conference send Ten dollars by their representive or by letter with the report.

6—That our pastors, evangelists and state missionary boards with their Corresponding Secretaries begin in Jan. 1915 to make it a great year for education in the church; and to make the Workers' Conference in May 1915 the greatest meeting in the History of the Negro Christians; and Sunday before Thanksgiving 1915, strictly a red letter day in our history.

We must bear in mind next year is our last year on the Jubilee Fund. And that all the assessments mentioned in the above suggestion are annual and surely can't be too high. Especially when we consider the amount to be raised and that the schools in all the states are growing very rapidly and the need of better equipment is greater. These schools must be properly equipped to do the work, offer proper inducement and meet competition.

We hope these suggestion will largely meet the approval of the brotherhood, and will, at least, serve as a help to a concert of action all along the line in 1915 and by His help we can raise every dollar of the Jubilee Fund before 1916.

We ask for expression, on postal cards to the Gospel Plea, respecting these suggestions by any one concerned.

We ask for free expressions, pro and con, that we may get fully in line and facing aright.

We ought to talk to each other through the Plea about this important task, while we work away at our respective posts. We have come to a great and glorious task, and it seem to me we all ought to be anxious to take a willing fellowship. The real responsibility now upon us is so great, and our attitude and effort in meeting the responsibility mean so much in many respects. May our Heavenly Farther give wisdom to see and to do.

William Alphin, Sec'y of committee,

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

The English Class in the Academy and College are in a contest in spelling. The first class spells on Tuesday twenty words they have not studied. The second class spells a different list of twenty on Wednesday. The third class spells a different list on Thursday. The two classes that make the best grades spell in a contest on Friday. The students in each class that make the best grades, represent their classes in the contest on Friday. On Friday, December 11, Frank Grambrel, May Davis, and Bernice Blackburn represented the first class and Fred Perkins, Edwards Davis and Add Banks represented the third class. The contest resulted in a victory for the third class.

Mrs. Groves, of Jackson, the wife of one of the plasterers came over to visit at the Institute, the morning of the fifteenth.

We were not far from snow a few days ago. Some went so far as to say a few flakes did fall.

A good Christmas present for the Southern Christian Institute—a large bell for the College Building. The large one we have, cracked this week and it now sounds like a tin pan. Friends oftentimes write to find out what they can do to help the work.

The fourth division in Chapel secured the vote of every teacher for having said from memory their Bible memory verses best. We here give the names of the young people in that division: Kate West, Annie Bridges, Mary Lewis, Margaret Wilkerson, May Davis, Bernice Blackburn, Cornelia McClodden, Pandora Thomas, Tyne Phelps and Deetsy Blackburn.

Mrs. Moses Brown of Jackson visited at the Institute, Wednesday.

The annual oratorical contest of the Home Defender Success Club occured Wednesday night, December 16. A large audience was present. The vocal numbers were splendid. The three judges on thought and composition and the three on delivery gave Eustace Shirley first prize, Peter Dunson second, and James Rundles third.

J. M. Cush of Georgetown, Demerara, British Guniana, South America, spent a short time upon the campus last Wednesday. He is a young man of pleasing personality, now working his way homeward. He hopes to promote the canning industry in his home country when he returns.

DECEMBER 17, 1914.

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

During the week, beginning December 7, we have had much rain and snow. The snow has been on the ground for four days. When one looks upon the beautiful landscape, (that is, one with high ideals) he is forced to say that, surely snow is a symbol of purity. What can make me whiter than snow?

Sarah Caliborn one of our students and also a relative of Mrs. H. D. Griffin, who has been working in Knoxville, Tenn. for the past months, is visiting on the campus. She is well pleased to note the change about the Institute, and also the improvement in our literary work. Zenith Lallar, one of our former students, who has been working at his home in Greenville, Tenn. has returned to pursue his studies. This increases our boarding number by one.

We are working very hard on the Christmas program that is to be renderd on the 24th of this month. School will close for the Christmas Vacation on the 24th and open on the 4th of January, 1915.

Prof. Griffin was called to Savannah, Tenn. on special business. While there, he hopes to do something toward raising funds for the educational work.

THE SUPREME NEED OF THE HOUR

EDWIN F. JACKSON.

No religious body on earth has more to be thankful for than we, and I say this with a heart filled with gratitude to the giver of all that is good; as we behold the progress we are making.

This is not said in the spirt of boastfulness, as if it were accomplished in our own strength, but reverntly as we recall His many blessings.

We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; made perfect by suffering, a penalty the world exacts of all who would be colaborers with God in laying the foundation for a people who await the coming of their Lord.

We have not been called on to give our lives for the great principles that cause the world to wonder; yet we are called on to day to bring into it all the vigor and effort without which these virtues must die.

(to be continued in next issue).