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THE GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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HELPFUL TO ALL

THE FUTURE.

The next issue of the PLEA will be our enlarged edition. For a long time we had talked of a sixteen page paper, but when Prof. Mahin took charge and we conferred, we thought it would be more economical and better for the present to enlarge the size of the page. It is not far from the size of sixteen pages of the old size. Next week we will make our bow with the enlarged PLEA. We will greet you with the new year of 1915.

Now to maintain this we must have more material to fill it. We will want many more reports from the field and items from the schools. In the department of Christian Education we hope to have articles on some phase of education each issue. The heads of our schools and other educators among us will aid us in this. Prof. Bebout will now have the opportunity to extend his Sunday-school notes and Bro. P. H. Moss will make his field notes on Sunday school more extensive as his field enlarges. With active C. W. B. M. organizers in many states and a national field worker continually at work, we can have more for the C. W. B. M. page. In this way we ought to be able to keep the enlarged PLEA full all the time.

Now the next step is to enlarge the subscription list. The enlarged PLEA costs more work, more paper and more postage. We must do our best to get it up to two thousand subscribers before the close of the year 1915. We hope to send out many sample copies to new fields and we hope

we may be able to put at least one copy in every church so that when our evangelists and organizers want to make announcements they can do so with an assurance that they are reaching the people. But there are other reasons why we should have an enlarged subscription. The members of the Christian Church in the various states must have the information the PLEA contains or they will perish spiritually. We hope to have men like Bro. C. H. Dickerson to give us doctrinal sermons frequently, but the people do not need doctrine so much as they need to know what is being done in the great fields. To save the churches the preachers should aid us in reaching every church. If you will drop us a postal card we will gladly send you sample copies to distribute among your members.

However the greatest thing of the future must be the work we represent, not the GOSPEL PLEA nor any of our institutions of learning, nor even any local church. The Negroes are between eight and nine percent of the population. During the past two decades they have lost in ratio in all the southern states. And if this ratio of loss should be maintained during the next hundred years they will become a negligible quantity. But the loss in ratio was wholly due to the fact that soon after the war many drifted to the cities before they had gained a vision of service, and the conditions under which they lived produced race suicide. This will change rapidly as the masses gain a vision of service, for a nation with a vision becomes

abundantly fruitful. When Moses, standing in the shadow of Mt. Nebo, said, "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shalt be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy beasts, the increase of thy cattle and the young of thy flocks," he touched upon a fundamental law of national growth. If the work we are doing through our paper and our schools and our churches can aid in giving the people a vision of service, they will become one of the most powerful factors in laying the ground work of the civilization that is to be.

But on the other hand, if those who are learning the lesson of politics from white politicians are allowed to gain leadership so they will teach the masses to trust their fate to the game of politics, the future will look gloomy indeed. As we see it, if that takes place the fate of Mexico is absolutely sure to be ours. We have a great work, therefore we are commissioned to give a vision to a race. If that vision is given they will become a mighty factor in the good work of the future. If it is not given, a terrible catastrophe awaits us.

We then urge unselfish work. What is the GOSPEL PLEA? What is the S. C. I. or J. C. I. or A. C. I. or M. C. I. or T. C. I. or C. C. I.? What is J. B. Lehman, or I. C. Franklin, or J. S. Thomas, or H. D. Griffin, or J. N. Ervin, or W. H. Dickerson? They are simply instruments in the hands of

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THE GOSPEL PLEA

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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 High Street Christian Church Sunday School, Carlisle, Ky., as reported by their corresponding secretary, Bettie S. Johnson, raised a total of \$11.53 in their collections for November. Let the other schools take notice.

—Winter has set in at Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Prof. Dickerson has gone back to Louisville, until the weather opens up.

In her report and instruction to auxiliaries Miss Rosa V. Brown had in mind only those auxiliaries which she has recently visited in states where they

have no state organization. It was not meant for states when they are well organized.

CARLISLE KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has called from labor to reward our brother and co-worker, Elder J. H. Brooks. Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the High St. Christian Church have lost one of our most loyal and efficient workers, one who was ever ready and willing to serve the cause of the Master.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to the bereaved family, our deepest sympathy, and may they look to Him who doeth all things well.

Be it further resolved, that we send a copy of these resolutions to the family, and that we send a copy for publication in "The GOSPEL PLEA."

Committee:

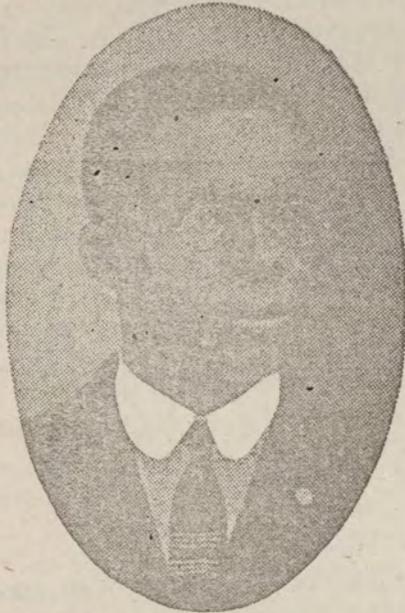
Elder F. T. Floyd,

Mrs. Agnes Rogers.

Mrs. Maggie Sharp.

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God to further the work of His kingdom by saving the children of the coming generation. If praise and commendation come to any of them because of work well done, good and well, for God is glorifying them to increase their usefulness. But if they seek the praises of men for praise's sake they are carnally minded and they will find that they that exalt themselves shall be abased. There is nothing we need so much now as unselfish devotion to the great cause. In the past many books have been published to show the great progress the negro has made and this was good; for many who had lost heart needed this as an encouragement. But care must be taken not to create a vain conceit. The Negro has done nothing in the way of progress he should not have done. In fact he has not done as much as he should have done, when we see how much was done for him in the very day of his freedom. The time has now come when the real task of doing patient, longsuffering, unselfish work has begun. We need earnest prayers more now than vain boasting. Will not all our readers remember all our work and all our leading men and women in most earnest prayer? Without God leading us we must fail in our great undertaking.



Prof. P. H. Moss

THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

The American Christian Missionary Society since the Centennial Convention of 1909 has had a department of Bible School work, which has sought to give direction and help to the Bible School work throughout our great brotherhood. This Department has grown immensely in the passing years, and at present has about twenty-five men and women throughout the country who are serving in this great field.

The Atlanta Convention of last October authorized the Bible School Department to create the long neglected department of work among the Negroes. This Society has given consideration to this new field for many months preceding this report to the Atlanta Convention. Prof. J. B. Lehman so well known among all the colored churches has been the constant advisor in all these preliminary plans.

We are happy to report that every one of the preliminary plans has been successfully carried out, and Prof. P. H. Moss is now at work visiting the negro churches and Bible Schools and conventions and helping them set their Bible Schools in order.

Brother Moss is making his headquarters with Prof. J. B. Lehman. His address is Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Miss. He is accessible to the large field of the south and will be happy to visit any of the churches or Bible Schools upon request.

He is expert along Bible School lines. In his local church at Martinsville, Va. where we found him he had set up a modern Bible School. He is a close student of the Bible problem and will bring a fresh and inspiring message to all with whom he comes in contact.

We sincerely trust that this new Department of work will be heartily received among all the colored brethren. We should be very glad to hear from any of them at any time concerning the work.

Robt. M. Hopkin,
Bible School Secretary, A. C. M. S.

REPORT OF FUNDS FROM FRIENDS OF THE WORK

Since our last report the following sums have been received:

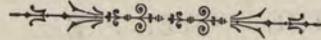
F. W. Pierce, Milacca, Minnesota,	\$5.00
Mrs. Emily Stoolfire, Newark, Ohio,	2.50
Mrs. John Heydlauf, Crandall, S. D.	3.00
Mrs. Serena E. Gates, Rome, Ohio,	2.00
Mrs. P. S. Seele, Washington, D. C.	1.00
Aux. C. W. B. M. Angola, Indiana,	25.00
J. L. Enochs, Jackson, Mississippi,	100.00
Total this time,	138.50
Total in this fund,	2590.82

There never was a time when the work among the Negroes was in greater need, and when expenditure was as certain to yield large results as now. Our field has greatly expanded and the demands are tremendous. It is our earnest prayer that many more of means will remember this work at the beginning of the new year. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

THE COMMUNION

My broken body thus I give
For you, for all, take, eat and live,
And oft this sacred rite renew,
Which brings my wondrous love to view.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



MISSOURI EVANGELIST.

I beg through the medium of your paper to render my report as evangelist for the quarter ending November 30th, 1914.

Having passed the State Board bar examination in June and admitted to practice law in all the courts of this state, I decided to try this new profession and arranged for an office in Columbia where I was pastor of the Christian Church.

However, call was made at the State Convention at Fulton in August, for a State Evangelist. Knowing the call is important and the need of the hour is urgent I accepted the office. It was thought advisable to locate in St. Louis to help this discordant congregation setting it in order.

I entered upon the work in September and the following is my report for three months: Reorganized and set things in order. This church is surrounded by peculiar circumstances, owing to the fact that the entire membership is made up of disciples scattered from every state of the Union.

However, under the great head of the Great Teacher of men and by the sword of the Spirit this congregation is working together harmoniously to a common end. Several of the members who had left on account of certain factions in the church have returned and helping the work in every way. Sermons, 52; visits, 202; additions by baptisms and otherwise, 10; money raised from the church for self-support, \$74.75; for local work, \$126.50; Total raised from this field, \$101.25.

A rally was put on the second Sunday of November to raise money to improve the church house which was looking very shabby and we raised \$110. The largest sum ever raised in this church on any single occasion, it is claimed. The church house is now undergoing repairs and when completed it will add much to the comfort of the congregation.

The public is taking quite an interest in the work, as manifested by their presence in our services as well as their money. I do not hesitate to defend the old Jerusalem Gospel. Nearly every Sunday some one took membership with us. Last Sunday a prominent lady from the St. James Methodist Church accepted our plea.

A C. E. S. organized and is doing nicely and we pledged to give three dollars a month to help the work in St. Louis. Several young people from

other churches of the city are members. I beg to thank the brotherhood for their help in keeping me in this much needed work

I am pleased to note the capacity and prompt attention of our corresponding secretary and treasurer Brother S. W. Scott of Kansas City. It was wisdom for the convention to elect him to his office to fill the place of Brother Abbot (white). On the whole I think the official board of the state is made up of some of the best Christian men of Missouri. The president is Rev. W. H. Bowen, principal teacher of the Fulton High School and also pastor of the Christian Church of the same town. His executive ability as president of the Convention for the past two years placed him second to none white or colored in Missouri.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.

N. A. Mitchell.

THE CHICAGO MEETING

Have I written about it yet? Well, it was royal. Two weeks; twenty added; large crowds; enthusiastic workers; forging-ahead pastor. It was indeed a treat to speak to such inspiring numbers each night. Do not think I ever enjoyed a meeting more. Elder S. C. Campbell is untiring in his effort to plant the flag-staff on the ramparts of the "Windy City." His choir sings it to heaven. I saw more Kentucky people there than Illinois people, and found some I thought were dead. If ministers can't find their members, let them look in Chicago. Some of them are harder to get into the church than rank sinners.

Then, some fall right into line at once. The church is on Armour (Federal) Ave. Splendid brick house, good basement, a rousing good Sunday school. The daughter of brother Preston Taylor is Superintendent. There are a great host of Nashville people.

Our meeting here at home closed with five added; Evangelist I. H. Moore did the preaching well. November Sunday school averaged thirty in attendance, collection was \$4.89. Look out for December.

C. H. Dickerson

Nicholasville, Ky.

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THE SUPREME NEED OF THE HOUR

EDWIN F. JACKSON.

We have duties to others and duties to ourselves which we can not shirk. Great opportunities have been given us, and much is rightfully expected of us. We are forced by our position among other religious bodies to act as a people aware of our responsibilities.

Toward all other bodies, large or small, a cordial and sincere feeling must mark our every action. Generosity and justice count most when shown by the strong towards the weak, therefore as a body collectively and as individuals must we refrain from wronging others, and this we must do because it is right, not that we are afraid, nevertheless, we must insist on the principles that have made our cause great; namely, liberty where the Bible is silent, and where it speaks let the whole earth keep silent and obey.

We are facing problems the very existence of which our forefathers could not foresee, problems that only a progressive spirit in this modern age can solve.

Never before have men tried so vast and formidable experiments as to solve the great social problems that embrace four continents.

Never before has there been such a demand for men to enter the ranks of Christ; never before has the call for sacrifices been so insistent, and on our home field depends its solution. It is imperative that each minister so study the need of his flock, that each church should do its duty as a recruiting station.

The same spirit that existed in our forefathers, that called them forth to great sacrifices, counting their lives as nothing, must be in us.

A few days ago a mother, when told of her husband and four sons who were killed in defense of their homeland, said, "That's nothing, they died in defense of their country." What loyalty to an earthly cause, and no reward.

Andrian the emperor told a mother to either offer sacrifices to idols or both she and her sons would be killed. She replied, "My husband and my brother chose death rather than consent to sin, a death that has covered them with ignominy in the sight of men, but has crowned them with glory before the Angels; and if I am burned for the name of Jesus Christ my Lord, fear will not cause me to yield, as I desire to join my husband whom you beheaded for the cause of Christ." Yes, lives laid down for the cause of Christ shall be re-

warded when Jesus comes.

A minister in making an appeal for the cause of Missions, pleaded so earnestly that a mother took her only babe and walking up to the table, placed its feet in the missionary basket. God accepted the gift and that little babe became a great missionary on the foreign field. Again I say to you that this same spirit must exist in us as individuals not only to die if need be, but also to be living sacrifices to Christ. This is our duty, as we know that no people need such high traits of character as these just mentioned, such lofty ideals, as those people on whom the world's redemption depends.

There is no reason why we should fear for the future, for Christ hath said, "Lo I am with you." For this reason we should approach these problems with unbending purpose to do God's will. Let us have faith in each other that we will not prove false to the men who died and left this splendid heritage we now enjoy. We in our turn must leave it to our children unwasted and enlarged. To do this we must show in this great crisis and in our every day life the qualities of endurance, of courage and above all, the devotion of great men like Paul, Livingstone, Carey, Jacob Kenoly, Harry Smith, Robt. Gooden. And even those that are "staying by the stuff," like J. B. Lehman, Preston Taylor, Brown, Calvert, Frost, Dickerson, Watson, Woods, and Cephas. These are all walking the path that leads unto God, neither for fame or for glory. Yet they will pass from the night into the light by living, loving, and lifting.

Some of these problems confront us today. Let us give an account of them to God.

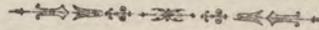
First, our best men at the front. Consecrated and educated men. The first ministers were commanded to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. These Spirit-led men said "Chose ye men of honest report who shall be able to teach others." Thus consecration and preparation were considered important by Christ and the pillars of the early church.

Second we must learn to give, for God's earthly blessings are measured out to us according to our gift to Him. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." And again, "God loveth the cheerful giver." Third, we must learn

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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 FOR FEBRUARY.

Topic: "This Grace Also." Service with Money. Subjects for Special Prayer—

For an offering from every Christian for missions, according to the ability to give;

For the Men and Millions Movement.

For the speedy coming of world-peace.

Bible Study—

The Children of the Bible; The Shunammite's Son.

United Mission Studies—

"The Child in the Midst."

"In Red Man's Land."

Suggested book for reading in February—

"The Angel in the Sun."

Suggested book in Bible for reading in February—

Daniel.

PRAYER AND PREPARATION WILL MAKE A GOOD MEETING.

Hymn: Invocation hymn.

Bible reading: Psalm 96.

Hymn.

Season of prayer.

Business period.

Roll-call: Respond to Roll-call by giving a missionary item read during the month.

Offering.

Talk on subject.

Review of Bible Study.

Review of Mission Studies.

Special music.

Hidden Answers.

SPECIAL HELPS FOR THE MEETING.

Leaflet: "Service with Money," price 3 cents.

Pictures: Two pictures of our workers price 5 cents.

Notice—Do not ask for sketches of the officers of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, as these have never been published.

Letter: Copy of a letter from a missionary, postage 2 cents. We have just one letter for each month, so do not ask for a special letter.

Book: "The Angel in the sun," price \$1.

THIS GRACE ALSO.

Paul, in writing a letter of exhortation to the church at Corinth, used the churches of Macedonia as an example of liberality. He says in the eighth chapter of his second letter to the Corinthians that the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality for according to their power, and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord. But first they gave their own selves to the Lord. This was the secret of the liberality of the Macedonian churches. To the church at Corinth Paul says: "As ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love to us see that ye abound in this grace also." He commended the Corinthians for their faith; he remembered their eloquence of speech, their learning and their enthusiasm in service, nor did he forget the ministrations of love toward himself and his companions; but in recounting these good attributes he reminds them of an undeveloped grace—the grace of giving. In the catalogue of graces it is last in fruition.

This grace was so fully represented in our Savior that he left all his riches and for our sakes became poor that through His poverty we might have riches. Christ asks no larger gift from us than he himself gave. He first gave himself. When self is really given what we have is His, whether much or little. "For if the readiness is there it is acceptable according as he hath not." The grace of giving is not estimated by the largeness of the gift, but by the willingness and ability of the giver. We must see to it that grace grows as the ability increases. The estimate is according as we have.

Some find consolation in the fact that they give a definite sum each year in special offering, possibly \$1 or \$5; but does the question arise, Have I a larger income than I had? Have I greater enlightenment? Does not my spiritual development, my increased knowledge of the world's needs appeal to me and prompt great—

er liberality? Because a dollar has been placed in an envelope as an annual offering every year for ten years is no evidence that the ten dollars, the fifty or hundred ought not to be placed there in its stead.

It is our part as professing Christians to drive home these self examining questions, but it is also our part to educate others in the grace of giving.

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to take care of our bodies. Paul said to the church at Corinth, "know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ."

For ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God in your bodies. Thus if we can not take care of our bodies and that of our children for so short a time as 70 years, God will not trust us with a body throughout eternity. This is why Christ said "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." To have good men and women we must follow the commands of Solomon, who said "Train the child in the way he must go and when he is old he will not depart from it." And Jesus said "if you love me feed my lambs"

To do this we must have Christian schools to train them in, with Godfearing men and women to train the head, heart and hand, for in no other way can we meet the great struggle of the right against the wrong.

Dale, South Carolina.

TALK AND THE JUBILEE OFFERING.

M. Fredrick Mitchell

We, the pastor and members of the Clay Street Christian Church, are in line for the Jubilee Offering. We are not making much noise, but we are delivering the goods just the same. Perhaps we are not making as much as we should. And too, it seems that the brotherhood is not making the right kind of fuss this year.

We have only a short time left brethren, let's talk up, work up, pay up, and then stay up. Talk is mighty easy, but it takes money to buy land. However, talk holds its place in the success of anything. Talk creates sentiment, especially when the talkers' souls are fired with the love of God. Oh, if we could talk, if we could write, if we could preach, if we could work, as if our hearts

were melting, and our eyes were gazing on the cross where Jesus died, we could create an interest in this rally that would surpass any previous years.

First, let's talk it up in our congregations, and write it up in our papers, so that every one, to the man from the wild woods of the west to the proud hills of the East, from the sunny South to the frozen North, may know that this is a great work and opportunity for the Colored Disciples, and that every one who fails to take a part is doing an injustice to himself.

Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky and other states have already talked and written some, but let's keep on talking and writing. You can count on Texas with her giants in the persons of Brothers Alphin, Powell, Crawford, Brown, Johnson, Pratt, Green, Latouche, Knight, etc., and Sisters Alphin, Johnson etc. The writer is a new-comer to the State but it is understood that you can depend upon him.

Suppose the names of the persons just mentioned would commence talking to their people, and writing to the GOSPEL PLEA why, we would put the whole brotherhood in motion.

You have heard the story of the forest that was quiet for weeks and weeks. And a little acorn fell and started all the creatures of the forest into motion. The acorn fell from an oak near a rabbit. The rabbit started and ran with a speed of about fifty miles an hour. Running past the den of a raccoon who had been asleep a long time, He stirred him into motion. The other coons knew his run, and the whole family of coons were running. They came by the dens of bears and lions and they all became excited and began to run. At this time every bird and every creature of the forest was in motion. But they had to have an acorn to start them.

Brethren, who will be the acorn to start the forest of the Christian Brotherhood in motion toward our Jubilee Offering?

Waco, Texas.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

We are always glad to report our work and when there are earnest readers all over the State that rejoice to know of the work for Christ moving. Those who read the PLEA found that our Thanksgiving was spent in paying our last tribute to Sister Rosa Hamby. We have had bad weather for quite a while on every Lord's Day but it seems as

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DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

These notes are written during Christmas season. Many of the students have gone home to spend the vacation. We trust it may be a glad time for all of them.

Brother E. W. Ross and Sister Lula Smith and daughter, Willie Sue, arrived on the late train, Saturday night from our African mission station. The long journey was made without mishap. Their many friends were very glad to greet them. Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock in the spacious dining room, at Allison Hall, was held a reception in honor of our missionaries, and also Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, who had arrived from her home at Canton, Missouri, in time to be present when her son returned. It was an evening that will be long remembered. Principal T. M. Burgess gave the welcome address. Brother Ross and his mother both responded. The students sang melodies. Miss Gale and Mrs. Mabin gave delightful readings. Miss Nancy Jennings sang a solo. Miss Evans and her girls furnished the refreshments. The young people were given quite a while for social intercourse.

Our hearts go out to the students and teachers at Jarvis Christian Institute in the loss of their Boys' dormitory. A card from Prof. C. A. Berry states that Mrs. C. A. Berry has gone to Martinsville, Virginia to spend a while with her people.

The plasterers returned Monday morning to their work on Smith Hall, after an absence of a week on account of the freezing weather.

President and Mrs. Lehman entertained the teachers and other friends Monday evening. It was the night before the departure of Prof. Saunders and his friends took advantage of the opportunity to give him a shower of things useful in his keeping house for himself at his new home in Grand Bay, Alabama.

Brother Ross has a splendid collection of African curios and all were delighted to see them and hear his description of them. Prof. Saunders left Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with home folks at Franklin, Indiana.

tho the time has come that from the least to the greatest we are glad to go up to the hill of the Lord for we have had good attendance all along. We were glad to have the president of Tennessee Christian Institute down during the District meeting or at the time appointed and the Chairman Elder E. W. Meek of Jellico. These brothers are learning to be loyal to their duty and complying with the Scripture that "where two or three are gathered together in my name I am in their midst." Brother Griffin preached two good sermons, one Friday night and Lord's day night. Elder Meek preached at the 11 o'clock service.

On our Rally Day we had the pleasure of hearing Brother Charles Coppe of Rogersville. He was very much pleased with our work; he didn't get to be with us in our Bible School. We expect to raise the banner higher for efficiency for Christ, for the time has come that we must teach more, teach better, and be willing to learn, for this is the time of harvest.

Elder Russell has been all smiles; he has had the opportunity of having his wife visit us from Telford. We had looked for the past two years, for her. She won many friends and met lots of old ones. We read through the PLEA of such good being done everywhere, so we want to let the congregation, of other places know we have captured one of whom we can say, surely he is a real man. This is in the person of Dr. Higgs of Washington D. C. He was here in the city on business and lecturing; he is an African (from Abyssinia) but has been in the United States for about five or six years and knowing nothing except the Mohamedan religion, he joined the Baptist Church and though he was right did not quite understand. So while in Knoxville he passed the Payne St. Church, and noticed the stone with the engraving "Church of Christ;" he was made to wonder and he being so impressed found his way in and being asked by Elder Wilkerson he gave a short talk after the sermon. He stated he enjoyed Brother Russell's preaching; he lectured on Thanksgiving night. Brother Stansberry gave one of his interesting talks and showed what real Christianity is and that there is but one Church.

So Dr. Higgs learned some more. During the week he met Bro. Stansberry and told him he would like to hear him on the Foundation of the Church. He consented, and Dr. Higgs, after the dismissal, said that he was convinced that we were on the right track and that he had found it. On the following Lord's day, when the invitation was given, he came forward; he being already a Baptist, he wanted to be ordained for the ministry in the Church of Christ. He was ordained at the night service. Elders Wilkerson, Hodge, Crump, Kag, and Bro. Stansberry officiated in the ordination. So he left for Washington, D. C., to work for Christ. He said he knew he had nothing to fear, Dr. Higgs certainly has prepared himself; he has much of this world's goods and is able to help the cause of Christ. He is noted for his great ability as an instructor. We bid him God-speed on his new mission and work for the Master.

Mrs. W. A. Britton,



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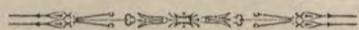
PREACH THE WORD

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HELPFUL TO ALL



The Place of Doctrinal Teaching

"For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joint and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Very many people think God will use his word as a jury would use the law. They think he will test men by the various interpretations, creeds, dogmas and party shiboleths. This has made them so loyal to their peculiar faith that they have been ready to pronounce anathemas against any one who spoke any different word from them. This was all based on the false assumption that God is a legalist and that they are his supreme court to interpret and explain his legal intent. Denominationalism is based on this false assumption.

The Bible gives an entirely different interpretation of itself. The whole question hangs on the intents of the heart. Out of the heart are the issues of life. A man who would be entirely wrong in his doctrinal interpretation but right in his purpose to do right would be infinitely ahead of the man who would be entirely right in his doctrinal interpretation but wrong in his purpose to do right. The man who is wrong in his purpose without exception is selfish. He seeks in some way to attract attention to himself and gain something for himself. He can do this in one of two ways. He can appear to be exceptionally loyal to the word of God, a kind of champion of its purity; or he can launch out on a doctrine of his own, no matter how far he departs from the written word. The first is a sectarian and the second is a heretic and both are equally offensive to God. But not every man who is loyal to the word of God is a sectarian, nor is every one who errs in his interpretation a heretic. It is only those whose intent of heart is wrong that are condemned by the word of God.

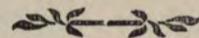
Now we would not have our readers understand that we are condemning a loyal search for the truth of the Word of God and a faithfulness to it. Far from it. A loyalty to the thus saith the Lord is the most important symptom of a right intent of the heart. We need earnest preaching on what the scripture teaches. We need to make the people feel that they must reverence the word of God as a sacred message from him to man. Generally speaking, it may be taken for granted that whenever a man is promulgating erratic teaching, he is a heretic for the sake of calling attention to himself as a leader. Some of the denominations were started by men who found new truth and were made martyrs for it. Others and perhaps the majority, were started by men who were anxious to call attention to themselves for some selfish motive.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that the most important consideration is the question of our heart con-

dition. What is our motive in our action? It will determine our place in the work of God. We need not think the result will not be made manifest. No man can handle the word of God with a wrong motive and come off unharmed. It is sharper than a two edged sword and it discerns the intents and purposes of the heart. The man who attempts to use it for a wrong purpose will find himself destroyed.

Now with this well in mind we wish to urge more preaching on first principles. The vast rural districts have not yet been reached by preaching on first principles. They need to be called from traditions and old wives' fables to the pure and simple word of God. It has a message the people sadly need. There never was a time when we needed true evangelists more than now. We need men whose lives in themselves are open books with a message of spiritual truth and whose words are such as to direct the minds of the people to the word of God. It matters not how well a man may know the word of God nor how eloquent his words may be, if his life is not modeled after the life of the lowly Nazarene, his preaching will do no good. The majority of people have no higher conception of Christianity than the lives of the best men and women they know. Christ's teachers are his witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The lives of the missionaries on the foreign fields preach much louder than their sermons. It is exceedingly fortunate that China and Japan saw the United States through the lives of our missionaries before they saw them through the lives of our politicians and jingoes. In the same way, it will be exceedingly fortunate if the mass of country people throughout this section see true Christian service through the lives of the true ministers of the Gospel ere they see the desire for a larger life through designing and corrupt teachers and ministers.

We need true shepherds. The hirelings will flee at the first appearance of the wolf. The true shepherd will give his life for the sheep. The most important work of our day is Christianizing home and foreign lands. All other things pale into insignificance before it.



The Paradox

All living is a paradox. The last is ever first.
'Tis eating gives you appetite and drinking gives you thirst.
'Tis the wearing of the tissues that makes the tissues grow.
'Tis by using strength you get it. Lack of knowledge makes you know.
The man who knows it all is he who knows a little part.
The only job completed is the one you never start.
The brain that is creating is created as it acts.
The airiest of fancies is the solidest of facts.
The more you give of love or hate the more the heart retains
The dearest joys are partners of the cruellest of pains.
You die a thousand deaths to live and only live to die.
At all the jokes Fate plays on you you laugh until you cry.
And when you've drowned your Sorrow, Sorrow lives to slay your mirth
Till of life you've lost possession—then, of course you own the earth.

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office was honored by a visit from John Prout
publisher of "The St. Francisville News" of
r. Prout has made an enviable reputation both
nd printer, and being taken into the composing
room, he gave our force of student work-
aluable pointers. He spent the most of two
and we believe the results of his visit will be
better work in the PLEA.

e in constant receipt of congratulatory words
e improvement in the new Plea. Some of
e given: I want to compliment the new issue
from the press of the PLEA.—Geo. H.
ton, D. C.

-We congratulate the PLEA on its enlargement. Of
course we folks could not get along without it.—Gertrude
Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio.

-I value the paper very highly, and am very much pleased
with the increased size.

-I enjoy reading the PLEA very much. I hope you
will have many new subscribers for the new year--G.
A. Tucker, Crab Orchard, Kentucky.

-I think the GOSPEL PLEA is one of the most helpful
papers for a Christian to read, that I know of. I pray that
you may have increase in subscriptions.—Mrs. McWilliams.

We deeply appreciate all these good things that the
brethren say and shall try to get more of them, but only by
real service for the betterment of the paper. We consider
the PLEA one of the most important factors in the develop-
ment of a greater, broader life among the people, and do
assure you that our aim is not a low one. We shall not be
satisfied with anything less. But this working out of our
ideals cannot be accomplished in a day. Gradually, through
the months and years, we hope to see the paper grow bet-
ter and bigger. Until then, we do hope that all our fellow-
workers will be patient and faithful, and have confidence
in our desire and purpose. You will not be dissapointed if
you thus wait.

There are some things that you as readers can do to ai
us. One of these is to subscribe, and get others to sub-
scribe. There ought not to be a single preacher among us
whose name is not on our books, and every superintendent
and mission worker should be enrolled. Not a church but
should have the PLEA come into some of its homes.

Then, we must have your news. Your marriages, deaths
elections of officers, news of your Sunday school and Mission-
ary society, should all come. We have arranged that all
Sunday school matter will be found on the page devoted to
that department. The same is true of missions. Let all
State officers make the PLEA our means of keeping in touch
with the churches. We hope to be able to give more
of the reports from the national officers.

On our Educational page, we want to be able to give
weekly news from all our schools and an article or two
on some phase of our educational work.

And so, all working and praying together, we shall make
the GOSPEL PLEA a real help to the religious life
of our people, and make it a tie "that binds our hearts
in Christian love." For nothing else will we strive.

VOICE OF THE CHRIST-CHILD

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight,
On the snowflakes which cover thy sod,
The feet of the Christ-child fall gently and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tell out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.
On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
That voice of the Christ-child shall fall:
And to every blind wanderer opens the door
Of a hope which he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS

The following amounts have been received up to January 14, 1915.

For General Education.	
Arkansas,	
Kerrs, Church at Pea Ridge, H. Martin,	\$9.50
Mississippi,	
Edwards, Church, Mrs. Mattie Walker	.50
Georgia,	
Soperton, W. L. Harvey	1.00
Total this time,	11.00
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The Tennessee Christian Institute.	
Jonesboro, Church and school,	23.50
Total this year for T. C. I.	26.00
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For Central Christian Institute.	
Louisville, Prof. W. H. Dickerson,	3.00
Louisville, Mrs. L. R. Dickerson,	2.00
Danville, Probably Church,	5.25
Crab Orchard, Elder J. J. Green,	1.00
Total this time	11.25
Total in C. C. I.	107.25
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For Alabama Christian Institute.	
Lum, Union Point Church,	2 00
A. C. I.	17.05
Amount this time.	19 05
Amount this year.	63.90
For Martinsville Christian Institute	
Pocahontas, S. A. Taylor.	1 00
Pocahontas, S. E. Taylor.	.50
Martinsville, Prof. R. H. Davis,	3.00
Roanoke Church, Elder J. R. Louderback,	20 00
Total this time.	24.50
Total in M. C. I. Fund,	58.03

Fund Statement

For General Education,	279.09
For J. C. I.	172.57
For C. C. I.	107.25
For A. C. I.	63.90
For M. C. I.	58.03
For T. C. I.	26.00
For Children's Day,	16.10
Total this year.	7229.94
Total in Jubilee Fund,	4798.08
Amount yet needed to make \$20000.	15201.92

To be noted. At Kerrs, Arkansas the following gave one dollar each. H. Martin, P. W. Worlds, Otis Holden, Penine Holden, Johnnie Bostick, Sarah Richardson.

At the Warner Christian Institute gifts were given as follows: A. J. Hill, 2.75; Lewis Walker, 1.50; H. D. Griffin, 5.25; Hattie J. Griffin, 2.00; Frank H. Colman, 2.75; Florence E. Colman, 2.50; Flora S. Gardner, 2.00;

At the Alabama Christian Institute gifts were given as follows: Isom C. Franklin, 5.00; Mrs. Georgia Franklin 2.00; Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin, 4.00; Miss Julia Williams, 1.00; Miss Annie Brown, 1.00; Miss Susie Brayboy, 1.00; Mrs. Callie Brayboy, 1.00.

Elder C. H. Dickerson writes that we may look for the one hundred from Nicholasville, Kentucky about March 1st. He says it has been a great thing for Kentucky to be set to a definite task; but that they did not expect to get their two thousand at the time of rally day offering. Some will work on it until the next July convention.

You will note that all the schools are now reported and if we look at amounts collected, we must conclude

that the young people in the schools are leading the way. Verily a little child shall lead them.

We know that the times are hard but we urge all the churches to have a part in this if it is only a small collection. They must not deny themselves the blessing of having a part in this great work. The only real discouraging thing about the collection thus far is the fact that so many who have hitherto had a part in the collection have not yet reported. States like Ohio, and South Carolina and Georgia have only a few representatives on the roll.

Amounts Received from Friends of the work.

Maud, Illinois, Mr. D. P. Wright,	5.00
Palmyra, Illinois, Miss Inez Humpary,	5.00
Eureka, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pearson,	15.00
New Castle, Pennsylvania, Mrs. T. W. Phillips,	25.00
Total this time,	50.00
Total in the fund,	2640.82

We appreciate these gifts very much. The fifteen dollars given by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are part of thirty dollars to furnish the teacher's bath room in Smith Hall. The twenty-five dollars given by Mrs. T. W. Phillips is to furnish one of the rooms in that hall. There are forty rooms to be furnished in that hall and we ought to have forty such gifts. Some of these have already been received. It will take about one hundred dollars to properly equip the girl's bath room. Will not some one come to our relief in this? All this equipment must go into the hall before next fall. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, institute, Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

MY CONSCIENCE.

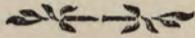
Sometimes, my Conscience, [says he,
 "Don't you know me?"
 And I, says I, skeered through and through,
 "Of course I do.
 You are a nice chap ever' way,
 I'm here to say!
 You make me cry—you make me pray,
 And all them good things that away--
 That is, at night. Where do you stay
 Durin' the day?"

And then my Conscience says onc't more,
 "You know me—shore?"
 "Oh, yes," says I, a-tremblin' faint,
 "You're jes' a saint!
 Your ways is all so holy-right
 I love you better ever' night
 You come around—'tel plum daylight,
 When your air out o' sight!"

And when my Conscience sort o' grits,
 His teeth, and spits
 On his two hands and grabs, of course,
 Some old remorse
 And beats me with the big but-end
 O' that thing—'tel my closest friend
 'Ud hardly know me. "Now," says he,
 "Be keerful as you'd orto be
 And allus think o' me!"

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS



AFRICA

Letters received from Liberia the latter part of October speak of Mrs. Smith's illness from Blackwater fever, and of the possibility that she will have to return to a colder climate to insure complete recovery. Later letters told of a return of the fever, and of the plan for Mrs. Smith to sail for home November 8 if she was to make the journey.

Mr. Ross wrote: "This morning, in a driving rain, Dr. Pearson set out on a canoe trip to Marshall. Dozens of people have come here from Marshall for treatment, but there are many more who could not come, and they have been sending him the most pleading messages asking him to visit them, but it wasn't till just now that he had his local practice so he could leave it for a few days."

The following week Dr. Pearson wrote: "The greater part of last week was spent in making a trip to Marshall to minister to the sick there. They kept me very busy and I want to write more fully of the trip later. We have seldom made a definite charge for our service, but most of the people bring what they can in the way of chickens, eggs, rice and such like. Some are unable to give even these, for they have them not. We use these products here at the Mission and turn cash into the treasury for them. This past week we received three pounds sterling in cash, which helps considerably."

Upon the recommendation of the missionaries in Liberia, the Executive Committee decided that Emory Ross might come home in March, 1915. This is before his regular furlough time, but it seemed to be the best plan for the work. When it became necessary for Lulu Smith to return without delay, and it was not safe for her to travel without care, the Mission voted that Mr. Emory Ross should come at the same time. For this reason Mr. Ross is getting home three months before he was expected. He will see that Lulu Smith reaches her mother in Mississippi.

Harry G. Smith wrote under date of October 8: "Mrs. Smith has been very ill. She now has her second attack of blackwater fever, and is very ill, but a little better today than she has been. Things looked rather dark for a while, but God, who watches over all, has kept over us His hand of mercy. The doctors say she cannot possibly get well here, that she must go home as soon as she is able to stand the trip. I trust in the course of four weeks she will be able to start. I shall remain on the field. I hope she will be well and strong by the time I have a vacation home so she can return here to the Mission to continue her work. It seems to stick her so deep in the tender place to think she must go from this work with a single hope of returning. The first thing she wanted to know when I got to her in Monrovia, where she had her second attack, was, 'Will I be able to come back to my work? I don't mind going home if only I can come back again.' Indeed, she is much more devoted to her work than I knew. May the Father bless her with health and strength to return to the field once more to serve humanity in the name of Him who died that others might live. Let us all pray that new strength may be given her for new work and for many years in this land where so much is needing to be done."

Negro Work.

(Reprinted from Tidings)

The Sunday before Thanksgiving was the time of the annual offering in the Negro Churches and Sunday Schools for the Jubilee Fund. In the spring of 1913 they resolved to undertake to raise \$20,000 for evangelization and education to commemorate their entrance into the larger work of the Kingdom. Not a great many churches and Sunday Schools have yet reported, but in the reports so far received are some things that the readers of the MISSIONARY TIDINGS should know. The Sunday School at the Southern Christian Institute made an offering of \$40, Junior Christian Endeavor \$38, and the Church \$64.65. When we remember that the great majority of the boys and girls earn their way in school and are very poor, we can see what this means. Some of them planned two months ahead to earn one and two dollars each, to be ready against the day. The world is sure to hear from these young people when they go out into the work. They have gotten their vision in a period when it will thrill them all through life.

The collection at the Jarvis Christian Institute was \$51.50, given by teachers, students and people of the community, white and colored. The Jarvis Christian Institute is only in its third year of life. It is poorly equipped for the work, but they are beginning at the right place. They are getting their vision and they are learning to make that the main-spring of their effort. Out from the Jarvis Christian Institute will go young men and women who will be heard from also. Word comes that big things are attempted at the Alabama Christian Institute, at the Martinsville Christian Institute, and at Tennessee Christian Institute, but on account of the scarcity of money they are a little slow in collecting pledges.

In November the first car load of lumber went to the grounds of the Central Christian Institute in Kentucky and arrangements are now being made to begin building. If the weather is not too severe we hope to get this first building up. It will be a home for the Principal, and for the present will serve for a dining hall and one school room. In this way we can get enough teachers and students to begin on the next building, which will be larger. The Negro churches of Kentucky have set for their mark to raise \$2,000 for this school. It is putting them upon their mettle and we sincerely hope they may succeed. We also pray that the white churches, and especially those individuals whom God has blessed with much of this world's goods, will give this work their most hearty co-operation. If they do that here is no reason why we can not have a fine Institution here in a few years.

Since July, I have visited State Conventions in Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Mississippi. All of them showed much progress. There is no question they do gain higher ground. If they can go forward in the earnest, modest way they have started, they will become a mighty force for the advancement of the Kingdom; but, in common with all mankind, ambition and envyings often mar this, and our earnest prayer is this may not be.

J. B. LEHMAN,

Superintendent of Work Among the Negroes Under the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

A student at the Southern Christian Institute writes as follows: "This is a little world of business. I think it just the best place for training our young people. President Lehman makes us realize that there is no other and better course for us than to take up the responsibility of the great task of improving the Negro race."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Last Wednesday, January 13, was the regular day for giving book reviews in the three English classes. Mary Lewis told the very interesting story of Chilgöopie the Glad. Peter Dunson related the story of the Jungle folk in Africa. Fred Perkins told the story of the four young men in "Blue Grass and Wattle" who came from Australia to a bible School in Kentucky.

The Academy is very grateful to the Union Central Life Insurance Company for the nice new calendar that hangs upon the wall.

Mrs. Ross and her son, Emory, spoke at the Christian Church in Vicksburg, last Sunday morning. Mrs. Ross spoke to a union meeting of the Senior and Junior Endeavor Societies at Allison Hall Sunday night. Her words were a benediction to the young people.

As fast as possible the doors are being hung in Smith Hall.

Mr. Prout and son, John, of Illinois have spent a few days at the home of Mr. Prout's son, our Superintendent of Industries. They left one day this week for Grand Bay, Alabama.

The Spelling contest last week was between the second and third English Classes. Peter Dunson represented the second class and Fred Perkins represented the third class. The third class won.

It will not be long before Workers' Conference in May. It is hoped that a large number from the different states may be present.

The superintendent of the Mt. Beulah Sunday School has sent out blanks to all those who have taken Teacher Training since the present system of assigning a number to each Academic student as soon as he enters the Academy or College, has been in operation. A few reports have been received. We give a sentence or two from some: "I have attended all Bible school and church services I could; I am trying to do more and better work to foster the cause." "I am an officer in the Sunday School, a member of the Endeavor Society and C. W. B. M." "I have visited old people, reading the Word and praying for them; have organized a Sunday School." "I haven't found it necessary for me to be tardy or absent from my Sunday School yet" "I helped to organize a Young People's reading Club, doing religious work among the young people, I am an officer." "All the members of my class belong to the Junior Endeavor Society." "The work I got in Teacher Training has been a great help to me here in Sunday School work. Our Sunday School here is growing and doing better work since the visit of Bro. P. H. Moss." "The prayer circle every Sunday before recitation and frequent mention of missionary activities have interested them much in missionaries." "I am a teacher of the Teacher Training class with seven enrolled." "I have preached regularly twice each Lord's Day since October 11, 1914." All but one quoted above are teachers in Sunday Schools, found in five states. What a power for righteousness, these young people should be! The superintendent says that other reports are arriving in practically every mail.

S. C. I.—January 19, 1915.

THE NEED OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

ISOM C. FRANKLIN.

Fifty years ago the yoke of slavery was lifted from the necks of our forefathers, turned loose as it were, in this civilized America. What was left for them to do? They did not think, because there was no new country to discover, that they would say as the pigeon, "Nothing to do." In an independent country, and a model civilization as a guide, they went forth into this country as a man; having nothing to work with, no supply of food, no place to call home, with a strong body for work, the masters' advice and the Lord, to begin their life's work.

Since that time the Negro has made greater progress than any other race could have made under the existing circumstan-

ces, and would have done more had he paid more attention to Industrial work. Today we have men in every profession and are proud of them.

Had they been turned loose in their native country, Africa, where would they have gone? What would they have accomplished? They might have wandered into the jungles and become more savage than their ancestors ever were; but they were turned loose in a country where their foreparents had been in bondage nearly two and a half centuries.

After beginning with such small capital and in a few cases, able to read and write, and with many back sets, he stands listening to what some say of him, listening to the many words of encouragement others are saying of him. But hark! I hear a murmuring. What is it? As he gets a glimpse of the higher civilization, and begins to enter, a great question is being asked, "Is there a part in this great modern civilizing movement, the negro will play?"

Before we answer this question let's ask, has the Negro made efficient progress, and if we judge the future by the past, would he be a fit subject? Well he has been true to his master when a slave, and he was loyal to the country wherever he lived, his heart is full of sympathy for those who are less fortunate than he, and he gives liberally. Very few if any, industrial or professional pursuits, he has tried but that he accomplished his aim. He has tried to live a Christian. But one thing he failed to do as he should, and had he continued to improve along the industrial lines he would not be now so much "The poor and needy," but would be able to do more for himself and others.

There is a place in this great modern civilization movement that he can fit, but he has to be fitted up. As I have said, "We have men of credit in every profession, but all can not be doctors nor lawyers, nor teachers, nor preachers nor bankers, nor any one profession, but all can have homes, and be independent. To do this, we must advance along industrial lines. Sometimes I think the colored man dislikes the farm because its too simple as he thinks: nothing to work with save the plow, hoe, wagon, axe and cotton sack. Within a year he thinks he can use them. At this modern time we no more look upon a professional carpenter as having just an axe, saw hammer and square, nor do we look upon a progressive farmer with only an axe, plow, hoe, and wagon. At this age we no more look upon this saying as true, "Any fool can farm. Perhaps that could have been true when the lands were rich, but now they are poor and it takes wise men to farm.

One of the greatest openings for the colored man is now at hand, as I view it; it is this:—If he can and will bring the lands back to fertility and produce as much or more on the same soil that the other man can produce he will have a place in this great industrial movement that is going on now. To do this he needs to know how to do more than plow hoe and pick cotton. He needs to know how to handle other farm implements, what kind of fertilizer is best for his land, how to operate the many different kinds, of machinery that is needed around the farm, such as the mower, reaper, binder and thrasher.

I know of several plantations, containing two thousand and more acres, thickly settled, and there are about one or two to each plantation that can run a mower and reaper and binder, or operate a cotton gin. This is too bad, and if men are called in to do this kind of work, be sure that they are able to do the other work too, and we will not have to look elsewhere for a living.

If we progress for the next twenty-five years in industrial pursuits as we have for the past fifty years in becoming professional men, we will have our place in this modern civilization, and the question that was asked, "Is there a place in which the negro can be used in this great modern civilizing movement?" he will answer, yes. Then too we will have chosen the better part that will never be taken from us.

I do not mean that we are to stop advancing along the professions, we need doctors, lawyers, bankers, teachers and preachers, but we need to progress along the industries more, that the professional men may live. The lands have been made poor by both races to make professional men of their boys, and now it is up to us to get our support from the same lands.

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THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson for February 1, 1915
Ruth Chooses the true God

Lesson Ruth 1: Read the whole Book.

Golden Text:—"Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." Ruth 1: 16.

Time:—Late in the period of the Judges, probably in the times of Samson and Eli, and the Philistine invasion.

Place:—Ruth's early home was in Moab east of the Dead Sea and her later one was in Bethlehem.

The beautiful story of Ruth is unique and interesting. It shows that during the period of Judges, and while there was no war and trouble, the nation was producing many good people and growing better, in character, and good influence of some of the persons of that day. In the story before us we are to think of a family, Israel, dwelling in their own country—the father with the wife of his choice and the children of his heart and the wife and mother devoted and true. Famine came upon the land and this family went into the country of Moab. Here the two sons married and soon the father and both sons were laid to rest in a strange land.

There were dark days for Naomi. Her heart went out for her native home, her kindred and the people of God. The little household of women discussed the question of returning. Naomi talked of her kindred and their wealth. The two young widows of Moab turned their faces toward Bethlehem. Before they reached the borders of Moab a final decision must be made. Naomi's tender interest in her daughter-in-law would not permit them to go into just such an exile as she was seeking to escape without urging them to think of their own homes and kindred. They have come to the moment of decision. Orpha decides to go back to her people. There was little to attract her to a strange home, with poverty in prospect,—nothing to attract her except love and religion. These did not appeal to her sufficiently to cause her to journey on with Naomi. There were obstacles in her way. These were not overcome.

Naomi made a different choice. No entreaty could induce her to go back to her own land and people. She loved Naomi, and with a clear insight she chose to take up her lot of sacrifice and sorrow and cleave to her mother-in-law, "For whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." There were no difficulties too great, no duties too hard, no fascinations for evil, she was not willing to give up, that she might go to the land and people. She had learned of Naomi. She wanted to cast her lot with the religious. Such a passion for the church, Sunday school and missions would mark our young people today as true disciples of our Lord.

Naomi and Ruth in Bethlehem. Her neighbors and friends welcome her home again. She left with her husband and two sons and returns a widow. She had no home.

RUTH THE GLEANER.

The success of Ruth's career is well worth a careful study. It was not the thought of the reward which caused Ruth to remain with her mother-in-law. There was nothing in sight but poverty and lowly service in a strange land. Her aged mother-in-law was poor and needed her help. She was willing to gather grain to support herself and Naomi.

The greatest glory comes to those who are not seeking it, the richest rewards to those whose fidelity and love keep them giving out the best they have for the sake of others.

D. R. B.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF ARKANSAS

A happy and prosperous New Year is my sincere wish. The old year is a thing of the past but the cloudy and sunny days will cause us to long remember the year 1914. We have entered a year and we should have entered it with a new determination.

Our task is much larger than it was the year that has passed. Shall we perform the great task before us? Now is the time to make the bargain and stick to it. You that are interested in Sunday school work (we all should be), let's look for better results this year than ever before. We have a great hero in the person of Bro. Moss, the National S. S. Organizer who is doing great work among the various S. S. He is wide awake to a sense of his duty, we were so sorry that the unfavorable weather prevented his visit in our Sunday School but we are looking to the future for a visit which will be much appreciated. The following is the report of the work of the State Board.

Dec. 30, 1914. Opened 10:30 a. m. House called to order by president P. Worlds. Song led by M. M. Bostick. Opening prayer Mrs. S. L. Bostick after which the business session was open.

First an interesting talk by the Sunday school Evangelist M. M. Bostick along the line of Sunday school work, continued by the President P. Worlds, concluded by Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Bro. Bostick mentioned the Sunday school convention and also stated that Bro. Moss would be with us in convention. Plans were talked on how to keep the Sunday school alive.

D. C. Mitchell was elected Sec.-Treasurer; all the talks made by the speakers were quite encouraging. The next meeting of the S. S. State Board was appointed Wednesday night before the second Sunday in April at Mt. Sinai Christian Church, Argenta, Ark. I wish to state that we were few but our hearts were in the work.

We met at the home of Bro. and sister Holden.

Supt., we are looking for a report from your school. The Evangelist is expecting to do a deal of work this year hence he needs support. Each school is requested to take up a collection the first Sunday in every month and each pupil is to pay 5cts in the collection and the money forwarded to the S. S. State Treasurer.

D. C. Mitchell Sec'y. Treasurer.

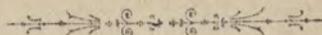
Kerrs, Ark.

DALE S. C.

Ere this reaches our readers, "Dale" will be blest by having another graduate of the Central Bible school to visit her this time a "Beaufort" boy a South Carolinian. Bro. Dickerson ought to be proud, he has so many things that "Adam missed." And more especially the enlarged "PLEA" We will start our "new book" with that copy, in honor of the Editor in-chief, long may he live." Each time we read the "Contribution com." advice we are impressed with its importance and are working and praying for its success. We wonder if they will do a "man's part?" We are watching 1915 Brother Kearse. We wish to see that Rally day like Bro. Simmons at Briners. We are pledge for a man's part" at our little School here.

Edwin F. Jackson

FIELD REPORTS



FIELD SECRETARY, P. H. MOSS IN KENTUCKY

Elder Moss is headed for Kentucky. We feel proud and honored to have him come. Let all the "Brevren" receive him with open arms that the splendid harmony existing in other states may obtain in dear old Kentucky. He will likely enter the state work in the West end, from the "Penny Rile" District, he'll reach the great "Fall City" where Dr. M. F. Robinson, Elder E. A. Allan, Prof. W. H. Dickerson looked after the three churches there. Thence on to the Bluegrass Section where fair Lexington awaits him. Elder Wilson Martin (762 North Broadway St) is the splendid great hearted Lexington minister. Then Mt. Sterling where Bro. W. H. Brown has been for ever, wantan Institute. At some places where brother Moss cannot hold Institutes, he can hold "Outstitutes." That is visit that one single school, church and wake up the minister officers, C. W. B. M. etc. I think he can find much "Outstituting" to do in Kentucky. Of course Nicholasville needs him. Six inches of snow hit us last night,

C. H. Dickerson

President of State Sunday School Conventions, January 20, 1915.

LIBERIAN LETTER

I am happy to bring to you once more a little message of our work. We are now started on our work for the vacation. So far every think is going lovely. We have raised the second story of our new building. We will start zincing it this week. Farm cleaning will commence this week. We have planned to increase our farm quite a little. Many fruit trees were set out during the rainy season. In a few years we hope to have growing here fruit enough to give us a bountiful supply. Classes will be started for the children during the vacation.

Dr. Pearson and Prof. Gooden are now in Monrovia getting the ground cleared off and a sort of store room built for the cement. They report they are getting things started in shape.

We hope by this time Mrs. Smith, baby and Mr. Ross have reached the S. C. I. where once more they will have a hand shake with warm hearted friends who will be delighted to make things pleasant for them. I hope they have had no trouble on the way.

I felt Mrs. Smith should land at the S. C. I. for that was the great starter for both of us in life and our field of service. I feel there she will be given the best possible attention and encouragement. From there she will go to her mother's home where awaits her the warmest welcome hearts can give. There she will spend a short time and then following the instruction of the doctor she must then make it north to freeze out the germs in order to build up as she should.

Now Christian friends those of you who are interested in your own missionary, who in service on the field has impaired her health and wish to see her get it back, will see to it that she will lack nothing. The rail road must be paid if you ride on their trains. The doctor must be paid for his treatment. Some body must be paid for what she eats and where she stays. Don't say if sister Smith was in America or at home what I or we would do.

We spared nothing to do what we could for her here. She is now there or I trust will soon be there. You know the rest.

I must here say a word about the kind and faithful way in which Mrs. Major Charles Young cared for her during the eight or nine weeks of serious illness. A mother would not and could not have done more.

God certainly has a place in his kingdom for her for she is indeed a great soul. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Ballard are great missionaries. They are doing great mission service and ask not a cent for service rendered.

Yes they are among those who are persecuted for right and good deeds. They remember what Jesus said in the fifth chapter of Mathew about persecution, and go right on doing good. Oh! that the world had more Youngs and Ballards. Greater works would be accomplished for humanity and God. May they live long and do much of this great and helpful service.

A merry Christmas to all.

Harry G. Smith.

STANDFORD KY.

This is my "Home church." Second year will close in May. Attendance good and increasing.

Recently baptized a gentleman (Dr. John Cook) that weighs 250 pounds. My weight is 140. Paying off debts for needed repairs and improvements too, but will be in line for Educational Rally Day. In Bro. Mitchell's recent article he spoke of the acorn rousing so much activity and asked: "Who will be the be acorn?" I move that Bro Mitchell be the acorn.

J. M. D. Thurman

A. CREATOR

J. M. D. THURMAN

Of human power man may prate,
Of human knowledge grand and great,
Man may laud it to the sky,
Until the day that death pass by.,
Then all knowledge can not save,
All power cannot stay the grave,
Where death knocks at his chamber door,
Man must answer rise and go,
Man may claim his presence here,
The work of countless millions years,
A touch that only nature gives -
To lower life behold man lives,
Whence come nature's wondrous power,
That brought forth mankind hour by hour,
Until at last he stands today,
Like God in wondrous gifts array,
The grass where mankind's feet have trod
For ages cries: "There is a God.
The hand that paints the rose's sheen
Pains our blades their living green,
The sun and moon proclaim his might,
By giving forth their wondrous light;
A thousand voices from the sod,
Cry aloud: "There is a God,"

Stanford, K.Y.

NOTICE OF DISTRICT MEETING.

Please allow space in your paper for announcement of the District meeting no. 2. The third Saturday and Sunday in Feb. at Center Church.

Owing to the unfavorable weather I have not been able to make it around to the churches this quarter. I hope each pastor and officer will strive to do their duty for the success of a good meeting.

S. D. Yarber.

Carlisle, Miss.

District Evangelist.

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If we will advance along the industrial lines more, we will have no more the one room cabin to raise our boys and girls in no more have our food supply in the nearest town, but at our homes each year. No more will the farmer use the woods to shelter his cattle and the fields and canebrakes to feed his horses in winter.

Now let us get busy, by a home, if we have none now, make it attractive, school our children and progress along the industrial lines. When we do this we will be living, in the true sense, under our own vine and fig tree. It seems now that the vine and fig tree we are under is either dead or barren.
Lum, Alabama.

HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

The writer came to the field, Oct. 1913, and found the church work, 30 degrees below zero. Hence we had to dig deep, and do some blasting in order to find the good, and get things in proper shape for reorganizing the church. By the Lord's help we did reorganize in a partial way, July 15th, 1914. At first, our house was in such bad shape, we could not hold regular services until March 15 1914, at which time we secured enough roofing to cover two thirds of our house, since that date we have held regular services and Bible school.

In the mean time we held a Revival of three weeks duration, which did great good, but members are still asleep and no doubt will remain so until the sounding of the last trumpet. There have been three new members added, two women and one very prominent young man, Prof. S. L. Stacker, from the Methodist Church. He is a good worker, and not only is he intelligent, but is an influential man. He is the writer's brother-in-law. What the church needs today, is men who stand for something, men who are consecrated to God's work, whose daily deportment means something to the community where they live. Too many people merely talk religion, and do little or nothing to prove themselves Christians, the people outside the church can read the lives of professed Christians and see that many do not live as the Bible directs them. Many of this class refuse to do any church work, unless they are elected into office, and then they go home and sit down, until time comes to take collection, and call on others to give money and give nothing themselves. Of course an ideal officer is not guilty of such.

Two things are necessary in order to successful church work first, a pure Gospel in the pulpit. Second a pure faith in the Pew. Hence the preacher ought to assume one half the responsibility, and the pew the other half. The writer calls loudly upon the pew to do her full duty in the support of the preacher. Unless the pew does her duty along this line, the pulpit can not be supported and maintained as God has intended it should be. Here is a statement of our work for 1914.

Paid for Roofing.....	\$41.85
To put on roofing and ceiling.....	14.05
Pulpit Carpet.....	4.50
State Convention.....	6.00
Other expenses.....	41.11
Total.....	107.51
Paid Pastor.....	114.05
Total raised for all purposes.....	221.56

The writer has given full time to this work, without a stipulated salary. Some people say let the preachers trust the Lord for support. This is certainly what we have done here. We can't say how much longer we can hold out, unless some help comes from some other source. We don't see how we are to keep soul and body together. We have already accepted another Mission Church at Clarksville,

Tenn., 32 miles from here, for one half the time. Our Brother Preston Taylor asked me to take it; 27 members have had part in raising the above sum of money. Others have been spasmodic, work for a while and then sit down. If the men we have had done as well as the good women, this report would be much larger. We have some worker who are true blue, although they are poor in this worlds goods, they continue to stand by this work and their minister. Here we wish to mention the names of some our honorable givers, during 1914.

Lizzie Woolridge.....	\$6.02
Mary Mumford.....	6.00
Minnie Beck.....	2.65
Alla Foster.....	3.05
Martha Anderson.....	4.48
Eliza Banks.....	2.85
Anna Harris.....	2.6
Ethel Stacker.....	6.25
Hattie Wilson.....	10.83
J. E. Anderson.....	13.52
Julia Waller.....	16.55
Caldonia Moore.....	20.65
Milla Baxter Boles.....	2.36

Some of these women are widows and they have given according to their ability. Only \$12.25 has been raised through entertainments. \$200.00 was given by the good women alone. This does not speak so well for our brethren. We believe they will do better in 1915. All things considered this is a good report. May the Lord help us all to do better this New-Year.

J. E. Anderson.

RAVENDEN, ARK.

We had a nice Sunday School and Bible turn out on last Sunday the 22 of last month and we had a nice time. We had dinner on the ground and all of our program selections were from the Bible, my mother spoke the twelfth chapter of John and I the twentieth chapter, and it was a good sight to see the little children speaking verses from the Bible. We had a nice crowd. We are doing good work this year, we had a baptising in August and one of them was an old man of about seventy or more, and a young lady who had been a Methodist, and in last month two little girls came at the age of twelve. We have little church workers here. I am sorry to say that Bro. R. M. Wyatt has a son and a daughter very sick and he said that he has more trouble than any one and we ask the prayers of the church every where to pray for him and help him to bear his trouble. "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved".

Dealvirnar Oaks.

ROANOKE VIRGINIA

During the past quarter I visited the following places: Graham, where we had a little band; Blueridge, West Virginia where we have a mission struggling to exist. Christiansburg, where we are expecting to plant the work by using the tent as soon as the weather becomes suitable.

We have secured a tent for our district, and we are hoping to be able to reach many people through it this year that we could not reach otherwise. I also answered a call made by Prof. E. A. Spencer at Princeton, West Virginia where he hopes to establish a congregation. I tried to reach all the congregations and stir them up on the Jubilee offering.

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I am doing all I can. Pray for me.	

Elder J. R. Louderback.

Pres Schuman

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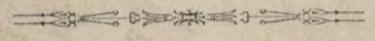
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HELPFUL TO ALL



THE RIGHTING OF THE WORLD'S WRONGS

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Here is the expression of a fundamental law that is unnoticed by the great mass of people. When they see fault in others, or suffer ill treatment of them, they are prone to complain and even to resist with other evil acts. It would help all of us if we would remember that those faults and those evil acts are symptoms of the heart condition of that man and to right them we will have to change the motives of the heart. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit, and a wrong heart condition cannot bring forth the kind Christian acts we so much long to see in others. If we ourselves are not mature Christians, we will resent the wrongs in others, and we will soon do as evil things as the other man has done. If we are as mature as we should be we will regard the evil acts of others as symptoms of wrong heart conditions and we will proceed to reform the man or we will let him alone as beyond our power of reform. It is this frame of mind that enables us to pray for our enemies and love them that hate us. This carried to its logical conclusion will enable us to turn the other cheek also if we are smitten on one.

This, then, ought to enable us to approach the world's evils in a new way. It is not our business to complain of the world's wrongs. It is our business to right them. We call a physician to diagnose a case and prescribe for the cure of the patient. It is not his business to find fault at the headache and backache of the patient. It is his business to remove them. It is right at this point that we are beginning to change our idea of medicine. The time is coming within fifty years when the work now done by physicians will be done by nurses and the physicians will give all their time to sanitation and to removing causes of diseases. There is a parallel here in the work of the Christian minister. The older preachers sought only to cure the sinsick soul. They sought only after the individual man that wanted to be saved. The newer preachers are doing that and more. They are undertaking a social service that is a sanitation for the souls of men. The work of the future will be largely a soul sanitary work. It will seek to remove the seductions of society that breed the germs of social sins. The church will still seek and save the lost, but this will be done by the rank and file of its membership. The aggressive and organized work of the church will be to change the organization of the society of nations. They will seek to build a new civilization.

Those missionaries that went out with the theory that their work consisted only in evangelizing, accomplished

but little. Some of them have been on the field fifty years and they now have nothing to show for their labor. If we want to make good Christian people of Africa, we must (1) tell them of Christ, (2) teach them how to do the manual labor of Christian people, and (3) teach them to do the missionary work of Christians. You can neither Christianize or civilize a heathen people unless you teach them to like to work with the hand. If you teach the children of a civilized people to despise labor, they will rapidly degenerate to the barbarian type. The criminals about our cities are nothing more nor less than men and women who have reverted to the barbarian type and the trouble we have with them is the trouble that comes from contact with an undeveloped people.

It is right at this point that we find our mission. It is here that we must begin to right the world's wrongs. This is the cross of Christianity. The good must suffer for the bad. The strong must bear the burden of the weak. The Christian must be "longsuffering and patient." He must have the love that "suffers long, and is kind;" the love that "envieth not; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

We have our problems. Some of them are inter racial, some of them are intra racial, but all of them without a single exception, come from the undeveloped state of the hearts of the people. Our murmuring and fault finding will only aggravate our troubles. We must either proceed to create a more sanitary condition for the souls of the people, or must make the best of it and go on.

The time has come when we should not lose more time in trying to mollify the effects of wrong. Slavery was inherently wrong and had to be abolished. The liquor traffic is in league with hell and must be prohibited. Militarism is hell itself and must be done away. The traffic in girls known as white slavery is the reform of the worship of Asherah and should be resisted as an idolatrous worship.

Social workers may now try to save the individuals as the present physician cures the sick, but not much will be accomplished until the social worker becomes a reformer to create a better sanitary condition for the society of men.

The educated Christian Negro youth has at one and the same time both a tremendous opportunity and a tremendous task. He has had such a teaching as to enable him to see the work that needs to be done and he sees it waiting for him. But it is a tremendous task. It is new, it is pioneer in nature. He meets prejudice and dense ignorance both in his own race and in the white race. He often hears the loud cries of the "call of the wild" in his own nature. But he must betake himself to the task for there lies his path of duty.

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IN MEMORIAM

In the passing from labor to reward of our good friend
and brother Charles Derrickson, one of the strongest and
most prominent pillars of the church of Christ in Ohio has
gone down, born and reared in Nicholas County Ky. Bro
Derrickson came to Ohio when a young man, and was one
of the founders of the Lockland church of Christ.

—He was ordained an Elder of the church at its organ-
ization, more than forty-four years ago, and during all
those years he held up the banner of Christ without fear
or favor until his course was run.

—The Disciples of Ohio will miss him, the local congre-
gation is bowed in sorrow at his taking away, and the last
link that bound us to the past has been broken.

—Brother Derrickson lived the life fearlessly, yet meek-
ly; his labors are finished, and by God's direction he has
been brought to the general Assembly above, whose roll is
written by the Spirit as one by one we enter the rest and
peace of God.

We are bereft, but the great assembly of the Saints
above is enriched by the life that has entered there.

"He giveth His Beloved Sleep."

C. E. Armstrong, Secretary.

—Very Much Pleased With The Enlarged Plea.
Eld. and Mrs. H. M. Johnson.

Dallas Texas.

—The PLEA has been received. I am glad to know that
you are able to publish so large a paper. I trust you are
reaching a considerable constituency. — A. McLean, Cincinnati,
Ohio.

—I believe the enlarge PLEA has been an inspiration to
all our readers. I believe there is a great future for this
religious weekly and I want to help it on to success. En-
closed find \$1.00 as Subscription solicited.

R. H. Davis.

Martinsville, Va.

—Just for the sake of variety, we give this week a cut
of the new Office Editor, and hope it may help to make a tie
of acquaintance that will draw the PLEA family closer to-
gether. Our work is so much a co-operative one, and each
must depend so much upon the other, that every one
must have some influence upon the other. It is the earnest
wish of the new office Editor, that his coming to the
work may be only for good.

For many years he was a practicing lawyer in Indiana,
during which time he became a Christian. After a few
years the call of the ministry became too great, and he closed
is work, and became a preacher, and remained such till last
November, when he came to take the work on the PLEA.

—Preston Taylor writes: our "good meeting on Lea Ave-
nue followed us up to the last song yesterday. We had
splendid audiences and interest was on the increase. Thirty-
one added since November 1st. These all attend regu-
lar services. We thank you for the enlargement and im-
provement of the Plea. All preparations are made to re-
ceive Prof. Emory Ross this week.

Olar, South Carolina.

I wish to say a few words through the columns of the
PLEA, concerning our work here. I am glad to say that
things in our state are moving along, under present condi-
tions, yet there remains room for improvement, along both
spiritual and financial lines. I regret so very much to see
so many of our best men and women inactive concerning
the welfare of their state. I am sure that we have wide-
awake Christians here in South Carolina who can come to
the front and let her sister states know what they are and
what they are doing. I enjoy very much, the letters from
the different states, from the many different Christians,
and when I search the columns and see no letter from my
state, it makes me stop and wonder. Where are the men
and women of long-ago? The Sunday school here at Three
Mile Creek has just completed the painting the inside of the
Church building, and this has greatly improved its looks.
Brother H. W. Edwards has been superintendent of this
school for a goodly number of years, and he certainly under-
stands his business. It would be well for some of our oth-
er churches to beautify their buildings, thus doing some-
thing that would last as useful and helpful for a long time.

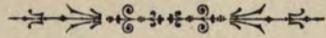
With heart-felt sorrow I am to record the death of one
of our able preachers, brother David Ritter. Funeral ser-
vices were conducted by Elder J. C. Counts, and the re-
mains were laid to rest just behind the pulpit at Three
Mile Creek Church, where he was a life-long member, and
served as pastor for many years. We will miss him very
much.

The writer conducted services on last Lord's day, in the
town of Ehrhardt, and it was a very enjoyable service. He will
also preach here the first Sunday in February. This will
be a special service for the Auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. at
Three Mile Creek.

To the Editors and his helpers, and to all the readers
of the Gospe Plea, we extend our most hearty greetings
for the new year.

B. J. Kearse.

FIELD REPORTS



ARKANSAS EVANGELIST.

First Quarterly report of R. T. Matlock of Arkansas ending December 31, 1914.

Miles traveled,.....	655
Places visited and revisited,.....	10
Sermons preached,.....	30
Business meetings held,.....	6
Lectures,.....	5
Protracted meetings held,.....	3
District Convention,.....	1
Confessions,.....	15
Helped Elder M. M. Bostick to raise \$77 for the Little Rock Church debt. Received from churches,.....	\$43 32
From District Convention,.....	10.00
From National C. W. B. M.,.....	34.50
Total Received,.....	90.82
Railroad fare,.....	13.10
Stamps for minutes etc,.....	2.03
Total Expenses.....	15.13
Balance for self,.....	75.69
Balance due for quarter,.....	54.31

You see brethren we are getting behind with collections. At this rate we will be due at the next State convention \$217.24. Will all the pastors and officers see to this matter?

We will have a State Board meeting at Pearidge on the fourth Lord's day, the object is to adopt Brother Alphin's suggestion relative to the Jubilee Rally, expressed in the GOSPEL PLEA. I heartily endorse his plan. Let Arkansas church bestir herself, we are few in number but big hearted and proud of our plea as a religious people. Now lets express it in our helping to fight this \$20,000 battle and at the close of this year every Colored disciple who has done well his part, can join in the Jubilee song (prepared by some one for the occasion) of Thanksgiving to the God of all grace, not for the \$20,000 only, which he will give us back with abundance more, in our splendid prepared young men and women who will go out from our churches and schools to bless our race, but at a cost of thousands of precious lives and millions of dollars..

Argenta, R T. Matlock, Evangelist.

DANVILLE, KENTUCKY.

We are doing nicely, all departments are at work, and we are moving along under the leadership of our pastor.

We have a Christian Endeavor which is full of life. It has given the church coal and wood for the winter and an individual communion set; our wine is made for the year. Dr. M. F. Robinson, of Louisville, Kentucky, was with us in our meeting; the church was lifted up by his strong sermons.

He presented our plea in an able manner. He made a splendid impression on the entire community, the church was greatly strengthened by having Dr. Robinson with us. We raised \$60.

The Sunday school is going to have a rally the 5th Sunday in March, we are aiming to raising \$50.

We enjoyed a splendid sermon from Elder Garrison, pastor of the white Christian Church. Our Educational rally will be observed pretty soon. Enclosed you will find a check for \$3.25 for educational fund. Danville is going to raise hers. When the roll is called, we will answer with ours. The pastor preached a series of sermons, last month,

subject. "In the Realm of Fundamentals" We certainly enjoyed them, now we are better enabled to give "a reason for the hope within us" Our pastor is going home on the 8th to see his people; he has'nt been home for five years, the church is glad to see him go, for he deserves the time off. We will have preaching every Sunday while he's away, by the visiting brethren. The church has enjoyed splendid prayer service throughout the entire year.

M. Philips, Sec'y

KENTUCKY STATE MISSIONARY BOARD

January 8 the Negro State Missionary Board of Kentucky met at Danville, and a splendid meeting was held. President W. H. Brown urged rigorous action in regard to the two thousand dollar Jubilee fund for Kentucky. Some encouraging reports were made from the various churches.

Elder G. H. Graham says, "count on Hustonville for \$100," a part of which has already been raised. Elder Graham's word is good, and watch old Hustonville march under the orders of her general.

Danville Church will raise \$75 and part of that has already been collected. Our young Timothy, Elder R. W. Watson is leading the Danville Church into larger service for the Master, and is known there for the good life he is living and the splendid work he is doing with the cooperation of the church.

Elder R. E. Hathway, the father of us all in point of service at one church—serving his thirtieth year at Little Rock, is TRUE BLUE, and when the Jubilee roll is called his Church will be there with their offering.

January 10 I preached for my brother, Elder C. H. Dickerson, in his tenth Anniversary as minister at Nicholasville. There were enthusiastic audiences at each of the three services. The Sunday School is forging ahead and looking forward to the Pentecostal Shower soon to come from our own National Field Worker and Bible School Secretary, P. H. Moss. Every School, or good representatives of all our Sunday Schools in Kentucky ought to hear Prof. Moss.

Nicholasville is in line for all of our larger and advanced Educational and Missionary work.

W. H. Dickerson.

KENTUCKY STATE BOARD

Proud to tell the brethren that Dr. Robinson of Louisville, Ky. has served the brethren 90 days in raising the \$2,000 for Kentucky. His time expired January the 8th. At last Board meeting we have not yet had full report from the Dr. but feel sure that he has wrought well. He reports twenty four dollars Educational money raised at Lawrenceburg (his church), no doubt Lawrenceburg will be heard from with the balance, as I know the loyalty of those good people.

C. H. Dickerson Cor. Sec'y State Board.

AARON'S RUN KENTUCKY

Our school met on the first Lord's day in this year, and Miss Hattie Mason read a paper on future work.

A collection of \$2.25 was taken. We are working hard to raise our assesment for the school.

Junie Downey

(Continued from page 3)

Let us give attention to present duties, and not worry over the future. Christ will see to that. If we see to it that His Gospel is preached at home and abroad, our necessities will be supplied. He wants us to be "careful for nothing." He knows what we stand in need of, and "gives to his children all things richly to enjoy." "I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed? (After all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these

things. But seek ye first the Kingdom God, and his righteousness and all these shall be added unto you. Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, Matt. 6:25-34. Content is unnecessary.

A few illustrations and I am thru. The child is at school to study, not to worry over the future; must prepare himself for the world's work. Christ has sent out His invitation to children of men to enter His school here upon earth, and He wants us to prepare below, while He prepares above.

The farmer is not to spend his time forecasting the seasons; his duty is to break up the sod, sow the seed, till the soil, but must look to God to send the seasons. The Christian is not to spend his time complaining hard times, but should put his whole heart, mind and strength upon present duties. Let us do the things of to-day and let the morrow take care of itself.

The soldier is to obey, fight, suffer, and leave the plan of campaign to the general. We are soldiers of the cross, and followers of the lamb. As soldiers, we must take a soldier's fare. We must suffer some from privation, yet the Great General will carry us safely through. He has fought many battles, and never lost one. "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."



Charles W. Mahin, Office Editor.

Pres Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Christianity's Difficulty

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel"

Good as Christianity represents itself, and good as it has proven itself, it seems strange that men everywhere have not embraced it as soon as they saw it; and especially has this been a marvel when sin has everywhere and in all eyes brought only misery and woe, and all philosophies and purely human devices have been powerless to bring any relief. There must be some inherent reason not found in human interest and human happiness. In the very first record of human encounter with sin, which we quoted above, we are told that there is an eternal enmity between the two which can never be reconciled. Those who will seek for righteousness will always strike for the head of the serpent while the serpent will always content itself with striking for the heel. In other words, the men who are laboring for the kingdom of righteousness are striving to destroy wrong, while those who are seeking wrong content themselves with annoying those who seek good. Therefore, no man need expect to seek the good things Christianity offers without a fight within his own nature, unless he has become thoroughly sick of sin. It was for this reason that Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Christianity is working one of the mightiest revolutionary processes in human hearts the world ever saw. The old wild man developed a set of passions which Paul catalogues in the first chapter of Romans and the fifth chapter of Galatians. He developed these in his old state when he knew not that there were higher things possible for him, and when he had to defend himself against fellow man and beast. When Christianity revealed to him the higher life, he began to crucify the old barbarian instincts and to cultivate the Christian virtues. As an individual with the divine power of the gospel, he could transform him into a new creature; but as a race he found that the old instincts were readily transmitted by birth and that his children continually showed the tendency to the old sins.

So strong is this tendency that we have the adage that blood will tell. We do not trust the children of a thieving or treacherous person, while we readily trust the children of God-fearing parents. We all believe in the evolutionary process of the elimination of the old barbarian instincts, but not sufficiently to enable us to properly adjust ourselves to it. If all those races which have come into the kingdom during the last one or two

centuries should show a strong tendency toward sins which do so easily beset them, it should not astonish us. They who have had many centuries of growth should not vaunt themselves as though they were inherently better. It is their business to aid those who are less fortunate. In fact they must do this to save themselves.

The degeneration of my neighbor is a serious menace to me and my children. I must either help him to greatly hasten the process of Christian growth in order to maintain my own accumulated growth, or I will see myself and my children depart from it. "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto these the least of my brethren, ye did it not unto me."

The white man often vaunts of his own virtues and refers to the sins of others in a derogatory way; but his own eternal welfare is involved in it. Now that the whole world has become a family of nations, those people who have some accumulated Christian growth will have to aid all the races recently come into the kingdom, or the races recently come into the kingdom will compel them to depart from the kingdom.

Here many will make many excuses. They will think their first duty is to maintain race integrity and especially their own prerogative. Thus the question is presented to their own minds as a false issue. Their first duty is to the whole human family in order that they may discharge the duty to themselves. In other words, it is the old Christian doctrine of losing our life in order to find it. The world's eternal good now depends on our ability to prevent all the races of the earth from returning or reverting to the old ways of the barbarian mind.

The church has finally come to her greatest world task. Shall we prove ourselves worthy of the task? Will we prove ourselves good and great enough? Or must God wait for the birth of a better and greater people.

Aid to Prayer

FOR THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE OF NORTH AMERICA IN VIEW OF ALL THAT IS INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT WAR.

The situation occasioned by the Great War presents the largest and most insistent call to intercession which has ever come to the Christian people of America. The highest office of friendship is to help our friends in the deepest things of life, and the deepest things of life are those which have to do with preserving a right relation between man and God and between man and man. Among the different ways of helping in the present world crisis, there is none which will compare in vital importance with that of wielding the force of prayer.

The cultivation of the habit of reflection on the character, wishes and resources of God establish confidence in Him, lead to a better understanding of His will, and help to insure effective prayer.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—Subscriptions, Received:—

Georgia, Mrs. Ellen Gilard, Rev. A. J. Robinson.
 Indiana, Oliver W. Stofer.
 Mississippi, A. G. Sneed, Mrs. Edna Travillian,
 A. J. Wilson, D. A. Owen.

—Within a few days we will send notices to those whose
 subscriptions expire within the next four weeks. We hope
 all those who receive the notices, and any who may by ac-
 cident, not receive them, will try to remit so that none may
 miss a single issue. The PLEA is going to get better all
 the time, and we want you to be with us.

—Within a week or so, we expect to begin the publica-
 tion of a serial story, or rather a series of stories, by one of
 the gifted writers of the south. The author is a very noted
 character among the Disciples, both white and colored, and
 every word will be enjoyed by all. The installments will
 appear at monthly intervals. Each story will be complete in
 itself, yet part of a series. We call your attention now to it,
 in order that you may be ready for a great treat. We will
 have more to say next week, with a very interesting propo-
 sition to make. Look for it.

—I am well pleased with the appearance and form of
 the PLEA.

S. W. Scott,

Corresponding Secretary of Missouri.

—One man added at Nicholasville, Kentucky, lately as re-
 ported by the pastor.

C. H. Dickerson

—Oliver W. Stofer of Indiana pays his subscription
 and says: I cannot say too much about the work for
 the Negroes. It is certainly the greatest work in
 America to-day. I cannot blame the teachers at the
 Southern Christian Institute, or at the other institutes, for
 liking the work for the negro young men and women,

who are making progress toward a great future of useful
 service.

—We like the PLEA for its plain print and news. I
 will do all in my power to make the paper a success
 in getting into every home in Georgia for it is needed
 there. The Lord bless you.—A. J. Roberson, Valdosta,
 Georgia.

DIED AT THE AGE OF 98

Joseph Willingham, died at his home in Rantoul, Kan-
 sas, at one o' clock in the morning January 31, 1915.

He was born in Kentucky about 98 years ago, came to
 Kansas in the early fifties, was married and raised a
 family of five daughters and three sons, all of whom
 were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Hiram Blair of Rantoul, Kansas is the eldest and
 Mrs. P. H. Moss, of Martinsville, Virginia, the youngest.

The interment took place Monday afternoon, in Peora
 Cemetery.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE

Some one said; "A well trained man needs a well
 trained wife," I take it that this means a wife who
 is not only well trained intellectually, but religiously,
 morally and economically.

It seems to me that no class of men should be more
 careful in the selection of a life partner, a "help-meet"
 than a preacher. It is commonly said that preachers have
 no business sense. I think it may be as truly said that
 many preachers have no wife sense. The preacher being
 himself imperfect is not to look for perfection in the selecting
 of a wife. but in the light of his knowledge of the book
 which he takes for his guide, he should be careful and
 consider well before he asks for that sacred union. And
 the woman ought to do some prayerful thinking before
 she consents to give herself in wed lock to a preacher, for
 many preachers have no wife sense, and many of them
 get hold of the wrong woman (some times a better woman
 than they) for a preacher wife. But I am talking about
 the preacher who gets hold of the wrong woman for his
 work. Some of these same women, however, might make
 good wives for other men.

In Kentucky, among the several successful Negro
 Christian preachers, I know two whose great success in
 their work is very largely due to their wives who are
 good house keepers, good mixers among the other women
 of the church and community. They are economical and
 do not try to spend every dollar made by their husbands;
 they trust their husbands, and their husbands trust them
 for where a preacher or his wife is jealous, their success
 always has a knife in its throat—a dagger in his heart.
 "Who is able to stand before jealousy?" Prov. 27,4 (Ameri-
 can Revision)

In their family life these preachers can say to their
 flock "Follow me as I also follow Christ." In my judge-
 ment, some preachers should marry and some should not
 marry. It depends largely upon how much wife sense the
 preacher has, for all preachers have not wife sense.

I have not written these lines for the preacher who
 is married but for the preacher who is yet to marry. My
 young brother, be wise and try to look well before you
 leap. Try to find some of the material of a preacher's wife
 in the woman before the knot is tied.

W. H. Dickerson.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS.

The following amounts have been received up to February 8, 1915.

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

Mississippi.

Okolona, Sunday School, Industrial Institute, Prof. W. A. Battle Principal,.....	\$5.00
Institute, C. W. B. M. at S. C. I.....	24.15
Total this time,.....	29.15
Total this year,.....	308.24

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For Central Christian Institute.

Nicholasville, S. S.,	15.00
Nicholasville, Women,.....	10.00
Nicholasville, Men,	5.00
Carlisle, S. S. High Street Church,.....	4.00
Total this time,.....	34.00
Total this year,.....	141.25

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Fund Statement

For General Education,.....	308.24
For J. C. I.....	172.52
For C. C. I.,.....	141.25
For A. C. I.,.....	69.30
For M. C. I.,.....	58.03
For T. C. I.,.....	26.00
For Children's day,.....	16.10
Total amount this year,.....	991.49
Total amount in Jubilee Fund,.....	4866.63
Amount yet needed to make 20,000,.....	15133.37

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Still General Education holds first place and the Jarvis Christian Institute second. One more good hit from Kentucky and it will work up to second in line. Again we want to plead with all the Churches to not let this offering go by. You may have reasoned that the funds are short, etc., but remember that when you once begin to let the matter go, you soon lose the habit of doing your duty and you lose out. As we have said in previous reports, the report, if measured by those that have given, is most gratifying. Some have doubled their offering, while others have increased. The discouraging thing is that so very, very many have not been heard from yet. The true shepherd does not flee when the wolf comes, but the hireling flees at the first sign of his coming. If you realize how great a task you have undertaken, you will not flee at the sound of danger, but you will go at it all the harder. Now will not the delaying churches redeem themselves yet?

We want to especially call attention the five dollars sent in by Prof. Wallace A. Battle of Okolona. His school is hard pressed for funds this year, but he decided to ask his Sunday School to aid in a work wholly out side of itself in order that they would not become selfish. Many a church is dying from self centering.

We also want call your attention to the fact that when we raise \$133.37 we will pass below the fifteen thousand dollar mark. When we begin to say fourteen thousand yet needed, we will feel that we are on the race home. Remember, we have only till January 1st, 1916 till the time we have set for ourselves is out. Send all contributions to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

EVOLUTION

C. E. Craggett.

Standing close by a road that furnishes a high-way for man and beast, is a mighty oak whose boughs penetrate the trackless and unobstructed place surrounding it. For a quarter of a century; yes a half century has this proud gigantic plant stood as a target of the eyes and lips of those who pass this way.

Many are the winters of snow and frost has it braved out in the open, and many a summer's burning sun has it felt. From whence cometh this mighty oak, and by what process has it reach such a glorious height.

"A traveler by the way-side
Threw acorns on the lea,
One took root and sprouted up;
And grew into a tree."

It was then from the little acorn that the tree had its beginning, and through the process of evolution that it has reached its height.

Shooting forth from its seed, a tiny plant began to take root, and grow upwards. Day by day and year by year, feeding from nature's store-house, it has continued to send its roots deeper into mother earth, and its boughs toward Heaven. With roots firmly planted in the earth, amidst storms of destruction, the tree has developed until it has become a greater habitation for the fowls of the air, and offers shade to the weary travelers.

Is not Christianity as much a process of evolution as the maturity of the oak by the way?

Surely it is; for the Lord describes it thus, by saying, "The seed is the word of God," and the heart of men serves as soil into which the seed falls, from which it springs up to life everlasting. He then says: "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how".

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself: first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. He again says, "The kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." These parables of Jesus, do teach us that Christianity is as much a process of evolution as the tree by the way.

The apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Ephesus, touches on development, when he says: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

The old veteran of the cross, living in the infancy of the church, looked forward to the day when the gospel should run and be glorified, and maturity of the church should show its smiling face.

Are we nearer maturity than the church in the days of Paul? Have we reached the goal that is planted by the fingers of God? If so let us haul down the old banner with the slogan, "where the Bible speaks, we speak, where the Bible is silent, we are silent;" and at its parapet let us lift up the flag of victory, and shout "The battle is over."

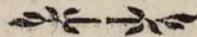
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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

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.

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



A SERVICE THE TIMID SISTER MAY RENDER

Every program committee has the problem of development of those women who are too timid to accept part in the meeting of the Society. Sometimes they are new members, unacquainted with our work, sometimes older ones who feel they lack the training necessary for writing acceptable papers. The pastor plan has proven a means giving these good women delightful service helpful to themselves besides adding a most enjoyable number to our program. A description of one poster will illustrate. The June subject was "Girls and missions." Sunday morning preceding the day of meeting all who entered the church vestibule were attracted by the picture of a fine young woman, which was mounted on a cardboard mat, and surrounded by a border of roses. The announcement of the meeting and program for it were also within the rose framed space.

When the poster was announced on the afternoon of the meeting the sisters who had prepared it showed us the other side. She said that she had bordered the card with Girls—all sorts for there is a place for every one in our work. She pointed to a picture of Hiram College, which represented our church schools where so many young people are led to give themselves to Christian work. Opposite was the College of Missions, where many are taught and trained for definite mission work. She showed us Miss Grafton's picture; a Young Woman's Circle; a group of India's young people; students at the Southern Christian Institute; an Oriental group from our work on the coast; mountain boys and girls and some little children who represent the work among these in the mission stations.

Then she pointed to the picture of our own home church. On one side is a girl with her face turned from the church—a text for a sermon! Underneath are these words: "The girls of America for the girls of the world."

The pictures help so much that Mrs. Timid sister has made a speech, and hardly realized it.

Our poster makers have always been overwhelmed with congratulations because of their helpfulness and uniqueness.

The Chinese one was very attractive with its Chinese youngsters cut from wall paper; for the October one decorations had been cut from wall paper napkins found in the ten-cent store.

Missionary pictures abound in all magazines these days, and the only trouble is to choose from the wealth of material.

Mrs. Grant K. Lewis.

Tennessee

Dear Readers:—The auxiliary here observed Rally Day on January 31. A temperance sermon was preached by Prof. Coleman at 11 o'clock. A good many were out and the service was good. In the afternoon a short program was rendered by a few of the sisters, which was as follows:

Song:

Prayer by brother A. J. Hill

Scripture lesson by Sister Belle Perry

Music by Sister Mary Bayless

Select Reading, Miss Flora Gardner.

Trio, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Griffin and Prof. Griffin

Talk by the President

Solo, Miss Gardner

Sermon, Prof. Coleman

7:00 P. M., Service opened by Prof. Coleman.

Solo, Miss Gardner

Sermon by Prof. Griffin, Subject, "Faithfulness"

At this service, we had a crowded house and everybody seemed to enjoyed the service.

The whole day was filled with good things from God's word. The three sermons were rousing ones. I feel that those who have been slothful about the Master's business, will take on new life.

The followig gave twenty-five cents each: Sister Belle Perry, Mary Bayless, Mary Ervin, Mr. J. Hill, H. J. Griffin; thirty-five cents, Brother Lewis Walker, A. J. Hill, H. D. Griffin, W. H. Johnson. Total collection \$5.00.

I am glad to say that the work here is yet alive. I am using every means possible to build up a strong work at this place. We have been hindered very much because of the inclement weather, which has caused much sickness and quite a number of deaths; but we must all remember that the Lord doeth all things well.

Our Junior Society is doing nicely; the little folks are always on time, rain or shine, hot or cold, snow or blow, they are here and each one plays well his or her part. Four were baptized on the Sunday after Christmas. I do earnestly hope and pray that a better work will be done this year throughout the sisterhood.

H. J. Griffin.

ARGENTA, ARKANSAS

Please announce our C. W. B. M. quarterly meeting, which will convene at Pearidge Church the Saturday before the third Lord's day in March. The meeting will begin at nine A. M. A program will be rendered. To the presidents who can come: please come and to those who find it impossible, please send the ten cents per member in time to be reported at this meeting.

Dear Sisters, insist that each member represent and not excuse themselves with hard times. We have been giving God what we could spare, but now God will really know if we make a sacrifice.

I am yours in the work,

Mrs. Matlock.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What true Education Consists of.

Even though it is the most talked of, true education is least understood. The great majority of people look upon it as the gaining of mental skill in reasoning out abstruse problems, when in reality that is simply incidental to it. It is only one of the byproducts of it. From the standpoint of Christianity it all depends on the development of the Christian virtues. Even though I speak with the tongues of men and have not that development of the Christ faculty of love, I am become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And even though I should know all the mysteries of the universe and have not that faculty I am nothing. The mistake at this point has been the shipwreck of all systems of education of the past and it will prove so in the future until men will learn to give proper place to the development of character. The great piles of granite walls at many of our university centers will prove useless until men learn the fundamental principle underlying true education.

In many respects the heathen was as shrewd as we are. In fact he did some things we could not do. Then how was he inferior to us? In every way. What he did that we call skillful was done by instinct rather than by reasoning. He was what a man without the virtue of Christian love must be. He was a deficient man. If now we should train our children to flout Christianity, they would soon lose the Christian virtues and soon they would act as the heathen did. That is just what has happened to many of the leading people of Europe. They set up scientific thinking as their God and flouted Christianity and now they are making Europe a slaughter pen.

With these facts before us we can readily see that if we really want the race to make advancement, we will have to design our system of education so as to make the coming generation great in heart qualities first. The intellectual acumen will come as a natural consequence. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you. Many fond parents have made great sacrifice to educate their children and then were surprised to find that they were of less use to them and of less comfort than they would have been if they had remained at home. Why? because the school course they pursued aimed only at intellectual acumen. The *sine qua non* of education was entirely overlooked. The mind of the child was made what the system was designed to do, but it did not accomplish what fond parents thought it should.

Parents, if you want your child to become truly great, send it where first things are properly stressed. Christianity is the only system that teaches man to know how he owes his life in a service to others. It is the only thing that can lead a man to find his own larger self in a service for mankind. If you want your child to become truly great, teach it to serve the cause of human advancement. This is the only education that will bear everlasting fruit. It is the only one that can bring happiness without sorrow.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Mr. and Mrs. Stofer stopped off at the Institute to see their friends, Supt. Mabin and family. They have just purchased a home in southern Louisiana and will soon move there to make their home. Feb. 9 they visited some of the class rooms and chapel.

Feb. 7 the annual meeting of the institute church was held in the chapel. Mrs. Lehman, the clerk of the church, called the roll and each member responded with a Bible verse. The chairman of the church board called for reports of the various religious organizations. The secretaries of the church, missionary society, auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., Home Defender Success Club and Willing Workers gave encouraging reports.

The religious section of our library has received fifteen or twenty books recently. Most of them are very valuable.

The students are appreciating very much the period at night for reading in the library. Miss Gardiner, our librarian, is doing her best to make the library mean as much to our students as possible.

Miss Gale has beautified her school room by placing a number of appropriate pictures upon the walls.

It is very probable that the young women will be located in their nice new home by the time these notes appear in print.

Nature has never given us more beautiful Spring weather than at present.

S. C. I. Feb. 10, 1915.

NEGRO SCHOOLS.

Tennessee Christian Institute, Jonesboro, has one third more students than ever before. There has been a genuine awakening in western Virginia, southern Kentucky and Tennessee. Everything looks promising for a successful year.

James H. Thomas, of Martinsville Christian Institute, reports an enrollment equal to that of the best years, and others are to come. There is a Domestic Science department as a new feature of the work. It is quite popular already.

Isom C. Franklin, of Alabama Christian Institute, reports the school increasing in numbers each week.

From Jarvis Christian Institute comes report of progress in the work. The blacksmith shop is finished and being used to great profit. Mr. Frost and the work students are building a home for Prof. J. N. Ervin, Principal of the School.

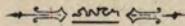


Prof. H. D. Griffin,

PRESIDENT TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

One of our brethren called for more "pictures" in the PLEA, and before he was heard, his request was granted. We are glad to give out a cut of Brother Griffin, and we are told that he and his good wife are rapidly making good in their field of labor. The cut was sent us by S. G. Campbell, of Knoxville.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For February 28

Samuel the Victorious Leader,—I. Samuel 7:3-17.

Golden Text:—Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us.—I. Sam. 7:12.

Time:—Twenty years following the last lesson, 1121 to 1108 B. C. and later dates are given.

Place:—The assembly of Israel was at Mizpah, four or five miles northwest of Jerusalem.

I. **Twenty Silent Years.**—For a number of years before Samuel became judge he was a prophet, preacher and a man who was trying to make the people sensible of their sins and to cause them to see that their own idolatry led them into subjection to the Philistines. Samuel was eloquent. He was able to arouse slumbering spirits. His counsel was sought. Just how much he went from place to place stirring up the hearts of the people we do not know. It seemed quite evident that he did much to cause the people to trust in and to return to their old love for God. His character, his personality, his life, his words rang true for God and against idolatry. These twenty years were a preparation for a larger work. There is no success without long preparation. Study the progress of Reforms, of Sunday School work, of Missions, of Education—all take years before any large fruitage.

“Heaven is not reached at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.”

II. **Israel Turns to the Lord.**—Samuel announces to the tribes how they may be delivered from the oppression of the Philistines. “If ye will return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange Gods.”—It would seem that Samuel went from place to place uttering these same words. It is often necessary to repeat a message many times before its effect is seen. Parents know this. Teachers know how essential is repetition. We sing and preach the “old old story.” Samuel called his people to come back to the Lord with all their hearts: not in outward form, but with their whole soul, heart and will. They were suffering from spiritual famine. They were worshiping idols. The moral effect upon the life of the people was very plain. For the Israelites to forsake their sins meant the same as it does today. They would have to give up amusements and lust and sinful attractions, and live on a higher plane, both in action and thinking. But it was only in doing this that Israel was to regain the place and the favor God wanted to bestow upon his people.

III. **Great Religious Awakening.**—“And Samuel said: Gather all Israel to Mizpah.”—This was the religious center of the nation at this time. The people came for action. The purpose of Samuel was to have the people like minded. To make them a unit, one in the Lord. Such concentration and unity is necessary for achievement of great result. A divided church loses its power. A Sunday School with half its teachers absent goes backward instead of forward. Members of the church who think they can be good and do good without coming to public worship, on the Lord's day, to the prayer meeting or into the Sunday School, deceive themselves.

Note what they did at this meeting:

1. Samuel prayed—it was a prayer that expected an answer.

2. They drew water and poured it out before the Lord. This was probably a symbol of the pouring out of their sins from the depth of their heart.

3. They fasted as an expression of their sorrow of sin, so deep they could not eat.

4. They publicly confessed their sins. “We have sinned against the Lord.”

IV. **The Lord gave the Israelites the Victory.**—The Philistines heard about the assembly of the people at Mizpah. They decide that Israel is about to revolt. The Philistines decide to stop it at once, to nip the trouble in bud. Israel learns of the purpose of the Philistines and is afraid. They urge Samuel to cry unto the Lord in their behalf. He did so and also offered a burnt offering.

Note that activity on the part of God's people arouses opposition. The repentance, public confession and fasting of Israel, called forth the fiery darts of their enemies. The active church, the awakened citizens against organized evil arouse strong opposition, from the liquor crowd, the dens of vice, the illegitimate businesses of all kinds. Faith Gives the victory. Believe in God and in yourself.

D. R. B.

FIELD SECRETARY

Port Gibson, Mississippi, December 5-6.

We met with the Sunday School Lord's Day, held conference with the workers, organized a Training for Service class with Miss Cordelia Mosley as teacher. The Superintendent, E. A. Phelps, with his workers, enrolled as readers of “Organizing and Building up The Sunday School” by Hurlbut.

While we have not heard a word from this school, we know good work is going on. Let us have a line, Brother Phelps.

Argenta, Arkansas, December 11 18

Lord's Day morning, despite the cold and snow, we met the school in session. Sister Sarah L. Bostick the Superintendent of the school places true value on time believes in beginning on time and ending on time.

Sister Bostick has a good school but is preparing now to have a better one. On entering the beautiful little building your attention is attracted to the beautiful maps hanging on the walls—maps of the Holy Land, and Paul's Missionary tours, etc. I wonder if a school could be a Front Rank, with a Library and Bible land maps?

This school organized The Training for Service Class, with Prof. A. M. Bright as teacher. The class must make good under its instructor. They are reading, “Organizing and Building up the Sunday School.” Some how we expect the Argenta Sunday school to lead in the Front Rank. This school gave an offering of \$1.65. We had planned to visit Pea Ridge, Kerr and Plummerville school, but owing to the severe weather and the schools being quite a long ways out, we did not.

Brother Bostick, president of the Sunday School Convention thought best not to attempt the visits at this time. We hope to return to the state ere long.

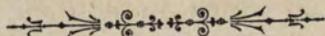
Leaving Arkansas, we turned our face toward Rantoul, Kansas to spend the Christmas days, with my bride of eight years ago.

Topeka, Kansas, December 26-28

On the above dates we held our Institute for the Bible workers of Topeka and near by schools. The Institute was held with the Second Christian Church. Brother D. H. Owen, Field Secretary of the State of Kansas among the white schools came to our aid in this Institute. We had workers from Kansas City, Kansas. (Third Church). Parson, Kansas, Emporia and Lawrence, Kansas. We were just a little disappointed in not having workers from Matthew. We were informed that that school with Brother Johnson as its superintendent, is moving the Front Rank work. Those attend-

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FIELD REPORTS



DISTRICT CONVENTION, CASON, TEXAS

Please allow me space to say something of the District Convention which convened at Cason, Texas on Jan. 29-31. I arrived at Cason on Thursday the 28 and was met at the station by Rev. M. Knight with whom I lodged while there. Too much cannot be said of Bro. Knight and his good wife for they are indeed people of God. While in their home every act and move seemed to spell welcome. I was highly delighted with the meeting. The people turned out in large numbers and were very much interested in the daily routine of business. The inclement weather interfered some-what but all things considered, I think we had an excellent meeting. We were very much disappointed because Bro. William Alphin State Evangelist who is now conducting a meeting with the church at Paris could not be present. The District Officers Pres. Rogers, Sec'y. W. G. Doddy and Treasurer, Chism along with Rev. Knight, Pastor, Elder H. W. Wallick of Daingerfield and Mrs. W. K. Ladd of Leesburg worked hard to have this session of the District Convention take high rank,

To these and others of the convention is due much credit for the success of the work.

Rev. Knight is doing a splendid work for the people of shady Grove Church and its entire community. He is instilling into them thrift and economy. When I think of the leadership of these good people for the past few years, I am not surprised at their growth and development. Rev. T. B. Frost for two year led the way, planned, and with his own hands assisted in building, the nice church at Carson. Elder Knight, the new pastor, full of zeal and love for the church has taken as his part to complete this nice church and dedicate it to God's service. He is not only working for a local congregation but for the general church and as a member of the State Board of Education is doing much for the Jarvis Christian Institute.

Let the whole state be aroused to greater things and secure something more substantial for our cause.

The following people have subscribed amounts indicated opposite their names for J. C. I. they will pay same to Rev. M. Knight, Treasurer of the Education Board of the state, who will send same to Pres. J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Miss.

Bro. Steve Williams.....	\$5.00
" N. T. Wallick.....	50
" A. B. Flemming.....	5.00
" Lee Duffy.....	2.00
" N. H. Doddy.....	2.50
" H. D. Alexander.....	1.00
" H. W. Wallick.....	10.00
" Eugene William.....	1.00
Rev. T. C. Chism.....	2.50
" Elder L. G. Ghoston.....	1.00
" Robert Johnson.....	2.50
" George Ghoston.....	2.50
" General Smith.....	3.00
" John Richmond.....	5.00
Sister Elizabeth Hall.....	1.00
" M. Knight.....	2.50

" G. W. Rogers.....	2.50
" Mollie William.....	1.00
" Abbie High.....	1.00
" Julia Smith.....	1.00
" Mattie Richmond.....	1.00
" C. A. Walker.....	5.00
Bro. G. W. Rogers.....	5.00
" C. A. Walker.....	5.00
" Geo. William.....	3.00

It was very gratifying to witness the spirit in which these good people pledged.

Hawkins.

J. N. Ervin.

ARKANSAS AT WORK

The State Board of Arkansas in January set a mark of work for the churches of the state, that is very reasonable. It is 100 converts, 100 new members in the Bible school, \$100. for education, 50 new subscribers for the GOSPEL PLEA.

Now this is a most reasonable and low mark of work, and if the preachers and churches of the state will begin in time and keep at it, we can double the above. They also asked that each church take a (JUBILEE RALLY) collection on each first Sunday of every fourth month of this year and send to President Lehman, Edwards, Miss. Also send a statement of the amount to R. T. Matlock, Argenta, Ark. Now lets not talk of hard times: but show our faith in God's promise (See Heb. 13: 5, 6.) by casting all our cares on him, and being faithful to his cause. Let the preachers lead off and the others will follow.

R. T. Matlock.

Argenta, Arkansas.

PARSONS, KANS.

The following is the report of the second Christian church 2317 Morgan Ave. We are still moving on, we had our revival meeting in October, 1914 having eight additions; we had a most glorious time. Bro. W. M. Hancock, Kansas City, Kansas conducted the services. We feel that no one could have turned on the light and expounded the truth more clearly than he, and in his plain and simple way brought many to the light and made for himself many friends. We are thankful to God through Jesus Christ our Lord that we have twelve additions at the close of the year.

Beginning with the new year, we are proud to say Bro. P. H. Moss, Field worker of the American Christian Missionary Society was with us and gave one of his splendid lectures. "How to build up the Sunday school." He gave us some lasting facts which we are endeavoring to put in practice. According to his plan we have graded our school. We find it to be already very helpful.

Again at the evening service, Prof. Moss, preached a wonderful sermon on how to build up the church. We feel proud of Prof. Moss, and honored to have him visit us. We feel that none is better fitted for the position he holds. Prof. Moss is worthy of all "praise."

W. E. Youngblood,
Pastor.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

We are at home, where we have not been for five years. Had a very warm welcome, and have preached in a number of the churches.

Had a very pleasant visit with brother Jackson, of Dale. He is a noble-hearted man. He has given himself to the

work. I preached in his church two nights. He and his wife take care of the preacher, then the preacher, in return, must preach. We also spoke to some of our people here at a dwelling.

It would be a great thing if the evangelist could camp here for about six weeks. He would be able to start a work. I am sure my father and mother would help.

Please credit that \$5.25 to the Danville Christian Church.

We will be back to our work on the fourteenth inst. Will send our report later.

R. W. Waston.

EVOLUTION

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Are we not far from the stage of perfection in every department of the church? Are we not lagging in every avenue that leads to success in the world embracing commission of Jesus?

Let us therefore give place in our heart that the seed which is the word of God, may send its roots deeper and lift up the branches higher and higher toward the Heavens, that the nations may come and find lodging and food. Let us increase our will power; let us increase our ability to teach in every department of the church by training for service; let us catch a glimpse of the many needs coming from the educational and mission fields, and lend a helping hand. Let us supply ourselves with Christian literature; papers, magazine and books, and study the field before, and let us have a mind to work and follow the mind.

Topeka, Kansas.

FIELD SECRETARY

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ing the Institute confessed they were helped by it and promised to take back with them to their several schools a stock of enthusiasm. Elder J. D. Smith of Kansas City, Kansas was present and seemed to enjoy the Institute; he marked it O. K. Offering was taken to the amount \$3.15

We had a nice picture made of the Institute, which will appear in the PLEA at some time, I hope. The first dozen pictures, after paying the Photographer we realized \$2.00, making the total amount from the Institute \$5.15. The Institute adjourned to meet with the Sunday school of the Third Christian Church, (in its new building) Kansas City, Kansas, the date is yet to be given.

Emporia, Kansas, 19-30.

Wednesday night after exploring the Sunday school work, we spoke from the pulpit to a very nice hearing. Offering was taken the amount the of \$1.00.

Some good things that come in the mail:

"Dear brother: We pray for the lambs of the fold,
You'd teach them that wisdom more precious than gold,
Their footsteps to guide in the pathway of truth,
To love their Creator in days of their youth".

—From Bible School at Dale, South Carolina.

We met on yesterday and went over our first lesson ("Training for service") added two more to the class. Our meeting hour, Lord's day, 3:00 P. M.

—Superintendent, Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Argenta, Ark.

"The superintendent, (H. W. Edwards) and I have read the book by Hurlbert, which you recommended. It is being read by our teachers. We find it to be a very instructive and helpful book."

—W. E. Cephas (pastor), Olar, S. C.

Union Point School, Lum, Ala. — "We are getting along so nicely in our work, both of the school and the training

class. I see nothing to retard their growth. We are using two sets of literature we have never used before. We have received our Old Testament History.

L. J. P.

These schools are looking forward to a full reward. We would appreciate cards from other schools.

REQUEST:—Those receiving the Bible School statistics cards. Please fill out and return at once.

Yours for larger service,

P. H. Moss,
Field Secretary of Bible Schools.

The Voter

(Original Poem, written by C. H. Dickerson, Nicholasville, Kentucky.)

Who is the King that rules our land,
With golden scepter in his hand,
Sways ninety millions at command?

THE VOTER.

Who is it by the choice he makes,
Proves to the world, beyond mistake,
That he's akin to Eden's snake?

THE VOTER.

Who is it makes the bread stuff higher,
And crushes out man's best desire,
And lays the baby on the fire?

THE VOTER.

Who is it sends men through the street,
Insulting every one they meet,
And trample virtue under feet?

THE VOTER.

Who is responsible for crime,
Of every ten, the cause of nine,
And goes unpunished every time?

THE VOTER.

Who is it gives my neighbor right,
My son's, my daughter's life to blight,
And do the foul deed in my sight?

THE VOTER.

Who makes the law and regulation,
By which one high, or low of station,
May issue out disguised damnation?

THE VOTER.

Who, when the "Great white throne" is set,
And all unpardoned sins are met,
Will suffer deep, sad, long regret?

THE VOTER.

Who, tho' "Eternal Life" have sought,
Will hear him say "Bad fruit you've brought,
Depart from me, I know you not?"

THE VOTER.

Who, then must rise up in their might,
Redeem the world from its sad plight,
And use their God-given scepter RIGHT?

THE VOTER.

Here's a little more "Fillin" for Enlarged Plea. I'm sure I'll report some subscribers soon. One splendid man added Sunday January 31st. Our men are busy "watching the gap"

C. H. Dickerson.



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PREACH THE WORD

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HELPFUL TO ALL

"Through the walls of hut and palace shoots the
 instantaneous throe,
 When the travail of the ages wrings earth's sys-
 tems to and fro;
 At the birth of each new Era, with a recognizing
 start;
 Nation wildly looks at nation, standing with mute
 lips apart
 And glad truth's yet mightier manchild leaps
 beneath the Future's heart."

God means for the nations to make advancement and if they are not sufficiently advanced to do so by the Gospel method of teaching and preaching, he wrings them to and fro in some political and social upheaval and Truth, like the prophetic manchild is born in nations' hearts. Usually a few men whose vision is made clear by the spirit of God see the wrong in the old systems and agitate for the new, but the mass of men think all happiness is dependent on maintaining the old system and they fight viciously to uphold it.

This is seen in all the great epochs of history, one of the most illuminating of which was our Civil War. That some good came from slavery no student of history will deny, but only because the Christian world was not good enough to advance by the divine method of teaching. Slavery was inherently wrong and as such it was certain to get worse and worse until it had to be destroyed. When the time came and our heavenly Father did not find enough good men to right our wrong system by his appointed way, fire came from heaven and nation looked at nation with mute lips apart and slavery passed from the earth forever. Truth's mightier manchild leaped beneath the Future's heart and now all men rejoice that the system is gone.

We are just now passing through one of the travails of earth's systems. Europe is engaged in one of the mightiest struggles the world ever knew. It is certain that England and France tried to defer the day of this contest as long as possible. It is possible that Russia halted between a desire for it and a dread of it. However there is but little doubt that Germany longed for the contest. But so stupendous are the issues, that all of them seek to lay the blame of bringing on the war on the others. As we see it all were to blame; and all were wrong in their motives. England and France and Russia did not want the conflict because of the possibilities of the outcome. Germany wanted it because of what she hoped to gain by it. If we were asked whether we think the war is right we would answer as follows:

The present militaristic organization of the European nations is one of the world's great wrongs. It was calculated to fan the flame of national jealousy and distrust. Carried to its legitimate conclusion it compelled the nations to create a standing army of all its able bodied young men,

which Germany did. The military camp is the personification of all manner of sin and vice and no nation can endure it long. This system must be done away. If Europe has not in it enough reformers, good Christian men to put it away by teaching, then we say let the war come in all its fury. Let Providence wring this old system to and fro till it pass away as slavery did. God did not destroy Jerusalem until his prophets had gone into every land where Jews had gone; He did not wring the United States to and fro in our Civil war until he sent his apostles of freedom to preach their gospel to the masses; and he did not bring on the great European war until his prophets had preached the gospel of universal peace. Mrs. Von Stutner's book, "Stack Your Arms" had as wide a reading as Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Carnegie's peace foundations, Christian and secular, had had time to be as well organized as was the abolition society. The time for the death of the old system had come and God sent Abraham to count the righteous in our Sodom and he could not find them and so on the 31st of July the thunder broke forth, and so may it be.

This then leads us to pull aside the curtain and look into the future. We have in our midst great and glaring wrongs. Are we good enough to put them away without being wrung to and fro? Well, it is a matter of doubt. We believe we will be able to put away the saloon by the divine method, but of this we are not certain yet. God means that we shall put away this accursed thing even though he must wring us to and fro. Then too we have our militarism which is working on our jealousy and distrust. Some secret agency is at work to make us believe alternately that Japan is going to take from us something and that she means to attack us without warning. We must put away this Hagar or our militarism will grow until it becomes as great as in Germany.

But we have other serious problems. Throughout the North we have vast numbers of foreigners who have recently come to our shores. In our South we have great mountain populations who have loitered behind in the onward march of the nations; and we have ten millions of Negroes, the masses of whom will rapidly retrograde. Now the question is, Are the Christian people good enough to handle this condition by the divine method? If they are good and well; for then we are at the dawn of one of the world's most glorious eras. But if they are not good enough, then we must prepare for the experiences of Cuba and Mexico.

Do you, you who read this, realize how great a responsibility we bear? Do you hear how urgently we are bidden to go teach all nations? Are you doing what you should? The least faltering you do will give a chance for those who have put their faith in the ways of the world to step into your place. Already the voice of the politician is heard in the land, and he is always the harbinger of dire calamity. He was conspicuous in Jerusalem with his "lo here" and "lo there"; he came before our Civil War from the North and the South; and he came before the European War from Germany and England. Beware of him in our

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

Subscriptions Received:—

Arkansas: Margaret Bostick; Kentucky, Agnes
Rogers; Virginia, Katherine Spencer.

—President Lehman purchased a new saw mill and boiler
from the Adams Machine Co. which was sent to the Jar-
vis Christian Institute. The Southern Christian Institute
sent them an engine which was one of the nicest running
engines on the campus. Soon the sound of the whistle and
the buzz of the saw will be heard in the land about Haw-
kins.

—Robert Latouche, Paris, Texas, writes: "I showed the
PLEA to my congregation last Sunday morning, and urged
them to subscribe for it. It is better to me than any religi-
ous paper I can read, for it gives me the news of the Col-
ored Christian work of the entire brotherhood." Thank
you, brother, for your good words, and more for what
you did last Sunday morning. We hope more of our min-
isters will so say.

—We want to ask the attention of our CONTRIBUTORS to
the fact that any article or news item must be in ten days
before it can get in any issue. And if we are a little
crowded with articles, it may be a week longer.

So please do not be impatient, and you will soon see it.

This condition is made necessary because we go to press sev-
eral day before mailing, in order to properly use our student
force. Please keep this in mind and when inclined to feel
impatient, remember that we promised that your matter
would come forth in due season, if we "faint not."

THE NEW SERIAL

In this issue we begin the publication of a serial story, or
rather a series of stories, by one of the gifted men of
the south. The remaining portion of this story will appear
next week, and the others will be published once a month,
during the entire year.

The author's name will not be given out till all the stories
have been published. The purpose of the stories is shown by
the title. They are intended to show how many go wrong, and
as the author states, to make sin repulsive, and show its
terrible effects.

We have an interesting proposition to make all the
readers of the PLEA. We will give free, for one year, a
copy of the paper to the first two people from each state,
who guess who the author is. Send your guess at any
time. The time of its arrival will be noted, and the names
of those who won, will be published. No one at the SOU-
THERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE or at the home OF
THE AUTHOR, will be permitted to register his guess
but the field is open to all others, any where, any age.

IN MEMORY OF SALLIE WHITE SAVANNAH TENN

Death came into the home of Wesley White and took his
wife, who was 28 years and 5 months old. She
united with the church last October, and during her
short life in Christ, she lived a consistent Christian and
held up the banner of Christ with out fear or favor until her
course was run. Her home seemed to be one of peace
and happiness. She was always ready to lend a hand to
those in need.

She leaves a husband and three children, two sisters and
two brothers to mourn their loss. The funeral service
was conducted by Elder W. P. Martin, after which the
remains were laid to rest. We are bereft, but the great
assembly of the saints above is enriched by the life that
has entered there.

Hadie McDonald.



W. P. Martin,

State C. W. B. M. Evangelist for Tennessee.

*HOW I WENT TO THE BAD

I. A YOUTH

Bill might 'a' let me stay the rest o' the night in 'is bally old saloon. He knows me--knows I'd 'a' laid low an' no guy'd 'a' been any the wiser. I couldn't 'a' done more than empty one bottle, an' whut's one bottle o' gin or rye to Bill! But 'at's the way with a big bloke like 'at: after you've turned y' own pockets inside out to 'em an' then roped an' pimped an' stool-pigeoned for 'em till they decide you're worth no more to the firm, they'll dump you out as quick as they would the rankest jay. Aw well....

No cop in sight -- guess I'll just turn into 'at deserted-lookin' hall-way I noticed along here this mornin' Be out o' the teeth o' the wind at any rate. "Teeth o' the wind" --metaphor, I b'lieve they'd call it in rhetoric. Wager 'twas more fact than rhetoric to the guy' at first coined it-- "teeth o' the wind." I know, old pal; whoever you were, I'll bet this last dime in my pocket you were, like me, adrift one night in some king's town, no undershirt to yo' back, y' overcoat in hawk, holes in yo' she-soles, an' the mercury tryin' its level best to butt the bottom from the thermometer tu-- Ah, here we are!....

Gosh, chum, but you did give my pump a jolt! Couldn't settle, at first, whether to dust it or to slip you a quick lance between the slats. If no objections, I'll just install myself on one o' these steps here above you. Better in here by some few, than out there on the bricks, though a little more fire than 'iss on the end o' my cigaret wouldn't come at all amiss, -- eh, pal? Have a smoke?--We c'n keep our noses warm at least. No? All right. 'At leaves me one to the good. Saved my manners and my cigaret too. But say, you might 'a' taken the trouble to decline my generosity in express terms, even if you felt called upon to omit the customary thanks....

Not 't all communicative, I gather, chum. You sit down there, all hunched up peerin' out into the street like a feller tryin' to catch a glimpse o' nex' August. Gotta grouch? Aw, come! Summer 'll arrive ag'in on schedule time, even if we're not aroun' to welcome 'er. Cheer up, sport --ain't we all here together?....Aw well; I guess mis'ry always likes the presence o' comp'ny, even when averse to a little chin-music. We'll just sit tight then, an' see 'f we can't keep mum for a spell....

Come now, pal, I've had enough o' this Quaker meetin' bus'ness! That way lieth madness, as one o' the old masters would say. Silence always starts somethin' unrollin' in the back o' my head like an endless movin' -picture film. Whut we want is to forget, -- forget

"The smiles an' tears o' boyhood years,

The words o' love then spoken,

The eyes 'at shone, now dimmed an' gone,

The cheerful hearts now broken."

Speech, not silence, is gold'n to us....eh, chum?

Whut's yo' game anyhow,....gold bricks, or Sunday-school girls? Green goods, maybe? Aw, come, friend, we might be in the same line--might be able to pool our int'rests an' work together. In union, strength; but "a house divided ag'inst itself"--see?...Gosh, but somethin' must 'a' hit you hard: Why, pard, I wa'n't 'at glum an' dumb when I lost "the Pearl o' Great Price." B'lieve I'll just tell you 'bout it.

'Twas 'way back yonder in 1912--or was it 1812? There was a 12 in it, I know. Le' see--'at evergreen wreath in Bills place--been hangin' there since New Year's--says 1915--saw it an hour ago. 1912--be just three years, but I guess 'at must be right. I was a lad o' twen--Gee, an' I'm only twenty-five; Say chum; ever read "The Pris'ner O' Chillon?" Starts off somethin' like 'iss:

"My hair is gray but not with years,
Nor grew it white
In a single night

As men's have grown from sudden fears."

'At feller Byron was some guy all right, but I bet "Pris'ners Of hell," by you or me, would top 'im--eh pal?....

But I beg pardon--forgot you're playin' the oyster--'at is, the audience. I started to tell you how I lost "The Pearl o' Great Price"--an' where was I at?

Anyhow, her real name was Pearl--Pearl Price. I give'er 'at pet name, the Pearl o' great Price, 'cause she was good an' flawlessly beautiful. She wa'n't none o' yo' little band-box princesses, though, chum. She could sing like the queen o' the mockin'-birds, but the dresses 'at give 'e at royal air, she made 'em with 'er own sweet fingers. She could make the best beat'n biscuits y'ever wrapped yo' tongue aroun' an' then take y'out an' wallop you three straight at tennis. She could swim as well as sweep; an' ride, pal, like a Valkyr. Full o' life as any cock sparrer in matin' time yet free from evil thoughts as the statue of Athena. Some-girl all right: never was a nother like 'er I guess--'cept my mother. An' say, friend, I had a MOTHER. Don't know--she may be livin' yet, but somehow I hope she ain't: hope she's in heaven, out o' sight an' sound o' such as me. An' yet, any night here lately, whenever I c'n catch a snooze somewhere, she wakes me with tuckin' the cover under me an' whisp'rin' love an' pet names in my ear just like she used....

'Scuse me, pal, they weren't sobs you heard--just try in' to get a frog out o' my throat. Where was I?

I met Pearl in my Junior year at college. Though still only a slip of a girl, she was holdin' down the chair of Domestic Science in a female seminary in the same town. She an' her mother kep' house in one o' those quaint, vine-covered little cottages which, like some women, seem to grow more attractive with age, I'd been pretty rapid, as college boys go, but when I had seen Pearl the second time, I found myself in love up to my eyes an' so cut out the larks. Had to, pal: she had eyes 'at seemed to turn you inside out. Not the piercin', ferret kind; but the steady, wide-open, crystal gaze of a sprightly baby, innocent, smilin' an' while you talked, looked past yo' face clear down to the bottom o' yo' soul. You simply had to be straight, chum, or you couldn't look into the eyes o' the Pearl o' Great Price.

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(Concluded next week)

DEBATE BETWEEN MARTIN AND LEWIS.

We are in receipt of the account of a debate between Elder W. P. Martin, State Evangelist, of Jonesboro, Tennessee, and W. A. Lewis Presiding Elder of the Paris District, African M. E. church, held some time ago, near Holtsville, Tennessee. The debate covered doctrinal differences between the M. E. church and the church of Christ.

Brother Martin was accompanied on his trip by Prof. H. D. Griffin, of the Tennessee Christian Institute, who also acted as Secretary of the debate. Among those of note who were present, was Hon. Ed. DeFord, of Savannah, who is a very active worker of the White Christian church, and a great friend to the Negro Disciples. White Evangelistic Singer Thomas Luton was also present, and sang several solos to the delight of all.

The debate lasted from morning till five P. M., and the Judges after deliberation, returned a verdict in favor of the propositions as advocated by brother Martin.

At the evening service which followed the debate, speeches of congratulation and exhortation to better things, were made by several, including brother DeFord. Brother Luton sang. At the conclusion, four united with the church.

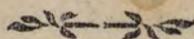
*Sarah L Bostick field work report.
as a missionary.*

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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.

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



TEXAS EVANGELIST

The following is my tabulated report for September, October, November and December 1914. The same was sent to the Superintendent of Negro Missions January, first 1915.

Days at work 104, places where work was done, 14. Sermons and addresses, 59. Additions, 20. Mission points Organized, 2. Missionary Rallies held, 10. Business meetings, 9. House to house visits, 66. Letters written, 71. Cards, 76. Articles for publication, 3. District Conventions attended, 2.

Money Raised on the Field.	
For the local churches	58.30
For Salary and Expenses	123.60
Total from the field	\$181.99
Received from the state	
Board (Colored)	\$25.00
Received from the State	
Board (White)	20.00
Received from National C. W. B. M.	75.00
Received from the Field	123.69
Total on Salary and Expenses	\$243.69

Respectfully,

William Alphin,
Evangelist.

ARKANSAS LETTER

Greeting to each reader of the Plea, at the beginning of the new year, with its work, and with its plans for the great financial report of the last year for raising the remainder of the \$20,000. Let us hope that the new year may bring its prosperity, peace and contentment, not only to our homes, but to the homes of the suffering ones in the various states, and in Europe, Asia, Africa, and to the uttermost part of the earth. We will all remember the year past, in connection with the terrible war.

We wish to say that we were blessed in the beginning of the new year, to have Miss Rosa Brown, National field worker of the C.W.B.M., visit our state, and were delighted to receive her message. We are indeed grateful to the S.C.I., for this is the realization of a hope the writer has had for twenty years, and during all that time she has prayed, thought, planned, travelled and shed many tears, longing for this bright day. It was the good spirit of God that led us on.

We thank God for this day, the faithful faculty for the gift of this woman, and sister Rosa Brown herself, for the gift of her time, talent and labor.

May every state remember us in prayers, for times the workers are misunderstood as they go from place to place. But God is working with them, and many things are said and done by them for our edification.

Now, a few words to the disciples of our Lord, concerning the remainder of the \$20,000. Why do we not see more of the names of our preachers in the PLEA, headed with five and ten dollar pledges, and gifts, especially those in charge of churches, and of land holders? Cannot we see in one page, all the pastors and churches lined up, from Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma and South Carolina? We would like to call it, "the preachers list," "the elders' and deacons' list," and "the members list" and then have a "family list." Friends, if we all get busy, we can soon raise the remainder of the twenty thousand. Let us get at some plan to help our good brother Lehman, and brother Preston Taylor, who is really one of our great men. John says, "Behold, I come quickly, to reward every man according to his works," and Jesus said, "When the Son of man shall come, — Inasmuch as ye have done it." He who has common faith will not go far, and he who has great faith will attempt great things. Can we Negro Disciples not accomplish much?

It was November 24, 1895, that we were organized into co-operative missionary work by our dear brother S. W. Scott who now lives in Kansas. It was he who gave to us the spirit of missions. He was our first travelling organizer among the colored churches. We shall long remember his beginning and work.

The writer has tried to do missionary work, too, in this and other states, as best she could. We have tried to instil the missionary spirit into every minister, church, school organization, wherever we chanced to go. We have made use of the time in the best way possible, to demonstrate the spirit of usefulness and sacrifice. We do thank God for his good spirit which has led us on.

We have attended in this state, twenty-five conventions of the brethren generally and seventeen of the sisters' conventions, nine of the white disciples, and twelve of the C. W. B. M. Board Meetings. We organized the women into conventions, and have done work in Chicago, and organized an auxiliary in St. Louis, in Parham, Louisiana. At one time we had fourteen organized auxiliaries in the state, namely at Pea Ridge, Toltic, Sherrill, Pine Bluff, Washington, Russelville, Minturn, Clover Bend, Wrightville, Blackton, Pettus, Plummerville, Little Rock and Argenta. Sometimes we make friends, sometimes enemies, though we always want to make friends for Christ. We have done some work in Texas, for thirty days, have we done work in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee. We attended one district meeting at Hermanville, Mississippi; we also attended one state convention in Texas, that at Taylor.

We had the privilege of attending eight of our National Conventions, namely, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Norfolk, Pittsburg, Louisville and Toronto.

We also attended one National Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tennessee. We have had our dark and sunshiny days in the work, and are now more than ever determined to press on. We glory in the work of our master, and are delighted to see many more coming into the work, for the field is white to harvest. We are most happy to have Miss Rosa Brown to do her work.

We have raised at each of our state meetings from twenty to thirty dollars, and up to forty dollars. We have sent to headquarters from thirty-five up to ninety-five dollars per year, and for both state and general funds from \$118 to \$140.

Argenta.

Sarah L. Bostick.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

A number of student workmen were busy upon College Avenue, Monday, February 15. After the street is graded and macadamized it will be a splendid drive way.

President Lehman delivered a splendid address Sunday morning February 14. His subject was "The Yoke of Christ." Seven young people united with the Institute Church. Miss Seberlie Grubbs sang a very delightful solo.

Two of the subjects of Kaiser Wilhelm have been painting at Smith Hall a few days. They attended Church service at the Chapel Sunday morning.

The first of the stucco was put on Smith Hall, Tuesday, February 16.

Supt. Vandiver has been putting out a large number of sweet potatoes in hot beds. He is hoping to have plenty of plants.

The winter term examinations will be in progress before these lines are in print. How swiftly time flies!

S. C. I.,--Feb. 16, 1915.

MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

On Sunday morning, January 31, R.C. Martin one of our students preached a very interesting sermon at the Fayette St. Christian Church.

In the evening Eld. R.H. Davis preached a special sermon to the young people on the subject, "What of the Future?" At the close of the sermon three of our students made the good confession.

On January 31st Prof. Davis organized a Young men's Christian Association in town with nine charter members. The following officers were elected: R. H. Davis Pres.; W. M. Kinley Vice pres., Everett Fairston, Secretary and John Eter, Treasurer.

Brother D. R. Spencer, an elder and also treasurer of the Fayette St. Christian Church has kindly consented to let us hold our meetings in his nice new hall. We appreciate such help and kindness.

On Saturday February 6th Prof. J. H. Thomas and Elder R. H. Davis were invited to the nuptial of Miss Annie Mae Penn, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Penn. Elder Davis performed the ceremony, after which a nice reception was given.

The members of the Smith Literary Society had an enjoyable and successful entertainment on Monday night, February 1st. Mrs. J. H. Thomas, assisted by the teachers, was in charge. We hope the girls will soon be able to enjoy their game of Basketball ere long.

Elder R. H. Davis was called on Sunday afternoon, February 6th to perform the funeral ceremony of Jim Preston, a member of the Christian Church.

The weather for the last ten days has been almost ideal. Everybody seems to be looking forward to the coming of spring.

THE WORKERS CONFERENCE

In about three months is the workers Conference. The Annual National Meeting of the Negro Disciples. The time is short. What will the records be? What ought they be? Better than ever before, the "panic" notwithstanding. It is the Lord's work. In this short time the pastors, evangelist and officers of the local congregations should earnestly strive to reach the hearts of the people with an earnest plea for the Jubilee Fund. Get an offering from the people for Education before the Conference in May. Every pastor and every Church do something. Do the best you can. If it happens to be small send it on it will greatly help and also show a willing mind and which side you are on. It will encourage others.

Have you been to one of the schools or talked with any of those in charge, and learned just how much they need

better equipment? All the schools stand in sore need of more and better things for our children, and with which to do the work. What part Bro. Pastors have you and your congregation taken in this work? Our hearts and the heart of those we serve should be burdened with this work. We should lead our people into this large and essential work. If we do not, brethren we will retard the work of the school. This we can't do and be guiltless.

What a blessing it would be if each Pastor would raise a collection for this work before the conference. Is there one of our pastors or churches that can't do so if they would? Bro. Pastor, wherever your work may be, will you please take a fellowship in this great work? It will help you and your work and bless others. Be a true yoke-fellow with your brethren who are pulling for the Twenty thousand. Let not one pastor or church stand idly by.

Are you a Christian Minister and serving a Christian congregation? If so these are Christian schools for Negro children. Do you and your congregation feel you are obligated to these schools? Before your Master and man, brother, as a Christian Minister, do you feel you owe these schools any thing? Brethren let us be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, and stand loyally by Christian Education. Let us put away childish thinking, sayings and understanding, and become men in this great rally for Christian education. Have we thought what our schools mean in this age, when the Negro boys and girls are getting so much of the training that is not Christian? If we think on these things more we would get more inspiration and ambition to do our full duty.

In the remaining three months let us all be of the same mind to give as ministers ten dollars, or as much as possible, and appeal earnestly to our congregation to raise a collection for education before the Conference. We can raise something, brethren, if we will. What will become of the work we are doing, if we do not do our best to leave it in better hands. The workers to carry on the work, when we shall have been called off the field, to our reward, must be trained Christian Workers. As your co-laborer in the Word and doctrine, and in the name of Him who called us to serve the people, I beg you to put yourself and congregation on record for Christian Education before the Conference in May.

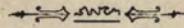
Each state should be represented this year, both with delegates and the representation fee Ten dollars. The delegates should have a written report, showing in a tabulated way (1) How many churches in the state (2) how many new churches organized during the year, (3) How many Bible schools, (4) How many Bible schools organized during the year, (5) How many churches built and cost; (6) How much money raised for State Missions; (7) How much money raised for education. This will enable us to, at least get our fingers on our pulse.

We hope that the State Convention, at their annual meetings last year, appointed their representation to the conference. The Cor. Secretary not a representative should furnish the representative with the above information for their report. The report will not be complete without the Ten dollars for the State representation fee. As we see it each state, that has an organized Convention, should be represented in the Conference. As a religious people why not? Can we succeed as we ought without such a National Meeting? What religious body or people ever did without such a Meeting? The need growth and care of the work demand the getting-together of our consecrated workers in such a Conference.

In view of our Cooperation with the C. W. B. M. and the work they are doing among our people such a meet-

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THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For March 7.

SAUL ANNOINTED KING

I Samuel 8-10

Lesson:—I Samuel 9:17-10:1

Time:—About 1103 B. C.

Place:—Samuel's home at Ramah, about five miles north of Jerusalem. Here he was born, lived a part of his life and was buried.

I. **THE NEW ERA.** The time has come in the history of Israel to ask for a king. Samuel is old and his Judgeship is about to close. He has been fitting Israel for a more effective organization. There is now a tendency toward centralization and unity. Samuel had been unceasing in his efforts to revive a spirit of true worship. He found a powerful response to his irresistible message. He was the first of a line of prophets whose chief mission was to keep the nation true to its allegiance to God. "Samuel was first to compose songs of praise for divine service." He founded public Education by means of the schools of the prophets. The work which Samuel did made possible this change with a reasonable hope for a more brilliant and happy future.

II. **THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL** wait on Samuel and ask for a king.

1. The time was ripe for a change and the people appeal to Samuel.

2. Samuel was growing old—probably not far from 70—and might pass away soon.

3. Samuel's sons would not make good rulers. 8:3.

4. The elders saw that surrounding nations had kings. This central power seemed to be the source of their greatness.

5. Israel felt the need of completing the unity that Samuel had begun and of forming a strong nation to resist the plundering attacks of the surrounding nations.

III. **SAMUEL WAS DISPLEASED.** Samuel took it as a personal slight for the people to ask for a king, while he was their leader. He had unselfishly devoted his life to his people. He had won victories and brought prosperity and hope to Israel. He had not failed. The action of the elders was not intended to undervalue the work of Samuel. God told him to hearken unto the voice of the elders. A king was granted. The blame that was attached to the request was in seeking a king as other nations.

IV. **PROVIDENTIAL GUIDANCE IN SELECTING A KING.** 9:17-10:16. It is interesting to note how God used the common place things to bring Saul to Samuel and Samuel to Saul. "Stray asses led Saul to his kingdom." The little things of life are often like the railroad switch, a slight change leads to a new course in life, a different destination. The Lord had told Samuel that he would meet a man whom he should anoint captain over Israel. Samuel gives Saul three confirmations to help him to believe that the Lord had made choice of him. First he was to meet two men who would tell him the asses were found. 2nd. He would meet three men who would furnish him with food. 3rd. A spiritual change. "God gave him another heart, 10:9.

V. **SAUL ELECTED KING.** 10:17-27. Saul called the people together unto the Lord. He addressed them, uttered words of warning, then proceeded by lot to select a man for king. God had already chosen Saul but the people are to have some visible sign that Saul was God's choice. When his name was announced he could not be found. When he was finally brought forth he stood higher than any of the people.

"He is conjectured to be not less than seven feet high, reared in the country, sinewy from farm exposures, in the prime of manly vigor, and in his bulk of massive strength looking every inch a man." The size of the leader was really important in those days, when men went into combat. We have more about Saul in our next lesson.

IN THIS LESSON, NOTE:—

1. God calls the young into his service; Philip Brooks once said of a minister's call to service that "there are three possible calls—The call of God to man, the call of one's own nature, and the call of needy man."

2. Leaders and parents dread changes on account of dangers. Samuel had to listen to the bidding of the Lord.

3. Age is wise, but often to save for youth. The world moves on.

4. Like Saul we must have a new heart. This is a mind and spirit to do, to be, to glorify God. We must desire that God will make us fit for his service.

THREE-MILE CREEK, OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA.

We are getting along pretty well. Since last report we have had two sermons by the acting pastor, two by visiting brethren, namely J. C. Counts, of Fairfax and S. Glover, of Hampton. We have lost by death, brother Sippocore, Dr. Ritter, Sister Bettie Moore, and sister Harriet Brabham. Brother Ritter was our pastor for a large number of years, but had the misfortune to lose his mind and from a sanatorium was brought home to be laid to rest.

Brother W. E. Cephas has begun a public school work at Holly Hill, and we wish him the best success. Our Union Meeting convened at Macedonia Christian Church. We had a good meeting, and on Sunday Brother Alphin preached for us.

Our next meeting will be at Cedar Grove Christian Church near Crockville. I do hope that the time will soon come when our leaders will come to the front as valiant-hearted soldiers and face the foe untremblingly, for victory is ours. We need men to stand as Christ stood, pleading for his children. Awake, do not sleep longer, but do something to show to this and future generations what we really mean. This is to the preachers of South Carolina.

A. L. Brabham.

REPORT OF NICHOLASVILLE KY. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JANUARY 1915.

Average attendance 38 amt. collected \$9.80.

Tell Carlisle to please come in smaller doses, monthly.

Our school is doing fine, expecting Bro. Moss soon.

Annie May Taylor Sec,

Irvin Guy Supt.

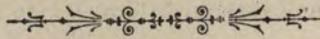
C. H. Dickerson, Minister.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

The month of January with its inclement weather cut into our attendance and collection. Collection for the month \$3.99, attendance 152. The Sunday School is moving smoothly on. Most of our attendance is by children. Collection for February 7th \$1.20, attendance 23. The Institute under direction of Prof. P. H. Moss will be held with Third Church.

A. D. Cooper, Supt.

FIELD REPORTS



ARGENTA, ARKANSAS

Let me speak about the condition of our Jubilee fund, that we have been two years raising less than \$5,000 and there remains yet \$15,000 to be raised to make the \$20,000 that the Negro Disciples were to raise during the Jubilee, and we have only one more year in which to raise it. It seems to me that it is time that we were getting busy, and adopt some plan for every Disciple during next year, to take an active part in the collection, some time during the year. I think brethren, while it seems that times are somewhat pressing especially among the southern negroes, that to dump off the seeming hard times on the church work, is doing (in my judgement) in justice to the Deity. Israel had to give the first fruits to the Lord, the best. How dare we in this bright age that we have give the worst? Brethren lets talk this matter over through the PLEA, And agree upon some plan that will enlist the Brotherhood in a strong pull for the yet-to-be raised \$15,000. Suggestions in the PLEA of Dec. 26 by Eld. Alphin of Texas, I think would be a good plan.

What say ye? Brethren it may be that we have already subscribed one, two, three, or four dollars for a number of years and have kept up our payment, yet if we find the amount promised is not sufficient to raise the required amount, why not double our pledge to meet the demand? I suggest that the Finance committee look over the field and see the resources, and adopt a system heading it themselves and ask the Brethren to follow and I think they will do so. Hoping that we may begin planning with the year, I am yours for better service.

M. M. Bostick.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

The first Lord's Day in the new year found us with an unusually large Bible School attendance. It was much larger than at any previous time since I have been here. It was a splendid start for the new year, and I can only pray and hope it will continue with a growing interest through the year.

The church services were well attended; especially the morning service had a record-breaking crowd of young people. The work generally is on the upward move. The morning service was devoted to the National Association for the advancement of Colored people. Prof. N. Sawyers, principal of the Lowman Hill School, was speaker on this occasion. He is an enthusiastic worker both in the church, and in public life; always looking forward and trying to advance the cause of the Negroes. He is chairman of the association Board in this city. A splendid offering was taken for the cause. Will not every church get in touch with this great movement, and help to render conditions more favorable among our people from a social standpoint? Will we sit idly by the slough of unjust discrimination, and see every God-given right of our people hurled therein, without lifting our voices in protest? Many are the battles yet to be fought for the social uplift of our people, and to protect the virtue of our women and girls, both from within and without. It becomes the indispensable duty of the church to throw itself into the battle front, and to make itself felt by prayer, influence and money. There is hardly any doubt but that a crisis is

rapidly appearing, whose sting will be as the sting of death. And no people will feel it more than we.

Why? Because the God of our salvation and freedom has been sadly forgotten, or neglected. No longer do prayers of sincerity go up from the masses to the throne of God in loving tone of thankfulness for the privileges enjoyed. No longer do the sobs and cries of slavery spur the masses on to higher ground and toward Heaven, but instead they seem to intensify a feeling of malicious revenge which if attempted could end in utter destruction. Will not the church rise up in power, and save our people from the present and approaching danger?

C. E. Craggett.

MIDWAY, KY.

Just returned from Midway, Ky. where I found all things moving on O.K.

When we began on May 23rd, 1914, we found an eleven hundred dollar debt still on our new building which costs seven thousand dollars. We have succeeded in cutting it down to six hundred dollars.

We have a splendid Sunday School well attended, about forty in the junior class. Christian Endeavor second to none in the state as I have seen them.

C. W. B. M. in full spirit of work. Last but not least, one of the greatest Auxiliaries of the Church organized last Lord's Day by our good sister Barr (white) of Lexington, Ky. She went down with us last Sunday morning and was gladly welcomed into our congregation. They at once began to organize a Cradle Roll with some of the best working force of the women of the Church in the persons of sister Cathren Johnson and sister Lizzie Prentice.

One of the greatest blessings we have at Midway is a large number of children and God is still blessing us with bright eyed babies, which means so much for the future growth of the Church.

Lexington

A.W.Davis.

THE OTHER SIDE OF A LIVE QUESTION

A great many things have been and are being said and written concerning the Negro's failures and his many short comings, but little indeed is either spoken or written concerning his actual accomplishment, his manifest racial strength or what he has really contributed to the world. It is said that you can select a man in perfect physical health and by continually telling him, "There is something wrong about you; you are not looking well" he will, as a consequence, soon need the service of a doctor. The James brothers, so it is said were driven into outlawry by people blaming them for crimes of which they were innocent. It will do to speak of the Negro's weakness occasionally but to my mind, it is neither wise, encouraging or inspiring to dwell upon it continually. Like all other races the Negro has his strong as well as his weak points and races, like individuals, like to have the search light of truth occasionally turned upon their better side. The poet said:

"There is so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us
That it doesn't become any of us
To talk about the rest of us."

Chronic faultseekers remind me of a story I once read. In the days of Christ, so the story goes, a number of Jews had stopped on the road beside the body of a dead dog. One said to the others: "Look what a repulsive look he has." Another said: "And look how dirty and mangy his hair is." Still another said: "Just look how poor he is and how prominent his ribs are." While they were

talking about the dog's bad points a man, a stranger, came up and said; "Yes gentlemen what you say is true, but look what beautiful, pearly, teeth he has." The stranger passed on. When out of hearing the Jews said one to another, "Surely that must be the Christ of God who can find something good to say even about a dead dog."

When men say that the Negro has never contributed anything worth while, to the world's advancement they are either ignorant of or lose sight of the fact that the Egyptians, descendants from Hamite stock were among the highest, if not the highest, civilized nation of their day. As Kipling says, "Lest we forget." I wish to call attention to the fact that history says: "Egyptian history is the oldest known to us. It dates back to four thousand years before Christ. There great pyramids were ancient in the day of Abraham." Again: "The three most illustrious Hamite nations were the Cushites, the Phoenician and Egyptian. Their architecture has solid grandeur that we look for in vain elsewhere." The architectural work of those sable sons of Ham remain, even today, among the wonders of the world. Whatever the Egyptians did, or failed to do, the Negro race deserves praise or censure.

The Phoenicians were among the first to master the waves and were greatest maritime people of their day. Whatever the Phoenicians did or failed to do, the Negro race deserves either praises or censure. A careful study of history reveals the fact nations (I speak of the three descended from Them, Ham and Japeth) are continually ascending and descending. No one of the three has always been the dominant one.

The Hamite branch was the first to rise during the days of the Pharaohs were famed for their skill and learning. Next we find the sons of Shem led by the invincible Alexander of Macedon, the master of the world. They were followed by a related people—the Romans. These have given place to the sons of Japeth who are today the rulers of the world. Coming down to the present day things in this country:

During the short period of freedom in this country, the Negro has much to be proud of. What other race laboring under the handicap under which we have been forced to to labor and with the doors of so many avenues of employment shut tightly in their face would have made the progress we have? Statistics given in a leading white southern paper in 1913 says: "During the short period of his freedom the Negro has accumulated property to the value of \$700,000,000, he has in possession 20,000,000, acres of land and has reduced illiteracy among them from 70 to 27 per cent."

Now I wish to ask the intelligent and fair minded people of this country a few questions. Did not the strong and sturdy arm of the Negro help to fell the forest and make possible our broad meadows and fields of waving grain? Did not that same strong arm help to dig the foundation and assist in the erection of our great American cities? Did he not also bravely bear his breast to shot and shell and give up his life in the cause of liberty and union? Was the Negro ever found in the ranks of traitors to his country? Was his hand ever raised to strike at the vitals of his government?

Three times a hand has been upraised and three times a messenger of death has sped swiftly into a vital spot of a beloved president; was either of those hands the hand of a Negro? Our loyalty to the stars and stripes; our devotion to our country and our fidelity to each and every principle of this great American government cannot be successfully disputed.

Stanford, Ky.

J. M. D. Thurman,

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cause whether he come from one race or another. God has marked out our work for us and if we fail him then he must wring the systems to and fro to get what we could have done.

Especially important is this time. When the sun set on Europe on the 31st of July, 1914, the old Europe passed away forever. No matter what the outcome of this war will be, the Europe that will come after it will be a new civilization. Some even dream of a United States of Europe, and we think it is not too sanguine to think that possible. But no matter what it will be, it will be new, and new duties will fall on the United States of America. With our vast illiterate Negro population, we are illy prepared to discharge it. The state and the church should redouble their energy. The state of Mississippi should employ a man who would become Superintendent of rural Negro schools just as the superintendent of white schools now does his work. The churches should redouble their energy in preparing young men and women to go out and teach the schools. The Sunday School and Evangelistic work should be greatly strengthened, and above all, our six training schools should be strengthened in their equipment. Have you done your duty in the great Jubilee rally?

WORKERS' CONFERENCE

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ing is absolutely necessary to insure the best results. As consecrated earnest workers we need the information and inspiration of such a meeting. Yes, it will cost some of us much financially, to get there, but that which costs nothing is worth just exactly what it cost. The Conference and its work and mission are worth a good deal more to an earnest and sincere worker than it will cost to go. Then is it not time for our larger churches to truly value the service of their pastor, and the need of such meetings to the general cause, and as a church, send their pastor or at least help him to attend? A small sum from each one of the churches would meet his expenses. Would this not be much better than to have the pastor pay his own expenses, and place, no doubt his family in great privation or not attend the conference?

Our congregations must begin to consider such matters and remember that there is some honor due those who faithfully labor in the Word and doctrine, and that we are "members one of another." Such actions some times make an indifferent pastor more diligent, and a good pastor a better one every time.

We have the men and women in different states who are able to give to the local work and missionary and educational work, and also attend the Conference. Watch the denominations at this point. What do you see? Our examples and earnest sincere efforts are good recommendation. Our actions have a great influence upon the mind and character of others. Let us concentrate our mind and unite and concert our actions in raising the Jubilee fund and attending the Conference. Let us fervently pray and faithfully work to have the largest and best delegations—delegates and a report from every State—and to raise by far the largest amount during the session of the Conference.

The "panic" is no new thing with us brethren; there has been a panic with us all the time, and should be no excuse. As a rule we have to dig it up panic or no panic, and it is the same thing this year. So instead of making excuses suppose we go to digging it up as we have always had to do.

So built we the walls for the people had a mind to work. Neh. 4:6.

William Alphin,

Pres. Lehman

THE GOSPEL PLEA

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HELPFUL TO ALL

A Word for the PLEA.

We have now had words of hearty congratulation from nearly every state where the PLEA circulates, upon its enlargement. We have had some difficulty in adjusting the inking on the cylinder press but that is now about complete and the PLEA shows up nicer than ever before.

This enlarged PLEA requires twice as much postage and much more work. In short it costs us more. We must now enlarge its circulation or it will lose us money. The circulation is a little less than one thousand. We have determined that we will not carry any but the best advertising and we cannot get that so long as our subscription list is below one thousand. It we could go to fifteen hundred or two thousand we could gain much good advertising and we could afford to make it even larger. This would be a paper that would at once become a great power in the entire work. As it is, the PLEA is a civilization moulder.

Now to stimulate subscription getting we will put on some special inducements.

1. We will give the PLEA one year and the life of Jacob Kenoly for \$1.25.
2. We will give the PLEA one year and the life of Jacob Kenoly for five new subscriptions \$1.00 each.
3. We will give the PLEA one year and the life of Jacob Kenoly for twenty new subscriptions at \$.75 each.
4. We will give the PLEA one year and the life of Jacob Kenoly for one hundred new subscriptions at fifty cents each.
5. We will give one hundred new subscriptions for twenty-five cents each.

Now we will give these extraordinary offers only on condition that all the subscribers and all the money be sent in at one time. We will not allow the special offer on a part with the promise that the rest will be sent later. We are planning to lose on these offers for the purpose of introducing the PLEA into more homes, and with a hope that they will become permanent subscribers. We believe this will encourage many of our ministers to take it up in their congregations and secure all their members. Some Sunday School superintendents can easily get the whole Sunday School interested in it.

The GOSPEL PLEA has the following special features:

(1) The first page, which is designed to speak of such things as are thought to be helpful to all who are laboring for better things. We have during this year had a great many very complimentary letters about the work of this page.

(2) The personal page, with subscriptions and short items.

(3) The report of Jubilee Funds. On this page we aim to show the business standing of the Jubilee efforts.

(4) The Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Each monthly program is given and such other news as is of interest to this great missionary board work.

(5) Christian Education. We aim to have one essay each week on some educational subject. As many of the schools as will, make a report each week.

(6) The Bible School. Each week Prof. D. R. Bebout gives a most excellent synopsis of the Sunday School lesson, and Prof. Moss usually has his field notes in. Many Sunday Schools make reports of their work.

(7) Reports from the Field. This is open to all the Evangelists and Pastors and workers in general.

When the time comes that more good matter comes in than we can get in these seven departments, we will have to enlarge, but we hope our subscription list will grow ere we will have to do this. As soon as our income will be increased a little more we will put more pictures of men and work in the paper. We want to make the GOSPEL PLEA a real servant of the great cause of Christian education and evangelization and we need the co-operation of every one who loves the cause. In short we are expecting your aid for it is your cause as well as ours. Who will come in with a good club?

GOD'S HOUSE.

In this House, today, Dear Father
 We, Thy children, seek Thy Face.
 Come and bless us with Thy presence,
 For we need renewing grace.
 Make us worthy of Thy favors—
 Make us what we ought to be—
 May we ever be found faithful:
 Doing something, Lord, for Thee.

In this House, today, Dear Father,
 We, Thy children, thank Thee now—
 For this Home—so precious to us,
 And for all thou dost bestow.
 Consecrate us to Thy service—
 As we give this House to Thee:
 Make us more and more like Jesus—
 Till that likeness others see.

In this House, today, Dear Father,
 We thy children, sing Thy praise—
 Thou hast saved us, led us, blessed us—
 Thou hast kept us all our days.
 Take us now and keep us ever—
 For we need Thy guiding hand.
 May our love for Thee grow stronger—
 Till we reach that Heavenly Land.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1915

PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—Subscriptions Received:

Arkansas, Sarah Stickland; Kentucky, Mrs. Annie May
Taylor, William Jones; Ohio, Chas. E. Armstong.

—We are in receipt of a copy of the first issue of the
"Arkansas School News" Published by the Colored teachers
of the State. It is fine, both subject-matter and mechan-
ical work. We wish for it all the success it deserves.

—The last of the new story, which is the taste of several more,
is in this issue. Read the whole story now, and let the
heart-throb have its way, as you read. It will make you
tender and more determined to do right. We look forward
to the next story with anticipation.

—Read the first page article this week, and then GO
OUT AND DO IT!

—Miss Rosa V. Brown reports a successful trip through
Arkansas. Her dates in Oklahoma are as follows. Mus-
kogee, Feb. 20-21; Ardmore, 22-23; Langston, 24-25; Still-
water, 26; Baley, 27-28; Rush, March 1st.

—In Kansas her dates are Parsons, 3-6; Emporia 6-10;
Topeka, 10-15; Atchison, 16-19 Kansas City, 19-22. An itine-
rary is being made out by Elder S. W. Scott through Miss-
ouri. He writes that this will take her to every church
but three. This will be published soon.

OHIO LETTER.

Ohio has begun a campaign to establish another con-
gregation before Convention time with the coming of Spring
all our efforts will be bending in that direction. Twenty
five Dollars promised by the C. W. B. M. Ten from the
Bible School Institute. Twenty from the Missionary Board-
and nearly fifty in individual pledges. Our good Broth-
er W. W. Cordell has broken the record by coming forward
with his five dollars already. Very, very sorry to lose Everet,
if he really has gone to Kentucky, because we have work for
all the force now.

C. E. Armstrong.

Lockland.

MISSOURI STATE SECRETARY TALKS

I am writing to say that P. H. Moss, Field secretary
of our Bible schools, has been here and gone. Our anticipa-
tions of the ideal service he renders were fully realized.
We wish he might have remained longer.

As we have seen no report from the state of Missouri
concerning the Jubilee Rally, we have been wondering wheth-
er the trumpet gave an uncertain sound, when the blast
was blown to call the members and churches to battle against
the \$20,000, which should be raised from our state in order
to give space for other like problems. We hardly think
the trumpet sound was uncertain, but rather think we were
asleep when it blew, or that our ears were dull of hearing
consequently we could not distinguish the Jubilee Trumpet
from the State Missionary Trumpet.

As evidence of the above we have just received a letter
from brother J. T. Toney, of Frankford church, sending
to the state treasurer eight dollars apportionment money
form the church at Frankford.

Now brethren, let us learn to distinguish between the
sound of the Jubilee trumpet and that of the State Board.
I am proud of the Bible School at Lathrop, Missouri, where
I preached last year. The school sent five dollars for the
Jubilee Rally, I am quite certain it is the only Bible School
in the state that is on record for the great Rally.

Now, it does not seem natural that children should lead
their parents into new fields of missionary work, so I hope
that the church at Lathrop will be aroused at what the
Bible school has done, and get busy and put herself on record
by doubling the amount given by the school.

I wish to call the attention of not only the Missouri
churches but those of the entire brotherhood, to the fact
that the national C.W.B.M. through its agent, President
Lehman has joined hands with the American Christian
Missionary Society, and they are straining every nerve and
fiber of their organization to bring our people to realize
their day of opportunity, the open door of acceptable service
to the Master. To fail to show our sympathy, appreciation
and thankfulness to these messengers of the Almighty by
not cooperating with them in their work in uplifting the
race, is to fail to discern the signs of the times, in which
we may be able to enter larger fields of usefulness and bet-
ter service.

Brother Moss, the Field Secretary just left the state.
The next to come is Miss Rosa V. Brown, of Mississippi.

I am now making a few visits throughout the state.
I find that wherever the GOSPEL PLEA is being read, it is
bearing fruit. I am well pleased with the appearance and
form of the PLEA.

S. W. Scott.

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBERS

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year;
Who lays down the money and does it gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says: "Stop it; I can not afford it;
I'm getting more journals than now I can read."
But always says: "Send it; all readers like it—
In fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum;
How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance.
We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Exchange

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

Africa.	
Monrovia, R. Gooden, For Smith Hall	\$5.00
Monrovia, R. Gooden, Alumni Fund	1.00
Mississippi.	
Institute Rural Station, Miss Nancy Jennings	2.00
State C.W.B.M. Mrs. Sarah S. Sneed	1.50
Texas.	
Bellville Church, Sent by Eld. M. Knight,	2.00
Total this time,	11.05
Total this year,	319.29

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For Jarvis Christian Institute.

Cason, Eastern District Convention, Elder M. Knight	5.70
Daingerfield, N. T. Wallick, Elder M. Knight.	.50
Hawkins, Pres. J. N. Ervin, Eld. M. Knight,	2.90
Total this time,	9.10
Total this year	181.67

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For Central Christian Institute.

Germantown, Elder R. E. Hathaway	30.00
Total this time	30.00
Total this year,	171.25

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For Alabama Christian Institute,

Louvern, J. H. Edwards, 1.00; Mrs. Edwards,	
.50; Frances E. Edward, 1.00	2.50
Total this time	2.50
Total this year,	71.80

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Fund Statement

For General Education,	319.29
For J. C. I.	181.67
For C. C. I.	171.25
For A. C. I.	71.80
For M. C. I.	58.03
For T. C. I.	26.00
For Jubilee Exercise	16.10
Total this year	944.14
Total in Jubilee Fund,	4919.28
Amount yet needed to make \$20000.00,	15080.72

Remarks. The first thing we want to call your attention to is the way Kentucky has gone about to raise what it pledged for the C. C. I. They met and apportioned the churches. The apportionment was printed on envelopes which were sent to each church. The apportionment was as follows:

Mt. Sterling, 200; Paris, 200; Lexington, Nicholasville, Paducah, Houstonville, Central, Louisville, Millersburg, Carlisle, Hancock, and Louisville, each 100; Danville, Corinth, Lawrenceburg, Critendon, each 75; Winchester, Little Rock, Midway, Aaron's Run, and Louisville, third, each 50; Stanford, 40; Germantown, and London, each 30; North Middletown, Roaring Springs, Fairview, Mt. Olive, and Cane Valley, each 25; Levee, Mayslicks, Richmond, Hopkinsville, each 20; Mt. Vernon and Barbourville, each 15; Junction City, Crab Orchard, McKinney, Bertha, Milledgeville, Flat Lick, Liberty and Elizabeth, each 10; Glasgow, Columbia, New Port and Turnersville each 5. Germantown is the first to come up with the whole amount. Mt. Sterling and Nicholasville are sure to come up later, and we most honestly hope all the others will do so and Kentucky will come into the convention next year grown to the full stature of a man and in favor with God and man. It will be well for all the states to watch Kentucky.

Another thing we wish to call attention to. Brother J. H. Edwards, of Louvern, Alabama sends in one dollar for himself, one for his daughter and fifty cents for his wife. I do not know how many children he has, but if this is all then here is another whole family.

Another thing, Kentucky is within ten dollars of the second place. We hope Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and some other states will yet redeem the day with a good offering. Do not fail us in this. The C. W. B. M. never was so hard up for money as now. They are seriously considering closing up some of their work, for they are not able to borrow always. If we do our full duty, they will not have the heart to close anything in the negro work. Do not fail us in this hour of great need. Now that spring has opened, stir up your church and begin in earnest. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Miss.

HOW I WENT TO THE BAD

I. A YOUTH.

(Continued from last issue.)

I'll never forget 'at night in June just before I graduated. We were comin' back from a stroll in the moonlight, an' before she left me to go in the house, we stopped by a rose-bush, where she plucked a bud an' pinned it on my coat. All at once a sense o' my unworthiness swept over me, an' catchin' 'er to my bosom, I blurted out, "Pearl, are you sure you love me, girl?" "Zack," she says, "you great big hulkin' boy. I love you better than yo' mother does;" an' drew my head down an' buried 'er little mouth in mine. She meant it too, chum. Me, -- loved ME. Tell you, pal, when I left 'er 'at night, I felt like I'd 'a' needed no Achei-median lever to 've turned the world bottom side up!

Well, Pearl was to wait for me three years -- or forever, SHE said if need be. Meanwhile, I was to go home, buckle down to bus'ness, read law in spare time under 'Squire Munday, gain admission to the bar an' otherwise get my ducks in a row, as 'twere. I worked like a wheel-horse for upward o' two years, an' then, after passin' a bully exam, I felt pretty near all in an' decided to take a little trip for rest. Thought a month in the city'd be the best change after bein' buried so long in a country town, an' to the city I went--to course the day, chum, forevermore!

My second day in, I run across Tuck Stahl, 'n old class-mate, an' one o' the wildest little rakes 'at ever come down the pike with an indulgent father's cash spillin' from 'is pockets. As I said, pal, I'd been pretty wild myse'f once, --come through safe though, somehow, --but, for the four years since I'd known Pearl, I'd been as straight as a plumb-line, an' meant to keep so. But, course, nothin' would do Tuck but a lark an' a fling; an' whut with his gaff an' reckless, devil-may-care joshin, ' he finally stirred the smold-'er'n' hell in me, pal, an' 'at night---well, at Tuck's expense, we quietly painted 'at old town red an' then some. (Just a second, please, till I take me a sniff o' dope).

Well, a couple o' days later I packed up an' slipped away for home in disgust; but too late, chum---too late. Whut happened, you'll have to ask old Dr. Burley; 'twas like a night mare to ME,--an' is yet,--- twenty-four hours to the day, sixty days to the month! An' conscious ev'ry minute of a mother's watchful, anxious eye--gosh, friend, you may have cause to feel glum scemewhut, but it's the long green to rusty nails 'at you never went up against nothin' like 'at!

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

PROGRAMME

—OF THE—

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Third District of the Christian Churches of Kansas.

Emporia, Kansas,

Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday,
March 5-6-7, 1915.

FRIDAY EVENING.

- 7:30—Meeting called to order by B. F. Tydings, Pres.
7:40—Devotional.
8:06—Welcome Address, C. E. Terry, Emporia.
"Object in Districting the State,"—Elder B. C. Duke,
Topeka.

SATURDAY MORNING.

- 9:00—Devotional, Parsons Delegate.
9:30—"Suggestion for the Good of the Work,"
Topeka Delegate.
Open Discussion.
Adjournment.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

- 3:00—Devotional led by Maple Hill Delegate.
3:30—"Why We Should Co-operate With the C. W. B. M."
Mrs. Carrie McMillian, Emporia.
Discussion.
4:00—"THE CHILD,"
(a)—"From 3 to 6 Years of Age," Mrs. Bertha Phoenix,
Emporia.
(b)—"From 6 to 9 Years of Age,"—By Parsons Delegate.
(c)—"From 9 to twelve Years of Age," Lawrence Delegate.
(d) "From 12 to 14 and Through the Adolescent Period,"
Topeka Delegate.
Remarks and Adjournment.

SATURDAY EVENING.

- 7:30—Devotional.
8:00—Mrs. Halmittie Anderson, presiding.
Solo—"The Bird With a Broken Wing,"—Mrs. Lucy
Handy, Emporia.
Address, "What the C. W. B. M. is Doing,"—Miss
Rosa V. Brown, Edwards, Miss.
Announcements and Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING.

- 7:00—Breakfast.
8:00 to 10:30—Get ready for church.
10:30 to 11:00—Everybody come to church.
11:00—Divine Worship—
(a)—Sermon, Elder W. E. Youngblood, Parsons.
(b)—Communion, Elder B. C. Duke, Topeka.
Adjournment.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

- 3:00—Sunday School.

SUNDAY EVENING.

- 7:00—Y. P. S. C. E.
"How to Make a Happier World,"—Mrs. Bertha Sub-
lett, Emporia.
8:00—Song, Scripture Lesson, Prayer.
Instrumental Solo, Miss Alice Duncan, Emporia.
Sermon, Elder C. E. Craggett, Topeka.

MISS MARJORIE KELLEY, MUSICIAN.

C. W. B. M. QUARTERLY MEETING

To be held

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UNION HILL CHURCH

March 20-21, 1915.

10; A. M. House called to order by President. Devotional Service led by Sister Alice Turnipseed and J. Flowers. Remarks on the work by delegates, 11:00 clock Sermon by Elder Jno. Lomax. Collection by Bro. Newton Brown and Sister Sarah Sneed. Dismiss for dinner. \$1.30 P. M. Devotional led by Sisters Cera Ronaus and Edmonia Phelps. Short talks on our needs, Brother James Jenkins, C. Wilson, A. C. Brown, A. Foster, J. Rundles and others. Reports of Mission Sisters, Auxiliaries, State Organizer and state Evangelist. Sermon by Elder M. Smothers, collection, by Bro. Joseph Coffee and Sister Ellen Turnipseed. Benediction.
7:30 P. M. Devotional Service led by sister C. Jackson and Sister Eliza Freeman.

Address by Sister A. B. Addison. Sermon by Elder S. D. Yarber. Collection by Sister S. Smith, and Bro. D. Cage, Benediction.

Sunday 9:30 A. M. Sunday School taught by Sister Josie Brown. Lesson reviewed by Elder Sam Flowers. Devotional Service led by sister Martha Moore and F. A. Guster. Paper by Miss C. K. Green.

Address by President
Sermon by Elder K. R. Brown.
Collection by Edna Travillion and Fannie Clark.

Sunday 1:00 clock P. M.

Devotional led by brother George West and Sister S. Henry.

Paper by Sister Margret Walker.

Address by Sister Hester Allison.

Sermon by Elder C. J. James.

Call for new members by Sister V. A. Jones.

Collection by Sister Cora Mc Cray and Bro. A. C. Smith.

Now let us all strive to make this meeting the best.

Mr. J. Brown,
S. S. Blackburn,
Committee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The following students in Division No. 1, Chapel, won in the contest in reciting Bible verses recently, by the unanimous decision of all the teachers: Addison Perkins, Ad Banks, Eustace Shirley, Peter Dunson, Edward Davis, John Martin, Tecumseh Walker, Chester Williams, Nathaniel Walker, Shelton Fortner, Jerome Freeman, Sere Myers, Mozelle Thompson, Henry Brown, James Mills, Fred Carter, Luverne Barnett, Carey Hunter, Burnette Jacobs, James Elbert, Wesley Sims, Arby Jacobs, Isom Hicks, James Rundles, Stanford Matthews, Jesse Graham, Willie Moore, Prince Gray.

Prof. Bebout, general manager of the tennis court, has begun to talk game, since the arrival of beautiful spring weather.

The Endeavor Society has entered upon an era of more efficient work. The meeting Feb. 28, will be conducted by the missionary committee, under the supervision of Miss Gale.

Examinations of the Winter are being conducted at this writing. The Night School under the direction of Mrs. Burgess, is planning to give a play at commencement.

The Superintendent of Mt. Beulah Sunday School reports the following received from a former Teacher Training student: "We meet in different churches for school. Every second Sunday in the month we have what is known as a model Sunday School under the heading of Ministers' and Deacons' Institute. I am teaching out here with another young man who is of the same faith I am. He was converted through the GOSPEL PLEA and the CHRISTIAN STANDARD. We use the Standard quarterlies." Brethren, this is missionary work of the most essential kind. What a blessing it would be if thousands of dollars, in addition to what is so graciously given at present, could flow into the treasury of the Southern Christian Institute, so that many other young people could go out and do this pioneer work, where we have no churches. The field among the colored people in all these southern states is big.

It has been quite a treat to have lettuce, onions, and greens from the garden during February.

S. C. I.,—Feb. 24, 1915.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The ground hog could not have seen himself had he been on the campus, hence we expect early spring.

Our garden will not be left behind. We have already set out one thousand cabbage plants.

The garden has stood and is standing by us. Our vegetables are not out yet. We have vegetables every day for dinner.

Our Auxillary meets every Third Lord's Day in each month, come out and be with us. We render a good program.

Our Quarterly C. W. B. M. Meeting convened here at the campus church (Union Point) the first Sunday in February. Bad weather caused the delay. It should have been in January. We had a good meeting.

We regret so much to know that brother Cornelius Gray and family have moved. We wish them success in their new home.

Wednesday evening at 7 O'clock February 17, 1915, Miss Mary Peach Cook of Luther, Oklahoma, was married to Lawrence Phyfer of Lum. Prof. I. C. Franklin performed the ceremony in the presence of many relatives and friends. Miss A. P. Brown played the wedding march. Mrs. I. C. Franklin was Matron of honor. Miss Bessie Stanley, Maid of honor. Mr. Arthur Jeffry was the best man. They were married in the Chapel. It was beautifully decorated.

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Mr. Cunningham of Providence, Rhode Island, who was raised at Jonesboro and also a former student of this school, was with us Sunday morning. He gave a few interesting and encouraging remarks.

The writer has been called to the Johnson City Church twice each month. The work is moving along very well. The pastor of the above named church is in Bristol while I am at Johnson City.

This week has been full of good things for us. The celebration of Educational Rally Day was carried out Wednesday night, February 17, 1915. The program rendered by the students was excellent. The Johnson City Brass Band furnished music for the occasion. In connection with the program Honorable R. E. Clay of Bristol, Tennessee delivered an instructive address. Subject, Get out of the Cage. Mr. Clay brought many good things to us. He is known as a great orator. Throughout his discourse, he emphasizes unity.

The good women of this church deserve much credit for their efforts that were put forth for the success of the meeting.

After the meeting was over one of the good sisters said, "It was only very recently that I realized the happiness and joy that come from sacrificial service." We feel proud of this statement because we feel that it is a piece of leaven, as it were, dropped into the barrel of meal.

The District meeting will convene at the Johnson City Church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 19, 20, 21, 1915. Rev. W. D. Bradley of Rogersville, Tennessee, enroute to the District meeting stopped off at the Institute. He expresses himself as being well pleased with the work.

Our Sunday School work is doing very nicely now-a-days. We have recently organized, "The Teachers Class," which thus far has proven to be a success.

Last week was the regular time for the winter term examination.

Frank Coleman.

February 19.

REAL MEANING OF EASTER FOR OUR OWN J. C. I.

There is possibly no season of the year which in its significance gives us greater pleasure than that of Easter.

Even Christmas which comes in the cold and bleak December with its mirth, good cheer, and yuletide joyousness, does not have a greater and deeper significance. About 2000 years ago there was born in the world a King, A Mighty Counselor, A Prince of Peace, the Son of the Mighty God.

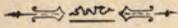
His mission in the world was to redeem man from his iniquity and sin, to restore him to the good grace of his Father—a task which was by no means pleasant, for the way must lead by the grave. Humbly did the Nazarene bow his head and suffer a cruel and humiliating death for your sake and for mine. Never was there a greater sacrifice than this—that he lay down his life for his friend. But on the Easter morn while the guards yet watched his tomb, the stone was rolled away; new life entered there and led him forth anointed, the Christ, the Savior of the world. So it is that Easter marks the beginning of a new era in the history of the world; an era symbolical of resurrection and restoration of life and energy.

Let it mark with us a new beginning with our own J. C. I. Let us sacrifice some of our earnings for Christ. He gave his own life for us. We all know the misfortune of our J. C. I. by fire this winter. It should prompt us more to give.

Let us all over the state, raise something on Easter Sunday for J. C. I. Let our watchword be "J. C. I." and our motto, "More money and all monies for J. C. I." Let that day be a signal to us to begin life anew in our Educational sphere. Let us resolve now to do more for our Texas school. Look how nature responds to the gentle influence that Easter wields. The grasses and herbs which have nestled closely in the bosom of mother earth begin to put forth their tiny heads and bedeck the hitherto barren earth in a mantle of richest green. Why can't we bedeck Easter and greet her with our gifts for J. C. I? The birds sing new songs and fill the woods and hedges with melody which vies in its rhythm with the music of the

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THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For March 14.

SAUL GAINS HIS KINGDOM

Lesson: I Samuel 11:1-15.

Golden Text: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty: and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32.

Time: Very soon after our last lesson. When Saul was chosen to be the first king of Israel, he returned to his home at Gibeah, a place about six miles northeast of Jerusalem and two miles from the home of Samuel who had anointed him. Like John the Baptist and Saul he seeks the quiet and meditates on the great work he must undertake.

He was not the unanimous choice of the people, but he held his peace. This showed an element of strength.

I. HOW HIS OPPORTUNITY CAME.—It was probably about a month after Saul went into seclusion that word comes to him that a portion of Israel is threatened. On the east side of the Jordan were the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh. Just east of these were the Amorites and Ammonites. On the Northern part of Gad's territory was Jabesh Gilead. The Ammonites formerly claimed a part of this territory. It was here on this disputed territory that the Ammonites under Nahash had encamped. Here Saul was to turn his attention when entering upon his duties. The Israelites were so hard pressed before Saul's action that they were ready to enter into a covenant with Nahash. Nahash agreed to this on one condition, that "I may thrust out all your right eyes." This would be a great reproach on Israel. It would prevent any rebellion if against the authority of Nahash. It would be a punishment for injuries done the Ammonites. The elders of Jabesh asked seven days respite and it was granted.

II. SAUL IN ACTION.

1. When the messenger reported the sad condition at Jabesh Gilead to the people of Gibeah, and to Saul, there was weeping. To Saul it was an appeal. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him. It was time for action, for courage, for a great awakening. There arose in Saul a burning indignation against such injustice and cruelty.

2. He immediately summoned the whole nation to action. He hewed in peices oxen and sent the peices in all Ierael and a ringing announcement that any one failing to follow Saul would have his oxen dealt with in the same manner. This was a bold summon from a new king, and fear of the Lord fell on the people.

3. Three hundred thirty thousand men gathered at Bezek. Bezek was seven miles west of the Jordan. The Ammonites were on the east side of the river. The army marched in the night and reached the field of action early in the morning. The attack was made on three sides to the great surprise of the Ammonites, and the victory came to Israel. The Lord's battles today have gone to higher grounds and into higher light.

III. SAUL CONFIRMED BY THE PEOPLE.

1. By the treatment of those who opposed him as king. The people would have put them to death. Saul was wiser. He would make friends. There shall not a man be put to death this day. The king could forgive. It was a kingly act.

2. Saul gave credit for the great victory to the Lord. Today the Lord hath wrought salvation in Israel. Saul was

humble, but the people were proud of their king. They were proud of his achievements.

3. Saul was unanimously crowned king at Gilgal, near Jericho. Here is where Joshua encamped with Israel after crossing the Jordan. It was where twelve stones had been set up as a testimony to the Lord who led the people through the wilderness and into the land of Canaan. Here the real coronation of Saul took place with sacrifices and peace offerings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY MEETING

GRAND GULF, MISSISSIPPI.

Our Sunday School Quarterly Meeting is to be held at the Grand Gulf Christian Church on the third Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 21. Meeting opens Saturday morning at ten. Devotional led by Brother Ham of Grand Gulf. A few words by District Worker. Reading of the minutes of last meeting. Appointment of committees. Discussion: "How to keep the Sunday School alive" led by Brother Chapple of Grand Gulf, followed by Elder Miller. Collection and adjournment.

Two o'clock:—Devotional, led by Brother Coffee of Grand Gulf. Discussion, "Is it necessary to have a Sunday School in the Church?" Led by Brother Tyler, followed by the officers and pastor of Grand Gulf Church. Sermon by Elder S. D. Yarber. Collection and adjournment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30:—Taught by Brother C. H. Ward of Center Church. Lesson reviewed by Brother E. D. Phelps of Christian Chapel. Collection and adjournment for fifteen minutes.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE:—Led by Brother Netter of Center Church. 11:30, Sermon by Rev. K. R. Brown.

Two speakers from each school are expected at the meeting. Hope each superintendent will do his best to make a good report.

It has been some time since we met the good brothers and sisters of Grand Gulf, so come out and let's have a good meeting.

A. G. Sneed, District Worker.

WHAT IS A GOOD BIBLE SCHOOL?

Much, very much is being said about the Bible school these days. Much effort is being given to increase the attendance and interest in the Bible schools. Much money is being spent for this part of religious work. What for? Can any one tell? When can we know we have a good school? How can we make our school a good one?

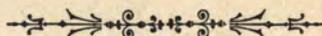
Well, there are some things that must enter into the make up of a good school, just as that there are some things that make a good horse, or a good farm, or a good house, or a sermon. Ask a carpenter what it takes to make a good house and he can soon tell you. Ask a horse fancier what it takes to make a good horse, and he can soon tell you. Can we be as certain of the qualities of a good school? If so, how can we secure these essentials?

In general, a good school will need a good superintendent, a good secretary, a good treasurer, a good corps of teachers, a good attendance, a good lesson, a good program for each session, and a good building in which to hold the sessions of the school.

This last, we believe, all school are trying to have. Not many churches try to get along with a poor building if they are able to have a good one. But we are no so sure that all schools are trying intelligently to have the other things mentioned above. But why? Some, for the reason that they do not know. Others, for the reason that they are a

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FIELD REPORTS



TOPEKA, KANSAS

Our meeting here closed on January 24, with seven confessions. Owing to the very cold weather, we were unable to have large attendances each evening. However we consider the meeting a success, and quite a help to the church.

We did not secure an evangelist; therefore the writer did the preaching. We were unable to baptize any of the candidates on the day planned, as our pipes were frozen, so we could not get any water. But ere this article appears in print, we hope to have buried them all with Christ by baptism. Our work here is in splendid condition, and looking to greater things.

The Bible School is taking on new life, and is beginning to do things. Quite a number of new pupils have been enrolled in the new year, a training class organized, and a sign-up to become a front rank school are some of the good things done this year. The auxiliary is alive, and at work. A mission study has been organized and is finding its way right into the hearts of the sisters. For this study, we use "The Child in the Midst." And indeed it is a splendid book for study. Congregations that are interested in mission work, should introduce a mission study period in the line of work, and use literature that will drive the thoughts and needs of the field right into the hearts of all. I am now in Kansas City, Missouri, a meeting with brother W. A. Harris. It is my aim to wear out—not rust out

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Have just returned from Kansas City, Missouri, where I preached eighteen days with thirteen additions. Indeed it was a splendid meeting.

Brother W. A. Harris, the pastor, has succeeded in getting the church into a very unique and stable building—one that adds much to the credit of the disciples in Kansas City.

Our services here on yesterday were good and well attended—two confessions. Will baptize on next Lord' Day—ten for baptism. We are "steppin."

C. E. Craggett.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT CASON, TEXAS

The 26th Quarterly Session of the Eastern District Convention was held with the Shady Grove Christian church, January 29, 30, and 31. Inclement weather and the financial conditions caused the attendance to be poor, but considering these things the meeting was the best yet. The enthusiasm from the opening session was good. To the last word the people listened with eager interest.

President J. N. Ervin gave an address on Saturday evening, "Our Duty." It was short, but it took to the mountain top of spiritual experience. Sunday evening after the Bible school, churches and committees reported. Elder William Alphin our much loved evangelist being absent President J. N. Ervin was again introduced. Subject "Parental Responsibility" He gave us a fine Gospel Sermon and captivated his audience which was large. His splendid qualification as an educator, with the cooperation of the brother-hood assures success in his new field of labor. After being so inspired, the brethren lined up as never before for the J. C. I. pledging to the amount of Sixty Seven Dollars. We are looking forward to a larger work. The

next Convention will meet with the New Mountain Christian church Daingerfield May 28, 29, and 30. An excellent Program will be prepared for all who attend; some of the prominent men of the state will take part.

M. Knight
Chairman District Board

TENNESSEE EVANGELIST.

I am on the old battle ground at Holtsville. At this on December 14, I entered into a debate with the presiding Elder of the A. M. E. Church Walter A. Louis, of Nashville.

I arrived at Holtsville Friday February 15, I came by way of Perryville. There I took boat for Holts landing sixty five miles up the Tennessee river.

Bro. Swanson Holt, met me at the landing and carried me to the home of his father Elder J. W. Holt, one of the leading farmers and merchants of Hardin County. At this home I was greeted by twenty of the members of the church.

A splendid musical program was rendered by the Choir of the Holtsville Christian church, directed by Prof. A. D. White the efficient organist, Friday evening February 6; we had a splendid service. The church also agreed to have a week's meeting.

This we did, and a more successful meeting I never held, meeting with a larger attendance from start to end. Eleven made the confession, this increased our membership to 64, we have regular in Sunday school 55. We have to attend the Bible reading every Lord's Day evening from 40 to 50.

This church is only three months old and is destined to be one of the leading churches in the state.

We are also preparing to effect organization of auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. this summer; we have the type of woman here to carry on such a work, and I believe that they will be ever anxious for the organization here, and at Savannah.

Our people here are proud of the Christian church and they prove it by their work. They are willing to accept leadership and be governed by the Bible.

W. P. Martin.

Holtsville.

Kerr Arkansas

Sunday, February 14 was a great day for the church here. Sunday school opened at 10:40, the writer being temporarily in charge. Opening and closing prayers by P. W. Williams. The music was in charge of P. W. Worlds.

At 12:25 the preaching service was begun. The opening was in charge of Elder J. C. Guyden, and the sixteenth chapter of Matthew was the scripture. The sermon by the pastor, H. Martin, was on the subject "Unity." All enjoyed it, and showed their appreciation by a fine collection.

After the preaching service, all were invited to remain, to witness the marriage ceremony of Mr. Taylor Cole to Miss Lillie Rose. The church had been profusely decorated for the occasion, and the ceremony was beautiful. As the bridal party took their places at the front, music was played by Mr. Arriel Williams, and Messers D. C. Mitchel and J. H. Kirk. The bride and groom are both members of the church.

Saturday, February 13, Alonzo Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Kirk, died, and was buried from the Pea Ridge Christian Church on Sunday, at 3:15. Funeral services were in charge of Elders Hardy and Stevenson of the Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member. His father and some of his relatives are members of the Christian church. His body was buried in the Pea Ridge cemetery.

J. Bostick.

HOW I WENT TO THE BAD, I. A YOUTH.

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A couple o' months later,—or maybe centuries,—I happened to see in a magazine 'n account o'—whut's 'is name? some German guy's great discovery bein' introduced in 'is country, an' I grabbed at it like a Titanic victim at a cabin' plank.

Crops had failed the year before an' debts stripped the old man o' ev'rything he had 'cept the home an' a life-insurance policy for a couple o' thousand. It broke 'is heart, too, an' just before he died he says to me, "Son, you 'n' 'at policy together ought to be able to sweeten yo' mother's declinin' years: I leave 'er to you." Ha! Some trust, pal, an' right nobly did my father's only son discharge it.

With a nice little tale I'd laid wake to fix up, I touched mother for ha'f o' her nest-egg an' took the nex' train for Burg to find some feller 'at might be handin' out 'at German guy's discovery. A few hours after landin', I'd turned up one over on Seventh, found lodgin' a couple o' squares away, an' settled down to the grimmest fight, pal, ever waged since the days o' Helen o' Troy. On one side, me an' the doctor; on the other, the almighty, inexorable law o' Nature—an' the doctor said we'd win!

I hadn't seen Pearl since me an' Tuck had 'at-famous lark, but I'd heard from her reg'lar—the sweetest letters 'at ever come from the heart o' true an' trustin' woman. Got the las' two yet, right here, close to my heart. (Just a second, pleass, till I take me another sniff o' dope). I continued writin' her too, as reg'lar an' cheerful as ever, so she'd not suspect the ragin'. devourin'—You see pal, we were to be married in a few more months if——

Well, 'at guy started out pumpin' the "Great Discovery" into me with all the light-hearted satisfaction of a man certain o' the best results, an' my own spirits took to risin' 'bout 10 degrees with ev'ry visit. But after a few days I seemed to notice 'at 'is—Say, chum, you 'spose Billy Sunday 'll ever light in 'iss Burg? Been wond'rin' here lately if the saw-dust trail could---Aw well; as I was sayin', 'at Seventh Street guy didn't seem quite so chipper after a week or so, an' finally his whole attitude 'peared to change to just simple pity. Still I wouldn't lose heart: kep' on comin', till one day, after he'd reviewed my whole hist'ry, he says, "Young man,---" an' paused to look out the winder, while somethin' like a great ice-crevasse began to yawn right at me, pal, an' I had all the sensations of a man, helpless, paralyzed, slippin', inevitably slippin' toward it. "Young man," he presently says ag'in. "I'm compelled to be frank with you: you're evidently one-o' that small per cent whose constitutions do not respond to---"

I cut 'im off. "For God's sake, man," I plead, "don't say 't! Whut about my Pearl?"

"Whut---who's Pearl?" He says. An' when I told 'im he bored 'is eyes into mine an' answered' "My lad, you've already committed ag'inst 'er the foulest o' foul crimes; but if you want to intensify it a billion-fold, the proper thing to do now is to go ahead an' marry 'er." 'Twas settled, pal, an' when I stepped out o' his door, I dropped out o' sight, into aonther world,---this bottomless——

'N' 'at 's the way I lost The Pearl O' Great Price. Got anything like it, to feel so glum an' dumb about? . . . Gimme a match . . . (But gosh! 'sposin' I been entertainin' a stiff all 'iss time!). Say, chum, gimme a MATCH. . . ('Sposin' it's some poor cuss just crep' in here to d---) Never mind, friend, I gotta match---'n' I'll just take a

squint at YOU. . . . Ough! Croaked, or I'll be h---Goo d-night, pal! . . .

Rather chilly out here, but not quite so chilly as sittin' alone with a corpse. . . . 'N' still the hounds pursue me!

REAL MEANING OF EASTER TO OUR OWN J. C. I.

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spheres. Does Easter mean any less to us than to these? Why can't we yield to this holy influence and have our drooping finances revived? Why can't we throw off the mantle of sin and prejudice and don the garment of righteousness and giving. Let us too sing new songs and fill this whole State with our holy everlasting refrain for what we have done for our J. C. I.

Easter, to our minds, comes with the idea of a single day. When this day has passed we forget it and allow ourselves to drift back into the old ways. But Easter is symbolic of resurrection; and resurrection is not a sudden or pitiful outburst of life which ends with its own success. It is a constant process; an eternal unfolding and liberation of energy. Then let us enter the new regime with the full knowledge of its truest meaning and live every day our very best.

Every day will then be Easter and the holy influence it bears will lift us up, soul, mind and heart, and make of this world a happy abiding place.

Waco, Texas.

Miss S. P. Walker.

WHAT IS A GOOD BIBLE SCHOOL?

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little bit lazy. They do not want to go to so much trouble to make the school a good one.

In future issues, on this page, we are going to take up each of the essentials mentioned above, and tell how they can be secured by any school anywhere. We will not do this regularly, but just as space permits. We do this only to stir up interest, and, if we can, help others to see and desire better things.

As we write about these things, and you read them, we want you to write to the PLEA, giving freely any criticism you may honestly have, as to whether we are right or not. All these criticisms will be published, so all can receive full benefit. The first of the series will be, "WHAT IS A GOOD SUPERINTENDENT?"

NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Good service Sunday 21st, one man added.

Preached for Lexington church at 3 p m. one man added there also.

I am asking Kentucky churches thro the Plea why on earth they dont send to Pres. Lehman the amount they have already collected. Are you waiting to ride out the money or Summer excursions? Kentucky is simply Playing at it "on trial" Sure and we will all be hanged at this rate. Nicholasville will finish her \$100. in March. Mark it paid.

Well wake up the sleeping churches and let under takers bury the "dead ones." A live child should cry some times.

C. H. Dickerson.



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HELPFUL TO ALL



Every cause has an effect and every effect has a cause. We are very prone to make two fundamental errors. We are liable to condemn faults in others as though they had no cause or we often attribute the difficulty to the wrong cause, either one of which simply aggravates the case and does nothing toward righting the situation. When we see a tendency toward wrong doing we should pause long enough to ask the question, what is the cause behind it? When that is located the remedy is usually found not far off.

This fundamental error is seen in the policy of many of our states. Those in authority have often flouted all efforts put forth by the missionary school and have approached our instruction with an attitude of neglect if not scorn. Then when the Negro youth began to show signs of criminality they took much pleasure in pointing it out as a mark of racial inferiority. When the poorer white people began to show signs of an obtuse moral nature and erratic tendencies, they called them "red necks," "cattle," and a half dozen other opprobrious terms. If we could call Nathan, the prophet back to make a parable, he would with force point to these very men and say, "thou art the man."

We hold our Christian civilization only by eternal effort. The moment we let go of the principles of the Gospel of Christ we slip back to the type of the barbarian. This is the reason the rich often become so sinful. Like the rich man of old they say to their soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry;" and forthwith they begin to show all the sins of the sinful classes. If we want an honest, thrifty, moral and religious citizenship we will have to make them so out of the children we are now training. If we are stupid in our educational provisions we soon pay the price, which we forthwith pronounce unjust.

If we want a thrifty, moral and God-fearing Negro population in the Gulf states in twenty-five years from now, we will have to begin to build it now out of the little tots running about the homes. If we deceive ourselves into believing that education ruins them, we may confidently expect to see many in the next generation in whom the old barbarian instincts show clearly. They will do what their heathen ancestors did in the jungle. And let no one vaunt himself by saying that it is because they are Negroes. In one generation of wrong training, the white youth returns to the worst type of criminal, and a criminal is simply a man of civilized ancestry who has reverted to the type of the barbarian. The man who breaks into my house and kills me

and my family has the same mental processes that his ancestors in Germany had, three thousand years ago.

We need Christian statesmanship in all our Gulf states. The situation is crucial. While our great missionary statesmen are putting forth strenuous efforts to bring into the Kingdom, China, Japan, and the Mohammedan world, we are in great danger of following a policy in our Gulf and South Atlantic states that will return a third of our American population to a state worse than that in which China and Japan and the Mohammedan world are now.

Now, what shall be done? Shall we have compulsory laws? First, we want more Christian statesmanship. We are not ready for compulsory laws in many of these states. Texas is now trying to pass such a law and no doubt she is ready; but we doubt whether it is wisest even there yet. We would suggest that we proceed in the following order:

(1) A movement of the Christian citizenship towards a recognition of the importance of all the agencies for preparing teachers. It is especially high time that they show appreciation of the work of the missionary school to which we owe all that we have of advancement, for even the state colleges had to be manned in the first place by teachers trained in the missionary schools.

(2) A change in the attitude of the departments of Education in the various states. They must give more attention to all the state schools. They must seek to bring out their efficiency. One well trained state man should give all his time to Negro rural schools, and another to white rural schools.

(3) A liberal appropriation by the various legislatures for better school houses and more equipment for teaching. As it is now, some of the expenditure is almost a waste of money. Some of the school houses do not suggest advancement. If we could show at the San Francisco fair the school system just as it is from the most ramshackle Negro country school house to the best equipped College, every self-respecting Mississippian would hang his head in shame when he looked at it.

(4) A compulsory educational law. Every child within the confines of any state, no matter of what color or race, must be trained to do its part of the world's work. It must be compelled to be under influences that will make it moral, efficient, thrifty, and conscientious. No parent has exclusive right to the child, but every parent has special responsibility for it. When your child becomes twenty-one he becomes a citizen. If he becomes a good citizen he will help me as much as he does you. While you have special obligations to your child, I want you to know that he belongs to me as much as he does to you, and I am going to have some say as to how he is trained. When we are ready we must have a compulsory law in all our Gulf and South Atlantic states.

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—D. C. Mitchell. Kerrs, Arkansas, reports the death
of sister Luvenia Nickens, on February 26. She was sixty-
three years of age, and left three children, one being Rev.
D. L. Nickens, of Los Angeles, California. Her husband
died seven months ago. They were both devout Christians.

THREE WAYS TO AID THE PLEA

One is the one adopted by R. H. Davis, Martinsville,
VA., who sends in every now and then, a subscription, and
says that he will secure twenty-five for us before he stops.

Another, is the plan of the Bible school at New London,
Mo., which takes the PLEA for sister Alice Litcher, one of
the good members there, and also takes the "Life of Jacob
Kenoly," and puts it in the school library.

Another, is that of the Bible school at the Southern
Christian Institute. Every term, there is provision made
for a special fund, which is to be used for some good mis-

sionary purpose. This time, all the money was used to pay
subscriptions for one year to members of their Teacher
training classes, who have gone out into the world. What
better way is there of advancing the cause?

Combat The Monster Consumption

One of the things that the National Negro Health Week,
is intended to do is to spread information concerning how
it is possible to keep from having consumption. For long
it was supposed that consumption was inherited and incurable.
It is now found that this is not true. Consumption is
a disease that is acquired.

It is hoped, therefore, that in connection with Health
Week, special meetings will be held in every locality at which
physicians and other competent persons will instruct the
the people how to combat this scourge of the race.

600,000 NEGROES OF PRESENT POPULATION WILL DIE
FROM CONSUMPTION.

It is estimated that of the ten million Negroes now liv-
ing in the United States, six hundred thousand, or sixteen out
of every one hundred, will die of consumption. On the other
hand, it is estimated that one-fourth of these six hundred
thousand persons, or one hundred and fifty thousand, can
by means of preventive methods be saved.

Help Us Save This 150,000

Many things are necessary to overcome this monster,
for consumption is a disease of poverty and is spread by bad
houses, insanitary methods of life, carelessness and excess.
But of all things that help to overcome consumption, nothing
is so important as abundant fresh air. Do you sleep
in a room where you keep the windows tightly closed in cold
weather? Do you keep out fresh air because it may "chill"
you? Do you work in a room or shop where the air cannot
enter? If so, you are hazarding your life and inviting death.
Open your windows and keep them open at all times, especially
during the hours of sleep! If you have not cover enough
to keep you warm in cold weather, save money and buy it,
for ample cover, permitting you to sleep with your windows
open, will do more for your good health than all the medicine
you buy. If you want to live, and keep from having
consumption, live with your windows opened!

Booker T. Washington, President, National Negro Business
League.

Tuskegee Inst., Ala.

"O tender Christ, bless thou this year!
Bless its dawn, and bless
Its noontide and its evening, Lord,
And let each heart confess
As days and months and years go by
To help the year grow old,
That of thy glory, King of kings,
The half has not been told.

NO TIME FOR COMPROMISE

W. R. Simmons

The time has not yet come for us to sheath the polemic sword. The battles that are to be fought are hard and many. There is no use compromising with denominations or denominationalism. There is one body, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and to add is sin, and to take away is to destroy.

We must force our way with the sword. We must rally the divided forces of God into one body, under one name one, banner led by Christ. Why be a follower of Christ and wear other than his name? Is Christ divided? Is his name, many? Christ proved that his believers should be one. Paul taught that there be no division among them.

Bloomington, Ill.

"COME ON, BOYS!"

Nicholasville church has raised and sent one hundred dollars Educational money for Central Institute in Kentucky, this is our assessment. We were no more able to pay it, than any other church is to pay its apportionment. Some gave who needed bread, some in destitute circumstances, a few perhaps, gave "out of their abundance.

Taken as a whole, all did well, and as Colonel Roosevelt reported that memorable charge up San Juan Hill, "the colored troops fought nobly." We are looking for God's special blessings upon this good church and people who reach so high a round at a single bound. If I had time to write a book on "the history of this hundred dollars," it would be worth while. The work of it has helped me more than any others.

Come on BOYS! no use sulking in your tent. Your may think your assessment rather high. but I am sure some was too small. Then, you know it was the small band that God used to help Gideon put the Midanites out of business.

COME ON BOYS! "Show the pluck of your Daddy." Our fathers gave their lives for this cause. Every inch of the road is made sacred by the sacrifice they made. Remember the lesson of the talents. Use what you have. He that hath used, shall be given more that he may have plenty, but from him that hath not used, shall be taken away even what he seemed to have or thought he had."

"How much owest thou my Lord?" Just as well "come across wid it."

As corresponding secretary, I'm trying to do my duty. I've written the churches and talked to all I have met. This is the day of doing. Spending opinions don't worth much, unless you spend your money. Every number of the PLEA saddens my heart when I fail to see any more church reports of educational money.

COME ON BOYS, COME ON! We thank God for Prof. P. H. Moss's good Sunday school work in Kentucky. We know the Lord sent him. "Thanky Jesus." Kentucky schools have caught the vision and are rising. I have attended three institutes he held in Kentucky. His whole heart is in his work. Then he has business principles and good Christian bearing. Every place will want him back. We are so glad to have him in our home here. There is true missionary fire burning in his heart. No better man could have been found. Let us help God to bless his labor.

Yours, wondering why the BOYS DON'T COME ON!

C. H. Dickerson.

RIP VAN WINKLE.

Mrs. C. A. Berry.

We have all heard the story of Rip Van Winkle, who loved his beer too well, who fell asleep in the Catskill Mountains on a hunting expedition, who slept twenty years and when he awoke was unconscious of the time fled by. Not with standing the stock had rotted from his gun-barrel, and not with standing the skeleton of his dog lay by him all bleached, and his own hair had grown white and as long as his body, he went back to his old village, but it had forgotten him, and the people which once knew him, knew him no more; and such were the changes that he knew them not. Family, friends, and all whom he had known had passed away. He had slept too long and his sleep had thrown him twenty years behind the times.

So thousands sleep to-day, upon all questions of progressive development.

There are a few people in our country yet who have never seen a rail road or a locomotive. We call these people far behind but to my mind, the man who is persuading himself that all missionary work is a fraud, is farther still than these. I venture to say, they are worse behind the times than any other man in the world. We have them by the score. They do not believe in conventions and boards and man-sent Missionaries, not believe in giving one penny for the heathen. He persuades himself that boards and Missionaries are stealing the money raised for them; and that God does not bless these methods. He reads the Bible in vain which says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He pays no heed to the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

The picture of the helpless heathen often comes before him. He is a great believer in sound and visions, but this is a sound he pays no heed, and a vision he banishes from his sight. He has slept too long and his sleep has thrown him far behind. He does not know that the greatest movement of the present century is Missions.

The world has been some time opening the gates of the nations to the gospel, and they are rapidly softening under its light. "Knowledge is covering the earth as the waters cover the sea." Thousands of young men and women are ready to follow in the foot-steps of the great Missionaries, Jacob Kenoly, Livingston, Stanely and others. They are only waiting for the charge "go."

Woe to Rip Van Winkle who still shuts his eyes and cries! He had better have a millstone tied about his neck and be cast into the sea.

Nicholasville, Ky.

OLAR SOUTH CAROLINA

Three Mile Creek

We are still going on. We have paid to minster, \$39.25 and for other expenses, \$44.72. total, 83.97. We have started a school at Mathew Shady side, near Olar. We are getting along nicely and are planning an Easter exercise on the fourth of April. A. L. Brabham is superintendent. We extend a most cordial invitation to all.

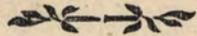
On February 20, brother Hammon Grant departed this life leaving a wife, five daughters and nine sons. He was a devoted Christian and a most faithful member of the church.

A. L. Brabham, Clerk.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



WE WEPT WHEN JACOB DIED.

(In memory of Jacob Kenoly.)

Where shall we go, what shall we do?
From whom shall we some kindness seek?
How can we check our flowing tears
When Teacher lies beneath the deep?

He went away at early dawn
Some food to find to feed his poor,
How little we thought that our dear friend,
Was going away to come no more!

O thou ferocious blinding sea,
Why hast thou thus deprived us so?
O thou swift current of the lake,
Why shouldst thou cause our tears to flow!

Our Teacher dear was all we had,
He was our comfort and our joy
He was our brother and our light—
Our friend? Our brother and our all.

O night with superstition blind,
Alas! Alas! We are thy prey!
For he is gone to come no more,
Who turned our darkness into day.

Good bye, good bye, thou selfless man,
Tis finished, yes thy race is run;
Thy love for heathen has secured
For thee a crown beyond the sun.

Lord shall we ever meet him in
The land of rest where spirits dwell,
Or shall we miss the road he took
And seek the things that lead to hell

Send thou a light for us O God,
To lead us to the pearly Gate,
Or lest we linger on the way
And knock for entrance when too late.

America, thou Christian land;
To thee we turn our tearful eye;
We perish for the love of Christ,
Come over and help us or we die.

Shall we in thee some refuge find
To save us from the awful plight?
Will you not lend a helping hand
To turn our darkness into light?

This poem was written by one who was with Jacob Kenoly when he drowned. H. d.

C. W. B. M. QUARTERLY MEETING.

Our first quarterly meeting was held with the Forest Grove Church, near Pattison Mississippi.

The weather prevented a meeting on the regular day, so it was postponed till the third Sunday in January, and we are glad to report a good meeting. The Holy spirit was with us, and that to bless.

Mrs. V. A. Jones, through great difficulty was able to be present, and presided at the Sunday morning session in the absence of the president. She presided with dignity and efficiency.

Mr. Brown and I were delayed on account of the storm, but when we arrived, a warm dinner was waiting us, though it was after the dinner hour. Our stay that night at the home of brother Green West, was a most pleasant one.

Sunday morning's session began on time. Rev. Smothers, the pastor, deserves a great deal of credit for his faithful work among the people and for the excellent preparation he had made for the sessions.

We had one addition to the C. W. B. M. band of workers, Mrs. A. B. Allison, who had her name placed on the list of workers, and she gave us cause to rejoice over her earnestness to do real work for the cause. We were sorry to come to the time when we must sing "God be with you," and go.

We are trying to sow deep the seeds of the Kingdom in the hearts of the people, and are leaving the increase with God.

Our collection amounted to \$6.60, of this amount \$1.50 was for educational purposes.

Our next place of meeting is at Union Hill Church, the third Sunday in March. We hope that we may have another good meeting.

At our last meeting we had a good address from brother A. C. Brown, that we have asked the committee to place him on the program for the next meeting. You will miss some thing not to hear him.

Let all remember the meeting on March 20, 21, at Union Hill Church.

M. J. Brown.

ROSA V. BROWN AT ARDMORE, OKLA.

Miss Rosa Brown visited our church and Auxiliary on Feb. 22 and 23, and did great good for us. She brought home to us the responsibility of missions to such a degree that I am sure the slothful were awakened. At the close of her talk, one of the sisters, Laura Wright, united with the Auxiliary, saying that she could see clearly what C. W. B. M. is doing, and that she is now ready to work through this instrumentality, for the Master.

As I sat and listened to Miss Brown, I thought of the two men on the way to Emmaus, who said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked?" Certainly all our hearts burned within us as we listened, and he talked to us of our duty, through the lips of our sister.

I hope that the time may soon come when the family of Christians may see the vision of a great work, and unite our efforts in the work of carrying the message to the world. Do you really want to help? Then tithe. Tithe your thoughts, talents, time, talk, and ambitions. Even though you cannot give money, you can give at least a tenth of these to the Lord. God does not hold us by any arbitrary power, but by the transforming power of his love.

We were greatly helped by the visit of sister Brown. May the Lord continue with her.

Bessie L. Austin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

The weather during the entire month of February was almost ideal. Every one thinks it was the best for several years.

The first four days of March were very bright, the buds on trees and rose bushes were all waking from their winter sleep. On Friday night the weather decided to change its attitude.

Prof. J. H. Thomas and his boys have been busy during the the last two weeks beautifying the campus. They are putting posts and soon will run a wire fence around the truck-garden area. Mondays are busy days for M. C. I. folks.

The Basket-ball outfit of the Smith Literary Society arrived a few weeks ago. The girls and teachers have been enjoying some splendid games. Miss Moss' side has been the winning side thus far. There is plenty of room for competition.

While the girls are enjoying their game of Basket-ball, the boys are enthused over their base ball game. Prof. Davis seems to enjoy the exercise very much playing with the boys.

Our Y. W. C. A. has been making steady progress. From nine members we have grown to nearly twenty five. We are hoping to surpass that mark ere long.

Our topic for the past two weeks was the life of Booker Washington. All seemed to be delighted in discussing the marvelous progress of this slave boy of fifty one years ago.

"The crowd is only at the base, boy.

"There is plenty of room at the top."

Elder R. H. Davis is planning to start a revival service with the Fayette St. Christian Church the third Sunday in March.

We ask the prayers of Christians for God's blessing that some good may be accomplished in this needy field.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Prof. T. B. Frost and girls put out a bushel of onions a few days ago and are anxiously waiting for two other bushels to come, that have been ordered. This means plenty of onions for the boys and girls if they do well.

Prof. Frost and boys are very busy getting some land ready to put out fruit trees, berries, etc., sent to us by one of our white friends. We appreciate them very much.

We want to thank our friends through the columns of the Gospel Plea for the clothing and other things sent us since the burning of Texas Hall.

The teacher and students of the J. C. I. are rejoicing over Z. H. Howard of Edwards Miss. to join them in the great work they are striving to do. Prof. Howard is a graduate of the S. C. I. where he has been working since he finished his school course. He comes to take charge of the saw mill, which will soon be in operation. We are sure, with some ten or twelve years of experience, he will make good.

We were glad to welcome on the campus J. B. Lehman, the President of the S. C. I., Edwards Miss., who spoke for us Tuesday night, March 2. The good things he said will ever be remembered.

President Evin is now in Dallas and Ft. Worth on business for the school. We hope he will make good. I am sure our friends will rejoice with us to know we are again in doors. We moved into President Ervin's home Saturday Feb. 27. Here we shall have our quarters until the boy's dormitory is rebuilt.

Lonie Jackson, who has been a member of the Methodist Church took membership with the Christian Church here and will be baptized next Sunday.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE S. C. I.

EUGENE W. LEWIS.

When the Southern Christian Institute was established more than a quarter of a century ago, it was for the increase of Christian Education among the Negro race throughout the South. Little by little, it has grown, and now holds a permanent place in the center of the Negro Education. What it has done for the progress for the Negro race during the past twenty-five years and for the spreading of civilization and Christianity will not be as the house which was built on the sand, but will be forever lasting, on the "solid rock," and all who have come in touch with the Southern Christian Institute, could not have gone from here without a greater vision to press on in this great battle which is calling for better prepared men and women to face the foe.

The call for better prepared men and women to take the places as leaders in this great struggle of helping to uplift the fallen ones, to get them to see and understand how much it will mean to those who will come after us. The call is being made daily, and now the question is how can we answer it? In all things and questions there are two sides and so it is with this. The call can only be answered by those who "have stuck to their task" and prepared themselves to do the work which is awaiting. I think if some of us would stop and think of those who have received training at the Southern Christian Institute and what they are doing and the responsibilities that are resting upon them, I am sure that you would say "this institution has played and is still playing a wonderful part in helping to raise the standard to a higher plane physically, morally, intellectually and spiritually.

To me there is nothing—nothing—more powerful, more impressive than the influence of many good people. If it is influence for good then we will reach the good end, so the results will be bad if we are under bad influence. We as a race, are more industrious than our forefathers because of the present and of the condition, of present environments. So as time moves on, these continual changes taking place and we cannot tell what change the next decade will bring forth. As a colored race throughout the south our duty is, to use the present time and in every way to get the most out of it so as to help those who are idly spending their precious time, and in this way we will play a good part in helping to prepare the way for those who are to come after us.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

In conformity with a proclamation of the Negro Business League for the observance of Health week, President Lehman preached on health at Institute church last Sunday. He gave the address one week early because Mrs. Lula G. Smith is to give an address on her work in Africa next Sunday.

Edna Picou, of Louisiana has entered school for the Spring term.

Miss Reed, our Music School Teacher, received a telegram from her home in Kansas stating that her mother had suffered a stroke of paralysis and she left immediately for her bedside. She is not expecting to return. Her work will be carried forward by others as well as possible till commencement.

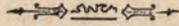
Mr. Anderson Hardwich, south of Edwards, drove sixteen miles last Monday morning to get two settings of Rhode Island Red eggs from the Institute Poultry Yards. We are glad to note the interest the people everywhere are taking in improving their flocks.

All at the School were sorry that Miss Reed had to leave, and especially on such a sad mission. We hope she will find her mother much improved when she arrives.

Elder K. R. Brown, state evangelist, preached at the Institute Church Tuesday night, March 16. Brother Brown, is always a welcomed visitor upon the campus.

S. C. I. March 17.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For April 4.

SECOND QUARTER.

Judges to Second Kings, with Prophets

LESSON I APRIL 4

Saul Rejected by the Lord

I Sam. 15.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Behold to obey is better than sacrifice.—I Samuel, 15:22.

TIME. Twenty-fifth year of Saul's reign about 381 years after the entrance into Canaan under Joshua.

PLACE. "Samuel's home was at Ramah, north or north-west of Jerusalem. Samuel met Saul at Gilgal, a religious and military center between Jericho and Jordan."

Some have found the climax verse of the Old Testament in our Golden Text. Samuel uttered a great truth which marks him as a leader of thought and a man of courage. Slain beasts, altars and temples were numerous, but he dared to suggest that the religion of the heart is the vital thing.

I. HALF WAY OBEDIENCE. Samuel had the sense of a great calamity that was to overtake Saul and because of his anxiety he commanded him to destroy the Amalekites. The Amalekites were Israel's enemies. They had made war against Israel from generation to generation. They also combined with others who opposed Israel and now the Lord thru Samuel bids Saul to entirely destroy them.

How did Saul set about the destruction of the Amalekites? **V. 4.** What act of mercy did Saul perform before attacking the Amalekites? He warned the Kenites. These people were descended from Abraham and connected with Moses.

What were the reasons for saving Agag and the best of the animals? Why did God want the Amalekites and their possessions entirely destroyed? It would be an example to other tribes that were harming the chosen people, and to prevent any remnant from growing again into hostile power.

II. Saul's excuse for his sin. What did God tell Samuel about Saul? That he had "turned back from following me"—He had not performed the express command of the Lord. How can God repent of what he has done? "Man's repentance implies a change of mind, God's a change of circumstances and relations. He has not changed but is ever the same; it is man that has changed in his position relatively to God."—Eidersheim.

How did Samuel receive this word from God? It grieved Samuel—literally. "It kindled in Samuel." He was all on fire with intense anguish. He cried unto the Lord all night "It was Saul, the manly, superb king that brought such grief to Samuel. Samuel had anointed him. He expected much of him. Now he is sorely disappointed. Divine sentence is passed upon him. Samuel had deep and tender feeling for the king, and wept for him.

If Samuel had been like Saul how would he have regarded this message from God. He feared to displease the king and stayed at home, or "said Saul is joined to his idols; let him alone." But Samuel did not leave evil alone. Some people think it best to say nothing, to do nothing to remain neutral when a great moral question arises. Is that right?

In what hypocritical way did Saul greet Samuel? v. 13

With what sharp question did Samuel answer Saul? The bleating sheep and lowing oxen made answer. They were evidences of Saul's unfaithfulness. Sin proclaims itself. You say you do not drink too much. What say the eyes and trembling hand. You say cigarettes do no harm. Look at the stunted growth, dull mind, and loss of desire for any good thing.

You say you are Christian. What mean these scores of things left undone—evidences of unfaithfulness.

What four excuses did Saul make?

1. That the people did it; "We have utterly destroyed." Adam in the garden of Eden put the sin on his wife.
2. That only the best of the sheep were spared. Saul did not want to be wasteful. Judas did not want to waste ointment on the Lord. Saul thought he knew better than the Lord. Let us learn a lesson.
3. That the sheep were spared to sacrifice. "It was a duty to sacrifice but sacrifice must not be offered upon disobedience.
4. That "we had utterly destroyed all the rest. What kingdoms do we like Samuel lose thru disobedience? Our happiness in life is our hope of eternal life.

D. R. B.

LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY.

Our Sunday School moves smoothly on. We had a splendid corps of teachers. Each class is doing its very best to out do the other. Collection for the month of February \$3.03 Attendance 104. Our school and teachers have been greatly benefited after having had the honor of hearing the most inspiring enthusiastic and far reaching address given to us by Prof. P. H. Moss. On the 4, of March the grim reaper of death robbed us of a teacher, the death of whom the entire school feels to be a loss.

Allen Cooper, Supt.

Gladys Brayboy, Secretary.

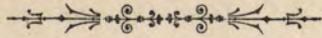
MR. STERLING, KENTUCKY.

We had Prof. P. H. Moss with us from February 20th to the 24th. He held us a great Institute, and we were greatly benefited and our Bible school has taken on new life. We will soon be a front Rank school. We had one or two points already. Robert M. Hopkins, the National Bible School secretary (white), was with us one Sunday, and spoke very highly of the work of Brother Moss, whom the American Christian Missionary Society had employed to stir up the work among the Colored Christian Churches of America. He gave us much good instruction and encouragement. We highly appreciate the work that is being done among us by the white brethren. We ought to show this appreciation by at least paying the travelling expenses of Brother Moss. Certainly he is the man for the place, and its destined to put new life in every department. We have an organized school, and a live one, but when Prof. Moss got through with us, we saw that we were more alive than ever. We have an excellent superintendent in the person of Miss Susan Brown. She will do all she can to forward the work. She is untiring in her efforts.

Brother Hopkins gave us a great sermon the day he was with us. Brother Moss gave us a great one at the evening service, so we had a high day in Zion Sunday, February 21. Our school gave an offering of ten dollars to the work of Brother Moss.

W. H. Brown.

FIELD REPORTS



LOUISVILLE KY.

We are well pleased with the enlargement of our paper (The GOSPEL PLEA) and will continue to take it. Our Church is doing fairly well under present conditions.

The Sunday School is doing excellent work with Brother C. M. Roach as Superintendent. The C. W. B. M. has begun to raise its \$40. for the School fund; we had our first rally the second of February and raised \$8.50. A good deal of interest is being manifested in the Christian Endeavor Society with Brother Williams Owens as President. Our good Pastor is with us during the week and preaches on second and fourth Lord's day and at Lawrenceburg the first and third Lord's day. The congregation there has raised \$19.50 of the \$75 for the school.

Brother P. H. Moss the N. F. Secretary was with us and did us quite a deal of good. His instruction is being put into practice.

Our pastor will leave today March 2 for Lawrenceburg to join Bro. P. H. Moss, who will be in an institute there beginning March 3.

Maggie L. Burnell.

STUART, VIRGINIA, ITEMS.

The church here, is doing a great work and is getting on nicely.

Miss Ardelia M. Thompson the teacher of our public school, has been of great benefit to us in our Sunday School prayer services. She has also organized a choir and the members attend practice regularly and are doing nicely. The Sunday school is getting along fine. We have now begun practise for our Easter program.

Mrs. Annie Rucker, has been sick for several days but is improving now, and able to be out again.

Misses Thompson and Rucker made a pleasant trip to Martinsville Saturday of last week, they report a grand time.

Glad to report that the Christian Ophanage is getting on nicely under the management of the new Superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barkley. They seem to like it and to enjoy farm life.

We are planning to have a grand school commencement, the 20, 21st of April, and are expecting Rev. R. H. Davis of Martinsville, to deliver an educational address on the occasion.

(Miss) Lois V. Rucker, secretary.
Rev. R. L. Peters, Pastor.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Our work moves along nicely here. Sunday school, pray-meeting, Lady's Aid Society are growing in interest. Since we have come, two have "gone home" and two have come home.

W. M. Simmons.

A TRIBUTE

In October, 1913, I entered the Louisville Christian Bible School. There I came in contact with the man who in many respects I consider to be a model. He is W. H. Dickerson. He is one of the most devoted men, in the cause of humanity, that I ever met.

The training which I received from him, is being put to use in Hampton Institute. He taught me to see the good side of things and to see the blessedness of service.

I am training myself for the Christian ministry. This is certainly a great field for service as there is not a Christian church near here.

Andrew I. Terrell.

TENNESSEE EVANGELIST.

Began a ten days' meeting in Savannah, February 17. Meeting conducted in the auditorium of the public school. Good attendance throughout, and best attention given.

During the meeting we were honored by the presence of Hon. J. E. DeFord, a white business man and consecrated Christian, of the city. He would give us a short talk which was always appreciated. He gave a fine set of church pews to this struggling congregation.

The closing Sunday was a high day. A boat load from the new work at Holtsville came to be with us, and their choir united with this one. The music was fine. Dinner was served to all. About seventy-five were fed.

At 2:30, Elder Buckley, of the White Christian church, preached a sermon on "Evidence of Pardon," which was most highly appreciated. Altogether were five added, this brings our membership up to sixty-one, with sixty in the Bible school.

We hope to have to visit us this year, Dr. J. B. Lehman, Dr. Preston Taylor, Miss Ida, singer and organist, of Nashville, Prof. P. H. Moss, our National Sunday school man, and Miss Rosa V. Brown, National field worker for the C. W. B. M., all to visit our work in Hardin county.

W. P. Martin, Evangelist.

LATOUCHE AT PARIS, TEXAS

Though I have not written to the GOSPEL PLEA for some time yet I am in line with all the work. I read all the reports of the successes of the brethren with much pleasure. "For likewise joy shall be in heaven over the one sinner that repenteth than over the ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance." Brethren, I feel that it is our great solemn duty to go out and constrain sinners to come into the fold. I am young in the Gospel, but my whole heart is in the work of the ministry. We have had no revival since I have taken charge here, but we have had five added at regular services up to last Lord's day. Some of these were taken in during a two weeks' visit of brother William Alphin with us, and during his visit we persuaded him to preach for us. His sermons were stirring ones. His subjects were, "The Holy Spirit," "Speaking in tongues," and "Sanctification." He chose these subjects in order to set some right who had been misled or were about to be misled, by some very erroneous teachings on these subjects.

We are now planning big things for the spring and summer. Have been much hindered by the weather but will get busy and catch up with all lines of work.

R. E. Latouche, pastor.

EASTER

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE DAY

Texas

William Alphin.

Easter is the first Sunday in April. We have had the entire Missionary year in which to keep this matter before the Texas churches and friends.

Easter has been our rally day for the Texas School for ten years. Some of the time the school was in promise, some of the times in preparation, but now it is in fact and operation, but yet in preparation for greater things.

This is good and perfectly reasonable ground to judge loyalty of each Christian preacher, pastor, member, churches and officers, Bible schools and superintendent, and C. E. societies and Presidents and Auxiliary members, to the Texas school by their action on the Easter rally day. Our action will surely show our loyalty and faithfulness to the school more than what we have said, or will say. The need for necessary equipment for the school has been great since its beginning. But since the burning of Texas Hall our best building with all its furniture for boys, the chapel and class room furniture including all of President Ervin's large and valuable library, the need is more than doubly great this year. Surely these must appeal to the pastors, churches and friends in Texas as never before. From our view point the burning of Texas Hall was a great blow to our young school; but President Ervin, Supt. Frost, Principal Berry and their co-laborers sent the message over the wires and news papers they would stand by the work and strive the harder for a greater J. C. I. Sister Frost wrote "It makes me sick to look toward the spot where Texas Hall stood." They have stayed by the work and somehow (to save us, we know not) they have conducted the school through this, the most difficult winter in many years. Where should all our preachers, pastors and churches with all their departments stand on Easter in the rally for this school? The answer is plain. As a religious people we can not afford to stand otherwise than loyally by the work that means and stands for as much in the hands of such devoted people. All who know of the real condition of J. C. I. now, also know it is truly and strictly "up to" the Texas churches and friends this year. As laborers together with God we are equal to the test.

With our knowledge of the Texas preachers and churches that are cooperating with the State Convention, we feel sure that if we preachers and church officials would lead the churches, fire them with the importance and greatness of the work, and their individual and collective Christian responsibility as churches of a religious body; then clear every thing out of the way on Easter from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. and make it entirely an all-day rally, we could easily raise Five hundred dollars.

Would it not be well for our pastors and officers to set a certain amount for their church to raise, set it high and ask each member to give a certain sum, and get in behind it and raise it. Brethren again we beg you to give the entire day, on all the church departments in rallying for the J. C. I. The churches in the convention, by their representatives have said they would do this. They did not say they would observe Easter for State Missions and the J. C. I.; or Janitor and light bill and the J. C. I.; but observe Easter as J. C. I. rally day. Should we lead the people contrary to their promise? We think not. If for any cause we are guilty.

The churches in Texas did little for Education on

Sunday before Thanksgiving. We claim the financial depression was upon us in the fall. As the amount we raise in our Easter rally for J. C. I. will be used at the J. C. I., and also counted in the Jubilee Fund, we can partially at least redeem our record for the Jubilee Fund. We are righteously called upon to make and lead our people into making a great sacrifice on Easter. Give the Easter rally and the J. C. I. a square deal. Serve the Easter rally, and J. C. I. on Easter, brother pastors, just as you would like for the officers and church to serve you, on a day set apart for a rally for the pastor. If we will do this the rally for J. C. I. will surely take higher ground this year. Urge the officers and members to put their church in the front rank in this rally. Our local problems and burdens will surely become greater, as the years go by if we do not lead the churches in supporting our schools that are preparing preachers and workers and disseminating Christian education and efficient service in the church.

The best and most accurate financial report we have in several years of the work of the state convention shows we raised more than Twelve hundred dollars for missions and education last year. Yet we are sure that all we raised is not included in the report. Our state educational committee, this year will look after the educational collections and all money for education, and we want them to report at the 1915 convention, one thousand dollars for education. We hope you have and will continue to receive earnest appeals and clear instruction from this committee from now until Easter and then until sitting of the convention. As stated above the amount the Texas churches raised for General Education was small. Some must make each effort for the Easter Rally and for education count well up to the convention to reach one thousand dollars. We should make a campaign that should reach every member in the church. If so we can raise the one thousand this year. According to the agreed fellowship in the convention we have a perfect right to expect each pastor and his church and all its departments to observe the Easter rally day fully.

Now brethren, with some of us we just will not report our collections promptly. If we are not satisfied with the first effort and expect to raise more send what you raise and then send more when you raise it and it will be credited to your Church just the same at your request. Your prompt report will encourage and help in many ways. Our real experience has taught us it is a dangerous thing to keep money raised for education and missions lying around in the local treasury of the church. We are persuaded that other pastors and officers have had the same experience. It ought not to insult a clerk or treasurer, or pastor for that matter, to ask him has the money been sent and have the receipt read to the church. If it should be an insult, then it is absolutely wise to see if it has, and that it is done. We all should make our reports promptly as the committee may instruct by April 15. Brethren, not one of our pastors, churches or members should fail to help liberally and promptly this year. We are depending on each other.

Grant us Lord, such an increase of faith, that we may go forth at thy command, content to trust Thee though the way to us may seem dark. Give us strength to break every tie that holds us from thy ways and inspire us with that faith which over comes the world. Amen.

Waco, Texas.



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HELPFUL TO ALL

An Appeal.

THIS week we want to make an appeal to those white Christian men and women whom God has prospered with enough of this world's goods to enable them to serve others. You love the cause of the Master and you would not knowingly pass by any opportunity to advance that.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions assumed the responsibility of the Educational and Evangelistic work among the Negroes. This was small when their feet were led to it; requiring in the neighborhood of six thousand dollars annually. They could not possibly have comprehended the largeness of the task they were undertaking at this time. But, as is always the case, God gave them to see only the borderland of the great fields beyond. He knows our frailty and he leads us on a step at a time so we will be more competent when the largeness of the task dawns on us.

The very circumstances of the work conspired to make it important and great. This is due to two important facts

(1) The Disciples of Christ have never divided into North and South, nor has there ever been an organic separation between Negro and White Churches. This has enabled them to do a work in which the Christian people of the North and South could fully co-operate, and in which the Negro Christians could participate. As the greatness of the work unfolds itself we begin to wonder more and more whether we have not come to the Kingdom for this very purpose. Great has been our work in the foreign field, great has been our work in planting churches in all the land, great has been our benevolent and educational efforts, but we wonder whether we will not find the very holiest of our holy grails in saving our American Christian civilization in one of its most critical epochs. Unless the South, with one-third of its population Negro, is given the aid of the right kind of leadership among the Negroes, the fate of Mexico is absolutely certain to be ours before the next half century passes. The danger is not in race clashes, but degeneracy in which the lower elements of all races will become the tools of designing politicians and factional leaders. A church divided into "North" and "South" can never cope with the situation as we have it here.

(2) The Disciples of Christ, whether by design, or by accident, or by Providence we know not, have undertaken a work quite distinct from all others. There are many other industrial schools besides ours, and many of them are far better equipped than ours; there are many other religious schools and many of them are as earnest as we; there are many other collegiate institutions besides ours, and many of them are doing better work than we are; but none of them have quite the type of work we have. We have made the development of the religious instinct first, all others subordinate to it. The majority of our young people earn their way through school and they stay with us the whole year,

through a period of from three to eight years. There can be no better work planned to prepare good leaders, than this. It puts the proper motive behind all the industrial and literary work that makes for the development of the kind of character that counts in the advancement of the kingdom.

The results of this work are more gratifying as the years go by. New friends are rising up every where, who are enthusiastic for it. Six years ago, Col. W. A. Montgomery, now trustee of the Mississippi penitentiary, wrote the following commendatory words:

"Several of your Northern friends who are contributing to your institution have asked me for a candid expression of opinion as to the work of your college or school, and its influence upon the Negroes of the community; and it affords me great pleasure to give you a synopsis of what I have expressed to them elsewhere.

I am a Southern man, an old Confederate soldier, and have had a farm near the institution ever since its organization; besides I am a practising attorney at Edwards, a town within one and a half miles from it, and I am in a position to know as much as any one as to the good or bad effects upon the community that may have been exerted.

In the first place I was prejudiced against it, in common with most of my neighbors. We thought it would be the cause of much trouble, and make Negroes insolent and disrespectful to the Whites of the community; but I am glad to say that, after years of observation, it is generally conceded that we have the best set of Negroes around Edwards that the Southern country affords. They are the most prosperous, the most intelligent, and the most respectful of any I know. For one I want to say that your institution has had as much to do in bringing about this result as any other cause that is known to me. Those who have come under its influence as pupils, and have gone out into our community, are much the best of our colored farmers, as well as citizens. They have a higher regard for their contracts and obligations; they set better examples of morality, and are NEVER IN THE COURTS.

You are doing a good work, and I would commend the Institute to the favor of those who know nothing of it; its friends should be satisfied."

But this work is expensive. To carry this on to full success will cost much more than to build purely industrial schools, or purely literary schools. The task is great and to carry it on as it should be carried, takes great fortitude and patience and a Christian co-operation of all these elements in the problem, the North, the South, and the Negro. It is right here that we want to make an appeal. It will be impossible for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions with its multitudinous enterprises, to get enough money from its fixed channels, to meet the imperative demands of this work. If these demands are met, inside of ten years the expenditure in this field must be two hundred thousand dollars annually. We have nearly eight hundred churches among the Negroes of America. Many of these have outgrown the capacity of the untrained and illiterate leaders who now minister to them. We must give them more competent men and women as leaders, or they will disappear from the face of the earth.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

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—T. R. Everett, for some time a pastor at Spring
 field, Ohio, has taken the work at Louisville, Ky. He
 leaves a good church in a good condition.

—D. P. Wright, who has been wintering at Grand
 Bay, Alabama, has returned with his wife to Mt. Carmel,
 Illinois. The PLEA will follow them.

—C. H. Dickerson, of Nicholasville, Kentucky, is in a
 fine meeting with the church at Hagerstown, Md., and
 is under orders from his brother, W. H. Dickerson, to "talk
 up the PLEA." Needless to say, he will obey.

—R. T. Matlock, Arkansas Evangelist, has recently
 made a trip to Howard and Hempstead counties. He has
 spent much time advising the people how to raise things
 on which to live. There is a great change coming over
 the entire South, and the ministers and evangelists can do
 much to aid the people.

—Prof. T. L. Feeney, Oxford, Ohio, in sending fifteen
 dollars for the Educational work, writes to Superintendent
 J. B. Lehman, as follows: "I remember with appreciation
 of your courtesy, the pleasant and instructive stay at your
 home a year ago. I have taken great pleasure in making
 clear to some people the sense and energy you are putting
 into the cause of Negro education.

—Elder. M. T. Brown, Taylor, Texas, reports the sad
 news of the death of sister Lucinda Hatchess who was
 the wife of one of the oldest members of Murphy street
 Christian Church. Her funeral was conducted by the writer
 and she was buried on Friday, March 19. She left a large
 family and a host of friends.

—Brother Brown also wants to know how long our
 special offer for clubs of subscribers to the PLEA, will stand.
 Will say for his benefit and that of others, that the offers
 will stand for any reasonable time, or just as long as the
 friends of the PLEA feel interested enough to take ad-
 vantage of it.

—Next week begins the second story in the series,
 "How I went to the bad." This time it is a girl telling the
 sad story of her fall. All will be interested in it. It will
 probably run for four issues.

—President J. N. Ervin, of Jarvis Christian Institute
 has reported seven subscriptions to the GOSPEL PLEA in
 the last sixty days. We appreciate such favors.

Think on These Things.

"And Jehovah sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and
 utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight
 against them until they be consumed." 1. Sam. 15:18.

King Agag and the Amalekites had many years before,
 given the children of Israel trouble on their way up out of
 Egypt, and God through Samuel, told them to kill men,
 children, infants, sheep, camels and all the cattle. This was a
 severe order, it came from God, and it must be obeyed. God
 has reasons sometimes, that we cannot see, all of which
 he does not tell, or show to us. A weakness of Saul was, he
 could not obey orders from a higher power.

He thought he knew better than God, but God says his
 thoughts are higher than man's thoughts. (Isa. 55:9) It was
 a time when good sheep and cattle were used as burnt sac-
 rifice on the altar, but God did not want sacrifice, he wanted
 obedience—an obedience that would put away sin—the worst
 thing in the world. The life of Saul is one of the saddest
 recorded in history. With great opportunities and the best
 of counsel and advice, his life ended in shame and utter
 disgrace. But honors make bad men and women worse.

God's message to Saul, in many ways, is to us to day.
 Sin and sinners are in the world, and they are giving trouble
 to God's people, and hindering the progress of every worthy
 and life-saving enterprise. Our orders from God are to slay
 sin, not by killing as Saul was told to do, for that was at
 different age from the one in which we now live.

But we are to slay sin by standing by and supporting
 our good preachers and evangelists and our Home and For-
 eign Missionaries; by giving liberal support to our Church
 schools and colleges; by giving our boys and girls to these
 schools, that they may early in life, learn the great lessons
 that make men and women that God can use. For of what
 value is any man or woman, to himself, herself, or anybody
 else, if God cannot use them? Paul says, "we are not our
 own," 1. Cor. 6:19, 20. There are opportunities to work while
 it is day, the night soon comes when no one can work. A
 good and successful life is not to be measured, altogether
 by how many years we have lived, but rather, by the un-
 selfish service we have rendered to God and our fellowman.

W. H. Dickerson.

AN APPEAL.

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But it is not to these churches alone that we must minister. The fate of a nation appeals to us for help. The Negro race must learn to do efficient agricultural work to redeem the old wornout fields; they must become efficient producers of wealth, and not destroyers of wealth, as many are now. We appeal to you, ye Christian men and women of the north and south; whom God has blessed with enough of this world's goods to supply your needs and to have some to spare for good causes, to come to our rescue with gifts of from one hundred dollars to ten thousand dollars. We have demonstrated to you what we can do with a moiety of the means we should have had. You, with us, have taken a just pride in what we have achieved. We want your fellowship in the larger things just before us. We are willing to make any reasonable sacrifice, but there are things we cannot do without the gifts you can make.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has asked me to raise a fund from such special gifts to aid the work. This I send promptly to headquarters and it is voted to the various school as most needed. This enables us to publish it in the GOSPEL PLEA, so that all who are interested in the great work may know what is being done.

And now again we appeal to you. God has given you houses and lands and graneries bursting out, and these you long to transmit to your children, but if you neglect a work that has for its purpose the saving of a civilization what good will these things do your children? If, on the other hand, you help us to induct a race of ten millions into the sacred work of missions and benevolence, so they will become our truest allies in all our highest endeavors, how your children's children will revere your memory! Some of you will give large gifts for Africa, but will flout our work. If our Savior were here he would say, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." The fate of their hearthstones and family altars is involved in the success of our work. We imagine we can hear the cry of unborn children's children pleading with you to stand true in this crisis in the work of the church.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS.

C. E. CRAGGETT.

"The beasts became more and more, and men became less and less till Author came."

The study of history reveals the facts of an upward and downward movement of nations, races and tribes, according to their leaders.

Like the pendulum of a clock, a people swings from one great person of one age to another great person of another age,

We might watch the imperial pendulum, and see it swing from Abraham to David, from David to Cyrus from Cyrus to Xerxes, from Xerxes to Hannibal, from Hannibal to Caesar, from Caesar to Alaric, from Alaric to Charlemagne, and so on we might watch it swing in the imperial world on down to Abraham Lincoln, the hero of the civil war. These are all great powers that rise up just in time to save a people from some terrible calamity and to lead the same to a glorious victory. So there must be in every land in every hamlet that person and that voice that are to lift up a people, and lead them on to higher ground.

No people have ever succeeded in going up without the proper influences directed by some person or set of

persons. And it seldom happens that a number of persons will all form the same idea at the same time, and all begin to agitate it at the same time. But as a general rule it applies to individuals to form and agitate the influence that lift up. Communities, cities and counties can and will degenerate without any particular personal influence to agitate it; and without a great voice to cry out against wrong, naturally people will sink lower and lower in the slough of immorality and degeneracy without knowing from where they have fallen. But if that same people will rise from that state of deterioration, there must be some great influence of right exercised by some great person or persons. A voice must necessarily be raised to abhor the wrong, and establish the right. There must be a continual agitation of right in order that we may be able to keep our selves upon the level of good society.

How soon did the goodly number of the descendants of Ham, after going down into Africa, drift into heathenism, barbarism and cannibalism! All because there was no one to agitate the right principles of life among them.

Very different, indeed, would be the scenes of that benighted continent; richer would be the dwellers, and happier would be the homes of those who inhabit that land, if only the voice of right could have been at all times their companion.

"Beasts will become more and men will become less and less," unless there be some one to lift up his voice against the evils that are common to man. The lowliest hut of the earth requires some strong personality to direct the affairs, and to guide the household upward; and in every home there should be a controlling power extended by one of thought and character that will make better the condition of homes. Be it father, mother, son daughter, the influential one should be there, and heeded.

The children of parents who have given them all the advantages of good training in schools and colleges, on returning home, should not hesitate on setting in order the things that are lacking in the home and community. Some times we see things going wrong in the home, in the community and in the church, and hesitate to use our influences against the wrongs because we fear we will have to fight alone. But we forget that all movements, small or great, were set in motion by, or through individuals.

It was not a committee on commerce that opened up the way for commerce between the interior of dark Africa and the outside world, it was David Livingston.

It was not an organized geographical committee that formed the idea of the earth's roundness, in so doing discovered America; it was Columbus.

It was not a school board or a board of education, that set in motion the machinery of science and philosophy; it was Aristotle.

It was not a parliament of England that set up the Irish "Home Rule," that brake the bonds of oppression and discontentment; it was Mr. Gladstone.

It was not the socialist party that bombarded the prisons, and brought about prison reform; it was Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare.

It was not an abolition party that loosed the shackles of slavery, and set four million blacks free; it was Abraham Lincoln.

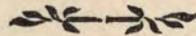
It was not a missionary society that waded into the heart of India, to break down the powers of heathenism; which powers were shaken through the preaching of the gospel; it was Carey.

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



ROSA BROWN AT TOPEKA.

We are very glad to report the visit of Miss Rosa V. Brown, C. W. B. M. field worker, with us from March 10 to 15. We were very glad to have such consecrated worker as this, to come in our midst to help us realize our responsibility of evangelizing the world. We find in sister Brown that personality that should be in every one who is going out to labor for Christ, and for the good of humanity. And that is, she has absorbed a goodly portion of the vital things of life, and is able to impart them to others. She has a great vision, and is able to work herself right into the hearts of those with whom she comes in contact. God help her to live long, and continue her work.

I constantly urge the members to subscribe for the PLEA. Several have promised to do so.

C. E. Craggett.

MISSISSIPPI STATE ORGANIZER

I want to say something about our C. W. B. M. quarterly meeting held at Union Hill March 20, 21. The Saturday meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. M. J. Brown in the chair. Remarks were made by Elder K. R. Brown, Brethren C. Wilson, A. Foster, Newton Brown and others. All made good talks, and we feel that better work will result.

Sunday morning Sunday school was in charge of Mrs. V. A. Jones. Short talks were made by Brother Anthony Williams and others. An address was given by Mrs. M. J. Brown, which was a most excellent talk. Elder C. K. James preached a splendid sermon, and best of all, when call was made for new members, he enrolled. We feel proud of that step, and wish that all preachers might take an equal interest in the work.

Our meeting was a success from start to finish. Our secretary will likely tell all about it through the PLEA. Our next meeting will be held at Christian Chapel, in Port Gibson, the third Saturday and Sunday in June. We will also have a "twenty-five cents" rally at Hermanville, the second Sunday in May. We are planning for Conference now, and earnestly ask that each Auxiliary send a delegate, and not less than one dollar. We also ask that each church take up the Educational collection before the Conference. Union Hill expects to take hers the third Sunday in April. We hope each one will do what he can in this collection. Six months more, and the C. W. B. M. Convention will be here and will be held in Jackson this time. We want to make a better report, but to do that, we must give more money.

Sarah S. Blackburn,
State Organizer.

A LETTER TO WOMEN.

My Dear Sisters: I have a secret to tell you. I have been wondering for some time if I should write about it, or if I should just go on enjoying it all to myself. It has always been a help to me when a friend would open her heart and let me share her secret joys or sorrows, and so I am going to tell you of mine. It is this: I have found it really possible for the busy mother to belong to that sweet inner circle, the 'Volunteer Prayer Band.'

For a long time I have secretly liked the Sunday quiet hour—not as some of you, who can have a quiet hour for study or prayer whenever you want it, for there is never a whole hour in any day, with these rollicking boys and girls of mine, that is quiet. But some time during the Sunday evening hour I found a quiet moment, even in the midst of confusion, when the Father and I were alone. Have you never learned that the secret place, His Holy Temple, is your own heart? And that your soul can hide there for sweet communion with Him no matter where you are? I am glad He taught us this, for really it would be as conspicuous for me to separate myself from my family a whole hour to pray as it was for the Pharisee to seek the street corner or the house top.

When the call came from Headquarters for a daily prayer hour at such a busy time, I said to myself those dear women do not realize what they are asking. If they had asked for daily prayer for missions, that would have gone right along with our daily family worship, but why so hard a task? When our President called for volunteers, I made up my mind I would try it alone before I reported, and, do you know, it was almost three weeks before I thought of it a single time at the right hour. But one morning it came to me as the clock struck nine, and with it the feeling that I must be outdoors where my soul would have room. I could not be confined by walls. I slipped out into the arbor, and as I looked up through the leaves into the beautiful blue sky the Father listened as I told Him of my great desire to serve Him by being a loving and wise mother, ready for any sacrifice, that His love might be carried to the whole world.

The hard task became a delight and I have never forgotten it a single morning since. I cannot always slip out to the arbor, and perhaps if I step into the next room a boyish voice will ring out, "Mother, where is my ball?" but I can answer him from where I am and hardly realize an interruption. For isn't there a prayer in my heart for that precious boy every moment anyway? Or perhaps the baby girl will hurt herself and I must go, for isn't it my mission in life just now to care for these little ones?

And so the busy day goes on as I think of the great sisterhood with the Marys who sit at the Master's feet and learn of Him how to plan for the world work that is before us, and the Marthas, who are so busy in ministering to His little ones that they may become reapers in His harvest. Is the one privilege any sweeter or more sacred than the other?

The night comes on. My loved ones are sleeping all about me. My sturdy boys have laid aside their gun and sword and are resting as brave soldiers should, but the little mothers have their dollies close clasped in their arms. As I look at them all I see the possibilities before them and the sweet thrill of motherhood is the blessed reward for the cares of the day. The father, worn out with his heavy load of anxiety in providing for these and ministering to others, sleeps peacefully, and all is rest and quiet. I look out of my window up into the beautiful starry sky and my heart sings out as the sentinel, "All's well!" The clock strikes ten. The day is finished and so is my hour of prayer. Lovingly,

SISTER MARTHA.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Prof. Yates, our county agricultural man, called at the Institute last Friday. He now rides in a fine new auto.

Prof. Jones of Campbell College came along with the Campbell ball boys last Friday. His visit was greatly enjoyed.

The white schools of the county musical literary and athletic contest was held in Edwards last Thursday and Friday. Several of our teachers took dinner under the trees on the school grounds of the Edwards High School. A number of the teachers also attended the various Contests. There was a large number of visitors present, who spoke very highly of the entertainment accorded by our townspeople.

All the teachers who had a birthday during March were given a party at Allison Hall Tuesday night, March 30. Mr. Prout, Mrs. Mahin, Mr. Vandivier, Mrs. Lehman; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, were the favored ones. Each had a hand in cutting the cake. The party will long be remembered as a very pleasant affair.

The Campbell College boys of Jackson played our boys on our diamond last Friday and Saturday. Everything went Campbell's way. They were a little too swift for our boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright on their way from Grand Bay, Ala. to Illinois stopped off to see their daughter, Mrs. Prout and family. They have visited a number of times here and are always welcome.

S. C. I. March 31, 1915.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Summer is coming and spring time is here. Why? Because the campus is putting on her carpet of green and the spring birds are singing merrily in the trees.

The farm boys are busy all this week planting cane, they have planted about fifteen hundred of plants Sugar cane, aside from a lot of Japanese cane we have.

The principal is ill and has been for several days.

The Sunday school pupils gave a nice social in the Chapel Friday night March 19, to raise money for our Sunday School Convention, which will be March 27 and 28.

We are busy practicing our Easter program for April 4. The Teacher Training Class is preparing for examination very soon.

Our boys continue to play match games of base ball. Look out boys you will be tagged after while.

We are planing for our general exercise to be held May 6. We want you to be here and witness our program.

The panic is compelled to leave here. I have been here nearly eight years and I have seen more new hog pens and pastures and gardens here lately than ever before. That means to stop buying meat and other things that can be raised at home, with less expense.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The J. C. I. Sunday school has again been divided into their five classes and each class is full of life. Our enrollment up to date is sixty. When we stop and think just two years ago we had only about twelve in our school, we can truly say we are making some progress.

President Ervin bought a heavy pair of mules for hauling logs for saw-mill and other heavy work. This gives two teams and wagons at the J. C. I. and puts us in a position to carry on our farming and saw-mill work.

Profs. Frost, Howard and work boys are making good use of these beautiful spring days. They have put out one acre of

onions, one of Irish potatoes, fifteen acres of corn, and making ready other land for corn, garden-seeds of many kinds planted . . . eyes on the foundation for saw-mill. They are in hope of complimenting the J. C. I. folks and its community with some little "toots" in a short time.

The teachers and students are making ready for our closing, which will be May the sixth and seventh. We want to encourage all the preachers to meet the ministerial meeting which is to be held here during the school closing.

After Sunday school, March the 21st. at eleven o'clock President J. N. Ervin preached a fine sermon . . . Text, "Thou art the Christ" Matthew, 16:16. Theme . . . "Faith."

We have never listened to a greater, or more logical sermon given by any one.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. Ida Hall of Taylor, Texas on our Campus, March 24-25. Mrs. Hall has a girl in school here. She is one of our strong workers at Taylor. We were glad to have her words of encouragement in our Prayer meeting Wednesday night. While here, through President Ervin she took two subscriptions for the GOSPEL PLEA; one for self and another for Mrs. Arah William, her sister. Come again Mrs. Hall, we are always glad to have our friends come.

To encourage our young folks to get in line with the great movement that Dr. Booker T. Washington is advocating, Pres. Ervin offered prizes to the boys and girls who would have the cleanest and the neatest room. Having made this known to the boys and girls three or four days before the inspectors came you may know what happened. Hurry! Hurrah! "They'll be around Saturday at four o'clock," was the song. Promptly at four o'clock the faculty began their inspection, when they had finished the prizes went to those whose names are here given:--Room No. 9- Forest Hall, Anna Mary Stratton and Ninna Fuller; room No. 7 and 8 President Ervin's home. . . . Leland and Mack Ervin. These prizes were given by President Ervin and Prof. Frost. Clean up week, which was introduced by our thoughtful president has created great interest among our boys and girls.

Special program and rally will be observed at Jarvis Christian Institute on Easter Sunday. Let all the people of Texas do their level best on Easter Sunday. Help the National Board, which is doing so much for the school.

C. A. Berry.

ENTERED INTO LIFE.

By Telephone March, 6, I was called to Louisville Ky. to preach, March, 8, the funeral of Sister Eva A. King who died March 4, in Cincinnati, Ohio, from Acute Indigestion. She was 23 years, old, and was baptized into Christ at the early age of 11 years. She was the daughter of W. Nolan King, an elder of the Third Christian Church, Louisville, and Nola C. King, Secretary of the Kentucky C. W. B. M.

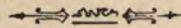
Sister Eva would have graduated next year from Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. On account of her health, she remained out of school this year to take a rest..

She was a faithful Christian, with a sweet and lovable disposition, and while her pastor for more than three years, I never saw her in ill humor. Perhaps seven hundred people attended her funeral. She was secretary of the Kentucky State Sunday School Convention.

Whatever Solomon may have meant when he said, "Better is the day of death, than the day of one's birth," (Eccl. 7:1.) let us say that truly sister Eva's best day on earth was March 4, 1915, when the Master called her to the rest that remains for the people of God.

C. H. Dickerson.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For April 18.

THE SHEPHERD PSALM.—Psalm 23.

TIME:—The Psalm was written in David's youth or at the time he was king. The earlier date would be about 1075 and the later about 1050 B. C.

THE PLACE:—It was written at Bethlehem or Jerusalem.

OUTLINE OF THE LESSON.

- I. How David became a poet.
- II. The Book of Psalms.
- III. The Shepherd Psalm.
 - V. 1 My Shepherd
 - V. 2 My Food
 - V. 3 My Path
 - V. 4 My Safety
 - V. 5 My Pleasure
 - V. 6 My Future.

INTRODUCTION:—David is the author of the greater number of the Psalms. He was writing these Psalms all thru his life. In early life he gathered the material that entered into them. With experience and age he was able to put it into form for religious use. At this period in the history of the chosen people is a fitting time to study the Psalms and especially to consider the Shepherd Psalm, a favorite of so many who read from the sweet singer of Israel.

HOW DAVID BECAME A POET:—His surroundings were favorable to a poetic nature. He lived where much of the history of his people was made. The story of Ruth, the lives of the patriarchs, the story of Caleb and Samson, the rugged hills, the deep ravines and all mysteries of nature, would naturally enter his mind.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

The Old Testament was summed up under the three names, the Law, the Prophets and Psalms.

The Psalms are filled with thanksgiving and joy. Even tho at times there is a wail of sorrow and cry for help, there is the note of hope and the heart breaks forth in praise. "Praise God" is the the central theme. The psalms are much used for public expression of praise and prayer. Many of the beautiful passages have been treasured up in the hearts of worshippers.

III. THE SHEPHERD PSALM.

1. How does this psalm rank among the world's poems? "It is the sweetest of all the Psalms, first learned, oftenest repeated, and longest remembered." Barton. It is called the "Pearl of the Psalms," "a little Bible," "a stepladder" a Nightingale among the Psalms.

2. Who wrote it? There are those who believe it is the work of an aged man. Others say it the work of a young man, and that it was written by David just after his anointing by Samuel. Principal Fairbairn says that David was a man from whom it might most fitly come.

3. **MY SHEPHERD.** How is the Lord like a shepherd? (1) He bought me. (2) He feeds me. (3) He leads me—Robertson.

4. What is the result? We shall not want for food, for grace, for forgiveness, for a welcome to the king's inheritance. A girl who was serving in a family was asked if she were happy in the family and with beaming face she said, "O yes sir; I have a \$110 a year and all found. I shall not want."

MY FOOD v.2. What food and drink does the shepherd provide for the sheep? Green pastures or literally a grassy

homestead. The drink is from still waters, not swift flowing streams where sheep are in danger. Sheep are timid and fear the current. This is a picture of bappiness. The green pastures are God's word for the sheep of the Good Shepherd, Prayer, good and noble books, and many things which have been provided as means of grace.

MY PATH v. How does the good Shepherd restore our souls? The eastern sheep were torn by the briars and rocks. The shepherd hastens to them with his horn of olive and cedar tar and annoints the wound. Christ uses the word of a friend, the life of a saint, the hymn, His own comforting words. The righteous follow in his footsteps.

He leads thru the valley of deep darkness, "the gloomy ravine." We need fear no evil, not even death for the Psalmist says it is a shadow and has no substance. Here the good Shepherd promises, goodness and mercy all the days of life and for the future a dwelling in the Lord's house. Contrast the dwelling place of the two. Commit to memory this beautiful Psalm.

P. H. MOSS, FIELD SECRETARY.

(Report continued from last week.)

HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, 10, 11.

I arrived in Hopkinsville, Wednesday noon, where I met my old-time friend, Elder J. E. Anderson; he has the same zeal for the good work, and he has more than that—he has a good wife to help him push on this great cause. When we knew each other twelve years ago, neither of us had found the much needed "helpmate." Brother Anderson struggles in a hard field, one that has been greatly neglected, but for all that, this man of God still has confidence in Pim who can turn a raven into a dove, and cause iron to swim.

We spent two nights with his school workers. Just as soon as he can better organize things, he is going to have a good Bible school, I was cared for in the home of brother and sister Anderson. They made all very nice for me. Offering was taken to the amount of \$2.00. We are looking for this place, under the leadership of this good pastor, to take the "forward step." This is our motto, you know.

LOUISVILLE 12-16.

Here we met three in one. I believe we can call this a Sunday school Rally. The three churches came together in this three days' Institute which was conducted in the church at 16 and Chestnut streets. The pastors, Elders Dickerson, Allen and Robertson, had well-arranged for a great Institute. From the start, each worker came as one going to school, with note book and pencil in hand. They came for the purpose of being helped, and asked questions about things they did not understand.

When the clock pointed to 7:30, Prof. W. H. Dickerson announced the first song. We had with us one night, the state Superintendent and wife and the state Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Frazee, and Mr. Roadrock. They had expressions of good-will for the workers.

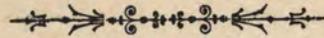
The Superintendent promised to read with their workers, Hurlbut's book on Organizing and building up the Sunday school, and to organize each a Teacher-training class. We shall expect great things of the great city of Louisville, and will not be disappointed. The schools paid all my expenses while there, and I was pleasantly entertained in the Y. M. C. A.

LEXINGTON, 17--19.

On my arrival, the pastor, William Martin, met me at the station, and took me to his own home: while I was there he spared no efforts to make my stay enjoyable. I am indeed

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FIELD REPORTS



TENNESSEE EVANGELIST

Our service Lord's Day, Holtsville, Tenn. March the 7th was the very best in every respect. Our Lord's Day school at Holtsville is a live wire. Prof. D. C. Crowder, the efficient superintendent, is making great endeavor to make the school the best.

Adult Teacher, Elder J. W. Holt, Jr.

Primary Teacher, Mrs. Anna Holt.

Card Teacher, Mrs. Anna Crowder.

Sec'y. Mr. Troy Holt. All are doing their best and are interested in their work. The Bible Reading is every Lord's Day evening.

Mrs. Anna Crowder, President, is adding much to the spiritual work of the Church. This church is only four months old. One added Sunday; membership 65. They are now beginning to think about building a good brick building. They are able to do it.

Elder J. W. Holt is the pioneer of the work at Holtsville, and as a business man, and financier, one of the leading men in Hardin Co. He started the contributions for the new church, by giving \$100.00 then says "Come on boys, we must build the house." Hardin Co. is stirred up with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

W. P. Martin, Evangelist.

Holtsville.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

"Through the GOSPEL PLEA, tell the brotherhood what you are doing for God, the people and yourself."

The above is from one of our representative brethren from Kentucky. In compliance with the request I will say that because of certain conditions born of past negligence I meet hereculean hindrances in endeavoring to do much for the above trinity. By the help of God and the cooperation of the faithful we have survived the severe panic and war stricken winter. The spring dawns upon us with new hopes and aspirations. I believe this is one of the hardest fields in all our brotherhood. With faith in God and his word I believe it can be cultivated.

Since I have been on the ground we have enjoyed the hospitality and generosity of the Christian white people of Bloomington and ere long there will be a perennial income from the Illinois Christian Missionary Society. This will furnish a base from which we can stir other points in the great state of Illinois. Should not Illinois be placed upon the map of our Colored Disciples?

The most hopeful sign of the work here is the Bible School. In the near future our school will challenge Nicholasville and Paducah in interest, attendance, and collection. Our motto is "Every member in the Bible School." We are planning for a training class and also to do graded work.

In our small membership we have an encouraging corps of splendid women. The only organization at present among them is the Ladies' Aid Society. To this society is a juvenile department. In addition to lifting many of the Church's responsibilities, garments are being made and will be sold for the benefit of the church. It will only be a short time till we will organize a C. W. B. M.

Time and space would fail us were we to tell of our men and boys; they will furnish the topic for another article.

As to the Church proper, we have a splendid pebble-dashed building with basement and kitchen. Our basement and kitchen offer an advantage over other churches of the city in having socials and entertainments. There is a heavy debt hanging over the church. Areoplane like, it will come to earth at the discharge of our artillery. Two have been added to the saved, a splendid woman and young man. The latter will enter the ministry. He has preached once for us. He shows promise.

We wish to head off President Lehman, Sec'y Moss and Miss Brown, our national workers, and have them come this way.

We appreciate the news the PLEA brings of the bombardment of our friends. Everett and Cowan of Ohio. Martin and Watson of Kentucky, Craggett of Kansas, Mitchell of Texas, Cephas of S. Carolina. Tate of Tennessee, and others too many to mention. O God speed them on!

Once to every man and nation comes

the moment to decide,

Some great cause, God's new Messiah
offering each the bloom or blight,

Parts the goats upon the left hand, and
the sheep upon the right,

And the choice goes on for ever 'twixt that
darkness and that light.

W. M. Simmons.

CALVERT'S LETTER.

I am indeed thankful to our kind Heavenly Father for blessing me with a reasonable portion of health, and for the exalted privilege of being a partner with Him in the redemption of mankind. Never before was there a time like this to spread abroad the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is the solution of all problems. All the world is astir as at no previous period. Whole nations are in peril. Their people are like passengers shipwrecked. They are swimming and grabbing at every thing they see floating. Now is the time to throw to all the world a Gospel life line. Christian people must show the grandeur and unselfishness of their holy faith by giving and doing more for the cause of right.

To bring about the desired results we must be true to the Book of books. This was the slogan of the fathers. Paul was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. The constant prayer of our Lord was that he might do the will of his Father. The will of the Father is in the Book. The Bible is the way bill from earth to heaven, therefore one must know and obey its contents in order to be saved. Men are not responsible for the Gospel until they hear it. "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16: 15-16.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. This is the reason I labor so hard to have men know the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

In obedience to the Great Commission, the fourth Sunday of February, found the writer with the Forest Grove Christian Church. The inclemency of the weather kept a good many away from the Church, nevertheless we had a good service. Elder W. Smothers, a Christian gentleman and broad hearted preacher of the Gospel, willingly turned the services over into our hands and told us to help ourselves.

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P. H. Moss Field Secretary.

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grateful. On the night of the seventeenth we were greeted by a large audience. High interest seemed to run through the Institute from beginning to end.

The time register showed twenty-five persons present from 7:30 to 8:00. Many more came in after the opening hour. We had with us Mrs. Barr, the Superintendent of Cradle Roll (white). She urged schools to look after the babies.

The superintendent and workers will read the book by Hurlbut, and organize the Teacher Training class. The offering was \$3.25. As the pastor here is a young man, full of ambition, we look to see great things in the Lexington Sunday school.

Mt. STERLING, 20--24.

Elder W. H. Brown, the pastor, met me and in his fatherly way, made me comfortable and welcome. I was entertained at the home of Mrs. Sarah Botts. Nothing was lacking to make me comfortable while there.

Sunday morning I walked into a school that has high regard for punctuality. The school record showed an attendance of 116. Robert M. Hopkins, General Bible School Secretary, came from Cincinnati, Ohio, to be with us. He preached at eleven, and in the afternoon, he returned with other workers from the white church and took part in the proceedings.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights we conducted an Institute which was largely attended, and in which great interest was manifested. Time register shows 74 present from 7:30 to 8 at which hour the record was closed.

Offering of ten dollars was taken. Mt. Sterling leads the Kentucky churches in offering. They will organize a teacher training class, and read the Hurlbut book, on organizing and building up the Sunday school. The school, with Mrs. W. H. Brown as superintendent, has many points of the Front Rank Bible School. I think that this school will join hands with Paducah school, and together, as twin sisters, will strive for the gold seal in the "six-point" star of the Front Rank school.

MILLERSBURG, 25--26.

Here met another warm hearted pastor and people. My train was late, and I had to hurry to be at the service on time, but when I reached the church, I found them all ready for me. At no time during the Institute did I have to wait. They were always on time. Time register shows 46 present from 7:30 to 8:00. A fine interest was manifest at all services. Offerings amounted to \$2 77. Will organize a class in training for service, and also read Hurlbut's book. Brother Jackson, the pastor, is a front-Rank man and that is what makes a Front-Rank school. Millersburg will be there.

NICHOLASVILLE, Feb. 27, 28, March 1.

Brother Dickerson, the pastor, was a great help to me in planning my itinerary through the entire state. He had so carefully planned it, that there was no back-tracking or repeating. He was with me two nights in Lexington, and was much help. We were not at all surprised to find a good school at Nicholasville, for its pastor is a man who plans well his work and works well his plans. Some how, he has a knack of getting the older people interested in the Sunday school. Men and women, with the frosts of many winters upon their heads yet had eternal springtime in their hearts.

This school will join in the chase for the gold seal in the six-point star of the Front Rank school. The eyes of all the Kentucky schools seem to be centered on Nicholasville. Time Register shows 71 persons present between 7:30 and 8. Offer-

ing amounted to \$4.00. I was most delightfully entertained in the home of the pastor and his good wife. This school, with its workers already reading the book on organizing and building up the Sunday school, and with its reorganized training class, will soon come up to the full measure.

Other work done in the state of Kentucky will be reported as for March, for we borrowed one week from March to finish here.

Yours for better Schools,
P. H. Moss.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

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It was not the Christian Woman's Board of Missions that crossed the Atlantic, and directed the planting of the flag of truth in Liberia, Africa; it was Jacob Kenoly.

And so on we might continue to name movement after movement with their individual agitators. Can we think of any movement, act or invention without thinking of him who made it possible? For instance we think of Buddhism, and we have Sakya-Mauni, whose title was Buddha, its founder. Think of Confucianism, and we have Confucius. Think of Mohammedanism, and we have Mohammed. Think of Christian Science, and we have Mary Baker Eddy. Think of Christianity, and we have Christ. Think of the printing press, and we have John Gurtenberg. Think of electricity, and we have Franklin. Think of the steam-engine, and we have James Watts.

Every movement had its beginning, and that beginning was somewhere in a wilderness waiting to be ushered out by some personality.

We too often hesitate upon the brink of service, and there wait to be reinforced from Heaven and earth, before we feel that we should enter the wilderness, and take up the cry against wrongs.

Very often one is convinced of certain wrongs that have infested the community and church, but he dare not speak against them; for he feels that if he does, he will be put down as out of date and unpopular. So he stands by and watches the church and community drift with the tide far out upon the sea of destruction without lifting his voice. On and on they will drift until some one of power comes to destroy the beasts and lift up the fallen.

KANSAS.

Kansas is giving us a brand of weather that we seldom get at this time of year. We had the greatest snow storm of the season last Wednesday and Thursday; so severe was the storm that it was necessary to postpone the Convention of the third District, which was to have met at Emporia on the 5th inst.

We have not decided just when we will hold the Convention but hardly think it will be till the weather is settled.

Altho the weather was inclement sister Rosa V. Brown put in her appearance on schedule time, and was prepared to fill her place on the program.

She met the sisters of the Emporia Church Monday afternoon, and had a general meeting for the public Monday evening. We think her visit will be of great benefit to the Church at Emporia.

She arrived in Topeka Wednesday afternoon, March 10, and remained until the sixteenth, from Topeka she went to Atchison and Kansas City. We are very favorably impressed with Sister Brown, and feel that the churches will do her and themselves injustice should they fail to cooperate with her.

Now is the time for us to show our interest by doing, not by talking.

B. C. Duke.



THE GOSPEL PLEA



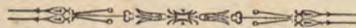
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HELPFUL TO ALL



Another Appeal

Last week we made an appeal to those white Christian people whom God has blessed with some of this world's goods. This week we want to appeal to those Negro Christians whom God has prospered with more of this world's goods than they need for their own maintenance.

God and man measure people by the use they are to mankind. Unfortunate indeed is the man who knows no higher mission in life than to clamor for the things he feels he should have. We toss the beggar a dime because we feel he is unfortunate, but the beggar thereby loses all influence as a member of society. The man who becomes useful in some way to society gains in favor with God and man. The people discover his worth and they are drawn to him as the child is drawn to its mother.

We are now entering upon an age when the truly great must earn their greatness by serving their fellowmen. Thirty years ago book agents sold books telling of the ten richest men in America, and they had an enormous sale, for the rich were admired. Now, such books would not sell at all. The Rockefellers and Carnegies must earn their places by serving. They must supply the needs of society. Some years ago books telling of the achievements of prosperous Negroes sold well, but these books are not sold now. The Negro, too, must earn his place by serving the needs of society.

There are in every state and in every county, and almost in every community, Negroes who have been prospered far beyond their own needs. Some of these have almost a fortune. But so far only a few have learned the lesson of service in the cause of mankind. Brother Preston Taylor has led off with the magnificent gift of five thousand dollars and he proposes to follow this up with still larger gifts. In many of the states we have men who should belong to the class of large givers, but whose hearts have not been opened to the larger vision. Four years ago four men in Texas stood out and promised one hundred dollars each but so far they have not made this troth to the people's cause good. This is partly due to the fact that our state conventions have not been really spiritual meetings; for when there is ill temper and recriminations and hatred, the spirit of God can not be. When they come in at the door the spirit of God goes out.

But whatever has been the cause of the non-action of the men of means in the past, we are sure the day has come when these men must act or there will be great loss to the kingdom. There are twenty men in Kentucky who can, without a particle of injury to their business, if the vision comes, give a hundred dollars each. Some few of these give five hundred dollars each. There are probably as many in Texas. There are some in all the states. This year special effort should be put forth to reach these. How can this be done? It can be done only by giving these men a vision. They will not give simply for the asking. Who

can give the vision? This is hard to answer. The preacher, if he is a man of vision and has a clean heart, is the man to do it. What pastor will be the first to bring forth a large giving member? If the Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has women in it that have a true vision, it can give the well-to-do man a vision. The GOSPEL PLEA will aid you. The Missionary TIDINGS also is a powerful agency to give a vision. If these men can be induced to visit one of our schools or the Workers' Conference they will reach their own vision.

The need is great. All our schools are only to the place where they can see how large a work they can do. They are not equipped for good work. Let us name them one by one.

THE JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. Three years ago that section of land was a dense forest, Brother and sister Frost went there and literally hewed out a school from the wilderness. Later they were joined by Prof. Berry and last fall Prof. J. N. Ervin, an experienced school man from Johnson City, Tennessee, took charge. If now they can have the means they will become one of the powerful influences in Texas for human advancement. They are working hard. Will you stand by them?

THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. Two years ago the school building was enlarged and this began to reveal to the Alabama Christians what they really have. But the Alabama school must now go forward. God has shown us the great ripe harvest. We must now help the reapers to reap it. Prof. Franklin has won the greatest respect and esteem of all the people about them.

MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. Prof. Thomas has conducted a good, clean school and thereby has won a place in the community that opens up great opportunities. The Martinsville school is in the swarming period when new equipment and facilities are needed. The Virginia and North Carolina Churches are just awakening to the opportunity.

THE TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. Prof. H. D. Griffin undertook this work when it was exceedingly difficult, and he has won the highest esteem from the town and whole community. To make the work what it should be we must now expend much money.

THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. This school is yet in the birth throes, but in all the Kentucky churches prayers go up for it and contributions are made. Consecrated money is the great need for that work.

THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. This our oldest school located in the center of the Gulf States, has won for itself a place in the hearts of all the people. Its work is strategic and we need the most earnest prayers and cooperation of all of you that we may be enabled to do our great work.

Now will not all the Christian people everywhere help us to begin the larger Crusade in which all the men of means will have a part. Convert your prayer meetings into prayer meetings for the great Jubilee work. Help us to put the GOSPEL PLEA into every Christian home. Let the slogan be, Faithfulness to the great cause of the Master.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

Subscriptions Received:—

KENTUCKY: Mrs. M. L. Mead, Mrs. Emily Bowles.
 MISSOURI: Mrs. R. J. Payne.
 TENNESSEE: Mrs. Hattie Grigsby.
 VIRGINIA: Mrs. Mattie Burch.

—C. H. Dickerson, pastor at Nicholasville, Kentucky, is in
 a splendid meeting at Hagerstown, Maryland. He speaks
 very highly of the work at that place and its pastor, F. C.
 Cothran, as well as of the people. He expects to see Wash-
 ington D. C., on his way home. He is hustling for the PLEA.

—Mrs. Mary L. Mead, president of the Kentucky C. W. B. M.
 sends in twenty dollars to J. B. Lehman, Superintendent
 of Negro work, and adds: "Allow me to thank you for the
 inspiration that comes to me each week through the Help-
 ful To All page of the GREATER GOSPEL PLEA. I never
 read it without being benefitted."

—Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, of Palestine, Texas writes: "The
 students here, as well as myself and teachers, enjoy read-
 ing the PLEA. We would be at a loss without it. The
 work of the C. W. B. M. and the good that is being effec-
 ted, has created a profound interest here, in the minds of
 many who read the PLEA."

NOTICE TO MISSOURI CHURCHES

Owing to an illness it was necessary for the Gen-
 eral Field Worker, Miss Rose V. Brown, to defer her trip
 through Missouri exactly one week. We hope that the
 Missouri churches will take note of this and be prepared
 to receive her on the following dates: Blackwater, 5, 6;
 Higbee, 7, 8; Huntsville, 9, 10; Salisbury, 11, 12; Madison;
 13, 14; Hannibal, 15, 16; New London, 17, 18; Frankford,
 19, 20; Columbia, 21, 22; Fulton, 23, 24; Fulton, 23, 24;
 Jefferson City, 25, 26; Osage, 27, 28; St. Auburt, 29, 30;
 Chamois, May 1, 2; New Haven, May 3, 4; St. Louis, 5, 6

Program for the Exercises of Commencement Week and Workers' Conference

Sunday Morning, May 9, 9:30, Sunday School Commencement
 Sunday Morning, 11:00, Baccalaureate service.

Sunday Night, 7:30, special Program, Junior Christian
 Endeavor.

Monday Night, May 10, 8:00 Special Program, Night school
 Tuesday Morning, May 11, 9:30, Open session of Conference.

Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30, C. W. B. M. session, workers'
 Conference.

Tuesday Night, 8:00, Jubilee session, Workers' Conference.

Wednesday Morning, May 12, 8:30, Workers' Conference.

Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30, Annual Farmers Meeting.

Wednesday Evening, 5:00 to 6:00, Business session Worker's
 Conference, Y. W. C. A. Hall.

Wednesday Night, 8:00, Cantata, "Queen Esther."

Thursday Morning, May 13 8:30, Business session, C. W.
 B. M. in Y. W. C. A. Hall.

Thursday Forenoon, 10:00, Promotion Exercises.

Thursday Afternoon, 1:30, Graduation Exercises.

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Workers' Conference- Tuesday Forenoon.

9:30. Call to Order, J. B. Lehman, Presiding.
 Song. Scripture Reading, Prayer, Song.

9:45 Address of Welcome, Our Part of the World Task.
 Prof. D. R. Bebout.

10:05 Response, This one thing I do, Elder B. C. Calvert.

10:25 Response, Are We finding Ourselves? Miss Roxie
 C. Sneed.

Song and Prayer.

10:40 Words of Greeting, from Mrs J. A. Safley, Pres.
 Mississippi C. W. B. M. (white); Mrs; Terry King,
 Organizer, Texas C. W. B. M. (white); Mrs. Ida. V.
 Jarvis, (white) Ft. Worth, Texas.

11:30 Appointment of Committees Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick.
 Appointment of Committees, Elder K. R. Brown.

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C. W. B. M. Session, Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, Presiding.

Song, Scripture, Prayer, song.

1:45 Report and Address, Our Greater Work, Miss Rosa
 V. Brown, National Field Worker.

2:15 Report of the State Organizers. (Each Organizer will
 make her report in ten minutes or less) A Round Table.
 Discussion.

3:00 How Shall we interest and hold our Women Mrs. M.
 J. Brown;

3:10 How Shall we Reach our Girls? Mrs. Georgia Frank-
 lin;

3:20 How shall we Reach our children? Mrs. William Alphin.

3:30 Five three Minute addresses.

3:45 Address, Mrs. Josephine McDaniel Sterns, Correspond-
 ing Secretary National C. W. B. M.

4:15 Collection. Every Member and Visitor is expected to
 give one dollar or more.

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Jubilee Session, Workers' Conference.

Tuesday night

- 8:00 Elder K. R. Brown Presiding.
Devotional.
- 8:15 Report of Jubilee Fund and Address. President J. B. Lehman.
- 8:45 Song and Prayer.
Address, The Call of the new age. P. H. Moss, National Field Secretary for Sunday Schools.

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Workers' Conference, Wednesday Forenoon.

- 8:30 Elder K. R. Brown Presiding.
Devotional.
- 8:45 Report from Each State Represented.
- 9:45 Song and Prayer.
- 10:00 True Christian Education. Pres. J. N. Ervin.
- 10:30 Address, Elder Preston Taylor.
- 11:00 Report of the committee on Social Service.
- 11:15 Report of the committee on State Missions Problems
- 11:30 Collection Each member and Visitor is expected to give one dollar or more.

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Business Session Workers Conference.

- 5:00 K. R. Brown Presiding
Devotional
Election of officers.

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Business Session, Workers' Conference,
Thursday morning.

- 8:30 Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick. Presiding.
Short Devotional.
- 8:40 Unfinished Business.
- 9:00 Election of officers.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS RECEIVED

UP TO APRIL 1st, 1915.

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

Mississippi,	
Edwards, Mrs. Z. H. Howard, Alumni Fund,	2.00
Prof. Z. H. Howard, " "	2.00
Port Gibson, Miss Rosa V. Brown,	1.00
Arkansas,	
Cobbs, Account of Pea Ridge, George Moore,	5.00
Georgia,	
Oconee, Elder. W. H. Smith, Conference Fee,	5.00
Total this time,	15.00
Total this year,	340.79

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For Jarvis Christian Institute.

Waco, Texas, Church, Elder Fredric Mitchel,	3.75
Total this year,	185.42

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For Central Christian Institute,

London, Kentucky, Church, Elder W. H. Brown,	5.76
Louisville, Fourth District C. W. B. M. Con. Mrs Hattie A. M. Singleton,	5.00
Total this time,	10.76
Total this year,	262.01

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Fund Statement.

For General Education,	340.79
For Central Christian Institute,	262.01
For Jarvis Christian Institute,	185.42
For Alabama Christian Institute,	73.15
For Martinsville Christian Institute,	58.03

For Tennessee Christian Institute,	38.07
For Children's Day,	16.10
Total this year,	973.57
Total in Jubilee Fund,	5048.71
Amount yet needed to make \$20,000.00	14951.29

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The next thing on the program now is the Workers' Conference at the S. C. I. If all will work and pray for this meeting we will raise five hundred dollars then. The program of this meeting will appear in this issue. Workers' Conferences are also being organized at the Tennessee Christian Institute, and at the Jarvis Christian Institute. We urge all the Christian people to aid in these meetings. If you can attend, you should so. If you can not attend, you should send your contribution and remember the work continually in your most earnest prayers. If you send any money in to be put in the Conference collections, it will be kept till that time and reported with that fund. Georgia has already sent in its five dollars state representation fee. This fee will be expected from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Ohio. And we would be pleased if Indiana and Illinois would also come into the fellowship.

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

REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED
FROM FRIENDS OF THE WORK.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Eudora Foster.	\$4.48
Oelwien, Iowa, Mary E. Wood.	2.00
Eureka, Illinois, Mr. Mrs. H. A. Pierson, and daughter Myrta; to furnish Bath Room.	15.00
Oxford, Ohio, Prof. T. L. Feeney.	15.00
New Castle, Pennsylvania, Auxiliary, First Church.	
Sent by Mrs. Matie A. Sniff, to furnish a Room.	35.00
Total this time.	71.48
Total in this fund.	2742.30

The GOSPEL PLEA will go to a great many new readers this week. We especially appeal to them to carefully consider the work among the Negroes when they make their calculations for their contributions. When the Christian Woman's Board of Missions undertook the Negro work, they undertook a great task, far too great for their present resources. This work has never received large gifts, but many very handsome small gifts.

We are doing a work that is not only calculated to give salvation to a race, but it will save a civilization.

Send your contribution to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi, and it will be reported in the GOSPEL PLEA and sent to headquarters at Indianapolis Indiana.

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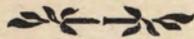
There was nothing grand or pretentious about the property. No arching gateway opening on a gracefully curving drive, for the very good reason that the only "fence" fronting it was the county road itself. There were fences on the place, to be sure, and in good repair; but only in spots where absolutely necessary—around the pasture, the hog-lot and the kitchen garden. For the rest, 80 acres in all, its boundary lines were about as apparent to the uninitiated as the longitude of a ship at sea.

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



Program for May

Topic: *The Open Country for Christ: Service for
Those Who can give Strong Service.*

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER—

That Christ may be preached in the Country places; that
the boys and girls of rural communities may dedicate
their lives to Christ.

For the Men and Millions Movement.

BIBLE STUDY—

The Children of the Bible; the Child Jesus.

UNITED MISSION STUDIES—

"The Child in the Midst."

"In Red Man's Land."

SUGGESTED BOOK FOR READING IN MAY—

Genesis.

Prayer and preparation will make a good meeting.

Hymn. Invocation. Hymn.

Bible reading: Matthew 6: 1-15.

Hymn. Season of Prayer.

Business period.

Roll-call. Respond to Roll-call by giving a missionary
item gleaned in reading.

Offering.

Talks on Mountain Work and Indian Work.

Review of Bible Study.

Review of Mission Study.

Special Music.

Recitation. Three short poems are given with these pro-
gram helps. One of these may be selected for a recitation.

Hidden answers.

SPECIAL HELPS FOR THE MEETING.

Leaflet: "Service for Those Who Can Give Strong
Service," price 2 cents.

Pictures: Two pictures of our workers, price 5 cents.

For fifty cents the pictures and leaflets for the meetings
of the year will be sent at one time.

Note.—Do not order sketches of our missionaries or
workers unless they are listed in the Catalogue of Publications
and Supplies.

Letter: Copy of a letter from a missionary, postage 2
cents. There is just one letter to be sent out for each month.
We can not grant requests for special letters.

Book: "The Trail of the American Indian," price 60
cents.

Look to the Hills!

We see some soul, more dear than life,
Sinking in waves of sin and strife,
Blown by the winds from our control,
Farther and farther from the goal;
What shall we do when hope is gone?
Look to the hills! Pray on! Pray on!

When in the hour of pain and grief
Our hearts, while longing for relief,
Are filled with dread lest on the morrow
Will come a deeper, keener sorrow—
What shall we do when strength is gone?
Look to the hills! Pray on! Pray on!

Though oft waiting time seems long,
Be patient. Sing a sweeter song.
God's time, His way, is always best.
Trust, fully trust, and leave the rest.
His promise stands. Bid doubt be gone?
Look to the hills! Pray on! Pray on!

IN RESPECT

—WHEREAS, God in His all wise Providence has taken our
dearly loved sister and earnest worker, our Secretary of
the Sunday School Convention, Sister Eva King—

WHEREAS Sister King was always loyal and zealous in
helping the Sunday school work, ever cheerful and willing
to do, and untiring in her efforts for good.

BE IT RESOLVED. That we the Sunday School of Little
Rock, Kentucky, extend our deepest sympathy to the family
in this their sad bereavement, and commend them to God,
who doeth all things well. While we do not now under-
stand, God is His own interpreter, and He will make it
plain.

BE IT RESOLVED That a copy of these resolutions be
sent to the family and published in the GOSPEL PLEA.

Committee:

C. W. Duncan, Supt.
B. F. Freeman
Omer Cunningham
B. F. Conway
L. A. Carr

A CORRECTION.

We have to make some corrections of a printed report
of the work done by Evangelist J. L. Wood, state evangelist
of South Carolina, in which the type made his report read
incorrectly, and we gladly make the correction, as follows:

Number days employed, 102, instead of 10 as printed.
Number of sermons and addresses, 18, instead of 1, as
printed. Miles traveled should read 1672, instead of 617, as
printed. Amount received from district Board should be
ninety-eight cents, instead of \$98. as printed.

The amount of our aim, is \$500 instead of \$20,000, as
printed.

We thank brother Wood for calling our attention to this.
We want all to feel free to tell us when mistakes occur, and
also when any failure is made to obtain the PLEA. Mistakes
will occur, and our aim is to correct them whenever possible.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The missionary program for March in our Sunday School was given by class No. 6, taught by Miss Deetsy Blackburn. Their general theme was "Mexico".

The Banner Class in the Mt. Beulah Sunday School for the winter term was class No. 7, taught by James Rundles. Sunday March 28, Willie Sampson on behalf of the class presented the following books to the Institute librarian: "Stickien;" "Adrift on an Ice Pan;" "Elementary School Dictionary;" "Outlines of Universal History."

One of our thoroughbred Barred Rock hens laid two eggs in the same day recently. Both eggs were nearly full sized but not perfectly formed. That is a phenomenon one observes but about once in a life time.

AN OPEN LETTER

The superintendent of the Mt. Beulah Sunday School issues the following open letter to all the young people who have been in any of our Teacher Training classes:

Dear friends:

Only a short time ago you were sitting in the Sunday School classes of the S. C. I., preparing yourselves to become leaders in the great Sunday School work. You have now left these college halls and are out in life's GREAT SCHOOL. Our fondest hope for every one of you is that you have found your place in the great Sunday School work. We trust you are patiently working out the problem of your Sunday School. Every community has different problems to solve. We presume your most difficult problem will be how to get the members of the school out on time. The influence of the example of your own life will be most important in this. Then, too, practically every Sunday School feels the lack of a sufficient number of trained officers and teachers.

You are now located in almost all corners of the earth. So far as we know the most northern states represented are Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas and Indiana; you are living in practically every Southern State, Africa and Jamacia. What a force for righteousness!

Our first Teacher Training Report Blanks were sent out in January of this year. The majority of them were returned to us properly filled out. We sincerely hope that those who failed to return the Reports, have not lost out to the important work of the Sunday School. We would consider this a dire calamity.

Our Sunday School has been remembering all of you recently by paying for a year's subscription to the GOSPEL PLEA. That is, we sent the PLEA to all who were not subscribers, or did not get it in their home, so far as we had your proper addresses. We would be glad to send it to others if we only had your addresses. A post card to the superintendent with your address will bring the paper. The GOSPEL PLEA is every day becoming a greater power for good in the world and we are very anxious to have you continually present at this feast of good things. Become a worker for it for by thus doing, you are doing the work of an ambassador of the King.

The Second Annual commencement of the Mt. Beulah Sunday School occurs Sunday morning May 9. What a joy it would be to have you all present at that service. This program is the beginning of the Institute commencement week. Come, if you can.

You who were Academic students before our regular four years' course in Teacher Training was adopted, are still considered teacher trainees because you took special work in President Lehman's Bible classes, or in Moninger's "Training for Service."

T. M. Burgess, Superintendent Mt. Beulah Sunday School.

Easter day at the Institute was glorious. Dedication of the Young Women's Association hall occurred at 11:00. Prof.

Mahin preached the dedicatory sermon. His main thought was that the Christian has upon him the mark of the Lord Jesus. The Program was very enjoyable throughout. The young women certainly have a fine Y. W. C. A. home.

The Junior Endeavor Easter Program was given at night in the Y. W. C. A. room. To the writer it seemed the best ever given by the society. Much credit is due students and helpers for the good entertainment. An offering of more than \$10.00 was taken up.

Sunday School Field Secretary, P. H. Moss, and wife are now at home to their friends, in Edwards. They took dinner at the Institute Sunday and attended Junior Endeavor Easter services in the evening.

Mrs. Lula G. Smith and daughter left for Indianapolis this morning. We trust their stay will be pleasant and that she will entirely regain her health.

A number of the students attended the Stanfield-Coleman wedding, south of Mt. Beulah April 4. The bride Miss Minnie Stanfield was in our Promotion class last May. Stephen Colman and two brothers of Mound, Louisiana, visited the Institute on their way to the wedding.

S. C. I.—April 5, 1915.

GLEANINGS FROM MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

The writer has been at this point since October 10, 1914. Since then many things have happened but of all these none has brought such copious showers of blessings to us and our work as the visit of P. H. Moss, National Bible School Secretary.

When I think of this hero of the church, I think of him as the man and his message. To see the man, to view him carefully—you might be tempted to say with a spirit of derision, what good can he do? But you listen to his message, you weigh carefully his words, you look at his expressions as he pours out with fervent emotion the thoughts that are uppermost in his mind and you are drawn to him as a needle is drawn by powerful magnet.

Prof. Moss spent seven years of his most arduous life's work at this point and the seeds sown are silently, yet surely bearing precious fruit.

The Institute held on the 17, and 18, of March will be long remembered. Our Bible School has already taken on new life. Our motto is: Front Rank before the close of 1915. Watch us grow; we shall do it by the help of our Heavenly Father and our loyal co-workers.

We are proud to have such men as Prof. J. H. Thomas, Supt. J. L. Law, Elder D. R. Spencer and others in our work. We realize that the Bible School is the Teaching service of the Church, to win souls for Christ and train them up in Christian service. To this end we are endeavoring to concentrate our efforts. We realize the magnitude of the task before us and therefore we must summon all our latent powers and focus them on this supreme work of the age.

While nations are warring against nations in Europe, sacrificing men to satisfy their selfishness, we of American must mobilize our forces, lift high the banner of Jesus Christ and inscribe on it in large letters: The world for Christ, Christ for the world.

God bless the man and his message and may his efforts be abundantly crowned with success.

Yours in His cause,
R. H. Davis.

THE NEED AND WORK OF THE C. C. 1.

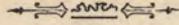
W. H. DICKERSON.

The Need and Work of The Central Christian Institute is common to all our schools. Our schools are not state schools, but church schools, in which the Bible receives the attention and respect that guarantee better boys and girls, better men and women, and better citizens.

It is God's great thought that the church should lose herself in a world-enterprise and herself in giving of her best, her

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THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For April 25.

DAVID AND GOLIAH. I. SAMUEL 17: 1-54.

Golden Text:—If God is for us who is against us? Rom. 8:31.

TIME. B. C. 1073, in the thirteenth year of Saul's reign and the nineteenth year of David's life.

PLACE. In the valley of Elah, about sixteen miles southwest of Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION.

The Bible contains many valuable stories of the victory of right over wrong. Nearly all readers are familiar with the story of Joseph, Moses and Daniel. We are now to study one of the most striking incidents recorded in the whole Book.

I. A DEFIANT GIANT.

The Philistines had been accustomed to make raids upon the Hebrews, carrying off their harvest and sometimes their people and selling them into slavery. The smiths among the Hebrews had been put to death and they could make no weapons for defense. They had to depend upon the Philistines for implements to till their land. Not a great while before this the Philistines had been defeated by Jonathan and his armor bearer and this insult still burned in their hearts. They have come out against Israel to make war upon the people. Israel's forces are gathered upon one side of the valley Elah and the Philistines upon the other. On the side of the Philistines was a great giant. He was overlaid with brass and iron. He carried a great spear larger than David himself who went against him. He strode backward and forward for forty days defying Israel, and the Israelites became dismayed and greatly afraid.

II. A MORAL HERO.

Jesse had three sons in the army of the Israelites and David a younger brother goes to the army to carry food to his brothers. He hears the defiant challenge of Goliath, and his soul is stirred within him at the thought of defying the army of the living God. His brothers do not understand his motive and charge him in running away from his work as a shepherd. His willingness to go against the giant comes to the ears of the king and he was soon in the presence of Saul. There was no comparison in physical strength and Saul said "thou art not able to go against this Philistine." He assures the king that he has overcome the wild beasts and has faith that he will overcome the enemy of Israel. God has freed more than David from a giant that would overthrow them. Faith gives the courage, and with it the victory.

III. A BRAGGART GIANT.

David was armed with Saul's armour but had to lay it aside. It was probably the best that could be had. It belonged to the king. David could not do his work clothed in the armour of another. We must develop our gifts and powers. We can not depend upon another's. Shamgar took his ox-goad, Samson seized the jaw bone of an ass, Dorcas used the needle her hand could handle, and David chose his sling, in the use of which he was a complete master. To the onlookers it would appear to be the most unequal struggle ever known. When the shepherd lad approached the giant an angry shout went up from the Philistine in the words: "Am I a dog that you are going to attack me with a stick?" Then he cursed David.

IV. A TRUSTFUL LAD.

David answers the speech of the Philistine by declaring his faith in the Lord who will give him the victory. The sling in the hand of David was hurled as he ran. It was an un-

expected onset, but a successful one. The stone from the shepherd's sling went straight to the mark, and the forehead of the giant was crushed like an eggshell. The head of the giant he nailed on the gates of Jerusalem.

Lessons from this Victory.

1. Shields of helmet and brass do not constitute strength.
2. The moral is the true standard of measurement.
3. Useful things learned in boyhood and girlhood are always useful.
4. Had David said I'll wait till my brothers say for me to against Goliath before I undertake it, he probably would have not won any victory. It is well to respect the judgement of others, but we must follow deep convictions of right.
5. We gain strength by overcoming.
6. A button is a small thing but pressed may set in motion a vast amount of machinery, so David a small lad pressed by the enemy and the challenge drew on the power of God.

The devil is our Goliath: Life is a warfare. Faith in the Lord gives the victory.

D. R. B.

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sons and her daughters, her thoughts and her prayers, her money and her influence, to bring in and save the Nations yet unborn.

It is said that three-fourths of the world's wealth, is in the hands of professed followers of Jesus Christ, and yet, the Enemy of righteousness, with but one-fourth of the world's wealth, has made the cause of the Master a beggar at the doors of evil, and God says "The silver is mine and the gold is mine." Hag. 2:8.

The first great need is men and women with visions who can see that an investment of money, and boys and girls in our schools, yields a far greater and safer percent, than an investment in stocks and bonds; than investment in education where Christ is left out.

We need more consecrated men and women to answer the agonizing cry, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." The call is for volunteers. "Whosoever will" may go, and the harvest and wages shall be abundant.

When the need of sons, and daughters, money and prayers, has been supplied, the successful work of the school will be assured, but it is sheer folly, yea madness to talk about successful work without means and equipment.

If we wish to get an idea of the work the Central Christian Institute will do with proper buildings, equipment, boys and girls on 235 acres of land, just take a glance backward and see what the Louisville Bible School has done with but one poorly equipped building, with young men only in attendance, a lot 60 by 150 feet.

The voice of Jesus still rings out from the Mount of Olives "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all Nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always."

Our assurance of Christ's companionship depends upon our obeying His commands.

The church exists, first to carry the knowledge of Christ where it is not known, and therefore, no church can be rightly living, or effectively working which does not recognize its responsibility and place the Missionary obligation in the forefront.

It remains, therefore, for the church of Christ to arise and see, and supply the NEED of our schools, that they may effectively do the work ordained of them, and which at last, must prevail.

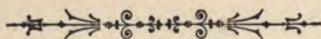
"For right is right, since God is God;
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

FIELD REPORTS

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

C. E. CRAGGETT

[Continued from last week]



CALVERT'S LETTER

(Continued from last week)

We strove to the best of our ability to lift up the Christ. As a result, a young lady was reclaimed. The weather was too gloomy for night service.

Monday and Tuesday nights with the Christian Church of Pattison. On the last night of service some of the sectarian preachers came out as critics, but forgot what they came for, and heartily joined in the service. When the invitation was extended two intelligent young ladies came forward to take a stand for Christ and His kingdom. Surely the Lord will reward the faithful. Pay day will eventually come, and the laborer will receive his hire. Glory to His name!

Wednesday night with the Rose Hill Church. This is one of the largest we have in the state. Elder N. R. Trivillian is pastor. All the members live a good distance from the Church, and yet we had a soul stirring, heart-reviving meeting. At the conclusion of the sermon a young lady came forward to renew her relationship with God. Our heart's desire and prayer to our God is that they may stand against the wiles of the Devil. As a proof of their gratitude the Rose Hill members gave us \$2.55.

At Indianapolis the first Sunday. Cold weather and sickness hindered greatly. Fell way down. Not many out. We are very hopeful of the future. The Lord will provide.

From thence to Hollandale. Here we preached at the Methodist Church on the ninth of March. The pastor gave us a standing invitation to come any time and speak to his people.

Our home, as usual, was with brother and sister William Sneed; this is an ideal home. In fact, it is a minister's home. Here the preacher has plenty of good things to eat, and can study and take all the rest that is needed.

We are going to keep on telling the sweet story of redeeming love until a Christian Church is planted in Hollandale. Brother Sneed is so anxious to have one in this little town. For ten years or more he has stood alone. Other so-called Christians went into the sectarian Churches "for shelter." They must have been in the rain, sleet and snow. As I see it, if a man is in Christ he has all the shelter he needs. Men do not have to go into a Church that is unknown to the New Testament to retain their Christianity. Visit them if you want to, but for God's sakes, stay in the Church of Christ. You will not let your light shine if you leave The Church, Matt. 5:14. "There is one body." Eph. 4:4.

Second Sunday found the writer with the Pilgrim's Rest congregation. The people who witnessed the services said I preached the best sermon they ever heard me preach Sunday morning. I don't let such congratulations give me the "big head," but study harder that I may know more perfectly how to preach the Gospel. The minister needs encouragement. When he preaches a good sermon the people should tell him about it. Encourage him. But no preacher should sit down on the praises of men. His success lies in knowing how to "rightly divide the word of truth."

On my way to Jackson. Been away nearly three weeks. Sunday (third Sunday) is regular day with the Church of Washington Addition. We look forward to a good service.

B. C. Calvert.

I wonder if we really consider just what one man can do? And if so, do we as individuals feel it our responsibility to shoulder the task of the man to establish right and to make the world better? If so, the lives of great men who stood all alone to battle against wrongs in order that the world might be better, should spur us on to do our whole duty though we stand alone. We read in the Bible where it says, "There was a man sent from God." It does not say "men"—but "man." And it was he who said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." Alone, this hero of that dark age stood in the wilderness, and lifted his voice with so much power that the foundation of Judaism was shaken as by an earthquake. So much so that all Jerusalem and Judea went out to minister unto the thing he said. And we might associate with this hero, Elijah who being alone was fearless in his denunciation of idolatry and immorality. When Paul entered the city of Athens he was confronted with idolatry in the greatest degree, he had ever witnessed. Rising up on all sides were altars to an almost innumerable host of Gods; and in the midst of them was an altar to the "Unknown God." Here no doubt, the old veteran met with the most difficult task of his life. For indeed he was faced by some of the most learned men of the world at that time—Stoic and Epicurean philosophers. Wordly wisdom boasted itself all around him. There, all alone, with religious views different from any maintained by the learned Athenians, what could he do. Would it not be wiser to pass quietly out of this city of the learned people, on to other parts where worldly wisdom did not display itself, than it would be to attack this vaunting people on their state of religion, and only be laughed at or thrust out? The old soldier of Christ may have reasoned this way, but we hardly think so. The powerful impulses that directed him into the city, at once moved him to cry out against the sins of idolatry. And ere he left the city the word of truth had taken root there and begun to grow.

PERSONALITY

It was the personality of Jesus that made him the favorite friend of sinners while He was on earth.

Where-ever he went his presence was felt by his ministering. The sick were healed, the lame made to walk, the hungry were fed the blind received sight and sad hearts were cherished. His short stay on earth was crowded with good deeds; for he went about doing good.

If we would be like Jesus, we must get the Heavenly vision stamped firmly upon our faces and hearts, and then be able to go out and render personal service which is the greatest of all.

Paul says; "I seek not yours, but you." Too often we try to render service without putting ourselves in it. The preacher who must borrow or beg all the material for his sermons, is very sure to make a failure. But he who toils to gather his own material, though it may lack style, language, and words, has whereof to feel proud, knowing that it is the product of self through labor.

The church to-day is calling for great personalities to break the barriers which hold it in its narrow confines; where must we look for these personalities?

To our schools and colleges where the boys and girls are to catch the embodied principles of Christ, and embody them within themselves for the work of life. What about maintenance of these schools?

Your novelist's five-or ten-acre front park, dotted with rare trees and shrubbery and adorned with flower-plats of rarer design, had here dwindled to less than one acre, with no other shade or decoration than that of an ancient peach orchard in bloom. Where your imaginative writer would have put a gushing fountain with swans proudly riding the bosom of a crystal pool, was a number of beehives set in a circle about the trunk of an aged wine-sap; his marble replica of some Grecian sculptor's art was replaced here by old Brindle in the flesh, peacefully chewing her cud; and instead of his mansion with its wide verandas, and massive towering columns glistening white in the sun, stood a low rambling structure, partly of hewn logs, partly of undressed clapboards, the whole white-washed once in time but now rather weather-beaten, with honeysuckles clambering in riotous profusion over its crude little porch. No; there was nothing grand or pretentious about the dear old place, any more than about its simple occupants themselves. And yet, withal, as the vision of it now returns to me across the years, there was an air of peculiar attractiveness about it—something far better than grandeur, as peace is better than eager restlessness, as plenty without waste than prodigality.

Moreover, that had been no empty boast when once, on the witness stand, in reply to a certain brow-beating lawyer's question as to his abode, father is said to have straightened up in his seat and with snapping black eyes answered, "I lives et home, suh, an' bo'ards et de same place!" In proof of the one, he could have produced from the bottom of mother's big old-fashioned wooden chest a deed that had been duly recorded in the Clerk's office at the county seat; and, as verifying the other, mother could have served you any day to home-cured ham more than two years old and preserves made time out of mind—not to mention fresh butter and eggs, and bread made from wheat grown on the place.

I wonder now what could have ailed me, that mine should have been the only discordant voice in what would else have been perfect family harmony; that mine should have been the only restless heart in that otherwise peaceful abode; that I, Jane, should have been the only Turner to whom the expression, "No place like home" meant no place so undesirable. Yet such was the case.

Two older sisters, Amnda and Phyllis, had done all in their power to reason me into contentment—without avail. Father, who conceived his province to be strictly that of provider, had always left to Mother the management of family affairs, and she had at last been coaxed into a reluctant consent for me to go North in search of work. The day long set for my departure was only 24 hours distant. I should then bid farewell to the dull hum-drum life of a rural home and, in company with a childhood acquaintance who was back from the North on a visit, set out in pursuit of the vision that had haunted all my later years—that dream of a satisfied thirst for change, excitement and easy prosperity associated more or less by all restless spirits with the city. Alas, that it should so often prove only a mirage, daily alluring its thousands to nothing short of ruin!

It was at the close of the dinner hour. Leaving us girls in the kitchen to wash the dishes and put things to rights, mother, as she was wont to do, had followed father out to the little porch, where he sat contentedly puffing his post-prandial pipe. I didn't see what actually occurred between them out there that day; but combining what I later learned of the incident, together with what I remember of them personally, I am able to visualize pretty accurately the whole affair. For some time, it seems, neither

spoke; mother's heart being wrung with vague, inarticulate misgivings; father, unconscious of it all, at peace with himself and the world of men, satisfied just to sit there with his companion of a quarter of a century, dumb, quietly smoking. She opened her mouth once or twice to speak, but somehow the words refused to shape themselves; and when finally she did break the silence, it was on a matter wholly foreign:

"Hyeran anthing f'om Tom's mule to-day, Jess?" One of the neighbors, Tom Silo, a small tenant of Major Dugall's with a large family to support, had had the misfortune the morning before to find his chief dependence a little gray mule, unaccountably 'on the lift."

"Nunk—ain' hyearn a word. Guess I'll walk ovah thar diss evenin' when I come f'om de fiel' an' see how he's gittin' on." With that, father resumed his smoking and silence fell once more. Finally he knocked the ashes from his pipe and, turning, was in the act of remarking something about Sam,—the boy he was in the habit of hiring in a pinch and whom he was expecting to help him that afternoon,—when he noticed the look of dejection on mother's habitually unruffled countenance.

W'y, ole 'oman, honey, whut's de mattah?"

"I—I—oh, Jess!" and suddenly hiding her face on his shoulder, she burst into tears.

"Whut is it, Nancy, gal?" with anxious solicitude, he slipped a big arm tenderly about her, and receiving no immediate reply added, "Well den—well den," soothingly as to a hurt child. In a few moments the storm of sobbing had spent itself, and straightening up, mother dried her eyes with her apron, clasped her hands in her lap and said,

"Jess, I wish you'd—Sump'n keep on tellin' me I'm doin' wrong to 'low Jane to go 'way, an'—"

Father interrupted her with a loud guffaw "Dat all, honey? I thought you wuz all broke up 'count o' po' Tom's mule. Don't you worry 'bout Jane. De chile oughtta bin a boy, but I reg'n she c'n tek keer un 'erse'f jest ez well. 'Membah dat time she stood Bill King's big bull-dog off wid a stick? (A little incident to which he invariably referred whenever he got a chance,—dear old dad) She wa'n't nothin' but a little thing den, an' I guess ef—aw, Jane'll come out all right. I'll hattah be gwine now—'spect Sam's bin et work diss good while." He rose and set off for the field, leaving the burden that weighed on mother's heart somewhat lighter perhaps, but far from lifted; and as he disappeared around the house, I fancy she must have sighed a fervent prayer.

Meanwhile, back in the kitchen over the dishes where Amanda an Phyllis had been making a last hopeless appeal, I was saying:

"You two seem to think I haven't any sense at all. A woman can take care of herself away from home as well as a man. What did we go to school for, pray? You may be content to bury yourselves here on the farm, teach a little backwoods school four or five months in the year, and entertain your rustic beaux, but I mean to see something before I die, and to have some real pleasure. No use to say another word—I'm going, so there!" And so the matter was irrevocably settled....

(To be continued)

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HELPFUL TO ALL



Will You Choose the Good Part?

On one occasion two sisters, Mary and Martha, had the honor and pleasure of having Jesus at their home. Martha's mind was deeply engrossed in her family affairs. The beds had to be made, the floors had to be swept and the dinner had to be cooked. Mary sat down at the feet of Jesus and listened with exquisite pleasure to his words of life. Martha's heart was on her work and she became irritated that Mary did not help her. In her exasperation she turned on Jesus and reproached him for taking Mary's time in that way. To this Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful; for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." The mistake of Martha was in not making proper discrimination. It was certainly no fault in her to want to see the house work done neat and the meal cooked well. On the other hand it might have been a fault in Mary to neglect all these things for something her inclination might have led her to. Jesus condemned Martha and commended Mary because the former did not know when to let the house work go by for something better and the latter did. If we could only see how many generations in the past two thousand years have been helped by the desire of Mary to learn the truth, we could easily overlook Martha's untidy house, or her late-milked cows or her unfed chickens or burning victuals. The lesson is one on knowing when to neglect a material duty for a spiritual duty.

There are many men and women who have been prospered in their work and have accumulated much property. In doing this they have acquired the habit of thrift and economy and they have the virtue of caring for their property which is as good as Martha's virtue of being a good housekeeper; but, like Martha, they lack the sense of turning away from this virtue for something better and they failed to choose the truly good part. We now have in mind a man and woman whom God has denied children. They are good people, practically faultless. They have some two hundred acres of land worth probably two hundred dollars an acre. They have probably five thousand dollars worth of personal property. In short they are worth in the neighborhood of \$45000.00. In building up this estate they acquired the habit of thrift and economy and especially the faculty of caring for it. Naturally their first thought is of home affairs. They want the property to remain in the relationship. But their brothers are all as well or better off than they are and their brothers' children will get as much as any children should have as a start. That is the home side of it. The other side is this. The C. W. B. M. has undertaken to do a big work for the Negroes of the

South. When they first started this required \$6000.00 annually. Now it demands \$40000.00 and it is unfolding itself so that it should have \$200,000, annually. What we do for the Negroes is strategic. We do not want to discount what other religious bodies are doing, for they are doing much; but each man has his work and we believe we have a special work in this field. We believe it is so strategic that a civilization will suffer if we fail. Unless the Church of Christ aids the ten million Negroes to a place of spiritual helpfulness in America, they will most assuredly submerge our civilization. Now this man and woman could give this forty five thousand dollar property to this cause and do a work that would be as much felt during the two thousand years to come as Mary's sitting at the feet of Jesus drinking in his words has been felt during the past two thousand years. Of course it would not give the prominence to the names of this good man and wife that came to Mary; but the good they would do would be swallowed up in a civilization. Now we candidly and prayerfully ask this man—and he is legion—will you choose the good part? If you give your property to nephews and neices, they may quarrel over it; or they may because idle and gain bad habits and lose their souls. If you give it here, it will open the way for a constant stream of the children of the lowly to come under a good Christian influence which may go on in an endless stream of good. Again we ask, will you not choose the good part?

The demands of the work are great. At the Southern Christian Institute we need a new College building, we need much improvement. We need more workers. At all the other schools they need these things much more. And there is yet a vast untouched field outside of us. In North Carolina we have some two hundred and fifty churches and they must have a school. South Carolina has great need. The churches there have suffered fearfully from the political condition that made Bleasism possible. They must have help. All the states need help. We must have special gifts for this work. It is impossible for the C. W. B. M. to meet this from its regularly constituted sources of income.

A good way to give it is to give it as a bequest to the C. W. B. M. for this work; but a much better way is to deed it to them for this work holding a life lease on it so long as they live. The advantage in this is that you have accumulated this money and you have the pleasure of being your own administrator, and it prevents the possibility of litigation and quarrels after you are gone. You accumulate it in peace and quietness. Like Mary, you should know when to let go from the old domestic duties and choose the eternal duties. Will you not when you pray the next time ask God to help you to choose the good part?

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TAYLOR TEXAS

Mrs. Wm. Alphin, State C. W. B. M. worker, was with
 us recently, and gave us a fine address on missionary work.
 She talked to the Ladies' Aid Society at the home of Mrs.
 M. A. Hendrick at 3:30 p. m., and at the church at night.
 Murphy street church pledged \$40. for the Jarvis school.

We are beginning our preparations for the State Con-
 vention in August.

While I am still under treatment, yet I continue to work.
 I have been working in Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E.
 to raise money for Jarvis Institute.

May I ask our preachers to make all ready for our com-
 ing convention? We are getting ready for you. I hope the
 program will soon be in readiness for us. Let all the
 preachers and missionary workers see that their
 names are in the Year Book for 1915.

M. T. Brown.

Program for the Exercises of Commencement Week and Workers' Conference

Sunday Morning, May 9, 9:30, Sunday School Commencement
 Sunday Morning, 11:00, Baccalaureate service.

Sunday Night, 7:30, special Program, Junior Christian
 Endeavor.

Monday Night, May 10, 8:00 Special Program, Night school

Tuesday Morning, May 11, 9:30, Open session of Conference.

Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30, C. W. B. M. session, workers'
 Conference.

Tuesday Night, 8:00, Jubilee session, Workers' Conference.

Wednesday Morning, May 12, 8:30, Workers' Conference.

Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30, Annual Farmers Meeting.

Wednesday Evening, 5:00 to 6:00, Business session Worker's
 Conference, Y. W. C. A. Hall.

Wednesday Night, 8:00, Cantata, "Queen Esther."

Thursday Morning, May 13 8:30, Business session, C. W.
 B. M. in Y. W. C. A. Hall.

Thursday Forenoon, 10:00, Promotion Exercises.

Thursday Afternoon, 1:30, Graduation Exercises.

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Workers' Conference- Tuesday Forenoon.

9:30. Call to Order, J. B. Lehman, Presiding.

Song, Scripture Reading, Prayer, Song.

9:45 Address of Welcome, Our Part of the World Task.
 Prof. D. R. Bebout.

10:05 Response, This one thing I do, Elder B. C. Calvert.

10:25 Response, Are We finding Ourselves? Miss Roxie
 C. Sneed.

Song and Prayer.

10:40 Words of Greeting, from Mrs J. A. Safley, Pres.
 Mississippi C. W. B. M. (white); Mrs; Terry King,
 Organizer, Texas C. W. B. M. (white); Mrs. Ida. V.
 Jarvis, (white) Ft. Worth, Texas.

11:30 Appointment of Committees Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick.
 Appointment of Committees, Elder K. R. Brown.

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C. W. B. M. Session, Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, Presiding.

Song, Scripture, Prayer, song.

1:45 Report and Address, Our Greater Work, Miss Rosa
 V. Brown, National Field Worker.

2:15 Report of the State Organizers. (Each Organizer will
 make her report in ten minutes or less) A Round Table.
 Discussion.

3:00 How Shall we interest and hold our Women Mrs. M.
 J. Brown;

3:10 How Shall we Reach our Girls? Mrs. Georgia Frank-
 lin;

3:20 How shall we Reach our children? Mrs. William Alphin.

3:30 Five three Minute addresses.

3:45 Address, Mrs. Josephine McDaniel Sterns, Correspond-
 ing Secretary National C. W. B. M.

4:15 Collection. Every Member and Visitor is expected to
 give one dollar or more.

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Jubilee Session, Workers' Conference.

Tuesday night

8:00 Elder K. R. Brown Presiding.

Devotional.

8:15 Report of Jubilee Fund 'and Address. President J. B. Lehman.

8:45 Song and Prayer.

Address, The Call of the new age. P. H. Moss, National Field Secretary for Sunday Schools.

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Workers' Conference, Wednesday Forenoon.

8:30 Elder K. R. Brown Presiding.

Devotional.

8:45 Report from Each State Represented.

9:45 Song and Prayer.

10:00 True Christian Education. Pres. J. N. Ervin.

10:30 Address, Elder Preston Taylor.

11:00 Report of the committee on Social Service.

11:15 Report of the committee on State Missions Problems

11:30 Collection Each member and Visitor is expected to give one dollar or more.

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Business Session Workers Conference.

5:00 K. R. Brown Presiding

Devotional

Election of officers.

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Business Session, Workers' Conference,

Thursday morning.

8:30 Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick. Presiding.

Short Devotional.

8:40 Unfinished Business.

9:00 Election of officers.

HOW I WENT TO THE BAD II. A MAID.

[Continued from last week.]

That evening about sunset father, as he had planned, went over to Tom Silo's to see what service he might render in regard to the mule. He found the beast improved, but being in no particular hurry, father sat with Tom, talking and doubtless whittling, until the day's afterglow had long faded. Indeed, it seems to have been close to 9 o'clock when he started homeward again, returning, as he had gone, by near paths across wooded hills and wide cultivated fields. Arriving at the railroad that cut through Maj. Dugall's plantation, two routes lay thence before him—a shorter, which besides including a slender foot-log, ran through two barb-wire fences, and a longer, which would take him a half a mile or so up the track to the turnpike that passed in front of our place. Father said afterward that the fences decided him to choose the latter course. Perhaps so; but I prefer to think that Providence had a large share in it. Moreover, under a sky as clear and thickly bejeweled as ever overspread the world; with gentle breezes fanning one's face, filling the ears with the musical silences of night and the nostrils with the smell of budding things and freshly plowed earth, all causing the heart to swell with "thoughts that lay too deep for tears,"—in these, I think, father just about felt that an extra couple of hundred rods, more or less, would find full compensation with interest thrown in. It was good, so good, to be alive and alone under the stars. I see him now as, doubtless, he removed his battered old hat, locked his horny hands behind him, and allowed his gait, already slow enough, to drop into a regular snail's space, while he fairly revelled in the glory all about him.

I never see a meteor, tiring as it were of the companionship of the stars, break away and go dashing across the firmament to perish in the blue immensity like a glowing match dropped in midocean, but that instantly my mind reverts to the great crisis of my maidenhood, and I think of the brilliant meteor father afterward said he saw that night as he was walking up the railroad on his way home from Silo's. He avowed that so straight toward him did it seem to plunge, he found himself involuntarily dodging. A dozen more steps and he faintly heard, from far toward the west, the crow of a cock, then of another and another, until all the roosters in the neighborhood were crowing as lustily as if it had been midnight or early dawn.

"Sho' sign o' death uh bad news o' some kind," father had just remarked to himself, when suddenly he stopped short in his tracks and held his breath, his ears sharply alert, an odd chilliness creeping over him. His attention had been arrested by something like a feeble groan. Could it be the ghost of some one killed long ago by the train? Impossible, or else he would have certainly known of it, having lived all his life in the country and knowing when the first rail was laid. But what if this were the scene of some unremembered tragedy of far-off slavery days? On the heels of that thought came the groan again,—feebler, more tremulous. And in it, so much of the purely human element,—as it had been "deep calling unto deep,"—that, frightened though he was, father said he could not resist it. Summoning all his courage, he stepped across the track and approached a pile of discarded cross-ties, whence the sound had seemed to emanate. And two minutes later, the sleepless stars looked on and rejoiced at sight of a man hurrying, stumbling, almost running up the railroad homeward, bearing in his arms what he had found....

It was nearing 10 o'clock, and I, with the help of my sisters, had about finished packing my trunk, when, hearing below a heavy footfall followed almost immediately by a startled exclamation from mother, we rushed downstairs in time to see father in the act of gently laying on the bed the limp, unconscious form of—somebody's daughter; and perhaps somebody's mother as well, I thought; for the lamp-light discovered to us a complete stranger of quite indeterminate age. Slender of figure, dressed in tawdry school-girl finery, with an abundance of dishevelled black hair free from any trace of gray, and a remarkably smooth brow, she gave one a first impression of extreme youthfulness; but this, on a second glance, seemed instantly belied by a nose thickly pitted, a tightness of the skin over the cheek-bones, and a mouth which, even in the repose of unconsciousness, had about it a kind of hardness one never associates with girlhood.

The nearest physician living upward of five miles distant, we were accustomed to relying in emergencies on our own resources. So father wasted no time with explanations now: such as the family received at the moment came in the midst of a few sharp orders.

"But pop," Phyllis ventured to suggest, "suppose she's wh—?"

"White uh black, she's a 'oman! Do whut I tol' yer!"

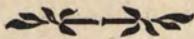
When we hurried back a few moments later with camphor, wine, water and what not, the stranger had been carried to the "front room" and mother was busy removing the badly soiled, down-at-heel sky-blue slippers from the feet.

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



MISS BROWN AT TOPEKA

We are glad to report Miss Rosa V. Brown's visit with us the second week in March.

Miss Brown made a very interesting talk to the Church at the Sunday morning service and showed so vividly the great work of the C. W. B. M., among our people as well as others.

Our auxiliary met in its regular meeting the same evening and we again had the pleasure of listening to an address delivered by her which was so full of good suggestions which will be so very helpful to all in our auxiliary work.

We feel and know Miss Brown's visit to us will prove very beneficial indeed, in deepening a missionary spirit in some, and we hope causing others to catch the vision and spirit, which our Savior intended each Christian to receive when he gave the great commission to,

"Go into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature."

We also had the pleasure of having personal talks with her.

It was indeed gratifying to listen to her earnest appeal to young people to line themselves up on the side of right and give their best days, while they were useful and full of activity, to the great cause of Christ.

We were deeply touched with the earnestness and Christ like manner in which Miss Brown delivered her message, and our prayer to God, is, that as she goes from place to place her life will serve as an incentive in helping more of our young folks to catch the Vision.

Mrs. Nellie Sharp.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT OF C. W. B. M.

Dear co-workers of the conference. It is less than two months before we will meet in the great work again, and let us now begin to plan and work to make it our best. I am now speaking from heart to heart: will you not from now on to the conference, do your best to send in the best report that you ever? We ask the various states that they try to send one representative each and a good report. Each Auxiliary must come, reported with not less than \$1.00, and delegates must have \$1.00, and as much over as you please. Come and take a part in the discussions with the women. There are so many things at this conference to help you, and you do need them so much.

We are just home from one of the best conferences, at Little Rock Church (white) and also at Pea Ridge (colored). Miss Ford, the White messenger, shall long be remembered at

Little Rock, because of her kindness and her zeal for the Master. Mrs. Street, of Lonoke, gave us an address on prayer, which was among the best I ever heard.

Let me tell you, my sisters, it is only a few of us who believe in asking God for the enlargement of the Church. We must work and pray for what we want. The Master tells us to "ask, doubting nothing," and He will hear and answer prayer. How many of you observed the special prayer league this winter? Now, cannot we Colored missionary workers all the over the states, adopt this plan in our work, for both Conference and Auxiliary work? The object should be, more money and more women for missions. The appointed hour should be at six P. M.

I want to say that the Little Rock Auxiliary deserves much credit for her March report. She comes next to the Argenta work. The only thing needed to make your work what it should be is a wide-awake president, to plan and work and talk for every meeting, with the cooperation of the Organizer. That is what our women in Little Rock are doing. The good president there said she was going to make their work second to none in the state. It would mean much to the work in Arkansas if every president would talk that way.

Now, my dear sisters, you can do more if you have a mind to, and to work, that we may get every thing we want for the greater cause we can get what we want for ourselves. Why not for Christ? Let us all pray for a greater and better work in Arkansas.

Sarah L. Bostick,
Pres. of Conference.

SECOND QUARTERLY C. W. B. M. MEETING AT UNION HILL, MISSISSIPPI.

Called to order, March 20, 1915, 11. 30 A. M. devotional, by Sister V. A. Jones and Judith Flowers. Explanation of C. M. B. W. work, K. R. Brown.

"How we feel over C. W. B. M. work." led by Mrs K. R. Brown followed by Mrs. B. Williams state organizer, J. Flowers, and C. Jennings. Reports of Auxiliaries; most of them are preparing to send their missionary money to headquarters. The following are the home dues:

Christian Chapel (Port Gibson)	1. 00
Union Hill, (near Port Gibson,	1. 00
Hermanville,	.45
Collection,	.40

Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING;

Sunday school conducted by Mrs. V. A. Jones at 11:30 devotional exercises were conducted by sisters C. Jennings and J. F. Flowers. very encouraging talks to C. W. B. M. members were given by Messrs Anthony Williams Newton Brown and Chas. Wilson. A most excellent address by the president, Mrs. M. J. Brown, was given. Sermon by Rev. C. J. James. Collection, \$1.12. At a call for new members, brother James gave his name. Adjournment. Total collection, \$5.39. This does not include money sent to headquarters. Paid to preacher, president and secretary, \$3.00. We have now in treasury, \$4.31 left over from convention; \$.80 from first quarter, and \$2.39 from second quarter; total \$7.50. We paid state organizer \$2.50 leaving \$5.00.

Our next quarterly will be held in Port Gibson, the third Saturday and Sunday in June.

We want to thank God for our success, throughout these meetings. Our attendance was smaller than we hoped for, owing to bad weather, but the enthusiasm was good, and all

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Prof. H. C. Reichel and wife of Eureka, Illinois, have decided to accept work at the Institute. Prof. Reichel has been a teacher in Eureka College for the past ten years. In addition to his other work in the College, he has taught Manual Training. He and his family come to the Institute with splendid recommendations, and we feel that their coming will be a great blessing to our work.

President Lehman gave a splendid address at the Institute Church Sunday morning, April 11. It was an effort to explain why people do not live up to what they teach. His words were helpful to all who heard them.

Spring has arrived in real earnest. Prof. Vandivier has been making things count upon the farm for the past two months.

Prof. and Mrs. Burgess attended the closing exercises of the Mount Moriah School Wednesday, afternoon, April 7, and Professor Burgess gave an address. In the evening Miss Gale, Miss Harvey, and Mrs. Mahin attended the exercises.

Miss Diehl, of Butler, Indiana, will become our post mistress and book keeper and treasurer of the Institute. She has had a number of years' experience in book keeping. She expects to begin her work June 1.

A letter to one of the teachers from Robert Gooden in Africa says in part: "Please give my best wishes to all the students in your room. I hope they are doing well and shall have the pleasure of looking back at commencement time on a well-spent year of school work. While I am not with them to enjoy the fun and blessings of class room work, I am still trying to keep up a systematic individual study. I suppose the graduating class is having lots of fun in the study of trigonometry."

It is really gratifying to note that S. C. I. students who go out, and who get their mail at the post office boxes. This is commendable. When your friends write to you, their letters are real sure to reach you if they have your box number.

The superintendent of the Mt. Beulah S. S. would like to have the accurate addresses of the following young people, Anna Banks, Minnie Walker, Joetta Young, Katie Banks, Gabriel Brock, Rose Dixon, Seab Howard, Alexander Martin, Hudson Miller, Savilla Miller, Charlotte Sinclair, Annie Walker, Maggie Wells, Eliza Willis, Mamie Brayboy, Stella Edwards, Janie Howard, Eugene Johnson, Dixie Merrills, Louverta Alexander, Brisco Brown, Maggie Campbell, George Jackson, Oneida Powell, Elvira Willington Primo. Some of the above are married but we have given their school girl names, the Superintendent would be grateful for full names and correct addresses

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The month of March closed with wet grounds and very cool morning and evening.

The first morning of April comes with beautiful weather, which means good throughout the month if we are not April fooled. The State Teachers' Association is going on at the State Capital, Montgomery. The Principal is attending the Association.

We have been planting corn this week and preparing pastures for the hogs

The Teachers Training for Service Class will render a program on the 2, of May 1915. We would appreciate your being here to witness our Class program.

On the night of 28, the Principal gave a general lecture to the Endeavor workers. Our hearts did burn as he expounded to us the words of truth.

Saturday and Sunday March 27, and 28. Our Sunday School Quarterly Convention was held with the Church of Christ at Mt. Willing, we all enjoyed a nice time.

Our Quarterly Auxiliary will be held with the church at Union, Calhoun, Alabama April 18, 1915.

On April 24, and 25. The ministerial meeting will be at Salem Church of Christ Calhoun, Alabama; we hope the meeting will be a success.

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The campus is a thing of beauty, we are having some beautiful spring days. The trees are spreading their foliage. Our Campus is lavishly beautified by nature.

We had a nice time Easter, the program that was rendered was fine, then we had an excellent sermon by Brother Isom C. Franklin who always has something to tell us that's good.

Our Endeavor was better Sunday night than ever for this year, seemingly every one took an active part in the program. Brother D. C. Brayboy was with us and he gave us a wonderful introduction to the subject, "Conquering Discouragement." It was enjoyed by all.

The Principal had his eyes treated while he was at Montgomery, the 30, of March to the 2, of April.

The garden is very beautiful with the thousand cabbage plants that were set out.

The School boys will play the City School of Ft. Deposit Alabama on the 9. They are planning for a grand time. Be careful boys govern your temper and control your tongue.

Bear in mind that the 5, and 6, of May are coming on and we want you present with us.

We want to remind the friends that "Fessor Moss" has been here and we have caught his enthusiasm and the rest are catching it from us.

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Since we have written our last notes, we have had several interesting addresses, among which, was one delivered by Mr. John Bell Buck, a member of the county board. He said many good things to us. Mr. Buck is a fine Christian gentleman and greatly interested in Christian education. We hope that many more of our White Christian brothers will come to us.

By time these notes are in print, probably our school will be out. We have just two more weeks. We are expecting to have an excellent program. A goodly number has already promised to be here.

At this writing we are have some ideal weather. During the last two weeks of March the weather was very inclement. The mountain sides have not been clear of snow for six weeks or more.

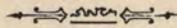
The Junior Society rendered a very interesting program Easter Sunday. The house was crowded. There were prizes given to the three that brought in the largest amount of money in their mite boxes. The following received prizes: William Perry, Callie Ervin and Francis Staurt. The program was very good.

Rev. W. P. Martin, State Evangelist, visited the school Monday and also delivered an instructive address to the student body. We were all glad to have him come to us with such a message.

The writer accompanied by Rev. W. P. Martin went to Johnson City Sunday. Rev. Martin preached the Easter sermon. The sermon was enjoyed by all.

Miss Ella Martin, one of our seventh grade pupils and daughter of Rev. W. P. Martin, gave an egg hunt Saturday before Easter. The graded pupils of the Institute and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coleman, were present. It was an exceptionally good entertainment. The eggs were hid by Rev. Martin and the writer. The search was made by all. The search was so interesting until it attracted the attention of several passing along the public highway. Out of the thirty-six eggs hid, only one remained undiscovered. The "hidlers" nor the searchers could not locate it. After the search, we retired to the parlor, during which time several jovial and interesting games were introduced. The Magic Music, Wireless Telegraphy and others. I believe there are many playing Magic Music unknowingly.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For May 7

SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID

LESSON—1 SAMUEL 19. Printed Text—Verses 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—“Whoso putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe.”—Prov. 29:25. Memory Verse 4, 5.

HISTORICAL SETTING

TIME.—About 1071 B. C.

PLACE.—Gibeah of Saul.

INTRODUCTION.

When David slew the Philistine giant, the hosts of Goliath fled and the Israelites followed as far as Gath, and then returned to the Philistine camp for spoils. David's portion of the trophies consisted of the head, the armor and the sword of the giant whom he had slain. He exposed the head at Jerusalem, put the armor in his own tent and laid the sword in the tabernacle at Nob, where it stayed until he needed it himself. “As David had gone forth to the encounter, Saul had asked Abner whose son the young man was, but Abner could not tell him. Saul repeated the inquiry of David himself, when Abner ushered the youth into his presence, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. and, on learning his father's name, Saul sent to ask Jesse to let David remain in his presence, and he made him his armor bearer. But Saul gave him more than the sunshine of royal favor—the warm love of his impulsive nature—while his son Jonathan conceived for David an affection which at once ripened into one of those friendships that have become proverbial in history.”—SMITH. Of course such a distinct victory as that which David won over the Philistine giant gave him prominence at once as chief among the captains of Israel. In a day he leaped from private life into the limelight of publicity. The boyhood of David is enveloped in an atmosphere of quiet, associated with green pastures, open skies, hillsides and flocks. After his encounter with the giant there was no more difficulty for him. His name, his time and his activities became public property. There is no one exploit in all of David's career so inseparably associated with his name as that of his single-handed deed in vanquishing Goliath. David's fame and popularity became the foundation of a very unhappy jealousy in the heart of Saul, which with the king's “constitutional malady,” embittered their entire future friendship.

TOPICS FOR RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION.

I. JONATHAN'S LOYALTY (vs. 1-5) 1. What is known of the location of Gibeah? 2. What was David's portion of the trophies when he slew Goliath? 3. How do you account for the Bible's seeming sanction of such warlike affrays? 4. What honorable position did Saul give to David as the result of his victory? 5. With whom did David form a lasting friendship? 6. What influence do our friendships have upon our lives? 7. What effect did David's popularity finally have upon Saul? 8. What are the usual causes of jealousy? 9. Name a case of jealousy in history somewhat similar to that Saul. 10. How did the dispositions of Jonathan and his father differ? 11. What accounts for the differences in disposition between parents and children? 12. When children become alienated from parents, is it more often due to heredity or to training? 13. What were Saul's final designs upon David? 14. What efforts did Jonathan make to protect his friend?

II. SAUL'S HATRED (vs. 6-9). 15. How is Jonathan's superiority to his father shown? 16. What disorder affected Saul?

III. DAVID'S ESCAPE (vs. 10-12). 17. Who was David's wife? 18. How did Michal show her loyalty to David?

Quarterly Report

BLOOMINGTON SUNDAY SCHOOL THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Average collection for January, February and March, weekly and monthly, \$1.10

Average attendance for same period, weekly and monthly, 125 plus

Miss Delores Harber, Secy.
W. M. Simmons, minister.

FROM MIDWAY, KY., SUNDAY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst sister Eva King, our State Secretary, though we realize he doeth all things well, we yet regret our loss but bow in humble submission to his will. We extend our sympathy to the family, and trust that God will sustain them.

Committee:
A. W. Davis
K. M. D. Johnson
Mrs. A. W. Davis

MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

On Friday night and Saturday April 2, and 3, we had the heaviest fall of snow for many years at that time of the year.

Eld. R. H. Davis, teacher in the Bible Department at M. C. I. and pastor of the Fayette St. Christian Church held a two weeks revival meeting with the church. The meeting was brought to a close on Easter Sunday. Seven additions have been reported, six by confession and one reclaimed.

On Easter Monday, the members of the Smith Literary Society had Field Day exercise. The campus was crowded with visitors. There were several games; Base ball, basket ball, egg-hunt, bag-race, and tennis. The day was a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Prof. Thomas has already started his spring garden. On Tuesday the 6, the boys planted a fair amount of potatoes.

Every one is busy getting ready for commencement in May. There seems to be a fine spirit among all the students.

Miss Simpson, Domestic art and Science teacher has turned out a most beautiful lot of hats. The girls in the Senior and middle class took part in the work.

Prof. Thomas leaves on Sunday the 11, inst. for Reedsville where he will help the pastor of the church at that place in some special services.

M. C. I. April 8, 1915.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

President Ervin, C. A. Berry and two of the boys are dressing the home of president Ervin with a beautiful white coat of paint. This in connection with other improvements made here which will change the appearance of things considerably.

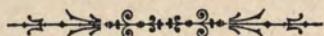
We are glad to note that little K. J. Frost is rapidly improving from his few days of illness and is now making it pleasant for the J. C. I. folks again, especially his faithful friend Gertrude Ervin.

Dr. Browning and wife were our last visitors. We are always glad to have our friends to visit us and shall do all in our power to make it pleasant for you, come again.

Oh, ye farmer, awake from your slumber. There's no time for sleeping. The rays of the sun, the singing of the birds, the peeping of the grass and leaves make us know spring is truly here.

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FIELD REPORTS



STANFORD KENTUCKY.

The "Power of God unto salvation" is still manifesting itself here. Seven additions last Lordsday. Four from the world, three from the Baptists. As I am but an instrument of God's hand praise. Brethern pray for us.

J. M. D. Thurman.

LIBERIAN LETTER

Dear readers, time is swiftly passing by and we are moving on across the stage of action. The question comes to one and all of us am I doing all I can while passing over the stage?

In this great drama of life each of us has a part to play. There is no way around it. We must therefore play a good and servicable part or a worthless and useless part. Which are you playing?

Each moment we are receiving something of Him who loves. What are we giving in return? Who will give up something which you want very much in order to help the cause of Him who has given so much? It is in this way that we test our selves in this great cause of humanity.

To give what we do not want nor have any need for what ever is not at all what the Master wants. It is not what He did. For indeed He gave his all, his life for us. It is therefore proper and right that we should give to Jesus something that is dear and near to us.

He will be pleased if only you would give Him a life of faithful service and prompt obedience.

Every where in His great field service is needed, means are needed. Men and women of action are called for daily. Men and women of courage, faith, fearless and large in heart.

Jesus our friend and king still knocks and waits at the door of some heart. Who will open unto Him and let Him extend to you the call to His great service of love.

To day some where another soul goes into judgement unprepared because men and women will not heed His pleading and open unto Him.

Here in Liberia, Africa men and women, girls and boys live and die without any knowledge what ever of the great love of Jesus.

Can you realize the hundreds that go yearly into the valley of death with no shadows, for indeed it is death to them. There is not that lamp nor that light, Jesus Christ to light their path way.

Can a child of God bought with the precious blood of Jesus freeze on to the dollar which he can easily spare for the advancement of the kingdom of God? Surely no true blood -bought child can.

Our work here is moving along pretty well. We op not have material to finish our building with and will probably have another season in this wet cabin. This is because some body needs to love Jesus more. The more we love the more we will give.

It is our hope to get the roof finished this week. I could use to a great advantage some garden seed. The Cassava is coming out but not as good as I would like to see it.

Let us give more and pay more and the work of the kingdom will move along better.

Faithfully in his service.

Harry G. Smith.

TEXAS EVANGELIST.

Elder W. M. Alphin makes the following report.

Days on field	45
Points visited	7
Sermons	23
Addresses	9
Confessions	2
Additions Auxillary	5
Conferences with churches	3
Bible Schools revived	3
State Board meetings attended	1
House to house visits	78
Letters written	98
Cards	33
Articles for publication	3
Money collected on salary	\$26.44
Money raised for local expenses	5.10
Railroad expense	15.0

TENNESSEE EVANGELIST

Let me mention some things about the work at Holtsville. We held three servies with the church there Lord's Day March 3. Each service was well attended and full of enthusiasm. Some of the White Christians came to visit us, some riding on horseback nine miles, remaining till the close of the evening service. The morning sermon was on the text, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor." The afternoon sermon was on the text, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The evening sermon was on, "What think ye of the Christ," There were two confessions. The church is only four months old, with a membership of sixty-seven. The Bible school has about 60 enrolled with a fine attendance. They have a choir of fourteen members. The work here is prospering, and all are energetic. They are thinking of the State Convention which will be held in Nashville, in August. The choir expects to attend that convention in a body.

A class in Training-for-service has been recently organized. We have just sent in an order for twenty copies of Moninger's book. I am sure the class will complete the course of fifty lessons easily

As soon as the weather settles, we will begin making the cement blocks for the new church. Hon. J. E. DeFord, a white brother will assist us in making preparation for their construction. With all the zeal and enthusiasm of this splendid new congregation, we may expect great things from them.

W. P. Martin, Evanglist.

EVANGELISTIC REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER.

Churches visited	4
Rivival meetings	3
Sermons	50
Lectures	2
Officers' meetings held	3
Funerals	1
WORK DONE	
Addition, church at Jellico	1
" church at Holtsville	14
" church at Savannah	5
Total additions	20

Money raised on field for Evangelistic work	\$53.10
Money raised for local expenditures	11.90
Subscribers to the PLEA	2
Miles traveled	1244

HOW I WENT TO THE BAD

(Continued from page 3.)

"Law, Jess," she was saying, "sposin' the po' cree-tuh's d—?" As if in answer to her unfinished question, came a slight movement on the bed, accompanied by a faint sigh; and all breathlessly we stood at the threshold, we thought, of a moment pregnant with strange revelations. Seeing, however, that we were doomed to disappointment, father gave instruction to call him if needed and discreetly withdrew, leaving matters entirely to mother and us. We first hurriedly but closely examined the stranger for signs of injury. Finding none, other than an ugly scar in the scalp and one still uglier on the shoulder,—both old wounds long healed,—we directed our attention wholly to trying to arouse her. But a half an hour of this only succeeded in eliciting now and then a toss of the head or a broken, drowsily muttered sentence. Her breathing, however, had become by now plainly audible and regular as one in restful sleep, and so mother decided to prepare her for bed and patiently wait further developments.

I so informed father, whom I encountered on my way out for a gown for the woman; and he, realizing that his services were not immediately needed, set out again for the scene of his adventure to see if he had overlooked anything in the way of baggage.

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QUARTERLY C. W. B. M. MEETING

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seemed to have a better idea of the work and more desire to strengthen it.

We want ask some of our Auxiliaries to wake up. God intended you to carry on his work, and promised you to do it. Those whose have not yet reported please send your report to the secretary at once.

Hermanville, Miss., V. A. Jones, Sec'y.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

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Prof. Howard and Frost are working hard to compliment us with the little "toots" from the sawmill. Before these notes are published the sawmill will be in full operation. The work boys are making ready twenty acres more land for corn. When this is planted, with the fifteen we have already we will have thirty-five acres. But this is not all, we have ten or fifteen acres more to plant. We hope as soon as the sawmill can saw out the lumber to make hog pastures so we can raise a lot of hogs here. Shirley Crayton has given the pair to begin. Who will be the next to follow? Speak up and express yourself.

President Ervin was invited to make an address at the close of Big Sandy school. So in company with C. A. Berry, Miss S. I. Ellis and a number of our boys and girls he went to the excellent program April 2. At the close of the program Pres. J. N. Ervin gave an excellent address. President E. A. Ervin and wife are doing good work here.

Easter Sunday rally was observed at the J. C. I. Sunday April the 4. I wish you could have seen how largely and earnestly our boys and girls responded when the call was made for money for JARVIS! Surely when you know that many of them gave the last cent they had, you will rejoice with us to know we raised the sum of thirteen dollars and fifteen cents. You will remember my friends that our boys and girls here are poor

boys and girls earning their way through school, and don't have as much money as you. Yet they are always willing to help in all of our collections. I am sure this small collection given by the faculty and students here ought to be inspiring to every

church in the state of Texas, when our conditions are properly considered.

The faculty and students at the J. C. I. were favorably impressed with the excellent sermon given by Prof. Z. H. Howard, Sunday night April the 4.

C. A. Berry

An Ode to Louisville Bible School.

C. E. CRAGGETT.

O Louisville, Bible School so dear,
We cherish thy great name,
Thy lessons taught, go far and near
To carry forth thy fame.

Thy sons go forth to battle down
The evils great and strong,
In every land they work to crown
The right against the wrong.

From California's sunny land,
To Maryland so bright,
Thy firm and noble heroes stand
To battle for the right.

From Illinois, a Northern state,
To Texas lovely strand,
The boys that passed out from thy gate,
Toiled hard to uplift man.

Thy seed well sown, have taken root,
And rapidly they grow;
And day by day they bear ripe fruit,
As time and labor show.

Yes, upward, onward march thy sons
With shout, with trumpet sound,
They wield the swords, they fire the guns,
To bring sin's stronghold down.

To-day thou standst with bolted door,
And desk unoccupied,
No voice within thy walls implore:
No students there abide.

No bells within thy gates do sound
The morning's opening hour,
No pupil lingers on thy ground,
Beneath thy shady bower.

But thanks to God, for thy blest past
Of service great and true,
For in thy walls we learned the task
Of how to dare and do.

Thou art not dead, thou school of might.
By this sad dissolution;
For thou will go from this thy site
To C. C. Institution.

"All Hail" the power of thy new birth,
Let workers great and small,
Bring forth their earnings of the earth,
And crown thee school of all.

Pres. Sherman

THE GOSPEL PLEA

PREACH THE WORD

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Gain In Loss

TRUTH SEEMS PARADOXICAL BECAUSE our native way of thinking has been so thoroughly opposed to the ways of truth. It has been hard for us to learn that the nearest way to happiness always seems the farthest way around to the mind accustomed to the old way of thinking. It was this fact that made Christ's work so difficult. Even to his disciples he seemed to be going in the opposite direction to his goal. To them he said, "Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you," "If any man would come after me let him take up the cross and follow me." And to illustrate what he meant, he deliberately gave himself into the hands of the Jews to persecute and into the hands of the Gentiles to mock and crucify. To the disciples this surely looked like going in the wrong direction. In fact the mass of men of today will pronounce the Christ-way the wrong way. They refuse to love their enemies; instead of denying themselves, they will seek their own interest first; and instead of putting themselves into the attitude of suffering for the cause, they enter the mad chase for wealth and distinction. Of course they fail for they go contrary to the law of truth, the nature of which they little understand.

The politician and the Christian martyr are as diametrically and fundamentally divergent as darkness and light or as wrong and right. To illustrate this we are going to name four politicians who show four types of the same selfishness, and four martyrs who show four types of unselfishness.

First there is Murphy the great boss of New York who has no ambition to hold office but wants to be the power behind all office holding. He seeks to gain his power by building up a machine without reference to right and wrong. The end is failure for him and misery for all his followers.

The second is Lorimer who became senator from Illinois by corrupt methods and then sought to be the dispenser of corruption. He sought to gain happiness by becoming the possessor of great material gain, but this could not give it and his life is a tragedy.

The third is Tillman of South Carolina who sought to gain the great things of life by appealing to the basest prejudices of the people, but this begot a child, Blease, worse than himself that rose up to mock its progenitor and nothing but the keenest disappointment wails at the door.

The fourth is Sullivan who in his day was the greatest prize fighter in the ring and whose name was known to every boy in America. He sought to gain happiness by appealing to the cock-fight spirit in the race, but in the end he found it vanity of vanities. He has somewhat retrieved himself by doing all he can to undo the folly of his former days.

For our four martyrs to truth we take;

First, Lincoln, who, when the irrepressible conflict began to show itself like a cloud the size of your hand, did not, like Webster, seek to stay on the popular side, but came out boldly on the side of what he thought right and appealed to men's consciences not their prejudices. His course gained for him a greater happiness than he could even have hoped for.

Second, Francis E. Willard, who as a mere girl joined herself with the unpopular Crusaders who prayed in the saloons. Though they were called "short haired women" and many other derogatory names, she did not despise the shame but cast her lot with them and became the greatest woman America has produced.

Third, Jacob Kenoly, who like many other boys could have sought self interest and pleasure in making money and wearing fine clothes; but he chose none of these but went to Africa, and then when the real situation stared him in the face, he deliberately said, "If I die for Africa, I die happy," rather than to flee for home and seek his own safety; and now he has found immortality in the hearts of a missionary brotherhood.

Fourth, who shall I say? The great number of young people who are deliberately choosing a life of intense self denial in order that they may aid mankind to higher ground. You know some of them. I need not name them.

Now here is the lesson. There is great danger that the Negro race will now enter the race for gain for self and thus lose its capacity to appreciate the larger and better things. It does not alarm us in the least that the Negro race is discriminated against, nor that it is often denied its rights. What we are alarmed over is the question, Is the Negro race awake to its opportunity to become a true servant in the great cause of human advancement? If it is not and enters the lists for selfish gains it will unfit itself for all the larger things when they come. In seeking to gain its pleasures it will lose its capacity to enjoy true things. If it is and enters the great reform and evangelistic and missionary enterprises in a truly self-sacrificing spirit, it will fit itself for all the larger things that the next age will bring us. If it will prove itself faithful in the small but fundamental things, it will in the next age most assuredly hear "Come thou blessed of my Father, thou hast been faithful over a few things, be thou ruler over many."

A Petition

THESE are the gifts I ask of thee, Spirit serene:
Strength for the daily task,
Courage to face the road,
Good cheer to help me bear the travellers' load.
And for the hours of rest that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen.
These are the sins I fain
Would have thee take away:
Malice and cold disdain,
Hot anger, sullen hate,
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great,
And discontent that casts a shadow gray
On all the brightness of the common day.

—Henry Van Dyke.

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PAYING THE PREACHER PROMPTLY

A very common practice in many of our churches is that
of failing to pay the pastor promptly. This ought always to
be done each month, or each week if possible. The reason
for this inheres in the fact that few preachers have any
money ahead. Their salaries are ordinarily so small and
their requirements are so many that they never carry a large
balance in the bank. They ought to be paid with prompt-
ness so as to enable them to meet their own financial oblig-
ations upon the spot. This will give them good financial
standing in the community and will reflect credit on the
church. The failure of a church to promptly meet its financi-
al obligations to the preacher, and his consequent inability
to pay his debt, is very discouraging to any man who
preaches the word. It is easy for him to conclude that his
services are not desired by the congregation, and usually he
becomes restless and begins to cast about for another field.
This condition of mind is detrimental to his best work and
does his church an injury.

Such a practice on the part of the church will require
some personal attention on the part of the officers of the con-
gregation. But this is part of their work and they ought to
be faithful in the discharge of their duty at this point. A
church ought to pay its debt just as promptly as an individ-
ual. Honesty is quite as important on the part of the church
as on the part of the individual. The members of the church

ought to be just as jealous of the financial credit of the
church as they are of their own standing in the community.

A church's prompt payment of its obligations gives it a
strong grip on the heart of the preacher, a high sense of
self-respect and a good degree of influence in the community
which it serves.

CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST.

The above article is taken from the Christian Evang-
elist of March 25th. and since perhaps but few of our colored
preachers and church officers read the Christian Evangelist
we want to give the readers of the PLEA the great benefit
that should come from a careful reading of the above splen-
did article.

From experience, I know well, that too many of our
churches have been altogether too slow and indifferent about
paying the preacher the very small salary they promise to
pay him. They generally ask the preacher what is the
"least" he will preach for, and some times much of that
"least" is never paid. I would be more than one thousand
dollars better off today, if all that "least" salary, for which
I gave my best service, had been paid. And what is worse, some
churches think a preacher is fully paid the same day he
leaves a church, although the church may owe him more
than one hundred dollars for actual service rendered. The
poor good hearted preacher waited patiently that other
debts of the church might be paid, and in many cases, the
others debts have been paid long ago, but the poor preach-
er is yet patiently waiting for his hard earned money that
should have been paid long, long ago.

The preacher, they say, must not ask for his money, for
then "he is preaching for money" and if he should go to
law to get it, then he commits the unpardonable sin. Poor
fellow.

Then too, if he is a single man, on the next day after
the collection or rally for the preacher, some good brother
or sister wants to borrow a few dollars from the preacher,
who has some times, debts long over due, and if the preacher
does not accommodate them, there is bad feeling. They
think he has no family and therefore has no use for his
money. And some times they think a married preacher
can live on angel's food and wear the heavenly robe on
earth.

If we are going to be New Testament Christians, and
consistent, we must pay the preacher, and pay him prompt-
ly.

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another".
Roman 13:8.

W.H. Dickerson.

TAYLOR, TEXAS.

I was delighted on the morning of April 12, to read in
the "Helpful to All" the article. "An Appeal." This will
certainly prove a blessing to many. I am more than ever
encouraged, in attempting to help the PLEA.

At last the Central District Board was organized at Tay-
lor, in Murphy street church, and with the following officers:

President, I. W. Clayton; Secretary, T. H. Clay-
ton; Treasurer, Sister Annie Williams; District Evangelist,
Elder J. H. Fielder. He is asked to go in town or in
country where there are no churches, to organize by short
stays, members into congregations.

All officers are asked to report to the state secretary
monthly.

We have planned some work for the near future in near
by towns.

Brethren, let all subscribe for the GOSPEL PLEA. It is
"helpful to all." Begin now to square up obligations and
make ready for the coming state convention in August, at
Taylor, Texas.

M. T. Brown

HOW I WENT TO THE BAD A MAID.

(Continued from last week.)

WHEN our unbidden guest had been made as comfortable as possible for the night, and we had looked carefully over her clothes, piece by piece, in the vain hope of discovering some clew to her identity, mother and Amanda took up their vigil at the bed-side, and Phyllis and I, with the understanding that we should relieve them toward morning, retired to our own room, where, with no thought of sleep, we lay across the bed in the dark with our clothes on. Who was that unfortunate creature so pale and still, lying down stairs? Could it be some adventurous friend of the Dugall's, who, coming unannounced, had sought to take them by surprise, and choosing to set out afoot from the station at the village and being overtaken by the dark, had lost her way and swooned? Was she some stranded Gipsy? Perhaps she was a poor victim of the "Unspeakable Crime," who, later being placed by her assailant on the railroad in the hope that a passing train might finish her, had sufficiently recovered to drag herself to the place where father had found her. These and a score of other probabilities Phyllis and I discussed as we lay there, expecting we knew not what. Finally, having adverted to those ugly scars, the one on the shoulder and the other on the scalp, I went chattering away only to discover, as I paused at length for a reply, that Phyllis had gone fast asleep. I arose then with the intention of sitting by the window, when, hearing father's footstep on the porch, I changed my mind and came downstairs to meet him. Mother, having also heard him, left her vigil and softly followed him into her bed-room.

"Find anything, Jess?" she asked.

"Nothin' but dese," he answered. In one hand he held out a once dainty little hat, now battered and crushed, its single plume broken and hanging by a thread, in the other, a net shopping-bag, soiled and lined with faded green silk. We found in the later a broken comb, a silver-mounted hair-brush much the worse for wear, a collapsible drinking-cup, three soiled handkerchiefs, and a dog-eared purse containing a lock of hair and two baking-powder coupons—nothing more. No mark on anything that might identify the owner—except one faint impression on the back of the brush, and it, while resembling the letter M somewhat, seemed more likely to have been intended as a part of the peculiar decoration of the mounting. We simply had to give it up in despair and make up our minds, as father said, to wait till day and the neighbors began to stir abroad.

"She still breathin' an' restin' all right?" he inquired.

"Peaceful an' quiet ez any baby," mother said. And laying the little hat and bag together on the big wooden chest with all the tenderness and gentle patings one might bestow on foundling infants, she sighed miserably and returned to her vigil.

Father dropped to the side of the bed and began unlacing his shoes, and I crept back upstairs to my place beside Phyllis, who was still sound asleep.

No matter if I did feel never so wide awake, I needed to close my eyes, relax my muscles and try to rest a little, since tomorrow I shall begin my long, long journey North. . . . But suppose I should fail to catch the train? It began to seem doubtful, certainly; especially since I had already heard it blow and, from the top of the hill leading down to the little station, could see it just swinging around the curve in the distance. Maybe I might make it

by running a little faster, even if I had to go aboard without a ticket. I could do no more than fail at any rate. Then, at top speed, I stubbed my toe on a loose board in the plank walk and went plunging headlong into the gully at the roadside, only to find myself sitting bolt upright in bed.

I had promised to relieve mother and Amanda, and here I had been asleep—how long? Tarrying long enough to arouse sleepy-headed Phyllis sufficiently to respond to her name, I hastened down to consult the clock.

Almost two! I listened a moment to see if Phyllis were coming, and hearing no sound, concluded she must be still asleep. An extremely deep sleeper as I knew her to be, I was equally certain that to call her from below could only result in disturbing father and that to return upstairs to awaken her, especially from a first nap, would involve as much time and effort—and perhaps to as little purpose—as we had bestowed on the stranger the first of the night. Not at all timid or fearful, I would keep the vigil until day, alone. And meanwhile, I would employ myself in repairing, as well as I might, the stranger's hat.

As I had expected, mother at first objected to my being left alone, but finally yielded and went off after Amanda to bed—I supposed. I had done about all that could be done for the hat before the end of my first hour. After realizing all the satisfaction to be had from trying it on my own head, I laid it aside, resumed my chair and sat studying the inscrutable face of my charge and watching the slow, rhythmic rise and fall of her chest in breathing—watching, indeed, until there in the stillness of the room and the dead of the night, I began to experience, as never before, an overwhelming sense of loneliness—a feeling as if I were the only person awake in the wide, wide world. Nor were matters helped much when, my eyes happening to fall on a certain novel I had laid aside unfinished the day before, I picked it up and resumed my reading of it. For a girl in my situation at the moment, it was rather too full of excitement and mystery—and crime.

"But why did she make a secret of this?" I read. A few lines farther, "Oh, tell me the truth," she cries. . . . She swayed forward and fell at his feet. . . . 'Good God!' he cried, 'this shock may kill her.' . . . Slowly the white lid unclosed and—"

Here I involuntarily glanced at the sleeper. Her eyes were open—open at last, and roving in dazed fashion about the room. Motionless I sat, and dumb, striving to retain my grip upon myself; waiting, yet somehow fearing, her discovery of me; scarcely daring to breathe, lest I should scream. It may have been long or it may have been short, but by the time she did finally give that little start of consciousness of my presence and then raised herself to her elbow, I had gotten myself fairly well in hand again.

(To be continued)

The Other Side of a Live Question

J. M. D. THURMAN

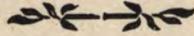
Many writers and public speakers in referring to the Negro frequently state: "This age is the test of the Negro; he is now passing through the crucial test." From that and similar statements I respectfully beg to differ. Instead of passing through "the crucial test" he is now, correctly speaking in a Preparatory state just as are, also, the

(Continued on page 8).

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy ways may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



The Bridge Builder

An old man, going on a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed at the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow-pilgrim near.
"You are wasting your strength with build-
ing here;

Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?
The builder lifted his old gray head—

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said
"There followeth after me today.

A youth whoth feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;

He, too must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend I'm building this bridge for him!"

—Selected.

WHO STARTED THE C. W. B. M.?

Some of us know that the great organization known as the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, became a reality through the prayers, visions and efforts of Mrs. Pearre. Below we give a letter written by her to a friend, which tells how the idea of doing for others grew into shape, and what a great thing grew out of a feeble child's efforts to help.

Columbia Missouri, November 18, 1909.

My dear Miss Mitchell:

"I received your letter a week ago, but the weather has been so dark, my poor eyes had to be favored.

"I am pleased to see that a little of my sowing that bright day at Christian College, fell into good ground.

"The story you wish is briefly this. Forty years ago last summer I was married and went with my husband to Ashland, Ohio, where he was pastor of the church. I found a member there; a young girl, an invalid, and very devout. Her young friends of the Presbyterian Church were filling a box of clothing to send to one of their missions. She was moved to do the same thing for her church, but our people had no missions—were doing nothing beyond their local work, except

a little evangelizing. But Minnie began her box; she begged from her mother the leftovers and made little garments according to her cloth. So her days were spent—too feeble to do anything but this work and look after the two little children and lie on the couch between times. She persevered so faithfully, her mother told her after a time she should have the milk money to put in her box—this in consideration of her helpfulness about the children. Then her father who was a merchant, told her he would sell her remnants at cost. This gave her a great boost and she soon had her box half filled. Then the ladies of the church began to take interest and made contributions. I thought it was a crazy fancy of a sick girl and paid no attention to it. I had no interest in missions, and we had no missions to be interested in. But the box went on. My husband contributed a summer suit; her father, not a Christian, took his business suit to his tailor and had it renovated and put it in. And as Christmas drew near the box was filled.

"Now where shall she send it? She had seen in the Christian Standard a report of a colored church of three hundred members down in Alabama that was in great need from failure of cotton crop. She would send it there. She wrote to the editor and got the address of the pastor and sent it to him. It reached him on Christmas morning and in a few days she received a letter from him saying there was some one of his poor people to fit every garment and if she had sent them one hundred dollars it would have not done them more good. And I had no part in that blessed Christmas making! But the lesson was not lost. I saw how a sick child's efforts for Christ's sake were blessed beyond calculation and small resources grew and grew like the loaves and fishes when the blessing of God was there.

"Do you see how it connects with the Christian Woman's Board of Missions? In five years I was to start this blessed work which has grown to such marvelous proportions under God's leading. This little story was one of the blessed lessons that set my face in the right direction. In the economy of God, things do not happen—He is at the helm and even a little child may lead them. I am glad you are in the service—be faithful to the end. The joy increases all the way.

Yours lovingly,

C. N. Pearre.

STARTING AGAIN

MAY GRIGGS VAN VOORHIS.

When I think of the year that is slippin' away

With all o' its folly and sin,

With its many mistakes and its bitter heartaches

I'm glad to be startin' agin.

I'm glad to be startin' agin,

To try suthin' better to win;

In this year that's acomin' I'll keep things ahummin'

Ef the Lord'll just try me agin.

O Jesus who came to this dark world o' ours,

To save us from sorrow and sin,

With you as our stay on the long upward way,

We kin allus be startin' agin.

We kin allus be startin' agin,

A crown o' salvation to win;

If we find through our sorrow, a better tomorrow,

Each day we'll be startin' agin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Last week Supt. Prout sent over to our chapel service a piece of board he had received from the Jarvis Christian Institute. Principal Burgess made a few remarks about the J. C. I. and then showed the piece of board. On it was written: First slab from J. C. I. saw mill 3:30 P. M., April 12, Z. H. H."

Last Wednesday the stories of the following books were given in the Academy: "The child in the midst," "Polyana," and "Today in the land of Tomorrow."

Miss Harvey was suddenly called to her home in Indiana, last Saturday morning. The office is now in charge of Mrs. Lehman until Miss Diehl can arrive to take up the work.

Prof. Bebout met with a very painful accident at the Mansion steps a few nights ago. He has been kept from his school work a few days. His leg is improving fast and he will soon be in his accustomed place.

Supt. Mahli occupied the pulpit at the Institute Church last Sunday. His subject was The "Lordship of Jesus." We have heard a number of comments on the excellency of the sermon.

A word to Home Defenders every where: The second Annual Reunion of Home Defender Success Club will be held at Crawford Cottage, S. C. I. Wednesday night, May 12, 1915. We want five minute speeches or papers from Calvert, Griffin, Davis, Berry, Coleman and others from a distance if they can possibly be present. The Home Defenders are in the forefront in this fight against the liquor business and tobacco.

Wasn't that a fine batch of school notes on the Educational Page in last week's PLEA? Six schools represented

Mr. Jones, who claimed to be a cousin of Sam Jones gave an address in Chapel one morning last week, on "Health and Temperance."

Thanks to Messrs Jacobs and Mills, the Institute telephone line is now in good working order. For some time the line has been out of commission.

Prof. Bebout's Teacher Training class has recently taken examination in "From Jordon to the throne of Saul."

S. C. I., April 19.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

A great benediction came to us on Wednesday night, April 14th, in the person of Bro. J. B. Lehman, who has been at the head of the Southern Christian Institute nearly a quarter of a century; giving his life for the uplifting of the colored race. And we are proud to say that he was a welcome guest at the A. C. I. on the 14th.

The principal called a meeting of friends and patrons, who came at his call. We enjoyed a wonderful lecture from Matt. 25: 14-30 which was enjoyed by all. We believe that there will be an awakening interest among the colored people of this vicinity.

Planting time has come. Everybody is striving to put something in the ground that is going to be of more benefit to them than cotton; for they have made a different move altogether.

We have begun eating cabbage from the garden, which makes a fine dish. A contest base ball game between the school boys of the A. C. I. and the ex-school boys will be played on the 17th. We are looking for a nice game. The ex-school boys want to take the honor from the school boys, but if they take it we think it will be taken only through hard playing.

Our commencement is coming on. Prepare to be with us, for we need you.

We will have no graduating class, but we are planning on having a nice time.

MY SUNNY SOUTHERN HOME.

Mrs. P. H. Moss.

After leaving Martinsville Virginia, in October. I spent six months at home with my people in Kansas. On April 1, I left for Edwards Miss, the place of lead quarters. I had a very pleasant journey from Rantoul Kansas to Jackson Miss, where my husband joined me on the evening of April 2. accompanying me to our home in Edwards Miss.

The first Sunday afternoon was spent on the beautiful campus of the Southern Christian Institute.

On entering the large campus gate, one is struck with the exquisite beauty, of pretty green trees, whose branches are covered with the gray moss which hangs from the limbs like the branches of the willow. Dotted here and there are large beautiful buildings, one of the most attractive, is the old historic Mansion, which has stood for many years with its imposing beauty. This is the home of President and Mrs. J. B. Lehman.

The next to meet my gaze was the spacious new stucco Smith Hall building which is the home of the girls. We were taken to the home of Mrs. Z. H. Howard and nicely entertained. Presently the dinner bell rang, then we hurried out see more than a hundred student boys and girls march into Allison Hall where dinner was served. We were seated at the table with Mrs. Z. H. Howard, and Mrs. Harry Smith our returned missionary from Africa, after being served to a delicious dinner we were introduced to the teachers who warmly greeted us and made us feel welcome within their confines.

On leaving the dining hall, we strolled about the campus viewing the other buildings. Belding Hall, the home of the boys, is another pretty structure, also the College Building, Industrial Hall, and many other buildings that time did not permit us to visit.

We were invited to attend the program rendered by the Junior Society in the Y. W. C. A. Hall at 7:30 P. M. We listened to a splendid program rendered by these young people, at the conclusion of the program an offering was taken to the amount of over ten dollars. It was surprising to see students give so liberally of their limited means. It may truly be said of the students as the Master said of the widow, while others give out of their abundance these truly gave out of their penury.

On Friday night just one week after we arrived in Edwards we were given an agreeable surprise by the members and friends of the church who quietly entered our porch and began singing "Will there be any stars in my crown?" When they were through singing we cheered them and opened our door to welcome them and to our surprise there were more than twenty friends who came to meet and greet us. The evening was pleasantly spent. Before leaving some of the ladies retired to the dining room and served a most elaborate luncheon. We sincerely hope that there may be many stars in the crowns of those with such generous hearts and hospitable spirits.

Edwards, Miss.

P. H. MOSS

March 7 we had with us our beloved brother and Field Sec'y. of Sunday School work P. H. Moss. I can and do, say that Bro. Moss's coming to us was on the order of the new born Eastern star. That brilliant illuminary of the eastern sky in pointing to the babe in Bethlehem; pointed the world to larger, grander and nobler things. Brother Moss's coming to us was not one whit less brilliant in the religious firmament and his instruction in the Sunday School work gave us a breadth and conception that we never had before. I make the foregoing statement with full knowledge of the fact that I have been an attendant at S. S. regularly since childhood and since reaching the state of manhood always congratulated myself on my liberal views of all things commendable. Brother Moss is both an inspiration and a benediction to any Lordsday school. He is the right man in the right place. May his tribe increase.

J. M. D. Thurman.

Standford, Ky.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson For May 9.

FRIENDSHIP OF DAVID AND JOHATHAN

I. SAMUEL 20

GOLDEN TEXT,—"A friend loveth at all times."

TIME:—Probably 1068 in the thirty fifth year of Saul's reign, when David was twenty years old.

PLACE:—Gibeah, Saul's capital, about four miles north of Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION.

The Bible contains many notable examples of friendship. John leaned on the Savior's breast and was a close friend, Paul and Timothy were friends. None of the examples are more conspicuous than the friendship of Jonathan for David. His friendship shines out so brightly because it was he who had least to gain and most to lose in connection with it.

I. BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP.

Jonathan was the eldest son of Saul and in line for the throne. Had it not been for the great transgression of his father Jonathan doubtless would have been the second king of Israel. His qualities of mind and heart fitted him for the place. When David slew Goliath the affection of Jonathan did not weaken. He may have wished for the honor, still he was not a whit jealous. What power for good it is when we can see God's purpose, not ours, and see others increase tho we decrease. It was a splendid exhibition of Jonathan's friendship to take off his friendly coat and give it to David. The gift of an article of clothing has in the east been held as a sign of favor. To give to one's rival is the essence of unselfishness. To bear one's self for a friend, will help us to taste of the best gifts—"Covet earnestly the best gifts."—What are our best gifts to our best friend, Jesus? What will we give up? Money, pleasure and power? Will we give our voice, our powers? You must strip yourself of something for your best friend as Jonathan for David.

II. A COVENANT BETWEEN DAVID AND JONATHAN.

Jonathan made a solemn promise to David that he would tell him of any danger Saul threatened against him and there exacts a promise from David he would show kindness to him during his life and to his posterity after his death. We ought to consider well the covenant and vow we make. The covenant we make in the Endeavor, is a promise. In our religious life we are to do good first to the house hold of faith. Remember the parting words of Jonathan, "The Lord is between thee and me forever."

III. LESSONS FOR OUR FRIENDSHIP.

1. True friendship costs. The friendship of David and Jonathan was a costly one.

2. True friendship requires use of conscience. One can not be a true friend without a conscientious feeling.

3. True friendship endures. "True friendship is a plant of slow growth and must under go and stand the shock of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation." George Washington.

4. True friendship is unselfish.

5. True friendship requires greatness. Peevishness, pettiness break up friendships.

6. True friendship is based upon religion. The most vital quality of all is that one fears the Lord.

Jesus Christ is the best friend, the ideal friend, love him and trust him.

QUESTION—

1. In what way did Jonathan show his love for David?
2. How did Jonathan and David separate?
3. How did Saul show his hatred of David?
4. State how Jonathan gives the warning to David of his father's fierce anger.

D. R. B.

CALHOUN, ALABAMA.

The Sunday school quarterly convention was held with the Snow Hill Sunday school at Mt. Willing, March 27, 28. The President, A. D. Mushat was in the chair. R. H. Gray was elected secretary of the convention for the year. Devotional services were conducted by W. M. Timmons, assisted by George Rucker, Sister Laura Snow. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Brother L. J. Phyfer was introduced by D. C. Brayboy, and started a very interesting discussion of the work, and was followed by others. It was decided that we strive toward the standard of the front Rank School. Committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of D. C. Brayboy, W. M. Timmons, A. C. Jeffrey, and they recommended that the convention award a prize to the school giving the best financial reports. Carried.

The executive committee is as follows: J. E. McCall, L. A. Crockett, E. J. Smith, Mckinley Jackson.

The committee on finance made its report, which was approved. This committee was composed of G. A. Franklin, Laura Snow and Joe Brown. The report follows:

Received from public collections,	\$2.88
Sunday school	20.40
Total,	23 28
Reports from individual schools:	
Union school,	2.34

Representative E. J. Smith had a paper, entitled, "Our Motto." It was good. Delegate Anna Lewis gave a recitation, entitled "True Ministers." It was enjoyed by all. Mt. Moriah reported 54 cents. Representative, C. C. Gray. Representative, R. T. Stallwort. Snow Hill reported \$2.97. Representative, Joe Brown talked on "The object of the Sunday school," and his talk was good. Bethlehem School reported none. Union Point, \$5.61. Representative, L. J. Phyfer. Delegate Mary P. Phyfer gave a good paper.

The delegate to the state convention, W. M. Timmon reported \$10. from the district officers. These are A. D. Mushatt, Henry Williams, J. M. Stollsworth.

Saturday Evening.

Devotional, conducted by Mrs. G. A. Franklin, assisted by W. M. Surles, C. M. Mosley. All visitors were by motion, made honorary members of the convention. Collection was taken to the amount of 1.10. Benediction by W. M. Timmons.

Sunday Morning

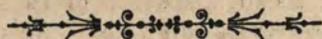
At ten the Sunday school assembled, and Mrs. G. A. Franklin was in charge, assisted by Mrs. G. A. Franklin, and Joe Brown. A collection of \$1 73 was taken. Five minutes recess after which we re-assembled, and after a song service, conducted by L. J. Phyfer, and G. R. Rucker, an address was given by Mckinley Jackson, and a paper read by L. J. Phyfer, from Union Point Sunday school. The constitution of the convention was read by Prof. I. C. Franklin, and on motion L. J. Phyfer was elected a delegate to the state convention, and he was allowed one dollar per day for his work.

Salome school, 1.93. Stephen Peters from this school, gave a paper on "The need of attending Sunday school."

New Bethany School,..... Blank

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FIELD REPORTS



CALVERT'S LETTER.

After a few weeks of silence I again come to you with greeting. I thank my God for your well-being as well as my own, and ask Him to bless us all with a reasonable portion of good health during the spring season.

I am indeed glad to be able enjoy this beautiful spring weather. It makes the faithful worker feel like putting forth greater efforts for the up building of the Master's kingdom. Those of us who have been slothful, negligent, careless, and unconcerned about the cause of Christ during the winter season should awake to greater activities. The Saviour calls to-day.

But I am so glad I am not a member of the tribe that works at certain seasons of the year. Hear Jesus to John on the rocky isle of Patmos: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Being faithful is not following one day and quitting the next. Being faithful does not mean idling away more time than we work.

In obedience to the Saviour's command to Christians in all ages, the fourth Sunday of March found the writer with the Christian Church of Shaw. It was a beautiful day, and we had a real lovely service.

All the members of the Church here live quite a distance from the place which hindered the night service. We attended service Sunday night at the Stranger's Home Baptist Church. At the close of this service an appointment, through the efforts of Brother J. W. Baker, was put out for me at the Methodist Church for Monday night.

On Monday night, quite a number of the members of the Church of Christ accompanied us to the Methodist Church. The pastor, in the very strongest and highest terms, gave the writer a standing invitation to come and preach for his people at any time.

In Hollandale on Tuesday, night. Had an appointment at the Baptist Church but was stormed out. Preached at the Sanctified Church on Wednesday night. They urged us to come again.

At Indianola first Sunday. Good audience, good service day and night. Collections good enough to make a preacher smile. All things considered, the Indianola Church is holding up fine. May God bless the work of our hands.

Pilgrim Rest was our next place of business for the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Had a better crowd than we have had for some time, and the writer preached three sermons. One of these sermons was at the house of Brother Henry Quinn, the oldest member of the Church at this place. He has been sick for more than two weeks and requested that we hold a service at his house. This was indeed a lovely service, and the old soldier of the cross seemed to have enjoyed it so much.

On Tuesday and Friday nights before the second Sunday, the simple preacher of the Gospel preached two sermons in West Point at the bedside of Sister Seal Calvert who was very low sick. This was her request and we did our best to carry out her wishes. The Lord's supper was administered to both of the sick persons.

Thus you see, when I am not preaching the Gospel to the well and hearty, I am, with the message of love and comfort, cheering the sick. It is a real joy to me to bring sunshine and consolation to those in distress. While I am in this world it is my intention to help somebody.

Remember, dear brethren, the time for the Workers Conference is fast approaching. Let us all prepare to attend. You will lose too much to miss it.

B. C. Calvert.

TOPEKA KANSAS

Easter was a day of practical work with us in Topeka. The weather was all that could have been hoped for. The sun came from behind a clear horizon, and kept up a full appearance all day, bringing the mercury up to 78 degrees at mid-day. A gentle breeze constantly fanned us as we went to and from church.

Our morning services were well attended, and well carried out. And to plant afresh in the minds of all present, the resurrection of Jesus, two were to rise from the watery grave. One young man made the good confession. An offering of two dollars was taken up for Virginia Orphan's Home.

The Bible school rendered a program in the evening, and gave two dollars and six cents to be sent to the National Benevolent Association, for the helpless.

Some of our boys and girls are practicing to represent the work of Jacob Kenoly, which is to be illustrated in a play given at one of the white churches in the city during a district convention of the white churches. Each department of the church is growing.

C. E. Craggett.

DICKERSON AT HAGERSTOWN

Hagerstown Md. has a good church house, good congregation and a good Minister, and a good minister's wife Elder F. C. Cothran is the minister and has been for 3 years. Among the officers of the church are some men of business. They are practically without debt and pride themselves on the neat appearance of the church house and splendid choir service. While I was there the juvenile choir sang at morning service and "Grown ups" at night, and I want to tell you "They sing some." Being a "Westerner," I had to get "broken in" to some of the Eastern customs. We had a good meeting, preached two weeks, had four added and great fellowship. Like a stone wall they are standing for the faith once delivered to the saints. They take good care of preachers, and Elder Cothran and his good "preacher wife" know how to care for Evangelists.

Spent a Sunday afternoon at Williamsport, and was out to Halfway, where sleep the remains of our beloved Elder J. E. Thomson, near the home of the large hearted and large familed Bro. Thomas Davis. Hagerstown Sunday School is alive, having 26 present the last Sunday we were there. Tuesday night after meeting, the Sunshine club gave us the "swellest" reception at church, that we had ever seen of its kind. I cannot call the names of those dear girls--God bless them—who made the Sunshine. but Bro. John W. Williams was master of ceremonies and S'ister Cothron presided at the organ. The Choir of the A.M.E. church rendered a special song. The other ministers of Hagerstown and their wives were present and lent much to the event. Hagerstown knows how. Enclosed please find five dollars for Hagerstown subscribers for GOSPEL PLEA as explained in enclosed list. Please see that they get them regularly with correct addresses. From Hagerstown I went to Washington D. C. and preached one night for our church there. I shall tell of it next week. Eld. Cothran is well able to "mind the gap" at Hagerstown and should be heard from in the GOSPEL PLEA.

C. H. Dickerson.

Nicholasville, Ky.

CALHOUN, ALABAMA.

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Mt. Zion School,	Blank
Mt Vernon School,	"
Haynesville School,	\$4.58.

Expenditures:

To president,	\$2.00
To Secretary,	2.00
District Worker,	5.00
Printing programs,	2.45

THE OTHER SIDE OF A LIVE QUESTION

(Continued from page 3).

Shemite branches. As we said in a previous article. "There has been a continual shifting among the three branches, Shemite, Hamite and Japhethite. Instead of this age being "The Crucial Test" of those nations who are descendants of Noah's youngest son, Jepheth, the Hamite branch, as stated in a previous article, was the first to gain ascendancy and his "Crucial test" was during the days of the Pharaohs. That he was not equal to the occasion is proven by the fact that he gave place to the sons of Shem and retrograded to a state of savagery. Then for centuries the "Crucial test" was applied to the Shemites and they, proving unequal or unworthy of the divine arrangement, slowly but surely, gave place to the sons of Japheth.

Now correctly speaking, the question that is ringing in thunderous tone is not: "Can the Negro stand the test?" but "Can and will the white man?" To bear out certain statements I have made touching upon the three branches of the human family I wish to call attention to a few historical facts. The Hamite branch was the first to gain ascendancy unless history is at fault. History says: "The Egyptian kingdom was founded by Mizriam, otherwise called Menes, one of the sons of Ham 2188 B. C. The early history of Egypt is some what obscure. However, we know that from the year 2084 B. C. to the year 1825 B. C. Egypt was governed by the Shepherd kings. It was an Egyptian king Sesostris who first formed the design of conquering the world.

His path was marked by marble monuments bearing this inscription. "Sesostris, king of kings, has conquered this territory by his arms" It is said of the Egyptian city Thebes; "It appears to have been more magnificent than any city either in ancient or modern times." As to learning it is said of them: The Egyptians possessed more learning and science than any other people. Their superior knowledge caused them to be looked upon by other people as magicians. Arts that were known and practiced by those Hamite people are not known even in this boasted age of science and progress. The mummies with preserved features, in the different museums, bear witness to the foregoing statement. The Hamite branch, as most present day writers would have us believe, have always been in a state just a little above the lower animals. On the contrary it was the first to develop, and reached a high state of civilization. Some writers try to withhold from the Ethiopian and other people of Hamite stock the credit due them for the achievements of the Hamite branch but it is just as fair and just as sensible to confine England's achievement to England or Germany's achievement to Germany. They both belong to the Japhethite branch and whatever one accomplishes the whole

branch deserves credit. History gives the name of a least one Ethiopian as ruler of the land of Egypt. An Ethiopian woman named Mitocris became queen of the country in the year 1678 B. C. Those who say that the Negro has added nothing worth while to the world doubtless forget that it was among the Hamite branch that science, learning and civilization had their birth. For centuries the Hamite branch were the learned and ruling people but failing to incorporate into their individual and national life those things which make for the higher order of life gradually gave place to the sons of Shem and continued upon their retrogressive movement which ended in savagery in the wilds of Africa. The Shemite branch continued as rulers until about 400 B. C. when Alaric the Goth and Attila the Hun began to pour down their armies upon the tottering empire of Rome which like its predecessor had become rotten and was fast decaying.

That marked the beginning of the end of the Shemite rule and the beginning of the Japhethite. The burning question today is, "Will the world's present rulers, the Japhethites, prove themselves equal to the divine arrangement or like their predecessors, the Hamites and Shemites, prove their unfitness by a spirit of selfishness which leads to a multitude of sins?"

There is no denying the fact that a retrogressive movement is very noticeable among them. European war, the spirit of greed, selfishness and lawlessness in this country all point with painful accuracy to such a condition. Again a certain English writer of world wide fame said in a recent article; "The social fabric of the world to-day is more corrupt than it was ever before in the world's history, not excepting that period when the Roman nation reached the height of its corruption."

Can the Japhethites stand the test? Facts do not answer in the affirmative. When we pause and consider the hard, cold fact that during the twenty eight year from 1885-1912 there were 2,584 Negro men and women lynched in this country we are forced to admit that a retrogressive movement now marks the Japhethites. Will the Hamite or Shemite branch again be called upon by an allwise Providence to take up the reigns of earthly rule? As both have already had a trial and failed will the end of the Japhethite rule mark the end of God's long suffering? If in the wisdom of an omnipotent God He shall again call upon the Hamite branch to take up the reigns of earthly rule may we have so prepared ourselves in this present preparatory stage that when Ethiopia "shall stretch forth her hands unto God" that our hands will not be empty but tightly grasping a world redeemed by Jesus through us as instruments in God's hand.

Standford, Ky.

NOTICE

Semi-annual Bible School Institute of Ohio, will be held at Dayton, May 1st and 2nd. An excellent program has been prepared and all Christians in Ohio are urged to throw their support to this phase of the church work. Visitors from other sister communities will be welcomed.

C. E. Armstrong, Cor. Sec'y.



THE GOSPEL PLEA



PREACH THE WORD

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HELPFUL TO ALL

Be Ye Also Ready

ONE of the most conspicuous things in history is the fact that God has shaken human systems to and fro to get him glory whether man would or not. Every civilization of the past went out in a cataclysm because they had in them things that were false and man would not or could not put them away.

Ever since the war broke out in Europe every thoughtful American knew we were walking on the brink of the precipice of war. No one knew this better than President Wilson and his advisors. As we write this the German submarines have sunk the great steam Ship Lusitania in which fifteen hundred lives were lost nearly a hundred of whom were Americans. Before this is read, our country may be in open rupture with Germany. Whether this will be so or not, it is certain that we are at a breaking up point of modern history and the only thing that can save us from the upheaval is our own conduct. If we can produce enough volunteers in the service of mankind, God will spare us; if we can not he will drive us to the shambles and then we will give up what we did not from choice give up.

In every war there is an ostensible cause and a real cause. In every war of the past the nations said they were fighting for one thing, the ostensible thing, while in reality they were fighting for another thing. But always, before the war had gone far the real cause came out and the ostensible cause disappeared. In the present European war there were some ostensible causes put forth but it has been hard to find the real cause. Much is said about dominating, reapportioning and avenging old scores. These no doubt are potent factors in the problem, but we do not believe they are the underlying principles. The one most conspicuous thing that has come to the surface is that each nation suddenly discovered that it was a drunken nation and began to sober up. Russia did it by proclamation; France did it by law; England is trying to do it by reformation. What Germany is doing we do not so well know. If our nation calls Germany to account for sinking the Lusitania as Secretary Bryan said we would, President Wilson must issue a prohibition proclamation; and we do not hesitate to say that if it is certain that we will not put away the liquor traffic and white slavery in our quiet deliberations, than let war come with its suffering, for in the end man will be the gainer.

But the most serious aspect is the immediate future. All the nations of the earth are now coming into the family of nations. The missionary teacher is all that stands

between us and another dark age. In our own country with our unadjusted race relations we are illy prepared for a tug of war of nations, and it is this very unpreparedness that God will rebuke with a cataclysm. We have had twenty-five years of unparalleled opportunity to teach and develop and some would not. And it will not do for one to blame another. The white Christian people should have taken the lead in this for they were in every way in a position to do so, but too often they followed the leadership of politicians who flouted Christianity. The Negro has had an unequalled opportunity to do a great work, for in almost every community was the missionary teacher to start the children of the freedmen off a right. None can plead that they have no opportunity.

Now let us note some of the things that will happen when the upheaval comes, whether now or a few years later.

1. It will instantly develop new features of which we do not now dream. In the Spanish American war we went to free Cuba and we first hit the Phillipines.

2. It will put a new phase on life. We have hundreds of thousands of careless farmers who care not how much they make, just so some one feeds them while they are making it. They do not care whether they stay till the crop is gathered or not. Many planters care not whether the soil is restored, or whether the tenants are properly cared for just so they can have enough to spend. All these must change up.

3. It will either lead to a long period of military exploit in which our country will become an imperial military republic, or it will lead to a federation of the world and the war will be followed by a congress of nations in which there will be evolved a codified law of nations. Our own goodness or lack of goodness will determine what course it will take.

Now a word to our readers. You may not comprehend all we have written above but you can know that you should go to your temporal and religious tasks as never before. Plant much for food and plant it better than ever before. This will provide against possible want. Then go to your church work anew. The old house of prayer will mean more to us than it has ever meant before. God will again become a real God to both the unbelievers and the scientists who set his own reasoning up above God. Do not neglect the missionary offering. We have the opportunity of ages to missionary work now. Give as God has prospered you. He has made us a rich people against such a day as this. The missionary teacher stands between you and chaos. Sustain him as never before. Make the education of your boys and girls your supreme task. They will have a mighty work to do when they grow up.

If we are wise enough to use the means we have, financial and otherwise, God will save us from the terrible disaster that has overtaken Europe. If we go on selfishly and do not avail ourselves of present opportunities we must suffer.

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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1915

PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED:

C. W. Mahin, Auburn, Indiana.
Mary Shockley, Emboden, Arkansas.
A. D. Bormver, Louisville, Kentucky.
E. L. Turner, Wabbaseka, Arkansas.
J. Carroll McCoy, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Lucy Bridgewater, Parson, Kansas.
Minnie Watson, Mound, La.

A. C. Anderson, of Hopkinsville Kentucky, Writes:
—I am now holding some Evangelistic meeting at Clarksville, Tennessee which began on first Sunday in May, to continue 15 days. Attendance fairly good, not withstanding the rain and great storms we are having. No additions as yet.

—We were very proud to have Professor J. B. Lehman to preach for us at Hopkinsville, on the fourth Sunday in April. He preached a great Sermon to an appreciative audience, at 11, A. M. Prof. W. H. Dickerson preached a fine Sermon at night of the same day.

—Mrs. Wm. Alphin writes; that in the last issue of the PLEA the printers made a mistake in collection received from Taylor Texas. It should have been \$4.70 instead of \$1.70. We are glad to correct the mistake.

—Prof. Frank Coleman has organized a Christian Church at Mounds, Louisiana with about twenty members and he hopes to have as many as fifty in a few months. Louisiana must be a great missionary field for us in the near future.

—Again we want to caution our readers to guard against the mosquitoes. In a few weeks they will become plenty and then your children will begin to get chills and fever. Remember the only way of transmission of malaria is by the mosquito. You can avoid this danger by allowing no water holes, buckets, tin cans, etc where they can breed. Especially watch your cistern and rain barrels. If you live in towns where other people breed mosquitoes, be sure to screen well your doors and windows and beds. Remember it is cheaper to buy screens than to pay doctors and undertakers.

SOME METHODS OF EVANGELISM READ BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE, AT LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY.

I have not referred to the methods of some of the great Evangelists, such as Moody, Sam Jones, Scoville, Howard, Sunday, etc., because the study of the work of these men will show that it is Men rather than methods that are so much needed in evangelism.

Bishop Taylor Smith, once Chaplain General of the British army, on one occasion summarized the needs of the church, thus—"To know, to grow, to glow, to go." When a church can not send forth her members to propagate the gospel, she has reached a state where she has nothing worth propagating.

Moody said, "our greatest need in evangelism is, O.O. Christians." Some one asked, "What is O.O. Christians?" Moody answered, "Out And Out Christian."

Mark Guy Pearse said to a successful old fisherman, who was pulling out fish one after another briskly, "You manage it cleverly, old Friend. The old man lifted himself up and stuck his rod in the ground. "Well, you see Sir, there be three rules for trout fishing: and it is no good trying if you don't mind them. The first is, Keep yourself out of sight; and the second, Keep yourself further out of sight; and third is, Keep yourself further out of sight. Then you'll do it."

"Good for catching men, too," thought I.

Evangelism means the promulgation of the Gospel to make known the Gospel of Christ. God's great agent for the spread of his kingdom is the church. In every land he operates through the church.

Confucius says, "The philosopher need not go about to proclaim his doctrines; if he has truth the people will come to him." Jesus says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned."

Now, since the command is Go we must think of Method, the way to go or how to go. This suggests, first the agencies for traveling; the auxiliaries employed; the argument and persuasion employed. How much of this is modern, or is to be modern is for us to find out. As for the traveling, some modern methods are rightly and justly employed. The gospel steamboat, the gospel wagon, gospel steam car, the gospel auto.

The auxiliaries employed may be modern only in so far as they are in harmony with the Apostolic idea of Evangelism. A good singer, or a body of good singers are almost indispensable in many places, if souls are to be won for Christ; but a good singer must not be measured by voice culture only, but spiritual culture in the heart and life should be a chief consideration. The gospel in song is a great power in Evangelism when sung by those who themselves are right with God.

We can not win great victories for the Lord when there is sin in the Auxiliaries. Some years ago I was Pastor in a City when all of the Colored Pastors of that city joined in a Union Meeting: but they unanimously decided, after some careful deliberation, to have none but the converted in the Union choir. This decision cut out the best bass voice in the city, and also a member of one of the Choirs. Some ones feelings were hurt, but God won a great victory in the Union revival, for the New Testament order of things was observed.

Advertising may be considered a modern method in Evangelism, and may prove very helpful if done judiciously. Advertising should speak truth. But methods, organization and advertisement cannot take place of preaching the Word. Some times we may depend too much upon these, and neglect

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JUBILEE REPORT

The following amounts have been received up to May 16th 1915.

—FOR GENERAL EDUCATION—

SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Olar. Church, B. J. Kearse,	\$1.25
GEORGIA.	
Oconee, Bethesda Church, S. J. Smith,	1.00
KANSAS.	
Parson, Church, Lucy Bridgewater,	3.00
TEXAS.	
Greenville, Church, M. Knight,	6.75
MISSISSIPPI.	
Port Gibton, Christian Chapel, K. R. Brown, ..	5.00
Edwards, Rosa V. Brown, Alumni,	2.00
MISSOURI.	
Huntsville, collected by Rosa V. Brown,	1.25
New London, George Campbell, collected by Rosa V. Brown,	1.00

WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

South Carolina, Rep. Fee, F. O. Williams,	5.00
Texas, Rep. Fee, J. N. Ervin,	5.00
Tennessee, H. D. Griffin,	3.00
Men's Conference,	29.70
Women's Conference,	62.25
Junior Endeavorers,	20 55
Total for Workers Conference,	125.50
Total for General Education,	146.75
Total for General Education this year,	506.16

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FOR JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Cason, Shady Grove, M. Knight,	3 85
Greenville Church, M. Knight,	21 53
Hawkins, Closing at J. C. I.	30 74
Total for J. C. I. this this time,	56 12
Total for J. C. I. this year,	264 89

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FOR CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Lawrenceburg Church, Dr. Robinson, Pastor,	19.11
Total for C. C. I. this year,	328.12

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FUND STATEMENT

For General Education,	506.16
For Central Christian Institute,	328.12
For Jarvis Christian Institute,	264.93
For Alabama Christian Institute,	73.15
For Martinsville Christian Institute,	66.78
For Tennessee Christian Institute,	38.07
For Children's day,	16.10
For Liberian Christian Institute,	2.50
Total this year,	1295 77
Total in Jubilee Fund,	5370.91
Amount yet needed to make \$20,000.00,	14,629.09

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While the financial report of the Workers' Conference is not up to last year, the meeting was the best ever held. It was common saying, "We have reached higher ground." If we add to the Men's meeting what Georgia sent in and which was reported in former report, their collection was \$47.00 as against the \$62.25 given by the women. We feel sure that those states that did not send in their representation fee will yet do so. They are Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia.

The next on the program now is Children's day on the first Sunday in July. Can we not have all the Sun-

day schools in line this year? Let everybody try. It is our purpose to send programs to every Sunday School. If we missed you, or if you did not get enough, then send to J. R. Lehman, or R. M. Hopkins, Carew Building, Cincinnati, Ohio for more.

Remit all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi, and send it in promptly so we can report promptly.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE YEAR.

The following is a summary of the amount of money that has been collected by the various states for the Jubilee Fund since the beginning of the Worker's Conference last year. Care should be taken to not confuse this report with the regular Jubilee Reports. Those begin with September 1st, the time when our annual report must be made. This begins May 10th 1914 and ends May 10th 1915. It is an effort to show what has been done since we met last year in the worker's Conference.

The report is as follows.

—ALABAMA—

For A. C. I.	
Collected by Mrs. Franklin,	.75
Union point,	2.00
Teachers and students A. C. I.	17.05
State Con.	50.25
Louvern,	2.50
Big Union,	1.35
	73.90

For Children's Day,

Matthews	8.00
Neftel	1.50
	9.50
Total from Alabama	83.40

—ARKANSAS—

For Gen. Education	
Plummerville,	1.00
Kerrs, Oak Grove,	1.60
Kerrs, Pea Ridge,	28.00
Argenta,	19.00
Russellville,	1.00
England,	1.00
Lonoke,	1.00
	52.60

For Children's Day,

Pea Ridge,	9.94
Argenta,	3.00
	12.94
Total from Arkansas,	65.54

—CALIFORNIA—

For Children's Day,	
Los Angeles,	5.00

—GEORGIA—

For General Education,	
Bethasda, Oconee,	6 00
Helena,	1.00
State Convention,	10.00
Seperton	1.00
	18.00

For Children's Day,	1.00
Total from Georgia,	19.00

—KANSAS—

For general Education,	
Topeka,	6.00
Parsons,	8.00

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Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

PROGRAM FOR JUNE.

TOPIC: Our Missionary Maiden Without Reluctant Feet;
Service with Enthusiasm.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER—

That number of Circles may be greatly increased;
that "our girls" may find their greatest joy in Christian service;

For the Men and Millions Movement;
For Peace.

BIBLE STUDY—

The Children of the Bible—The Daughter of Jairus.

UNITED MISSION STUDIES—

"The Child in the Midst."
"In Red Man's Land."

SUGGESTED BOOK FOR READING IN JUNE—

"IN Bethany House."

SUGGESTED BOOK IN BIBLE FOR READING IN JUNE—

Esther.

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LETTER TO AUXILIARIES

We have not been receiving regular report from your Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. We are, therefore, sending to you with each letter a report card and want to ask that you fill it out very soon and mail it back to me, giving the report for the quarter ending in March.

Another thing. We have not been able to give the Negro Missionary Societies credits for half the money they raise because your Secretaries and Treasurers in reporting so often fail to tell us that it is from a colored society if you want credits for your people. This should always be done.

It is a great work in which we are engaged—the greatest that any human being can contemplate. We are called into fellowship with God Himself for the work of saving souls and uplifting a lost world.

Your race has an especial mission. Many of deep vision believe that your people were permitted to be brought to America, even as the Children of Israel were carried into bondage in Egypt, that many of your race might learn Christian civilization, and might become a great nation for carrying the Gospel of Life and Light back to your own race in Africa. There are many among your people who will be faithful to the heavenly vision. Perhaps even in your Missionary Society there may be some whom the Lord will choose for especial service.

All that any of us can do is to live very close to Him, seeking to know His will and encouraging every effort for the advancement of Christianity. To this end we appeal to you to encourage missionary effort, to disseminate missionary intelligence, and to secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes.

We are asking auxiliaries among the colored churches to assist in the work that Christian Woman's Board of Missions is doing for their people, both in the United States and also in Africa. Please read the inclosed leaflet carefully and help the organization that has undertaken the cause of your people in the United States, in Jamaica and in Africa.

In our new school at Hawkins, Texas, known as the Jarvis Christian Institute, we have many Colored boys and girls who are anxious for Christian education and training. We are supporting a most excellent man Brother Ervin, as superintendent of this school. He was superintendent of all the colored schools in Johnson city, Tennessee, before coming into the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and he has been doing a splendid work at Jarvis Christian Institute.

Recently, we received word that our main building at Jarvis Christian Institute had burned to the ground, and all these young men and women, boys and girls, were found without a school home or place for work. For the present, we are caring for them the best we can. Some have returned to their homes. We are very anxious to build again right away in order that we may provide for them. We recently voted to advance more than \$1,000 to begin re-building. We would like to have your society to help us with this great undertaking for this year, sending in just as much money as you can raise for it. After we have succeeded in re-building at this place, then we will be able to suggest some other work to you which will be of great help in carrying out the Master's commands to preach the Gospel teaching the people to observe all things that he commanded.

Please read this letter to your Auxiliary, and urge upon them the earnestness of the service in which we are engaged.

Wishing for you all blessing and success in every effort that you may make for the advancement of the kingdom, I am—

Mrs. J. McDaniel Stearns.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Workers Conference for 1915, has passed into history and a great Conference it was! We really feel our inability to do justice to it. Mrs. Sarah Bostick of Argenta, Arkansas, president of the Woman's Conference and K. R. Brown president of the Men's Conference were both present with their enthusiasm and good cheer. The attendance was good in spite of the cry of hard times. The first session occurred Tuesday afternoon, May 11, Prof. D. R. Bebout of our Bible department delivered the address of welcome. Eld. Calvert of Jackson and Miss Roxie Sneed of Mound Bayou both made appropriate responses. Tuesday afternoon addresses were given by Mrs. J. A. Safley, state president of the white C. W. B. M. She proved herself very helpful in all the sessions of the conference. Mrs. Safley is generally interested in the work being accomplished by the colored auxiliaries. Miss Rosa Brown National Field Worker of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions among Negro women, was present and stirred all to a deeper realization of their part in the evangelization of the world. Mrs. K. R. Brown Mrs. Franklin delivered instructive addresses.

The meeting Tuesday evening was the Jubilee session. Supt. J. B. Lehman gave a report of the Jubilee Fund and also a splendid address. Eld. P. H. Moss National Field Secretary for Sunday Schools delivered a very helpful address on "The call of the new age."

Wednesday morning before breakfast the men held a prayer meeting in the College Chapel and the Women, in the Y. W. C. A. Hall, at 10:00 o'clock President J. N. Ervin of Jarvis Christian Institute delivered a very helpful address on the theme, "True Christian Education."

Three offerings, amounting to 122.50 were taken up during the week.

Mrs. J. McDaniel Stearns arrived Wednesday afternoon but did not deliver her address till Thursday afternoon during Commencement exercise. She expressed herself as very well pleased with the work of the Conference.

At times during the week the Conference took on the look of a National Convention. Among those of other Conference who were greatly missed this year were: Prof. and Mrs. Griffin, Prof. and Mrs. T. B. Frost, Eld. Parsons, Eld. M. M. Bostick secretary of the Conference. Eld. and Mrs. D. C. Brayboy, Eld. and Mrs. Wm. Alphin, H. Martin, A. B. Matlock, Mrs. Sarah Blackburn, E. F. Jackson and many others whose names we do not now recall.

If the workers in the various states only knew what a source of inspiration these sessions are, they would make every possible sacrifice to be present next year.

The second Annual Commencement of the Mt. Beulah Lord's Day Bible School was held Sunday morning, May 9. Five young people took part on the program. A large number of certificates and diplomas in Teacher Training from the International Sunday School Association, were presented. Forty young people have received certificates and diplomas from our Sunday School. Thirty two diplomas and one hundred forty-four certificates have been granted our young people. What a force for righteousness in our churches throughout the world.

Two young men, one from Jamaica and one from Africa were ordained to the ministry, Wednesday night during the Workers' Conference. Eld. W. H. Brown of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, delivered the charge.

The Second Annual Reunion of the Home Defender Success Club was held at Crawford Cottage, Wednesday night, at 6:45. Last year there was only one former member able to be at the reunion. This year there were three. Next year we hope there shall be at least thirteen. The fellowship of these reunions is very sweet indeed. Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. Safley, Mrs. S. B. Burgess, and Mrs. T. H. Crawford and several members of the

Workers Conference also attended the meeting.

Prof. Yates, our County agriculturalist, was present Wednesday afternoon and, gave a splendid address at the Farmer's meeting.

HOW SHALL WE REACH OUR GIRLS

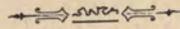
MRS. GEORGIA A. FRANKLIN

Madam Pres. Ladies, Gentlemen, Visitors and Friends, It becomes my most pleasant duty to talk to you on the subject: How shall we Reach our Girls. Now the home is the foundation of human society, there could be no church; no state, no educational system without the home.

If the home:- the foundation of human society, crumbles, the whole superstructure work would come down in ruin and we would have society anarchy. We are defeated many times in our effort to make our girls happy. We task and weary ourselves too in the endeavor to get things for their enjoyment. But it would not take much to make them content if we take the lead in simple habits, gentle manners and cheerful disposition. The first lesson to teach them is to be contented with simple common things and they will always be happy. A thankful heart is the best dinner. A pleasant voice the best music, a kind look is the most beautiful picture. These are things that all can command. You can have them in the most humble home without money or price. If you make the happiness of your girls depend upon costly things, you will multiply their wants without improving your capacity to supply them. It is impossible to satisfy the heart with getting, Luke 12: 15, "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesses. If it finds rest it must be satisfied from itself. Have them know the enjoyment of life does not depend the amount of possession or the measure of worldly success, but upon the disposition to receive everything with thankfulness, and to give everything with love. Teach them that the ornament which make the lowliest dwelling beautiful, and the poorest family rich, are kind looks, pleasant voices, gentle manners, cheerful hearts, and simple affections. Teach them that neatness and order are excellent virtues. Teach them to adapt themselves to seek happiness now from the grateful improvements of present blessings and a cheerful submission to present trials, and them whatever charge the future may bring, it will find you possessor of a happy home. Make your dress, your style of living such as will not subject you to struggle and anxiety to keep up appearance and not mind what the world say. If others do not think the better of you for taking such a course, it is the worse for them, no harm to you. There is a general awakening. When we think of social conditions it is evident that a number of social ills are visited upon the people because of ignorance. Girls fall into error because they have not had the benefit of wise counsel and guidance. They make blunders because they are ignorant of personal physiology and hygiene. Our parents need education and awakening. It is my honest conviction that the only rational cure for present social condition is to be found in education. Parents must teach their Girls the great truths of life. How many of us are parents possess either the required information or necessary inclination to give this instruction? A very few. Then to reach our girls, there must be transition period, during which educators, social workers, and all the constructive forces of society work together to produce a generation of parents who will possess both the information and inclination. This means we must go into the schools and teach the great truths of life to these girls. We must school our-

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THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For June, 6.

NATHAN REBUKES DAVID

II SAMUEL 11:1-12; 12:1-7

Golden text: Create in me a clean heart, O God. Psalms 51:10.

TIME: About B. C. 1043 in 21st year of Davids reign.

PLACE: Davids new Palace in Jerusalem, Rabbah, about 25 miles North East of the North end of the Dead Sea.

Note- this lesson should be treated very differently in the younger classes from the way it is in the more advanced ones. In the younger classes tell of the story briefly and tell of the sin of David in having Uriah killed. Adult classes might discuss social evils and divorce, and talk of the ways in which human society could be made better.

I. David not permitted to build the temple. The King wished to build a splendid temple for Jehovah. Then Nathan the Lord made it known to David that he was not to build the temple. He consoled him by promising him that his son should build it. David had been a man of war and his reign one of military successes. His reign was a literary and religious reign but, the Lord allowed David only to make plans and preparations for the temple, and leave it to construct in a reign of peace.

II. How David discovered and treated Mephiboseth.

David had made a promise that he would treat kindly and protect the members of the family of Jonathan his friend.

When Saul and Johnathan were murdered, the nurse fled with the child of Johnathan, the child was brought up in obscurity. Thru an old and trusted Servant of Saul he learns of Mephiboseth, and has him brought to Jerusalem, and honored by giving him a regular place at his own table, while he made him rich with Saul's property.

III. DAVID GREAT SIN

It came about in this way. David was enjoying a walk upon the roofs of other houses. He saw a beautiful woman and was at once attracted to her. This woman was the wife of one of his noblest and most honored officers. Then away at war. David at once begins to open the way to make her wife. David followed the customs of Kings in taking many wives. His successes made careless and proud. At last David sends for Uriah, entertains him, and wishes him to return to his home which he refuses. Then David sends him back to the army, bearing letters to the commander Joab, telling him to put Uriah in some dangerous place where he would lose his life. This was done and he was slain. The Lord was displeased with this act, David's heart knew the evil that had fallen upon him like deadly blight.

VI. David's Repentance and punishment.

Nathan speaks a parable to David. The parable so beautiful and so pathetic, and told in a way to touch the king's heart, for he had been poor, he had had the little ewe lamb, in the day when he was a shepherd lad, and this parable of the rich man taking the one lamb which to him was as his daughter or nearest child, when the story ended, David said with prompt indignation, "let that wicked man be killed and the lamb be restored four fold." quickly the prophet flashed out the terrible sentence, "thou art the man." These words pierce the armor and go to the heart of the king. John the Baptist demanded Herod to his face and Paul spoke to Felix of the judgement that awaited him.

David had laid the foundation of good character. It now comes in well. Great as the sin was, he had now but to set his life right. Out of a simple heart he cried, "To have sinned against the Lord. The result of that sin was not ended. His child dies. He fasted and prayed in deep sorrow. He washed and annointed himself, changed his apparel and went to the tabernacle and worshipped God. With beautiful insight the said, I shall go to but he shall return to me.

The fifty first Psalm seems to be Davids attempt express his deep feeling.

LESSONS

- 1 Sins cast shadows over our lives, let us walk in the light.
- 2 When we sin we follow our own program. David chose his course.
- 3 The sense of sin is God's voice calling.
- 4 See the deep penitence of David.
- 5 David loved the truth. He confessed his errors. The truth shall make you free.
- 6 Nathan's Sermon, then David's Psalm. The two go together. Read them.
- 7 We cannot presume that we will not sin. "Take heed lest we fall, nor when fallen should despair of rising.

D. R. Bebout.

HOW SHALL WE REACH OUR GIRLS

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selves to feel toward these girls as parents feel toward their children. Give the instruction with interest candor and simplicity. Adapt our teaching to the need of the girl. Let us begin where the girl is. That is find out what she knows or does not know. Be conscientious, be a model teacher. Teach by precept and example. This is the golden period of life. Soul and body reach their largest and most rapid development here. Childhood looks forward to its mature life received its setting and character. It is difficult to state the characteristics of the individuals here. All rules are burdened with exceptions. Girls are fond of funny stories. Then to reach them tell them stories filled with daring deeds and heroic adventure. Give them suitable reading matter. they have a keen sense of humor and we as teachers must get into their inner lives. Don't call "them rude" because they do funny things but look at them in relation to the influences which they come in contact. Such as the home reading their companions, their occupations and etc. This is a battle in which we all fight. Sometimes open and sometimes secretly, "trying to reach our girls. To reach them in a christian way, send them to Sunday School, and they will be led to Christ in their Junior period. And at this period she will be forming her Christian character this is the period of right and wrong, vice virtue emotion and intelligence religion and indifference. All seem to be engaged in conflict. So shall everthing that inspires the happiness of our girls be met by the safeguard of trust duty and love.

Luke: 12 15; for man's life consisteth not in the abundance of thing which he possisth.

OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Yesterday May 9th was a great day at Three Mile Creek. Ten persons confessed their faith in Christ. We were ably assisted by Elders S. Glover, G. I. Jackson and B. J. Kearse. Our Bible School Superintendent, Deacon H. W. Edwards, is grading his school and has organized a Teacher Training Class. Under the efficient leadership of its President Mrs. Murdough, our Woman's Missionary Society is making steady advancement in missionary work.

Thanking you for space, I remain.

W. E. Cephas.

FIELD REPORTS

REPORT OF CONFERENCE YEAR.

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Total for Kansas,	14.00	Sumter,	4.25
—KENTUCKY—		Varnville,	1.00
For General Education,			32.15
Louisville,	1.10	For Children's Day.	
For C. C. I.		Dale,	2.00
Mt. Sterling,	102.00	Ehrhardt,	6.00
Germantown,	30.00	Alvin,	1.50
Lexington,	10.00	Seabrook,	1.00
Nicholasville,	100.00	Georgetown,	1.00
Carlisle,	4.00	Olar,	5.00
Louisville,	35.00		16.50
Maywood,	1.00	Total from South Carolina,	48.65
Millersburg,	3.00	—TENNESSEE—	
Danville,	5.25	For Tennessee Christian Institute	
Crab Orchard,	1.00	T. C. I.	46.34
London,	5.76	District Meeting Rogersville,	3.25
Mayslick,	10.00	Knoxville District meeting,	42.21
Millersville,	17.00	Nashville,	5.50
Lawrenceburg,	19.11	State convention,	239.14
	353.12		336.44
For Children's Day,		For Children's Day,	
Paris,	4.00	Jellico.	2.85
Total from Kentucky,	358.22	Total from Tennessee	339.29
—LOUISIANA—		—TEXAS—	
New Orleans,	5.00	For General Education,	
—MISSISSIPPI—		Hawkins,	3.50
For General Education.		Bellville,	1.55
Grand Gulf,	.50	Greenville,	6.75
Southern Christian Institute,	181.42		11.80
Mississippi C. W. B. M.	8.50	For J. C. I.	
Mound Bayou,	12.74	State convention,	33.95
Edwards,	18.00	State C. W. B. M.	72.41
Fayette,	.40	Bellville,	2.00
Jackson,	1.10	J. C. I. Hawkins,	103.05
Okolona,	5.00	Dixon,	5.00
Union Hill,	2.50	East. Dist.	15.95
	230.16	Bay City,	5.00
For Liberian Christian Institute,		Omaha,	3.05
Grand Gulf,	1.50	Greenville,	43.41
For Children's Day,		Beaumont,	1.00
Mound Bayou,	3.81	Dallas,	10.00
Jackson,	1.00	Lyons,	1.20
	4.50	Daingerfield,	.50
Total from Mississippi,	236.47	Waco,	10.00
—MISSOURI—		Ft. Worth,	1.45
For General Education,			307.97
Fulton,	1.00	For Children's Day,	
—OHIO—		Waco,	6.81
For General Education.		J. C. I.	10.41
From convention,	8.00		17.22
Springfield,	1.00	For Liberian Christian Institute	
	9.00	Dixon,	5.00
—SOUTH CAROLINA—		Total from Texas	341.99
For General Education.		—VIRGINIA—	
Convention,	10.15	For General Education,	
Three Mile Creek,	10.00	Martinsville,	2.00
Antioch,	1.25	For M. C. I.	
Dale,	1.50	Peidmont Convention,	90.00
Holly Hill,	2.00	M. C. I.	41.53
Ehrhardt,	1.00	Pocahontas,	1.50
Brunson,	1.00	Roanoke,	22.50
			155.53
		For Children's Day,	
		Martinsville,	17.00
		Total for Virginia,	174.53
		For Worker's Conference,	
		Last year,	160.98
		We wish to call attention to some special features of	

his report. The first is the amounts collected at the schools.

At The S. C. I.	360.40
At J. C. I.	116.96
A. C. I.	19 80
T. C. I.	46.34
M. C. I.	60.53
Total at schools,	604 03

The next feature we wish to call attention to is the fact that most of the money came from a few churches and Sunday schools. The great mass of them have not had a part in the work. The special work of the coming year must be to enlist all of them. Let the battle cry be, forward, every church enlisted.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Lehman.

Some Methods of Evangelism read before the
Ministerial Alliance,
At Louisville, Kentucky.

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to proclaim the word. Nothing can take the place of Gospel preaching. "Preach philosophy and men will applaud. Preach Christ and men will repent." Paul says, "Preach the Word." II Tim. 4:1.

Among the several committees that successful evangelism may demand is a committee on small things. This committee will do what no one else is willing to do. There are so many details and small duties that seem a necessity. "This committee on small things should be composed of SENSIBLE people, but not SENSITIVE people." Be willing to do little things for which there is no public praise or reward from men. A man who seems to be unfit for any service in any department of the church, finally proved to be one of its most useful members in

the capacity of a hand-shaker at the door to welcome people into the church house.

A traveling man in Montana, said, to a poor woman on the train, "don't worry about when to get off of the train, I will tell you when you come to Bozeman, "she looked at him and said, "I thank you." A great storm was raging. A few miles before the train reached Bozeman the train stopped a moment, the man said, "this is your station," she stepped off into the snow and the train left her. When Bozeman was called, the travelling man said, "conductor was not that Bozeman where you stopped?" "No, that was a snow drift." "I put that woman with a little baby off the train," said the travelling man they backed the train only to find the woman and child had perished. He was conscientious, but wrong. Godly consecrated ushers are of great importance in successful evangelism. And when properly informed they will add much to the interest of the revival by the manner in which they seat the people, the time to seat them and the place to seat them, not seating persons until after the prayer is ended, keeping persons from the front after the sermon has begun; seating mothers, with small children, where they can retire easily, it necessary etc. are modern Methods of Evangelism, but all Modern Methods must be subordinate to the great principles established by Jesus Christ and his Apostles.

The keynote in Evangelism is personal effort. The converts must convert. Phillip ran to tell the good tidings. Gibbon gave as the reason for the rapid increase of christianity, "that as soon as a man was converted he ran to tell the news to his neighbor. "In the first century church, the disciples went every where preaching the word. When others fail, use the pentacostal methods.

Preach the word and live it and the kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of Christ.

H. W. Dickerson.

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HELPFUL TO ALL

New Life for the Sunday School.

IN THE Children's Day Exercise on the first Sunday in July we should hold in mind two things to be accomplished. (1) We want to give new life to the Sunday schools and (2) we want to raise money to carry on the work we have undertaken.

(1) The new life of the Sunday schools is the most important of the two and should always be thought of first. The hope of the future rests with the schools which are training leaders for the future work; and the hope of the schools in securing proper students rests with the churches; and the hope of the churches rests with the Sunday schools which are the recruiting and training stations of the churches; and the hope of the Sunday schools rests with the agencies we have set in motion to aid them, viz: the institutes by the field worker, and the Children's day exercise. The field worker can aid the Sunday schools in grading themselves and systemizing their work; and the exercises can aid the schools in gaining a vision. These things are vital. We have seven hundred churches which we call Disciples of Christ. In twenty-five years there will not be two hundred, unless we develop the efficiency of the Sunday schools so as to furnish trained girls and boys for future leadership. All honor is due to the old men who carried on their work in their day, but they can not carry it farther. A new age has come for which they are not qualified. In the immediate past too many young people who came from the schools despised the church and its work and disaster stared the work of righteousness in the face. This must now change. The young men we train must not only go into the work themselves but they must seek to lead the students from other schools into the work. The state and private parties have expended vast sums for education, and there must be more efficient leadership to bring their product into the work of the church. During the first twenty-five years of freedom the greater percent of the Negroes were Christians. It would be a sad story, if after another twenty-five years of education the larger percent would leave the church.

(2) The need of money. In our seven hundred churches are possibly ten men and women who could give a thousand dollars each and not feel hurt. There are possibly two hundred who could give one hundred dollars each and not feel it. There are ten thousand who could give five dollars each, the value of one good pair of shoes, and not feel it. If all these should thus give we would have eighty thousand dollars without calling upon those who can give only nickles and dimes. No, these people will not give that much this year, for they are not so taught. We are just in the beginning of giving these

churches a vision of larger service. The ministers have never preached the gospel of service to them. The Sunday school is the place to begin to give the vision. The children must be given the information that is created in the Children's Day exercises. They must learn the names of the schools, the names of the men who are, at the head of these schools, the names of the national workers and their work, and above all, they must know of the C. W. B. M. and J. B. Lehman who superintends the work they are doing for the Negroes, and the Sunday school department of the A. C. M. S. and Robert M. Hopkins who is its secretary. They must know of Rosa V. Brown who is doing so much to lead the women into a real missionary work; they must know of P. H. Moss who is doing such excellent work in bringing out the efficiency of the Sunday schools. And they must be taught that it is by their contributions that this work is possible.

This then brings us to the last thought. What should be done by way of preparation for Children's Day? One or more good leaders should give from three to six weeks to thoroughly training the children for the exercises. Some one or a committee of Sunday school workers should canvass the whole school and get them to aim for definite contributions. Some should be induced to go and earn a dollar, and all who give a dollar should be reported when the money is sent in. Caesar had a tenth legion which he considered invincible. Shall we have a Legion of Honor among the Sunday school scholars? To all so reported we will send a Certificate of Honor.

If for any reason the program came too late for you to have the exercise on the first Sunday in July, then have it on a later day; but when possible have it on the first Sunday in July which comes on the fourth this year. Make a great day of it. Turn out for a basket dinner when that is possible. Pray earnestly for the success of the work.

Prof. P. H. Moss left home Monday for a long trip. He attended the State Sunday school Convention of the Interdenominational Sunday School Association of Mississippi at Yazoo City on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25th and 26th of May. On Thursday he was at New Orleans and then he went to Texas with dates as follows:

Beaumont, Saturday and Sunday.....	29-30
Bay City, Tuesday and Wednesday.....	1-2
Taylor, Thursday and Friday.....	3-4
Waco, Saturday and Sunday.....	5-6
Dallas, Tuesday and Wednesday.....	7-8
Ft. Worth, Thursday and Friday.....	9-10
Greenville, Saturday and Sunday.....	11-12

Other dates will be announced later. When possible all the schools in the neighborhood should be invited to attend and take part. Be sure and invite the Methodist and Baptist and other Sunday schools to send their superintendent and teachers over. Nothing will bring new life to our cause better than a revival of the Sunday schools. Make it a slogan to aid Brother Moss in his Sunday school institute in Texas. Give him every service while he is with you.

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Rev. S. R. Tanzymore Pocahontas, Va.

Rella C. Cathey, Thyatira, Miss.

—Mrs. Mariha Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio has been a subscriber of the PLEA for eighteen years. She has recently been sick and so fell behind, but she feels she can not get along without the PLEA. In it she can see what the different states are doing.

—Elder C.H. Dickerson writes:— "This Water Peril by Peter C. Dunson is the best account of Jacob Kenoly's latest sacrifice and death I have ever seen. It is at once a tribute to Jacob Kenoly and to Peter Dunson. Surely it is worth while."

—Miss Anna Coddington of Chicago writes: "Enclosed please find stamps for extra copies of GOSPEL PLEA of May 15th. It contains the first part of the article (Water Peril) by Peter C. Dunson. This particular copy is most valuable and I certainly will be thankful if you will have one extra one."

CEDAR LAKE, TEXAS.

Allow space in the column of your valuable paper for my short letter in which I wish to publish the death of our pastor, H. W. Woodard who departed yesterday at 9 o'clock p. m. after being sick about 4 days. In his agony he seemed to be very courageous. Two days before he died he called his children around his bed in the presence of a number of witnesses and instructed them as to how they should live and how they should divide their property. Bethlehem Christian church is now a flock without a shepherd, so are as a voice crying in Macedonia "Come over and help us."

J.B Stratton.

"A kind word put out at interest; brings back an enormous percentage of love and appreciation."

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT PAYNE ST.

Whereas it has pleased the almighty God to remove from our midst one of our faithful members in the person of Brother James A. Crumps, let us bow in humble submission to the all wise creator who doeth all things well. We realize in him, there is no respect of persons, but he is just and wise and our loss is heaven's gain.

Brother Crumps was a loyal member to the church and earnest to his trust, giving alms, and doing deeds of kindness. He was faithful and worked where he was needed. Let us not grieve, his soul is at rest for he had obeyed the will of his father in heaven, therefore we know there remaineth a rest for the people of God. We will miss him. His seat will be vacant that none can ever fill. His voice is hushed. He will never ascend our pulpit any more. We have lost a friend and a brother. So you sisters and brothers of the church of Christ it is to you to follow the teaching that he has left behind for he taught the Bible. His life and practice were the same. Brother Crump was not a professor of arts nor did he ascend the skies like the Astrologers but he was famous in the scriptures and numbered with the most noble of all the earth. He was a Christian. He will hear that grand welcome, come ye blessed of my father and inherit the kingdom of God. Brother Crump has wrought a great work. Blessed are they who die in the Lord for they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

He is not dead but sleepeth. "There is no death the stars go down, to rise upon some other shore and bright in heaven's jewel crown they shine for ever more."

Beautiful toiler their work all done
Beautiful soul into glory was gone
Beautiful life with its crown won
God giveth the rest.

Rest from all sorrowing and watching and fears
Rest from all possible sighing and tears
Rest through God's endless wonderful years
At home with the blest.

Mrs. W. A. Britton.

EDWARDS, MISS.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

Please allow space in your paper for me to speak a few words about our young People' Reading Club. This club is composed of forty young people. We are doing our very best to get the young people of this community to learn to read. Last Sunday, May 23, we began reading the life and work of Jacob Kenoly which we consider a very good book, and it is worth while for every Christian to read it. Our members are very anxious to finish the book so they can tell the story in their own words. I am very sure that we have some in the club that will tell the story from start to finish. Let us pray that there may be more and better leaders to train our young people so that they may get avision of the higher things of life.

Yours Truly,
Abe Elmore.

THE GOSPEL PLEA

IN THE FIELD.

May 6th and 7th found us on the campus of the Jarvis Christian Institute to witness the closing exercise.

We are yet wondering how Prof. Ervin and his corps of teachers were able to render such an excellent program after having had so many difficulties. It was a splendid program and all we heard were words of praise. We were especially proud of the music class's program. Miss Ellis had a splendid recital of her beginner's class. The child who cultivates a taste for classical music, will not be drug down in after years by rag time music.

So many things had happened on the campus since we last visited there, until it was hard to realize that we were at the J. C. I.

Supt. Frost is an able assistant in planning with Brother Ervin the work of construction on the campus of J. C. I.

We all enjoyed seeing the president's cottage, a two story building built as well as any you see in our cities. All this work was mostly done by teachers and students.

It was a great joy to see the saw mill and see them run it. Bros. Howard, Berry and Frost seem to be on to their jobs.

The expressions of Dr. Browning, white, as to how the white citizens of Hawkins, and community appreciated the work of the teachers and the actions of our students were encouraging to all and showed us that J. C. I. would take her station in the world as a school for far reaching good.

To have with us Mrs. Stearns of Indianapolis, Mrs. King and Mrs. Jarvis and Brother Lehman gave our people great encouragement. Then they felt equally as happy to have with them workers of their own State Convention, T. W. Pratt. Elders Crawford, Mitchell, Knight and Alphin. My dear brothers and sisters, more of us must come to these closings each year. These teachers and pupil are encouraged when they know we are interested in their well-fare. You can't know what these teachers are doing unless you should come and see.

We were glad that the ministers got together and organized a minister's Institute which will meet each year at the J. C. I. during the closing week. Elder M. F. Mitchell was named at the Waco Convention as chairman and presided over the meeting. They held two splendid session, The ministers name Eld. T. B. Frost as President for the next year. Let every minister in Texas be at the next Institute.

The Educational Committee also held two splendid meetings with one white colaborer. Bro. Crawford President of this committee, called these meetings. We planned together some greater things. Let every church, pastor and officer rally with this committee in its effort to raise more money for J. C. I. than ever before. With the auxiliaries rallying we can easily get on the double honor roll.

After the closing of the J. C. I., we remained on the campus one week observing. We have never seen a happier set of students and teachers as they began on their summer's work.

Sister Frost has the girl's work so systematically mapped out that no girl need complain. They may complain, mother, but girls will always do that. They are receiving a training that they need and that the girl will appreciate in after years.

On Lord's Day we spoke to the church at J. C. I. The pastor, Brother T. B. Frost made us welcome and gave us the morning and night services. The students and teachers gave us the closest attention. When we asked how many wished to be member of the Auxiliary, just 24 stood. So we organized and they named Mrs. T. B. Frost president, Mrs. Cora Randals, Vice president, Miss Laura Smith, Secretary and Miss Stratton Treasurer. They named the 3rd Lord's Day in May for their first

meeting when they will pay dues. I feel assured that this will be one of our strong auxiliaries. Its influence will be far reaching when these students are in their home churches. Greenville Auxiliary has been our largest auxiliary, but she must awaken for J. C. I. outnumbers her at its birth.

On Thursday, we left for Big Sandy where we spoke to our church. The church is North East, but they assured us that their doors are always opened to us. We had an appreciative audience and they gave us their closest attention.

The J. C. I. church gave us a collection of \$2.31 and Big Sandy gave \$.50

Praying that with all the blessings that are coming to us by working together for these few years, that we may go on; believing that Negro Disciples in Texas in every Christian Church have realized, that by co-operating with the National Board we are accomplishing a great good.

We met the church at Roxton on May 14th 15.

Somehow we feel that we were needed at Roxton. The Holy Rollers went down to capture the church. Eld. Barlow, acting as pastor, decided he was wrong and he, wife and family had gotten the Holy Ghost.

My heart was truly saddened, when I saw how easily people may be led off. But a goodly number came, and before talking missions we reasoned to-gether over God's word. We left them but on Lord's Day had three Christian minister on the ground.

Eld. Moses Powell, one of our giants in word, Brother J. D. Johnson of Bonham, can not only preach but has the finance to help them. They chose Brother Johnson for pastor.

We gave out the Easter boxes and the sisters promised to raise \$10.00 for J. C. I. Sister Oates the president said "I whipped her good," and that she will do her best for the cause of missions. She is one of S. C. I. former students and knows how to push things. We had the promise of two young ladies for J. C. I. next fall. They treated us so nice, and Christianly until one was helped by being in their midst.

We went to Paris for the third Lord's day in April. Had our home with Brother Latouche and his splendid wife. What a marked improvement in the Paris church; Every member of the auxiliary wide awake. Prof. K. B. Polk Supt. of the Bible School is pushing the school and Paris school is numbered among the best.

Bro. Nelson a young man is president of the Y.P.S.C.E.

Well it looked good to me to see the young people of Paris wide wake. We noted Prof. Bills and Terry both active in church work. And a choir, well, tell Bro. Dickerson we don't have to go to Hagerstown Md. to find a choir. We have one in Paris Prof. Polk is the organist and choirester. Will they sing Greenville in the shade this time? The pastor gave me the whole A.M. service and had a P.M. service and then asked me if I wanted the night service. A large christian heart! Well, may be Bro. Latouche, did not make good in Waco convention but hear him now, he reminded me so much of Bro. P. H. Moss of national repute now. When he came to Topeka to the dedication of our church he could not preach, so the old preachers said, but hear him now. So with Bro. Latouche, no wonder his services are growing with good audiences three times a day.

The young man prepares a message and delivers the goods.

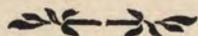
We noted that he is still a student, and although our only college graduated preacher in the Lone Star. We found him not "quitted" from study. Studying his sermon and reading Christian papers. May he continue to grow. He baptized a grown young man on Sunday night. After he preached his sermon he extended the invitation as if he expected some one to come to Jesus

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



Dear Editor of the PLEA, —

The writer wishes to say that on the ninth inst, we boarded the train for the S. C. I. to attend the worker's Conference and Commencement exercises.

On the night of the 10th we enjoyed an excellent program by the Night School students. On the 11th the Worker's Conference convened at 10 a. m., President Lehman presiding. After his inspiring address Elder B. C. Calvert discoursed on the subject, "This One Thing I Do," which deeply impressed the visitors. Our dear Sister Roxie need followed with an interesting talk on "Are We Finding Ourselves?" She played well her part in bringing us this message on missions. Next on the program was our (white) C. W. B. M. State President, Mrs. Safley, who brought us words of greeting and an inspiring report of the District Convention at Meridian May 4-5. We colored sister workers gained much from her visit. Come again, Mrs. Safley.

At 1:30 p. m. the Conference reassembled for business, the writer presiding. The report from Miss Rosa Brown was very encouraging. She is doing a good work. The reports from the various states, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas and S. C. were good. Mrs. M. J. Brown ably discussed the question "How shall we interest and hold our women?" We are always glad to have her with us.

Mrs. Franklin's paper "How shall we reach our girls" was fine. In the absence of Mrs. W. M. Alphin, Prof. J. N. Ervin discussed the question "How shall we reach our children?"

Dear friends, it is always a pleasure to meet in such work as this, for we catch an inspiration that others do not and cannot realize. Tuesday night the 11th Elder K. R. Brown, the President, was at his post. He always brings sunshine to us. Prof. Moss gave an encouraging report on the Sunday School work. It pays to have such a man on the field. His subject was "The Call of the the New Age." This was followed by a report of the Jubilee Fund by our noble worker President J. B. Lehman. He gave the total amount raised to date on the \$20,000. We are away behind and must get busy if we raise the remainder of this money by 1916.

The men's session of the Conference was well conducted. It was a treat to meet our President Ervin of the Texas school there. He is fully prepared and able to help our people and plainly shows the spirit of Christ. He is not like some I have met, puffed up because of great wisdom. Our beloved Prof. C. H. Dickerson, brought sun-

shine to us in his address. He always brings us a helpful message.

Thursday was the high day when the fruits of the work of President Lehman and the faculty were brought to the front. Prof. Burgess presided at the Eighth Grade program in the morning. The orations and music were good. At 1:30 p. m. the graduation program was rendered, and we felt that was good for to be there. Not one thing was omitted. Each one did well his part. James Rundles gave a soul stirring message on "Africa's Needs." Our National Secretary, Mrs. McDaniels Stearns, brought us a message concerning the needs of the world which stirred us deeply and made us realize that the half has not been told. She is full of zeal for the Master. May she live long to do much for the great cause.

I want to say here that President Lehman and his dear companion are true friends to the Negro. As I sat behind them in the chapel thinking over the work of the past and for the future, and thinking of my own experience in labor, I could not keep the tears back. May they live to a ripe old age. My friends, this is a great school,—a Christian set of people wroking together with God.

We visited the printing office where we met Prof. Mahin with his well-ordered outfit. He is making things count in this place. Every body is enjoying the PLEA.

There is no excuse for the young people to go from this school ignorant.

It was a joy to be present at the reunion of the Home Defender Success Club which met in Prof. Burgess' home. It was fine.

Enroute for home, the writer stopped to visit the work at Pine Bluff and discussed all lines of the work. We made some changes in the president's office. Mrs. G. W. Ivey is now President. May God's blessing be upon her. We now headed for Sherrill but got left by the train.

I am yours in work,

Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick.

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I see some of our preachers extend the invitation laying up on the pulpit as if they had not sown seed and expected a harvest. I praised his work and he said "Bro. and Sister Alphin the evangelist helped me so much, and you helped me".

In the p.m. we had some white sisters with us. They asked to know when I would be in Paris that they wanted to hear our message. When we were through Sister Norman said "It was the best address she had heard from white or colored". I am sure it was not the best but it had not been her privilege to hear a Negro woman talk on the great cause of missions. She attends the great conventions and hears the cream of her race.

But when she hears one who has not had all privileges granted her as those of other races she feels its the best. and as we listened to her remarks at the close of the service we felt as we have felt along time, that our brothers and sisters in white need to hear more of the brothers and sisters in black to awaken in the hearts of many that we have like passions.

I had a conference with sisters on Saturday and they promised to raise their \$15.00 for J.C.I. Brother Latouche is greatly strengthening the auxiliary by camping out on each program.

Bro. Latouche has a splendid companion who renders a service. They gave \$2.50 at Roxton and \$3.00 at Paris. Pledged \$11.00 for J.C.I. On Monday night we spoke to an appreciative audience at the congregational church on "Childtraining".

Praying that we may ever be strengthened to sow as we go. I am yours earnestly,

Mrs. Wm. Alphin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Mt. Beulah Sunday School has received supplies for Children's Day. On the wall in the front of the Chapel hangs a beautiful poster. On it in large type we find, "This Sunday School will observe Children's Day, the first Sunday in July." There are also two interesting pictures on the poster, one an institute recently held by Prof. P. H. Moss, National Field Worker among the Sunday Schools, and a view at the Southern Christian Institute. In the center of the large poster is a large red heart and in the center of this heart are the two pictures. In the heart in large type is "The heart of our work—Home Missions"

Mrs. Hardin, mother of Mrs. Vandivier, from near Franklin, Indiana, came Saturday morning to visit her daughter and family. All the Mt. Beulah folks are enjoying the visit of Mrs. Hardin.

Mrs. S. B. Burgess and Mrs. Sarah Crawford returned to their homes in Woodhull, Illinois, last Friday morning, after spending the Commencement season with Principal T. M. Burgess and family at Crawford cottage. Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Crawford attended our Commencement two years ago and enjoyed it so much they thought they would have to come back again. Mrs. Crawford is almost eighty-seven years old and she attended every session of Commencement and Workers' Conference and was not tardy once.

There was one confession at Church service last Sunday morning, and baptism at 5:00, the same evening.

The annual commencement exercises occurred at the College, Chapel, at 1:30, before a large concourse of friends. The class roll was as follows: Deetsy Lee Blackburn, Edward Alfred Davis, Seberlie Eva Grubbs, James Isiah Rundles, Isom Kelly Hicks, Peter Cornelius Dunson. Miss Deetsy was the only one who completed the College Course. The others completed courses in the Academy. Some of them are planning to return to take up their College Course. The Music School honored two of our young women, Miss Jennings received a diploma for having completed the course and a certificate for having done Pedagogy of Music and Miss Grubbs also received a certificate for the same. The following program was rendered to the delight of all present: Trio, "Praise ye," by Misses Jennings and Grubbs and Ad Banks; Invocation Prof. P. H. Moss, National Field Worker among the Sunday Schools; Oration,—Salutatory, "The Gain that comes by Loss," Peter C. Dunson; Oration, "The Need of Producing," Isom K. Hicks; Solo, "Crossing the Bar," Ad. E. Banks; Oration, "The Power of Truth," Edward A. Davis; Oration, "The needs of Africa," James I. Rundles; Oration—Valedictory, "The Discovery of the child" Deetsy L. Blackburn; Boys chorus, "The Phantom Band," Class address. Mrs. Josephine McDaniels Stearns, Secretary International Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Indianapolis, Ind. Presentation of Diplomas, President J. B. Lehman.

Miss Gardiner and two of our young women are in charge of our school building this summer. You ought to see how they are making the various rooms shine. When their other work is done, the young women work in the sewing room. Miss Gardiner, who is also the Institute Librarian, will continue the library period at night the same as during the other terms of the year.

Miss Rosa Brown, National Field Worker of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, is spending part of her vacation upon our campus.

THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Things are looking very lonesome around the campus. Most of the campus people are gone away, some to return in a week or two, some for four months and some forever.

We are glad to report that the farm is looking prosperous for a good crop this season, we are nearly through chopping our corn, the boys are doing splendidly, I think as far as can be seen.

We are having good service in all our churches. Brother L. J. Phaffen is filling Brother I. C. Franklin's place while he is away.

Brother Jeffrey reports that he is getting on fine in his church service at New Bethel Church of Christ.

We are planning to have a good time at our Sunday School at Union Point on the first Sunday in July as our Children Day to raise money for foreign Mission

Our quarterly meeting of the auxiliary will be held with the Church of Christ at Haynesville, Alabama on third Sunday in July. We hope to have a successful meeting in 1915.

The quarterly meeting of the Ministerial session will be held with the Church of Christ at Haynesville, forth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1915.

The State Sunday School Convention will be held with the Church of Christ in District No. 1 Matthews, Alabama.

We are looking for Bro. I. C. Franklin very soon.

Our Sunday School, Endeavor and Midweek praise service all are doing splendid work, may the time soon hasten that each member of the Church of Christ will have a broader vision of the Kingdom of Christ in the heart of men, for the kingdom of this world must become the Kingdom of Christ while at the same time the people become his also.

THE WORKER'S CONFERENCE.

We desire to call the attention of the churches of Missouri to the fact that the workers annual Conference is now being held. It began Tuesday May 11, 9.30 A. M. at The Southern Christian Institute Edwards Mississippi.

This is an annual gathering to which each of our churches should send at least one of its most faithful and competent leaders. Also each State missionary board should send one of its members.

It is self evident that we can not successfully hope for any great uprising among our churches in missionary work unless our leaders can get the vision and love, how can we get the vision? The only way we can secure it is to lift up our eyes and behold the great multitudes which are perishing for the Gospel of Christ. In like manner Jesus was moved with compassion when he saw great multitudes of people fainting and scattered abroad like sheep having no shepherd.

Therefore Jesus said to his disciples "the harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

The Worker's Conference is the occasion by which we obtain the vision and inspiration and without which it is impossible to carry on the work of the Master

The people perish who have no vision. Therefore let each church through its representative, come up to the mountain of the Lord's house at the S. C. I, and see and hear these prophets who have seen a vision concerning our people during the reign of the C. W. B. M., C. C. Smith and J. B. Lehman over our Plea.

WABBAEK, ARKANSAS

Our next District meeting will be held at Walnut Grove near Sherrille, Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Now brethren we are expecting big times at this meeting, and hope that each church will send a delegate with their full representation fee.

The program for the meeting is as follows;

Praise service led by E. L. Turner.

Report of delegates. Questions for discussion;

"How do Christians with their mind serve the law of God, and with their flesh serve the law of sin." Roman 7,25.

"Does the Bible teach a literal destruction of the wicked after the resurrection. Rev. 20:13-14; 14.

Sermon Wm. Martin. Sunday Morning 9:00 o'clock, Sunday School talk by brother G. W. Ivy.

11:00 o'clock. Sermon, Bro. H. Martin.

3:00 p. m. Sermon, Brother R. T. Matlock Sunday night, Sermon Brother P. H. Kimmont.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson For June, 13.

The Blessedness of Forgiveness, Psalm 32.

GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, Psalm 32:1

TIME: If this Psalm was written by David following the rebuke of the Psalmist by Nathan, the time is about 1043.

PLACE: Jerusalem, David's new Capital.

INTRODUCTION

If we consider that David wrote this Psalm and gave expression, to his own feeling after Nathan came to him, it tells us that in the depths of sin and sadness there is forgiveness, and a happy heart full of praise.

I THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS.

1 Who alone can forgive sins? God only, he is the Creator.

2 What does God do to the sin that he forgives? In those early days writing was done on wax tablets. It was an easy matter therefore to erase it. Accounts were kept in this way. If a man settled his account, the styles was drawn over the tablet and the record was covered or blotted out. God blots out man's sin and gives him new purposes, a new heart.

What are the joys of the forgiven sinner, v.9. Blessed- in the plural it means numberless pleasures, joy upon joy. Sin is poison, and "God's kiss of forgiveness sucks the poison from the wound".

II THE PATH TO FORGIVENESS

Verses 3, 4, tell how David felt the hand of God resting upon him and his bones ached like those of an aged man, and the vital sap, the moisture of his body turned into burning fever, till he could compare himself to the summer drought, He had seen the flower fade, the grass wither the roots dry up, and what was once verdure and beauty, turn to brown and arid wilderness.

V.5-7 is the open confession, the frank acknowledgement of wrong doing, and honest confession is good for the soul. There was a monk who on a certain occasion, described himself as being as great a hypocrite as Judas; and a gentleman at once said, I knew it long ago: you are just the fellow I always thought.

When up jumped the monk and said, "Don't be saying such things of me". It is easier to acknowledge general sins than specific ones.

The first step is acknowledgement of sin. The second is prayer for forgiveness v.6.

Who may pray for forgiveness? The Godly v.6. The sincere and religious have an advocate, with the Father. Then this advocate, who is Jesus, Christians may come to the Throne for grace and ask pardon. Those who have never obeyed the Gospel are to seek forgiveness of sins thru obedience to the commandment of the Lord and Savior. In the forgiveness there is a sense that man is on God's side. The burden of sin is lifted from his heart and he feels the joy of protection and deliverance.

What does one need often forgiveness? He needs teaching and guidance. What a beautiful promise is this, "I will guide thee with mine eye!" v.8.

What is man like who will not listen to instruction? He is like the horse or mule. v.9. These do not obey by their free will but must by the bit and bridle and compelled to follow the will of man. The lesson we are to get from today's study is, that we must go for what we want to those who have it?

If we want medicine we go to those who are competent to give it. If furniture, if garments, if instruction, to those able to meet our needs, and for pardon and healing to Jesus who is able and willing.

D.R.Bebout.

BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS.

The school door knob in this north country turns as readily and as quickly at the tap of a Negro child as a does to the tap of a white child. He has the privilege of all that goes to make a well equipped school. After his school days are over that door knob that once turned so readily at his tap is bolted. The school in which that however brilliant Negro matriculated will not admit him as an instructor but will admit the less brilliant because of the color of his skin. Banks stores, hotels and trades are closed to him. To be brief discrimination in this Northland is at the wrong end. It is generally thought by Negroes of the South that the North (God's country they call it) is synonymous to heaven, it might have been in ante-bellum days but not now--unless heaven means "cold."

Since our last report one has been buried with the Lord in baptism and one has been buried beneath the sod of the valley and one has been united in marriage.

Of the church in Normal and Bloomington, five are in High School and one in Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo. This is a good record when considered. There are but few colored people here and they take but little interest in school.

Last week, Miss Geneva Daniel of Normal won first prize in an oratorical contest over three white contestants.

Along with others give space for the following. A few hours after her death the words came as a thunder bolt from a mad cloud "The Lord has taken our angel Eva," How heart breaking was the news! Miss King was devoted, she loved her church. She was beautiful and ambitious. She spoke of her future with enthusiasm. In her death the church loses a charm and factor.

Then Jonithan said to David, tomorrow is the new moon and thou shall be missed because thy seat will be empty" 1 Samuel, 20:18.

W. W. Simmons.

STANDFORD, KENTUCKY

In the midst of life's great battle,
Lend a hand.

When her shell and grape shot rattle,
Lend a hand.

If you see a Wounded brother,
Down upon the field of strife,
Do not pass but help the other,
Lend a hand.

When life's guns like thunders are roaring,
Lend a hand.

Round your brother as he's going,
Lend a hand.

If a dart has pierced another,
If he fight upon the field,
Pause on pause and help your brother,
Lend a hand.

Remember you may fall sore wounded,
Lend a hand.

Ere the trump of peace has sounded,
Lend a hand.

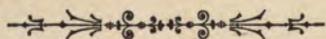
Listen to the piteous cry
Of your brother who has fallen,
Do not leave him there to die,
Lend a hand.

Kindness lives when we are gone,
Lend a hand.

Will help another on and on,
Lend a hand.

If the whole world frowns and raves,
If your brother has fallen,
Remember there's a soul to save,
Lend a hand.

FIELD REPORTS



KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Dear Co-workers in Christ:

We have failed to report the monthly meeting of our Auxiliary but we meet regularly and have had a successful year's work so far. We met May 5th and transacted our work. The President is always at her post, never late. It can be said of her she has never failed to set a good example. Those who know Sister Cooper know that she is punctual.

Our May meeting was very interesting and well patronized by the members of the Church. We had our program. Sister Hattie Grigsby the Chirman of this Committee showed that she has Missions at heart. The program was as follows: Invocation Eld. S. G. Campbell; Quartette Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. Grigsby, Messers A. D. S. Grigsby, and Hollowan.

Paper, Mrs. Britton; Duet Mrs. Wilkerson and Mr. A. D. S. Grigsby, Recitation Mrs. Wilkerson, Paper Mrs. Tedford Remarks by the President, Mrs. R. M. Cooper; Silver offering, Benediction.

We also are glad to report that we here at Knoxville will be glad to represent our work at the S. C. I. at the Workers' Conference. Though we can't in person but by our \$1.00 and a yearly report. The Junior Society met as usual on the first Sunday in May and in spite of the bad weather, we were able to hold a good session. The children have planned to render program for our Senior C. W. B. M. We are glad to be able to send the reports of our work through the columns of the Plea which helps to inspire our members as well as others.

Yours in Christ's cause,
Mrs. W. A. Britton.

MISSOURI.

Sunday was indeed a very interesting day at the church all day. Three able sermons were preached, two of which were preached by Rev. M. C. Hancock. Morning text was taken from the 12th chapter of Romans and a part of the second verse. At 12:30 a collection of \$5.60 was raised. After which we went to the water and seven were baptized to arise and walk in a newness of life. We went from the water to the church and listened to a noble sermon by Rev. C. R. McDowell. It was the annual Thanksgiving-Sermon of the Odd Fellows and the Household Ruth A collection of \$15.00 was raised. The lodge gave \$5.00 to the church. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. M. C. Hancock took the stand and his discourse was of much interest. At the close of the service an invitation was extended and one came forward and confessed her faith in Christ. The theme was continued therein. A collection of \$15.89 was raised. Thanks for the offering was then offered. Communion and then the Doxology.

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

It is with a sense of Christian obligation that I offer a few words to the many readers of the "Gospel Plea" commendatory of the very helpful visit of Miss Rosa V. Brown to our Church and City.

Miss Brown arrived in Jefferson City, Sunday April 25th at 11:30 a. m. She was met at the car by Mrs. J. B. Parsons who accompanied her directly to the Church. Here she was introduced and made a short talk to those present just be-

fore the close of the morning service.

She was then taken to the commodious home of Mrs. Sarah Lampkins for refreshment and lunch, after which she addressed the Christain Endeavor at 4:30 p.m. A very good crowd was present at 7:30, and the entire evening was spent in listening to a very able address by Miss Rosa V. Brown.

Arrangements having been made for her to visit Lincoln Institute, the Missouri State Normal School, she in company with a few members visited that institution and delivered a very able and scholarly address before the student body at ten o'clock Monday morning.

She addressed the ladies of the church at 3 p. m. greatly strenghtening the C.W.B. M. auxiliary, and wrote several subscriptions to the Missionary Tidings.

A special reception had been planned for Monday evening and the ministers of the others churches of the city had been invited.

Four of the leading ministers and a large crowd of the best Negro citizens of Jefferson City filled the church at 8:p.m.

Miss Brown's address on this occasion deserves much comment. She was introduced by the pastor and spoke for an hour and twenty minutes. She handled her subject with much ease and clearness of speech which was made interesting from beginning to end.

Rev. John Goins, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, members of the National Baptist Association, and Editor of the Western Messenger, in commenting on her address said hers was the equal if not superior to the address of any lady he had ever heard. It showed great care of preparation for the cause she represents, and as a national character her delivery may easily be classed with the best.

Miss Brown left on the 6:05 p. m. Tuesday for points east.

J.B.Parsons.

CARLISLE KENTUCKY.

Please insert the following report in your interesting paper. We want to tell the brothers about the splendid rally that was conducted at the Carlisle Christian Church Sunday May, 2nd.

"King's Business" club with sister Maggie Sharp as president, raised one hundred one dollars, eleven cents (\$101.11). Little Worker's Club, Sister Jane Cunningham president, raised eighty dollars three cents (\$80.03) making a total of one hundred eighty one dollars, fourteen cents (\$181.14).

Both ladies did well and deserve great credit. This rally clears the church of all indebtedness. When Elder Floyd took up the work at this place the church was over two hundred dollars in debt and in a weak spiritual condition, but at this writing we have money in the bank and the members are spiritually aroused and busy.

The C. W. B. M., with Miss Agnes Rogers as president, are at work raising money for C. C. I. and other expenses.

The Sunday School observed, "Go to Sunday School day" and had an attendance of ninety six (96) with a collection of (\$381). The enthusiasm contracted that day seems to linger as the attendance has been increasing since. We are not preparing to observe Children's Day first Sunday in June. The collection for first quarter was \$19.92. We are preparing to have a rally the fifth Sunday in May, to raise money for C. C. I. Look out, for old Carlisle is slow but sure.

Yours in the work,

Bett S. Johnson.

GRAHAM, VA.

Will you please allow space in your columns to make mention of a Co-operative Rally, and service of meeting held at the West Bluefield Christian Church April 25th to April 30th 1915. The meetings are to be long remembered by all who were present. Our program was well furnished each night of the Rally with able speakers of the day.

Eld. J. R. Louderback of Roanoke, Va. opened up on Sunday morning at 11:00 and certainly did not fail in declaring the truth and giving a "thus sayeth the Lord."

Eld. S. R. Lunzmore next appearing on program at 3:00 P. M. failed to be present. Eld. I. H. Thompson Pastor Tiptop Va. filled the vacancy upon points of duty.

Monday evening 8:00 P. M. Eld. G. M. Dickerson of Tazwell, Va. was to preach for us but owing to the death of one of his members he was unable to respond. But the harness still being on Eld. J. R. Louderback all he had to do was to couple up, and after a very few minutes of preliminary remarks he pulled out on the main line with his thought, How must I run to reach the destiny Safe? or in other words what must I preach to be saved, Text 2 Tim 4: to preach the word. This of Ralleys was carried in likemanner as have been often said with a few disappointment from the denomational ministers, those who failed were Rev. R. D. Washington Pastor of the Graham M. E. church Dr. Tiptop the presiding Elder of the M. E. National Conference in Tawzell dictrict.

These places were filled by Eld. J. E. Penn of Gate City, Va. on Thursday evening. The audience was refreshed with a Gospel sermon delivered by Rev. D. W. West

Love is the greatest thing that God can give us, for Himself is love; and it is the greatest thing we can give to God, for it will give ourselves, and carry with it all that is ours.
—JEREMY TAYLOR.

Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church Graham, Va. Then the great commission, on Sunday 8: P. M. our series of meetings were started under the preaching management of Eld. Louderback of Roanoke, Virginia.

Bro. Louderback was in this part of the vineyard. He had the pleasure of visiting the bereaved home of Elder G. M. Dickerson at North Tazwell, Va. accompanied by Elder C. M. Muse and Elder I. H. Thompson. Where was spent a glorious day, and a well prepared dinner was enjoyed at home of Brother Charles M. Harmon.

While in town we were entertained highly in the homes of Elder Dickerson's members, also being well supplied with Garden-seeds and Tomatoe plants, some of which had taken root in the rich fertile soil of Roanoke, Va. On May the eight to nineteen hundred fifteen at 12:15 P.M. the Man of God who had for two weeks fed us on the pure rich food from Heaven, stepped on board train No. 4, to next meet with his near companion on E: Ave Roanoke, Va. Indeed it left us very sad on this ending. We hope to meet again if not in this life, in the great beyond where parting shall be no more. Amount of money raised during these meetings, \$46.73. The church in west Bluefield is still moving. We ask for an interest in your prayers.

Elder I. H. Thompson.

British Columbia had a growth of 119 per cent. and its population is 392,480. In this vast dominion we have two churches both of them located at Vancouver, with a total membership of 108. They contributed last year \$75.30 to missions and raised \$4,046.44 for local expenses.

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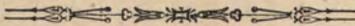
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HELPFUL TO ALL



GOD IN THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONS.

"DANIEL answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. And he changeth the times and seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding; he revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him."

When we look at great problems we feel that it is all dependent on our conduct, and it is so far as our own fate is concerned; but all of us fail to sufficiently recognize the hand of Providence in great human events. As we study the philosophical principles underlying history we can see that a kind Providence was leading to beneficial results for man-kind.

So far as we now can see, the world needed the hegira of the Greeks under Alexander, the world movement of Caesar and the outbreak of Napoleon. Each was a step to higher ground, but only on the principle that they would not advance by his appointed way of "Go teach" and so he made them make advancement in social and political cataclysms. God was removing kings and setting up kings to further his purposes. Sometimes these shifts of governments are greatly contrary to what we think ought to be, but in the end we see how wise it was.

Now let us speculate a little what might have been, if men had had their way. Take for example the Revolutionary War. Suppose England had had her way and the colonies had been suppressed and America had never had an opportunity to become the great inventive genius that it is, England would today be at the mercy of the rest of Europe. Even tho the Allies win, England will learn her greatest lesson in this war. And then here is another speculation. We are just now at a period when the whole civilized and uncivilized world is coming into the family of nations. The so-called Christian states were arrogant and secretly plotted the partition of backward countries. They were a great menace to the next thousand years. Is it not possible that a kind Providence saw this and brought this terrible disaster on those nations that they, one and all, might be weakened and humiliated before they must face those nations in the full? Gideon's thirty-two thousand were reduced to three

hundred before he faced the Midianites in order that he might face them in simple faith instead of vaunting power. Germany with its vaunted "Kultur" and its ambitions for world mastery made the conquest of the pagan nations for Christ impossible. England, besotted and self sufficient and proud, made the right kind of conquest impossible. Russia with her methods of suppression at home and conquest abroad made the conquest of China, India and Japan impossible, that is such a conquest as Christianity demands. France, ease loving, play seeking France, made the proper interpretation of the Christ life to the pagan nations impossible. And the United States, what shall we say of it? Can we make Japan and China what they should be even tho we send our choicest men and women over there, so long as arrogant commercialized America stays what it is? Shall not these natives be brought to their knees before the nations are to come en masse? And if they are to be led to the brook in the valley ere they are fit, why should not Mohammedanism, that ancient minded people living over into our day, be also emasculated ere the Christian missionary opens the door of the holy of holies of Christianity to the heathen and pagan world? Oh what a price we may have to pay for not hearing the call of our prophets who tried to make us go and teach the world! America has not awakened to a realization of the danger it is facing. We know Germany has challenged our authority, and we know we may have to break off diplomatic relations with her, but what lies beyond that our eyes do not see. The burial of a million of our most promising young men seems unthinkable, but if arrogant America must be reduced ere Christianity can be fully interpreted to the other nations of the earth, then God will lead us to the waters also to reduce our numbers.

Facing the future thus, ought we not go to our missionary task anew? As a Church are we facing our task as true servants? Has there not been an ungodly sparring for advantage in our white Churches, especially in their papers? An in our Negro Churches has there not been a controversy of personalities, especially in the conventions, that has prevented real work? The Christian Woman's Board of Missions announces that unless the offerings are greatly increased they will be seventy-five thousand dollars in debt and some work must be closed and the salaries of all workers reduced and all improvements stopped. This falling of income is not due to the poverty of the Christian people. They have not reduced their joy rides nor their pleasures. They are not awakened to their responsibility to teach the world. We need a missionary revival.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

Elder W. P. Martin reports that they are preparing to have Children's Day at both Savannah and Holtsville. They baptized eleven in the big Tennessee on the 6th.

The following card was received from Brother Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tennessee:

Dear Friend:-

You are most cordially invited to attend the re-opening of Lea Avenue Christian Church on Sunday, June 20th, 1915. The building has been thoroughly remodelled and will be a beautiful place of worship. The children will open the Sunday School department at 9:30 a. m., with a special program. Elder W. H. Dickerson, of Kentucky, will preach at 11 a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m. The Y. P. C. E. Society will hold their service at seven o'clock and Dr. Carey E. Morgan will preach at 3 o'clock. A special program of music will be provided by the choir. A welcome to all.

TENNESSEE.

A great day at Clifton Bend Lord's Day, May the 30th. The Christian Church at Savannah, and the Holtsville Christian Church joined their forces together, and chartered a boat, "The Bell of Savannah" to make the trip of 37 miles down the Tennessee River to Clifton Bend. The boat left the Savannah Landing at 7:00 a. m. with 60 persons on board. We landed at Halts Landing at 8:00 a. m. there 35 persons were awaiting and boarded the boat, one hour later at 9:00 a. m. We landed at Saltillo, there we picked up a few members, this gave us a number of 95 on boat, we landed at Clifton Bend at 10:30 a. m.

Then we walked one half mile to the church where we were invited to hold services at the 11:00 o'clock and at the 3:00 services we had a crowd house and all seemed to have an intense interest in the services.

Clifton Bend is a community of Methodist and Baptist, and we felt honored in being invited by the leader of that community, Mr. John Shannon, a very wealthy man, he controls about 600, acres of land of his own, all of it lie along the Tennessee River.

Dinner was brought out on the grounds and we all ate and were filled. Our service in the afternoon began at 2:00 p. m. The Savannah, and Holtsville choir joined themselves together for the song service which was entirely under the leadership of our evangelist singer, Thomas Luton. I never witnessed more efficient service rendered in my life than these two choirs did. At 3:30 we were dismissed, at 3:45 we were landed in the boat for Savannah, and Holtsville. On our return the choir members seated themselves on top of the boat and sang several songs. Their charming voices seemingly were heard for miles up and down the Tennessee River. The day was well spent and brought an inspiration to our people that will do them much good. A number expressed themselves freely how they enjoyed the services. We left those good people with a warm invitation extended to us to come back to them and hold services again. This we intend to do in the near future. We landed safely at Savannah at 9:00 p. m.

We had a great day with the Holtsville Church on June the 6th, first Lord's Day, eleven were lowered beneath the waters of the Big Tennessee River at 3:00 p. m. obeyed their Master in the waters of baptism, raised to walk in the newness of life.

The crowd that gathered on the bank of the Big Tennessee River nine miles down the River from Savannah was marvelous. The most prominent white people in Savannah attended the baptizing. Among the number were Honor J. E. De Ford, and his father-in-law, Mr. Baker. Two boat loads from Saltillo and several automobile loads, also about 50 from Savannah, met about 3:00. We held one hour's service at the water's edge, the meeting seemed to be enjoyed by all. One of the most prominent features of the services was the singing of the two choirs, Savannah and Holtsville under the leadership of our evangelist singers, Elder Thomas Luton, and Prof. A. D. White, they did efficient service. Many things were said to bring to bear upon the people, the need of being baptized and the things that the applicant must comply with which precedes baptism.

The churches at Savannah, and Holtsville will go down on record in the Jubilee Fund for they will render their first programme on the 1st Lord's Day in July, Children's Day.

We are planning to make this a day of worth, it will stand for much in the cause of Christ.

The announcement is being constantly kept before our people at Savannah and Holtsville, the visit of Pres. Lehman, and Elder Preston Taylor in July.

We are building a large Tabernacle for the service at Holtsville. The church at Holtsville has elected their delegates to meet the Annual Convention in August, three for the Lord's Day School and three for the church. Our work here is moving along in every respect.

W. P. Martin.

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To the Disciples of Christ throughout the United States,
Greetings:—

On the first Sunday in August, 1914 my wife, Mrs. Mary E. Magowan, Miss Maggie L. Freeman, of Paris, Ky. and Elder A. E. Osborne of this city, met in a small room at 13th and U St. N. W. in this city, for the purpose of organizing a Christian Church—these four and no more, constituted the first real meeting of the Christian Church, in the Capital City of the nation.

Elder Osborne however had had two meetings before this one with the hope of organizing a Christian Church.

On the second Sunday in August, 1914, we organized a Christian Mission with ten members. Since that time we have grown to thirty-two. On the first Sunday in October we organized a Sunday School of thirty-eight members. Our Mission continued to grow in interest as well as in members. We next organized a C. W. B. M. and last but not least, we organized a Y. P. S. C. E. During the month of May in this year, we were set apart as a church by the white brotherhood of the city, with the following ordained Elders: S. F. Tyree, George H. Hughes and A. E. Osborne. The Deacons ordained are: W. H. Bowie, Isaac Hathaway and N. W. Magowan, Supt. of Sunday School, Mrs. Mary E. Magowan, Pres. of Y. P. S. C. E., J. D. Locker, Pres. of C. W. B. M., Mrs. M. E. Magowan. Each department of our church is alive and thoroughly filled with the Christian idea of worship.

We take the Christian Literature, from the Standard Publishing Co. We have our Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings of each week; at which time we discuss the universal Topic.

Our sister white Churches are lending us all of the moral support that could be expected. The leading white Christian preachers of this city have at different times preached for us and brought a part of their congregations. We have access and a cordial welcome to the baptistry and robes of the Vermont Avenue Church.

The membership of our church is composed of real men and women who represent some of the best families in the city.

"Think on these things" there are over 50 Baptist Churches in this city, and nearly as many Methodist Churches, in fact, every religious sect is largely represented in this city, with its 100,000 Negroes and yet only a short while ago, was the Church of Christ known here. It is here now and here to stay. It appears to me that a day of prayer ought to be observed throughout the country, by all the Christian Churches, in the behalf of the success of the Colored Christian Churches at Washington, D. C. and at the same time an offering be taken to help build a church in this city. The preachers of other denominations look with pride when they are coming to Washington, because they know their churches are well represented here. But until nine months ago Christian preachers could not point to a single place here, that they could call their church, as home. Now my dear Bro. this is your church, as well as ours. Come and see us, send us a kind word and a donation, which will be very highly appreciated and very gratefully accepted.

At present, we have no regular pastor, our elders conduct our Sunday service for us; when some one of the white preachers is not present to preach for us.

Yes there is a real alive, acting and praying Christian Church in Washington. Come and see us and help us. Hoping for our sister churches in this country, abundant success, and earnestly praying that the time will soon come when denominationalism shall be wiped out, and we shall all be known as the Disciples of Christ and all members of the church of Christ.

Very Respectfully,
Noah W. Magowan.

COMING CONVENTION

- State Convention of Texas, at Taylor, Aug. 16-22
- State Convention of Mississippi, Shaw, Aug. 11-15
- State Convention of Missouri, Kansas City, Aug. 18-22.
- State Convention of Kansas, Topeka, Aug. 14-15
- State Convention of Piedmont District, Virginia, Stewart, August 26-29.
- District Convention of North Tazwell, Virginia, September 24-26.
- State Convention of Arkansas, Plummerville, Aug. 18-22.
- State Convention of Kentucky, Louisville, July 20-25.
- State Convention of Tennessee, Nashville, Aug. 10-15.
- State Convention of Ohio, Lockland, Aug. 18 22.



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Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Program for July

TOPIC: "WHERE THE RACE OF MEN GO BY" SERVICE FOR THE MULTITUDES.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER—

That Christ may have His right place in the business and the government of the world;
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Children of the Bible—The Little Lad of John VI.

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"The Child in the Midst."
"In Red Man's Land."

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"On the Trail of the Immigrant."

SUGGESTED BOOK IN BIBLE FOR READING IN JULY—

Joshua.

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Hymn. Invocation. Hymn.

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Hymn. Season of prayer.

Business period.

Roll-call; Respond to roll-call by giving a missionary item gleaned in reading.

Offering.

Special music.

Talk on the subject.

Recitation: "The Deep Sighing of the Poor." (page 17).

Review of Bible study.

Review of Mission studies.

Hidden Answers.

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Book: "On the Trail of the Immigrant," price \$1:50.

Tennessee

Great day in Savannah on Lord's Day, 23rd of May. The Christian Church multiplied its forces into a rally to raise money for the erection of the Christian Church in Sa-

vannah. This is the first time they have been called upon to try their strength financially since the church was organized last July 1914. Savannah had been conjecturing for over a month as to the amount this newly organized church would raise, but our people were guided by the spirit in their desire and efforts for a house of worship. When the money was counted at the closing service we found we had in hand \$100.26 cash. Elder Buckley, pastor of the white Christian Church, preached for us at the 3 o'clock service. Brother Buckley is a great preacher, and his presence with us is always appreciated.

We promised to record in the "Gospel Plea" the names of those that gave so liberally in the rally. The following gave \$5.00 each: Brother Frank Perry, Dan Tatum, Eugene Herring, Alex Halley, Lea Smith, James Marks, James Smith, James Harbor and Sister Ophelia Taylor, Eliza Wilhart, and Lydia Cherry; W. P. Martin and Addie Dickerson \$5.05 each; Hadie McDonald \$5.25; Mary J. Hott \$4.50; Lula Siner, \$4.30; Annie and James Wilkes \$2.50 each; Estela and Thomas Luton, \$2.00 each; Jennie Herring and John Wood \$1.25 each; James Taylor, \$3.35; Brother and Sister J. J. McDonald and Lela Luton \$.50 each; Arine Luton, Maggie King, Rosa Marck, Nannie White, Pearl Luton, Hannah Brayless, Otis Ward, Henderson Shelby, William Cherry, and Lula Halley \$.25 each; Maggie Luton \$.35; Edward Ward, \$.075; Polk King, \$.065; those paying under twenty-five cents, gave \$2.51.

Total amount raised \$102.26.

Hadie McDonald,
Ariene Luton, Sec'y.

On May 24th I made a trip down the Tennessee river on boat for forty miles to Clifton, Tennessee. There I secured a horse and buggy and went sixteen miles into the country to Waynesboro, the county seat of Wayne County. At this place I purchased a machine to make cement blocks for our church building in Savannah.

I preached one sermon at Waynesboro to a splendid congregation.

I there met Lawyer Boyd and Dr. Boyd (white), members of the Christian Church at Waynesboro, and a number of others. These Christian gentlemen promised to aid much in the building of our church in Savannah; they said also that they would see that their church at Waynesboro gave liberally.

I returned to Savannah Wednesday, May 26th, bringing the machine with me. I find the machine a welcome visitor in Savannah for our members feel we will soon begin work. We hope to begin in earnest by the 10th of June.

W. P. Martin, Evangelist.

MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

I am back home from the Worker's Conference held at the S. C. I. I had a delightful time, the Conference was splendid. So many good things were said and done that gave new life to all that were present. The report made by Prof. Lehman from May to May was encouraging to the Conference. The Commencement was grand. The class address delivered by Mrs. Stearns the National Corresponding Secretary of the C. W. B. M. of Indianapolis, was a heart stirring address. I am not selfish but I wished that all of Kentucky could have been there and heard it for them selves it would have moved them as never before. That great and good man J. B. Lehman and wife and corps of teachers seemed to be happy over the work done. Brothers of Kentucky let us go forward to the work with renewed zeal.

W. H. Brown.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Mrs. C. A. Berry of Jarvis Christian Institute stopped off on the way from her home in Martinsville, Virginia, where she has been on a protracted visit. She is anxious to get to Jarvis, and get into the harness again.

Mrs. Vandivier's mother, Mrs. Hardin, returned to her home at Ninevah, Indiana, last Saturday morning.

The Workers' Conference for the Sunday School will meet in the Chapel at 4:00 o'clock p. m. the fourth Sunday in June. The main topic for consideration is "The Sunday School as an Evangelistic agency." "Knowledge of the word of God necessary to proper Evangelization, Prof. D. R. Bebout; "Every boy and every girl in the Sunday School Class for Christ," Prof. F. W. Vandivier; "Evangelism in the Class of which I was once a member," Miss Ellen Johnson. The officers and teachers of Sunday Schools in the neighborhood are cordially invited to meet with us in these Conferences. All others who are interested in the work of the Sunday School are also invited. It is hoped that these meetings may do great good.

Prof. Vandivier's father and brother from Indiana stopped off at the Institute last Thursday on their way home from Grand Bay, Alabama.

Last night a refreshing rain visited this section.

The canning factory has put up to date 1691 quarts of plums. The pickers are out after two or three barrels today. Canning by steam beats the old way. Visitors are always welcome to our campus, shops, or fields to see our young people at their work.

Our Summer term has been in session nearly a month, and everything is going fine. The work of the Night School was never better. The faculty of the Night School is composed of the following: Prof. T. M. Burgess, Prof. D. R. Bebout, Prof. F. W. Vandivier, and Miss Mrytie Evans. The attendance is 75.

Last Monday night the young men gave their first Literary Society meeting. It was good. The young women will hold their meeting the third Monday night.

The young people in Mt. Beulah Sunday school are making pledges for the offering on Children's Day, July 4th. Some have already pledged a goodly sum. Young people when properly directed like to be associated with something big, for the spread of the Master's Kingdom.

The Home Defender Success Club held its regular meeting Saturday night, June 8. There was a splendid attendance, all but four being in the meeting.

Miss Gardiner spent a couple of days in Jackson last week.

The regular monthly missionary meeting was held yesterday afternoon. It was very interesting. A thank offering was taken up.

S. C. I., June 14, 1915.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Dear readers:—I Must express my profound gratitude to those of you who have an investment in me, regardless to whether it was time, labor, money, contact, personality, individuality, or prayer; directly or indirectly; I thank God for His service through you. I pray that the six years I have spent at the S. C. I. will mean an addition to the Master's Kingdom, and I will merely be an instrument used to His advantage.

My lot has been cast with Brother Dickerson at the Central Christian Institute. We are the pioneers in the Blue Grass State for our race. Brother Dickerson was the first to come. I joined him on the first of June. Have you entered the field?—Are you planning to go?

We have planned to begin erecting the foundation of our first school building tomorrow. Some of the material is on the school ground.

Brother Dickerson has been very busy. The work of his hands can be seen in different places about the campus.

Our beautiful Campus is facing the South. There are fruit trees, a garden, and a tenant's home east of it. North of us lies a forest of which the school owns a portion. We are living in the home of a tenant until our dormitory is completed. I rejoice because of companionship of Brother Dickerson. We must all admit that he is a zealous worker, and has a great vision of service.

Pray that God might use me in accordance with His divine purposes.

James I. Rundles.

REPORT FROM THREE MILE CREEK, CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OLAR, S. C.

It has been some time since I have reported our work here. We are alive through the divine power of the almighty God who rules both Heaven and earth.

Since the last writing we have lost by death one brother, F. C. Kirland, age about 85 years.

Letters given to members for new churches 10, gained from the world 4, from the M. E. church 1. We have on roll 450 members, paid to pastor since the convention to date \$97.29 church expense \$44.45, total \$141.74. We pray God's blessing that we may move on to perfection and do more for Christ and fallen humanity than ever before.

Our Sunday School at Matthews Grove is getting along very nicely, up to the present time we have a very large attendance larger than ever before, about 60 on roll. We are looking for our Children's Day programs from Bro. J. B. Lehman, hoping they will arrive soon.

We ask the prayers of our whole brotherhood that we may go on to the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. The good Book teaches us to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto us; it teaches again, that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. He that is of a greedy spirit stirreth up strife, but he that putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be made whole. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool, but whoso walketh wisely shall be delivered. He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. Prov. 28: 25-28.

A. L. Brobham.

DANVILLE, KENTUCKY

Our work is moving on nicely. We baptized a splendid young man last month and we are hoping to received his mother and father soon.

Mother's Day was observed on the 9th. We spoke from the subject, "Beholding Mothers," strong men and women wept as we tried to say some good things about mothers.

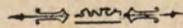
The Sunday school is planning to observe Children's Day the first Sunday in July.

Sister Kate Moore who took membership with us a little over a year ago passed away on the 6th of May. The funeral services was conducted at Junction City, by Elder J.H. Moore.

The public school closed on the 28th fo May. We had one to finish and will have one more next year. We are trying to get their parents to send them to one of our schools.

R. W. Watson.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson for July, 4.

ABSALOM'S FAILURE II Samuel 18: 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT: Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.

TIME: Uncertain—Probably near the close of David's life.

PLACE: (1) Jerusalem, the home of David. (2) Hebron, where Absalom began his open rebellion, and a point half way between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, near where Jacob wrestled in prayer.

INTRODUCTION.

This lesson falls on Independence Day. On the 4th of July is a fitting time to teach the lesson of patriotism, and how we may best express that feeling. We need to emphasize the lesson of true devotion to our country. The best way is to hold before the young the things that are essential to human welfare, and to warn against those things that destroy the individual. Teach the young to hate evil and to do all he can to overcome it. National sins could be mentioned and, the calamity that would befall us if we should abandon the church with its various means of instilling moral lessons.

In this lesson Absalom is warning against those things which destroy a nation. To get the story of this lesson read the four chapters 15-18 and note the many things you might jot down as important topics. We could start with the way-ward son, and thru the story we would find the politician, the business man, the shrewd counselor, the love of the aged father, the boy scouts, the curses of the fallen ruler, the battle, the tragic death of the way-ward son and the bitter grief of the father.

I ABSALOM'S YOUTH

Absalom was the son of David and Maacah, who was the daughter of a heathen King. Absalom was renowned for his beauty, and personal appearance. II Samuel 14: 25, 26 and for his marvelous head of hair. He must have been a "hail fellow well met" vain, shrewd, ambitious. He was desirous of becoming his father's successor, but did nothing in his youth to prepare himself to rule his people. There are numbers of young men in every community that could fit themselves for responsible places, but do nothing but dream about it.

The influences around Absalom were not good,

1. His mother was the daughter of a heathen King.
2. He grew up under the evil influences of polygamy. The whole atmosphere was impure and sensual.
3. During Absalom's youth his father was busy over-coming enemies and developing his Kingdom, and no time was given to the training of the youth. Thousands fail at this point under the stress of a busy life.
4. Coming into manhood the example of his father's sin was set before him.
5. Over against this sin of his father was his father's good example, his courage his faith, his patriotism, his repentances and true religion, and he could cleave to these higher and better things if his heart wished it.

II THE FATHER DRIVEN FROM HIS KINGDOM BY HIS SON. Chapter 15-17.

David was drawing near the end of life. Absalom wanted to make sure that he should come to the throne. There were other sons and his father might prefer one more religious and settled. Absalom was idle, reckless and ambitious and determined to act before it was too late. There were some things that made it favorable for a change.

1. David was old, and less active than he had been.
2. The business had become more than he could well attend to.
3. David was busy gathering for the temple. Taxes were high but the people could see nothing accomplished. At this particular period, Absalom became a politician, flattered the people and won them to him. He pretended to be religious and in it all he was disloyal to his father and to his country. Absalom proclaimed himself king at Hebron 20 miles south of Jerusalem, and then marched into Jerusalem. He reigned three months but was a great failure. He was selfish. He wanted to be king for his own pleasure, he had no kingly aims, selfishness ruins all. David and his escort leave the city and preparation is made for a battle.

Absalom's force is defeated and Absalom slain.

1. The way of the transgressor is hard.
2. The success of the wicked is short.
3. Sin is sometimes attractive, but at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.
4. The way to success is not thru disobedience to parents.
5. They that sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind.

D. R. B.

WACO, TEXAS.

Dear Editor: I wish to speak about Prof. P. H. Moss' visit to our city and to our church

Prof. J. B. Lehman wrote me that Bro. Moss' visit would be a great help to us. Time and space would fail me to speak of the good Bro. Moss has done us. We had a conference last Saturday night of the superintendent, teachers and the pastor. Sunday morning Bro. Moss addressed the Sunday School. Sunday afternoon the citizens of Waco besides the superintendent and teachers of the Sunday Schools we had about fifteen public school teachers present.

After Bro. Moss' great address we called on several persons in the audience to say something. The opinion of all was that Bro. Moss' address was an eye-opener. Sunday night Bro. Moss preached an excellent sermon to a crowded house.

We recommend Bro. Moss to the whole brotherhood. Look out Kentucky and our sister churches in Texas, Waco will beat you to the Front Rank Mark.

M. Frederick Mitchell.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

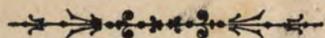
This is to inform you of the work in this part of the Master's Vineyard. We are getting along fine in church and Sunday school work, our church is filled each Lord's Day with Sunday school children. We have a Front Rank preacher who is a zealous Sunday school worker and who preaches to a full house at all services. We are in the midst of a splendid revival, its now three weeks old with 22 additions to the church. Among the number are two old women seventy years old or more. One had been sprinkled in the Methodist Church the other one was a Baptist. Elder C. E. Cragget of Topeka, Kansas did the preaching. He is a fluent speaker and has a ready grasp on the work. He is a member of this congregation and our pastor. The church gave Elder Cragget and wife a "Linen Shower," which was an enjoyable occasion. Eld. R. L. Peters our esteemed pastor delivered the annual address to the graduates of the City High School. It was a master-piece of oratory and was highly complimented by both white and colored.

The meeting will not close till the second Sunday in June. Elder R. H. Davis of Martinsville will begin it a fresh.

Great results are expected.

Mrs. Myrtle Hairston.

FIELD REPORTS



FACE TO FACE WITH THE UNEXPECTED.

ROBERT GOODEN.

Dear Members of the Gospel Plea Family:

It is so long since I have sent you anything to remind you that I am still alive that I wouldn't be surprised if some of you are thinking that I am dead. I am still alive and am as busy as I ever was. We have re-opened school on the 6 Inst. I have charge of the school room and I am trying to make this school year count for more than any in the past history of the Institution. Thus far the out-look is very encouraging, however it is not my intention to tell you about class-room work but to relate to you one of my little African experiences.

Since my arrival in Liberia I have been much interested in native customs and especially desirous of getting a peep at his religious life or rather forms of worship, but in spite of constant inquiries until three weeks ago all that I could get hold of was that he worshipped at a place called "The Devil Bush" and that this place was so protected during the observations of these observances that it was dangerous for any civilized person to hear his secrets or behold his forms of worship. This information did not satisfy my curiosity but made me more desirous to get to one of the Devil Bushes.

About 2:30 in the after-noon of Sunday March 28th, I started out on horseback for Monrovia, a distance of about thirty miles, and about fifteen of these miles were to be travelled through open plains known out here as "old fields." These are mostly covered over with a growth of coarse low grass and sometimes for a stretch of four or five miles of this plain the path leads through clusters of trees about the average size of the peach tree of America but belonging to a much coarser set of plants. At the end of the old field there is a strip of woodland that seems to form the dividing line between the sea shore and the level plains that run parallel with it for many miles. Through this strip of woodland the path winds its way and then opens out on the beautiful beach which forms the chief high way from different places to the capital of the Republic.

The speed of my horse was about equal to that of an ordinary boy walking. This rate of traveling while not very desirable gave me a splendid chance of observing everything that I passed by the way. About 6 o'clock I passed through a native settlement known as "King Gray," the houses were very small each one having only one doorway and no windows or other forms of ventilation, the roofs were covered with thatch while the walls were made of sticks covered with clay. About five or six of these structures had no walls around them, these were among the largest buildings of the settlement averaging about twelve by fourteen feet. They are used as the kitchens, reception rooms and general living apartments of the families while the smaller and enclosed rooms serve as sleeping apartments and store houses. In some of the open structures already described were to be seen several able-bodied men reclining around the fire and others lounging about while on the outside were to be seen women busily engaged in converting casava into dumboy a form in which it is by the assistance of a little soup greedily swallowed by the men. As my horse moved slowly along and this scene passed away, the next that met my eyes was one that would have done justice to the best of our American homes—a large garden of the best looking egg plant that I have ever seen.

About an hour and a half after passing through this settlement we were to the end of the old field and were entering into the path that leads through the strip of woods. We were now so near to the sea shore that the roar of the heavy waves could be heard as distinctly as through one was on the shore. Our path was now getting very narrow and it was so dark under the trees that I could not see more than a few feet ahead of where I was. Suddenly I came to a little fence built right across the path, it was so frail that with out much difficulty I tore it to pieces thinking that it was the work of some idle boy. The boys that were going along with me to show me the path were about two hundred feet behind me. I went on for about seven minutes after I had destroyed the fence that was intended to keep out intruders when suddenly not more than thirty yards ahead of me I heard a loud and terrible sound like that of a large horn. It was too dark to see the objects from whom the sound came so I tried to urge my horse onward to the scene when as suddenly as the first a rattling sound burst forth on the air. I was now within forty feet of the place and could make out dark objects before me in an open place but could not see who or what these objects were. Just then I heard my boys calling to me from some distance behind telling me to turn back and come in the direction that they were. The sounds were still ringing just before me, the path was very narrow and with great difficulty I succeeded in turning the horse around and with the aid of a whip tried to hurry him in the direction of the boys, to my dread surprise then but fun afterwards, I found that the boys were getting away from the place about three times as quickly as the horse and I were and when I called to them to stop they only ran the faster and called to me to follow them. When I did catch them and enquired what was the trouble, they told me that we had gone into a native "Devil Bush" and that it would be lots of trouble for us if we were caught by natives. I was sadly disappointed to know that I was face to face with that which I wanted so much to see and yet was no wiser for being there. I almost felt like stealing my way back into the place to see what was going on but it was too late the natives were than on a lookout. The following morning I was relating my experiences while we sat around the breakfast table at the home of Major Young when Rev. Lenard, one of the Missionaries from the Mulenburg Mission who was present told me that I was fortunate in running into a "Devil Bush" on the coast. He said if I had gone into a "Devil Bush" in the interior where he works I would have been killed before I had time to get out so I agree with him in saying that I was fortunate and felt glad that I did not follow my first thought and try to pay them a second visit.

PORT GIBSON

The Worker's Conference and Commencement were to me a fountain of knowledge which strengthened, inspired and gave me a double determination to enter more fully into the Christ life, serving others.

After listening to the reports from the various friends of labor, comparing the needs, hinderances, and results, the unselfish way in which all are working for the uplift of humanity one could not help crying out, surely the Lord is in this movement. The Worker's Conference is but a small beginning of the great good that awaits us. If we only prove faithful the Lord will bless us. Commencement was the best of all others heretofore held, coupled with that most excellent class address delivered by Mrs. Stearns, who made plain that Christ came into the world not to save a persecuted race, but the entire human family. She proved to all present that the S. C. I. is an intellectual spring from which flows the very highest form of Christian Education. The only education that fits man for life's great service, "Others."

K. R. Brown.

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4. No college ground in the South has more beautiful natural scenery.
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6. Smith Hall is one of the most handsome and commodious homes for young women in the country, and should be filled to overflowing this fall.
7. Its Biblical Course has been enlarged and improved and Dean D. R. Bebout has for his aim the making of religious leaders who need not be ashamed.
8. It has its own post-office and mail is delivered in every dormitory every day except Sundays.

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The Work of the Old Preachers

IT IS hard to urge the necessity of furnishing a thoroughly prepared ministry for the coming generation without discouraging the old men who did not have that preparation. It is to make this clear that we write under this head.

Instead of this discouraging the old preachers it must encourage them to go on and aid in the work of preparing a new corps of workers. It all depends on gaining the larger viewpoint of their duty.

The "old preachers" some of whom are quite young yet, are those who took the whole country for Christianity and held it to the present. Here a feat was performed that perhaps has never before been done. The Roman Christians who took the Teutonic races for Christ were all educated. Our missionaries that have gone into China and Japan and India and Africa were all educated men. But the men who built at least one church on every plantation and held it to the present time had very meager educational facilities. Some had almost none at all. Therefore we must say nothing or do nothing that will depreciate the work of these old men, evn though their lives often come far short of what they should be and even though their conception of the Christ life was often very imperfect. Among their number were some of the most able preachers of their day. Education alone does not make the man and lack of education does not necessarily unmake him.

So when we here speak of the task before us we want all the old preachers to feel that they must help to perform it. It is their task as well as ours. Here is the task.

The next generation of ministers must be educated. All the states but four have now passed compulsory educational laws and these four will probably pass such laws in a year or two. It would be a calamity of calamities if we should make all the children of today, who will be the men and women of tomorrow, literate and we should not prepare well trained minds to minister to them in sacred things. Private and state schools have sent reasonably well educated young people into every community and the church must not only be able to lay its hands on these and use them, but it must prepare a work to challenge their attention. Unless we send out prepared men into all our states we must expect the loss of our churches.

Now how are we to prepare these young men? It is a task that is impossible unless we can enlist the full co-

operation of the present ministers of the churches. They must help us to get these young men into one of our schools and they must aid us to support them through some six or eight years of schooling. These young men must help themselves all they can but they must have some outside encouragement and financial help.

The educating these young men yet must fit them to have the proper conception of the work at hand. While many of these men will not earn their bread by the labor of their hands yet they must minister to those who do labor with their hands and they must be able to lead these. Sometimes the young man came from college to the old church and tried to dazzle the people by quoting Latin and acting as though he said, "I pity you poor people. You are illiterate and must work. I am educated and do not need to work." The old folks saw through this and said "We don't want any of you educated preachers." They had no life message for the people. We must educate our young men so they will know how to work with their hands and will take pleasure in it; and then they can go among the people and while they feed their souls with spiritual bread they will also lead them into material prosperity. In another fifty years the Negro will be eliminated from the Gulf States, unless he learns to master the industrial problems before him. That he will master them we have not the least doubt. But we must remember that it all depends on the "unless" in the above sentence.

We do not want to discourage holding protracted meetings and converting the people, for unless this is done the churches will die; but we want to impress, with all our force, on the minds of the ministers that the most important duty of today is preparing efficient workers for the coming age. The next generation will be confronted with some very serious problems and they must have trained minds to lead them.

We suggest that every church make a canvass of its membership of young men and women to go to school. Heretofore many people have looked upon education as simply a means of choosing a life's work and therefore they sent to school only those who expected to enter a profession. Since the girls taught most of the school they sent most of the girls away to school. This must change. We must send all to school to advance the people. But our task is to prepare well trained spiritual leaders, and we must all join hands in doing this.

"New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient goods uncouth;
We must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth.
Lo! before us gleam her campfires,
We ourselves must pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly
Through the dark and wintry sea,
Nor attempt the future's portals
With the past's blood-rusted key."

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Penie Holden, Kerrs, Arkansas.
Mrs. A'den, Hiram, Ohio.
H. F. Bishop, Shelbyville, Tennessee.
Harriet R. Lane, Sharon, Mississippi.
Fred Julian, Washington, D. C.

—Elder E. F. Jackson of Dale, S. C. writes: Trial Day July 4th. Pray for it and us. If you can spare me a few programs send them to me. Hurrah for the glorious Fourth. "May the banner of the cross lead and sway all nations."

—In a letter Mrs. Anna R. Atwater writes: A cable from India yesterday told of the death of Ada Boyd, one of the first missionaries we sent to India, a noble woman, and of great worth to the work. Mrs. Anna B. Gray who was for twenty-one years our Recording secretary passed away Sunday June 13.

—We are in receipt of valum 1 number 1 of the Arkansas Christian Edited by Rev. John Zeran of Bentonville Arkansas. Bro. Zeran was pastor for a long time of the Hattiesberg Church (white) and was well known in all the Mississippi work.

—Eld. M. Knight has held a ten days meeting with the Ft. Worth Church. He was disappointed that the pastor Eld. H. M. Johnson, was kept away by serious sickness. Eld. Knight adds; "Eld. P. H. Moss visit to Shady Grove was a benediction. He is well qualified for his work. We are planning great things for Children's Day. I am leaving for another weak church. We hope to get them lined up for Children's Day."

—Eld. T. J. Green of Beaumont Texas held a ten days meeting at Jennings Louisiana. The evangelists of Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi should do this.

—Prof. Ervin writes: That he found his father much improved when he reached Johnson City, Tennessee. We trust his father may be spared yet many years.

—Napoleon Kitt of Naftel, Alabama writes: I have

received your programs. I have a very hard field but I am doing the best I can. The poster and programs were a gratification to us.

—Wm. Davis of Turner, Arkansas writes: The literature for Children's Day came but found our church not in a flourishing condition. We have a good building but there is almost no attendance. We need a minister.

—J. C. Gryden writes: We thank you for the Children's Day exercise. We are getting ready for it and my wife is training the children at Pea Ridge and we expect to greatly enlarge our offering.

—Elder K. R. Brown, State Evangelist of Mississippi expects to hold a meeting at Jennings, Louisiana soon.

—Elder B. C. Calvert of Jackson, writes: It would do your soul good to see the children here in Jackson so much interested in the Children's Day exercises on the first Sunday in July.

SUMTER S. C.

Dear Bro:- I send you herewith my quarterly report from March the 15th to June 15th 1915. March the 27th, found me at Bonneau I held joint board meeting with officials of the Bonneau and Alvin Churches which are 14 miles apart, preached Sunday morning to the few members, they gave me 28 cts. In the afternoon I drove over to Alvin where I preached Monday Tuesday and Wednesday nights and added 1 from the Baptist Church. They gave me \$.20.

April the first found me at Grove Hall Church, Mt. Holly conferred with officials of church. They gave me \$1.00. April 3rd found me at Antioch Church near Varnville I made an address to the Sunday School, preached at midday service and at the night service preached a special sermon to the auxiliary. The church gave me \$1.35. April 8th I visited the town of Brunson and conferred with the officials of the church there, they had ceased to meet and on Sunday the 11th opened up service there and preached for them. April the 18th found me at Cherry Grove, I made an address to the Sunday School, preached at midday service, at the night service and preached a special sermon to the auxiliary there. The Church gave me \$1.50. May the first found me at the Alvin Church where we held a protracted meeting and on Sunday made an address to the Sunday School preached a sermon added one from the Methodist. They gave me \$5.00. In the afternoon I drove to Bonneau where I preached Monday night they gave me \$1.00. June the 13th found me at Jedburg to look after the church there. After conferring with officials there they gave me 70 cts. I drove over to Ridgeville, 6 miles distant where we have another small congregation. I preached for them at the night service, they gave me 50 cts. I am also supplying for these two weak congregations and, I am supplying for four weak struggling churches, Alvin, Bonneau, Jedburg, and Ridgeville. The following is a summary of my work since last Report:

Days employed	82
Miles traveled	631
Places visited and revisited	8
Sermon and addresses	15
Additions from Baptist 1 from Methodist	1
Meeting held at Alvin	1
Revived the work at Brunson	
Conferences with Churches and officials	4
Personal visits	34
Letters mailed	12
Postals	16
Money collected on field	\$13.33
Received from 2nd District	\$2.12
Total	\$15.45
Carfare	\$10.10

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. Wood.

SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE.

Hon. J. E. DeFord, called a mass meeting of the Christian Church and citizens of Savannah, Tennessee, Wednesday, June 9th to discuss the proposition of building a concrete block house for worship, for the Colored Christians of Savannah. From three to four hundred people were present, all showed an intense interest to take part in the work and were highly pleased with the noble address made by Hon. J. E. DeFord. Two brothers in the person of Pro. D. C. Crowder and Elder J. W. Halts, Jr. who fully expressed themselves that they were willing to stand square behind the building of a church in Savannah from start to finish. These men are strong supporters of the Holtsville Christian Church and are in the work to stay. The building of this church will be one of the greatest enterprises ever launched in Savannah. This building will be the first cement house built in Savannah. The cement block machine that we have in hand, was the first machine of its kind to be unloaded at the Savannah landing. Hundreds are over anxious to see the work begin, both white and colored.

The building will be 35 by 60. ft. high, with 6 ft. colonia front, fire-walls, pool, and with all modern equipment. The work on this magnificent structure will begin in prominence June 28th, gravel and sand have been inspected by experts and reported first class. The hauling of the gravel and sand will be in charge of Prof. D. C. Crowder of Holtsville, Tenn. Hon. J. E. DeFord, left on St. Louis Boat, June the 9th for St. Louis Mo. on business while there he will have an order filled from Alas Cement Co, for 200, bags of cement for the beginning. Hon. J. E. DeFord, is Treasurer of the building fund, and he will devote much of his time to the soliciting of money, over sight of building. All who have promised to contribute and those who desire to contribute for the erection of the Christian Church in Savannah, Tenn., will send their contribution to Hon. J. E. DeFord, Savannah, Tenn. He will give all persons credits for what they give, and see that all money is properly accounted for. He is one of the leading business men in Hardin Co., and delights in the church of Jesus Christ. Do not fail to take a part in this great Movement.

Those who have contributed to the building of the church are as follows:

Colored Christians, in Savannah,.....	\$125.00
Hon. J. E. DeFord, Savannah,.....	100.00
Dr. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.....	100.00
Prof. D. C. Crowder, Holtsville,.....	100.00
Elder J. W. Halts, Sr. Holtsville,.....	50.00
Elber J. W. Halt, Jr, Holtsville,.....	50.00
William Danie, Deacon, Holtsville,.....	50.00
Mr. Elex Mc Dougal, Savannah,.....	10.00
Total.....	585.00

We have not opened our campaign for the raising of building fund up to this writing; the above is voluntary contributed.

All contributors to this work we will gladly give you credit thru the PLEA. Your aid in this work will be appreciated for the work is needed.

W. P. Martin.

I do not see
 Why God should e'en permit some things to be,
 When He is love;
 But I can see,
 Through often dimly, through the mystery,
 His hand above.

COMING CONVENTIONS

- State Convention of Texas, at Taylor, Aug. 16-22
- State Convention of Mississippi, Shaw, Aug. 11-15.
- State Convention of Missouri, Kansas City, Aug. 18-22.
- State Convention of Kansas, Topeka, Aug. 14-15
- State Convention of Piedmont District, Virginia, Stewart, August 26-29.
- District Convention of North Tazwell, Virginia, September 24-26.
- State Convention of Arkansas, Plummerville, Aug. 18-22.
- State Convention of Kentucky, Louisville, July 20-25.
- State Convention of Tennessee, Nashville, Aug. 10-15.
- State Convention, Arkansas Plummerville, August, 25-29.
- State Convention, Ohio, Oxford, August, 18-22

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That Thy way may be known upon the earth,
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Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



THE FOLLOWING QUARTERLY REPORTS FROM THE COLORED AUXILIARIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

MOUND BAYOU, MISSISSIPPI

Report for quarter ending in June.	
Number of members	17
Number subscribing to Tidings	5
Amount sent to National Board	\$3.60

CHAMOIS, MISSOURI

Report for quarter ending in June.	
Number of members	12
Amount sent to National Board	\$2.30
Sent to State Fund	\$1.15
Average attendance of quarterly meetings	8

OSAGE CITY, MISSOURI

Report for quarter ending in June.	
Number of members	8
Number subscribing to Tidings	1
" " " to PLEA	1
Amount sent to National Board	\$1.10
" " " State Fund	.55

OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA

Report for quarter ending in June.	
Number of members	17
Amount sent to National Board	\$4.00
Average attendance of quarterly meetings	17

PEARIDGE, ARKANSAS

Report for quarter ending in June.	
Number of members	31
Number subscribing to Tidings	5
" " " PLEA	7
Amount sent to National Board	\$1.80
" " " State Fund	.83
Average attendance of quarterly meetings	15

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Report for quarter ending in March.	
Number of members	14
Average attendance of quarterly meetings	10

TENNESSEE.

Dear Readers:- I am glad to write again about our C. W. B. M. work here. We are trying very hard to get all interested in the work. We have also organized the Ladies' Sewing Circle with 20 members which met at T. C. I. June 17th. Each member was present with sewing in hand. We first assembled in the library where a song was led by the writer, scripture lesson by

Mrs. Sarah Stuart and prayer by Prof. H. D. Griffin. After roll call and remarks all went up stairs to the sewing rooms. The first room was occupied by the young ladies who numbered ten and the second by the older ones. Very soon all were busy, some cutting and others basting and stitching which lasted for one hour.

After all were through ice cream and cake were served by Berthena Griffin and the writer. Then all reassembled in the library where we were dismissed. Collection \$1.75.

On the following Sunday we had a soul stirring C. W. B. M. meeting. A good number were present and all took an active part in the service. We are working very hard to enlarge the work here by having all the young ladies to work with us. The Sunday School is getting the program for Children's Day. Hope to have a success.

Mrs. H. J. Griffin.

PADUCAH, KY.

Prof. Moss visited our Sunday School in February and met a large assembly of real live workers engaged in a great "Attendance Contest" which had been on for several weeks and which will close July, 2nd Lord's Day. On one side is the motto, "We Mean Business," and on the other, "We Do Things."

Great interest was manifested throughout the Institute work and Prof. Moss, by his earnestness, his business like manner, and burning message, gave to this machinery such momentum that we refrained from reporting ere this, to assure ourselves whether or not the inspiration was momentary or sufficient to roll into Louisville at the State Convention in July. This is June, and the force being not yet exhausted; we venture to tell of some progress we have made as a result of the personal contact, forceful instruction, and family like consultation with this very efficient National Field Secretary of the Sunday School work.

The Teacher Training class is doing its work; the classes are organized and now have their certificates; a five-dollar library of books from St. Louis house, telling of methods, organization etc. of Sunday School work, has been put in and is being read, Hurlbert's book is one of this set. Bible Day in connection with a well rendered Easter program, was observed, by having the Sunday School to march into the church in a body, wearing white sashes and carrying Bibles.

Children's Day was observed on 1st Lord's Day in June, and a collection of \$5.00 was taken with a Sunday School attendance of 71. The last programs sent out were too late to have new arrangements made.

We shall report the outcome of the contest about convention time. The "Business" side is now more than 1,000 points in the lead but the side that is "Doing Things" is so redoubling efforts to get the lead that the "Business" side is afraid to let up.

Yours for success,
Mrs. R. E. Pearson, Sec.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Prof. Moss visited the Mission Church the past week, his lecture on the Bible School work was wonderful.

We are planning to do a larger and better work in the near future.

Bro. Moss gave us even a larger vision than we already had. He also spoke to the Congregational Church here. He met an appreciative few. We are proud of Bro. Moss. He is an able man. He has a knowledge of his task and how to accomplish it. We were sorry that we could not do more for Bro. Moss. But on account of my husband's illness we could not. My husband has been sent to the country to regain his health if possible. Pray for his speedy recovery.

I am yours in service,
Mrs. H. M. Johnson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Last Wednesday, June 16, our canning factory made the biggest run in its history,—615 quarts of plums. The total number of quarts of plums put up this season is three thousand forty three (3043). The canning of blackberries is now being pushed.

President and Mrs. Lehman have received an invitation to attend the wedding of Hon. Clark's daughter in Missouri.

President Ervin of Jarvis Christian Institute stopped off between trains, while on his way to Tennessee, where his father is very sick.

The first run in threshing our oats was made Friday afternoon, June 18. The machine ran fine and the oats looked nice.

Prof. L. C. Jones, of the Piny Woods Industrial School, Braxton, Mississippi, visited our school Thursday afternoon. He took a trip to the fields and at night spent a few minutes in the classes of the Night School. We are always glad to have Prof. Jones to come to see us.

The Y. M. C. A. held its annual election of officers, Saturday night, June 18. The following were elected: President, A. W. Jacob; Vice President, F. W. Gambrel; Secretary, P. C. Dunson; Treasurer, A. E. Shirley.

Prof. and Mrs. Burgess and daughter Reba attended the Children's Day exercises at Little Zion yesterday. A. W. Jacobs, P. C. Dunson, W. E. Moore, students at the Institute, also went along and took a part on the program.

Children's Day exercises at the Mt. Beulah Sunday School will be held in the Chapel Sunday night, July 4, at 7:00 o'clock. And effort is being made to raise twenty five or thirty dollars for home and foreign missions. Friends in the neighborhood are kindly invited to attend.

The Jackson Evening News recently made mention of Prof. Vandivier's corn field, down along the public highway. It is being demonstrated beyond any doubt that good corn can be grown in Mississippi. In a ride over long stretches of our country roads in an auto these days the fields would remind one very much of those of Illinois and Indiana.

S. C. I. June 21, 1915.

At the Annual Election of the Home Defender Success Club last Saturday night the following officers were elected: Chief Defender, Arby W. Jacobs; Past Chief Defender, Wesley Sims; Chaplain, Willie Moore; Recorder, Peter Dunson; Conductor, Jerome Freeman; Guard, Henry Brown.

A number of business men of Edwards came out by autos to see our corn one day last week. When they returned from the field they were very pleasantly entertained at the Mansion by President and Mrs. Lehman. The Mansion has associated with it much of historic interest.

The Teacher Training classes in "Training for Service" and "Bible School Vision" have recently taken examination.

President Lehman attended Children's Day exercises at Mt. Moriah Sunday morning, Dean D. R. Bebout of the Institute Biblical Department filled the pulpit of the Institute Church. Many good thoughts were brought out

on the text, "And the meek shall inherit the earth."

Miss Diehl, secretary and treasure of the S. C. I. was called home to Indiana last Thursday by the very serious illness of her mother. She expects to return as soon as possible. Miss Diehl has already made many friends here, who were sorry to see her called away on such a sad mission.

S. C. I. July 1, 1915.

CORN DEMONSTRATION

Edwards, Miss., June 26— On Thursday afternoon last your correspondent by invitation accompanied a party of Edwards business men to the Southern Christian Institute about two miles west of here to view a demonstration field of corn on the institute lands.

The corn is on land that was prepared under the instruction of S. M. Yates, county demonstrator, and the direct supervision of Prof. F. F. Vandivier, superintendent of agriculture at the Institute. Four years ago this piece of land was considered worn out and incapable of producing enough to more the expense of cultivation. In 1914 it was plowed deep and sown to oats. In June of that year the oats were cut and the ground put in peas. In October the peas were cut and crimson clover sown. This clover which was in blossom in May, 1915, was plowed under with a large plow, and the land made very mellow by dragging immediately after plowing. The corn was planted May 12-15 and in five weeks has grown to height of a man and the uniform height of the stalks makes the field peculiarly attractive to the eye and is a convincing demonstration of the excellence of the methods of cultivation. Spur roots are already out on the corn. The land have been cultivated level and no roots cut off by the plow.—VICKSBURG DAILY HERALD.

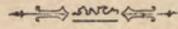
CEDAR LAKE

Dear Editor:—Please allow space in the columns of your helpful paper for a few words. I wish to say respecting our two weeks meeting, which began on the 30th, Inst. close 13th Inst. with four reclaimed members and one from the Baptist church, and on the 1st. Lord's Day Inst. We had a host of witnesses at the water's edge to witness the baptism of Brother Starling Austin, who was an old sinner, but made the good confession.

Brother Wm. B. Brown, was the minister that conduct the baptism. The Baptist ministers have been very loyal to us in our meeting, during our two weeks meeting, Brother Lee Parks, also Brother Jessie Martin, gave us a very good spicy sermon these are ministers of the Baptist Church. On 1st, Lord's Day Inst. Brother Bryant and Wyche, from our sister Church, Vine Grove, were with us as a mouth piece for the Lord, and on the night of the 2nd Lord's Day inst, Brother Chas Wyche, of Vine Grove spoke for us from the 10th, chapter of Roman. Brother Chas Wyche, is a coming young preacher, so we have a few things to regret, and many things to be courageous for so, Bethlehem Christian Church are being revived some are striving with all there heart in the interest of missions, we believe the best life to live, is to live for others Jesus the Christ sayeth greater love hath no man than this to lay down his life for his friend.

J. B. Stratton.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



SOLOMON CHOOSES WISDOM

I Kings 3: 4-15

GOLDEN TEXT: The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom. Prov. 9:10

TIME: Immediately after the last lesson.

PLACE: Gibeon a few miles north-west of Jerusalem, where a tabernacle had been erected and a center of worship.

INTRODUCTION

We should recall the lesson of a week ago when we studied the characteristics of a young man who had been allowed to grow up unrestrained, and ungoverned and to do as he liked.

His life was a sad failure for he was unfitted to rule a kingdom. In today's lesson we place beside him, his younger brother who had better influences and chose the way that leads to a successful life.

I. THE LORD SPEAKS TO SOLOMON

Solomon was probably not over 20 years old when he became king. David had planned for a great nation. Solomon began his reign by a national gathering of leaders in Gibeon a few miles north of Jerusalem. Solomon wanted to unify the people and show them that he stood by the religion of the God of their fathers. No nation can endure unless founded upon deep and abiding religious principles.

The greatness of the religious ceremony is mentioned in verse four. The religious fervor and enthusiasm, the spiritual uplift, helped to prepare Solomon for his choice which he made. Religious meetings do great good. The given uplift the spirit of devotion, inspiration and power. We should not minimize the devotional part of our S. S. work. The whole school should join in it with enthusiasm.

The way in which the Lord spoke to Solomon was in a dream. The young man was doubtless full of thought as to how he was to run the kingdom and feeling the weight of it all it was fitting that God should come to him with the promise of help. God gave him an inquiring mind and understanding heart. At the request of Solomon. He granted the wisdom he needed.

II. SOLOMON'S CHOICE

Solomon takes a survey of all conditions to find out what he should ask.

1. He remembers all God did for his father.
2. That God had laid on him great responsibility.
3. That he was young and little experienced.

We should all take a survey of what God has done for us. "Count your many blessings."

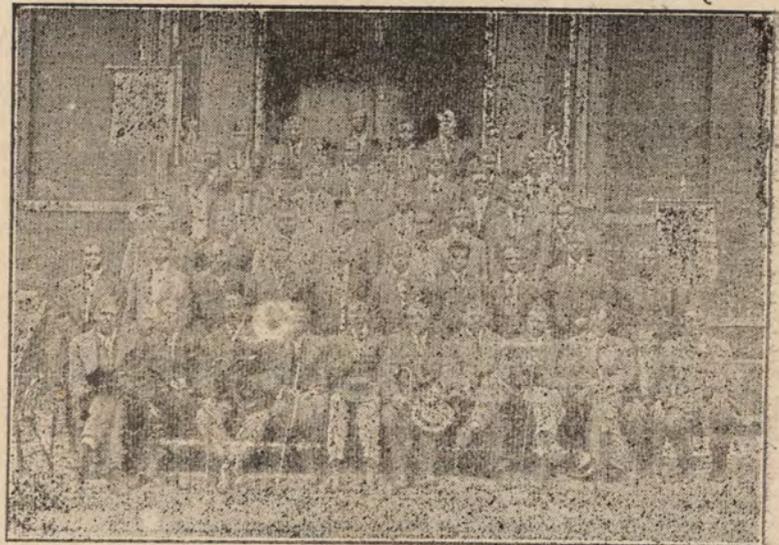
To state it briefly Solomon chose divine wisdom. If he passed this he would be practical, wise and just.

III. THE LORD GAVE.

The Lord gave to Solomon the best of all gifts—wisdom. His request of the Lord was not a selfish one. There are two ways of looking at requests, one is to study to bring everything to yourself the other is to study to bring the greater blessing to others. The latter was the Master's way.

The greatest souls are those most dependent upon God.

The life that is lived wholly for self has nothing left for others.



Men's Bible Class at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

KANSAS.

Rain is the extreme to which Kansas has gone this year—The rain has been so continuous and abundant, that the temperature is more like Colorado than Kansas. Our church work has been impeded on account of the wet weather; as it seemed that Sunday was the more appropriate day on which to rain.

Our beloved brother and co-worker, Elder C. E. Cragget, has not been in the state for several weeks. He is now at his old home, Martinsville Va., packing up getting ready to come to Topeka where he will take charge of the Second Church of Christ. Bro. Cragget and congregation had a very successful rally on the second Lord's Day in April. They raised almost two hundred dollars which we thought was very good.

The writer interested himself in the rally for about thirty minutes, on Wednesday before the rally. His success was so marvelous that his rally ambition has died out.

He the writer, took advantage of 30 minutes, at noon, and called on a gentleman in behalf of the rally, evidently expecting a liberal donation, after discussing our church progress and convention, he said he would give us three hundred dollars (\$300.)

I will let you imagine how I felt with Elder Cragget as our leader, with the grasp he has already gotten on the people of the city, we feel that success is ours.

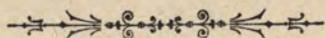
We are now planning for our State Convention which convenes in August. This is going to be one of our good meetings, and you should not miss it. Bro. J. B. Lehman has taken two periods on our program, we will also have Elder P. H. Moss and Miss Rosa V. Brown on program. These persons will give strength to the convention and it will be worth your while to be there.

The writer, while not a direct relative of Job, nevertheless has had some of Job's experiences.

He preached at Emporia on the third Lord's Day in April and was called by phone Monday morning the 19th to go to Maple Hill that afternoon to preach a funeral. Maple Hill is about 85 miles from Emporia, and it was necessary to travel over two different roads to reach Maple Hill. On arriving at our changing point, we were too late to make connection, we took a lay over until 3:30 trying to get in touch with Maple Hill. At 3:30 they told us to proceed by automobile which we did, a distance of about 30 miles. Arriving at 5:20 p. m. preached the funeral went to the cemetery, buried the dead all by 7:30 p. m. We returned home the next morning the 20th of April and took sick and have not preached another sermon. We are now writing without being able to be out. He said his word should prosper. It will prosper if we trust and work.

B. C. Duke.

FIELD REPORT



MONROVIA, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

Dear Readers:- I am happy to bring to you a little message of our work here in Liberia.

It has been some time since I have had time to talk with you about our work here in Liberia. During these late days you have known little of what we are doing.

We are now in our fourth week of school and things are moving along nicely. We have at the present time the largest enrollment since I have been on the field. Our building work is moving along very slowly on the account of not being able to get material with which to work. We are doing our best to get out of this old leaky house which we have lived in for more than two years. We hope to get a corner fixed ready to move in within the next two or three days. We are getting a few sashes made and a little flooring down. Our roof paint was spoiled so we do not have any paint to put on the roof. The walls of our building are sand finished. We have finished putting on the ridgepoles this gives our building a very handsome appearance.

Two weeks ago Prof. Gooden and I went to Marshall to hold the second quarterly Conference of the Woman's Workers Conference for the year of nineteen hundred and fifteen. This was indeed a great meeting and well attended not by a few of the people but by all of the people at Marshall.

It was our good pleasure while there to organize a local conference with a membership of twenty-four. Of course I do not expect all of these women to prove faithful to the end, but I feel that a large part of them will hold out.

Sisters I call upon you for your most earnest prayers, that these women may prove faithful workers in the master's field of service.

We hope some day to have a local conference in every community which may we be able to reach many and we trust this may mean the whole Republic.

It seem all too hard that we must turn away boys and girls because they do not have any body to look after their welfare, turn away boys because we do not have any where to keep them.

Friends it is time to muster up courage and start with new zeal in the master's field.

Where is the young woman who will give up home and friends, land and country and say I will go where the Master says, to do what he says?

How many are there of you who will follow through floods and flames if Jesus leads? How many of the ministers are saying "Go preach my gospel in all the world" and do not go out of their home town? Yes many do not walk as much as two miles even after they have rode fifty on the train to meet an appointment. I would like to know how much his sermon, "Go ye into all the world" means to a people?

May the sleepy headed ministers awake and begin to do something for Christ and his Kingdom.

Let us not lose sight on that twenty thousand dollars.

I am faithfully your servant in his cause.

Harry G. Smith.

CROFTON, KENTUCKY.

Hammers are ringing and saws are buzzing on our first building at Central Christian Institute. These days, find us eating in a hurry and sleeping in a hurry.

W. H. Dickerson.

JACKSON.

Dear Editor:- I desire to give a part of the report of work done in May and of work done in June up to the time of the writing. On account of having to make preparation for the Workers' Conference did not report for April and May.

The 4th Sunday of April found the writer with the Rose Hill Christian Church. A good service, they gave us \$2.20. Fourth Sunday night we spoke to the Pine Grove congregation, crowded house; good attention, they are always glad to have us. They gave us \$2.50. Monday night following found us with the Lorman Christian Church. Full house, kept attention. I think every body in the house gave something in the collection which is good among the colored people and proof that they enjoyed the service. Wednesday night of the same week at Pattison with the St. Luke congregation. Services very well attended, had two Methodist preachers with us. We took the old Jerusalem Blade and warmed those preachers "Jackets". They enjoyed every thing about the sermon but baptism, they told me they thought they could get to Heaven with the fire and Holy Ghost, leaving the water out.

Thursday night at Union Hill. Services good, they entreated us to come again soon. From thence we went to Hollandale was to preach there Friday night but was stormed out.

At Indianola first Sunday of May the people turned out real well, at the conclusion of the morning service several of the citizens of the town as well as the members of the church, congratulated the writer for his excellent sermon, said he sure preached, when the invitation was extended at the close of the night service, a young lady from the Baptist Church came forward to unite with the church of Christ to be known as a Christian and a Christian only. Monday at Holly Grove, five miles north of Indianola. This church has grown a little cold because it has an officier who is not of the right stripe. We strove to the best of our ability to set things in order just how much good was done remains to be told.

Left Indianola Tuesday morning for Mound Bayou. The Mound Bayou Christians are always anxious and ready to hear the truth. A nice crowd witnessed the service Tuesday night, the speaker was at his best and a soul stirring meeting was the result, when the invitation was extended a young lady who had never confessed Christ came and confessed her Lord and Master. This young woman's people are bitterly opposed to the Christian Church, but the Gospel will cut its way.

Pilgrim's Rest was our next point, attended the funeral of Sister Seal Calvert the second Sunday in May. The people could hardly get standing room. Night service well attended.

In Jackson the third Sunday we were fortunate in having Prof. P. H. Moss to address the School of our Church. His message gave new life to the Sunday School and Church. Prof. Moss is an efficient worker, we hope to have him again.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights after the fifth Sunday we were with a Baptist Church four miles east of Port Gibson and at Christian Chapel in Port Gibson Thursday night. First Sunday in June at Indianola, the crowd was good, service interesting, one added at the morning service. During the night services the writer told of his trip to the Southern Christian Institute and of the Worker's Conference. No doubt good will come from the things he said.

Preached at Bobo Wednesday night and at Clarksdale Friday night. We have no church at either place but hope to have in the near future, we have a few disciples at both.

We rendered our next service at Pilgrim's Rest the second Sunday of June. Attended a funeral at the morning service. Stormed out at the night service.

Yours in His service,

B. C. Calvert.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

It has been some time since I have made any report, or placed an article in the PLEA. I am now pleased to relate to the readers of the PLEA some things in regard to the last two months time. On the 21st of April we left Topeka for our home down in old Virginia where we were to join our better half, and return. We made the run without any delay at all, and on the evening of the 23rd stood face to face with her—our hearts delight.

My mission was to get my wife, and return, but some how it is hard to get away from these people without preaching, so on the 24th Lord's Day we began a religious campaign which resulted in 33 additions as follows.

Camp Branch Va. five night with four additions, Winston-Salem, N. C., eighteen days with 23 additions. This is our home church, where we first saw the light, and was baptized seven years ago. It was quite a treat to greet so many old friends of this church.

At the close of the meeting, a reception was given for my wife and me at which we were the recipients of a delightful linen shower. We preached four days at the Middle Fork Church of Winston Salem with one addition.

From there we went to Stuart, Va. where we preach nine days with three additions. While in Stuart, we made two visits to the Orphan's home.

Glad to say things were looking bright around there. A very splendid corps of various product is to be found there this year.

Any one wishing to do something for a very worthy cause, would do well to send a contribution to Mr. Peter Hairston, R. R. 3, Box 1, Winston-Salem, N. C., or send a box to Mr. B. F. James, Stuart, Va. Anything in the way of clothing, kitchen, dining room, house-hold articles, anything that may be used in the home or upon the farm will be in order and appreciated.

We had the pleasure of meeting brother R. H. Davis, of Martinsville, and preached for his people on the morning of the second Sunday in June. In the evening of the second Sunday we preached for brother J. R. Lauderback's people of Roanoke.

From there we started for Topeka, our home we stopped over in Louisville, Kentucky long enough to visit Mrs. W. H. Dickerson, and to look upon the old school once more.

Our short stay there was a pleasant one. Our next stop was in Kansas City Mo., where we preached on the third Sunday afternoon for the young people's club of the Woodland Ave., Church. This club, like others of the church is doing its best to raise the largest amount of money for a set rally to pay off the indebtedness on the beautiful church building. At night we preached for brother J. D. Smith of Kansas City, Kansas with two additions at the close of the sermon. There we met number of the best trained young people we ever saw in Christian service.

Now I am at home trying to get things in order for the coming convention.

Best wishes for the churches every where.

C. E. Craggett.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND.

Second Christian Church, Hagerstown Md., is highly elated over results of an organized effort by eight girls of the church, viz: Miss Nettie Bell, Miss Cora Clarke, Miss Eva Carter, Miss Willa Davis, Miss Thressa Davis, Miss Bessie Francis, Miss Maude Taylor and Miss Etta Wise, who came together Lord's Day June 20th in what is called a "Junior Rally," and raised \$70.00, (seventy dollars.) The pleasant and easy manner in which this was done, is being commendatorally commented upon by all.

These young people have a mind to work. They are continually doing something helpful and progressive.

Not long ago they organized themselves into a "Sunshine Club," through which organization they cleaned and carpeted the church, preparatory to the coming of our beloved brother C. H. Dickerson who conducted for us, a service's of evangelistic meeting, which were productive of much good to both church and community. Brother Dickerson, is peculiarly fitted for the work of an evangelist.

Bible School observed Children's Day, first Lord's Day in June, and shall observe first Lord's Day in July.

The Gospel PLEA has become an encouraging visitor to our home. Brother Lawrence Taylor, wishes his paper, GOSPEL PLEA, changed from his first address, to Beaver Creek, Md. He is home at Beaver Creek, for vacation from his school work.

Bible School raised \$4.00 for foreign missions. We hope to have fellowship in all the missionary enterprises.

F. C. Coethran.

THE MODEL PREACHER'S WIFE

Quilled by its pioneer editor in its halcyon days. The Christian Soldier" carries in its columns an advertisement for a "Family Horse" wanted. "To fill the Bill" he must be gently, well broken, tame and safe; and at the same time spirited, gay, high-stepper, young and fiery."

Some one seeing the protruding incongruities, said, among other things "Your Fool, There aint no Sich Hose." And its so. The dress was never made that covered an "Ideal Preacher's Wife." Wives are not ideal to start with, and while the subject is going around in the papers I shall say a little about it. If a wife were ideal, she would be a lonely creature. The preachers wife has the most difficult "big office" any woman ever filled. No one will ever really understand a preacher. And if any preacher ever understood a wife let him make it known.

Whoever classified humanity as "men, women and preachers" did not miss it much. As God's man, the preacher's eye is on the ball in the air, and he cares not who he run over. What wife understands his words, his insinuations, his seemingly paradoxical actions. Fierce wind and furious waves threaten death. He must land her safely. Nobody must be lost. He alone sees the whole situation. Wife sees the speck on the end of her nose (God bless her and with her eye focussed there, dreams dreams. Her designs are pure as the falling snow flakes. But what does she know of his orders, his commission, his all? What does she know of the visions that shoot like a cannon balls through his soul? What of the heart blood he pours out every day that "Isreal might be saved"?

He has no greater joy than to know that my little children walk in the truth. personality, I've "no complaint, had I a thousand chances again I would choose the same woman for this 'Preacher's Wife.' Indeed, she just suits me. But no body need loose sleep looking for the "Ideal Preacher's Wife."

"Don't you hear me tell you there aint no sich Hoss?"

C. H. Dickerson.

TEXAS

Wake up brethren of the lone star state. Texas Christian congregations. It is true, times are hard the war is on, but the Masters work must be done. His command is "Go"

Our 34th State Convention is to convene here in less than two months Tuesday Aug. 16-22. When we hope and pray to meet every need. It will be then too when I will enlist on the Brotherhood to answer the call of Bro. Noah W. Magowan for the 1st Colored Christian Mission in New York City. I am sure we will help, I am proud of the thought a long time watching these and praising God.

Let us make it our largest Convention. Read the Plea and stand up for the J. C. I. I ask your prayers for me in my near nervous break down. I'll try to work a little less.

M. T. Brown.

THE GOSPEL PLEA

PREACH THE WORD

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Test of Fruit Bearing.

HRIST said by their fruits ye shall know them. Thistle stalks can not bear figs nor do thorn trees bring grapes. When an erroneous doctrine is taught we should meet it with a correction, but if this is unavailing then we must wait for its fruit bearing period. Every error always brings misery and woe to both the advocate and the opponent; but in a special way to the advocate.

One time a little over a hundred years ago a broken down politician of Western Pennsylvania wrote a wierd novel on the wandering ten tribes of Israel but he could find no publisher and the manuscript was finally left in a printing office in Pittsburg. In some way Joe Smith and Sidney Rigden found this and called it the book of Mormon and said it fell from heaven. All the opposition that could be put against it could not stop it, until now much of the north-west is Mormon. Nothing will do now but to wait for the fruit bearing. And that is now coming. Mormonism is fast disintergrating. The younger men will not follow what the older men did. This is fortunate for if this error should have a continued growth, it would grow till it would be an Islamism in America.

Many times a man seeks to injure those opposed to him by unjust means and it reverts to his own hand. A few years ago the Mississippi legislature passed a law to tax timber separate from the land. It had in mind to hit the big timber companies in South Mississippi. Since then the Revenue Agent has been going all over the state to tax every little lumber lot and this hits the very men who passed the law. They are being tortured by their own torturing iron.

During the past twenty years Russia has by seven methods tried to prevent its peasants from leaving the Greek Catholic Church and organizing Christian Churches. Most cruel persecutions were instituted against them. They were not permitted to publish books and tracts. Some of them were shamefully beaten. Now a million and a half of these peasants are being held as prisoners of war in Germany and Austria. Here they are permitted to preach among their fellows. Many of them will later marry German widows. All Europe will be modified. Had the Russian aristocrat had the wisdom to aid rather than repress the desire for advancement of the peasant, how differently God could have brought his end.

In America there is a genuine awakening along this line. In all the states but some five or six compulsory educational laws are passed. Among the latest to come in line was South Carolina. Mississippi will follow in a year or two. This will be a herculean task. Before Mississippi and South Carolina can put all their children in school they will each have to spend a million and a half of dollars for school houses. But it is the thing to do. It is the only way these states can avoid the fate of Mexico. Had Diaz done this forty years ago Villa and Caranza and Huerta and Zapatta would not now be battling for mastery. Then they have no race war but designing politicians have appealed to all lower classes and are using them as clubs to beat out each other's brains. That is the way it will come in our section, unless we are wise enough and good enough to educate the masses. It is possible for our state to take a leading place in the future but only on condition that it does its duty to its children. Ignorance is a remedy for nothing and a menace to every thing. Every foul and hateful doctrine can find root in the soil of ignorance. It turns with a most cruel hand on its oppressors. Not many of the people understand the community interest in children. You have a son and you call him your own, but he is as much mine as yours. When he is twenty-one he takes his place in my society. If he is good and prosperous he aids me as much as he does you. If he becomes vicious and must be arrested and tried and put in the penitentiary he costs me as much as he does you. He is as much mine as yours, only you have a special duty in raising him.

Christ commanded his disciples to go teach all nations. They must be taught all that is truth in nature and society and in morals and in religion. It is our only safety. Any other course will prove to be the thorn tree which bears no figs.

Go, thou discouraged one,
And a lesson learn from the woodland rose,
Blooming there in the underbush;
Nobody cares, who knows?

All through the early summer days,
It blooms unseen by friends or foes,
Sweetly perfuming the woodland air;
Nobody cares, who knows?

Nobody cares? Ah! somebody does;
'Tis God; He cares and His love bestows;
He plants, He waters, appreciates;
Somebody cares; God knows.

Go, thou discouraged one;
This lesson learn from the woodland rose:
Your prayers, your tears, are not in vain;
Somebody cares; God knows.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED:

Robin Donnerson, Edwards, Miss.

Irrn Lightsey, Brunson, S. C.

Matthew Givens, Augusta, Ga.

M. M. Bostick writes: On account of serious illness of Mrs. Bostick for more than 15 days, our Children's Day offering will be delayed. We were not able to render a program with the little crowd at Argenta, but will send in an offering soon. I am glad to say that she is better.

JONESBORO, TENNESSEE.

The Children's Day program was rendered on last Lord's Day by the Junior Society. All played their parts very well. A nice audience was out to hear them.

We were very fortunate by having Prof. J. N. Ervin of J. C. I. Texas with us who delivered a very able and instructive address. He was accompanied to T. C. I. by his two sons, Miss Frost of Texas and several others. After the address a collection of \$3.25 was taken by Berthana Griffin and Callie Ervin; this, I am sending with this letter.

We are also glad to report the church is active. Prof. Griffin is preaching two Sundays here and two in Johnson City. He has baptized three at the last named place and has three more to baptize on the 25 Inst. He has only been there two Lord's Days up to this writing.

Yours in His cause,

H. J. Griffin.

The world wants men—true men,
Who can neither be bought or sold;
Men who scorn to violate trust,
Genuine gold.

The world wants men—pure men,
Free from taint of sin;
Men whose lives are clean without,
And pure within.—Anon.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

The 2nd Christian Sunday School observed Children's Day on time. Rendering an unique program to an appreciative audience. The teachers in charge of the practice for the occasion deserve all praise. Every one present gave willingly and cheerfully in the offering because a part was going to help sustain Bro. P. H. Moss and Miss Rosa Brown in the field. Bro. Moss and Miss Brown have idealized themselves in the hearts of the people of Kansas as consecrated and earnest workers in the Master's Kingdom. Our offering was \$3.10.

The writer of these notes has rendered his resignation as Supt. of the 2nd Christian Sunday School, effective the last Lord's Day in July 1915.

Bro. A. A. Harris of Kansas City, Missouri met with us in prayer meeting on last Thursday and delivered an excellent discourse from John 3:16.

G. T. Murray.

The Report of Our Work in Texas

P. H. MOSS, FIELD SEC'Y.

The 24th of May I left Edwards in route to the Mississippi State Sunday School Convention which is under the auspices of the International Sunday School Association. This convention held its sessions in Yazoo City, Mississippi. We took some little part on program also by request helped the Rev. R. H. Scott, State Sec'y conduct some of his special conferences for Bible School workers who desired to know more about methods and principles.

The evening of the 26th we started for the great City of New Orleans, we spent a day and night looking up, some disciples, who were reported to have been located there. We were not successful in finding any colored disciples, one Mrs. Zigler (white), who is greatly interested in our people sent an appointment ahead to Jennings, La., that we might meet the little congregation at that place. I spent the night of the 29th at Jennings. I found there a few discouraged disciples trying to hold on until some relief come owing to the allotted time, we could not meet many of our brethren, but we tried to cheer those we met.

Beaumont, Texas May 29-30. On arriving in this city the afternoon of the 29th. We were met by Elders Alphin the State Evangelist and Green, the pastor. Our meeting was well announced and Saturday night we held a conference with the workers. Lord's Day was a full day morning, afternoon and night. An offering was taken to the amount of \$3.00. I see no reason for this school not living up with the Front Rank Movement. Hope to hear favorable reports, this is my first work in Texas.

Bay City, June 1-2. My visit in this place was next to a failure. I was programed for the rural church but neither word nor way came for me to get out there. I thought the next thing to do was to hold a little meeting with the little church in town but a "Lodge Man" got in a head of me, hence the Sunday School had to take side track.

Taylor, June 3-4. On leaving Bay City, we turned our face to Taylor, altho the public school was having its closing exercises, our Institute was not by any means a failure. The first night was well attended by those who were interested in the Bible School work. The second night was not as largely attended but interest was no less manifested.

We regret very much the ill health of the Pastor, Eld. M. T. Brown but we covet an early restoration for him. Offering taken to the amount of \$40.

Waco, June 5-6. Due to the efforts of the wide awake pastor, Elder M. F. Mitchell. We had one of the best, if not the best Institute in all the State of Texas. Each service was well attended all day Lord's Days. More than fifteen teachers heard us on the subject of Efficiency. Many expressions were given by those attending the Institute, in the afternoon meeting. I expect this school to lead in the Front Rank Movement and why not? Our old Topeka friends made my stay a pleasant one while there. Mrs. Alphin has always been a Front Rank Bible School worker. She must be a great help to the Waco School when she is in the city. Took an offering to the amount of \$4.00.

Dallas June 8-9. We were met at the station by Bro. W. P. Wallace, who spared no efforts to make our stay count for much to the good of the church. Elder Johnson and good wife are working hard for a new church house. His work has been a little retarded owing to a failure of his health. Most of our ministers who are doing much for the kingdom must go on all-fours to make their work count, hence many of them are beginning to give down in health because they are over worked. We held our first conference in the mission. The next night we conducted an Institute in the Congregational Church, in spite of bad feelings. Elder Johnson was out both nights. An offering was taken to the amount of \$2.00.

Fort Worth, June 9-10. This is another work of Elder Johnson, while he was not able to be there in person, he wrote a letter preparing the way for our work. Bro. Littles and good wife did all in their power to make our Institute profitable. Each night we had interested workers present. All this place wants is a chance and it will do a splendid work. An offering was taken to the amount of \$1.00.

Greenville, June 12-13. We arrived in this place about noon Saturday. In the afternoon we held a conference with the workers of this School. Saturday night the young people gave a musical intertainment in the large pavillion, adjacent to the church.

The pastor, Elder Crawford is looking forward to a beautiful brick structure, where the old building stands, wait till the war is over and you will see that beautiful building with its rooms to take care of all the departments of a Front Rank School. It may be a vision now, but the vision always leads to the task.

We had a very interested set of people to attend all our meetings. It was my good pleasure to meet and spend the afternoon with Professor I. Q. Hurdle, president of the college at Palestine, Texas. He gave a splendid address in the afternoon. Invited me to be present at the coming convention. We expect great things of the Greenville school and why not? Since the man of vision in the person of Prof. Pratt, lives there. Offering was taken to the amount of \$3.00.

Cason, June 14-15. Here I met Elder M. Knight with his enthusiastic company of young people and the older ones. This is one of our best rural churches.

Each night the service was well attended. They gave an offering to the amount of \$1.55.

Jarvis Christian Institute, June 16-17. There we spent two delightful days with Prof. Ervin, and my old time friends. Prof. Ervin went to work at once to get an announcement out to all near and far. The attendance was all you could expect of both white and colored. One could not attend a service at the Jarvis Christian Institute without being greatly impressed with the activity of the students who take some part aside from singing in all the services.

In his unassuming way, the president of the Jarvis Christian Institute has made many friends to the work of both races. At the close of the service an offering was taken to the amount of \$2.21.

Big Sandy, June 18, Prof. Ervin, Frost and Howard accompanied me to this place where held service with it Bible School workers. Prof. Frost made a fine address, as an introduction to our work. All seemed greatly interested and invited me to come again. An offering was taken to the amount of 60 cents.

Paris, June 19-21. Here we finished our work in the "Lone Star State." Lord's Day morning we were given the Bible School period, the afternoon a Lodge Sermon claimed attention. At night we spoke to an appreciated audience. Monday afternoon we conducted an Institute. Many of the Bible workers of the congregation were present. We hope our visit there will prove helpful, not withstanding all, we were nicely cared for in the home of the home of the pastor and his good wife. If Elder Latouche is given a chance he will pull Paris up a notch.

Clarksville, Tennessee, June 23-24. Elder Anderson spent much time to make our visit count for good there we spoke two nights organizing a Bible School the last night. If Elder Anderson could be on the ground all the time I believe this place would finally rally and come to the front.

We have at this point one of the nicest frame building I have seen anywhere, I think it is worth the price of every effort put forth to save that point. There are a few faithful persons who are standing by the the work. An offering was taken to the amount of 65 cents.

Matthews, Alabama June 26-27. We attended the Alabama Sunday School Convention on dates mention above. I think I am justified in believing that this state has a vision of the great work in reach of the Bible School. This state is divided into two districts with young men as District workers. Each pledged to do their best to carry out the Front Rank standard. The closing of the convention was the beginning of the effort with the workers of District No. 2. He is a "Training for Service Man," and has begun to visit his schools and tune them up for better and more efficient work. Have not heard from worker in District No. 1. but have every right to believe that he is pushing his work also. The Alabama State Sunday School Convention gave an offering of \$2.00

Wednesday night after the convention we spoke at the Alabama Christian Institute. Lord's Day we in company with the pastor, Elder D. C. Brayboy visited Mt. Willing School. We spoke at the Bible School hour to the workers. In the afternoon by the request of the pastor we talked to a large audience. At the close of the service three came forward in obedience to the gospel of Christ which is the power of good unto salvation to every one that believeth. From Alabama we turned our faces toward Old Virginia, the very name of this old state has kind of a charm.

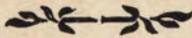
Floyd, Virginia July 9-11. Out in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, about twenty-two miles from the Rail-road we attended one of the best Sunday School Conventions that we have witnessed for a long time. Not largely attended because of the great distance from the Rail-road but those in attendance did splendid work. Many schools reported by better.—The convention passed a resolution to adopt the standard of the Front Rank Bible School endeavoring to bring their schools up in efficiency. This convention gave an offering of \$5.00. We are planning to visit as many conventions as possible this month and next. Start for Kentucky State Convention 19th.

May the Master give us vision, vigor and victory.

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



Program for August

TOPIC: The conquering Christ for lands in Bondage to the Cross; Service with the Living Christ.

SUBJECT FOR SPECIAL PRAYER—

For Mexico, Argentina, Porto Rico; that all of Latin America may know the truth as it is in Christ Jesus;
For the Men and Millions Movement;
For the peace that passeth understanding.

BIBLE STUDY—

The Children of the Bible—Jesus and the Children.

UNITED MISSION STUDIES—

"The Child in the Midst."
"In Red Man's Land."

SUGGESTED BOOK FOR READING IN AUGUST—

"Mexico Today."

SUGGESTED BOOK IN BIBLE FOR READING IN AUGUST—

James.

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Book: "Mexico Today," price 60 cents.

EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI.

A word about Bro. Moss' work with the Edwards Church. He has spoken to us several times as he lives here. To me he seems to carry his message in his face. We are very glad to have him and wife. Surely Mrs. Moss will be of service as she lives in the town and her very day life will touch the people of the town.

This church is made up of people who live a ways out and can't have much influence in the town being there only a few hours each Sunday. There are only a few who attend regularly. Bro. Moss found three or four whose eyes were opened and ready to receive him. He has a vision, he can and does help. He found our Sunday School going but not on the graded plan exactly for we had no children. The adult class has been going for a number of years. Mr. Z. H. Howard was teacher and superintendent. He was called away in March. It became necessary to elect Bro. Robin Donnerson superintendent. A more faithful man could not have been found. He is suited for his work. He has completed several Sunday School books under Prof. Bebout of the S. C. I. He recites in a class every Sunday morning before he meets his school. He is never tardy.

Bro. Moss spoke to us the 1st Sunday in May concerning graded work.

We had no children for we were sending our children to the S. C. I. Sunday School. Our first work was to get our own children. I was the only mother present. I had three children who had been under care of the S. C. I. Sunday School all their lives. They belonged there for we are instructors in the school. As Bro. Moss spoke it came to me that I could help the Edwards Sunday School greatly and not hinder the S. C. I. by uniting my children. So when he had finished talking to us about the cradle roll and other departments of the school. I rose and in the presence of all who were there promised him that I would bring my children the next Sunday. Our superintendent Bro. Donnerson, who is ready for every progressive step went home and spent time in seeing the parents and talking to the children about Sunday School down town. As a result of his work, look out and see his boys making ready his wagon. A little later you'll see the neighboring children coming together to pill in. In their midst sits Miss Celeste Jones, one of the teachers. They drive down in about 30 minutes. A lively little crowd. Come now and see our Sunday School Bro. Moss, this a result of your work I do not believe anybody can hear this man and not see where an improvement can be made.

A little later, a package of Children's Day literature came and we were inspired as never before to work. How much one loves to look at the pictures on the first page. They in themselves are full of inspiration. Bro. Donnerson appointed his program committee, naming the writer as chairman, Mrs. Moss and Miss Jones. The children tried hard and were anxious. They worked through the day but every evening that they were to practice they came merrily to my home. Stormy looking weather did not stop them, those days were rainy. We were pleased with our Children's Day exercise. Others thought it good. We have made our first right step. Draw in our own and then expect others. We can not forget what the Christian white people are doing to give our people a vision. We beg that they do not become weary in the Christ-like work. We need them.

Mrs. Z. H. Howard.

"He who would lead must first himself be led;
Who would be loved be capable of love
Beyond the utmost he receives; who claims
The roads of power must first have bowed his head
And being honored, honor what's above;
This know men who leave the world their names."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Our Christian Endeavor Society has heard with pleasure each item of news from the World's Christian Endeavor Convention recently held in Chicago. There were 10,040 registered delegates, and an average daily attendance of 10,000. What a mighty concourse of God's leaders! The liquor traffic trembled when that convention expressed itself. The slogan is "The United States a Saloon-less nation by 1920." Our own Dr. Dye, who was a missionary for ten years in the upper Congo, was easily the most impressive speaker at the convention, Sunday, July 11.

Miss Diehl who was called to her home in Indiana, on account of the serious illness and death of her mother, has returned to her work in the president's office. All were glad to welcome her back.

The Institute Church is putting in a fine new fence around the cemetery in Central Park. Prof. Allison, for whom Allison Hall was named, is buried there.

Two weeks ago the school note writer was in error regarding the superintendent of the Edwards Sunday School. R. B. Donnerson is the superintendent and he was ably assisted by Mrs. Z. H. Howard, Mrs. P. H. Moss, Miss Jones and others in making their Children's Day the success it was.

Thursday night Supt. Vandivier and several of the boys brought out about sixty sheep from a carload. Mr. Redfield, merchant of Edwards, took the rest of the car.

Prof. H. C. Reichel and family of Eureka, Illinois, arrived last week. They are now at home to their friends in the Superintendent's Cottage. For ten years, Mr. Reichel has been a teacher in Eureka College. He now becomes Superintendent of Industries at the Institute. They are already in love with their new home, and we feel certain that their work at the school will be successful.

Saturday night, July 17, in the Y. W. C. A. the students "pulled off" a surprise on Miss Rose Coycault, who has been visiting here for a few days. Miss Coycault intends to leave soon for her home at Poydras, Louisiana. A big time was reported.

Elder P. H. Moss, National Field Worker for the Sunday School, preached at the Institute Church, yesterday morning. His subject was "The Good Samaritan." It was highly appreciated by all present.

T. M. Burgess, Superintendent of Mt. Beulah Sunday School, spoke at a Sunday School meeting at the St. Paul Church last Saturday afternoon. He will also speak at the Hinds County Convention of the Baptist Sunday School at Norel in August.

PROF. P. H. MOSS AND HIS WORK.

The subject of our sketch is a typical Negro. Although he has not the stalwart stature that is attributed to our race in the news papers [yet, spiritually and intellectually he measures up to the statue of a man]. His work has been recognized by our heavenly Father guiding the white brethren to him when they realized the importance of training the children in the Bible School. Prof. Moss when called from his work as pastor of one of our strong churches in Martinsville, Va., here he had organized an up to date graded school. Taking up the work with a willing spirit he worthily fills the little niche between the white and colored brethren with true dignity. His polished and unassuming manner was the open sesame into the hearts of our white brethren while his great love for his people drew him naturally to the children as his prophetic eyes fore-saw their possibilities and the magnitude of the work assigned to his hands, with his head quarters at Edwards Miss.

He made his first appearance in his new fields at the general convention of the white brethren held in Atlanta, Ga. where a place on the program was assigned him. His trenchant remarks made a favorable impression and convinced the delegates of the American Christian Missionary Society that he was worthy of their trust and that Prof. Lehman, Superintendent of the Negro work for the C. W. B. M. had chosen wisely. He next visited the Eastman, Ga. Convention. Then to Strata, Alabama. And met with us at the convention near Varnsville, South Carolina. He drew the workers around him and his model S. S. was an inspiration. It not only pleased but aroused the Sunday School Superintendents to the importance of grading their Schools. One of them we place before you to day. He then visited the convention of the white brethren at Greenville, North Carolina, where he was highly applauded as he spoke on "The outlook of our Fields." Returning to South Carolina, he met the white brethren at Columbia, South Carolina, who received him heartily. He held Institutes at Kansas City, Salisburys, Hanibal, Hopkinsville, Louisville, Lexington, Mt. Sterling, Millersburg, Nicholasville Kentucky, these Institutions are made possible by Children's Day collection. By looking at the chart on the wall before you, will see the School and Institute that represent his work among the children. The Bible and Day Schools are the heart of our work, on it depends the future of the whole race. For the call of today is for men whose lives and acts show forth, the truth of the sacred pages who are themselves God's words made flesh, yes this is the call of our age.

Edwin F. Jackson, Jr.

LOCKLAND, OHIO

"The Thirty-second Annual Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ of Ohio, will convene at Oxford, August 18-22nd inclusive. All visitors from sister states will be cordially welcomed and given ample opportunity to say a word of advice or encouragement to our workers. We expect to make this a banner convention from all stand-points. We have a neat little sum on hand for establishing a new work in the near future, and hope to perfect our plans of actions at the Convention. "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

C. E. Armstrong, State Secretary.

GEORGIA

The faithful are loyal in every department. Mrs. W. M. Simmons has not yet appeared to help gather the children into our Sunday School.

Misses Delores Harber, Cecil Roselle two of our Sunday Schools teachers and Mabel Hawkins are away on their vacation. The absence of these two teachers makes it hard for the "beginners" and "primaries" of our School.

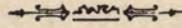
D. A. Hastings of Chicago was with us on First Sunday and gave us three scholarly sermons. He has written a thesis on baptism which we will review when we can find time. We will deal with it in the light of the new theology. Bro. Hastings is a B. A. of Butler College, M. A. and B. D. of University of Chicago.

He sails in August for China as a missionary.

W. M. Simmons.

"There are deeds we can not banish,
There are thoughts beyond control;
Men build for a day and they vanish,
But leave us their strength and their soul;
And out of the heat and the flashing,
Of the light that illumines the storm,
From the thunder's roll and its crashing,
The earth grows royal, and warm."

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For August 8.

"THE KINGDOM TORN ASUNDER." I Kings 12:1-24.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18.

TIME:—Immediately after Solomon's death. B. C. 982.

PLACE:—Leaders of Israel assembled at Shechem 30 miles north of Jerusalem. Rehoboam's capital was Jerusalem.

I. NEW ERA.

The lesson begins a New Era in the history of the Israelites under Solomon the people were united. They would not do as God wanted them to do so there must be a disruption of the empire. Had they held together, stood united, they would most likely have been among the greatest of the eastern powers.

II. CAUSES OF THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM.

First. The cause was from the Lord. I Kings 12:15. He saw the real condition of the people. They had not kept his covenant. The people felt the power of idolatrous influence. There was a spirit of discontent. There was nothing to do but to divide the Kingdom and give Israel another chance to proclaim the true God.

Second. The burden of taxation was very great. People had been heavily taxed. Solomon lived in wealth and luxury. He had builded great works and the people far from the capital or throne could not partake of the things Solomon provided and became impatient.

Third. The declaration of weak and arrogant Rehoboam to rule with a sterner hand quickly aroused the feeling to throw off the burdensome restraint.

II. KING REHOBAM.

He was the Son of Solomon, and Naamah a young heathen princess of the Kingdom of Ammon. His name means "Enlarger of the people," expressing the hope of his father for his son. The son became a disappointment, as is sometimes the case and he became the "Diminisher of his people."

The three influences in his making.

1. His inheritance—heredity.
2. His environment.
3. His power of choice.

(1) His inheritance was above the ordinary.

(2) His environment, was doubtless to his disadvantage. Wealth and luxury and moral decline was all about him. His father too busy to look after him, it was more than probable that his mother's idol worship and the evil tendencies took hold upon him. He was flattered and petted and left unchecked.

(3) He must choose his course and determine his life. So must all. He must make his surrounding steps heavenward or downward. He must look at results.

IV. THE GATHERING AT SHECHEM.

This was 30 miles north of Jerusalem. It was the principal city of that section. The northern tribes hesitated about giving allegiance to Rehoboam. Rehoboam had been promised the Kingdom by a prophet. All gathered at Shechem. Rehoboam counseled both the old and the young. He took the counsel of the aristocratic idlers, who had no sympathy with the people. Study to see the folly of his course. He spoke rough words. Does this pay?

Note. Every young man has a Kingdom in his own soul. He may throw it away. Half of it or all of it. Wise men will help him if he will heed.

The way to be ready to choose rightly is to be wise in the little things of today—faithful in little duties. "Well done thou good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things."

D. R. B.

REPORT.

I here send you a short report of my work up to date:

Miles traveled	1,774
Sermons preached	64
Places visited	60
Where we have no churches	15
Letters written	44
Postal cards	29
Money raised on my expense	\$10.77
Money paid out on expense	73.54
Money raised on Educational Rally Day at Beathesda	4.00
I gave \$1.00, total	5.00
One church built at Toombsboro, by my advice and the aid of	\$10.00
I also raised at Soperton	\$5.00
Raised by pledges to build a church	71.00
I have organized one new point near Wrightville.	
I have set in order 3 of the churches.	
House to house talks	32
Local ministers	
Attended the State Board Meeting	1
Attended the ministers, elders, and deacons Institute	1
Attended the District Meeting	1
Funerals preached	5
Additions up to now	10
Days in the field	71

I am now to enter the work of holding meeting for churches that is to hold revival meetings.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. Smith.

THE KING OF LOVE.

The King of Love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

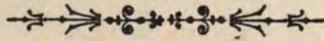
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder, gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

Selected.

FIELD REPORT



THE NEEDS OF AFRICA

JAMES I. RUNDLES.

Centuries ago when this world was lost in sin, ignorance, vice and superstition, there came into the East the "Man of Galilee," with all power to restore that which was good. It was from Bethlehem of Judah "Peace" was declared unto all the earth. The universal program of human wreckage was changed by the Divine will of the "Prince of Peace." All nations, kindreds, and tongues were bound under the divine doctrine of the King of King. The line of racial distinction was severed, and every humansoul became equally entitled to the truth. Then there moved in every human heart an impulse that yearned for something supernatural. This resulted in revolutions which in the fifth and sixth centuries completely overwhelmed the Roman Empire, and united the Anglos and Saxons, forming this great Anglo-Saxon civilization.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries this spirit was manifested by daring discoveries, such as that of Prince Henry, along the west coast of Africa, which was to be proclaimed four hundred years hence or that of Columbus, which gave to the world a new nation that stands today as the mountain peak of civilization.

But looking back into the East, we find the neglected "Land of Ham," and have come to consider its needs.

On the eastern shores of the Atlantic, bounded on the east by the Indian Ocean, on the north by the Mediterranean and on the south by the Atlantic, lies the Dark Continent, inhabited by the Black Man. This continent contains an area of 11,500,000 square miles, with a population of 150,000,000 people, only two million of whom are white.

Perry Noble has said that "Africa is a world in itself."

It has been estimated that if the United States, Europe, China, India, Ireland, Scotland and Wales could be placed, together in Africa there would still remain one and a half million square miles. This vast area is about three-fourth forest, and one-fourth deserts, rivers and small villages along the coast line. There are found great quantities of commercial products, such as ebony, mahogany, cork, gum, wax, rubber, olives, dates, oranges, bananas, coconuts, ginger, rice, coffee, chocolate, ivory, wool, iron, copper, silver, gold, pearls and diamonds.

The virgin soil is kept in its primitive state by a constant reproduction of organic matter from decaying vegetation. There is practically no cultivation with modern implements save that which is done with hoes and cutlasses.

What a wonderful field awaits modern civilization!

Of the 148,000,000 colored inhabitants of Africa, 90,000,000 are pagan worshippers, 50,000,000 Mohammedans and 8,000,000 are worshippers of the true God.

Environment has made this people what they are and environment shall make them what they will be. Change them from their heathen manners and customs and they will be transformed in one generation as if by the touch of some magic hand.

The industry of the primitive native of Africa has responded to his desire for the things of civilization. He has taken to manufacturing. He is a smith, a potter, a tanner, a dyer, a maker of bark cloth, of basket and nats, and of such other things as are required to

meet his immediate needs. He lives a precarious life. There is but slight difference between his estimation of a human and that of the lower animals. He is a strong believer in spirits, but refers to them as demons of the lower world. How often he meets his death in a struggle between two warring tribes with bows and arrows, clubs, spears, knives and battleaxes! From birth to the grave life has no vision. He meets death by torture, slow poison, various superstitions, witch craft, human sacrifice, cannibalism and slavery, all adding to the violence with which that continent is cursed.

Then what does Africa need? She has wealth, an abundance of wealth, stored up in its crude form. What did India, China, and Japan need before they were reached by missionaries? What does Europe need today? What did the "Rich Young Ruler" need when he went to his Master to seek advice?

What was the world's greatest need nearly two thousand years ago, when the "Lamb" said, "I will go down and redeem man?" Then echoed and reverberated the voice of the angels "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

The sons and daughters of Africa must have "Peace," which is the power of God unto salvation. They must be still and know that he is God. Their souls lack growth. They need that sublime touch of divinity that will blot out the foul, instinctive habit of heathenism and inculcate the divine principles of truth and right. Their mind's power to think and will must be rejuiced by placing them in a new environment, an environment that will enable them to triumph over paganism, and to give allegiance to that higher Rervern to whom is due all adoration, from both men and angles. Their souls which have always fed on carnal thoughts must now be sustained by spiritual and intellectual dietary.

By the touch of Christian culture, the youth of that land will be prompt to better things. An interest in his fellowmen must be created and a love for him developed for he will have realized that God is love, and that he is no respecter of persons, but cares for all mankind.

There must be an awakening to industry in Africa that will train the unskilled hands of her sons and daughters and convert her howling wilderness into beautiful farms, prosperous towns and villages. The men must acquire the skillful engineering of modern times which will enable them to conserve and utilize the natural forces of the Congo and the Nile. Then on their banks can be constructed mills and factories that will promote commercial and industrial enterprises throughout that Dark Continent.

Scientific agriculture is one of the greatest demands of Africa. Her forest must be cleared away, her valley drained and tilled, and the germinating places of tropical diseases which have wrecked so many lives be done away with. Then will she become like America, the land of the brave and the free.

Africa needs more Stanleys, more Dr. Dyes and more Jacob Kenolys. God needs you and me in his eternal purposes. Africa needs us. The call is directly to you, the sons and daughters of Ham. Will you not rescue your fatherland from sin, ignorance, vice and superstition? Will you not? Will you not?

Are you thus contented to live a selfish life all your days, while all about you the world is dying for a little bit of love? Who will say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." "Send me any where," said Stanley, "but let it be forward."

SALUTATION TO THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

Citizens of the World, I salute you.

I want you to know there are those who share your aspirations, believe in your dreams, are sure that your ideals are stamped with victory.

You are everywhere, even in Germany. The Germans are not all crazy with national egotism. There are many who under their beards curse the folly of Prussian militarism. In many a sound German breast still glows the fire of International Brotherhood. The Socialists are not all cowed. A few Christians are left.

I salute you in France. Beneath the vociferous "Vive la France!" are heard the mutterings "Vive l' Humanite!" In your deputy chambers, in your State papers, there is a hate for Germany, but I have heard rumors of "The Brotherhood of Trenches." Your captains must change you often, lest you become friendly with your guttural foes, realize they are human beings, and go home disgusted.

I salute you England. Already democracy is honey-combing your concrete mass of caste. You are great travelers. You have begun to know that the mission of the Mistress of the Seas is not to rule the world, but synthesize the world. There are teeming world-ideas in England.

I salute you, Brothers of the world-to be, in Russia. Beneath the hard glitter of your autocracy is the tender heart of moujik, the universal vision of your novelist.

I salute you in Poland, the Land ground to powder between the hate-stones of nationalism.

In Italy, in Turkey, in Japan, in China, I salute you.

In the States of Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden, Spain and Portugal there must be myriads of you, hoping praying that the cloud of patriotism, asphyxiating multitudes, may soon be dispelled by the winds of humanity.

I salute you, World-Brothers, in South America, and cheer for you in your endeavors toward Pan-Americanism, prelude to world federation.

World Hearts, I sympathize with you in your present subjection to the savages, the medieval-minded, the militarist, the paraders of bull-necked nationalism, the chauvinist, the my-country-right-or-wrong egoist, the platitude-cursed-diplomats, the insane men who have the audacity to call themselves practical, yet advocate a policy armament that has brought nothing but ruin and death to the peoples of the world.

All mothers, weeping behind closed doors, wives and sweet-hearts broken and hopeless, homeless farmer folk, impoverished shopkeepers, maimed little children, I salute you. The curse of nationalism cannot last forever. Humanity shall arrive. Lift up your hearts.

Quakers, Socialists, Christians, all who refuse to fight the senseless, idiotic, stupid battles of nations, and who go to death rather than to be a soldier's butchery, I salute you, martyrs of the coming age, seed of the new world. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Fathers' good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Citizens of the world, everywhere, I salute you. Stand firm. Waver not. Yours is the final triumph.

Let the washbuckling "patroits" revile you, sneer at you, call you cowards, traitors, for so have they always done unto the prophets.

Die if need be, in the glorious cause of humanity. Die in friendship for all foreign peoples, while the bat-eyed murderers go out to battle with them.

Yours is the cross. There is the sword. And the triumph of righteousness, the liberation of mankind, the progress of civilization, has never been furthered by the sword, but only by them that march

"With the cross of Jesus
Going on before."

Dr. Frank Crane.



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- State Convention of Piedmont District, Virginia, Stewart, August 26-29.
- District Convention of North Tazwell, Virginia, September 24-26.
- State Convention of Kentucky, Louisville, July 20-25.
- State Convention of Tennessee, Nashville, Aug. 10-15.
- State Convention of Arkansas, Plummerville, August, 25-29.
- State Convention of Ohio, Oxford, August, 18-22.

Pres. Lehman

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HELPFUL TO ALL

A Task for the Coming Conventions.

WHEN we fail to appreciate the importance of things we neglect them; and in proportion as we do appreciate them we labor for them.

We doubt whether any of the states appreciate the importance of their own state work as much as they ought. One evangelist wrote that he made a trip costing him \$8.00 and he collected 50 cents. If this had been a new field it would not be a cause of remark, for the C. W. B. M. has supplemented this man's salary for this very purpose, but it was not a new field but one which was able to give much to the support of the work. This same story could be repeated of many other states. They are not giving their state work the support it should have. Here are some fundamental things for all the states.

(1) You can not discipline an evangelist by withdrawing your support. It is true you can make a kicking horse stop kicking by starving him, but you are sure to ruin him as a horse. Often times if you treat a bad horse right he becomes your best horse. For a man to be a good evangelist he must have your esteem and love and support. Common pride in that which is yours should make you want to do your best for your evangelist.

(2) Many people were born in a religious fight and they think that their whole duty is to keep that up. So long as the denominations are lambasted they are active, but so soon as that stops they stop. Our task is to establish the rule of righteousness in the hearts of men. If we know more of the truth of that kingdom than our religious neighbors then we should in all kindness teach them, unless they attack us, in which case we must still do our duty as Christians. Every delegate to every convention should be impressed with the importance of the church in all its auxiliaries. The happiness of unborn generations depends on what the church does through the state boards in establishing and nourishing churches, what the church does through the Sunday Schools, in teaching its membership what the church does through the C. W. B. M. in doing missionary work through the women, what the church does through the Y. P. S. C. E. in practicing its young Christians, and what the church does through any of its other organized agencies. Can we not this year make its the supreme business to do the business of the church rather than our own? There should be an honest effort made to select the best men to hold places of responsibility. Often these places are sought by unworthy men. We should seek the men and not the men the places.

(3) So far as possible the conventions should be made a camp of instructions. Such business as needs to be attended to should be done as expeditiously as possible and the rest of the time should be taken up in instruction. In the Sunday School session two-thirds of the time should be given to Prof. Moss and others to tell the people how to conduct Sunday Schools. We had been at Sunday School Conventions where most of the delegates were mere girls and boys and yet the older people spat so that these young people went home less capable of doing Sunday School work than when they came. In the C. W. B. M. session careful and prayerful thought should be given to choosing officers, but this should not take long. The rest of the time should be given to Miss Rosa V. Brown and others to instruct the women what they can and must do to discharge their duty. The same policy should be followed in all the other departments of work in the conventions. Those who have the conduct of the conventions in their care should determine to do the work in such a way that when the delegates go home they will say, "It was the best convention we ever had." It is a waste of money to hold conventions that make the people less able to work than they were before.

(4) At every convention the note of work should be sounded. Support of your state officers and your state schools and above all support of the work the C. W. B. M. has undertaken for your good. Let no one plead hard times. It is a time when heroic efforts should be put forth. If the work we are doing should be neglected, the times will be many times harder. Hard times, with the exception of accidents, are always due to the badness of men. If the work we are doing is neglected, men will get bad and when they get bad they will see troublous times. We urge that earnest prayer be offered in all the churches that the coming conventions be led by the spirit of God. Let each pray for himself rather than for others, that the spirit of God may dwell in his heart.

"What shall I do, my friend,
When you are gone forever?
My heart its eager need will send
Through the years to find you never,
And how will it be will you
In the weary world, I wonder,
Will you love me with a love as true
When our paths lie far asunder?
The way is short, O friend,
That reaches out before us;
God's tender heavens above us bend,
His love is smiling o'er us;
A little while is ours
For sorrow or for laughter;
I'll lay the hand you love in yours
On the shore of the Hereafter."

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—Elder J. L. Wood of South Carolina has organized two Sunday Schools, one Zion Pilgrim and Ebenezer. He expects to organize a church near Harleyville.

—Elder M. Fredric Mitchell has received practically a unanimous call from the Waco Church to serve them another year. The resolution was endorsed by all but four!

—Whereas, Elder M. Fredric Mitchell, who took charge of the pastorate of our church Sunday July 12th, 1914, has proven faithful and efficient as a minister and pastor to us, and

—Whereas he came to us the church was practically spiritually dead within itself and in the city of Waco, and

—Whereas he has placed the church upon higher ground with other churches in the city of Waco, and has pushed its influence and usefulness to greater limits among the citizens of Waco, his influence and usefulness being recognized by the interdenominational ministerial alliance electing him vice-president, and by the schools and citizens and organizations recognizing his worth.

—Therefore we your elders Dr. W. D. Mitchell and I. Ford most heartily recommend that we retain the services of the said M. Fredric Mitchell and that we support him morally and with our own finances.

“To love some one more dearly every day;
 To help some wandering child to find the way;
 To ponder on some thought and pray,
 And smile when evening falls—
 This is my task.

To follow truth as bind men long for light;
 To do my best from dawn of day till night;
 To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,
 And answer when he calls—
 This is my task.”

The Lord by Our Side.

We learn by contrast to admire many things, I have read that “those who have studied the paintings of Sir Noel Paton must have observed that part of their peculiar beauty lies, by a trick of art, in their partial ugliness. There are flowers and birds, knights and ladies, gossamer winged fairies and children of seraphic beauty; but in the corner of the canvas, or just at their feet, some uncouth and loathsome form—a toad, a lizard, a slimy snail—to lend, by contrast with its repulsiveness, a lovelier beauty to the rest. So in ancient sculpture, the griffin and the dragon grin among the angel faces on the cathedral front, heightening the surrounding beauty by their deformity. Many of the literary situations of the New Testament powerfully exhibit this species of contrast. The twelve disciples—one of them is a devil. Jesus upon the cross, pure and regal—on either side a thief. And here, as conspicuously, in this fifteenth chapter of Luke, the most exquisite painting in the Bible is touched off as a mere dramatic situation.” And so here we understand better that the Lord is by our side when we imagine for a moment that he is away from us. In Ps. 118: 6 we read, “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?” This, of course, is for the child of God, but in Prov. 15: 29 we read, “The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.” God pity us if we stand in this position. In Ps. 145: 18 we read, “The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth,” while if we would know the contrasting statement for those who are not yet children of God we have the solemn statement in Prov. 1: 28, “Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.”

“I’ve found a Friend, O such a Friend!
 He loved me ere I knew him;
 He drew me with the cords of love,
 And thus he bound me to him.”

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
UP TO JULY 27, 1915.
FOR TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Savannah, Tennessee, D. C. Crowder	\$5.82
Holtsville, Tennessee, D. C. Crowder	4.00
Amount this time	9.82
Total this year	31.64

FOR CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Little Rock, Kentucky, B. F. Freeman,	10.00
Houstonville, Kentucky, Elder G. H. Graham	100.00
Fair Franch, Kentucky, J. B. Jones	7.00
Millorsburg Woman's Missionary Society	5.00
Amount this time	122.00
To this time \$122.00 from Kentucky churches \$10 to be ad- ded the amount sent in July third, by R. E. Hathaway from the Lexington, Kentucky church and credited by mistake to the Children's Day fund: viz.,	\$11.65
Amount this year	483.77

CHILDREN'S DAY

Maple Hill, Kansas, Mrs. M. Wallace	2.80
Alvin, S. S. Holly Hill, R. P. Atkinson	1.90
Plummerville, Arkansas, J. S. Mitchell	3.30
Lexington, Missouri, Henry Jackson	1.00
Soporton, Georgia, G. W. Thomas	2.00
Shady Grove, Texas, K. Knight	3.00
Hawkins, J. C. I., C. A. Berry	2.35
Germantown, Kentucky, Dumont Poynts	3.00
Danville, Kentucky, R. W. Watson	2.00
Little Rock, Kentucky, Chas. Duncan	2.00
Millersburg, Kentucky, M. Jackson	3.00
Louisville, Kentucky, Hancock St., Sunday School, Chas. Duncan	3.00
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, Chas. Duncan	7.00
North Middleton, Kentucky, W. H. Grant	3.86
Houstownville, Kentucky, Jas. Anderson	2.10
Matthews Grove, South Carolina, A. L. Brabham	3.00
Hermanville, Mississippi, Minnie Flowers	1.00
Jefferson City, Missouri, C. H. Lampkin	1.00
Liberty Hill, South Carolina, N. T. Cookley	1.05
Odosse, Missouri, J. Lewis75
Three Mile Creek, South Carolina, N. W. Edwards	6.50
Jonesboro, Tennessee, H. D. Griffin	3.25
Topeka, Kansas, G. T. Murray	3.00
Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, E. A. Phelps	3.00
Roxton, Texas, Amaoda Oats	\$4.15
Amount this time	72.71

Less amount from Lexington, Ky. which had been
credited to the Children's Day Fund: vis., \$11.65, 61.06
Total this year

FUND STATEMENT.

For General Education	\$508.66
For Central Christian Institute	408.77
For Jarvis Christian Institute	271.64
For Children's Day Fund	219.35
For Alabama Christian Institute	75.15
For Martinsville Christian Institute	66.78
For Tennessee Christian Institute	61.64
For Liberian Christian Institute	8.00
Total this year	1681.97
Total in Jubilee Fund	5757.11
Amount yet needed to make \$20,000	14242.89

Remarks— When Eld. R. B. Hathaway reported \$11.65 from Lexington we assumed it was Children's Day money. He tells us, however, that it was raised for Central Christian Institute. So we take it from the Children's Day Fund and place it to the credit of the fund for which it was intended.

We wish you would notice how the Kentucky churches come up to their apportionment. Houstonville comes forward with one-hundred dollars. The apportionment plan in Kentucky was a success and it will be well for other states to copy it.

We also ask you to notice how the new churches at Savannah and Holtsville, Tennessee come up with an offering. Each is only a year old. They call themselves twin sisters and they made their offering exactly equal. Tennessee has two of its best churches in these two new ones, Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Mississippi.

THE TIME OF RECKONING.

The coming convention, at Kansas City, Mo., August 18-22, when our churches will have their last chance to bring up their apportionment of missionary money for their year, is time when each church shall know each other's records for the year as to the amount each has raised. To this end, during the year, each two or three specials have been sent to each church. We hope therefore that each church is prepared to make a good report.

From the encouraging reports which have reached me in regards to the visits of Miss Rosa V. Brown, I concluded that the churches have been much encouraged and edified. We are planning to enlarge our field of operation. We want, if possible, to keep a traveling evangelist in the field all the year.

There are many weak churches which should be looked after. Many of them having scarcely any preaching at all, only as a minister happens to pass that way. We are therefore asking for \$400.00 to begin the next year's work with. Those who have been reading the Plea remember the good reports of Bro. N. A. Mitchell of St. Louis. During the three months he was employed by the board he set the church in order, added 13 or 14 to the membership of the church and raised over \$200.00. We regretted very much that we could not continue his service on account of a lack of means we are trying with all of our influence and skill to line up our Bible Schools, the churches and the C. W. B. M. to take care of our evangelist the entire year.

All the districts have been heard from but one, number two. It must report over \$45.71 if it would be ahead of number one. We hope it will.

S. W. Scott. Cor. Sec'y.

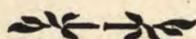
"Not many friends my life has made;
Few have I loved, and few are they
Who in my hand their hearts have laid;
And these were women I am gray,
But never have I been betrayed."

"I sometimes hold it half a sin
To put in words the grief I feel;
For words, like Nature, half reveal
And half conceal the soul within."

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



TENNESSEE

Elder Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee, after he had served the Christian Church a half week at Savannah, Tennessee, was met by a delegation from Holtsville, Church, at the Savannah Landing, July the 16th, enroute for Holtsville.

In company with Elder Taylor, and Miss Ida Malory, the writer, Elder J. W. Holt, Jr. Prof. D. C. Crowder, T. H. Luton our evangelist singer, we drove nine miles through the Tennessee River bottom to Holtsville. There each one was taken to his home, and there was extended to him the greatest degree of hospitality by the Christian people of Holtsville.

Elder Taylor, began his series of evangelistic sermon on the evening of the 16th in the open air. Each sermon up to Lord's Day evening, July 18th, six in all, was handled in a most masterly way. Saturday, July the 17th, the Christian Church at Holtsville gave to the honor of Elder Taylor, and Ida Malory an outing of an eight mile drive to the Sulphur Well. This was one day amid other days at Holtsville that was spent with pleasure and profit.

On our return from the Sulphur Well, the entire party stopped at the residence of Brother Saul Bradley. There the women of the church served cake and ice cream, and many features of this occasion brought intense joy to all.

Lord's Day, in spite of the rain that continued up to about 10:00 a. m. We assembled in Sunday School with 46 present. The school had a well studied lesson and was very impressive. It reached the most heartily commendation of Elder Taylor, Miss Malory, and other visitors.

At 11:00 a. m. the people began to pour in from all quarters. White friends came from several miles and stayed for two services of the day.

8:00 p. m. sermon, communion services, ordaining of three elders, and four deacon, to the Holtsville Church.

Miss Ida Malory effected the organization of an Auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. These women at Holtsville were anxious for the missionary work, and made it a welcome visitor.

Being interested in the generosity of all men I must confess that Elder Taylor, is the biggest hearted Christian and freest giver in the Negro race, I ever met.

He is taking a very active interest in the evangelization of middle Tennessee. When here with us he gave \$100.00 for the new church building at Savannah and will follow the work up until finished.

Now if you want to visit one of the organized church in the state come to Holtsville. If you desire to see an up to date Sunday School in the Christian Church, come to Holtsville. If you want to visit a church with every officer at his post, and every member doing something and moving forward as systematically as a great army just came to Holtsville.

If you want to visit the wealthiest and most progressive Negroes in the Christian Church just come to Holtsville.

Elder Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee, who is a champion of the plea of the Christian Church, and his efficient organist of the Lea Avenue Christian Church, Miss Ida Malory, visited the newly organized Christian Church at Savannah and Holtsville, Tennessee July the 11-18th.

Elder Taylor began his series of evangelistic sermons with the Christian Church in Savannah, July the 11th and continued until July 15th. These services were supported and endorsed by the best Negro and white people of Savannah.

In order to accommodate the large crowd that attended the services we moved out of the auditorium where we had been holding services, into the beautiful grove of the school yard. There we built a large platform, large enough to accommodate the speakers and choir.

This wonderful man preached three sermons on Lord's Day of the 11th and for each evening up to the 15th. He did not stop to declare the whole counsel of God. His sermons were reviving, convincing and edifying. One of the brightest features of the meeting was the singing by Miss Ida Malory. Her efficiency in singing was of much edification to this newly organized congregation in Savannah and to all others who attended the services.

Miss Malory with her type of missionary spirit, with a strong desire for doing something for the Master's cause, while in Savannah, was able to effect an organization of an Auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. of sixteen of the best women of the church. All seemed to be over anxious to take hold of the work.

Wednesday, July the 15th, the Savannah Christian Church multiplied its forces with the Holtsville Church and gave an outing to the National Shiloh Park. In the trip to Shiloh, we had ten conveyances and about seventy-five people. Also, we were met by a party who came by auto from Corinth, Mississippi. Dinner in abundance was spread at the Shiloh Spring. We all ate and were filled. After dinner we drove over the National Park sight seeing.

6:00 p. m. found the party in Savannah getting ready for our closing service. A most excellent sermon was preached by Elder Taylor, following which he officiated in the ordination of two officers to the official board of the church. The Savannah Church closed their services by tendering to the honor of Elder Taylor and Miss Ida Malory a reception. The reception committee: Miss Annie Luton, Mrs. Eliza Wilhart and Miss Hadie McDonald, served in the most gracefully manner.

W. P. Martin, Evangelist,
Miss Hadie McDonald, Secretary.

*"Rugged strength and radiant beauty,
All combined in nature's plan;
Humbles toil and heavenly duty
May ever form is perfect man."*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The regular monthly Sunday School Workers' Conference was held at the Institute Chapel, Sunday afternoon, July 25th at 4:00 p. m. Several Sunday Schools had representatives present. It is hoped that a large number of Sunday Schools in this section of Hinds County, will have their officers and teachers present at the next meeting which will be held the fourth Sunday in August at four o'clock. This Conference is Inter-denominational, and is being carried out along the lines of the International Sunday School Association. There is no other thought in connection with the Conference, except that of conferring and counseling together, with the desire of making all our Sunday Schools better. There is no more important work before all of our churches, than the improvement of the Sunday Schools. If the Sunday Schools go down, the churches cannot prosper. The main topic for discussion was "The Sunday School as an Agency for Missionary Education." Miss Gardiner was the first speaker. It was an address that will be long remembered by those present. She is the chairman of the Missionary Committee of the Mt. Beulah Sunday School, Mrs. Vandivier favored the Conference with a beautiful vocal solo. Prince Gray spoke on "The monthly Missionary Program in the Sunday Schools." He showed how it was possible for every Sunday School, no matter how weak, to have a Missionary program, at least fifteen minutes long at the closing exercises of the school once a month. Mrs. Roberta Herron of Mt. Moriah Sunday School sang a solo to the delight of all. The Superintendent of the Mt. Beulah officers and teachers bring in five questions and answers from their Workers' Conference Library. Below we give a number of the questions:

1. What is the simplest way to began missionary instruction in the Sunday School?
2. What kind of church member should the teacher be?
3. Why teach the Bible?
4. Whoshould belong to the Sunday School?
5. Why does the Lord's Day Bible School afford the greatest field of evangelism?
6. How can a Sunday secure a good library for itself?
7. What is the aim of the Sunday School?
8. Why are Sunday School libraries valuable?
9. What are the characteristics of a growing Bible School?
10. How long should a superintendent hold office and why?
11. In our educational work what is really one great need?
12. What is the value of childhood in missionary work? The aim is from month to month to discuss as many of these questions as possible in the "Round Table."

President Lehman has been attending the Kentucky State Convention. During his absence, Dean D. R. Bebout of the Biblical Department filled the Institute pulpit.

A. W. Jacobs was the delegate of the Mt. Beulah Sunday School to the State Sunday School Convention which was held at Lorman, July 23-25.

The Christian Endeavor Society is increasing in efficiency and enthusiasm. Those who take part at each meeting show that they have spent much time in prayer and in the study of the lesson for the evening. A good live president and good working committees are necessary for the growth of any society.

The S. C. I. begins its fall term of school Oct. 5, 1915. Miss Anna Anderson, a former teacher, will be with us again and will have charge of our "Community School" for girls and boys below the fifth grade. This school will have a building, for its own convenience and needs. The school will be carried out along modern lines. No doubt she will have as many students the first day as she can accommodate. The tuition is only \$3.00 for the fall term and \$2.50 for the winter and spring terms. If you do not happen to have the cash when school opens, see President Lehman and see if he can't take some of your molasses, corn, peas, chickens, etc. in place of cash for tuition in this first "Community School" ever established by the Southern Christian Institute, and then try to keep your children in till Commencement.

S. C. I.,—July 26, 1915.

TEXAS

PROGRAM OF THE Y. P. S. E. TO MEET WITH THE
STATE CHURCH CONVENTION AT TAYLOR, TEXAS,
AUGUST 16-22, 1915.

1. Praise service conducted by Prof. Z. H. Howard.
2. Remarks by the president.
3. Appointment of committees.
4. Song.

DISCUSSION:

1. Are amusement conductive to the welfare of young people, if so what kinds? Greenville, Paris, J. C. I., Beaumont.

2. Duet: Taylor.

DISCUSSION:

1. Social evils and how we account for their growth; Waco, Dallas, Daingerfield.

2. Solo: Beaumont.

DISCUSSION:

1. The benefit the Christian Endeavor Society is or would be to our churches; Taylor, Ft. Worth, Bay City, Circleville, and Cason.

2. Trio: Greenville.

DISCUSSION:

1. How to extend the Endeavor cause, led by Prof. J. N. Ervin.

2. Duet: Waco:

3. Unfinished Business.

NIGHT PROGRAM

1. President's annual address.

2. Unfinished Business.

M. F. Mitchell, President of C. E. Society.

GOD'S TRUTH

God's truth transforms the character of those who incorporate that truth into their life and soul. It is a blessed thing for Christians to live in the atmosphere or environment of divine truth. God's has unexhausted and inexhaustible resources. He is not limited to any one instrumentality for the growth of his children in likeness to himself. God never wastes power; he never needlessly multiplies miracles. There is evermore a close relation between the means he employs and our deepest needs which he intends to supply. His Words must be incorporated into our natures, it must be assimilated in our spiritual bone, blood and marrow. In this way we received the thoughts of God into our thoughts, the life of God into our life, and the very heart and soul of God, if one may so speak, into into the center of our mental and moral natures.

Selected.

"Courage, brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path is dark as night,
There's a star to guide the humble,
Trust in God and do the right."

"If human experience proves anything, it is that every life needs the personal and practical help—the direct touch and sword,—of One who is divinely powerful and divinely patient."

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson For August 15.

JEROBOAM LEADS ISRAEL TO SIN.

I. Kings 12:25-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Thou shall not make unto me a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth that is beneath, or that is in the water that is under the earth: Thou shall not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them. Exodus 4:5.

TIME.—Immediately after the last lesson, 982-981. Jeroboam's reign, 22 years.

PLACE.—Shechem and Bethel. After the disruption at Shechem, Bethel became the southern center and Dan the northern center.

I. THE TWO KINGDOMS COMPARED.

Keep in mind now that there is no longer one Kingdom but two. We are just now about to contrast the two. Note the comparison.

1. THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

[a] It was about half the size of the Northern Kingdom. The country was rough and the soil not very productive. A livelihood could be gained only by hard labor.

[b] Many places of interest which endeared the people to their home land, would include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Olivet, and the names of Samuel, Ruth, David, Solomon, and Sampson would remind the people of their national unity and greatness.

[c] Judah had the great religious institutions—the temple, priests and altars, the orchestras and choirs. This Kingdom was best fitted to hold the people to the true God.

[d] It was well defended.

2. JEROBOAM'S KINGDOM.

[a] Size—Something over 9000 square miles.

[b] It was more fertile than Judah. There was an abundance of water. It was that part that flowed with milk and honey.

[c] There was traffic and travel in many parts. This exposed Israel to idolatry and heathen practices.

[d] They lacked one great center of worship to keep up unity, and to teach morality.

II. JEROBOAM TRIES TO SAVE HIS KINGDOM.

To make his kingdom secure Jeroboam establishes shechem for a strong defence and capital. After providing against invasion by an enemy, he saw there another danger. The people longed for the worship of Jerusalem. They had not forgotten the temple and the established worship, and many flocked to the kingdom of Judah to sacrifice unto the Lord. The king knew that the only way he could prevent his people from returning to Jerusalem was to provide new shrines and appoint new festivals one of the places he selected to establish worship was Dan, the other Bethel.

The main teaching in this lesson is impossibility of gaining true success in disobeying God's laws.

Men was succeed for a time and defy the Lord, but only for a time. Boys and girls need to learn this. We can not succeed by breaking rules of the game. We might win once. We might pass examination by cheating, but in the end we cheat ourselves. We might disregard the

laws of God by drink and cigarettes but in the end we destroy the body and lose our usefulness. Learn the great lesson of obedience.

D. R. B.

MOSKOGEE OKLAHOMA

Please allow me to report a few things of importance from this part of the Master's vineyard. The Okla. Christian Missionary Convention convnes at Muskogee, August 18th to 22nd 1915, at which time the following workers are expected to appear on the program: Elder J. B. Lehman, Prof. P. H. Moss, Miss Rosa V. Brown, National Worke's; Elder A. R. Spicer, D. A, Wickrize and J. C. Burckart, State Workers.

We have observed Children's Day, June the 6th and July 11th, and our secretary, Bro. S. B. Wallick, was instructed to send in the offering.

A resolution was passed by the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Convention (white) in their last annual meeting that white pastors, where there are a few colored Disciples in a community should look after the same. So the pastor at Chickasha, Oklahoma, is rejoicing with a faithful colored band of seven, who are now organized for house keeping for the Lord, with a church of 28 members of some of the best people in the city. The writer was notified by Elder A. R. Spicer, State Secretary (white) of the Macedonian Cry. We went and preached 12 nights. The result was 21 additions as follows: by confession 13, from Baptist Church 4, Methodist 1, from the Church of God 3. We organized with 28 members, and left them in the hands of Bro. W. M. Tucker, who was a preacher in the Church of God. Bro. Smith, the pastor of the white church will give them some thought and attention. We will look for a prosperous Church of colored Disciples in that city. They have a nicely located lot, and subscription taken to purchase a temperory house of worship.

R. B. Wells.

SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

OUR BELOVED ETHEL.

It grieves us to break the sad news of the death of sister Ethel V. Bryan, president of our auxiliary; whose death of June 17th has filled our hearts with sorrow. Her father, A. J. Kelso, was a faithful minister of the Christian Church and under his teaching she confessed the Saviour while quite young.

She died at the age of twenty seven years, still a number in good standing while it grieves the Church of Christ to part with her. We pray that it is Heaven's gain.

Committee.

Anna Leftivich

Mary Dryden

Bertha Dean, Secretary.

"Be not afraid, O toilers up the height!
The gods are very near, though out of sight;
They reach helpful hands and say, "Come higher."
All earnest souls must climb if they aspire."

Why not Go to SCHOOL?

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"WHAT CHRISTIANITY HAS DONE FOR
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MRS. BIRDIE HUGHES—AT THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
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Since the dawn of time nothing has been so powerful in shaping the destiny of man than Christianity. Its beginning was as a grain of mustard seed; its first followers were humble fishermen; its first preachers were a band of discouraged disciples; one little upper room held all its attendants. But, mark its marvelous progress. Christianity has crossed the oceans; climbed the rugged mountains; traversed the sandy deserts; and crossed the wide valleys of the earth. Its influence is written in all the laws, statues, and institutions of governments of the world. It is seen in the extension and expansion of Christian ideals; in the favorable attitude of the modern press in molding religious thought and sentiment; in the move of nation toward a higher and better condition. It is also seen in the great changes that have taken place in Japan, China, Korea and the wonderful transformation of the Fiji Islands from savagery to civilization. It is further seen in the elevating and enlarging of the social, political and commercial standards of every land. It is also seen in the great effort now put forth to eliminate the contagion of evil and to establish the contagion of good and its spread throughout the entire social fabric of every civilized nation under the star spangled canopy of heaven. Its progress in the past should give hope for its future. The world wide movement today for the uplift of humanity has its source in the gospel of Christ whose progressive power in filling the modern world with new hope of a better social, political, spiritual and economic life. Young men and women are becoming more responsive to religious training than ever before; the attitude of the modern press is more favorable in disseminating religious thought and sentiment; the leaders of commerce and industry are becoming to recognize the practical value of religion in men's lives; it is entering the social, political, commercial educational and economic life of every civilized nation on the globe indeed it is the most potent factor in the development of all people in every land.

Its aims and ends are being accomplished by earnest workers in our Sunday Schools; our social settlements, in our missionary societies, and better still in the exemplary lives of earnest, consecrated men and women who are giving the best of their lives in the service unto their fellowman in promoting the cause of the Master upon earth and among men.

SUGGESTION AND HELPS

Just as naturally as flowers turn their petals sunward do human beings turn their faces Godward. Worship of God is not simply a beautiful custom; it is a necessity. God commands it; our nature demands it; our souls starve without it.

To get the best and most abiding result, at home or in school, what ever is done, the worship must be very earnest and very impressive. All should be seated, quite, attentive no coming into the room at this time—nothing which interrupts the services should be permitted.

—Selected

"The greatest truths are the simplest and so are the greatest men."



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HELPFUL TO ALL

Heredity.

HEREDITY is the name for the power of living things to reproduce in the offspring their own tendencies or attributes. To understand this we need only to observe the lower animals. If the cow wants to fight she will hook. She could not fight in any other way, even though we should give her other weapons. The wild buffalo from which she descended fought that way. If the horse wants to fight, he kicks. He could not fight any other way. If a man wants to fight he strikes with his fist or with some other weapon in his hand. The little child does not need to be taught to get angry and fight. It does that before it knows what it does. It inherits this from its parents. The thing which it inherits we call instinct. An instinct is the power of doing things without being taught or without reasoning. Development is a term used to indicate that we are growing away from old instinct. Degeneration is a term to indicate that we are going back to the instinct. If we cultivate corn carefully it develops many useful properties. If we let the ground get hard and the grass grow, the corn goes back to its grass nature and makes a stalk not much larger than a big grass stalk. If you let a pig run in the woods its nose gets long and it develops all the properties of a wild hog.

Now let us apply this to ourselves and we will get a very useful lesson. We all have our racial instincts, most of which are opposed to Christianity. Paul calls them the "flesh" and says they must be crucified. At another place he calls them the "Old Man." Christianity is designed to enable us to escape from the thralldom of our barbarian instincts. If we do not embrace it we degenerate to the barbarian instincts which we are accustomed to call criminality.

Now the racial instincts in different races differ. The white people of America are mostly descended from Germanic stock. Two thousand years ago these Germans were not much above the Indians in Mexico. Whenever a white man degenerates he shows the instincts of his barbarism ancestors in Germany two thousand years ago.

Gambling, swearing, fighting, prostitution, dancing, all have their origin in that heathen society and the man who does them now shows degeneration. Even the way of acting under given circumstances will show itself in these men.

The Negroes of America are descended from the Jungle folks of Africa from one to five hundred years ago. When they degenerate they do the things of the Jungle folks. Their crimes are all of the Jungle folk variety. Even their conduct shows it. In all heathen villages in Africa is the "palaver house" where all disputes and law suits

are endlessly discussed. The turmoil in a Negro convention is the reaction of the palaver house instinct. The turmoil in a white convention is the reaction of a conduct in a German village of the stone age.

Our only escape from this is to follow the conduct Christianity lays out for us. Any other leads us straight back to the old instincts. For example, over in Texas a Negro committed a crime, such as his ancestors in Africa committed, and this aroused in his white neighbors the old barbarian instinct such as was shown in their ancient villages and they burned him at the stake. The Negro acted like the instinct impelled him, the white mob acted like the instinct impelled them. Now what aroused the instinct in these two? Well let us see. The Negro was reduced to the Jungle folks instinct (1) because he was not under Christian influence, (2) because he drank liquor which easily destroys the Christian instincts and revives the old barbarian instincts, and (3) he lived much in the bawdy house which easily revives the most beastly instincts. The white mob was reduced to the type of the barbarian village (1) by the presence of this reduced Negro, for like begets like, and (2) by their own neglect of Christianity. Jesus said, "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." That Texas white community was not willing to expend its life in creating a good environment for that Negro and when that Negro reverted to the barbarian type he pulled that whole white community down to the barbarian bed. They called themselves avenging his crime and were blind to what they did to themselves. When we learn that the only way we can grow away from these terrible barbarian instincts is by losing sight of self in a great service for others, we will make wonderful progress. Until we do learn it we will make humiliating failures.

When the Southern white people found themselves surrounded by a vast population of Negroes they had before them the opportunity to make themselves the greatest people in the world, or they had before them the danger of becoming the lowest on earth. It all depended on their attitude. Those who have seen the opportunity and have lost themselves in service for those whom God thrust before them, are now among the greatest. Those who have not seen the opportunity, have grown bitter and small and even vicious and will soon be among the lowest of the earth. They tried to save themselves from a disagreeable service and now they are losing all growth in themselves.

The Negroes must now learn this law of service. They are now in a position where they can serve their own cause and where they can serve society irrespective of race. This they must do or lose themselves. Service as Christianity defines it is the only way that a people can develop away from the old barbarian instincts or crimes. Boasting of what they have done is only another form of gross selfishness. Modestly serving the present age is Christlikeness.

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The Advantages of the Cradle Roll

BY

WILLIE MAY BROWN, MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY.

The advantages of the Cradle Roll is an important subject, and especially now-a-days.

There are many advantages of the "Cradle Roll." However, I shall endeavor to speak on this topic, from three standpoints of view; namely, First, because it trains the child in God's services; Second, because the welfare it promotes in the Sunday School; Third, because the interest it arouses in the Sunday School.

The Cradle Roll trains the child in God's service. It is always necessary to start the training in time, and there is no better time to start than in infancy. Just look around you, and you will note that the strongest, the brightest, the most influential members in your churches today, are those whose training started when they were quite young. They are those, who were first taught to pray at their mother's knee. Then let us think of some of our Bible characters, those who were the greatest, and in most instances we will note that their training began in childhood days.

For an example let us think of the good, grand and noble Samuel, the great prophet, and the last Judge of Israel. Samuel's mother, Hannah, had prayed to God to send her a son, and she had promised that this son's life would be dedicated to God's service. Hannah knew that for her son to live a consecrated life she must start training him in proper time, so she started his training, even before his birth, and continued; for at the age of six years, we see her carrying him to the temple to be under the watch care of the High Priest Eli to receive further training in God's service. It was there in the temple that at the age of thirty years he was called to be a prophet. Samuel continued to live a good consecrated life throughout his days. Then again let us take the greatest king of Israel, King David. Why was he God's chosen? Was it because he was handsome? No, because his elder brother was even more handsome to look upon than he. Then why was David chosen? It was because he was trained for service. God never calls a man for a work, who is not trained. David was a shepherd

boy. A typical life of a king, for as a shepherd loves, cares for and protect his sheep, so must the king love, care for and protect his people. As the good shepherd leads his sheep into the green pastures, so must the good king lead his people into the pastures of contentment. So the duty of the shepherd to his sheep is similar to the duty of the king to his subjects. Since their duties are similar, David was well trained for the kingship and that training began when he was quite a young lad. As David's training for the kingship started when he was but a young child, we are either consciously or unconsciously training the minds of the children today either for good or evil. Our churches are awakening to the fact, that in order to train the children, so that they will grow into useful man and womanhood in the cause of Christ, it is necessary to begin training them from infancy, so for this reason, and this reason alone, we organize the Cradle Roll in our Sunday School. One has said, "Train the child the way you would have it go when it is young, and when it is old it will not depart from it." Altho this has been disputed many times by many a heartbroken parent, for some reason I agree with the author. If the child is properly trained it will not depart from the teaching of the childhood days. He may stray some but mother's training still remains. When straying, his mind is not at ease and he at once makes up his mind and returns to his mother's teaching. Therefore I contend, that if a child is properly trained when young, that his conscience will not let him be in ease when doing wrong, so he endeavors to get back to the straight and narrow path. But we must remember, this only holds good when the child has been properly trained, for there are many children who have good parents, and whose parents are living exemplary lives, but they are lenient when it comes to the training of their children. So it goes that even tho the child's parents are good and Christianlike the child does not always receive the proper amount of training.

The second advantage of the Cradle Roll is "It increases or promotes welfare to the Sunday School. Of course as a rule the members of the Cradle Roll do not attend the Sunday School very often, but when the baby comes it usually brings its mother along. So we set apart a day when all of the members of the Cradle Roll are to be present. This day will be promotion day, if there be any to promote, or if there be none we will give it some other appropriate name. On this day we will have a program rendered by the beginners and other primary pupils. We will have our program so interesting that mother will become so enthused that she will not wait until the next promotion day to come out to the Sunday School again, but she can hardly wait for the next Sunday. So by getting the baby we now have the mother. The mother does not stop at this, but she brings some other members in her family, or her friends. For the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is contagious. In this manner, thru the means of bringing in the infant, our schools will increase numerically. Then when we increase numerically we are sure to increase financially.

The third and last advantage is because of the interest manifested in the Sunday School. Such days as promotion days arouse great interest in the Sunday School, not that interest that soon dies, but that lasting interest. The children become interested, and when we get them interested and working, it is not any trouble to get the parents interested, or in other words "Get the child, and you have the parents." Then with everyone interested and working we find ourselves in a real wide-awake Sunday School, filled with enthusiastic members from infant to the grayhaired grandfathers, and this is all the results of the splendid working of the Cradle Roll.

JUBILEE REPORT TO AUGUST 9, 1915.

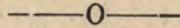
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Mt. Sterling, Aaron's Run, Sunday School, C. H. Johnson, Superintendent,	\$25.00
Total for Central Christian Institute.	730.79



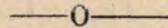
CHILDREN'S DAY.

Martinsville, Virginia, J. L. Law,	20.00
Naftel, Alabama, W. Watkins,	2.30
Ehrhardt, South Carolina, J. S. Ritter,	2.50
Fulton, Missouri, W. H. Bowen,	1.40
London, Kentucky, G. S. Tinsley,	5.90
Total this time,	32.10
Total this year,	284.11



FUND STATEMENT.

For Central Christian Institute,	730.79
For General Education,	508.66
For Children's Day,	284.11
For Jarvis Christian Institute,	271.64
For Alabama Christian Institute,	73.15
For Martinsville Christian Institute,	66.78
For Tennessee Christian Institute,	51.64
For Liberia Christian Institute,	8.00
Total this year	1994.91
Total in Jubilee Fund	6069.91
Amount yet needed to make \$20000.00	13930.09



Remarks: Brother Johnson of Aaron's Run, Kentucky had with him at the convention \$25 from his Sunday School as part of the apportionment from that place to the Central Christian Institute. But he felt that there was a little mistake about the raising of it and so carried it home and with their consent he now sends it in. When Kentucky makes an apportionment, it believes in following it.

If all the Sunday Schools should yet come in, we would soon see that fund rising above the fund for General Education.

Now for the conventions in all the states. Let every one pray that the spirit of God may lead them in all the work.

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

CARLISLE, KENTUCKY.

It is with pleasure that we report the visit of Miss Rosa V. Brown, National Field worker of the C. W. B. M., to the C. W. B. M. of Colored Christian Church on Monday afternoon, Aug. 2nd. She met in conference the sisters of our board and explained the meaning of real mission work and also urged upon us the necessity of our doing more and better work along this line.

Her visit was the source of much inspiration to us, and we feel that new interest has been awakened. The ladies of the white C. W. B. M. extended an invitation to Miss Brown to meet with them in their meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Previous engagement prevented her accepting it.

Miss Brown is a very fluent speaker and has the bearing of a high-toned Christian woman. We believe she is fitted for her mission and hope she will make good in the work. Any board will be benefited by a visit from her.

Mrs. Agnes Rogers, Pres.

"Aurelia Hamilton, Sec'y.

Millersburg, Kentucky.

HOW TO KEEP THE BOYS INTERESTED IN

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

BY MISS HENREITTA HARRIS

To president, members and delegates of the convention visitors and friends:

Being called upon to discuss such an important subject, I feel it is quite an honor.

There is much that can be said and so much that should be said until this subject has been an obstructive problem, still remaining an inadequate solution for me.

It has been said that no boy is wholly evil to whom some good can prove as a counter attraction to his evil propensities.

Since the home was the first to exist, the first in time of the individual, the first in time of the great social unit all laws depend on this.

Our Savior honored home in his obedience to his parents, who did not understand his mission to the world, with miracles at Cana and Galilee and above all in his hospitality at Bethany where lived Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. The symbolism of the home prevades the teaching of the parable of the Prodigal, where the sinner earns his true relationship to God; namely, son-ship. Mothers and fathers are responsible for the maintenance of the young they bear.

Since Christianity is the fundamental principle to foster morality in the home, mothers and fathers are responsible for their boys to be turned in the right direction toward the Sunday School by making the home the first attractive place. Then the son in late years will bring a whole-hearted respect and devotion to his home. Abraham Lincoln said, "all that I hope to be I owe to my mother."

Augustine said, "The tide that flowed down from his mother's love, slept and fired on his Christian career."

Their home became a temple and marriage a sacrament, and the springs of life are kept clean and pure, only by meditation, prayer and every recognized duty. This is the great law of life and one to be early heeded. For God blesses the habitation of the just.

But how can the boys be kept interested in Sunday School when the world opens up so many avenues of hurtful attractions every day, and the Sunday-School has only one day for victory? "Evil association corrupts good manners."

The boy can play the Prodigal through his intellect and the recovery is easy, but when he plays it through his body, the recovery is difficult.

Solomon, the man of wisdom said, "Train up a child in the way he should go" and I think this is one of the first principles involved in interesting our boys in the Sunday School.

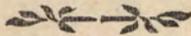
The teacher of the boy's class should be a man. One that they all love and respect, and one who understands how to present the lesson to the boys in a pleasing manner.

The merchant must have his shelves stocked with attractive goods if he expects to interest his customers. So in order to interest the boys there must be an attractive Sunday School.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



"DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS OF THE BIBLE."

BY

Wm. MARTIN, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

We speak of the Bible being divided into three dispensations, namely; the Patriarchal, Jewish, or Mosaic and the Christian or Gospel dispensation. The first began with Noah, the second with the crossing of the Red Sea and the third at Pentecost after the resurrection.

In the three different dispensations there are three things that stand out prominent in God's arrangement of things, but as each new generation reacts upon its peculiar world of reality, appropriating data from the past and attaining new experiences in the present, these three things seem to have grown dim to the eyes of the world, and its religious activities show new varying characteristics.

The remarkable peculiarity of those three things is their absolute unchangeableness through every dispensation. These three things are "Commands given, obedience of same required and rewards promised.

It was at that time as it is now that no living man could fully estimate the exact momentum of the principles at work in his own time. The objects that obtrude upon his consideration are too near him to be seen in all their just proportions. Time, that great revealer of secrets and infallible exponent of the wisdom of all human schemes, must pass its solemn verdict upon every human enterprise and promise of God, before its proper character can be fully and justly appreciated.

Few might have known the meaning of Jehovah when he said of Abraham, "I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of Jehovah to do righteousness and justice to the end that Jehovah might bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him." Yet it took time to reveal it.

It is remarkable to note how God pictured through the first two dispensations the final object. It is remarkable also to note that notwithstanding all of the great characters of the first two dispensations, and all of the great and good things that were done, that there was nothing in either that could promise what the last one could, namely, "Eternal life."

Sin in every form corrupts in the present dispensation as it did in the first two. The sin of division brought the same results then as it does now. When Jeroboam set up the worship in the northern kingdom, upon the revolt of the ten tribes, his movement was considered unlawful. And it has always proven that the greatest sin of a race or a nation, comes through the strife for place and power.

For a while in the first two dispensations there seem to be in the minds of most people that which was in the minds of the Spanish who made the motto for the Spanish coin.

On old Spanish coins may be seen the pillars of Hercules with the motto surrounding them "Ne plus ultra," that is, nothing beyond. When these coins were struck, Spain owned both sides of the Mediterranean and imagined there was no land beyond the waste of waters stretched westward.

There came a day, however, when a Genoese sailor pointed his little fleet of coravels toward the sunset and left leagues of blue water behind him. Coming finally upon a new world, he forced Spain to revise the old inscription. The pillars of Hercules were retained, and the plus ultra, but the "Ne" was omitted, for Spain had found that beyond these there was more than the imagination of man had dreamed.

God's Divine purpose has always shone through the mist of doubt.

The influence that we ought to have on the lives of sinful men can only come by example and teaching.

The teaching in the Sunday School of today would make a greater impression on those who are taught, were we to teach by example, as well as precept.

Noah could plead earnestly to the people to come into the Ark, because he had obeyed the voice of God, and as we come to the second dispensation we see the same character in the man who is to lead. Moses' success of leading the Children was due to the obedience to the voice of God in the midst of the burning bush.

What success that has come from either dispensation has come through faith and obedience.

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is an honor roll of faithful men, and the apostle tells us these all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar.

Sometime we see nothing ahead that is personally desirable.

The Israelites of old led captive across the desert, felt that their national existence was at an end. They hung their harps on the weeping willows and refused to sing the songs of Zion in a strange land.

It is useful at such times to reflect that the march of the years may still bring us gifts that we have never suspected could come our way. Columbus, on his weary voyage, must often have concluded that the old motto was right after all and that there was nothing beyond the horizon, when there swung out of the mist a whole hemisphere. It is a sane and right hope that, in the providence of God, life should continue to be interesting and useful to the end.

In the Jewish dispensation the Jews looked to Moses as their law giver. This hope lasted as long as he lived. The hope in this law lasted until the beginning of the Gospel dispensation. When John saw and acknowledged to Jesus being the lamb that taketh away the sins of the world, faith then began to grow into a reality.

The Jewish dispensation could not make perfect. This was shown in a statement made by the Saviour himself, in the conversation to the young rulers, when he said that if you would be perfect, sell what you have and follow me. Paul in Hebrew 7:19 says, "But the law made nothing perfect but the bringing in of a better hope did, by that which we draw near unto God."

We believe that through the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we shall be saved. Acts 15:11.

So when the Holy Spirit was given on the day of Pentecost, this marked the beginning of the Gospel or Christian dispensation. The Thief on the cross died under the Jewish law.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Too many people, in all sections of the country, are too anxious to quit school after completing the regular four years' work in the high school. If any of our readers know of a young man or young woman who has completed high school, and who ought to be interested in securing a College Education, please refer him to the following work which will be offered to our College Freshmen this year:

ENGLISH—There will be a careful study of five great American and five great British Authors. Spelling from Chew's High Speller, Thursday and Friday, 1:00-1:20, each week. Composition and Rhetoric, Brooks. Library Reading, and the book reports before the class, one each term. One report must be written under the supervision of the teacher. (Fall, Winter, and Spring terms, 4 recitation periods per week.)

PHYSICS.—We shall use Mumper or Carhart and Chute. There is no one who does not need to know the science of matter and energy.

PSYCHOLOGY.—The student should make a scientific study of mind. If memory and thought should not work the same to-day and to-morrow, we could not depend upon the results of our reasoning in anything.

OPTIONAL.—Those who have not had Latin in high School or Academic course may elect Latin I. If they are behind with their mathematics they may also elect Solid Geometry and Advanced Algebra. Bible may also be elected. Students may also take course in Sewing, Music, Sunday School Teacher Training, Pedagogy and Child Study, Elementary Science, etc.

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President Lehman preached at the First Church at Vicksburg, last Sunday, and in his absence, Prof. H. C. Reichel filled the Institute pulpit.

The sweet potatoes are doing fine.

Superintendent Reichel and his crew of student workmen are putting in a large cistern at the Industrial Hall.

The programs for the next Sunday School Workers' Conference to be held at the Institute chapel, the fourth Sunday in this month at four o'clock, will soon be out.

S. C. I.,—August 9, 1915.

From the questions given below and from those presented in these notes two other times recently, one can get a good idea of the character of the work done in the Worker's Library by the various members of the Sunday School Worker's Conference:

1. What statement was recently adopted in the Northern Baptist Convention in regard to the membership of the Sunday School?
2. What does the study of missions do in building Christian character?
3. Name eleven characteristics of a good superintendent.
4. What is E. W. Thornton's definition of the Lord's Day Bible School?
5. What is the particular value of a missionary letter in a Sunday School?
6. How can one test the efficiency of a Sunday School?
7. Give some reasons why a Sunday School should have a good superintendent?
8. Do organized classes in the Sunday School tend to increase or decrease attendance and effectiveness in Young People's Societies?
9. How can the problem of securing and holding our boys and girls in the Bible School be solved?
10. What may be said of the manners of a Sunday School teacher?
11. What of the teacher's duty of being a student even after he has completed the regular four years' work in Teacher-Training?

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION.

Another Kentucky Convention is now history. In some respects it can be truly said, it was the best of all. There was more missionary enthusiasm that was worth something because some of the churches raised all their missionary money and brought it to the convention and paid it to the treasurer, but some of the churches raised their missionary money and kept back PART of it. A good text to preach to churches that do not send in all the money they raise can be found in Acts 5: 1-11. No commendable mission work can be done when the church holds back its missionary money, and the church that holds back its missionary money is not a New Testament Church and worse than all, the church that does not give for missions robs itself.

The church program was great, and President W. H. Brown dispatched business, and did not talk all the time away, but sat in the chair and made things go on time.

Nearly every man on program came prepared to take part and made good.

Pres. J. B. Lehman in his great address gave the big audience a great vision of service for the master. Elder Herod, Minister of our Second Church at Indianapolis, Indiana, showed himself a master of assemblies in a fine address on the practical and consistent Christian life and service. Christianity was never intended to win the world by passing on the other side of the helpless man or woman.

Miss Rosa Brown, our National Field worker of the C. W. B. M. was at her best in a masterly address before the women in which she clearly pointed out some things that help and hinder growth in the Master's work.

Prof. P. H. Moss went to the top in his address "The Sunday School Vision." He impressively showed us the glory of a Front Rank Sunday School.

Elder R. W. Watson is the new president of the State Sunday School, and with the full co-operation of all the officers of the various Sunday Schools of Kentucky, it is up to you, Bro. Watson, to give us a top notch convention at Lexington next July if Providence permits us to be there.

The C. W. B. M. held some splendid sessions and starts anew, to equal its active and promptness in the service of last year.

On Sunday of the convention Elder W. W. Cordell, Minister of the Christian Church at Lockland, Ohio, and several of his loyal members were present to greet and cheer the Kentucky host.

Let all the State officers of the various departments of the church make a new record this year in activity and promptness in service.

W. H. Dickerson.

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"DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS OF THE BIBLE."

Christ lived and died under the Jewish law. He rules under the Christian dispensation, and the declaration that he makes, "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me," shows he is able to save all who will come unto him. I came, said he, that you might have life. He that believeth on me shall never die.

We, in the Gospel dispensation, look forward to a promise made us, which is eternal life through Christ. This will come by faith and obedience to the will of Christ.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson For August 22.

GOD'S CARE OF ELIJAH. I Kings 17: 1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT—Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. I Peter 5:7.

TIME—Elijah lived in the reigns of Ahab and his Son Jehoram in Israel. His sudden appearance to Ahab was about 912 B. C.

PLACE—Various places in the Kingdom of Israel. Probably met Ahab at the capital, Samaria. Cherith was a brook flowing into the Jordan; Zarephath was a town between Tyre and Sidon.

INTRODUCTION.

The two Kingdoms had been in existence side by side for about 70 years. Suddenly Elijah appeared in the Northern Kingdom. The people were neglecting the true worship, the times were troublesome. Omri, the father of Ahab, had wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord. Ahab married the heathen princess, Jezebel of Tyre. Matters grew worse. The school of the prophets, instituted in the days of Samuel for religious training were extinguished, so that one hundred of the prophets were concealed in caves and fed in secret.

I. GOD'S PROPHET AND HIS MESSAGE.

At a time when public religious worship was almost snuffed out, Elijah appeared on the scene like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. Ahab and Elijah are to meet. The whole people are to feel the effect of the clash. Ahab was a ruler of energy and power, then he was under the dominating influence of Jezebel his wife. She was unscrupulous and bold and left a terrible "Mark on the annals of nations."

"Elijah was a typical mountaineer." He was strong, hardy and temperate. He had reflected upon the past, and upon the glories of his people. He could not endure heathenism and Ahab's idolatrous capital. He was loyal to God and his country. He went straight to Ahab and, as an ambassador of the Lord, declared there should not be dew nor rain, for these years. He then hid himself.

II. THE MESSAGE WORKING IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE.

1. The famine taught that God was the ruler of heaven and earth. Baal could not produce a drop of rain. The famine and the relief was an act of God.

2. This punishment caused Israel to think of the past. They had time to see that there was but one way out of their calamity.

3. The way of escape was by repenting and turning to God.

III. ELIJAH'S EXPERIENCES.

1. **AT THE BROOK CHERITH.** Here he was alone with his own heart and God. (1) He was learning in God's school. There was the lesson of faith, patience, and heavenly wisdom.

2. **AT ZAREPHATH.** Here we have the unfailing cruse. Note what God did. He upheld his own prophet. (2) He showed his kindness and love for the poor. (3) He strengthens the faith of Elijah and the widow. (4) He gives an object lesson for all ages.

Note what God is ever doing. (1) Nature is an unfailing cruse of blessings and food for the whole world each year. (2) The Bible is an unfailing cruse. From it we obtain the spiritual nurture our souls need.

3 **GOD'S LOVE.**

4 **THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GIFT.**

The lesson at Zarephath is how God can do and does do great things with small human means. You are but one, but you are one and God can use you if you will it.

D. R. B.

THE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY CONVENTION.

Certainly we had a great Convention. Great in love, sympathy, intention, devotion, effort, imagination, vision and determination. The fellowship was sweet. Men and women past three scores and ten, happy, cheerful, vigorous and strong in faith. No bickering, no resentments, no grievance. Old headquarters at Hustonville [G. H. Graham] handing Pres. Lehman a cool hundred dollars for the Kentucky School and a part of his good church there to say, "Amen." Some churches will raise yet every dollar of their apportionment. Some good things were proposed. Bro. Hathaway's Sunday School at Little Rock carried off the Sunday School Banner. Bro. F. T. Floyd's Church at Carlisle took the Mission Band Banner, but Nicholasville Church will get them both next year when we meet in Lexington, but there is glory enough for us all.

More next week.

NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Raised hundred yesterday, women raised 95, men raised 35, men lead till collection time then gracefully decline in favor of the sisters, but some of our men fought a good fight. We are in sight of convention now, I hear the waters roaring at "Fall City." Hancock St. Church is taking deep breaths. Central and Third are saying "Let 'em come" of course Pres. Lehman and Prof. Moss will have ample room on all our programs. They belong to us and we to them. Napoleon often spoke of the "Supreme moment." It may come at Louisville, let us be ready, no excuse, just results that's what it takes. Once more brethren we are on trial, what will be the verdict. Let Kentucky redeem herself by bringing up all monies for our school and missionary work. Brethren, will you?

C. H. Dickerson.

LAFAYETTE, KENTUCKY.

Dear Editor, I wish to speak about the Christian Church in Roaring Spring, Kentucky.

On August first, we held an interesting Lord's Day School. Our school is getting along fine. Brother A. H. Gee is our superintendent in the Lord's Day School. We are getting along fine in our church work. We had Brother Hulaty with us on the first Sunday in August. He preached an excellent sermon. His subject was, "How to build up the Church of Christ."

Our Pastor, Rev. W. Huffomon, returned from the convention and brought us a good message.

Lillie B. Hunter.

LAWRENCEBURG, KENTUCKY

To the Gospel Plea: Allow me to say that Miss Rosa Brown made us a visit and gave a lecture and it was enjoyed by all who heard it. If we harken unto her words we will grow strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

We pray that she will be crowned with God's rich blessings and we hope that in the near future she will come again to impart the rich blessings of God.

Yours in Christ.

Mrs. Emma Bell.

GO TO SCHOOL AT

Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas.

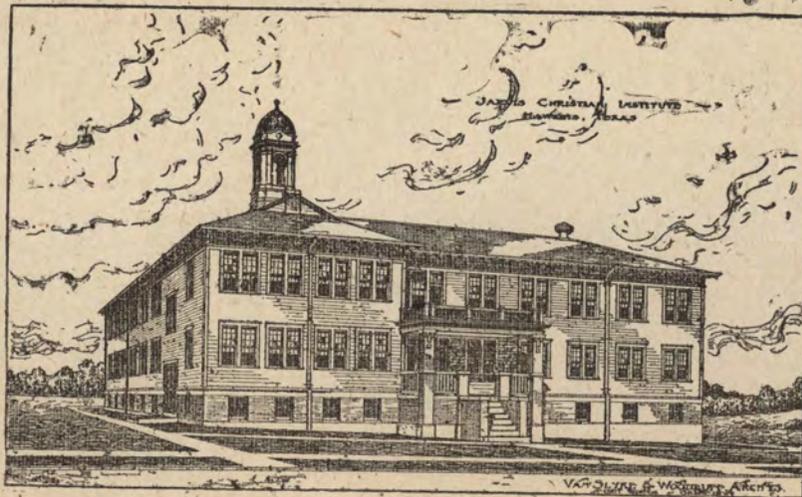
Jarvis Christian Institute is located one mile east of Hawkins, Texas, on the main line of the T. & P. Rail Road running from New Orleans by way of Shreveport, Marshall, Dallas, Ft. Worth and other intermediate stops; accessible by rail roads from all parts of the state and neighboring states.

A healthful location and well elevated. Fine water and good environment. Just the place to attend school.

Fall term begins September 28th (Tuesday) and school continues eight months. \$8.00 per month will pay for the following: board, tuition, light, fuel, protection and council. Parents how much less would you expect to pay for one month's good training for your child?

The school offers good courses.
Bible, Literary, Industries, Music.

The literary course consists of Preparatory, Academic and Normal. Special emphasis is placed upon the study of the Bible. The Musical Department has been enlarged and two competent teachers for this department, one for the vocal and the other for instrumental music have



been employed.

We are building up a strong Industrial Department and four instructors will teach in this special department next term. Students who earn their way will have advantage of this department and the Night School which will receive close attention.

Boys and girls alike have splendid opportunities.

Send a postal card to President J. N. Ervin, Hawkins, Texas and secure the needed information.

The school stands for the true development of childhood in all the essentials and for the elevation of man and womanhood.

If you are not able to pay for your schooling don't be ashamed to work; for working is the great highway to success.

Parents are responsible for the existence of their children and are entitled to give them the very best training. Plan now to have the children ready for the opening on the 28th of September, 1915.

Entrance Fee \$3.00.

MY SOUL TO YOUR SOUL.

O friend of mine, in the midst of toil,
 I bid you cheer! Work cannot spoil
 The soul of Peace when the Prince is near,
 While perfect love still casts out fear.
 The brotherhood of toil is yet to be
 The heir of earth's real royalty.
 Who suffer with him soon shall reign
 With the Prince who bore the cross of pain!
 The Crown of Thorns is the symbol still
 Of the conquering, and the conquering will!

I greet you, Freeman, in the race
 Of royal souls—heirs of His grace;
 Who, suffering loss, rejoice the more
 That it is theirs to suffer and adore;
 Who do the Master's will and bear
 The Cross with gladness anywhere!
 I greet you and am glad today
 In that I have, in that for which I pray.
 Freeman are they who dare to trace
 The future with uplifted face!

I lean my soul to the soul of the soil,
 And lay my heart to the heart of toil,
 While I clasp your hand in hand of mine
 And cast my care on the Care of divine.
 I dare to hope when hope is glad,
 Nor dare to doubt when hope is sad!
 I know not how the future lies,
 Yet lift my face to the changing skies,
 And go forth fearlessly with cheer
 Into the mystery of the year!

Selected.

THE WORLD'S NEED AND GOD'S COMMAND.

The world's great heart is aching, aching
 fiercely in the night,
 And God alone can heal it, and God alone
 gives light;
 And the men to bear the message, and to
 preach the living Word,
 Are you and I, my brothers, and all others
 that have heard.

Can we close our eyes in slumber, can we
 fold our hands at ease,
 While the gates of night stand open to the
 pathway of the seas;
 Can we shut up our compassion, can we
 leave one prayer unsaid,
 Ere the souls that sin has ruined have been
 awakened from the dead?
 We grovel among trifles, and our spirits fret
 and toss,
 While above us burn the visions of the Christ
 upon the cross,
 And the blood of God is dropping from his
 wounded hands and side,
 And the voice of God is crying: "Tell poor
 sinners I have died."

O voice of God, we hear thee, above the
 wrecks of time,
 Thine echoes roll around us, and the message
 is sublime;
 No power of man shall thwart us, no strong-
 hold us dismay,
 For God commands obedience, and love has
 led the way."



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HELPFUL TO ALL

"No! when He moves His arm, it is to aid
Whole peoples, heedless if a few be crushed,
As some are ever when the destiny
Of man takes one stride onward nearer home.
Believe it, 'tis the mass of men He loves;
And when there is most sorrow and most want,
When the high heart of man is trodden down
The most, 'tis not because He hides his face
From them in wrath, as purblind teachers prate:
Not so: there most is He, for there is He
most needed."

WE CAN not choose the part we must play in the advancement of the peoples of the earth. People must suffer for the sins of their forebears but often the most innocent suffer the most. When the hand of God moves it is for the good of all mankind.

We are sure the hand of God is now moving in Europe. Whether it will move in America ere another ten years pass by we do not know. By studying Europe we can be the better prepared for what will come here.

Let us begin with Russia. For fifty years the masses in Russia wanted to learn but the aristocrats tried to beat them back with a spiked flail. What an awful price the nation is paying now. Two million men are prisoners in Germany. A million young men are killed or wounded. The end is not yet but when it comes Russia will be a new nation.

Germany too has an awful lesson. It believed its philosophers like Harchel and forgot its God, and now it says freely it is fighting for its life. God will not give them peace till they are chastised with many stripes. Germany has sacrificed nearly a million men.

We might go on and name Turkey, Italy, France and England and find a lesson, but space will not permit. Poor Belgium and Poland, they are innocent bystanders and they are suffering most terribly. They are crushed between the upper and nether mills'ones. Millions of children are run over and left to die unburied. They are the innocent ones crushed.

Now here is the lesson. The hand of God will move, it must move. Will it move because we have obeyed his call and have gone and taught all nations? or will it have to move in a turmoil such as Europe is seeing now? It will move, it is for us to say how it shall move. If it moves in America in a cataclysm, it will be more terrible than in Europe. We are not yet a homogeneous people. We yet have the old New Englander and the old Southerner. We have foreigner from every corner of the earth

and the Americans whose sympathies are yet in Europe. We have the Negroes and other races not white. We have made schools for all these, and so far so good. But the "we" above is a very small percent of America. The great mass of our people are avaricious, overbearing and corrupt. Politics in America is as ungodly as the worship of a heathen religion. Frankly, we believe we are not good enough to be spared from war, and if it be war, it will be a terrible one.

But this is not written to destroy faith. God offered to save Sodom if Lot could find five righteous men. May be he is today hunting for us to count us among those who will save this country by teaching. The task is great and we must not lose any time. It may be he is saving the world by the children we are now teaching. Can we not send out an army of trained Negro boys and girls by ten years from now?

We have every opportunity to do a great work in teaching. We have the means to build schools and we now know what true education means. We must not make the terrible mistake of stopping all work because some irritate us. We have seen whole conventions stop work because one man acted ugly. We must do all we can to make every man fall in line but when we fail on some we must not stop work. A terrible disaster will befall us if we do. Listen here.

If the Negro Convention of Mississippi fails, it may cause Mississippi to fail.

If Mississippi fails, it may cause the South to fail,

If the South fails, it may cause America to fail

If America fails, it may cause the world to fail.

If the world fails, we may have another dark age

If we have another dark age, we may lose all our modern educational opportunity.

If we lose all our educational opportunity, we may all return to barbarism.

Eternal blessing crown my earliest friend,
And round his dwelling guardian saints attend;
Blest be that spot where cheerful guests retire
To pause from toil, and trim their evening fire:
Blest abode where want and pain repair,
And every stranger finds ready chair:
Blest be those feasts with simple plenty crowned,
Where all the ruddy family around
Laugh at the jests or pranks that never fail,
Or sigh with pity at some mournful tale:
Or press the bashful stranger to his food,
And learn the luxury of doing good.

THE TRAVELLER.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1915.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

These are paid up till Serial No. 260:

Clinton Gray, Alabama.

Charles Harris, Mississippi.

Ida Holt, Tennessee.

Willis Prout, Alabama.

Paid up till Serial No. 235.

Rebecca West, Tennessee.

Paid up till Serial No. 220.

L. R. Garrison, Mississippi.

—Conventions have now been held in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Ohio, Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. All of these showed great advancement over all previous conventions. We hope all of them will be reported in the PLEA.

—Mrs. Bradford of Nashville, Tennessee, died on August the 8th and was buried on Sunday the 9th. Mrs. Bradford, though a Southern born and reared woman felt the burden of Negro uplift resting heavily upon her shoulders. She was a missionary sister to all the work in Nashville, always going to all meetings at the Lee Avenue and Gay Street churches where she could be of any help. Her death removes one of the truest friends the work of Negro uplift ever had.

--Miss Roxie C. Sneed of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, suffered a painful accident in a runaway. She could not be at the convention.

—Prof. D. R. Bebout attended the Mississippi Convention at Shaw and reports a good convention.

—R. Roberts of Honey Island, Texas, writes, "I here enclose one dollar for renewing my subscription. I can not well do without the PLEA."

DANVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:

Please publish the following: We arrived home from the convention full of ambition. Sunday, the church enjoyed "Echoes of the Convention." After services quite a number of the members expressed themselves as being well pleased with the report and are hoping to do more and bet-

ter work this year.

On the 10th of July, Sister Rosa V. Brown was with us and addressed the society. The sisters expressed themselves as being well pleased with her address. She brought us a message of God and showed how every one could help in carrying out the "Great Commission."

Sister Brown succeeded in getting a few of the members to take the Tidings. The president says they are going to try to get on the honor roll this year. The society is hoping to give \$20.00 this year for the C. C. I. We are going to help them all we can. Come again, Sister Brown.

We had a lady to come ten miles to take membership with us.

To the Superintendent and Sunday School workers of Kentucky:

We do hope that you are all well, and back to work again. We certainly enjoyed a splendid convention at Louisville. A number of splendid things were said and done. Having gathered so much encouragement and so many splendid ideas, let us work to put them to use. Let us work this year so that when the time comes for the next report we can easily see the ground that has been covered since the last convention. We heard some splendid reports but they are only a shadow of what will be.

\$155.00 was raised. Let us make it \$250.00 next year. "We can do it if every one will do his part." (No, we can't, Brother Watson.) "We can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us"

One has said, "It is not within the power of mortals to demand success but we will do more, we'll deserve success." Let us deserve success by doing what we can for the Master.

We appreciate the privilege of being your humble servant and will do our best to make the work a success. The minutes will be out soon. Let us read them through and then do. God bless you all, brethren. Let us pray and work for the cause,

I am yours in His name,

R. W. Watson.

Be Men

[By Edmund Vauce Cooke.]

"Did you tackle the trouble that came your way

With a resolute soul and cheerful,

Or hide your eyes from the light of day

With a craven soul and fearful?

Oh, a trouble's a ton or a trouble's an ounce

Or a trouble is what you make it,

And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only how did you take it?

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that

Come up with a smiling face,

It's nothing against you to fall down flat,

But to be there, that's disgrace,

The harder you're thrown the higher

You will bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye

It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,

But—how did you fight and why?

And though you be done the death—what then?

If you battled the best you could,

If you played your part in the world of men,

Why the critic will call it good,

Death comes with a crawl or comes with a pounce,

But whether he is slow or spry,

It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts

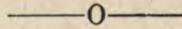
But only—how did you die?"

Jubilee Report.

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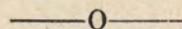
FOR JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Ruth Mahin Fund, Collected by President Ervin,....	\$58.20
Imboden, Arkansas, Mrs. Mary Shockley,.....	4.25
Total this time,.....	62.09
Total this year,.....	334.09



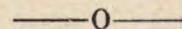
FOR CENTRAL CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Missionary Society, Trimble Street Christian Church, Mrs. Ida M. Smith,.....	5 00
Total this year,.....	735.79



FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

Nowata, Oklahoma,25
Oxford, Ohio, Miss Naomi Bedingbaugh,	2 10
Johnson City, Tennessee, H. D. Griffin,.....	1 25
Floyd, Virginia, J. H. Finney,.....	4.00
Winston-Salem, North Carolina, J. H. Martin, . . .	5.00
Port Gibson, Union Hill, Nancy Jennings,.....	1.50
Waco, Texas, Miss S. P. Walker,.....	3.00
Total this time,.....	17.10
Total this year,.....	301.21



FUND STATEMENT

For Central Christian Institute,.....	735.79
For General Education,.....	508 66
For Jarvis Christian Institute,.....	334.09
Children's Day,.....	301.21
For Alabama Christian Institute,.....	73 15
For Martinsville Christian Institute,.....	66.78
For Tennessee Christian Institute,	51.64
For Liberian Christian Institute,.....	8.00
Total this year,.....	2,079 32
Total in Jubilee Fund,.....	6,154.46
Amount yet needed to make \$20,000.00....	13,845.54

REMARKS.—The Ruth Mahin had the following origin. Last winter when President Ervin was at the Southern Christian Institute little Ruth Mahin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mahin who had the printing and sewing went to him and handed him twenty-five cents because his building had recently burned. He put this in his pocket and went home and asked his teachers what they could do with that twenty-five cents to make it count for most. They decided to buy twenty-five postal cards which they distributed among their teachers, each sending them out to friends telling the story of the cards. Most of them came back with a dollar or more. One was sent to Mrs. Jarvis. She took it to the state convention at Dallas and told the story. A few men jumped up and started over the audience with hats, and took a good offering. The total was just sent in, \$58.20, and is named for the little girl that started the current to going.

Incidentally this again puts the Jarvis Christian Institute fund back to third place.

Tennessee has done a significant thing that will tell a wonderful story. It will be the beginning of a new epoch in Tennessee work. They passed a resolution to appoint a missionary committee in every church to see that one dollar for every member is collected. Keep your eyes on Tennessee.

Send all money to J. B. Lehman,
Edwards, Mississippi.

To the members of the GOSPEL PLEA family, greetings:

It has been some time since you heard from me. But dear readers don't think I have been idle or careless in regards to this matter. Nearly all of my time is being taken up in revival meetings. The word of God is so precious to me until I feel that I have no time to spare from the study of the word; especially when in revival meetings.

Made a trip to Mound, Louisiana, the week before the third Sunday in July. Here we found Prof. F. H. Coleman and wife standing firm for the GOSPEL. If Bro. Coleman is properly encouraged and helped, he will become a powerful minister in the Church of Christ. He believes in the truth, and nothing but the truth. So strong is he in the faith until he has influenced all the other members of the Coleman family to become members of the Church of Christ.

The writer preached two sermons at Mound and had two additions. The unadulterated Gospel of our Lord was new to most of our hearers, but they listened attentively to the words of eternal life.

Let us, brethren, stand by Bro. Coleman and it will only be a question of time when a strong church will be built up at Mound, Louisiana.

The third Sunday of July found the writer with the Jackson congregation. Children's Day was observed. The sermon preceded the exercises. The program was good throughout. We strove very hard to make it a success.

Friday before the fourth Sunday in July found us with the Lorman congregation, Lorman, Mississippi, where the Mississippi State Sunday School Convention was held. This convention, to my judgement, was the best held in a good many years. Peace prevailed.

From thence we went to Indianola. Here we held our annual revival with home forces. As a result, eight souls came forward and confessed that they believed with all their heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that they were willing to put Him on in the waters of baptism. I believe in taking them in on the simple terms of the Gospel. Don't try to get them on any-thing else, for the Gospel is God's power to save.

The revival closed down Friday night at a high pitch. The public asked that the meeting go on longer, but we had closed down on the part of being pressed for time.

At Pilgrim Rest the second Sunday. The members think Sunday and Sunday night were the best services ever held in Pilgrim Rest. We dealt hard blows at unholy living and disorderly church members. For the last few months most of our sermons have been along the line of discipline. Such sermons, brother pastor, will help greatly in building up strong congregations. Try it and become convinced.

In the past we have had too many sermons about heaven, and not enough about the deeds of men here below. What the Church of Christ needs is more holy living among its members.

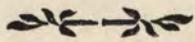
Yours for his cause,
B. C. Calvert.

“Sweet are the uses of adversity,
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head;
And this our life, exempt from public haunt,
Find tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.”

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And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



Paper Read at Louisville Convention

BY MISS CLARA KINK.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Kentucky Convention and friends:—It is indeed a pleasure to be here. I feel as if I ought to congratulate myself on being permitted to speak to a Kentucky audience. After all we are one in nativity, one in race, and one in faith.

You have asked me to say something about Sunday School after church. Since we have abolished the Sunday School in our church, I will attempt to tell you something about Bible School after church. Every one should realize that no person is fully prepared for a Christian life, unless he has a good knowledge of the Bible. The love of Christ and his sympathetic spirit must be a part of every Christian. What is the Bible School? It is an organization for the express purpose of teaching God's word. It is the teaching function of the church or it is the church teaching the Bible. Therefore, the church must have the proper equipment in order to carry out its purpose in the right way. First we must have efficient teachers. They must be educators, men and women who are able to understand the word of God. We should be as particular about the efficiency of our Bible School teachers as we are about our public school teachers; for it is in the church where the true foundation of the life of a child is laid. Second we must have the proper material. Bibles should be owned by the school. They are the important Text books. Maps, charts and song books must also be there. The Church building must be cheerful and inviting, so no one will dread to come to the house of the Lord. Then the pupil must be classified as to age and school experience so that he is ready to receive and understand what is being taught him.

Given the purpose of our school and its equipment we must have ample time for the work. The school should be held at such a time as most of the church members can be present. In a general way, one time may be as good as another. Every thing depends on conditions. It may meet at 9:30 o'clock in the morning; probably at night; afternoon or any time. What we are after is a time when the real purpose of the school can best be served, a time when we can bring men and women to Christ by giving them the Bible, a time when we may help them to understand that they might believe, a time when we can create an intelligence which will do away with needless ignorance in so many of our churches.

In the cities, the conditions are different than in the country; different for white and black. The city life seems to be a

strain, people are always in a hurry and tired out. Every thing seems to be pellmell all the time. In the country it is different. The people work for themselves. When night comes there is nothing calling them away from home, they enjoy being in the family circle for an hour or so; then they retire much earlier than the majority of city folks. The colored people of the cities labor very hard while the most of the other races do not. In our race the women as well as the men labor and the women servants mostly are engaged on Sunday morning. When one has labored until late Saturday we realize it is quite a hardship for one to hurry to church on Sunday morning. On this day breakfast is about the only time when the whole family is together. Later in the day different ones of the family will be together. Later in the day different ones of the family will wander off to the parks or other places and no more is seen of them until night. Since we are so handicapped our church at home has given a little more time on Sunday morning for the family to be together. Then there is mother who will stay at home in order to let the children go to Bible School. She will hurry in order to get to church and all she ever hears is a sermon from time to time. We are giving her a chance to study the Bible with the others, by having our school after church. At that time every one is full of reverence, the communion having brought to mind the love of Christ. The atmosphere is spiritual and the members are there.

We have had a great deal of experience with Bible Schools at all hours among the colored people. There was one church in our city that realized some years ago that there ought to be a change. So its school was changed to the hour right after church. The school was well organized and it proved in a few weeks that nothing but success was due. I refer to the school of Allen Chapel, a Methodist Church. Its school was such a success that it attracted the attention of the others all over the city and for two years or more it was the leader among the colored schools of the city. There was another church that had its school at three o'clock in the afternoon. Of course at that hour most of the people are engaged at other places and don't care to sacrifice that time.

This school was a failure, the workers looked at Allen Chapel, marvelled at its success and wondered if they couldn't be as successful. They changed their school to the hour after morning services and it wasn't many weeks before they had a fine school. Other churches began to awaken to the situation that a more convenient time was needed in order to build up their schools and one by one each fell in line. Today there are no other cities more enthused over Bible study than our own. Every one in the church is up and doing his best. In our church, the change has been so great, we hardly think it the same school. We have had larger attendance and have brought more men and women in direct contact with the church. In comparing last year's reports with this year's we find a very great gain. Last year our average attendance was about twenty-five persons, mostly children. About half of these were late. The teachers, too, often came late. This year our average attendance has been about ninety-three, including men, women and children. Our collection last year averaged about fifty-cents a Sunday; this year \$5.69 a Sunday. We chose the time, as you can see, that best served the real purpose of our school. In conclusion I will sum up some of the many advantages of "Bible School after church." First, the most of the members are present. Second, it helps the teacher and child's punctuality. Third, it loses nothing for the child by having him attend the church service, for it broadens him. When he is older the church will be nothing new to him. Now, I can hear some one saying—"It is too long to keep a child sitting." But, let us not forget the child

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

It is only a few weeks till the fall term of school begins. Do you know of any young people who are expecting to be at the Southern Christian Institute this fall? Urge them to be here the first day. Day School begins October 5th.

Superintendent Vandivier is feeding a car load of stock for the St. Louis market. This is the first time in the history of the Institution this has ever happened.

President Lehman attended the Tennessee Convention at Nashville last week. Prof. Bebout attended the Mississippi Convention at Shaw and Prof. and Mrs. Burgess attended the Hinds County Baptist Sunday School Convention, near Bolton.

The commissioners for putting through the new hard road, from the Big Black River bridge through Edwards, have been appointed, and they are getting busy at their job. Within two weeks actual work will probably begin. The bridge across the Big Black is now to the last span. The road from Vicksburg to the bridge, a distance of ten or twelve miles, is already completed.

Prof. Reichel spoke last Sunday at the Institute Church on the subject, "The Things that Jesus Saw." It was an interesting presentation of great and fundamental truths.

The canning factory canned several hundred quarts of corn last week.

The silo which was blown down during the Spring has been put up again. Soon the silage will be going into it for winter feed.

We have heard good reports from the bunch of sheep we bought some time ago. They are doing fine on the feed they find in the fields.

S. C. I., August 16, 1915.

Paper Read at Lonisville Convention

BY MISS CLARA KINK.

(Continued from page 4).

sits twice as long in the public school and the parents never think of objecting. Our services open at 10:45 a. m. and at 1:15 we are ready to go home every Sunday. Is not two hours and a half a short time to spend with the Lord? No one should grumble. The child's school starts at 8:30 a. m. and he stays until noon with about fifteen minutes recreation. So he is not hurt if he spends a few hours at church. Fourth, this hour conserves the spirituality in the school. Fifth, it allows ample time for work, when at other times the lateness of teacher and pupil is a loss of time. Last of all, it conserves the unity in the church. When we had our school before church, it seemed as if school and church were different organizations. Some people would never give Bible School a thought. But today they are interested, for the school is the church teaching the word of God. The question of time was a very small matter to us, what we worked for was this union and a chance to teach the Bible in an efficient way to the church and its prospective members.

GRAHAM, VA.

Dear Editor of the Gospel Plea:-

Please allow me space for a few words in your columns to make mention of the 26th Anniversary of the Mt. Olive Christian Church, Mud-fork Va., on the first Sun-

day in August, 1915. It was one of the best enjoyed meetings, that Mt. Olive has witnessed for a number of years. Eld. J. R. Louderback preached the Anniversary sermon at 11:00 A. M. and all who were present certainly did not fail to hear "thus saith the Lord" falling from the lips of our dearly beloved Eld. Louderback of Roanoke, Va. The house was well packed with both white and colored. We talk about eye specialist, ear specialist, nose specialist, throat specialist, and many others of this kind that is useless for me to make mention of in this letter, but the greatest specialist of all the world is the soul specialist and I want to say here in the presence of the public that we can boast of our great soul specialist in Roanoke, Va., and he was called from his home on the 9th Ave. Roanoke Va., to come to Mudfork for this special occasion. This is the specialist that the world is calling for to day. We hear the startling cries coming up from all quarters of the lands that they are dying for the want of a soul specialist to perform an operation on their soul with the word of God, and when our ministerial supply take a permanent stand for Jesus and him alone, and prescribe to the patient, the pure and unadulterated remedies as our Bro. Louderback in this great meeting, we can feel safe in sending them to the relief of these sin-sick souls.

This meeting will be long remembered by both citizens of Mudfork and the mass of visitors who were fed bountifully upon the sheep, the chicken, the beef and every other desirable food from the country. The program at 3:00 p. m. was fine. Several pictures hung upon the wall of those who once cast their lots with Old Mt. Olive, who had outstriped us in the narrow lane of time, whose bodies are decaying beneath the sods of some lonesome valley. When the work of these heroes or fore-runners was outlined by Eld. J. R. Louderback, as to the many heroic deeds that had been accomplished by the hands of those who are now asleep in Jesus, and as our eyes could on that day behold many of the things that they had done, there was a great breaking down in tears by different ones. Among those weeping ones especially was Sister Kittie Harper, the mother of Mt. Olive; for her dear companion had been one among its fathers who had made the confession of Paul when beheaded, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course" and now all she could see was his picture. We could mingle our tears with hers in great sympathy. At 8:00 p. m. Eld. I. H. Thompson of Bluefield, W. Va., preached the closing sermon which was sufficient to save sin-sick souls if complied with according to directions.

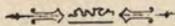
We were highly entertained in homes on Monday, eating and visiting. Eld. Chas. M. Dickerson prepared for Eld. S. R. Tanzymore and Eld. I. H. Thompson a fine dinner that was so much enjoyed that Eld. I. H. Thompson walked into the dining room in his shirt sleeves and it made me think of what David said, "I once was a child but now I am a man" I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. I cannot tell in words how much we did enjoy ourselves, but Mr. reader you just draw an idea that you were there, or how much pleasure it would have been for you to have been there, and then you will know of our pleasure.

Money raised amounted to \$27.00

Eld. Tanzymore, Pastor.

Eld. I. H. Thompson.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For August 29.

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL.

I. Kings 18:16-40.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Jehovah is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov. 15:29.

TIME.—Three years after the last lesson—about 906 B. C. or Hastings' date 865.

PLACE.—Somewhere between Zarephath and Samaria Elijah and Ahab met, and the test by fire was on Mt. Carmel.

INTRODUCTION.

The people of Israel were going in the wrong way. The Lord determines to give them plenty of time to think on their condition. His method was by sending a famine upon them. In the days of the famine they would be led to see the effects of sin and disobedience, and finally cry out for deliverance. God does everything possible to help man, but punishment follows disobedience as night follows day. The famine brought the people to the place where Elijah could ask God for the much needed rain. God knew the time was ripe for the relief of the people and through his prophet, the blessing came.

1. AHAB AND ELIJAH MEET vs. 2-18

Ahab driven to want goes out from his capital to find water.

Elijah left Zarephath where he had been and met Obadiah who was a true worshipper and who had been hiding prophets of the Lord from Jezebel. Elijah sends him to bring Ahab. Obadiah feared results but was persuaded to take the message. The prophet was greater than the King and the King came to him. Note what Ahab said to the prophet. He did not mention his own sin. He did not consider God in the matter. He took no note of the cause of the suffering beyond the idea of Elijah's responsibility. Sin was the cause. Ahab was involved.

2. THE GATHERING ON MT. CARMEL vs. 16-24.

Note what a meeting. A King and his nation. Why assembled? To settle the question as to whom they shall worship. The plan is to have a great test and Israel is to witness it. They would then be convinced as to the true God. 430 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the groves represented Jezebel's goddess. These clothed in priestly robes stood in their places and over in his solitary place stood the prophet of Jehovah, with his rough sheepskin mantle over his shoulders and his long hair hanging down his back.

The place was the best that could be seen from all quarters of the country. Its high platforms and groves, its seat of worship would publish this event abroad. For a full day the great concourse witnessed the contest whether Jehovah or Baal is supreme. This was a pulpit from which Elijah could preach to all Israel. Imagine the stir among the people as the lonely prophets approaches. He stands before Israel. All is silent. Then with a voice clear and sharp Elijah cries out, "How long halt ye between two opinions? Why do you hesitate? Come to a decision.

3. THE TEST BY FIRE. 25-29.

1. Error is unmasked.
2. All are present to see.
3. Baal worshippers became frantic.
4. There was no voice, nor any to answer.

4. ELIJAH'S VICTORY. 30-39.

1. Alone with 850 for Baal.
2. God's servant must not be suspected of unfair tricks. Come close and see.
3. Repaired the Altar of the Lord.

4. Uses water on sacrifice and wood.
5. Fire consumed all.
6. God uses his own law of nature to produce a moral effect.

7. The people were convinced and with their faces bowed to the ground, they said, "The Lord he is God." The Lord had prepared them for this.

The prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth were executed as traitors to the nation. It was a warning to the people against departing from the true God.

Elijah ascended to a higher place and prayed for rain. In due time it came. What blessing rain brings to all. Abundant crops, food, prosperity and comforts. The rain upon Israel was a type of greater blessing—New faith, hope, love, forgiveness.

D. R. B.

KENTUCKY.

Arkansas was blessed with a visit by our Sunday School Field Worker, P. H. Moss. He was at our Sunday School Convention held at Argenta, and visited two other churches, Pearidge and Plummerville. I must say that I never saw a man better fitted for his job. I think everybody was highly delighted with the man and his work. The board made a wise selection. I feel safe in saying that if all of the schools will put in motion his instruction there will be an advancement in Bible knowledge and Sunday School work, hitherto undreamed of.

H. Martin.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—Please find space for this message in the PLEA.

I wish to say I have preached for the church in Kansas City four years. When I came to this City four years ago I found these people with no house of worship, and only \$350.00 in the bank. During the four years of my stay here we have purchased two lots and paid for them—and have erected buildings on them that cost five thousand dollars. The ground cost \$1250.00, the house of worship cost \$5000.00. The chairs cost us \$350.00. Putting in light cost us \$74.25. Carpet and matting cost \$160.99, one table \$18.45. \$100.00 on some extra work aside from the contract. \$40.00 for some other small item which I will not mention—all told, making a grand total of \$7000.00. We now owe \$2250.00 balance. The increase in membership has been very good the past four years. These people have been trying to build here in Kansas for more than thirty years. But the only results have been a failure—but we are pleased to say to the brotherhood they are in a splendid building on the corner of 24th and Wood Land Avenue of this city.

Time will not allow me to state the full history of the church here. It seemed one time a failure but by the help of the Almighty the church now stands second to none in the state. We had a hard fight to build a house of worship here in this city, and had it not been for Bro. J. T. Watkins and the help of the white brethren we could not have completed the work.

I am at liberty to hold meetings during this fall and winter. Any church wishing a pastor may write me also. The church here in Kansas City, Missouri, wants a good man. Any minister desiring a larger field in which to do a much needed work for the Master may write Bro. J. T. Watkins, 2212 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Elder W. A. A. Harris, 1824 Poses Y. M. C. A., Kansas City, Missouri.

I have resigned. My resignation takes effect the first Sunday in September 1915.

Elder W. A. A. Harris.

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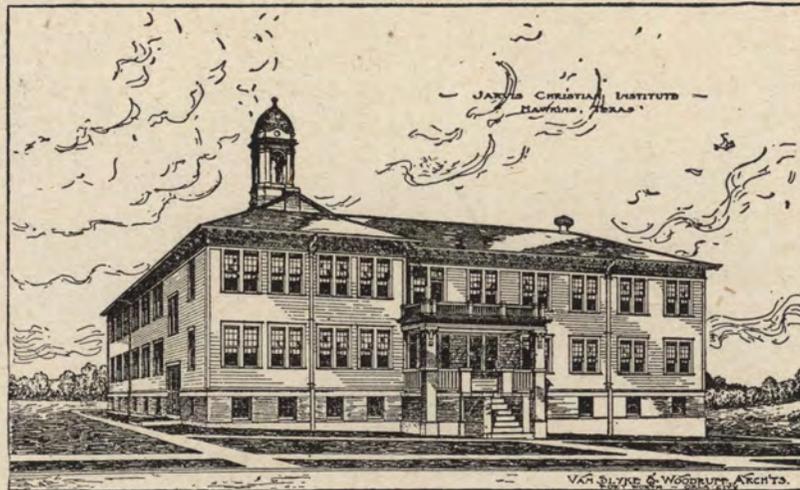
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MISSOURI.

Reports of the Centennial Christian Church for the year ending July 31st, 1915.

Appointed as evangelist by the Convention of the colored brotherhood of Missouri a year ago for the state work, with headquarters at St. Louis, I found it absolutely necessary, owing to conditions in the church and the importance of the work in this city, to give my entire time here.

I have to thank the brotherhood for their aid in securing me a salary of \$45.00 for the first three months of the church year. The amount was paid by the church in cooperation with the brotherhood. The brotherhood was willing to continue to help the work in this city but for lack of funds they were prevented in so doing. However, I stuck to the work and was satisfied with what I could get from the congregation in order to help them out.

I put my work before the white brotherhood of this city and pleaded for a little financial assistance to help to carry on the work but received only excuses. The white brotherhood may have good reasons for their excuses which I know not, but one thing I do know, that it is a debt-or to the Negro's christianity as well as his is civilization especially in this country.

In spite of adverse circumstances I can safely say that I have many reasons to be thankful to our heavenly Father for his divine guidance which encourages me for greater service for his kingdom.

The condition of things as I found them when I took charge of the church necessitated a through re-organization but it was sometime later that I could successfully do so.

Present membership.....	52.
Sermons and lectures.....	164.
Visits.....	286.
Added by baptism.....	4.
Added otherwise.....	16.
Amount raised.....	\$390.10.
Local expenses.....	151 91.
Self support ..	239.19.
Marriages.....	2.
Deaths	1.

Newly made Official Board:

Deacons, E. Willis, R. Dowell, E. Mitchell, Joe Dewise, Samuel Divine, Elder, E. Gooche.

These deacons are intelligent young men who are willing to help to build up a good church in this city. I am proud to have such help which predicts a bright future for the Centennial Christian Church.

I regret to state that during the year, in the month of April, I lost my dear Christian mother by death in the Island of Jamaica. It is a great loss to me in every way but "Father, thy will be done."

In conclusion I beg to thank the faithful members and friends who proved so loyal to the cause of Christ in this so needy field.

N. A. Mitchell, Evangelist

If human experience proves anything, it is that every life needs the personal and practical help—the direct touch and word,—of One who is divinely powerful and divinely patient

—E. P. ROE



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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Dawning of a Better Day

"At least one good should come of it; it should bring the women of the world in one. Being a woman goes deeper than being of this race or that, or of this or that social station. Red, yellow, or black or white, we carry the world's sins on our shoulders, its degradation and anguish in our hearts. It all falls on the women, the lust, the degradation, the suffering. And what is a keener agony, a more intolerable shame, it falls on the women's daughters, whom they won in the valley of death. Have we not reason to stand together, we women of the world? A Chinese girl hawked publicly by her owner on the street of Shanghai, an Indian maid betrayed in the forest, girls of our own race by the scores of thousands, Negro girls whom men of no race reverence—where is the difference? They are women, women all; and women bore them; women should stand together for the womanhood of the world."—Mrs. L. H. Hammond in *Black and White*.

Mrs. Hammond, a Southern born and bred woman has written a book which in a remarkably clear way states the new social vision that is coming to the hearts of the Christian people. The vice of prostitution belongs to the order of an ancient civilization. It can flourish in our day only as it can clandestinely maintain that ancient order of society. The barbarian Lord made his wife his slave. She and her daughter dared never sit at the table to eat with him but waited till he ate. The Christian man takes pleasure in having his wife and daughter sit at the table opposite him. They are his equals. In the bond of Christian matrimony the woman enjoys the privileges of a Christian society; in the throes of prostitution she must take the place of the slave of the barbarian lord. She dare not share his companionship in public, she dare not talk or eat with him. And when she becomes the slave of the barbarian order of society she is lost to mankind. Henceforth she can do no good in the world. She is lost like the pigs that go wild in the swamps are lost.

But the better day is dawning. The women themselves are awakening. They wanted to do something they knew not what. They asked for woman suffrage and Providence seemed to say, if you want work, I have a very large job into which I will lead you step by step. If the women of all races will now begin to hear each other's cry, they will transform the world in the next hundred years so it will be a new earth. If they succeed in rescuing the womanhood of the earth from the thralldom of ancient barbarian civilizations and in dedicating it to the divine work of giving the world a better childhood, they will do the greatest work in the world.

Let us look at the old picture just for a moment so as

to enable us to see what needs to be done. There was a time when the Negro girl was always referred to in the most opprobrious terms. In that state she could do nothing but work disaster. In some localities fully one third of those who come to a meeting are more white than black. Those who labor in this field make some startling discoveries. In the lists are nephews and grand sons of presidents of the United States, daughters of governors and sons of senators of Mississippi, children of State officials and prominent merchants and planters. A careful social survey in some of our towns has revealed as high as ninety percent of the men as having consorted with this ancient civilization. This left the Negro society practically helpless and vice was the rule and virtue the exception. Men allowed themselves to become so blinded that they referred to this vice in scorn, not dreaming that they had a responsibility.

But this day will pass with the coming of the feminist movement. When a woman discovers that every woman is a sister, she will not only rescue her kind but she will do the greatest thing for man that ever was done for him. I do not know that we ought to refer to the men with scorn for the sad moral tragedies mentioned above. The men were as much victims to the barbarian influences as the slave girls were victims to the lust of the men. The teachers of divine things must give us the true interpretation of Christ's teaching. Let the women unite, and that soon. But they can not do the work alone. The men and the women together must put away the Altars of Baal and Ashteroth and cut down the groves. When we learn that so long as we insist on having a heathen environment or will have heathen acts, we can do nothing, we will be able to do a social service that will do wonders.

For the encouragement of those who do not know what is being done, we wish to say that there is the greatest encouragement. The South is mobilizing for social service. The Christian men and woman of all races are joining in it. They have not chosen to do this by seeking to seize the reins of government—they leave that to the politicians yet—but they have set to work to reconstruct human ideals and human society. Recently in a great gathering of Women's Missionary societies at Birmingham, a resolution was unanimously passed condemning hanging for any crime, saying that even womanhood does not need such weapon for her defense. When our womanhood is properly mobilized they will look upon every girl—white or black—as a great possibility if saved, and a fearful menace if lost to that ancient barbarism. The best defense the white mother can make for her son is to rescue the Negro girl from the thralldom of the ancient barbarian standard.

Let not the Negro who reads this say bitter things. He could be no better under such environment and such opportunity. It does not require recrimination. It requires a helpful co-operation in one of the greatest tasks the Church has ever undertaken. We must organize with those who will organize and those who are yet too much in the valley of the shadow of death to see what we see, we must let go on in their way without molestation from us.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—Timothy Barnette has taken up the work at Emporia, Kansas.

—R. E. Latouche resigned at Paris but the church refused to accept it. Good for them. If they now care for this man and his good wife they will do a great work there.

—The Missouri C. W. B. M. voted to give fifty dollars to the Central Christian Institute. We are glad to see Missouri coming to the rescue of her sister, Kentucky.

—At Missouri Convention Elder R. C. Pierce was elected president, S. W. Scott 2501 Allis Street, Kansas City, Kansas, Corresponding Secretary.

HOW ADAM GOT RELIGION.

C. E. CRAGGETT

It was in the fall of 18—down in Texas, during a big camp-meeting that Adam resolved to get religion.

For about twelve or fifteen years he had been going to the big meeting whenever and wherever he could, not for the purpose getting religion, nor to learn anything that would help him to be a better boy; but he delighted in going to be with that jolly good-for-nothing set of boys who would always make their presence felt by their very bad conduct. To stir up a bumble bee's or yellow jacket's nest was one of his chief joys. Whenever a brother or a sister got filled with emotion, and began to shout, Adam was always there to help hold him or carry him out.

Quite a number of times he went to the mourner's bench, and there bowed with a penitent look upon his face as if he were sorrowing deeply for past sins, and wished to be relieved of them. But he had no thought of sin, nor pardon. His best girl would be there and it was only to be there beside her that he went. As soon as he was out with his comrades, he would laugh and tell them how he had his girl and the old people fooled when he was down at the bench.

But in the meeting of 18—of which we speak, there was a peculiar sensation that took hold of Adam, which seemed

to fasten tighter and tighter with each service. Each day great soul-stirring sermons were poured out from earnest haer t which convicted sin and admonished in love.

They seemed to takeright hold upon Adam's soul, and instead of going to the meeting just to be with that bunch of good-for-nothing fellows, he went with the thought of getting religion.

The people with whom he worked noticed a change in Adam, and set about at once to help him to become a Christian. They would talk and pray with him each day about his soul and would go with him to the camp-ground to encourage him. His heart grew heavier and heavier each day as the meeting progressed, and he was one continuous mourner through the meeting. He saw others leap from their places beside him at the bench with tears in their eyes and shouting for joy that God had blessed them. He heard them tell wonderful stories of what they saw and heard and how they felt. But some how he could not feel, see and hear such as they did. He would go from the meeting with an aching heart and a dull countenance. Finally he decided he would be all alone where he could send up his petitions to the Father in secret. And the Father that heard in secret would reward openly. So he began to look about for a place where he might send up his prayers to the Throne of Grace in behalf of his soul. A dark ravine was chosen as the place of prayer where he would go, and satisfy his sin-sick soul. As soon as night came on, he made his way there, fell upon his knees and began to pray at the top of his voice for God to change him. For more than one hour he prayed thus, but gave up with out any results. Disappointed at this attempt he set off for home feeling very sad. He lived alone in an out-house with a wite family for whom he worked. As he reached the door of his house, a very peculiar feeling set hold of h'm, and something seemed to say "If you go in there, the devil will get you sure."

So there he stood, affraid to go in and affraid to go away. What could he do but stand all night upon the steps and wait for day. He was determined on getting religion, so the next night he went back to the same place, and in the same manner as the night before he tried in vain to get what he was looking for. Dissappointed as before, he made his way back home with ut the coveted treasure. This time he went in, but something seemed to say to him, "If you go to sleep the devil will get you sure." So he pulled the bed to the middle of the floor and sat up in the middle of it to wait for day.

He had not been sitting there very long before somethinghappened that carried the heart to an almost stop and the blood to run cold through the veins. He had been praying to see something, and there it was. The house in which he lived was an old fashioned log cabin with one door in the end, and two windows, one on each side. The night was illuminated, by the beautiful moon which made things visible at a distance. He sat up in the bed and gazed out of first one window and the other. As he looked out of the window on his left he heard a voice in the one on his right, and turning to see what it was his eyes fell upon something that seemed to him the most dreadful object he had ever seen. A small size object sat in the window and gazed upon him. Its eyes were as a flame of fire, and it spoke in a peculiar language such as he had never heard before. As he looked in fear, behold another one came and sat beside the first one, and they began to talk to each other in language that he could not understand. His hair fairly stood upon his head while his whole body shook as a tree in the midst of a stream. "Surely dis mus'be de devil and one of his angels," said Adam; and before he knew what he was doing, he was yelling at the top of his

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JUBILEE REPORT OF FUNDS
RECEIVED UP TO AUGUST 31, 1915.
FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

Salisbury, Missouri, Henry Gooch,2.50
Total this year, 511.16

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FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

White Hall, Alabama, Mt. Zion, S. J. Walker,1.40
Beaumont, Texas, W. M. Whitehead, 1.00
Allendale, South Carolina,90
Total this time, 3 30
Total this year, 304.51

—O—
FOR MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Stewart Convention, J. H. Thomas, 90 00
Total this year, 156.78

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FUND STATEMENT

For Central Christian Institute, 735.79
For General Education, 511.16
For Jarvis Christian Institute, 334 09
For Children's Day, 304 51
For Martinsville Christian Institute, 156 78
For Alabama Christian Institute, 73.15
For Tennessee Christian Institute, 51.64
For Liberian Christian Institute, 8.00
Total amount this year, 2175.12
Total in Jubilee Fund, 6250.21
Amount yet needed to make \$20000.00..... 13649 74

There are out and collected a number of hundred dollars which we sincerely hoped would get into this fund before the close of the year. But nevertheless we feel we have done well. No large sum was collected and yet we have gotten over two thousand dollars.

A question was raised in the Virginia Sunday School Convention as to what was done with the ten dollars contributed by them. It was reported as Children's Day money at first, but when a Martinsville Christian Institute Fund was opened it was posted into that. But all this occurred before September 1st, 1914. This accounts for that.

We are now getting ready for the great Jubilee Rally on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Let everybody join in to make it a great day. Let the amounts be \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00. Send all money to J. B. Lehman Institute Rural Station, Edwards Mississippi.

REPORT OF FUNDS

Received from friends of the work.

Memphis Tennessee, J. T. Smith,\$25.00
Rome, Ohio, Mrs. S. E. Gates, 5 00
Total this time, 30 00
Total in this fund, 3188.80

This week we are sending out circulars to a great many people who have been friends to the work heretofore. The need is urgent. Never before was there such a harvest waiting to be gathered, and never before were we so short of funds to meet actual needs. If our great opportunities and the stringency of funds, they would pour in to us thousands of dollars. We hope many may be volunteers in this great service. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

UNITY OF NATIONS

BY

EUSTACE A. SHIRLEY

(Continued from last Issue)

We find that even the Lord's Anointed was not allowed to build him an house, because he had to do with too many wars. War is diabolical. It leaves a nation on the verge of starvation and in deep distress, because of the many lives and the loss of much property. A well-thinking nations, as America is, has realized the fact that war is a waste of times, waste of energy, waste of money and at the end brings uneasiness to a nation's breast. It is a deadly poison an incurable disease. Nations that like to war as a protection are playing with the most awful peril that even existed. Many nations are rejected and are left to open reproach on account of this pagan evil; and are wiped away from the pages of history.

Some of our best nations, such as England, Germany, and France have cultivated the passions, for war till there is no room for anything else that would be beneficial to a nation's progress;—and at the same time have become victims to it as a man who has become victim to strong drink.

America is at the place where she can do something, in stepping out with good workers to free the nations from this national peril. Now is the time the world wants good workers, workers that will teach the principles that Christ laid down. It is only in keeping in touch with the infinite that we will be able to accomplish anything. Christ wants us to be factors for good in this great world. When our thoughts are used aright we will work for our greatest need, the world's unity.

Augustus Caesar is known as the greatest ruler in ancient times. His empire consisted of over one hundred and twenty millions of people; and his territory extended from the Atlantic on the west to the Euphrates on the east; from the forest of Germany on the north to the desert of Africa on the south. But in process of time it fell; because of the fact that his efforts had been directed only toward that which would gratify his aim and selfish desires.

Nothing that works along a selfish line can be a factor for good. It is said that his reign was marked as the period of the "Golden Age," because the empire was at its height, and he was the only ruler that ever rose to prominence so near the birth of Christ, either before or after.

There are many ways that nations can invest their money aside from investing it in warships. The money invested in one ship could build four or five Institutions of learning for the poor classes. Then after a warship is made, it has to be furnished with sailors and soldiers, a captain and other chief men before it is recognized an available structure. Many ships have caused distress and sorrow, if in no other way by being sunken by other nations. There are many children who are starving for food and knowledge, who are poorly clad to whom that money should be given. Nations should cease to throw the children's bread to the dogs. Can there be unity when human cries go unanswered? No, God will hold the nations responsible for this waste. He will tell them, "The voice of the poor crieth to me from the ground." Then what will they do when this is accounted for? Nothing but a fugitive and a vagabond shall be the penalty.

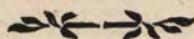
It has been estimated that thirty-six countries have never gotten to know the value of the Bible School; and

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER.

"Sowing the seed by the daylight fair,
Sowing the seed by the noon-day glare,
Sowing the seed by the fading light,
Sowing the seed by the solemn night;"

"Gathered in time or eternity,
Sure, ah, sure will the harvest be."

TOPIC: "The Period of Preparation for the Work of Forty Years; The Forty Years a Period of Preparation for the Work of the Future."

SUBJECT FOR SPECIAL PRAYER—

Thanksgiving for everything that helped prepare a way for the broader service of Christian women; petitions for the guidance of all Christian women that they may use their gifts to glorify their Lord;

Prayer for the work and workers of the Home Base;
Prayer for the Men and Millions Movement.

SUGGESTED BOOK IN BIBLE FOR READING IN OCTOBER—Acts.

Prayer and Preparation will make a good meeting.

Hymn. Invocation. Hymn.

Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 11:1-6.

Hymn. Season of Prayer.

Business period.

Roll-call: Respond to roll-call by giving a missionary item learned in reading.

Review of Bible Study.

Drill: Questions for a drill may be found in the leaflet "Questions and Answers."

Review of Chapter I in "Forty Years of Service; A History of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions."

Story: "An Alabaster Box."

Sketches of Missionaries.

Items seen in the Missionary Tidings about the Los Angeles Convention.

Paper or Talk: "The Forty Years a Period of Preparation for the Work of the Future."

Hidden Answers.

Reading letter from missionary.

Informal discussion on the place of prayer in the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

Recitation "The Lord Wants Reapers." Page 1 in "Recitation and Dialogues for Missionary Entertainments."

Hymn. Benediction.

HELPS ON THE PROGRAM.

Leaflets: "Questions and Answers," 5 cents; "An Alabaster Box," 3 cents.

Booklet: "Recitations and Dialogues for Missionary Entertainments," 15 cents

Letter: Copy of a letter from a missionary, postage 2 cents. Do not ask for special letters.

Books: "Forty Years of Service; A History of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions," 30 cents (paper); 50 cents (cloth). "The Inner Circle." 75 cents.

For 50 cents the book "Forty Years of Service; A History of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions" (paper), "Questions and Answers" and twelve story leaflets, one for each meeting of the year, will be mailed at one time to the same address. By adding 25 cents for postage a copy of a letter from a missionary will be sent to the society in time for each meeting.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW SOCIETIES.

Societies may make selections from the "Helps" announced in the Missionary Tidings instead of offering all that are mentioned. It is recommended that "Questions Entertainments, be secured for continued use in each Society.

The Missionary Tidings in every home should be the ideal for every Woman Missionary Society.

Each officer of the Society should have a "Hand Book," price 5 cents, and the book, "Forty Years of Service; A History of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions," price 30 cents (paper), 50 cents (cloth).

Chairman of committees should have a "Hand Book" and any other helps on the work of the committees.

The Secretary and Treasurer should have the books especially prepared for their use; price 35 cents each.

Envelopes can be secured from Literature Department at 10 cents per hundred.

Hold the meeting in a bright, attractive place. It is usually best held in some home. When held in the church, use a small room, if possible, and have a committee to see that everything is in order before time for the meeting to begin. Keep the business period to the given time.

Make motions. Do not say, "I think it would be a good plan," etc. Say, "I move that -" Do not say, "I move you."

The program following the business should occupy one hour. Keep to this time.

The leader should be careful to promptly stop the informal discussions.

Do not allow long pauses in the Questions and Answer Drill, Informal Discussions, Hidden Answers and Items from Missionary Tidings. If there is an embarrassing silence, pass quickly to the next part of the program.

Members should respond to roll-call as requested by program.

Study the Bible lesson and make it a living part of the meeting.

Never read articles or leaflets, other than the stories, as a part of the program. Never say, "It is written better than I can tell it, So I will read it." The message given in your own words will be much more effective than a reading.

Select hymns before coming to the meeting. Do not leave even one point of the program to arrange after you reach the place of meeting.

—MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

This week we print additional questions handed in at the August Sunday School Worker's Conference: 1. What is a Sunday School? 2. How should we reach adults? 3. How should a Sunday School class room be kept? 4. How does one know a pupil has absorbed a great truth into his life? 5. How can the home help the Sunday School? 6. What should the Sunday School do for the Church? 7. Which is more important an expensive church choir or a well-equipped Bible School? 8. Which is more important an eloquent preacher or trained Bible School teachers? 9. Why is a closed Bible like a closed knife? 10. What general principles to be observed in teaching the child? 11. In the most efficient Sunday Schools do the superintendents serve for a long or short time.

Miss Rosa V. Brown General Field Worker for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, among the Negro women, stopped off at the Institute over night recently, before starting out on another long trip.

J. I. Rundles, Bible and Nomal, 1915, writes enthusiastically to friends here concerning the work at the Central Christian Institute.

A. W. Jacobs preached at the Edwards Christian Church Sunday, Aug. 22, and performed the ordinance of baptism.

Sister Hobart, President of the Waterloo Auxiliary, has been asked to go to the Southern Christian Institute, at Edwards Miss, and teach sewing to the girls. She will leave in September. Sister Hobart is one of our most consecrated workers. No labor is too hard for her if the work can be thereby advanced. We are sure the Negro girls will love her, for her love for them. Waterloo will miss Sister Hobart Iowa seems to be a pretty good place to come for workers. Those of us who are left will have to work the harder because of the departure of our co-workers.

THE IOWA TIDING.

The meeting of the Endeavor Society last Sunday night was fine. The subject was, "The Rural Church." The Boys Glee Club, under the direction of Prof. Reichel, made its first appearance of the Summer. They sang, "The Church in the Wild Wood."

A carload of coal arrived the last of the week, and today a number of teams are busy hauling it out.

Reba Burgess who has been visiting at the Prout home in Grand Bay, Alabama, for several weeks arrived home last Saturday on the early morning train. She was well pleased with the place, and speaks in glowing terms of the good times she had while there.

S. C. I., September 1, 1915.

Unity of Nations.

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the population of those countries probably exceeds more than half the population of the globe.

The nations need to be taught the best ways of investing their money. Get well-trained men such as agriculturalists, architects and physicians to go out among them, and show the people how to till the soil, how to build houses, and how to free themselves from various kinds of diseases. Teach them how to make themselves independent. When all nations have gotten these principles and know how to use them, there will be fewer asylums, less crying for hunger, more intelligent people, and more money to save in the government's chest.

Wouldn't it be pleasant if God's great out-of-doors

could be kept in order? Wouldn't it be a great joy to all to have the assurance that this world in which we live is free from all vice?

If we want to be great figures in the next age we must teach people to take a stand against war and all social evils that tends to ruin us,—as that Carthaginian of old (Hannibal) who by the command of his father took vengeance against Rome. He finally followed his aim and as the time passed on became a conqueror. Should the right training be given in this time and age, the coming generation will surely strive for "universal peace."

It is very good to find out what your ancestors were; but it is more important to find out what your descendants are going to be. It is our business to lay plans for them to follow. Lay the right foundation that their achievements may be a fulfilment of what we have striven for. Christ said, "I am not come to destroy the law or the prophets but to fulfil." The pages of history are filled with the misdoings of men; from ancient time even until this present age.

We want the history of the next generation to be of good report; that those who come after them may see the good work that has been wrought; and they as a people may excel.

Not all the greatness of Caesar, not all the greatness of Rome, when she sat on her seven hills to rule the world can ever bring joy to the nations except there be unity. That everlasting tie that never shall be broken when it is once made, can only be made by God himself through his son Jesus. All the oratory of men is nothing to be compared to the simple words that came from the lips of the Saviour, "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the Children of God." Stand, Oh America, stand for the cause of truth and right. Send the truth o'er land and sea, that this bloody strife may cease. Stand for the one who died for all. Only the nations that really love God can reveal his unsearchable riches to mankind. If we are working in unity with God, and trust him for leadership, he will give us methods by which we will be able to approach those who, in our opinion, are in error.

The history of the coming generation depends largely on the life we live now; and it needs the best thought and coolest consideration of men to this present crisis, not men who will preach anarchy, but men that will teach the principles that Christ laid down. Nothing is more important than to bring nations to the feet of Jesus, and to know that he above rules the world.

The Dark Ages of the pass constitute no mortgage on our future destiny! If we are loyal to our country, to our God and to our fellowmen, we will surely be able to solve the problems that are facing us at the present time. The time is coming when all nations that are now engaged in war shall put away their swords, and proclaim in every clime that Jesus is the great King that brought peace among men. Then shall say, "Let all the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us. And all the ends of the earth shall praise Him."

Workman of God! O lose not heart,
But learn what God is like;
And in the darkest battle-field,
Thou shalt know where to strike.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday school Lesson For September 19.

DEFEAT THROUGH DRUNKNESS.

"A Temperance Lesson."

I. KINGS 20:21.

GOLDEN TEXT:—"Wine and new wine takes away the understanding."

TIME.—About B. C. 907, (Beecher). While Elijah was still living and while Ahab still lived.

PLACE.—Damaucus and Samaria. The two places were about a hundred miles apart.

This ancient scriptural story is here used to illustrate how in these modern-day intemperance destroys and overthrows lives and communities. Benhadad King of Syria was a powerful ruler. He looked with a greedy eye upon the prosperous nation to the south and prepared to take its wealth. He gathered all his host together and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses Benhadad marched with his army one hundred miles till he came near the gates of Samaria, the capital of Israel. The destruction on his way was terrible. We cannot conceive what it meant. It illustrates how intemperance destroy homes, murders, women and children, and makes savages of men.

Samaria was the capital and abounded in wealth. Benhadad wanted to rob it of its treasures. This is what intemperance does, it robs people of their treasures. These treasures are home, happiness friends, good name, respect, love and many more things.

THE FRUITS OF INTEMPERANCE.

1. Blindness to God's work. People who drink are blinded and cannot see the warning.
2. Chains and captivity, excessive drinkers become slaves. They are soon under the task master, lose their freedom, and are in prison or in chains.
3. Ignorance. Intemperance blunts and dulls our sensibilities and intellects.
4. Poverty. Thousands are led into poverty and want thru the use of strong drink.
5. Death and ruin at last.

THE OVERTHROW OF INTEMPERANCE

1. God is on the side of temperance all God's laws favor temperance.

2. God's Prophets, the ministers of religion bring to man God's message of his power to save from intemperance. Rescue Mission Sunday School, and a large number of societies are doing much to lead the world from the great evil.

School boys, and Boy Scouts are waging a great war against all forms of vice. Young men should be armed to do a mighty work. The day is not for distant when the question will call for National action, National prohibition. Work for it.

The Great Leader T. V. Powderly says: "Had I 10,000,000 tongues and a throat for each tongue, I would say to every man woman and child here to night: Throw strong drink aside as you would an ounce of liquid hell. It sears the conscience, it destroys every-thing it touches. It reaches into the family circle and takes the wife, you had sworn to protect and drags her down. It induces the father to take the furniture from his house, exchange it for money at the pawn shop and spend the proceed for rum. It damns every thing it touches. I have seen it in every city east of the Mississippi River, and I know that the most damning curse to labor is that which gurgles from the neck of the bottle."

D. R. B.

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We will discuss the following Subjects:

- MONDAY—Rogersville, September 6th, 8p. m., Subject "Hearing and Doing."
- TUESDAY—Knoxville, September 7th, 8 p. m., Subject, "The Church."
- WEDNESDAY—Huckleberry Springs, September 8th, 8:00 p. m., Subject, "Christians are free from sin and death."
- THURSDAY—Jellico, September 9th, 8:00 p. m., Subject, "Calling on the name of the Lord is Essential to Salvation."
- FRIDAY—Knoxville, September 10th, 8:00 p. m., Subject, "The Origin of Organized Societies in the Church of Christ, and their worth."
- LORD'S DAY—Shelbyville, September 12th, 11:00 a. m., Subject, "Our Creed."
- LORD'S DAY—Shelbyville, September 12th, 3:00 p. m., Subject "Can we all believe the Bible Alike?"
- LORD'S DAY—Shelbyville, September 12th, 8:00 p. m., Subject, "Christ in Every Age."
- MONDAY—Wartrace, September 13th, 8:00 p. m., Subject, "The World's Greatest Need."
- TUESDAY—Franklin, September 14th, 8:00 p. m., "The Understanding of Missionary Efforts."
- WEDNESDAY—Nashville, Lea Avenue. September 15th, Subject, "Co-operating".
- LORD'S DAY—September 19th we will conduct an All Day Rally with Holtsville Christian Church.
- LORD'S DAY—September 26th we will hold services all day with Savannah Christian Church.

We also make mention of each service in the GOSPEL PLEA. Why not each church resolve into that Spirit of Oneness to try to have the best service at our church. I solicit your co-operation to champion the cause for Christ in Tennessee.

Yours in the Service of the Master,

W. P. MARTIN, Evangelist.

Elder D. C. Crowder, Cor.-Sec'y.

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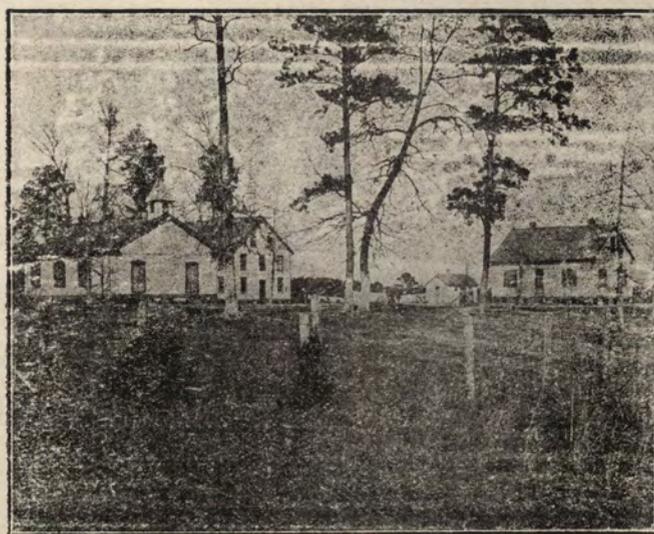
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HOW ADAM GOT RELIGION

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voice, and crying for help as if he was being carried away by what he saw.

His cries were soon heard by the white people with whom he lived, and in almost a minute's time some of them were there to ascertain the trouble, and found two big owls flying about the room while Adam screamed for help.

After scolding him severely, while laughing up their sleeve for being such a big coward, they returned to bed, and left Adam to nurse his feelings and contemplate on his religious problem. Of course there was no sleep for Adam that night after having been scared into spasms; so as soon as the gray dawn of day appeared in the east, he was out at the barn feeding the horses. All that day he wondered whether to give up trying to get religion or to keep right on until he would see and hear such as others told him they had seen and heard.

Finally he decided he would try once more; so that night after supper he set out to his place of prayer, and there knelt and began to pray secretly. He had prayed about five minutes when suddenly he felt something leap upon his back which caused him to lose his balance, and fall over with the thing riding him down.

"De devil is got me dis time; I know he is got me: Lawdy Lawdy!" shouted Adam, and springing to his feet set out at full speed for home with the supposed devil at his heels. Almost out of breath, he fell upon his door steps only to be confronted with the same demon that disturbed his prayer but he soon remembered that the big black dog had followed him that night. He scolded the dog, and went to bed to dream of the land of rest.

This was the third attempt at getting religion, and each time was not only disappointed, but scared into panic; yet he decided to try once more.

So the next night he went back to the place of prayer with newborn hope of getting religion. He knelt and began to pray as before with no thought of fear, or being disturbed. He had prayed about twenty minutes when all at once he heard at a distance a noise that caused his hair to stand upon his head, and his knees to tremble and knock together. He could not see the things that made the noise, but occasionally he could see flashes of fire near the ground where the rattling of feet was heard.

"Dat's de debil, an' I know it, case dars de fiah. Laud hab mussy", cried Adam, and again bounded away for home at break-neck speed. He had almost reached home when a rabbit ran in before him striking terror to his very soul; for indeed if it appeared the size of a flea, it looked to be the size of an elephant to Adam that night. But he had on to much speed to stop; so on he went almost side by side with the rabbit from there to his door. Afraid to go in, and afraid to stay out, he sat down to decide which was best. While sitting there trying to think what do, he heard some one say that the horses were out and running at will. He knew the rest.

Having experienced such difficulty in his plan of getting religion, he decided he would not try this plan again, but would just simply turn from sin, and obey the truth. This he did, and soon felt the change of heart and of action and in a short time was a faithful member of the church.



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HELPFUL TO ALL



AT one time the child mind got the better of the disciples and they fell to disputing among themselves as to who should be the greatest in the kingdom. Jesus taught them differently by placing a child in their midst and saying to them that unless they became like one of these they could not enter the kingdom. The child mind in the grown up man is dangerous, but the child mind in the child is beautiful. The strife among them as to who was the greatest was the seed of a mighty schism of the future. Christ therefore, taught them to be as innocent in their own interests as a child is.

We must constantly guard against this tendency to seek for honors for it is yet a potent force among all races and nations. They fear constantly that some one will get more credit or honor out of work done than they will. We see it creep into missionary work and into school work. Its especially conspicuous all military operations. The longing for medals and special mention, and public plaudits still is the main cause of military service in particular bravery. We are not saying these things to scold anybody. We are all afflicted with the evil ambition; so we are not scolding us.

We are so afraid not enough credit will be given us for the work we do and we openly clamor for it, not knowing that that is the way to lose all credit. The world takes pleasure in withholding from us that for which we show too much anxiety. The girl that shows too much craze for boys usually become an old maid. The man who shows too much anxiety for the presidency does not get it. Calhoun and Webster, and Henry Clay and James G. Blain and W. J. Bryan each tried three times and failed. So long as Theodore Roosevelt labored earnestly and took what came the world promoted him; but now when he is showing an inordinate desire for it the world says he shall not have it.

The Negro is peculiarly beset with this sin. His condition has been such that many people have been inclined to say he knows nothing and can do nothing and so the temptation was strong to show that he does know and can do. But the same law is over all. Those men who have clamored for these things have never gotten them, while those who modestly went to work and did things got a great measure of praise. The fact is America, North, South, East and West has been almost prodigal in its praises of those who have modestly done things. If the church people of any state want a measure of recognition, they must earn it by modest work with the one motive of saving the people. A clamor for honor will defeat them

and probably ruin all now engaged in it. But if they should go to work in dead earnest to build up a work that will save thousands of children, great praises will come to them. Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and whosoever abaseth himself shall be exalted.

Never in all the history of the world has a nation had such an conspicuous opportunity to do a great work for humanity as is afforded to the Negro of our Southern States. He has been ostracised in all things questionable like politics and freely invited into all exalted work like education and missionary work. Circumstances forced him into the foremost files of advanced work and jostled him out of the hindmost files of rearmost stagnation. Surely he ought not complain. God has been good to him.

Jesus taught his disciples to give their Alms in secret and to pray in secret, and I think he also wants us to labor when it will count for most even tho no man ever sees that we did it. Man rewards by praising so long as it suits him, God rewards by building character which lives thru eternity. Certain results should teach us which to seek. Therefore, in our jubilee effort and in all our Colleges enterprises let not the question of honor and praise enter in. What are we that we should seek the praise of men? If we save the children of a generation, we will do a mighty work which the angels in heaven will chant. If we let a generation go to ruin while we quarrel over who gets the most honor, the deamons in hades will shriek for joy.

If in our Jubilee effort we find ourselves, it will be worth many times twenty thousand dollars. If we discover how God can use us to save the world, how exalted we will be, how the honors of God will shower upon us. But if we lose ourselves in childish bickering and evil contentions, what a calamity it will be. We have been over two years in raising about one third of the amount we set for our Jubilee effort. Can we not raise the other thousands this fall? Let us go after every disciples and ask him to give one dollar. And then those whom God has prospered with this worlds goods, we must ask to give one hundred or more. Minister of the gospel, emba sadors of God's truth, we depend on you.

O Father! grant thy love divine
 To make these mystic temples thine!
 When wasting age and wearying strife
 Have sapped the leaning walls of life,
 When darkness gather over all,
 And the last tottering pillars fall,
 Take the poor dust Thy mercv warms,
 And mould it into heavenly forms!

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K. C. Thomas, Oklahoma.

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Prof. L. B. Henderson, Oklahoma.

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Mrs. Trana Tyre, Kansas.
S. P. Urvin, Kansas.
A. R. McDuff, Oklahoma.

—Rosa V. Brown has organized a nice auxiliary at Martinsville, Virginia.

—Timothy B. Barnette, a graduate in the Bible department of the Southern Christian Institute is now preaching at Emporia, Kansas. He writes that his work has opened up nicely.

—Prof. P. H. Moss and Miss Rosa V. Brown are attending the North Convention at West Bluefield, Virginia.

—Prof. James Rundles of the new Central Christian Institute has recently spoken at Hopkinsville. He has received an invitation to speak at the white church at Hopkinsville, he hopes to be able soon to accept the invitation.

—There are lots of advantages in the telephone system but before the one whom you are calling gets the message, it is necessary to ring Central So it is with those who have something to tell "the other fellow." It is necessary that it be sent to the great Central, "THE GOSPEL PLEA OFFICE," there it is published and sent throughout the South.

—This week we issued from the press eight hundred fifty copies, can we make it a thousand within the few weeks?

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Alabama Christian Institute, 5.25
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Total for General Education 20.23

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Alabama Christian Institute, 19.05
State Convention, 50.25
Louvern, Alabama, 2.05
Big Union, 1.35
Total for Alabama Christian Institute 73.15
Total for Alabama, 93.38

ARKANSAS.

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Pea Ridge, 11.89
Oak Grove, 1.60
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Cobbs, 1.75
Total for Children's Day 18.53

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Oak Grove, 1.60
Argenta, 19.00
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England, 1.00
Loanoke, 1.00
Total for General Education, 23.60

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Imboden, 4.25
Total for Arkansas, 46.39

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Century 1.55

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FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Oconee, 2.00
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Valdosta, 1.50
Total for Children's Day,50

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FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

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Total for General Education,	18.00
Total for Georgia,	23.50

KANSAS.

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Lawrence,	1.00
Wathena,	1.00
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Maple Hill,	2.50
Topeka,	3.00
Total for Children's Day,	10.00

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FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

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Louisville, Central Church,	4.10
Handcock St. Church,	5.00
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N. Middletown,	3 86
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Millersburg,	22.00
Lawrenceburg,	19.11
Little Rock,	10.00
Houstownville,	100.00
Sharpsburg,	7.00
Aaron's Run,	25.00
Paducah,	5.00

Lexington,	11.65
Total for Central Christian Institute,	735.39
Total for Kentucky,	786.25

MISSISSIPPI.

FOR CHILDREN DAY.

Mound Bayou,	3.54
Jackson, Jackson College,	1.00
Institute,	27.00
West Point,	2.45
Edwards,	9.04
Union Hill,	2.50
Hermanville,	1.00
Christian Chapel,	3.00
Total for Children's Day,	49.53

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

Christian Chapel,	5.00
Mound Bayou,	12.74
Jackson, Jackson College,	1.10

ADDITION

Institute,	181.42
Edwards,	20.00
Okolohona,	5.00
Miss. C. W. B. M.,	2.50
Union Hill,	2.50
Total for General Education,	230.30

FOR LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Institute,	5.00
Total for Mississippi,	419.80

MISSOURI

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Lexington,	1.00
Jefferson City,	1.00
Odessa,75
Fulton,	1.40
Total for Children's Day,	4.15

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

New London,	1.00
Salisbury,	2.50
Total for General Education,	3 50
Total for Missouri,	7.65

NORTH CAROLINA

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Reidsville,	4.00
Winston-Salem,	6.36
Total for Children's,	10.36

OHIO.

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

College Hill,	2.00
Oxford,	2.10
Total for Children's Day,	4.10

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

Springfield,	1.00
Total for Ohio,	5.10

SOUTH CAROLINA.

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

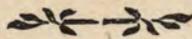
Dale,	3.00
Three Mile Creek,	6.50
Ehrhardt,	2.50
Alvin,	1.90
Matthews Grove,	8.00

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CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



Christianity and the War.

THERE is a deepening sense of the woe which is engulfing the world. War clouds are spreading out month by month, to cover a constantly increasing number of nations. The Orient is seriously affected. Canada is involved with the mother country. Mexico is rent with civil strife. Seemingly, of all the great nations, The United States alone is left free, having resources to minister to the material and spiritual needs of a woe-stricken world.

How can people be thoughtless or self-indulgent in such an hour? How can Christians fail to respond to the clarion call of the Church today? Men are saying, "Civilization has broken down." "The Church has collapsed!" Is the world not finding today that every earthly foundation in which the trust of men has centered is being swept away? Many people, secure in the wealth of yesterday, are penniless now. Edinburgh and Oxford and the great German universities are deserted, while the flower of young manhood, in war-engulfed nations, is dying in the trenches. Scientists, musicians, artists, physicians, teachers, trained artisans, the most prized classes for whose training the wealth and learning of the ages have been laid under tribute, are sacrificed to the War God. Well may we say, "Civilization has broken down," since none of these have taught men the higher law of life. Men can no longer trust in civilization, learning or culture to save or to comfort in the extreme hour.

Has the Church collapsed? Our attention has recently been called to the striking phenomenon of an army praying heaven for success on their arms and then turning their guns upon a house of God! Evidently there was little connection in the minds of these soldiers between the Cathedral of Rheims and the God of Heaven. What has caused such divorcement? Evidently a church centering its life in art and architecture is destined to have its cathedrals esteemed as art museums. The church which appeals to superstitious credulity through legend and relic and image is destined to lose its sway when intellectual development passes the age of imagination. A race come to manhood will put away childish things. Infidelity and agnosticism supplant a superstitious faith, and men turn to philosophy to seek life's verities. A church basing its appeal upon things that are unreal is destined to collapse.

Again, a church adopting the political method for its extension, seeking world empire in temporal power, and trusting in such, must win its victories in the arena of war and politics. Failing in this—losing in one after another of the European states its dictatorial power with the temporal domination the Papacy overthrow—decadence and collapse are inevitable.

The crystal life of the Christ and his inimitable teaching alone can furnish the basis and the method of the church which

will not collapse. Europe has not rejected the Christ, but in this war she unconsciously repudiates the church which has failed to lead her to the Prince of Peace. The late pope died lamenting that the voice of the Roman church is no longer heeded by the nations—that she has lost her moral authority and spiritual leadership.

The Christian Church of America is now being weighed in the balances against the world's appalling need. The hour is demanding that every Christian ring true, and the note must be that of self denial, of life, and of prayer. The only church against which the gates of Hades shall not prevail is that founded upon an actuating faith in Jesus Christ. A deeper love for man, together with a more assured faith in Christ's program and power are the basic things needed. Above the din of earth's battle fields the voice of Christ calls again to His Church, "Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded, and, lo, I am with you." Whether the Protestant church, too, will collapse must be determined by our response. Unless we maintain and greatly increase our present force of Christian teachers among the nations, another chapter of ignominious failure will doubtless be written!

At this crucial time, when increased activity on the part of the Church is imperatively demanded, many mission boards are finding their funds suffering from the financial disturbances. Will Christians permit this to continue? Is the spirit of heroism and sacrifice in the Church again to come to the rescue? How many of us will work, and pray, and pay, that the cause of Christ and humanity may be upheld in the cataclysm that has befallen the world? Will we save the church in all countries from the wreckage? America, the strong, the free, the plenty-crowned, has been prepared of God for the task. We have adequate resources and abundance of light. The Prince of Peace must be made manifest even if it takes our bank account and our children to do it. Will we ring true?

"O, America, America, stretching between the two great seas, in whose heart flows the rich blood of many nations, into whose mountain safes God has put riches of fabulous amount, in whose plains the Almighty has planted the magic genius that blossoms into harvests with which to feed the hungry multitudes of earth, nursed by Puritan and Pilgrim, defended by patriot and missionary, guided by the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, sanctified by a faith as pure as looks up to heaven from any land, O America, let thy Master make thee a savior of the nations; let thy God flood thee with a resistless passion for conquest; let thy Father lead thee over mountains and seas, through fire and flood, through sickness and pain, out to that great hour when all men shall hear the call of Christ and the last lonely soul shall see the uplifted cross and the whole world be bound back to the heart of God."

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions is already retrenching. We have missionaries ready to go, but lack money to send and equip them. Christians who could send a missionary will not be guiltless before God if they fail to do so. Our treasury is greatly overdrawn. We must receive large gifts if the work is to go on. Send gifts, annuities, bequests, life policies; send special offerings in any amounts and send them speedily, if you would help to save the Cause of Christ and humanity in this time of peril and of need.

Our help to meet the world's needs can be extended in two ways, by gift and by prayer. What offerings will express our gratitude that our country is at peace, that our loved ones are with us, that our homes are preserved, our little ones protected, and our daily needs provided? May the infinite Father teach us how to be thankful, and how to give of our great abundance.

Josephine Mc D. Stearns.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The following are other questions brought into the Sunday School Worker's Conference for August. Conference members in the various Sunday Schools in this section of Hinds County should think seriously upon this set of questions and the other two sets previously printed in these School Notes:

1. Where are the greatest number of Sunday Schools located, in town or in the rural districts? 2. What Schools are written about in nearly all the Sunday School books that have been written? 3. In a Sunday School what are the causes of disorder? 4. Name two things to avoid in a recitation? 5. What may be said of a Sunday School where the people have no vision? 6. What is the advantage of having a Worker's Library for your Sunday School? 7. Which is more important, a grand auditorium or attractive Bible School class rooms? 8. Which is more important, stained glass windows or well ventilated Sunday School rooms? 9. Why reach grown people for the Sunday School? 10. Should illustrations in young people's classes be concrete or abstract? 11. What are necessary qualifications for a good Sunday School teacher?

The Iowa women and girls are raising money for a bungalow for our mission work in Africa. The last issue of the Iowa Tidings states that Miss Jona Smith, missionary to South America, had sent in twenty-five dollars for the Bungalow.

The committee in our Sunday School to conduct visitors around to different classes, began its services the first Sunday in September. We were glad to welcome the following to see our School at work: T. M. Bethany and daughter, Caroline, of Carpenter and Miss Nancy Jennings of Port Gibson. Visitors are always welcome; they encourage us very much by coming in among us.

School begins Tuesday, October 5. We trust that a large number of young people from the neighborhood are planning to be in school the first day. We have plans on foot for a better school this year than ever before.

Miss Nancy Jennings, College 1914, visited Sunday, Sept. 5, upon the campus. She is on her way to her school work at Jarvis Christian Institute. She will be the instructor in vocal music in that institution.

Miss Anna Anderson who is to have charge of the Community School this year is improving every day of her time at home in Indiana studying the latest and best ideas in connection with Community School work. She will probably stop off at our state school at Starksville to get all the help she can in her work. Parents of the community will show their appreciation of our efforts, and hers, to make this the best school of its kind in this section of the state, by sending their children to it on the opening day. Tuition for the fall term is only \$3.00 in advance and for each the winter and spring terms, \$2.50 in advance.

The Institute is selling and hauling away several tons of old iron this week. As a result of this sale the school is to have a few new stoves, which are badly needed.

One sunflower head has been brought in that measures eleven inches in diameter. E. A. Shirley who works at the poultry farm thinks he will find a larger one at harvest time.

The feed and grain mill at the utility barn is now ready to do first class work.

A new track for the log carrier is being put in at the saw mill.

The cylinder press at the printing office decided to get out of fix, so threw the GOSPEL PLEA somewhat late to its readers last week.

The Conference for Sunday School workers for September will be held at Mt. Beulah on the fourth Sunday at 4:00 o'clock. Workers from neighboring Sunday Schools will have part on

the program. Ministers, superintendents, and teachers for twelve or fifteen miles from here should sacrifice considerable to be present at the meeting. The general topic for discussion is "The Sunday School teachers."

S. C. I., September 7, 1915.

JUBILEE REPORT.

(Continued from page 3.)

Sycamore,	3.05
Holly Hill,	5.00
Walterboro,	1.00
Liberty Hill,	1.05
Ellerton,	1.00
Varnville,	4.00
Allendale,90
Total for Children's Day,	37.90

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

State Convention,	10.15
Three Mile Creek,	10.00
Antioch,	1.25
Dale,	1.50
Holly Hill, Briner,	2.00
Ehrhardt,	1.00
Brunson,	1.00
Sumpter,	2.25
Varnville,	1.00
Total for General, Education	30.15
Total for South Carolina,	68.05

TENNESSEE.

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Holtsville,	4.32
Lee Ave,	5.00
Savannah,	2.50
Shelbyville,	2.20
Jonesboro,	3.25
Johnson City,	1.25
Total for Children's Day,	18.52

TEXAS.

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY.

Waco,	3.00
Hawkins, J. C. I.	2.55
Union Hill,	1.60
Omaha,	2.33
Shady Grove,	3.00
Roxton,	4.15
Bay City,	1.59
Circleville,	1.55
Beaumont,	1.00
Total for Children's Day,	20.57

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

Hawkins, J. C. I.	3.50
Bellville,	1.50
Total for General Education,	5.00

FOR JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

State Convention,	33.95
State C. W. B. M.	72.41
Dixon,	2.50
Thru M. Knight, Eastern District,	5.70
Shady Grove,	3.85
Union Hill,85
Bellville,	1.45
Eastern District,	4.45
Thru J. N. Ervin for M. Knight, Greenville,	21.53

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THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson For September 26.

REVIEW OBEDIENCE AND KINGSHIP

Read Psalms 72.

Golden Text.— The King shall joy in they strength, O Jehovah; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice Psalms 21:1.

In the review of the quarter it is well to keep in mind the material progress that has been made, and note the religious development and the reasons for the division of the Kingdom.

Following the rule of the judges Isreal had three kings who reigned over the united Kingdom. These were, Saul, David, and Solomon.

After the division of the Kingdom, Rehoboam and Asa have been the rulers in our lessons so in the Southern Kingdom called Judah, and the other deivision called Isreal was under Jereboam and Ahab.

One of the very best ways to study the review is to select at least one dozen Bible characters, and think of them as light houses. Around these characters group the events and the history the kingdoms.

You could begin with Absalom, whose son he was and tell all you can about him. The same with Asa Solomon and other characters mention the places of importance such as Mt. Carmel and Horeb

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Lesson one. The way of the transgressor is bard.
 „ Two. How much God and your parents expect of you
 „ Three. What we choose is the work of our own hearts and wills.
 „ Four. We should build on a good foundation.
 „ Five. The wisdom of Christ exceeds the wisdom of Solomon.
 „ Six. Every young man has a kingdom in his own soul.
 „ Seven. God's laws are made to work out good for man.
 „ Eight—You can not do your best without enthusiasm.
 „ Nine—With what little things God does greart things.
 „ Ten—God gives showers of blessings.

Lesson Eleven.—“God's workmen die but the work goes on.”
 Lesson Twelve. Drink is a terrible and dreadful enemy of good.

D. R. B.

CINCINNATTI, OHIO.

TO THE PLEA:-

The convention is over and all the various laborers of the cause have returned to their respective fields of labor. The convention which was held at Louisville, Ky.(the gate way to the South) is one long to be remembered, the brethren set their hands, hearts and minds on business and some business was done.

We returned to Crittenden, Ky. full of inspiration and with the determination to do more in this year than we did last year.

On the first Sunday after we returned to Crittenden from the convention we reclaimed seven. We are now making our record for the Lexington Convention. I have only been at this place about thirteen months and you know that it takes some time to get things in working order where the church is rundown, and all have lost interest in the cause.

I am glad to say that we have arrived at the place where we can say that we must raise Children's Day funds

and Jubilee funds and no body in the amen corner will grumble, but we had a tedious time reaching this climax. We hope to have Bro. Moss with us before the next convention.

Cynthia Browns, who was a delegate to the Louisville Convention returned to Crittenden, full of inspiration. She is teacher of the Bible class and is pushing the work on to success.

J. Salvador Johnson.

PORT GIBSON, MISS.

Dear reader of the GOSPEL PLEA:-

It has been quite a while since my name has appeared in the PLEA. For many years I was chosen as President of the Pine Grove C. W. B. M.

We have had clouds, as well as sunshine; storms as well as calms, yet we are happy to say some good work has been done.

On last Sunday we were found with vistors. Our state Organizer Sister S. S. Blackburn and Sister Roxie. Also our State President, Sister M. J. Brown and daughter Miss Annye.

Many words of encouragement were spoken to us by our organizer, president and Miss Annye.

We will be so glad to have them call often. We are preparing to do all that we can to meet the C. W. B. M. Convention to be in Jackson, Miss.

We desire the prayers of all, that we, the faithful few of the Pine Grove C. W. B. M., may be able to aid Christianity both with our prayers and also contributions.

I am yours for the work,
 M. J. Bridges.

ARKANSAS

Dear Editor:- We wish to say that owing to my illness we failed to write just after Sunday School convention closed. It was the best spirital meeting we ever had and we did well finacially. Representation from about 8 or 9 Schools were prese it. Our program was well rendered and every one seemed to have enjoyed it. Our dear Bro. Moss brought much infermation, and left w th us great inspiration. There is not one thing left out. If you wish to know how to reach boys he has the remedy. If you wish to better the conditio of the young girls, he has youre needs, and if you hope to make the church grow, and prosper he will help you. He is the right man in the the right place. He is another Jacob Kenoly to his race of people. May he live long.

Our state meeting is now a thing of the past and glories convention in spite of the gloomy and raining weather. The good people at Plumerville did not fail to make it good for all delegates, and vistors. Plenty to eat, and good conveyance to and from the train's with covered wagons. We were very much disapointed in not having some of our workers from other states. This was caused by having most all convention's convening the same date. The women's sesions was an inspiring c
 God Bless the spirit of the C. W. B. M. every where
 humble servant is yet very weak from that five illness in July. Yourfor the Master.

Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

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JUBILEE REPORT

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Dallas,	10.00
Lyons	1.20
Daingerfield,	50
Waco,	10.00
Jarvis Christian Insitute,	161.00
Ft. Worth,	1.45
Total for Jarvis Christian Institute,	329.84
For Liberian Christian Institute,	2 50
Total for Texas,	357 91

VIRGINIA

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

Martinsville,	27.00
Stewart,	2 00
Chatham,	2.26
Roanoke,	10 00
Willis,	1.29
Floyd,	4.00
Total for Children's Day,	46.55

FOR MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Peidmont Convention,	90.00
M. C. I. and Church,	41.53
Roanoke,	22.50
Spencer,	1 25
Pocahontas,	1.50
Total for M. C. I.,	156.28
Total from Virginia,	202 83

As we stated in the beginning, we now add to the special funds, or to General Education if there is no special fund in a state, the amount from Children's Day. Half is booked to The Americian Christian Missionary Society and the other half as stated above.

The fund is as follows.

For Central Christian Institute,	761.02
For General Education,	585.25
For Jarvis Christian Institute,	344 37
For Martinsville Christian Institute,	180 05
For Alabama Christian Institute,	83 29
For Tennessee Christian Institute,	60.90
For Liberian Christian Institute,	8 00
For American Christian Missionary Society,	152.27
Total this year,	2175.12

This we consider a good record, but this fall this must be greatly increased. We must get to-gether for a united effort. Not a church or Sunday School must be left out. We want all these who have had a part in the work this year to join us in a finishing run this fall. Already some good gifts have come in which must go on next year. Send all money to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Workman of God! O lose not heart,
 But learn what God is like;
 And in the darkest battle-field,
 Thou shall know where to strike.
 For right is right, since God is God
 And right the day must win;
 To doubt would be disloyalty,
 To falter would be sin.

—Selected.



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HELPFUL TO ALL

EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

A RUSSIAN officer writing in some American magazines attributes the Russian reverse to inefficiency of the subordinate Russian commanders. They did not have accurate knowledge of the country. They were not experts in the use of maps. They were not resourceful in emergencies. War as carried on now, requires a skill such as is possible only to a mind trained in a school course.

This is a lesson to us in our church work. At the close of the war the work was the simple task of holding protracted meetings, getting the people to worship. The temptation to appeal to the emotions was great and a kind of worship developed that was not calculated to develop the religious efficiency of the people. But the time has now come when we must add to our evangelistic zeal methods for bringing out the efficiency of the membership in the various churches. This can only be done by properly trained minds. Some who have never been to school, but have kept up careful reading can do this; but for the great majority nothing will do but a College course. Among the uneducated are some exceptionally good men, but there is no use denying the fact that very many of the untrained men are weak in morals and in tack and in ability. Look at the various states and see how long we can hold the battle line intact if we are not reenforced with efficient leaders. If we had these in all the states we could first bring out the efficiency and then we could start revivals that would bring the masses into the churches. The whole church must be organized into a learning school. Prof. Moss can do much to encourage this but only a well equipped minister can carry it out into success. Miss Rosa V. Brown can do much to encourage the women to do efficient work, but only a good pastor can make it possible for a perfect work to be done.

Just a little look into the conditions of the churches will show us the situation. The president of one State Board writes, "We have tried for ten years with untrained men and we have gotten nowhere. We must have men." An officer of one of our largest city churches writes, "Can you send us a preacher. We have had seven in the past fourteen years. One was so intoxicated that we had to awaken him out of prayer, two had to be sent away on account of divorce scandals, etc. We now must have an efficient minister."

Now to remedy this condition we must have a united effort. We must lay our hands on the most promising

boys and girls in all the churches and send them off to school. You say the schools are full. Yes they are full, but remember that the schools are all the time trying to get more efficient pupils. They have a right to expect the very best raw material out of which to manufacture true leaders. The work is exceeding great and important. If we had the power to send a well equipped man and woman into every church where such a man and woman are not now, the next generation of the Negro race would be a new people. The one thing most in the way of their progress now is the many immoral and inefficient ministers. The same is true of the white people. In those places where they have that kind of ministers they are making no progress. They can not make any progress under such conditions.

The next generation will employ hundreds of thousands of farm experts, experts in Sunday School work, experts in missionary organization and expert teachers. Do you want your sons and daughters to be these, or are you willing for them to grow up in inefficiency so they must do just anything to make a living? The majority of the convicts in our penitentiaries are simply inefficients who have nothing to do.

The war cry now must be, Save the Children. The big work now must be to build a new generation that will be able to leave off all these follies we are guilty of and to do a greater work than we can do. And there is no power under heaven that can do it except the work of getting Christianity into the hearts of the people. Cunning intellects will not do it. The old Indian was a cunning basket maker, and the old jungle man of Africa could do some marvelous things, but he had in his heart the old barbarian instincts and the Christian virtues were not yet born in them. The more cunning they become the more selfish they became and the more damage they did. We must train up a generation of children who have born in their hearts the Christian virtues.

Our evangelists are doing all they can to recruit the Army of God. Our teachers are doing all they can to build a new generation. He who refuses to help in this, does so at his own destruction.

"The quality of mercy is not strain'd
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blessed;
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes:
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown.
His sceptre shows the froce of temporal power
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptered sway,
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself."

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1915.

PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—Hudson A. Miller, a graduate of the S. C. I. is now in the mail service. His job is separating the mail for the trains at Memphis at a good salary. But he cannot quite get away from the training for service he got and so thinks of resigning for some work where he can do something for somebody.

—Evangelist, Wm. Alphin has moved from Waco, Texas to Ft. Worth. This we think a good move. He can now incidentally aid the Ft. Worth Church.

—Last week we made the extraordinary offer of fifty cents for new subscribers to the PLEA one year if sent in sometime between Nov. 21 and 28. We cannot afford to publish the PLEA regularly at that price, but we are anxious to sweep whole churches into our list and so we are going to do it. Now will not you pastors tell your congregation of this and see if you cannot get your whole membership? With increased circulation we can get more advertising and the cost of production will be less. We can then give you a better paper. Remember we are counting on you.

COMING EVENTS

State Conventiion, South Carolina, at Macedonia near Olar South Carolia, October 28-31.

JUBILEE RALLY

LUM, ALABAMA

Dear Editor:—Please allow space in your paper for a few words from me. It has been a long time since I have appeared in the columns of the PLEA. Since I have not been worrying you, dear readers, in reading my long articles, I ask you to read this short article and when you have read it, offer a prayer to God that we may complete the \$20000.00 offering this year that we were asked for.

A year ago we could not see how it would be possible for us to live under the existing conditions. We stood wondering what would happen if this country would be involved in the war that is now going on, but now we can look back at the past and say, "Twas grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us on, providing we will let it lead us."

How many realize the goodness of God? How many are ready to return thanks to him for what He has done and give as He has let us prosper? We could have been in a worse condition, the past year than we were, but God provided and protected us. Do you remember the words of Abraham to his son, Isaac? "God will provide." This was said when Abraham was going to offer Isaac as a sacrifice to God. Abraham did not ask God, why he wanted an offering of his son, but at the command he gave what he had and what God had given him. He continued to work for God until God provided for him. He was in the act of slaying his son when God told him to slay him not, and look in the thicket behind him and he would find a ram caught in the thicket by the horns, and take him and offer him as a sacrifice. Brother, there is always a ram caught in the thicket for the man who wants to do a work for the Master. I mean for those who want to give to the advancing of the cause of the Master and do it cheerfully. They find some way to make money for the cause. You should not wait until the ram is caught if you are not going to offer him.

Since we are under the Christian Dispensation, instead of unloosing the ram, we should open our pocket books and take from it an offering for Jubilee Rally. It would be well for you to, examine your pocket books now, to see if you have enough to give in this rally, and if it is not enough, begin now to put enough in it, so when the time of the Rally is come you will be able to give. Remember the time, Sunday before Thanksgiving and any other Sunday after Thanksgiving that the church may see fit.

The times have been hard, but we made it hard, and through all of the hard times God has done more for us than we have done for His cause. We have not given as the Lord has let us prosper.

We want to raise the balance of the \$20000 and we must raise it this year. It can be done. If each member of the churches had paid \$1.00, at the beginning of the first year of Jubilee, we would have raised the \$20000 the first year. And if each member of the church will give in this Rally this year \$1.00 we will have the amount asked for and some over to be used for the next collection we shall ask for.

Dear readers, I want to remind you of the Jubilee Rally, that you may look forward to it, and that we may raise enough to finish the \$20000. I believe Alabama will do more this year than in the past. I believe she is being awakened. I hope each church will observe the rally. The harvest is ripe, laborers are few, pray ye the Lord of the harvest may send more laborers and more may to be enlisted, pray that we may raise the \$20000 for Jubilee Rally. After you have prayed that we may raise the amount, then you be one that the prayers can be answered through by giving what you can.

Yours in Christ,

Isom C. Franklin.

SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE

A tour through the State. My visit to the churches in the interest of State, Home, and Foreign, Missions was a success on several lines of the progress of our work in Tennessee.

All the churches I had the pleasure of meeting with, opened their doors wide, and extended to me a most hearty welcome.

Since our Annual Convention, I think our people in Tennessee have a broader vision and higher aspirations, and more determined to do things for the cause of Christ.

We must note the fact, that we must lay aside all personal ambitions, for ambition will beguile, and when we realize who we are, we find our selves the most wretched creatures.

Therefore the work of the church, must be done in the spirit of the Christ, or all will be a failure.

"We should love one another without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good" I arrived at Holtsville September 18th, and found them in the very best of spirit, and our services on Lord's Day September 19th, was just fine. We are now beginning to think about Jubilee in November.

Leaving Holtsville on the 20th, we arrived at Savannah at 6 p. m., and found that our cement block business was still progressing. We have now about 5,000 blocks made, and it is said nearly by all of our white friends that we have the best concrete foundation that is in Savannah. We are planning for the real work of laying blocks to begin in a few days. We are expecting Elder J. E. Anderson, from Hopkinville, Kentucky to arrive here in Savannah. October 12th, on the 6 o'clock boat, to begin meeting with us here in Savannah. At the close of this meeting Brother Anderson, and the writer, will begin meeting at Holtsville. I had the pleasure of going over to Spring Hill, Tennessee, and preaching for them three nights. The meeting resulted in two confessions, same were baptized by the writer. Mrs W. P. Martin has just returned from Washington, D. C., where she spent several days visiting our son. Virgil P. Martin, who holds a position in the Post office Department, she reports a pleasant visit. The work in Tennessee bids fair for a greater work to be done this year than last year.

W. P. Martin.

JONESBORO, TENNESSEE.

SO RUN, THAT YE MAY OBTAIN. I Cor. 9:24.

If there is no vision, there is no goal to obtain, and if there is nothing to be obtained, there will be no race to run.

When men have gotten a vision of the blessed things ahead they set out, using all of their strength and skill to obtain them. The many offices that our government affords are being filled by men who could look ahead and see the great service they could render the nation; therefore, they put themselves into the race and ran to obtain. Sometimes the struggle was fierce and sometimes success very doubtful, but they pushed on the more, for they realized that the reward was at the end of the race. Success comes to those who push on and hold out to the end and not to those who give up or faint by the way.

About three years ago, after looking over the field, a true vision was gotten of the great work to be accomplished among the Negro Disciples, who about fifty years ago emerged

from a state of servitude. On summing up the cost, it was found that the means to accomplish this work was very limited. Our minds were then made to reflect to the old Jewish Jubilee year, that came every fiftieth year, which brought gladness and rejoicing to many hearts. The fiftieth year of the American Negro Disciples' freedom has been set aside as the year of Jubilee in which we have pledged our selves to raise \$20,000 to help accomplish the much needed work. Look! what a band of Negro Christian soldiers who have entered the race to raise \$20,000: Look again! we have overrun the \$6000 mark; a little more than \$13000 is yet needed before we can claim the prize. What shall we do? Shall we steer our vessel along the shore and fear to attempt landing? Some one must make an effort to run into port, as he who carried the eagle of the tenth Legion of the Roman army during the first invasion of Britian. "Leap fellow soldiers, unless you wish to betray your eagle to the enemy" was the cry.

The Tennessee Christian Institute is going to act as though it was the eagle bearer in this great movement by leaping forward with \$50. Who will be the next to follow? Some can give \$75, some \$100, some \$500 and some \$1000. Brethren the time has come for action, so let us not sit idly by saying, that we have done what we could. We must raise the \$20,000 in order to do this work. If this amount is raised then we can say, the race has been run, the battle has been fought, and the victory won. May the Lord encourage us to raise the \$20,000.

H. D. Griffin.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

To my many preaching brethren, and to the many congregations, of the Negro Disciples throughout the country. I want to say that time is fast bringing us up to a most important occasion in the history of our work, and that is the day set apart for our Rally, for our Jubilee Funds. Our "Motto" should be be, Every Preacher intoxicated with the Rally Day Spirit. Every Church aroused, Every member enlisted, and the children thrown in for good measure. This coming Rally Day should be the grandest in the is history of the churches, and why not? When we think of what the Christian Womans Board Mission has done and is still doing for the Negro Disciples throughout the country in the way of education and evangelization among us. It seems to me that a failure on our part to do our whole duty in helping to raise the \$20,000 by January, 1916. Would be ingratitude personified. A need for this is pressing, a desire for it is deep, and prayers for it are fervent. Let us muster our forces, for the largest Rally Day offering in our history. Brethren, let us prove to Prof. Lehman and to the sisters of the National C. W. B. M. that we are people of grateful hearts and that we are seeing and taking hold of larger things. The church at Roanoke is not only planning for a large offering on rally, but we are discussing the possibility of rendering a program on each fifth Lord's Day in the year for our edcational and evangelistic work. Who will say that is a good idea? I am praying for every member to be trained to see the need of having fellowship in this work. Brethren, throughtout the country, we would hear of thee, as to what thou thinkest, for as concerning this work we know that it needs our strongest support everywhere.

All offerings should be sent to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

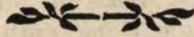
Yours for a big day,

J. R. Louderback.

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



State C. W. P. M. Convention Held at JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE.

House called to order by president.

Song "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Scripture reading 14th chapter of John.

Prayer by Sister Judie Flowers.

Short talks by Brother A. W. Jacobs, Sister Cora Rowan, A. West, Judie Flowers, Eliza Guice, Lizzie Heath, Eliza Young, S. S. Blackburn, Eliza Freeman and Elder B. C. Calvert. All gave very helpful talks on the work.

Appointment of Committees:

Committee on Finance: Sisters A. West, Cora Rowan and Eliza Page.

Committee on Future Work: Sister S. S. Blackburn, Elder C. J. James, Elder B. C. Calvert and Brother A. W. Jacobs. Nominating Committee: Brother A. W. Jacobs, Sisters B. C. Calvert and Eliza Guice.

Report of Mission Sisters, Auxiliaries and State Organizer. Sister Edna Trevilliona \$1.00 (Mission Sister), Sister A. E. West, Mission Sisters, \$5.00.

Report of Union Hill Auxiliary, \$2.00; Edwards Auxiliary, \$2.00; Hermauville Auxiliary, \$1.25; St. Luke, \$1.00; Christian Chapel, \$2.00; Pine Grove, \$4.00; Grand Gulf, \$1.01; Mound Bayou, \$5.02; Southern Christian Institute \$5.00; public collection \$85. C. W. B. M. Benediction.

7:30 P. M.—Devotional Service led by Sisters Page and Cora Rowan.

Welcome address by Brother Miller.

Response by Brother Jacobs and Elder B. C. Calvert.

Encouraging remarks by Brother J. W. Wilson.

Song by Miss Hall. Sermon by Elder C. J. James.

Song. Collection, \$55. Dismissed.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School in session.

Devotional Service led by Elder B. C. Calvert.

Paper by Mrs. C. K. Greene.

A few remarks by Mrs. Lehman and Miss Hunt.

Report of Committee on Future Work.

We your Committee on Future Work beg to report as follows: Considering circumstances and the readiness of laborers in God's vineyard, we recommend the following suggestions as help to our Future Work:

1st. That all officers cooperate. 2nd. All officers take the Missionary Tidings. 3rd. That the State Organizer make a special effort to organize Junior C. E. Societies in each auxiliary while carrying out the former duties. 4th. That the State Evangelist should visit each local Auxiliary at least once a year. 5th. That all Educational Money be sent to J. B. Lehman Supt. of Colored Schools. 6th. That the aim of the aux-

iliaries of the state be, to raise \$200 as a special effort to help support Bro. and Sister Smith while at the Liberian Christian Institute.

7th. That the State Membership be raised to two hundred. Committee: Sister S. S. Blackburn, Elder C. J. James, Elder B. C. Calvert and Brother A. W. Jacobs. Report received and committee dismissed.

Report of Nominating Committee: Pres., Mrs. M. J. Brown, Vice president, Sister Roxie Sneed; J. A. James, Recording Secretary; Mrs. V. A. Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Cora Greene, Mrs. P. H. Moss Sister Cora Rowan, Treas., State Organizer, Sister S. S. Blackburn; State Evangelist, Elder B. C. Calvert.

Mission Sisters: A. E. West, C. Jennings, A. Coffee, Fannie Clark, M. E. Walker, Eliza Freeman, S. R. Henry, M. O. Johnson, E. E. Carroll, Roxie Netter, Mrs. B. C. Calvert.

Committee: Sister B. C. Calvert, E. J. Guice, and A. W. Jacobs. Collection \$80. Dismissed.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional Service led by Mrs. C. K. Greene.

Song and prayer by Elder K. R. Brown.

Song "There is a Fountain."

President's Message.

We were blessed to have with us 15 of our white co-workers among whom were Mrs. Bessie Thomas, Mrs. Emily Butt, Mrs. J. B. Lehman, Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Safley who gave us able talks.

Quartette by the S. C. I. boys.

Remarks by Elder K. R. Brown.

Jackson Auxiliary reported, \$2.10

Collection, 1.40

Collection for the sick, 50

Total taken up, \$35.50

We were encouraged over our convention and hope to do more for the cause of the Master, the present year.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

Please allow space in your valuable paper for me to say a few words concerning Jubilee Rally Day.

We are indeed blessed beyond hundreds and thousands with these opportunities. While being blessed let us show our thanks by helping some body to carry this great Gospel message. Time is swiftly passing by. This is our last Educational Collection before our great Jubilee year will be ended. Let us all ask ourselves this question, have I done all I could in this collection and decide with God that an effort shall be more this year. Each moment we are receiving something from Him who loves. What are we giving in return? Who will give up something which you want very much in order to help the cause of Him who has given so much? It is in this way we test ourselves in this great cause of humanity. God loveth a cheerful giver. I hope that each pastor in Mississippi will do all he can for missions this year.

Yours for His cause,
Sarah S. Blackburn, State Organizer.

"God loveth a cheerful giver.

He has asked us to freely give

Our money and love to others,

To teach them the right way to live.

Inasmuch as ye give to others,

Ye give given the same to me.

These words were spoken by Jesus

To all who his helpers would be."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Some time ago, Eustace Shirley, a student from Jamaica, wrote an essay on "The Unity of Nations," for a prize. He failed to get the prize, although it was a good production. A few weeks ago, the essay appeared in the Gospel Plea, and a good man in Kansas saw it and sent the writer of it, three dollars.

The Endeavor Society meeting Sunday Evening was under the direction of the Lookout Committee. The subject was, "Be a leader; be a follower."

Moses Brown, wife and baby, F. D. Perkins, and two other young men, motored over from Jackson, Sunday. They arrived before the close of the Church service. Fred's brother, Wendell, joined them at Edwards.

John Minott, a young man from Jamaica, formerly a member of the Church of England, was baptized Sunday afternoon and united with the Institute Church. He wants to follow the work of the ministry.

Two of our young men performed the ordinance of baptism, Sunday afternoon, one at the S. C. I. and one at the lake, near which is situated the convict camp, about two miles west of our campus.

Are there not some young people in your community who ought to be in school this winter? The S. C. I. still has room left for young men and women. This is written just one week after the fall term began, and it now seems that we are to have crowded dormitories this year. Have you a willing, hard working young man in your community who wants an education? The S. C. I. is looking for him. We are making a good home for several more work boys than we have ever been able to take before. The work in farming and stockraising is growing and the Institution is making preparation to fulfill this need. No honest industrious young man in this day, needs to remain ignorant and untrained, because he is poor. Write to President J. B. Lehman Edwards, Mississippi, about it.

This year the literary societies are divided into the Philo Seniors and Juniors and the Franklin Seniors and Juniors. Prof. Burgess and Prof. Belout have charge of the Seniors, and Miss Sanders and Miss Boyer, the Juniors. One Academic credit will be given each of the Seniors, who does well his work for the year. The Seniors include all students above the Seventh Grade. The Senior Franklins will give their First Program Oct. 23, at 2:50 P. M. in the Y. W. C. A. room. We find the following names on the Program: Arby Jacobs, Elson Hicks, Ellen Johnson, Pandora Thomas, Peter Dunson, Stanford Matthews, Kate Jackson, Prince Gray, Cornelia McClodden, Eugene Lewis, Katherine King, Mary Lewis.

Burlingame Literary Society has been organized at the community School. It is named in honor of Mrs. Lehman.

The observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the entrance of President and Mrs. Lehman into their work begins tonight. We hope to report it next week.

The following are additional questions handed in at the last Conference for Sunday School Workers: 1. When do adult classes do the best work? 2. What are some of the wrong methods employed in getting people to attend Sunday School? 3. What is the final test of a good teacher? 4. How can a superintendent best encourage his workers? 5. Is blackboard work essential to successful Bible School work? 6. Should the public School include Bible study? 7. How far advanced would you expect your people before putting in the graded system? 8. How should pupils be assigned to their different classes? 9. Who should use the Bible in the Primary class and how? 10. To what end is the teacher a pastor? 11. In a Front Rank Sunday School how often should the superintendent's cabinet meet?

S. C. I. October, 11th, 1915.

ARGENTA, ARKANSAS.

Dear Editor:— We are around to you again to inform you that we are now up about the Father's business. On the third Lord's Day we were in our auxiliary meeting at this place. It was an inspiring one.

The program was well enjoyed by all. On the fourth Saturday of ult. we caught the train for Plummerville, where we were engaged in an eight day meeting, with the aid of one of our oldest preachers, Eld. J. C. Guydon, from Kerr, who did most of the preaching. He did not fail to plainly explain the word of the Lord to the sinners. We had good singing and good hearing. Two additions; they were baptized on Lord's Day. A splendid sermon was given at the water by Eld. M. M. Bostick and also Sunday night.

Collection taken amounted to \$16.34.

Mrs. Ida Hervey gave \$1.00 of this amount, Mrs. Kelsy, 50 cents; the brethren that gave 50 cts. are as follows: Bro. Wallace, deacon; L. R. Stricklin, J. H. Smith, Jas. Hervey, J. H. Aclin, G. Hervey, Sam Hervey, J. S. Mitchell, others 25 cts.

We had an enjoyable stay at Bro. Garfield and Bro. Sam Hervey's homes. We were also invited to other sisters' and brothers' homes to take dinner. This auxiliary did not send an offering this quarter, but will double on the December report, and too, we will hold C. W. B. M. Day with them.

We ask all of the auxiliaries to observe this day without fail. Don't forget Thanksgiving Day. Let every church do her best this fall in the financial report. The answer will come back to you through your sons and daughters.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM AUGUST, 1914, TO AUGUST, 1915.

Miles travelled on the field, 1183; made the following visits: Plummerville, 3; Pine Bluff, 1; Emboden, 1; Raven Den, 1; Little Rock, (White) 1; Little Rock, (Colored) 5; Pearidge, 6; Argenta work, 10; The First and Second Baptist Bible Bands one each, total visits, 39. Organized one auxiliary at Emboden, with 7 members. Members gained, 11; members of the auxiliaries, 8; total membership, 135; members reading the TIDINGS 13; new subscriptions to the TIDINGS, 8; subscriptions to the PLEA, 75.

Conference held in the homes and churches, 15; number of letters written over the field and for publication, 121; cards, 134; paid for literature, \$1.25. Expenses paid for luncheon, \$1.10; for back fair, \$1.10; writing, \$5.00; Railroad fare over the field, \$33.60; money received from all sources are as follows:

From the (White) State Board,	\$1.00
" the colored board,	3.50
" on the field,	5.35
" the conferences at Edwards, Miss.,	5.00
College of Mission, at Indianapolis, Ind.	25.00
Total received,	39.85
Total expenses for Railroad and, writing,	38.70
Collected above expenses,	1.15

Money raised from all Three Auxiliaries on C. W. B. M. Day, \$10.50. On Easter three auxiliaries raised \$6.75, raised for State Funds, \$20.16, sent to conference \$5.75 sent to head quarters, General Funds, \$45.89 raised in the C. W. B. M. Convention, \$23.95. Total raised was \$120.30. May we put forth every effort to do more for the uplift of falling humanity, as this has been a very hard year financially.

Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Organizer.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson For OCTOBER 31

THE BOY JOASH CROWNED KING.

II KINGS 11: 1-20

GOLDEN TEXT:- The house of the wicked shall be over thrown But the tent of the upright shall flourish. Prov. 14:1.

TIME:- Joash began his reign (when) a boy six or seven years old, B. C. 889 (Bucher).

PLACE:- "Jerusalem, particularly the courts of the temple and one of the surrounding rooms.

This seems to be a boy's lesson. We are not to expect, boys of to day to become kings—earthly rulers, but there are many ways in which their energies may be directed. Boys are full of action. Plan to direct their energies. Question them, instead of trying to get them to keep quiet while you talk. Boys as a rule do not like to sit still and listen without having a part in the lesson.

It requires some study to see the meaning of this lesson. Try to bring out the following points: (a) There were two heroes on our side and a whole nation on the other. (a) The two heroes were Elijah and Elisha. The nation was the Kingdom of Israel. The two heroes stood firmly for the true (worship) and were the teachers of the true religion and pure morals. The rulers of the kingdom were corrupt and worshipped Baal. Ahab and Jezebel, who were worshippers of a false God, with their descendants, Ahaziah and (Joram,) led Israel into idolatry. So corrupt and bad had these people become that God after a long time permitted Jehu to utterly destroy the house of Ahab with the exception of the child Joash.

(c) See what a great work these prophets had before them. It was a reform work. The object was to establish the true worship.

(d) It is well to note the power of one or two men to stem the tide against evils in a community.

(e) There is great need of heroes and heroines to day. Ask the class to take a stand against public sins and evils of society.

(f) God had a (purpose) in destroying the wicked. It was the way to save the nation. When a wild beast can not be controled it must be slain.

(g) Show the great danger of trying to accomplish good by using bad methods. We can not overthrow evil by violence. Harsh treatment does not make good workmen. Mobs and tyrants work more harm than good. There is plenty to work evil and they must be dealt with. The best way is to bring them under the influence of the S. S. The boy, Joash.—how he was saved and trained.

Jehoshaphat was king of Judah, the southern kingdom. His son married Athalia, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel of the Northern Kingdom Athalia like her mother, was an idolatrous woman. As queen, she exercised much power.

When she knew that her son, King Ahazia, was slain she immediately set out to destroy all the royal seed. In this way she would continue to rule as queen. God overruled, and her own sister, wife of the priest saved the life of a grand child of Athalia. The child was concealed about the temple, until six years of age.

For six years Joash lived under the best influence, and training under the care of his aunt, Jehosheba and his uncle Jehoiada. Like the child Samuel, he had the temple for his

home. His first impressions would be of the sacrifice and the white robed priest. What a good school this was! Early impressions are very lasting. How necessary that they should be good impressions.

Joash was a young king. It is necessary for the young to take upon themselves, kingly and queerly vows, to last through life.

D. R. B.

PLUMMERVILLE, ARKANSAS.

Dear Editor:- I want to say that on last week we had with us our dear pastor, and Bro. J. C. Guyden and Sister Sarah L. Bostick We had a week of loving revival meeting. Two were added to the church by baptism. Bro. Guyden made plain the scripture which was soul stirring I want to again say that we certainly enjoyed their being in our midst. Sister Bostick gave a lecture at 4:30; on Sunday Evening, which was enjoyed by all. Sister Bostick always has something interesting and inspiring to tell when she is with us. We pray that the Lord's blessing will go with those brethren and sisters.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

Ida Hervey.

HERMANVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

OBITUARY

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA. Please allow space in your paper to say a few words of our departed Sister Mrs. Laura Wright who died October 6. She joined the Christian Church one year ago, and lived a pious life in the community. She leaves a husband and mother and sisters and bothers to mourn her death.

We extend to the relatives and friends our heart felt sympathy. May each live to meet her on the last, for Laura has gone to dwell with the Saviour whom she loved. The writer officiated and also assisted at the burial of Brother Joseph Wheeler Oct. 3rd at Pattison. He was a faithful Christian. He lived to be 90 years old. He leaves children and grand children to mourn his loss. May his death be an inspiration to them to strive heavenward.

In closing we cordially invite all who may come on the 4th Sunday inst. to assist us in a Rally here at the First Christian Church. We will endeavor to make every thing pleasant and hope each one will come prepared to help us financially.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Sam Flowers.

What shall I do, my friend,

When you are gone forever?

My heart its eager need will send

Through the years to find you never,

And how will it be with you

In the weary world, I wonder,

Will you love me with a love as true

When our paths lie far asunder?

The way is short, O friend,

That reaches out before us;

God's tender heavens above us bend,

His love is smiling o'er us;

A little while is ours

For sorrow or for laughter;

I'll lay the hand you love in yours

On the shore of the Hereafter.

MARY CLEMMER: WORDS FOR PARTING.

THE GOSPEL PLEA

DALE. SOUTH CAROLINA.

OUR JUBILEE RALLY.

"Quit you like men for God and the right,
Open the world to Christ blessed light;
Rally the strong, the true and the brave,
Rescue the fallen from sin and the grave.
Quit you like men in God's mighty power
Do with your might, the deed of the hour
Give, freely give, and you shall receive
Blessing and honor and glory above."

If there was ever a time in the history of our churches when the Negro Disciples and especially those of S. C. were called on to do their whole duty in our Jubilee Rally, it is now, when the Church of Christ is on trial before the courts of the world. Now brave and loyal men and women are rallying to rescue and open the world to Christ's blessed light.

Listen brethren, Napoleon Bonapart on his way to Moscow with his army, paused on a hill to look down on his advanced guard, who were struggling, surrounded by enemies, a single gun was fired, it told that little band that help was nigh, yea more! the eyes of the emperor were upon them. Hark brethren, to the trump of God as it rings down the years, "Be of good cheer", again, "Lo I am with you", yea more it tells us the eye of Jesus the Christ is upon us, that he expects each Christian to do his duty. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The women were perplexed by the knowledge of the great stone that separated them from their duty of love, but the deed of the hour was to prepare the spices, then take it to the sepulchre, when lo! an angel had rolled away the stone. Just so brethren, the deed of the hour is, that we prepare to observe the Rally Day. Each one to do our full duty, yea give, freely give, and we shall receive blessing, honor and glory above.

A color sergeant after a battle, although wounded in leg and body, came up grasping the colors entrusted to him saying, boys, the old flag never touched the ground. Brother ministers, can we say likewise we, to whom the standard of Christ has been entrusted, can we not come up "after the noise and battle," though oftentimes with shamful defeat? Yea, come up to our annuals and say, the crimson banner given us never touched the ground. What a shout would go up if every minister in S. C. will come up and say, brethren we have kept the day!

The C. W. B. M. and their faithful auxiliaries are doing with their might the deed of the hour, but their minds are perplexed with that great question of "who shall roll away the stone." As messengers of Christ or Angels into our hands this task is given to remove this barrier, what say you—what does the year of Jubilee mean to you? For fifty years we have been limping between two sides, sometimes trying to do our duty, at other times trying to wound each other and thus causing the wounds of Christ to bleed afresh. But to-day, let us come forward and say like the Apostle Paul, forget the things that are behind and press forward to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Let us meet at our annual and tell how we struggled to succeed, how we encouraged each other and how we were encouraged by others. Let the brethren of S. C. say, we have come, Bro. Lehman, two hundred dollars strong, as we promised. Let us quit ourselves like men.

Let none hear you idly saying, there is nothing I can do, while the souls of men are dying, and the Master calls for you.

Edwin F. Jackson.

ARKANSAS

I believe when a man in every conceivable way proves himself a true follower of Christ, cheerfully responding to every call of duty in all the different departments of human welfare, regardless of poverty, wealth or nationality, ever displaying the virtues which so clearly characterize a Christian gentleman, deserves not only our gratitude, but merits, honor and should be publicly commended for his never-tiring service to his fellow men.

In the community which surrounds Pearidge Christian Church in Arkansas, we have many noble hearted brethren whose lives are shown by their work. A large volume would scarcely hold the efforts of such men as Rev. R. T. Malock, H. Martin, W. M. Martin, J. C. Guydon and others whose names I cannot mention who have spent the best part of their lives for the cause of Christ and the uplifting of humanity. We shall not fail to speak of them here after but being myself a resident of this place for a number of years and carefully noted the passing events, I can think of no one who has so well met the demands of a community as Rev. M. M. Bostick and everyone who knows him must admit that he is a self made man of unusual abilities combined with a fervent desire to make his life a source of usefulness and comfort to others. One whose footprint of kindness and benevolence among the people who surround his home shall be left upon the sands of time as a model for others. His life proves to us that Rev. Bostick is a man who lives not for himself alone but directs his energies and numerous talents for the good of others. As a minister of the Gospel, Rev. Bostick's sermons are always eloquent and strictly in keeping with the things that are most needed to his hearers.

While officiating as pastor of our home church, with much persuasion and some chastening he taught us what order punctuality merit as we become Christians. With the help of his faithful and energetic wife Pearidge Christian Church was made famous for mission work. As superintendent of the Sunday School Rev. Bostick aroused the animosity of our young people for better work and a higher standard of life. It was Mrs. Bostick who impressed the value of good house-keeping upon our girls and informed them, that by buying patterns they might easily do their own sewing, thereby establishing several dress makers among them. While their lectures were not always pleasing to all of us yet, we have lived to see that their motives were good and the seed that Rev. Bostick and wife has sown has truly taken root and yielding an abundance of fruit. The lessons of industry, economy and dignity taught by these two faithful souls has left a life long impression on all who earnestly seek the right, not only in the church, but to the whole community does his everlasting generosity reaches. He is respected and trusted by both races as a man of unbound integrity. Meanwhile, being daily encumbered with labor, Rev. Bostick is a farmer and also a carpenter, who does most of the building in this community, having built the church now known as Pear Ridge. Besides these he is a blacksmith and does the principle shop work for two large farms, yet never allowing his work, which is always satisfactorily completed, to interfere with his duties as a Christian brother, a true servant of the King, weeping with those that weep, rejoicing with those that rejoice, ever ready to lend a helping hand where ever it is needed. Never seeming to realize that he is being overtaken, utterly unconscious of his value among men; he places himself in the background of what is called service.

We who know him should praise his name to the outside world that others may see and know that we have among us men and women who indeed show their faith by their work. Their lights are not put under a bushel, but loom brightly upon the hilltop and serve to encourage poor selfish beings to care for others as they would be cared for.

May God bless Bro. Bostick and wife and speed them on with the good which comes from their loyal hearts. From one who believes in letting one know his worth instead of covering his grave with flowers.

MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY.

Dear Editor of the GOSPEL PLEA:—

Please allow space in your paper for a word to the great brotherhood of Kentucky. The time is approaching to the Sunday before Thanksgiving when we are called upon to send in our Jubilee Offering. Brethren and sisters, let us do our very best. We know times are stringent but we ought to labor the harder to do our duty and keep the work moving. There is a great work before us and the National C. W. B. M. is struggling hard to keep it going. So let us have a share in the work also. Since they are sending these lives, and thousand of dollars in our behalf, let us remember one building of our great school as I believe it will be or has been completed. Prof. C. H. Dickerson has moved all the effects of the Louisville Bible School to the Central Christian Institute in Christian County, where we hope to make disciples. We look to our great leader in this great work to champion our cause. I will help the great brotherhood in marching orders under that great man, Prof. J. B. Lehman who, is at the head of the Negro work. Now brethren, let us send in a big offering in November. Kentucky brethren, I appeal to you to keep the banner afloat. I am not ashamed of you in this great work for I believe we are together and in the name of our God will make things move. Still there are a number who have no fellowship in this work.

Let me appeal to you, my brethren, to come to the front and do what you can for we need preachers, teachers and workers in our churches and the way to get them is to educate them. Now then, come to the front. For such men as Dr. M. F. Robinson, G. H. Graham, R. E. Hathaway, W. H. Brown, M. Jackson, who by reason of nature must soon pass away and we want young men to fill our places. How can we get them? By training them. So let us work to help to establish a good school that they may be trained. I am not ashamed of the Kentucky Churches for I believe that they will pay the \$2000 that we promised at the Winchester Convention. The board apportioned it to the congregations. Some claim they have been assessed too large but none complain of being too small. Let me say dear brother, if your church has been assessed too much, let them pay what they can; but don't you discourage the work by saying you are too poor to pay so much, but let each one make an offering until he feels it. Preachers, don't stand in the way, but get behind the movement and push it. As for Mt. Sterling, she is to pay \$200. I am going to see that she pays. The half has been paid, and when we pay that we will pay another hundred. As long as I live I am going to continue to work along this line. If I continue at Mt. Sterling, I expect to try to get her to do more each year. Now brethren, let us rally up for November's Jubilee Collection. Don't hold it at home but send it to Prof. J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

W. H. Brown.



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HELPFUL TO ALL

GOOD FOR AMERICA!

N OCTOBER 1865 the Union Army marched in review through Washington City and was disbanded. This was the first certain evidence that the war was over and America was free. We are now passing the fiftieth milestone of that time. What has been accomplished? Have predictions been fulfilled? Jefferson Davis in addresses predicted that if freedom were given to the Negroes they would live idle and immoral and become diseased and practically exterminated in twenty-five years. This prediction could not well have been farther from what did happen, but we should not be harsh in our criticism for even Abraham Lincoln at that time expressed doubts as to the future of the Negro. And as a matter of fact it did come true with a portion of the people as it has with all other races. But let us see what has been accomplished.

In 1865 ninety-seven percent of the Negroes of the Gulf States were illiterate; now twenty-seven percent are illiterate, and this twenty-seven percent largely consists of old ex-slaves. In Italy thirty percent are illiterate, in Spain sixty percent and in Portugal seventy-six percent. The Negroes in America own 42,000,000 acres of land and have raised for the education of their race over \$25,000,000.00.

Now where shall we give credit for this good showing? Well, there are a multitude of influences the majority of which are not within us ourselves but belong to our environment. If the four million American slaves had been freed in Spain or Portugal or Cuba or even in Africa, the story would have been a different one. And the present generation of white people in America need not arrogate to themselves all the honor of the outcome. It all goes back to the American spirit of freedom and the American spirit of freedom goes back to the Mayflower and the Mayflower goes back to the awakening under King John in England, and the awakening under King John goes back to Christianity and Christianity goes back to God.

But nevertheless, there is some credit due and it will not be vanity to talk about it.

(1) To the white Christian people North and South we must give the first place. We say North and South for it was both. Surface indications would seem to show that it was mostly due to the North. It is true that the teachers mostly came from the North, but there was a backing in the South that made this possible. Scarcely had the Union Army marched in review through Washington before General Lee and Dr. Curry and Bishop

Haygood and many others of the South were counseling with Christian people of the North about the work. In the case of the Southern Christian Institute, we may mention J. W. Merrill, Captain R. H. Smith, Judge Cabiness, Elder Harris and a half score of others. At the North the number of course was much larger but the conditions are such that we are justified in saying that it was America, North and South, that led in the education of the Negro.

(2) The Negro himself. The Declaration of Independence had percolated through to even the slaves and they were ready and hungry for the dawn of learning. The very fact that some said they shall not learn, and others said they can not learn, made them the more anxious. The very oppositions the Negro has had have been in his favor. Poor and inefficient as are our country schools, it is a rare thing to find a normally minded Negro man or woman twenty years old who can not read or write. The Negro's desire to learn has pushed him on during the past fifty years so that many have pushed right to the top in the course of learning.

But good as the showing is, we must remember we have just begun. We have just laid the rocks for the first foundation of the house that is yet to be. Fine as is the Negro's educational showing, it is yet superficial in character. No people can be said to be truly educated until the education has moulded the character. The next fifty years will give us a work which will do this substantial character building. Much of this will be in the nature of social service, and this must have its foundation in the educational institutions. We must so train our boys and girls that they can reach out to the masses and lift them up. The caste idea must be forever banished out of our educational system. Every well trained student must be a missionary in character.

And this brings us to present duty. Our schools must all be equipped so as to do good work. We must avoid expending money to show that we can spend or in a way that our students will become profligate, but we must have money for better equipment for all of them. This work must continue to be done, as now, when the Christian people of the North and South and the Christian Negroes all work together to the great end. Nothing must be said or done that will create the ambition to segregate this work at some future time. It must not be a means of seeking glory or honor. It must be a place where all work humbly together to save a race by bringing out its industrial, moral and spiritual efficiency. Not a Sunday School or church should fail in the Jubilee Rally this fall. And this can be done if those who see the importance will all go to work. Have you ever seen that when a picnic is advertised and somehow the impression gets out that all are going, all will go? They will find money some way to get shoes and clothes. Why not get out the impression that every church and Sunday School in your district is going to have a part in this, and they will. And again we appeal to the pastors to see those who have means and can give a hundred or more. This offering must be characterized with some large gifts.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—The Alabama Christian Institute has opened up with the largest attendance in its history and with the best of students. Alabama is awakening to her opportunity to build a good school.

—On November 9th there will be a grand installation of the new president of Fisk University, Fayette Avery Mc Kuizie, at Nashville Tennessee. Other exercises are scheduled for the week which will all be of interest.

—Robert D. Brooks who attended the S. C. I. in 1894-5 and was principal of the Alabama Christian Institute a while is now at work in the Navy Yard at Norfolk. He desires to get back into school work or possibly preaching. During the past ten years he has studied law at Howard University and worked in the government service.

—We are in receipt of the following from Wm. Alphin, the primitive of which makes the necessary correction. We are glad to accord the honor where it belongs.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

To the GOSPEL PLEA, Edwards, Miss:

—The article sent by Mrs. Wm. Alphin, "List of Commendable Givers to J. C. I.," was signed Mrs. Wm. Alphin. By some means the Mrs. was left out, which places me entirely out of my place. Please correct same and oblige,
Yours very truly William Alphin.

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CROFTON, KENTUCKY.

OUR DANGEROUS WEAKNESS.

W. H. DICKERSON.

The weakness of the Negro Disciples of Christ is in their liberality. Most of them stand at hundred mark on faith, repentance, confession and baptism, but are at zero and below on Christian giving. The church that was established at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost was a liberal church. The members gave liberally big

gifts. One man sold his farm and brought all the money and laid it at the Apostles feet. Acts 4: 37, 37.

At the close of every protracted meeting there should be a strong sermon to the new converts on Christian giving, and a special offering taken from them to see how well they have understood the sermon.

I am writing this little note in the hall of the first building erected for Central Christian Institute. This building is not yet finished because we need more money. This building must be finished and another built before we can think of having room enough to open a school for girls and boys. All of our schools need buildings and equipment and more good teachers, and we must have them if the Negro Disciples are to hold their own and the work the Lord wants them to do. Our boys and girls must go to our own school, but we can not expect them, nor take care of them until we have building and equipment.

Our churches must go to school to learn what the Lord wants them to do. The teacher of the church is the Preacher; But if the preacher has not been trained how can he teach the church? We have some good men who have never attended school, and are doing some splendid work for the Master, but they are few, and they are no argument against trained preachers and Christian workers.

We must have nice and well equipped church houses. The day has passed for old dilapidated and rusty church buildings, and I doubt the wisdom of any church that keeps a preacher who is satisfied to worship in ANY OLD THING, from year to year, for a church house. Now, why are all the needs of which I have spoken? Because the Lord's treasury is poor even empty. And why is the Lord's treasury poor or empty? Because we have not given as the Lord has prospered. And why have we not given as the Lord prospered? Because our hearts are not yet right in the sight of God.

If we are going to be Apostolic in our church work; it is time we were about the Master's business.

We have done some good work for the day in which it was done, but the work of today must be better and larger. Our preachers and teachers must be sufficiently paid so as to enable them to do well their work.

Educational Rally Day is the creation of Prof. O. Singleton, who himself is a liberal Christian giver, and who in his great vision saw and sees the great needs of our churches and schools.

And now for a great pull, a pull all together on Educational Rally Day, on Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, and give as did the Early church and see what happens.

We were pierced to the heart upon the receipt of a letter from Africa, addressed to Jerome Freeman, telling of the death of Mrs. Ruth E. Kenoly, the wife of the late Jacob Kenoly. We feel very much indebted to her, for it was her, who so faithfully stood by Jacob's side, aiding him to instill into our minds the higher things of life. We cannot but regret her loss and hope it to be heaven's gain.

—P. C. D.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS UP TO OCTOBER 16,
1915.

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. Preston Taylor, \$68 00
Total this year, 75 22

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FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

Argenta, Arkansas, Sunday School, 2.00
Total this year, 16.03

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FUND STATEMENT

Tennessee Christian Institute, 142.15
Jarvis Christian Institute, 106 26
General Education, 75.22
Central Christian Institute, 50.00
Children's Day, 16.03
Total this year, 389.66
Total in Jubilee Fund, 6639.92
Amount yet needed to make \$20,000, 13360.08

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Remarks: Thus a month before the great Rally Day we have almost \$400. If every church will now stand up and help, we will have such a rally as we never had before. Pass the word along the line. Ask churches that never gave to give this time. Send all money promptly in to J. B. Lehman, Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi.

Kansas.

LEST WE FORGET.

Educational Rally Day is just over the hill, and will soon make its appearance. Better keep a clean look-out for it and be ready when it comes.

I am writing this for the benefit of the Kansas Churches. Listen my Kansas brethren! Have you stopped to consider how little Kansas has done to bring up her part of the desired \$20,000? Have you been watching the Jubilee reports as they have been given through the GOSPEL PLEA? If you have, and if you have any Christian or evangelizing dignity, I am sure you must feel ashamed of the Kansas report. I am afraid that Kansas has considered herself a "babe" too long, and has not put forth her best efforts. I want to make a comparison between Kansas and Virginia, to stamp it upon our minds that we are not doing our best. The Convention held at Martinsville, Va., in Aug. 1914, marked the Thirty-Second Annual Convention of the Piedmont District, comprising a small portion of eastern Va., and western N. C. I have before me statistics showing that eighteen churches represented with a membership of 1419 members. If you will notice the report of the Jubilee Offering of last year, in the PLEA of Oct. 16th, you will see that Va. gave \$202.83. Practically all of this came from the eighteen churches of Piedmont District. On the other hand the convention held at Wathena, Kan. marked the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Churches of Kansas, and there is a charter showing that the organization of a convention was effected thirty years ago; thus making the work in Kansas as old as the work in Virginia. Statistics show that at Wathena eleven churches represented with a membership of 544. You will note that Kansas gave only \$25 for the Jubilee. So you can see that Kansas, with more than half as many churches and about half as many members, gave only one eighth as much as Virginia last year. Don't you think that we can do better than that? Let us

raise the Standard by making a strong pull in the Annual Educational Rally. You who read this, pass it on to the other fellow. "And let him that readeth understand," that this is an important matter and should not be overlooked by the churches in Kansas. Brother J. R. Louderback writes me from Mt. Sterling Ky., that he could not come to me to conduct a meeting because he had to go back to Roanoke, Va., where he is pastor, to work up his Educational Rally. Oh, that the Kansas brethren will have that same spirit! You will remember that our convention which convened here in Topeka, did not appropriate any money for education as other conventions are doing. Therefore we should make Educational Rally Day a big one in Kansas.

Yours in active service,

C. E. Craggett.

Dear Editor:— I take this opportunity to serve notice on the brotherhood that the time for Jubilee Rally is at hand. If my memory serves me right, the 4th Sunday of November is the day for this rally. Remember we started out to reach the \$20,000 mark. Every Church should have fellowship in this work.

It is now fifty years since our freedom. As Negro Disciples, we should go into this Jubilee Movement heartily. We can not celebrate the fiftieth year of our freedom in a better way than to make large gifts for the uplift of mankind. We are blessed in proportion as we help to bless others.

The money that is raised in the Jubilee Rally is not to help the Negroes only, but to help the human family.

I am proud of this for it shows an unselfish spirit. Let us remember that Jesus did not come into the world for one race or nation, but He came and died for all men. The Bible teaches us to be like Him. So you see, if we are to be like Jesus, when we make our gift we should make them with the understanding that they are given to bless, uplift, inspire, and to enlighten all men.

Remember what we raise is to help educate our own boys and girls. Those who have no children to be educated should give as freely as if they had them. Every man ought to do something to help to make the world better.

I know that a great many of our people are inclined to put up a pitiful mouth, but the ministers should not listen to the complaints of hard times because our needs will be supplied if we are doing God's will. It is not a question of hard times, it is a question of being on the side of right. You who doubt what I have said listen to this! "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness there of; the world and they that dwell there in". Not a little corner, but the entire earth and its fullness "is the Lord's.

The Lord has never given the earth away. He created man in His own image, gave man the privilege to live in it, but all of the wealth in its bosom belongs to God. So when we give of what we have in our own possession to help on every worthy cause, we are just giving back to God that which belongs to Him.

Some of us talk about what we would do if we were able, but I fear the trouble lies in not doing what we can. God expects us to use the one "talent." Just because you don't have a whole lot of money is no reason why we should not give.

Brethren, let us push this Jubilee Movement! Let the 4th Sunday of November be a high day for the General Church. Let officers keep this matter before the people. God help us to do our part.

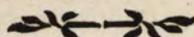
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B. C. Calvert.

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And cause His face to shine upon us;
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Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



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The work of the farmer is to care for the farm, he builds fences, repairs his gates, feeds his cattle and other stock, plows and plants his fields, reaps the meadows and gathers his harvest. Those around him are dependent upon him largely for their physical support.

Just so is the work of the C. W. B. M. Its work is to cultivate a missionary spirit among the sisters in the church of Christ, by organizing themselves together. There can be more definite and better results when we come together and learn giving our means systematically.

The work of the C. W. B. M. is to help Christianize the whole world, help prepare men and women that they may go into all parts of the world and carry the Gospel. By the means of the Missionary auxiliary, schoolhouses are built, Mission Stations are cared for, teachers paid, evangelists sent out over the great fields. For what purpose is this? It is that our boys and girls may have a Christian education. The work of the C. W. B. M. is to tear down the great structures of ruin and vice that have been set up to hedge the mind of the boy or girl who, in their tender age, are so ready to accept at any time. These should be torn down, the soil tilled and placed within their reach, an environment for Christ.

The little C. W. B. M. is enough to tell and inspire us what the great work we are engaged in. Christian women, be missionaries. And to be these we must do something.

In this work we must pay our \$.15 per month. Ten cents of this must be sent to our National Board of Missions for the purpose of being an auxiliary to the National Board of Missions. This is a very little sum required every quarter for our Foreign Missions. But when we think of the words of the Master when he said a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, it means that we have part and parcel in helping to save our boys and girls and women as well who do not know Christ in the other lands.

Just think of the women and children who have learned to know Christ by our missionaries. It was the work of the C. W. B. M. that had a hand in preparing this boy in one of the schools operated by the C. W. B. M. It gave Jacob Kenoly a Christian education, where they learned to train the head, the hand, and heart.

The 5 cents per month, which belongs to our own state, is small but it means much to us when we stop and realize what our obligations are. The present time demands a real wakening among our people to keep the reserve force well filled.

The women who belong to the C. W. B. M. Auxiliaries should make a stronger effort to mobilize their army for God.

The work of this society is to make useful women and men, this is the woman's work in the church. There is so much for us to do that cannot be done by the brethren. It is said that a chain is no stronger than the weakest link. I believe that a church cannot rise above its women. Its work is to place within the reach of those who do not belong to Christ, lives that will constrain them to become Christians and after they become members of the body of Christ, to organized themselves together to help carry on the work, for we learn that where there is union there is great strength. "For the love of Christ constraineth us" says the Apostle Paul.

Sister there is some work that men cannot do however earnest and faithful they may work, without our help and aid, the work of preparing hearts for the emotion of life that will waken one of great usefulness. Women must first form the principle in the boys and girls. The future church will be what the mother with a missionary spirit makes the children. Solomon says, "train up the child in the way it should go, and when he gets old he will not depart from it."

If life's true mission is to gain disciples for Eternity, we cannot possibly begin to accomplish that mission too young.

God does not give to any human being a surplus of years to devote to Satan. The best time is to begin before evil practices injure the soul. This is the work of the C. W. B. M. There is something noble in renouncing the world for the love of Christ. Youth like the morning is the proper time for every task that requires time and pains. This is the golden opportunity.

The pastor of the future must be prepared to do Teacher Training. The school must be managed as a business institution in a business way. It must continually saturate its pupils with a missionary spirit.

And the C. W. B. M. must rally up to the standard of giving their time, talents and money to help carry on this work which is so greatly in demand.

PAPA'S MISTAKE.

Papa distinctly said the other day,
That in the night, when I'm asleep so sound,
The earth keeps turning over all the time,
And every morning it's been half-way round,
I thought how grand to see this big round world
Go turning past this window in the hall,
And here I'm up at four o'clock to watch,
And there is nothing going round at all!
I thought that deserts, palm trees and giraffes
Might just be passing by the time I came;
And now, instead of all those lovely things,
Here's this old yellow rose bush just the same!

—Century Magazine.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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Monday night, October 11, 1915, the good white people of the vicinity and from other parts of the state, gathered in goodly numbers at the Mansion to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of President and Mrs. Lehman in this work. Prof. Burgess was in charge of the program. At the appointed hour, Rev. Bolton, pastor of the Christian Church of Utica, was asked to offer prayer; Instrumental Solo, Reba J. Burgess; Vocal Solo, Prof. Reichel; Address, Dr. C. P. Colmery, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Edwards; Address, Dr. E. T. Edmonds, pastor, First Christian Church, Jackson; Vocal Solo, Miss Barerra; Address, Mrs. Nettie Safley, Carpenter, President of Mississippi Christian Woman's Board of Missions; Vocal duet, "Abide with Me," Mrs. Vandivier and Prof. Reichel; Address, Mr. C. N. Harris, Mayor of Edwards; Piano Solo, Miss Barerra. Serving of light refreshments, consisting of sherbet and wafers. In due time before the departure of the guests, the chairman of the evening asked all to come out in the yard where a tree, recently planted, was to be christened. After some appropriate remarks, the twin sons of President and Mrs. Lehman poured water upon the tree, and as they did so Prof. Burgess said, "I now have the honor and the pleasure to proclaim this The Lehman Maple," Prof. Bebout offered a fitting prayer, President Lehman spoke very feelingly when he said that without the cooperation and the support of the people of the community, during this quarter of a century, Mrs. Lehman and he could not have accomplished what they see here today. It was an evening of splendid fellowship, and all, as they departed wished the faithful two God speed.

Tuesday afternoon, the Negro people gathered in large numbers to show their appreciation to President and Mrs. Lehman for their faithful service during all these years. The literary part of the exercises was carried out in the Chapel. Musical Numbers were furnished by Prof. Reichel, Miss Barerra, and Reba Burgess. Addresses were given by Prof. Burgess, Elder K. R. Brown, State Evangelist, Port Gibson, Elder B. C. Calvert, pastor of Washington Addition Church of Christ, Jackson, Prof. J. H. Powell, Edwards. These addresses were replete with gratitude that God had directed the lives of these people, while yet bride and groom, to this splendid field for Christian service. Mrs. and President Lehman responded very pleasantly with incidents of their labor here for the last quarter of a century. They expressed great gratitude for the splendid men and women, who during all these years had helped to further the ideals and plans of the institution. The teachers, who with devotion had served in carrying forward the work, were duly remembered. The young men and women who here had caught the vision splendid were given praise for the part they played in making the school successful, while they were yet students. The program of the afternoon was brought to a close with a prayer by Prof. H. C. Reichel. Friends talked with friends in the Chapel and upon the campus until the bell at Allison Hall called all into the spacious dining room for a buffet luncheon. This was indeed a happy occasion. At the conclusion of the repast, President Lehman asked a number of those who had been students here to respond with short speeches. These talks showed a loyalty and devotion that any man might well envy. The exercises of the day closed with many fond wishes to President and Mrs. Lehman for the continuation of their patient and wise efforts for the uplift of a race.

Elder B. C. Calvert held a short meeting at Edwards Church of Christ last week, with several additions.

Mt. Beulah folks yesterday were off the campus as follows: President Lehman preached at Vicksburg; Prof. Reichel preached at Morning Star; Prof. Bebout preached at the convict camp; Prof. and Mrs. Vandivier were at Canton, where they had bought cattle on Saturday and visited with friends; Prof. Burgess, F. W. Gambrel, W. E. Moore and Carey Hunter attended the conference for Sunday School Workers at Little Zion; A. W. Jacobs preached at Edwards Christian Church and baptized those who made the good confession at the Calvert meeting; W. E. Sims, assisted by E. A. Shirley and others conducted Sunday School at the convict camp.

The Franklin Seniors and Franklin Juniors give their first meeting of the literary societies Saturday afternoon.

The girls gave their final literary program last Saturday night in the Y. W. C. A. room. The program was splendid and did credit to the institution.

S. C. I.,— October 18, 1915.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WHO READ THE GOSPEL PLEA.

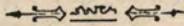
Dear Brothers, I think you all know that I am greatly interested in the prosperity and advancement of your race. To this end I labored for twenty-two years. My great desire was that the leaders in your churches and schools should have the best kind of industrial training. Fortunately your interests have been placed in the hands of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions who are liberally supporting schools to this end. When I laid down the field work it was placed in charge of J. B. Lehman, who has shown himself not only one of your best friends but who has shown himself especially fitted to be your leader both by ability and experience. It is his great desire that on the Jubilee Rally Day the Negro churches should send an offering worthy of the day and the cause it represents. Surely it is not too much to ask each preacher of the Christian Church to earnestly pray in his church every Lord's Day till time of offering for a great offering from his people, every dollar of which will be used for the advancement of his race. Yet I would remind all that any preacher who makes this prayer and then does not the petition of take the offering, will not weigh with his Heavenly Father.

Will He not say that the Negro preacher asked me for something he did not want; he asked me for a large offering and took none in his own church. Then again if you pray for a large offering and then do not make a canvass among the members of your church or churches, so that each member may be represented in it, so that each one should have a part, your prayer will avail little in Heaven. Your Father will know you did not want it much. You can ask every member in your church to pray for the offering, that it may be great and greatly bless your children, and then remind them that their prayers will be a mockery to their Heavenly Father, unless they give liberally to this end themselves. No one has a right to pray unless he be willing to help and answer the prayer. Watch and work for a great Jubilee Offering.

Your brother in Christ,

C. C. Smith.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson For OCTOBER 31

JOASH REPAIRS THE TEMPLE

II. KINGS 11:21-12:16.

GOLDEN TEXT: God loveth a cheerful giver. II Cor.

9. 7.

TIME.—Date of beginning of the reign of Joash is fixed at 887 B. C. This was some years before he began the repair of the house of the Lord.

PLACE.—Jerusalem, in the kingdom of Judah.

I. THE NEW KING.

Notice he is young. He needs counsel, advice. His uncle Jehoiada comes to his aid. The first thing his uncle did for him was to make a covenant between the Lord on one side and the king and the people on the other side. After Jehoiada died, Joash yielded to the temptations around him.

Children and young people need the Big Brother to influence them. Every boy needs some who will take an interest in him. Many boys fail because this interest is not followed up if he no longer comes to Sunday School the Big Brother in the S. S. who may be his teacher, or the Superintendent, or some man in the Bible Class. Any one who will feel responsible for the boy, should get on good terms with the boy and watch his life. You will find times to give advice and encourage the boy to do well. It takes time. Each man in the church should be a Big Brother.

II. AN INTEREST IN THE LORD'S HOUSE.

It is a splendid sign of an awakening when the people begin to build and repair the house of the Lord. In the lesson before us there was a system and plan for gathering money—all the money of the dedicated things. In times of sickness, people promise to give and labor if raised to health. Others dedicate something to the Lord if especially prosperous. These vows should be paid, given into the Lord's treasury. We should have a real revival of church repairing and church building to equip the churches for the new method of Bible school work. Plan to meet the needs of the whole community. Have separate rooms for the primary classes. Church buildings of to day, to do the effective work should have at least two or three rooms, and more if there are large numbers of children and adults within reach of the church house.

Study the two plans for gathering the money needed to repair the house of the Lord. One was a failure. There were no results. When people give money they wait to see results from the use of the money. It is many times a real sacrifice to give sufficient amounts for building church houses. It is well for people to make this sacrifice but the money should never be absorbed in various ways for which it was not given.

It is a great advantage to the boys and girls in Sunday School to be taught to give. With the Christian, giving is an act of worship. When people give the benevolent feelings are awakened, and a feeling comes to one, tho he has done the thing that he should do. Giving for religious work should be universal. Every body should give—all the children in Bible School, all the grown people in the church and all who share the blessings of the church.

"Give strength, give thought, give deeds, help
Give love, give tears and give thyself; self,
Give, give, be always giving.
Who gives not is not living.

The more we give, the more we live."

III. THE BODY, OUR TEMPLE.

Is it being destroyed by a wrong use? There are many ways to destroy this temple. Mention several. If we are now injuring our bodies, remember that in a little while nature will cease to make the repairs and we will be helpless. Take good care of the body. If your life is out of repair see to it at once. If your conduct at home, in school with brothers and parents is wrong, see that the temple of your body is made fit for Jesus to dwell in it.

D. R. B.

The Modern Bible School

Vol. I. Edwards, Mississippi, October 30, 1915. No. 1.

This week we begin the issue of this little bulletin in the interest of the Modern Sunday School, and especially in behalf of the work that is springing up among the Sunday Schools within a radius of twelve or fifteen miles of the Southern Christian Institute.

A friend asked the writer yesterday, "When can we have one of these Sunday School Conferences in our Church?" When told that it could not come for several months, he was surprised to find that the schedule was made out so far ahead.

These conferences held away from Mt. Beulah, always occur on the third Sunday of the month.

THE DATES

St. Paul, November.

Chapel Hill, December.

Christian Church, Edwards, January.

Spring Ridge, February.

The Second Extension Conference was held yesterday at Little Zion. A number of workers interested in the progress of the Sunday Schools were present. The following program was carried out: Song by the audience, "The Superintendent and his work," H. M. Moffatt, Little Zion; Opening Prayer, J. Hardy, Oak Ridge; "Some of the Rewards of Sunday School Workers," F. W. Gambrel, Mt. Beulah; Vocal Solo, Miss Elnora Moffat, Little Zion; "How to encourage the Members of the Sunday School to give in their Class Collection," James Riles, Spring Ridges; "How do Secretaries keep their Records?" A. E. Elmore, Little Zion; "What is the Sunday School?" Prof. T. M. Burgess, Mt. Beulah; Round Table, in which a large number took part; closing Prayer, Rev. Hardwick, Little Zion.

Is the superintendent of your school present every Sunday morning before the time of opening of school? If he is, the writer will venture assertion that you have a live Sunday School.

Don't say to the children, "Mary and John, hurry up and get ready for Sunday School," but instead say in the language of the Modern Sunday School, "John and Mary, hurry up and go with farther and mother to Sunday School.

Now for St. Paul in November. Let us make it the best conference yet. We know their enterprising Superintendent, E. Mack, will do his best to make the meeting a great success.

"The Modern Sunday School" welcomes news from your Sunday School. Some times we think we are not doing much in our own Sunday Schools, and yet if others only knew what we do, it would be a great encouragement to others. Write a postal card or a letter, to "The Modern Bible School," Institute Rural Station, Edwards, Mississippi, or use the long distance telephone:

THE GOSPEL PLEA

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

JAMES I. RUNDLES

One century and more than a half has passed since Robert Raikes established the Sunday School. From this has grown our modern Bible School.

When Mr. Raikes organized the Sunday School at Gloucester England, in 1783, little did he know of its power, place, and boundless limit among nations, nor its relationship to the church of Christ. But the purpose of this organization was good. Even today it is far beyond our conception. In England, it reduced illiteracy, and increased moral, intellectual and spiritual growth. This was true especially, among the unfortunate boys and girls of England. The main purpose of the Sunday School was to rescue the thousands of neglected ones, who were perishing for the need of Christian intelligence.

From this institution of 1783, has dawned a new day which is not clear to our churches, Sunday Schools, and leaders of the twentieth century.

It is too limited to call this great spiritual organization with all of its divine guidance, the Sunday School. This name indulges us in thinking that it is merely the place where children should go on Sunday to be catechised. But the Bible School is a "Church School", a school that is for young and old, the rich and poor. It is destined to bring the ends of the earth under the shadows of its wings.

Today at least three-fifth of our local church members have no connection with the Bible School of their churches. By this action they separate themselves from the living church School of Christ where they should get new ideas that are clear and sound, and thought out, by some of the very best brain in the world. The solution to life's great problems in the home, community, state, with nations, and even the world, has been summed up in the Bible School. Then you should lose yourselves among the great minds of the twentieth century, studying and solving the great problems down from patriarch and prophets, kings and martyrs, and from Jesus himself, and His followers, struggling with the church down through the ages.

The Bible School should be to the church and all other Christian organizations as the earth is to all things that exist upon it, holding each in perfect order. For back of all Christian organizations, including the church, is the Bible, and back of the Bible is God. This organization is a view point from which we can look for thousands of years back, then about us, and prepare for the new day which is dawning now. It declares God to be our father, Christ our brother, and the wide, wide world one family. Christ prayed that all of His followers might be one with Him in God. Then do you not see the church and the Bible School working together under the divine leadership of Christ, converting the world overthrowing selfishness, ignorance, and bringing the sons and daughters of the red, white, black, and yellow; king, queen, priest and peasants together around the same table. They are lovingly and Christlike sippings from the same dish. Christ proved these by examples, and commanded us to teach others to observe them. If they are not true, then Christianity is a failure.

Are you keeping in touch with the great Bible School world? Do you study great minds like that of Herbert Moninger, C. S. Medbury, P. H. Welshimer, Wm. B. Taylor, C. T. Paul, and F. W. Thornton? They have found the key to this great subject, and if you have not studied them carefully and prayerfully you are all in a little dark world to yourself. Come out! Bring our boys and girls to the front,

and let them live in the Bible School. Do not wait until your enrollment is fifty. Begin with two and let it increase to a thousand if it will. It is life to me and the same will be life to you and your co-workers.

James I. Rundles.

TENNESSEE.

JUBILEE RALLY. A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.

Our churches in the United States have accepted the problem to raise \$20000 by Jan. 1916. This effort is on the part of the Negro Disciples in the United States to foster the cause of Jesus Christ both at home and in foreign lands. If we will do this it will be a living monument to our spiritual lives and it will mark well the progress that we have made in our fifty years of freedom in America.

If our ministers would consider their mission, and urge upon the church to consider it's mission, and work to bring out the efficiency of the church, this problem and all other like problems would be solved.

To raise \$20,000 would be only a part of what we could do. The minister must study the people he is pastoring, until he knows them and then put every member to work. He can do this with a little push and energy and great results will follow. The Christian preacher is the greatest evangelizing force in the world. God is depending upon him to do things that will count for something.

True service is to serve God with all of your heart. Then, we should realize the only way to serve God, is to first serve our fellowman. If we would do this whole towns and communities would become Christianized. To sacrifice unto God is to give our lives to lead others who know not God into the higher ideal of Christian service. God's call is for men, and when man hears and answers to the call, God wants the whole life of that man. God never accepts a part. God wants all, "for he is all and in all."

A Christian life is a life open for service and giving. The man that gives is the man that will live, not only in this world, but in the world to come. The man who will not give will spiritually die. I will ask the readers of the PLEA to note the number of evangelists in the field. Sacrificing all they possess in this life to bring peace and joy to others. The number of schools and the great men that are placed at the head of these schools, all supported by our National C. W. B. M., is enough to thrill the heart of every Negro Disciple in the world.

Let us realize all that we have is the Lord's and our lives are hid in God, with Christ. On the third Lord's Day in November will be our Jubilee Rally. This call is for third Lord's Day, not one service on or after collection, but for every disciple in the United States to rally all day. Hold three services, have a splendid program at each service; urge your Rally. Put your Sunday School to work, and on the Rally Day fill your church, every pew. Talk about the Rally, agitate it. If you will do this you will close your Rally with great results.

Ministers, the churches you are pastoring cannot be real Christian churches without being a part of the great missionary force of saving the world for Christ.

Preachers do not cry out hard times. There is no hard times with God. If you are God's servant he is always ready to help you. Matt. 7:7. "Ask and it shall be given you;" therefore, if we do not receive, it must be because we have failed to ask him. Matt. 7:8 "For every one that asketh receiveth."

Teach your people, "He that hath ears let him hear". Hear what? The Macedonian cry, \$20,000 by 1916.

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W. P. Martin, Evangelist.

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THE GOSPEL PLEA

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HELPFUL TO ALL

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary

 **M**ANY people responded to the invitation that Mrs. Lehman and I made to friends of the work to come and help celebrate the occasion. Many more could not come but sent words of appreciation. These seem to us almost extravagant in their expression, but we believe they express what the friends of the work think we should have done and, therefore, we feel it will not be regarded as vanity on our part if we make some extracts from some of them for this page. It lets us know what this work can be made if there is a united effort.

The first came from Secretary C. C. Smith, who labored so long and hard for this work. We wish we could give all his good message.

"Your lives have been full of care and toil for others, but the years thus spent together must have been full of happiness. You have not saved your lives and hence have found them. What joy it must be for you to behold the fruitage of your lives. You have only to look around you to see that fruitage."

Prof. J. H. Thomas, Principal of the Martinsville Christian Institute writes thus:

"Because in your youth you dared dream a dream, not of gold to canker, not of fame to perish, nor yet of place or power to be had by whims of men; but the wealth of a life truly lived after the Christ pattern—I congratulate you.

"Because in pursuit of that dream you dared espouse the cause of the most despised of men, thus risking, if not inviting contempt and ostracism from your fellows, — I admire you.

"Because the passing years, with all their pain and sorrow, their nervous disappointments and disillusionings have been utterly powerless to shake your faith; because through the darkest hour you could still be to each other a true helpmeet, and the Man of Galilee still remained the guiding star and inspiration of you both; because from this vantage you cast a glance backward, you can find more for which to be glad than for which you need to be sad — I delight to honor you."

Prof. H. H. Holtzclaw, Principal of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute writes:

"I congratulate you most heartily upon the attainment of the quarter century milestone in the splendid and satisfactory service which both of you have been rendering to a people who needed you more perhaps than any other. May you at least have another quarter century, and more, to spread the gospel of truth, morality and industry. If I were to speak for the colored people, I would say that they feel towards you both like the Englishman feels towards his ruler, "Long live the King."

Robert Graham Boston, one of the most substantial citizens of Louisiana, writes:

"Congratulations for the wonderful work you have done during the past twenty-five years, locally and in an educational way. I notice Bishop Chandler, following in the way you have already blazed, insists upon religious training being dominant in the new M. E. South Ministry at Atlanta. Your influence has spread beyond Mississippi and covers more than our nation."

Mr. Bryan of the Bryan Drug Company of Vicksburg writes:

"We desire to commend the great work you are doing for our dear Southland and for a nation of people whose energies were practically lost, not only to themselves but to the world at large. Your great work in helping the Negro race to find itself will prove of far greater value than any recent invention."

Miss Annette Newcomer of Des Moines, Iowa, President of the Iowa C. W. B. M. writes:

"Your work has been so quiet and modest that the church which you have so ably served has not always given you due recognition. Surely, now, when you pause for a moment's retrospect, we can all stop with grace, long enough to speak the words of love and appreciation that is always in our hearts. You do not know how large a place you have in the hearts of our people, for we have not always shown it by our gifts to the work for which you have given your life. Your work speaks for itself and if recognition has seemed tardy it will nevertheless be generous."

Prof. Holroyd of the Livingstone, Tennessee, Seminary writes:

"These twenty-five years have been years of blessing to the many lives you have touched. God has wonderfully used you and we pray that he may give you many more years to spend in his service."

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Ross, a former worker here writes:

"This is to congratulate you upon your quarter century of indefatigable work for the uplift of the Negro race. Surely, you have much to compensate you in the thoughts of the hundreds who have gone out into the world carrying your ideals of life. That is earthly immortality, that is the real transmigration of souls."

Miss Myrta Pearson, a former worker and a missionary elect, writes:

"Such a happy day it must be with so much around you representing your twenty-five years of united service. I just feel your hearts beating as it all wells up within you, and you think—just take a day off to think—of the past years and all the things accomplished."

Mrs. Z. H. Howard, a graduate and for a long time a worker here writes:

"You have done much in these twenty-five years for our people and I believe you have helped the other race wonderfully. In what other way could these twenty-five years have been spent that would have brought greater fruit to you and others?"

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—Thirty-four additions, \$284, a banner Sunday School, a crowded house each night, a happy people and a better town are among the results of our two weeks' meeting at Little Rock, Ky. The minister, Bro. R. E. Hathaway, has preached for them 30 years. He is dearly beloved by all. His officers to a man are with him in all the good work. A better "Board" I never saw. The public school adds much to the work. The teachers attend and serve in all the church work. We had some music over there. 166 fell in line at the school house and marched to the church Sunday afternoon, (this was the Sunday School,) where we presented to it the State Banner. We stopped at some good home, Sister Hall's. Our 3d meeting there. Going back? "Cose I am" some of these days. Let the young men take notice and learn what it means for a minister to walk Godly in a community. It bears fruit. Sister Hathaway was with us. One joined here at home last night.

Yours for service,

C. H. Dickerson.

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To this might be added scores of others but space will not permit.

But the achievement of the twenty-five years would not have been possible without the co-operation of (1) a faithful company of fellow workers, (2) true and tried friends among the Negroes in all these states, (3) true friends in South and North in all these years, and (4) but by no means least the faithful and untiring work of Secretary C. C. Smith and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Surely, it was the gift of God that we should have such help and if on this twenty-fifth anniversary fulsome praise has been heaped on Mrs. Lehman and myself, it is only because we have stood at the head of the work here and it is, therefore, easy to attribute its success to us.

J. B. Lehman.

MOUND BAYOU, MISSISSIPPI.

The time of year draws near when, as a nation, looking back upon the past year, we pause to express our thankfulness for what the Lord has done for us.

As we look back upon the past year we find ourselves unable to count the blessings that have been ours to share and we, perhaps, feel to say with David "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me," Since we have been taught that we best serve our Lord in serving others, we are not at a loss as to what to do. How appropriate at this time also comes Jubilee Rally Day and we are privileged to bring our offering that will be put into a work that is a blessing to mankind, a work that is being done to the glory and honor of his name.

Have we fully realized that the Jubilee Rally is on? This is the last year and to reach the desired end our best efforts must be put forth.

As we look around in our church, judging from surrounding circumstances, we can count at least ten members who can easily give their five dollars to say nothing of those who are able to give their one dollar. How much this one church alone can help swell the Jubilee fund if all pull together! What is true of this church must, to some extent, be true of other churches. Last year, we say, was a hard year and many of us felt that we could not and did not come up to our pledge. This year we have been wonderfully blessed. So while settling up the old account carried over from last year by the merchant, let us be reminded of that little account carried over from last year's Rally and keep our pledge by settling up for the old and the new.

Could we think of doing anything else but our very best as we look out upon what the C. W. B. M. is doing for us? Think of the schools among us filled with efficient teachers and the like workers out on the field, all laboring to bring about better conditions among our people.

We know that we, ourselves, could not do this work alone. Then may we lend encouragement to those who are standing by us by bringing forward a good offering this last year of the Jubilee Rally, that the good work may move onward.

Roxie C. Sneed.

"My little song of praise
In sweet content I sing;
To Thee the note I raise,
My King! My King!"

TENNESSEE'S GREAT NEED OF MISSIONS.

Among the women of this state, let us go for awhile into details of missions. Have we learned the real meaning of missions yet or not? From the reports of the year's work we could sympathize with the auxiliaries; for time has been close and the societies were barely alive. Yet we kept eating and we kept wearing very respectable clothes, thinking the times were hard. Now let us see if we have Missionary work solved out. Probably some have it solved out but sit with hands folded till the mission vision has "desolved." Can we realize how long it has been since we met in Nashville, in our convention? We should have gone to our homes with renewed vigor and better thoughts for our societies. Let our motto be, what others have done and are doing we can do. We need all through the entire state more co-operation among the sisterhood in our local societies. What we mean by this is, those who are at the head and possess a double portion of knowledge and are able to understand the work should realize that the time is at hand to give it to those in need and who want to know. Some of us have learned that if we give our 10 cts per month we are on good ground but we have not complied with the constitution and by laws. There is our 5 cts. We should send it also. The time has now come that we can not be recognized as we should be because we do not contribute to our own State Funds. Let us wake up and quit lagging, content with just enough to keep in the gang, which a great many of our auxiliaries are doing.

We must remember that Christ wants the whole heart in his work. This is his work, not ours only.

There are strong women in every society who possess the spirit of missions. These should do their duty by helping others to know. Now we would rather stop and complain about sending so much away. Yes, it is needed at home, but we must love our neighbor as ourself. We are such home mission workers. Are we really at work? Let us build up our auxiliaries at home and while we are doing this we will get more to send away and will be accomplishing a twofold purpose. Can we not do great good by securing the sisters of our local congregation to join in this work? Why are we not doing this; there are many, many, women who join the church, who become idlers and the result is, those women soon are back to the mire again, when if we as sisters had done our duty at home in being sociable enough, had gone to see them, and told them how we could use their help and had been patient in showing them how they could become useful and capable of doing a great work for Christ, after being properly trained and encouraged to go forward with the talent they have, they would have gained other talent. This would be saying and doing what we believe, by working at home and cultivating the soil around us, we could always send in good reports. Every society needs to use the "Divison Plan Booklet," which can be used even in a society that is very small. If this plan is properly carried out, it will build up any society's membership. These booklets can be secured from the College of Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind. This plan will bring the women to read more literature. We, as a general rule, work too long without sufficient material to work with.

Let the women of East, Middle and West, make up. Our success depends entirely upon what we put into this great cause. If we put little or no effort in we get

little or no results. The Motto is, "The Love of Christ Constraineth us." This ought to be the keynote of every life. We women have a wonderful opportunity and a privilege to be engaged in a noble work. We can, as a race, share with other women in helping save our people and in sending the Gospel to foreign lands. We should not be so backward about getting women and teaching them this work. Think of those who do not know this true and living way. They are human. This alone should inspire us to awaken and want to do more.

Let all of the auxiliaries wake up this year. Listen, don't we have a call for more money? We must try hard and send in something. Show whether we are on the right or on the wrong side.

Pastors, where are you? We want you to help us talk Missions. Pray and preach missionary money. Tennessee's great need is to set a new determination. Get in the lead. There are those who are able individually to give \$1,000 but that does not help the weak Auxiliaries. If we can get 25 women out of these eleven societies that we know of to rally regularly to the support of missions what a help this will be.

We read that the national treasury is all ready over drawn. Can't we help? Of course we think our help too small but the Master commended the woman for what she had done. All who have not read the Oct. number of the Tidings should send and get a special copy. Tennessee's greatest need is, more consecrated, earnest, enthusiastic, willing workers.

Yours in the Master's Service,
Mrs. W. A. Britton, Organizer.

OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the GOSPEL PLEA:—

It has been some time since I have written you concerning our work here. We are getting along very nicely at this time. Still we have had some trouble since our last report. Our pastor resigned, leaving us without a preacher. Yet we are still moving onward. Bro. E. F. Jackson finished out his unexpired term.

Bro. R. W. Watson of Danville, Ky., preached for us on the 10th of October and gave us some excellent facts to think of. Sister Rosa V. Brown was also with us on the same day. She brought to us some of the best news. The presence of this brother and sister meant very much to us and I pray that the Lord will pour out his blessing upon them in the work which has been assigned to them. We hope to have them with us again. We stand in need of their assistance at any time.

We have raised for pastoral work to this time \$131.55 and for the expenses of the church \$61.77. Total \$193.32.

We hope to go as we are bidden go. We are preparing for our Annual Convention, trying to get up to that 25 cts. per member so that we will be enabled to make a round report. I pray that we will have success in our meeting.

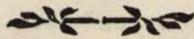
The Christian Churches in South Carolina have been in the dark but it is beginning to seem now that we are coming to the light. We are now seeing things that we never saw before. We see that we need better informed men than we have ever had before. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Come over into Macedonia and help us.

Yours for Christ and his Church,
A. L. Brabham, clerk of 3-Mile Creek Christian Church.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

BENEDICTION OF SOCIETIES

*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



Program for December.

*"As with gladness those of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee."*

Topic: Organization of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions; the Enlistment of All the Women of the Church in the Work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER

Thanksgiving for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and all that has been accomplished through this Association; petitions that our Missionary Societies may know how to win the co-operation of every woman and girl in our churches;

For the Work and Workers for Porto Rico;
For the Men and Millions Movement;
For Peace.

Suggested Book for Reading in December—

"The Character of Christ."

Suggested Book in Bible for Reading in December—

Ezekiel.

Prayer and Preparation will make a good meeting.

Hymn. Invocation. Hymn.

Bible Reading: Matthew 21: 18-22.

Hymn. Season of Prayer.

Business Period.

Roll-call. Respond to roll-call by a missionary item gleaned in reading.

Review of Bible study.

Drill: Questions for a drill may be found in the leaflet "Questions and Answers."

Review of Chapter III in "Forty Years of Service; A History of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions."

Story: "The Gift Without the Giver."

Sketch of a Missionary.

Talk or paper (five minutes): "The Value of Missionary Visions."

Talk or paper (five minutes): "What Can Our Society Do to Help Reach the Aim for One Hundred Thousand Members?"

Five one-minute talks: "Some Ways I Have Been Helped by My Membership in the Woman's Missionary Society."

Informal discussion of above subjects.

Review of United Mission Studies.

Hidden Answers.

Reading letter from a missionary.

Recitation: "The Night Cometh." Page 20, in "Recita-

tons and Dialogues for Missionary Entertainments."

Hymn.

Benediction.

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations,"
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Societies may make selections from the "Helps" announced in the MISSIONARY TIDINGS instead of ordering all that are mentioned. It is recommended that "Questions and Answers" and "Recitations and Dialogues for Missionary Entertainments" be secured for continued use in each Society.

The MISSIONARY TIDINGS in every home should be the ideal for every Woman's Missionary Society.

Each officer of the Society should have a "Hand Book," price 5 cents, and the book, "Forty Years of Service; A History of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions," price 30 cents (paper), 50 cents (cloth).

Chairmen of committees should have a "Hand Book" and any other helps on the work of the committees.

The Secretary and Treasurer should have the books especially prepared for their use; price 35 cents each.

When the Society is using the Division plan, each leader of a division should have "The Division Plan" booklet, price 10 cents each, six for 50 cents. Every member of the Society should have a "Record Card," price 10 cents per dozen, 50 cents per hundred.

Every Society should provide its members with Thank Offering boxes for the gathering of special offerings.

The Treasurer should have enough envelopes to give twelve to each member for the missionary year, beginning with October. These may be distributed by the leaders of divisions. It is helpful to write the name of the person and the month on each envelope before giving them out. Envelopes should be filled, properly marked with name of donor, amount given, etc., ready to drop into the baskets. Never make change or talk about overdue offerings during the meetings. The offering is a part of the service. Let it be conducted quietly and with dignity. It is good to reverently stand while the envelopes are collected, and remain standing for a brief prayer.

Envelopes can be secured from the Literature Department at 10 cents per hundred.

Hold the meeting in a bright, attractive place. It is usually best held in some home. When held in the church, use a small room, if possible, and have a committee to see that everything is in order before time for the meeting to begin. Keep the business period to the given time.

Make motions. Do not say "I think it would be a good plan," etc. Say "I move that—" Do not say, "I move you."

The program following the business should occupy one hour. Keep to this time.

The leader should be careful to promptly stop the informal discussions.

Do not allow long pauses in the Questions and Answers, Drill, Informal Discussions, Hidden Answers and Items from MISSIONARY TIDINGS. If there is an embarrassing silence, pass quickly to the next part of the program.

Members should respond to roll-call as requested by program.

Study the Bible lesson and make it a living part of the meeting.

Never read articles or leaflets, other than stories, as a part of the program. Never say, "It is written better than I can tell it, so I will read it." The message given in your own words will be much more effective than a reading.

Select hymns before coming to the meeting. Do not leave even one part of the program to arrange after you reach the place of meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

President Lehman left last week to attend conventions on the Atlantic coast.

Thos. B. Kalane, a native of Africa, has entered school to take work in our Bible Department. He has been a student a number of years at Wilburforce University.

Miss Josephine Gardiner attended a district convention at Greenville last week and delivered an address.

Prof. Reichel and his crew of student workmen are putting up a new building for boys, so that we may be able to take in more young men who want to work their way, than we have ever been able to take before. Have you not a worthy young man in your community to send over to us.

The class in Homiletics is very interesting. The young women who are pursuing work in the Bible Department are taking as much interest in the study as are the young men. Young women who pursue this course will make better mothers in the home and better teachers in the Sunday School.

All students in the Day School are taking courses in agriculture up to the third year in the High School. The young men in the Night School are also taking work under Prof. Vandivier.

The Junior and Senior Franklin Literary Societies held their first meetings of the year last Saturday afternoon. The programs were of a very high order.

The young men of the agricultural department are digging sweet potatoes at a lively rate these days.

Mrs. Eliza Brooks, Emma Get. and Mrs. Cornelia Taylor of Carpenter, Mississippi, drove over Saturday night with some young women who desired to enter school. They returned Sunday morning.

Every thing at the Power House is in "ship shape" order. We have never had better lights. Peter Dunson of Liberia, Africa, and Sere Myers, of Cedar Bluff, Miss., are the young men at the helm.

S C. I., Oct. 25, 1915.

LUM, ALABAMA.

Our school has opened with the largest attendance we have ever had in starting. The old proverb is, "a good start makes a bad ending." We truly hope that this will not work true in this case.

The Endeavor has begun again for the benefit of our school boys and girls, which is a very great society to train young workers for the Master; for right here at this place and in the same society some of our young ministers began their first extempore speaking.

On Sunday night we enjoyed a splendid sermon by Prof. I. C. Franklin which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Franklin is pastor of this congregation at Union Point.

The Sunday Schools are doing splendid work as reported in our quarterly meeting.

The Union Point Sunday School is awaking to her duties as to raising means. We gave an entertainment known as "A Feast in The Wilderness." The ladies furnished the baskets and the gentlemen paid the money. We raised five dollars the first night. We are planning to have another one soon.

The boys are gathering corn and hay for winter. We will raise more corn this year than ever before.

We are looking forward now to our Annual Meeting which

will convene at Luverne, Alabama, October 20-24 1915. It will be a thing of the past when this comes into print. We hope that in this meeting something good will be accomplished. We hope that we will be blessed to have in our convention our worthy brethren, J. B. Lehman and P. H. Moss, also our worthy sister, Miss Rosa V. Brown.

We truly hope that the spirit of the great Master Teacher will be so forcibly exhibited that we will resolve to come into closer union, that the unity of our lives will be so manifest that the world can see it and, seeing, will believe in the power and love of God, and others will therefore be constrained to follow in his steps.

Yours for His Service,
L. J. Phyffer.

FOUR LITTLE MICE

"Just", "But" "Simply" and "Merely",

These four, no more, Amen.

These little rodents are very artful,

They have cut holes in "Our Plea."

They have modified destructively.

Look at their eyes, teeth, claws, skill.

Earnest but unwise leaders feed them.

For FAITH, people have been told

"Just" Believe on Jesus. Where in the Book do we find any "Just Believe?" This first little mouse has cut the heart out of our faith, and left only the husk, the bran, lifeless. Let our leader cry "Believe with all Thy Heart."

"But" is another Little Mouse.

That Repentance is nothing "But turning" is often heard among us. This 2nd little mouse ruins another step into the Kingdom. There's no "But Turning" to it. It is Turning magnified to its highest power. Such a turning as will change the whole course of one's life, snatch him from the ranks of sin and Satan, and enlist him actively in the service of our blessed Lord. Sound it out that "Except ye Repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Next little mouse, "Simply," has gnawed the head off our confession of the Lord Jesus Christ. As our beloved Prof. Thomas used to tell us "Let the Bible mean what it wants to mean." No deadening adjective should be attached to a command of our King. In this good confession, the sinner takes Jesus as his Lord, his ruler, his guide, his master whom he will serve, and there's no Simply to it, but rather an entirety.

This last little mouse is "Merely."

He would puncture every one of the

Corner Stones of our faith.

"Merely, be Baptized" is often heard.

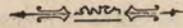
One merely baptized is not baptized at all.

Such baptism saves nobody. If it did we'd catch men and baptize them as we dip sheep. Some very Godly steps must precede baptism, and these I'm trying to emphasize. "Buried with Christ by baptism" is no hollow mockery. It means death to past powers and sins. "Burial presupposes death. "How can he that is dead to sin live any longer therein?" Take away the little mice. They cut the tie that binds. Lets forever be done with these little rascals, and "Let the Bible mean what it wants to mean." Continue in the Faith.

C. H. Dickerson,

Nicholasville, Kentucky.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 14.

DANIEL IN THE KING'S COURT.

World's Temperance Sunday.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men. I Cor. 16:13.

TIME:—B. C. 605-4; at the time Daniel was carried to Babylon.

PLACE:—Babylon on the Euphrates. Before his captivity Daniel lived in Jerusalem.

The story briefly told in to-day's lesson is this, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and carried away with him to Babylon, the king of Juda and some of the vessels of the temple and not a few of the most promising young men, who were skillful. He selected four of these who had had good religious training, to learn the language of the Chaldeans and the affairs of the nation. The king appointed the diet, and the wine he considered suited to their needs but Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat nor with the wine which he drank. At the request of Daniel a division was made of those who had been brought captive from Jerusalem, and four led by Daniel were permitted to eat plain food and at the end of ten days to appear in the presence of those who had eaten the portion of the king's meat.

At the end of ten days the four surpassed in looks and appearance all the children which did eat the king's meat. At the end of three year's training and temperate habits the king found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. These four are the heroes we hear of later.

TEMPERANCE.

In the discussion of temperance we must not limit it to the great drink evil. Its meaning is much wider. We need also to understand the meaning of the term. The sense in which temperance is generally understood by those who advocate it is, a moderate use of things not harmful and a prohibition of things harmful. The reason for giving the emphasis to the drink problem is because its evil effects are so numerous and it so quickly robs a man of his ability to do his work and maintain his place in society. The fight against the booze business and the evils that go with it is becoming intense. The great cities are now making a war on the saloon and liquor business.

An Alabama superintendent put up in his school the following placard.

"WANTED: One Hundred boys for new customers. Most of our old customers are rapidly dropping out."

"Ten committed suicide last week.

Twenty are in jail—eight are in the chain gang.

Fifteen were sent to the poor house

—one was hanged."

Alcohol has been attacked in many ways. The poster campaign is very effective.

Who is the first man

to be laid off, and

the last man to

be taken on?

THE MAN WHO DRINKS.

THE PLEDGE.

We hereby pledge ourselves to abstain from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, AND

To do all we can to persuade others to abstain.

D. R. B.

The Modern Bible School.

Vol. I. Edwards, Mississippi, October 25, 1915, No. 2.

Dear superintendents, do you let the people in your communities feel that the Sunday School, the real Sunday School, is the greatest institution in the world? If you have never done so, try it.

Do you have your advanced classes organized with a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer? There is no better way to build up a class.

Those who wish some splendid material for their Temperance Committees may find books and other helps listed on page 212 of "The Superintendent and His Work" by Frank L. Brown, published by the Methodist Book Concern, 1018-20 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. The Temperance Committee should be alive to its opportunity once each quarter on Temperance Sunday.

Prof. Burgess of Mt. Beulah was asked to speak to the Sunday School at the 42nd anniversary of Chapel Hill Church the second Sunday. It was impossible for him to be present and Rev. D. S. Stone spoke in his place.

R. B. Donnerson takes Teacher Training work in one Sunday School every Sunday morning just before he takes up his duties as superintendent of the Edwards Christian Sunday School.

Mt. Moriah was in a big rally the third Sunday and so could not join in the Conference for Sunday School Workers at Little Zion.

Has any one ever gone out from your Sunday School to the Home or Foreign field? If so, a great event ought to be made of it when he or she returns to the home school.

The large audience that was present at the Worker's Conference at Mt. Beulah, Oct. 24 th., is loud in its praise of the splendid address delivered by H. M. Moffatt of Little Zion.

CARLISLE KENTUCKY.

Dear Editor:— I am just home from a two week's meeting at Fair View. We had a successful meeting which you will hear from. This church is without a pastor. Elder John James is taking care of the work. This is a splendid church with a membership of about 80. I regret very much to say that on the day our meeting closed I received a message to come home and preach the funeral of Brother Albert Bristol who departed this life October 9, 1915. Born 1841. Age 74. As I was unable to get here, Elder T. H. Wilson took charge of the funeral and was assisted by Elder R. E. Hathaway and Elder C. H. Dickerson, who had heard of the death and came over from Little Rock. Brother Bristol leaves one daughter, four sisters, one nephew and a host of friends. Also a sister, Tabitha Howe, the oldest member of our church, was called from labor to reward, Oct. 11, 1915. She was supposed to be 115 yrs. old at her death, had been a member of the church 55 years. She leaves a husband, one cousin, grand-daughter, and a host of friends, both white and colored. She had been a sufferer for five years but she bore her affliction well.

Death is surely not horror but is sometimes thought to be. It's just waking up to-morrow in the bright eternity. Death is nothing but a tunnel from the old world to the new, but if you walk with Jesus he will safely carry you through.

It is just a step across the archway to the heavenly mansion bright, where we will dwell with God for ever in the realm that knows no night.

F. T. Floyd.

THE GOSPEL PLEA

The Homely Little Girl and The Lady With the Veil.

ONCE upon a time there was a little girl who was very homely—yes, I think that perhaps the first time you looked at her face you have said that she was ugly. But you would have changed your mind about that, once you came to know her. Her eyes were very small and very wide apart, while her nose was broad and flat. Her forehead was narrow and her hair a dull brick red, and very straight at that. Her mouth was broad and a little inclined to be crooked and her teeth were large and irregular. Altogether she was as plain a little maiden as one often meets on the public highway.

The worst of it was, this poor little girl had known for a long time how homely she was and had grieved over it, too, in her childish way, for she had a little sister who was so much prettier that one could not fail to notice the difference when they walked about together. But just because our little girl realized how homely she was she had a great sympathy for every other ugly person or thing. The scrawnyest kitten on the place was always sure of a kind and tender protection in Hilda's comfortable arms; and the thin, featherless chicken that other folks thrust aside in disgust was sure of an extra handful of grain from Hilda's kind little hand. And because she knew she had no beauty to make people happy, she tried all the harder to give pleasure by kind and gentle ways, for there is beauty in a sunny heart as well as in a handsome face, and don't you forget it.

Well, one summer, on the pleasantest street of the little village where Hilda lived, a great, handsome house, finer than any other in the place, was built, and when the house was finished a lady came to live there, all by herself. Of course she had plenty of servants, but she had nobody who "belonged" as Hilda said. And though she rode or walked out every day, she wore such a thick black veil that nobody had ever seen her face.

"Who could she be?" the girls asked one of another, and why did she live in the big house all alone? Wouldn't it be fun if she'd invite some of them to come and see her in the big, fine house? And so they took up the custom of walking past the great house very often as they came and went between school and home, and conjured up, in their childish minds, many wondrous mysteries about it.

One evening, in the golden twilight of an autumn day, a crowd of school girls were walking slowly past the great house together, when the big door opened and Hilda came out, as quiet and unconcerned as if she belonged there.

"O Hilda," cried the girls, running up in breathless excitement, "have you been in the big house? And how did you get there?"

"Sh—sh—," said Hilda, "don't talk so loud or she might hear. Come walk along and I'll tell you all about it. One night, when this lady and her husband and little baby were asleep, the house caught fire and the husband was burned to death trying to get some of their things out. The lady got out with her baby, but they were so badly burned that the baby died afterwards and the lady's face is just covered with dreadful scars. I knew there was something wrong or she wouldn't live here so quiet and lonely, so one day I went in and found out and since then I go there very often. She don't mind me, because I know how it feels to be stared at."

"And what do you think we are going to do?" Hilda went on, eagerly. "She must have lots of money, 'cause she's paid for some rooms in the hospital, where little poor children who are sick or hurt can be taken care of. And every Saturday she's going to send me down with flowers and fruit for the children. She says 'cause she can't give things to her own little girl, she wants to give to other folks. Isn't it beautiful?" And Hilda's face shone so brightly that you would almost have said that she was just as pretty as the rest.

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE JUBILEE RALLY.

As I see it the Negro Disciples are on trial before the tribunal of the enlightened conscience of the world. I almost tremble as I contemplate the issue. The outcome of this Jubilee Rally will record the measure of our love and gratitude to the giver of all good, and of the interest and desire we have in the growth and development of our people. Historical facts must be commemorated or they will be forgotten. The Jubilee Rally was designed most fittingly to commemorate the greatest fact in the history of our people, Emancipation, but there is a thralldom of soul and mind from which we must yet be emancipated, and in this we must bear our share of the burden. It must not be forgotten that we are very fortunate in the matter of friends. The choicest spirits of earth have come up to the help of the Lord and us against the mighty, but we cannot shift this burden wholly to other shoulders.

Oh! then for more of that deep sympathy and love for our benighted people that constrained the great Apostle Paul to say "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved," and again, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow for I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Rom. 9:2-3. Brethren, if we had a little more heaviness of heart about this matter, there would be little trouble in raising the \$20,000 this fall. Now, let us make one supreme effort all along the line. Let us press the battle to the gates and victory will perch upon our banners and we will all rejoice.

Yours for, the \$20,000.

J. L. Wood.

FAIR VIEW, KENTUCKY.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me to say through your paper, that we have recently closed our annual revival.

We opened our meeting September 28, and closed Oct. 10. Seven were baptised who had previously made the good confession, and one reclaimed.

During this meeting we raised fifty dollars. I have witnessed thirty-four revivals here but I must say in behalf of our church and Brother F. T. Floyd of Carlisle, an able preacher, who labored so earnestly with us in the meeting, this has been the best meeting both financially and spiritually I have ever witnessed here. As Brother Floyd rendered us such splendid service, we, the church, feel that he needs the cheer that no one can give so well as we can. Any church that is contemplating a meeting would make no mistake should they have Brother F. T. Floyd of Carlisle as their preacher.

Yours in Christ,

J. B. Jones.

UNIFORM SUPPLIES

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS

for all departments

PRIMARY	Children
JUNIOR	Boys and Girls
INTERMEDIATE	The "Teen Age"
ADULT	Men and Women
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Where once fell lightly dropping showers.

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And richer tint of prouder flower;
And by the fuller life that swells
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HELPFUL TO ALL

Stop Brother, Take Another Look Thru Your Compass.

WE have preached to a divided church the Bible as the means of union, and we have laid much stress on first principle or the fundamentals of conversion, all of which was good if properly done. We have insisted that we have that truth, all of which also was good if properly done. But we want to ask if it is not possible that we have more fundamental truth than we knew and whether it is not possible for us to have a far more important work than we have understood. In short, we want to ask, Is it not possible that we are civilization builders to a far greater extent than we knew? And if that is the case, should we not quit giving the message to others as tho we were quarreling with them, but rather as tho God had made choice of us to enlist others in the mighty task He has revealed unto us? And is it not possible that we are showing ourselves too small to do so great a work? Are we not showing an inordinate pride in "one position"? And are we not acting as tho it was thru our smartness rather than thru His goodness that we have this position? If these things are true, then it is high time for us to take another look thru our compass and resurvey the field.

The man without a vision thinks things are always going to go on as they are now going, but the man with a vision knows that is not true. The old order of things will soon pass away and a new order will come in. Our conduct will determine whether that new order will be very good, good, indifferent, bad or very bad. God means for America to readjust its basis of race helpfulness. If we Christian people, especially we disciples who have insisted upon the Bible and who have never divided into North and South, do not lay the ground work in the eternal verities of the Christian religion, then God will find him a way to readjust things by some more drastic methods. This may be done in a thousand different ways. Let us suppose one. Ex-president Roosevelt has loudly called for action and President Wilson seems ready to commit the country to military preparedness. How little these men know what that involves. In the West we have hundreds of thousands of Japanese and Chinese; in the North we have millions of emigrants not yet assimilated; in the South we have ten million Negroes. The day that we stand five million strong on our border to meet a foe, immediately class distinction must disappear forever and America

will be a new America. Do you not think God means for us Christian people to make this unnecessary if possible? And if not possible, do you not think he wishes us to develop a vast fund of reverence and Christian conscience ere this fierce storm blows over our land?

Then what shall we do? Well, when we begin in earnest, God will reveal to all of us things we can not think of now. But here are some of the things we think of now:

(1) Every Negro Disciple preacher, Sunday School worker, C. W. B. M. leader, and lay member should take a keen interest in every line of work and especially the school work. Let the watch word be, our boys and our girls from every church in our schools. There must be such a rustling about all our schools as will stir up things.

(2) The time has now come when the moneyed men of our great white Christian brotherhood must begin to give large gifts to this work. The time must never come when they feel that they are not needed nor must the time come when the Negro Disciples will feel that they themselves must not work as tho it all depended on them.

(3) There must be a true humility in our work. A dispute as to who shall be the greatest in the kingdom now and here, in the presence of so great a world task, will be fatal. God gives men the realm of their authority. The world hunts for men who can do things that are hard and it will fly to you like the father flew to the lost prodigal, if it really finds you can do things. But neither God nor man will give me great things to do because I want them, John and James wanted to sit, one on the right hand and the other on the left hand in the Master's kingdom. Jesus granted it, but it was only because he thought they could drink his cup, and it was a different thing from that for which they asked. One became the first martyr and the other lived to be banished to Patmos. Brethren, in this civilization building do not raise the question as to who shall be the greatest. Are you sure you are great enough to be a martyr?

(4) Nothing will speak like a big collection this fall. If we can come up this fall feeling that practically every church has had a part in this, it will send a thrill through the country from end to end. Brethren, preach mission and education to your church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, as you never did before. Make it a time when the sons and daughters shall prophesy, and the young men shall see visions, and the old men shall dream dreams. Let us come ten thousand strong to the Father's work.

"What is the meaning of it?
It is the meaning of God,
Breathing anew His promise
Into the soul and the sod."

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

ERRATUM.

Here, we insert this paragraph to correct a mistake in the issue of last week which was dated November 30th. It should have been November 6th, instead. The printers will hereafter keep their eyes on the date lines in order to not keep too many paces in the lead.

R. N. Watson of Danville, Kentucky reviews his subscription to the PLEA and adds: "Always glad to receive it, a warm welcome always awaits it."

The Boy Who Will be in Demand.

ONE of the finest qualities in a workman is this quality. One of the rarest in a servant in the house is the doing of things that need to be done without being told. Young men working their way through college are invaluable if they have this quality. A tool is left out on the lawn; there is a rail off the fence; there is a lock broken from the door; there is a window-pane gone somewhere. The boy who tends to these things because they need attending to without specific directions is the boy who, other things being equal, is going to be in demand when he gets out into the great world, and it is the attention to little things and the habit of observation, which sees what needs to be done and then does it, which makes exceedingly useful men and women. There will always be a position for such persons. There will always be a call to come up higher. It is in one sense a small thing to do these little things without orders, but it is the doing of them that makes great captains, great engineers, great artists, great architects great workers in any department, and it is the absence of this quality that makes commonplace men and women, who will always have to live under the dominion of petty orders, men and women who do nothing unless they are told to do it. It is this quality which makes volunteers in church work, and the invaluable men and women who do not have to be stood over. They are the joy of the pastor's heart, they are the ones who do not have to be watched.

—CHARLES M. SHELDON.

PORT GIBSON, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Readers:—The time for the Jubilee Rally is drawing near, the 4th Lord's Day in November. Each Lord's Day School and each congregation should take the collection. The money raised is to support a great cause.

First, we call your attention to the education of the youth. Their head, heart and hand should be educated. We need an educated ministry. Without such we must fail. That we may have it we must start with the youth of our race. We must train them early in the ways of the Lord. The missionary schools are the ones that have given to the world the best ministers. Hence, these schools must be supported.

Every church that has taken the collection should, this year, try to double last year's collection. The church that has not taken it before should fall in line. Let us make a great pull so that we will not fall too far short of the \$20,000 asked for. The United States has been extremely blessed. While great powers of the world are at war, the dove of peace continues to fly in America. The price of cotton and seed are real good. There seems to be a wave of prosperity passing over us. This country being so blessed, we should rally to our duty as never before. May each minister lead the way in this great Jubilee Rally. Not a single minister in the states should be left out. May I beg each minister and congregation to do their best.

Now may the blessing of God be with us as before. May we be inspired to greater efforts; for the needs are greater than ever before. The poster gotten out is enough to encourage every member and friend to the Church of Christ.

May each pastor put it up in the church and push the rally with much interest.

K. R. Brown.

For those Who Preach the Gospel.

Father of mercies, bow Thine ear,
Attentive to our earnest prayer:
We plead for those who plead for
Thee;
Successful pleaders may they be.

How great their work! how vast their
charge!
Do thou their anxious souls enlarge:
Their best endowments are our gain;
We share the blessings they obtain.

Oh, clothe with energy divine
Their words; and let those words be
Thine;
To them thy sacred truth reveal;
Suppress their fears, inflame their zeal;

Teach them to sow the precious seed;
Teach them thy chosen flock to feed;
Teach them immortal souls to gain—
And thus reward their toil and pain.

Let thronging multitudes around,
Hear from their lips the joyful sound,
In humble strains Thy grace implore,
And feel Thy Spirit's living power."

—Beddome

JUBILEE RALLY.

The first thing that we wish to call your attention to is that we have over thirteen thousand dollars yet to be raised.

But wishing and hoping will not help us to reach the summit which we have started out to reach. It needs planning and doing of course. "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride."

The year 1915 is not unfruitful with the Disciples of Christ in the various states, but we have not done our best. The questions are, are we satisfied with the record we have made in giving? Have we been faithful in our efforts to honor Christ and save souls as we might? Is it possible that only one third of the church membership has done anything toward the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth? How much more we might have done in the world where we hear the bleating of the sheep; how much more in the Kingdom of God where we hear the cry of God's little ones! How much more we might have given and worked and laughed and sacrificed in the church of Christ!

O, the sins of omission! How they distress us, brethren! The shadow of the undone falls heavy and dark over us. Now, brethren, what are your intentions this fall? To give as God has prospered you? Did you know that God gave you what you have, in order that you might contribute to the necessity of his work? Let us make a new record in giving to the Jubilee Rally this year.

Let us not let the panicky keep us from doing good. Let us make an earnest resolution to place first things first, and keep God in our plans and purposes. Yea, seek first the kingdom of God. The very essence of Christianity is, that each of us owes a service to our Master, a service to the church and to all mankind. Let us, as disciples of Christ, and all good people near and far, who love the cause to which this money is going, give freely. The Saviour said, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

There is one great lesson the disciples of Christ have yet to learn, and that is to consecrate their pocketbooks. Christianity calls for everything that helps to further it. The Saviour commands his followers to "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19 20. We notice there that if we fail to give to his cause we are not following the program of our Saviour.

I want to urge upon the states that have been simply hears here-to-fore to get busy and join in with those who have been great doers. This is a day in which Christianity is being put to a test, when every individual is measured according to the work he does.

The year 1915 is going to witness the most violent attacks upon Christianity and the most tremendous loss of faith that the church has yet withstood.

The war in Europe among Christian nations has given the enemies of the church a great lever with which to try to overthrow Christianity. It is a time for every Christian and every leader in the Christian Church to rally to the cause and colors of our Lord and King. It is ours, while war is in progress, to bear the Ark of God and, when the war is over, to bring the people back to faith in God.

But, in order to do this, brethren, we will have to advance together with firm step. Give more to the cause and believe in God and the triumph of his church. Our

task is to toil and sacrifice, looking to God for the final issue.

Now, brethren, will you get busy and show your faith by your works the Sunday before Thanksgiving?

Let us all rally that day to reach our final aim.

R. E. Latouche.

THIS THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH

"The hope of the church lies in giving. Giving is the heart of religion. Where our treasure is there will our heart be also. The vast resources in our churches must be conserved. The time has come when we must put more in our religion or give it up. We have been playing at it long enough. I know of a certain preacher who stayed in one place for five years. During that time he took up one missionary offering. He received eighty-two cents and was ashamed to send it in. When he moved away the church was dead. The congregation was well able to pay two or three hundred dollars per year for missions. Another church through some live wires had secured two missionaries to hold a rally and bring before the people God's supreme motive for giving. But the people had been so saturated with what we call first principles, which was mostly an argument against other churches, that they went off to a neighboring town to hear an evangelist preach on baptism instead of coming to hear the missionaries at their own church. Our State Secretaries know only too well how often such stories can be duplicated. Not that we shall not teach baptism, but unless we teach the churches to give, their hope of a good healthy growth is annihilated."

A WORD ABOUT THE JUBILEE RALLY.

Two years ago, accepting the suggestions of Dr. Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee, we, the Negro Christian Disciples, set out with a determination to make a special effort to commemorate our fifty years of freedom.

True, we appreciate these years of freedom and we proudly note that progress by us as a race has been made. Studying carefully the lives of men and women of our race who have played great and noble parts in its advancement we note that they have been men and women of trained intellect and of strong moral courage. Realizing the need of more men and women of this type it was decided that our efforts should be along educational lines, that larger opportunities might be given our boys and girls. Our aim was then set. The cry was heard; \$20,000.00. During these, now more than two years, scarcely a GOSPEL PLEA has been published that has not made mention of this our aim. Resolution after resolution has been made, pledge after pledge been given, churches and individuals have been apportioned and yet according to the latest statement made Oct. 16, we note that \$13,430.08 is needed to reach our aim. Brothers, sisters, are we going to fall short? Have we done our very best?

Each day brings us nearer and nearer the last round: Educational Rally Day, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Let each church observe the day and each individual make a special, personal sacrifice.

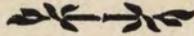
Rosa V. Brown.

"Though wrath is great and strong is hate,
Yet the love of God is stronger;
Though fierce is wrong and fear bides long,
Yet the love of God is longer."

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy healing health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



HERMANVILLE, MISSISSIPPI.

Dear Readers:—

Our convention is a thing of the past. Now we are looking forward for our C. W. B. M. Quarterly Meeting which will be held the 11th and 12th of December, 1915, at Grand Gulf Christian Church. After leaving the convention the 4th Sunday in September the writer visited Union Hill. Elder John Lomax preached us a good missionary sermon. Afterwards I was permitted to say something concerning our work of the C. W. B. M. Mrs. Ellen Care, is president of that work and will do much more. If we could only get good leaders, the organizer would not have to make such frequent visits.

The second Lord's day I visited Forest Grove. Elder M. Smothers was not there, being on the sick list. Bro. A. Moore, one of his young ministers, preached a good sermon, also Elder Louis Garrison. We are glad to see our ministers do so well. They have our prayers.

I was permitted to speak but it was late, I just spoke a few words and took up \$.50 to pay for the Tidings for Sister Allison. She has been sick. We are glad to see her up again. We also hope that Elder Smothers will be able to go on his mission. He has our prayers and best wishes for good health.

On the 12th, it was my pleasure to be at the S. C. I., to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lehman's work at the Southern Christian Institute. Prof. T. M. Burgess, Rev. K. R. Brown, Rev. B. C. Calvert and Prof. J. H. Powell, all gave excellent addresses. Then Prof. Lehman and wife spoke to us of their 25 years' stay at the S. C. I. We all can say they have been a blessing to our race. I wish that more of our people had been there. You would not have regretted spending your money for the trip.

On the 16th, I met the Sunday School Quarterly Meeting at Union Hill. It was a very good meeting. Over \$13.00 was raised altho only a few of the schools reported.

We organized the Christian Endeavor Society there among the young people Sunday. Six of them take the King's Builders.

From there the writer went to Hermanville to a Church Rally which Elder S. Flowers was giving to build a Christian Church. Being late, I heard only one preacher, Elder Miller. He preached a good sermon on the subject "Love". I received of Mrs. Edna Trivillion 50 cts to be sent to Mrs. Stearns as one day's income. I hope there will be others to give, as they have promised, to this great call.

Now let us not forget Educational Rally Day. Let us do our best. We, the members of Union Hill Auxiliary, expects to take up this collection Thanksgiving Day. Come, all members.

Yours for larger service,

Sarah S. Blackburn

FOR THIS ONE DAY

For this one day—

Grant us sight to see the road
Creep plainly on our winding way,
And grant us strength to bear the load
For this one day.

For this one day—

Let us not see the mud beneath,
But know the gold above the gray,
And smell the wind from off the heath,
For this one day.

EDNA S. VALENTINE.

ARE WE LESS GRATEFUL!

When God delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage and had gotten them fairly out, He requested of them a free will thank offering, see Exodus 25:1-7. They gladly responded. Exodus 35:20-29.

When God brought Israel out of Babylonian bondage; They were called upon again to make a free-will offering, Esra chapter 1. To this call they willingly responded—Esra 8:24-31. Both of these offering were used to prepare them as a nation for their new responsibilities, without which (preparation) they would utterly have failed as a people.

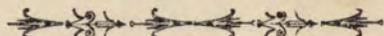
Fifty years ago God delivered the Negroes of America from a worse, a chattel bondage and made them citizens of the best republic in all the world. But without special education and training we can not meet the responsibilities thrust upon us. Freedom brings great responsibilities upon a people. It may be a blessing or a curse. Ignorant people are hardly expected to take any great part in the world's up-lift. They must learn the meaning of the word freedom and adjust themselves accordingly, if they expect a high place in the world's program. To this end the Disciples of Christ have established six Educational and industrial schools for the colored people of America. The most that has been done has been done by the white people and as a thank offering to God for our 50 years of freedom the Worker's Conference has asked us to give \$20000 (within three years) to be used in fitting up the schools, making them more efficient, and building others when they are needed.

Now, as Israel obeyed the call upon them by their leaders (and it was said of them that all that were wise gave willingly), let us all bestir ourselves. We have only two more months. Let January 1916 be a month of rejoicing. Let every man, women and child who rejoices in their freedom send a gift to President J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Mississippi. He will report the same in the GOSPEL PLEA. Arkansas, let us not fail to do our part.

R. T. Matlock, Evangelist,

Argenta, Arkansas.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Thos. B. Kalane, of Inhambane, East Africa, has recently matriculated. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University and has come here to take one year's work in our Bible Department before returning to his native land.

S. C. I. people were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Jamison at Smith Station, Friday. Her daughter, Leola, was recently compelled to leave her work at the Institute on account of the serious illness of her mother. She and others who are bereaved have the sympathy of the entire community. A number from the S. C. I. attended the funeral, Saturday.

Each Fifth Sunday night the Juniors join with the Senior Endeavorers in meeting at the chapel. The meeting last night was in charge of Miss Larseany Bender. It was easily within the new standard set for the Endeavor meetings, being one of the best ever held by the society. The subject was, "Increase and Efficiency."

A number of the members of the Home Defender Success Club are writing orations for the Oratorical Contest, which occurs December 22.

The flock of sheep we purchased a few weeks ago has doubled in value since we bought them and put them in our fine pasture.

Miss Chenoweth's school gave a delightful program Friday night at her school room in the superintendent's cottage. The children performed their parts well. The decorations were in keeping with the season. The lights were shaded and Jack-o-lanterns burned in the windows.

The community school, under the efficient management of Miss Anderson, gave a program and social to the children and parents, Saturday afternoon. They have the cosiest school building on the campus, and when the parents of the community fully comprehend what is in store for their girls and boys, they will send their children and crowd the building.

The two acre tract north of the poultry yards, is this morning being prepared for the sowing of wheat.

Water is getting scarce and we are in need of rain.

The two Philo societies will give their first programs of the fall term, Saturday afternoon at 2:50. The public is invited to be present at these meetings.

Two of our young men, E. W. Lewis and E. A. Shirley, taught classes in the Christian Bible School in Edwards yesterday morning upon invitation of the superintendent, R. B. Donnerson.

The work shop is turning out sixty or eighty boxes for sweet potatoes a day. Those boxes have slats on the sides. The potatoes are put into them in the field and they are never taken out until they are brought to the kitchen for use. After they are brought from the field the boxes are brought to the potato house where they are stacked high. There is plenty of air space. The room has a stove in it and the heat is kept at 100 degrees during the dry out season. Each box holds a bushel. We shall probably have six or eight hundred bushels.

The Chicago papers say that Spring has come again and the violets are blooming. We can go one better than that. We get beautiful roses from our yards. The bouquet at church service yesterday added charm to the otherwise helpful service.

The social for students was held in the Y. W. C. A. Room Saturday night. All enjoyed themselves hugely.

Mrs. Vandivier sang a delightful solo at Church service yesterday morning.

The new cattle arrived last Friday. They are the finest ever on Mt. Beulah. The dairy department is undergoing some improvements. The two young men who do the milking will soon have their new white suits.

Mrs. Emma Howard Mitchell and little girl, of Indianapolis, arrived yesterday morning to visit her Alma Mater, the first time since she graduated in 1909. The Friendly Hand Committee conducted her to the the Sunday School and she must have noticed a number of changes for the better, since she was enrolled as a student.

S. C. I.,—Nov. 1, 1915.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Prof. Frost has been acting pastor of our Institute Church since its organization. Sunday morning, October 3rd, he spoke to us, from Psalms 1st chapter, on "The Walks of Life." It was certainly an impressive sermon. At the close, he in a very humble way cast the mantle upon President J. N. Ervin. The following Sunday morning President Ervin spoke on "Preparation." It was indeed an inspiring sermon.

Thursday morning, October 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were with us. These are grandmother and uncle of Jewel Freeman, who is one of our students.

During the last weeks the saw mill has been busy sawing lumber for the new building. We have also been able to sell a few loads recently.

We regret very much the loss of two of our teachers; namely, Prof. and Mrs. Berry, on account of the latter's health. They were indeed faithful workers. As we regret their leaving us, we rejoice very much that Prof. Berry is connected with our school at Martinsville, Virginia. There he is at home with his wife and it is also convenient for his work. We wish for them the very best in their new field of labor.

During the last week Prof. Ervin and the boys have been busy hauling rocks and pulling stumps—clearing the ground for our new building.

The students and teachers have been invited to attend and take some part in an entertainment at Prof. Hayge's school, at Fouks, Texas, Saturday October, 22nd. We are looking forward to our going with great anxiety.

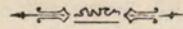
During the last two weeks twelve of our students have made the good confession, casting their lot with our Institute Church.

In September 1914 the enrollment was thirty-three. On the first day of school this year there were fifty-five present. We have all reasons to be proud of the school. Applications are continuing to come in from other states.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing splendid work under the leadership of Prof. Z. H. Howard, who is sparing no time to lead young men to higher ground. The organization of instrumental music classes has about been completed under the supervision of Miss Ellis. Miss Jennings, one of our new teachers, is adjusting herself nicely to the work and will soon have her vocal classes in line.

Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Howard will each have charge of sewing classes this term and we are expecting our girls to make great headway in this department. Miss Smith, another of our new teachers, is doing splendid work in the Primary Department.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 21.

JONAH A MISSIONARY TO NINEVEH

JONAH 3:1-4:11.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19-20.

TIME.—Jonah prophesied in the reign of Jereboam II. who reigned over Israel B. C. 832-792. (Beecher)

PLACE.—Gathhepher north of Nazareth, Joppa on the sea coast, the port of Jerusalem; Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

PROPHETS.—Amos and Hosea belonged to the same period as Jonah.

I. God appoints Jonah, the prophet, to go as a Foreign Missionary to Nineveh. Jonah lived "in the Golden Age of Israel." There was wealth and prosperity. The prophet was doing all he could for his own people. While busy the call of God came to him. It was to go. God gave him a work to do, and also a place in which to do it. The Bible School of to day furnishes a place for the whole church to work.

II. JONAH REFUSES TO GO TO NINEVEH.

1. The way was long, hard and dangerous.
2. Jonah was not accustomed to the hardships incurred. There were rivers without bridges, deserts, savage tribes, mountains, and weary months of travel.
3. He learns a lesson about trying to flee from duty.

III. HE NOW GOES TO NINEVEH TO PREACH.

"Nineveh at its best was probably the largest city of ancient times."

It was enclosed by a great wall, rising to a great height and broad enough for three chariots to drive abreast. There were vast temples and towers. Into this great rich worldly city Jonah entered and, in a voice that sounded out, declared that "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." The result was that Nineveh repented.

1. Teach that God is still calling for Foreign Missionaries
2. The work of the missionary is not a life of ease.
3. God will give the victory through faith.
4. Penalty is attached to sin.
5. Jesus calls on men to repent.
6. God desires to save all peoples.

D. R. B.

TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES.

R. H. DAVIS.

One of the most obvious evidences that an individual or race is advancing in the right direction, is its ability to appreciate and support the things which are worth while.

There are many things in this world which are invaluable to man's physical, mental and moral advancement. To enumerate these would not be of vital interest, nor would it help very much.

But there are two things mentioned in the last issue of the GOSPEL PLEA which we believe to be worth while and should be appreciated by every Negro Disciple of the states.

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The Modern Bible School.

Vol. I. Edwards, Mississippi, November 25, 1915, No. 3.

SUPPOSE we now make this our slogan, "Every member of the church in the Sunday School." Why not? Do not older people need to be taught the Bible as well as the children?

Do you have Sunday School at your house fifty-two Sundays a year? Does it ever rain so hard or get so cold that you give it up?

Would it not be a good thing to lay plans in the various classes to get every member to give a penny every Sunday? The writer believes they would do it if they knew the money was to be used for the support of some missionary, or for the purchase of books for your Sunday School library. Most of the Sunday Schools are in need of good song books.

So far as we know there is but one public system that has made arrangements in its regular program for the teaching of the Bible, and that is at Gary, Indiana. One hour each day the pupils are let out from public day school so that they may go to the church of their choice to receive instruction in the Bible. The schools in the various churches are called religious day schools. Those who teach the Bible keep a careful record of attendance and grades and report to the pupils' day school teachers. In fact at Gary, the teaching of the Bible is done in the same common sense way that many day schools are teaching music to pupils, sending them to specialists. In Gary, seven protestant churches are maintaining these religious day schools.

The Mt. Beulah Sunday School gave almost a dollar for missions for each member enrolled, for the year ending on August 31, 1915.

What Sunday School in the west end of Hinds County has a Teacher Training class? The editor of "The Modern Bible School" gladly offers his services in the selection of books from your own denominational publishing houses. He will also help you to organize and get started, if you wish. We must do our best to improve the leadership in our Sunday Schools.

The following are some of the topics that have been discussed at our conferences for Sunday School Workers held during the last five months: The Sunday School Teacher an Active Christian, The Sunday School, How to get the People out to Sunday School, Why not have a monthly missionary program in the Sunday School, Our Sunday School in Indianapolis, Benefits to be derived from Teacher Training, The Bible in the Home, The Superintendent and his Works, The Pupil's Preparation of his Lesson, Some of the Rewards of Sunday School Workers, How to Encourage members of the Sunday School to give in their class collections, How do Secretaries keep their Records? Sunday School Teachers, Our Colleges have neglected the preparation of Sunday School Workers, Interest of minister, in Sunday School Work, Music in Our Sunday Schools. The Attitude of Leaders toward tardiness and absence, What our Sunday Schools must become, A Willing Teacher, A Friend Indeed, The Teacher a good Example, The Teacher an Unceasing Worker.

Send in to the editor of this Bulletin any question you would like to have discussed in some Workers' Conference.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.
GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

For years we have been struggling for a school in Texas. For a while it looked very dark, but we learned long ago that the darkest hour is just before dawn, so we are no longer in the dark but we have been led step by step until rays of sunshine are pushing the clouds away. On the 27th of September we made our way to Hawkins, in company with Miss Lillian Pace, who desired to enter school. The train being late, it was night when we arrived at Hawkins, but having gone there before, it was no trouble for us to find the way. After we reached Jarvis, we found ourselves lost a little. The improvements that had been made were quite a surprise. The first thing that started us to thinking was the large saw mill under her nice shed with her pipes towering heavenward. A little farther on we found thousands of feet of lumber which had been cut by the mill. Then our eyes rested upon the beautiful campus and we said, "No one could do this but a man of God."

On the 20th we witnessed the opening, and I cannot find words to tell you how grand it was. It will be a day long remembered. After President Ervin had made a few remarks he called on your humble servant for an address. Then we were treated to a beautiful solo rendered by Miss Jennings.

It was simply fine, and as soon as we could get back to ourselves, Superintendent Frost gave us a lecture on the subject, "Produce Something," which was a master peice. After this Misses Ellis and Jennings gave us another treat by way of an instrumental duet. We could not keep from thinking, Is this heaven and am I here? We then listened to Mrs. Howard on the subject, "I Did It." It was a glorious address and we all enjoyed it. Mrs. Frost, Prof. Howard, Brother Knight and others made spicy talks which were enjoyed.

I must say here that President Ervin and faculty are doing all they can to make the school a success, and this ought to encourage every sister and brother to do what they can for the school.

I am yours for the work,

L. H. Crawford.

ARGENTA, ARKANSAS.

To the readers of GOSPEL PLEA, greetings:—Dear co-workers, I wish to call attention to a very important matter now confronting us as Christians. That matter is our Jubilee Rally in honor of the fiftieth year of the Emancipation of the Negroes of America, also typical of the Israelitish Jubilee. The Negro Disciples of the Church of Christ were asked to raise twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000) for the building and equipment of Negro schools. We have been asked to do this to assist in our own work as carried on by the C. W. B. M. But listen, brethren, how near are we to the mark? We are less than half way, and to meet the request, we must raise more than \$13,000 in our last year. We have only one more appointed collection time, which is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, on November twenty-first. Now, brethren, cotton and seed are a splendid price. The Lord has blessed the farmer wonderfully. Now will we not give liberally of our means to this collection, a record breaker? Think of the amount of money the C. W. B. M. is spending for the education of our people and what little we are doing ourselves. Think of the splendid boys and girls that are being trained in these schools. Shall we not have part in that work? Let us remember the Rally with a liberal offering, November 21st, 1915. Hoping all will be well and we will have a great ingathering of means.

I am yours in the work,

M. M. Bostick,

TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES

Continued from page 6.

In the issue of October 16th, we noticed a most liberal offer to the readers and supporters of the PLEA in the article on the first page. This offer in the exact words of the writer runs thus: "We want this day to be rally day for the GOSPEL PLEA also. We feel that it should be read in every home. Every new subscriber on Sunday the 21st, or any day that week, can get the PLEA one year for fifty cents."

Prior to this offer, there is an earnest appeal for larger offerings this year on Educational Rally Day than ever before. Both of these issues, in our estimation, are very important and are two things, in connection with the advancement of the Negro race worth while.

The GOSPEL PLEA has done and is doing untold good for the mental and moral development of our race. It is clean and wholesome from cover to cover. It is full of things which are beneficial materially as well as morally and spiritually. It is a silent, but powerful factor in the advancement of the religious work among the Negro Disciples in every home, church, county or state in which it finds a welcome. It is helping to give many boys and girls a chance to earn their way at the Southern Christian Institute. These are but a few of the many good things this valuable weekly paper is doing for our race.

Now, dear reader, ask yourself these questions, and when you have done so, sit down and answer them prayerfully and conscientiously and then decide for or against it. Is it worth while? Is it needed in every home? Is it worth the minimum price of 50 cents for one year? Does it merit my support in every way?

Think of the good you will do by spending fifty cents or one dollar in such a way. Think of what it will mean in helping to solve the "race problem" in America. This is one of the best offers ever made by the editor of any paper, and every old subscriber should get a new one. If you have a friend who does not read the PLEA, send him the paper for one year at fifty cents. What a glorious opportunity! This is a tide in the history of the PLEA, and if taken at the flood, it will lead to fortune. You could not do a better service for your race than to help them to appreciate a paper that is as clean, newsy and wholesome as the PLEA. Don't fail to send in at least one new subscription on the 21st of November or during that week.

The next issue which we think is worthwhile and needs the cooperation and loyal support of every Christian Negro Disciple in the Educational Rally.

We must quote again a statement in the article on the first page of the PLEA for October sixteenth. "What we make out of the coming generation will determine the future of America and our only means of reaching the next generation is through our schools." If every Negro Disciple could realize—even partially—what the above statement means and the truths embodied in it, we would raise \$5,000 by the close of 1915.

But this cannot be done by hoping and wishing that a large offering may be raised. It can only be done by earnest prayer, patient devotion and liberal giving. Let us awake to our responsibility. Let us, each one, do his best. God wants our best.

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And for Thyself I thank Thee most."

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is generally thought that Robert Raikes instituted the first Sunday-School. Historians say that the idea of religious education as exemplified by the Raikes' system prevailed in Egypt and elsewhere fourteen centuries before Raikes was born, and at many times in the succeeding centuries the system was repeatedly revived as a means of evangelism and religious instruction with more or less success. In times of the revolution in America religious instruction was seriously neglected. Then came the Raikes System, until 1873, when the Uniform System was launched. The American Sunday School Union is the organization that has given us the Uniform Lesson System now in universal use throughout the land.

While we have been given the lessons, including subject and text, we have not been given the lesson treatment. This is being supplied by our own writers, who take the subject and text and treat it according to their knowledge of the needs of the church and the individual, from the standpoint of the Disciples of Christ. The lessons of the Christian Board of Publication, of St. Louis, which are announced on this same page, are prepared by Disciples, for Disciples, and with the Disciples always in view. These lessons are "True to the Plea" and loyal to the brethren. Sample copies of the quarterlies for any department will be sent to any address without charge and correspondence with superintendent, teachers and officers is invited. The services of the editors are offered toward the solving of any local Sunday School problem. Write them at St. Louis, Mo.

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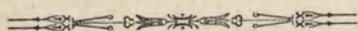
PREACH THE WORD

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HELPFUL TO ALL



GROWING AND BUILDING

AS individuals we begin in childhood and put forth effort for the attainment of our ideal. As the ideals differ greatly in different individuals so the efforts put forth also differ. In some there is no ideal except such as springs up spontaneously from selfish and sometimes sensuous wants and therefore there is no sustained effort and growth of the extraordinary kind. The child without an exalted ideal usually becomes fixed at about the age of twenty, beyond which there is no growth for it can no longer learn. But the child with an exalted ideal will grow to forty, fifty, sixty and even to seventy in some instances. It is the duty of every individual to make the most possible of himself. The derelicts of society, the tramps, dead beats and prostitutes, are inefficient, persons without ideals except such as nature supplies. It should be placed on the conscience of every child that it must make the most possible of itself.

But our greatest work is in building rather than in growing. What I can do in growing myself is small in comparison to what I can do on the children of the next generation below me. In them I can build palaces, and mansions and castles in comparison to the huts and wigwams I can grow within myself. Things that are impossible in myself are possible in children. What Hamilcar could not do to the Roman Empire he could make his son Hannibal at the age of ten solemnly swear he would do. And he made the very foundation stones of the empire shake.

If then we make progress rather by building than by growing we should re-examine our child's environment and especially our educational system; for we feel that we are laboring under the most greivous errors. This is largely due to our ignorance of the true process of development. Let us name a few of the bad things.

(1) The modern picture show. The moving picture show is an invention of the last few years and affords an enjoyable entertainment. But the pictures commonly shown are of a character that were they enacted in real life the actors would be cast out as idiotic. When we will have grown one whole generation in the picture show we will see results that will horify those who desire true progress. To remedy the situation educators must inform the parents of the true situation. A series of pictures can be put in which will show things good in real life and the result will not be bad.

(2) The modern funny page in our Sunday paper. You can look week in and week out and you will not find one thing that would be even decent fun in your parlor. No George Washingtons, or Abraham Lincolns or Thomas A. Edisons or Luther Burbanks will ever come out the moving picture show and funny paper influences.

(3) The modern educational system. The child is begun in fairy tales and kept there until it is matured enough to take up aucient languages under the influence of which the rest of the course is finished. But both fairy tales and Latin and Greek literature are products of pagan minds; and they will beget the pagan habit of thought and the pagan method of drawing conclusions. We contend that the corruption in high finance and in politics is due to our system of education and we will never purify our financial methods or our political life until we will build a new generation under a new system of education.

But the teacher says the children are so easily interested in the picture show or in the funny page or in the fairy tales. To this we answer that if the ease of interest is to be the determining factor, then let us put the life of Jesse James into every school. The children will flee the picture show and funny page for that.

However the argument for ease of interest is not well taken. If you will watch the children you will see that if they are allowed to select their own amusement they will select in every instance, something the older people do. Why should we not take advantage of this and adopt the heroics of modern life and sacrifice to the child mind and thus furnish them an environment that will make them greater.

Do we not have Christian minds that can make fairy tales true to our ideal? Are we dependent on those old pagan minds who knew nothing of new ideals? Must we paganize our children for the sake of interest?

Take for example a school like the Southern Christian Institute. Here is an environment that will appeal to the imagination of the child mind. Here is a little empire in itself in which all the useful industries are played out. Why should not this make great minds? And is not this a building process of the most ideal kind? And we have six such schools for the education of your children which are asking for you support and patronage.

I asked the roses, as they grew,
Richer and lovier in their hue,
What made their tints so rich and bright.
They answered, "Looking toward the light."
Ah, secret dear, said heart of mine,
God meant my life to be like thine—
Radiant with heavenly beauty bright,
By simply looking toward the Light.

—Sunday School Times.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1915.

PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—Through this little paper, our aim is to help those who are trying to live a strong and complete Christian life. As long as you do not read it, it is of a very little help. But we want you to have it. We want you to get it and read it. It is helpful and inspiring.

—Remember the Sunday before Thanksgiving. November 21-28. Any one subscribing within those dates will get this paper one year (12 months) for 50 cents. Now, brother pastors, announce this in your church. Your members need it. It will do an untold amount of good.

—To the readers of the PLEA: we want you to notice what is now being said about the Sunday School by the Christian Board of Publication from issue to issue. Different ones will appear for three weeks longer on the eighth page.

NICKOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY.

"Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil."
"For he hath greatly withstood our words."

II Tim. 4: 14 and 15.

The Kentucky Sunday Schools sat on the fence
Doing but little but had good sense.
They felt content and never looked round,
The "Penny collection" held them down.

Alexander, the coppersmith, did much harm.
It takes lots of pennies to buy a farm.
But the schools have caught the higher visions.
And are taking a hand in world wide missions,
When a school awakes from its "Copper cents,"
It tumbles from the top of the fence
And falls in line with its running mates
Determined to out do all the other states.

Every School in Kentucky is catching the fire,
As the standard is lifted higher and higher,
Our next convention hear them chime.
From every direction "In on Time"

Nicholasville Sunday School made the noise
Some other schools outran her
Mt. Sterling has all the Front "Rank Points"
And Little Rock has the Banner.

C. H. Dickerson.

The Jackson District

Quarterly Meeting

TO BE HELD WITH THE

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November 27-28, 1915.

PROGRAMME

—SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—

1:30 p. m.—Devotional Services conducted by Brother Estell Gordon, Edwards.

1:45—Minutes of last Session.

2:00—Addresses by Delegates, Visitors and the District Worker.

Report of Churches, Deacons and Elders.

Address by Brother Emanuel Austin.

Appointment of Committees.

Collection and Adjournment.

—SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION—

7:30—Devotional Services conducted by Mrs. Carrie Fitzugh.

7:45—Address by the S. C. I. Delegate.

8:00—Preaching by Rev. H. Y. Smith.

Collection and Adjournment.

—SUNDAY MORNING SESSION—

10:00—Sunday School conducted by H. C. Chambliss.

11:30—Devotional Services conducted by Brother R. B. Donnerson, Edwards.

Sermon by Rev. B. C. Calvert.

Collection and Adjournment.

—SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION—

7:30—Devotional Services conducted by Mrs. Cora Boyd.

Preaching by Rev. W. A. Scott, A. B., Ph. D.

Collection.

Report of Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Adjournment.

MT. STERLING, KY.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the GOSPEL PLEA, for a few lines about our meeting that closed October 24th. On October 3rd Eld. J. R. Louderback of Roanoke, Va. began a series of meetings for us, and certainly did some good preaching.

He knows the PLEA and is not afraid to preach it. The three weeks that he was here, the church was full, rain, or good weather, it was the same every night, and on several occasions more than a hundred was turned away for lack room. Our meeting was a success both spiritually and financially. We had 44 additions in all. 34 by confession, 4 from the Methodists, 4 took membership, and two reclaimed. We had a glorious meeting. We raised \$221.10. We had never seen Eld. Louderback, but our good Pastor Eld. W. H. Brown secured his service from recommendation, and it certainly was a wise choice, now, we are prepared to recommend him to any church as a live preacher to hold a meeting, one that presents the PLEA just as it is, neither adds, or take away from Gcds word is one. Our church is in a prosperous condition, in every department.

Yours in Christ.

Lizzie D. Magowan.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 28.

AMOS, THE FEARLESS PROPHET

Amos 5: 1-5

A Home Missionary Lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:— He that hath my word let him speak my word faithfully. Jeremiah 23:28.

TIME:— In the latter part of the reign of Jereboam II over Israel and in the reign of Uzziah of Judah. 765-750 before Christ.

PLACE:— Amos lived in Judea Tekoa, was his native village, twelve miles south of Jerusalem, and six miles south of Bethlehem. His preaching was in the kingdom of Israel.

Both kingdoms were flourishing. Other prophets were Jonah, Hosea and possibly Joel.

This lesson will require effort on the part of the teacher to adapt it to the children. It belongs to the more advanced.

1. AMOS.

Native of Tekoa —now in ruin.

The place was on a high hill and presented a splendid view of the country. Here Amos lived as youth and young man.

2. Physical appearance was probably like that of the shepherds of the present day—fine fellows from a physical point of view.

3. His business.— He says of himself that he is herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees. Sycamore fruit was punctured to make it ripen. Thus he did very humble work.

4. His training. His business was favorable to meditation. His life was simple. He was unlearned in the school but his mind was filled with divine things. A study of God's ways and his knowledge of divine things made him wise at heart.

II HIS MESSAGE.

By same divine vision he saw the future. He wanted to help his people. Enlightened persons should think of others. We are doing a great thing in finding out how to make better Sunday Schools, to get the truth into people's hearts instead of wrong ideas. Amos was dead in earnest. He saw ruin for the people in forsaking God. The message for today would be against the evils the evils common in our day.

HIS MESSAGE WAS A CALL TO A BETTER LIFE
V. 1-15. HE SEEKS TO REACH THE CONSCIENCE.

He tells the people there is no escape from the consequences of their wrong doing. Concrete examples of today should be used to show that we reap as we sow. Young people go wrong and meet with terrible results. Point out the danger both to the individual and nation that forgets God.

1. God has laws.
2. Mankind should obey them.
3. If he breaks these laws he harms himself.
4. He should cease to do evil and learn to do well.

The person and institutions that are waging war against the evils were never so numerous as now.

The Sunday School is becoming a very potent factor for teaching God's truth. It is the church at work. We think of the working pastor or working superintendent doing all in their power to build up the school, but think what a power if all the church acted to gether. The Bible School furnishes a place for all to work.

Expressions from Amos. Learn them.

"Prepare to meet thy God 4:12

"Seek the Lord and ye shall live 5:6

"Hate the Evil and love the good." 5:15

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." 6:1

D. R. B.

The Modern Bible School.

Vol. I. Edwards, Mississippi, November 8, 1915, No. 4.

People pay hundreds of dollars and travel thousands of miles to attend such Sunday School meetings as the Conventions of the International Sunday School Association. The Workers' Conferences being conducted in the vicinity of Edwards are in reality sections of conventions similar to those of the International Sunday School Association. Will it not pay the officers and teachers in the various Sunday Schools to invest at least energy enough to drive six or eight miles to be present at these conferences on each Third Sunday? If new visions come to your superintendent, a new Sunday School in your church will be the result.

Mt. Beulah Sunday School has thirty-nine young people taking courses in Teacher Training. Mr. Wm. Hartshorn, of Boston, has recently written that he intends to visit the Institute and thus have the opportunity to meet these young people and speak words of instruction and encouragement to them. He is at present chairman of the Teacher Training committee of the International Sunday School Association. A year ago when the writer met him in Chicago, he was President of the International Sunday School Association. We trust that when he comes we can get word to all the Sunday Schools in the community, so that their workers may be present to see and hear him.

In 1915, in Teacher Training, there had been organized classes in seventy-three High Institutions of learning, with 1978 students. Dr. Lyman in four years has accomplished remarkable things.

What We Do Makes Us What We Are

G. Stanley Hall says, "One-tenth of what we hear becomes a part of us; three-tenths of what we see becomes a part of us; five-tenths of what we say becomes a part of us; and seven-tenths of what we 'do' becomes a part of us." "Do" is a mighty big word in our religion. What we do makes us what we are. The farmer is a farmer because of what he does, so with the lawyer and the doctor.

According to our table, you who listen are adding one-tenth, while the speaker adds five-tenths to himself. The preacher who preaches money is adding five-tenths to himself, while his congregation is appropriating but one-tenth. The preacher who really gives as the Lord has prospered him is adding seven-tenths unto himself, and if he leads his congregation to give in a like manner, they also shall add seven-tenths. It is, therefore, evident that the hope of the church lies in the "doing" or, in other words, giving is the salvation of the church.

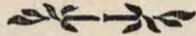
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And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH. PROV. 3:6.

In all heathen countries the death rate is much higher than in Christian lands. Whenever medical missionaries enter a heathen country they are overburdened with work. Heathenism makes for sickness, disease, and death. In a country where Christianity is unknown, the sick are not cared for—no hospitals are maintained for the sick, blind, dumb, or insane. As the love of the Heavenly Father for His earthly children becomes known; brotherly love is felt, and means to help other people live better and more wholesome lives as well as more healthful ones, are brought about. So the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings health to the people of any land. It is wonderful how the teachings of the Bible cover every phase of human need. By following its teaching the nation as well as the individual is benefitted physically as well as in all other ways. This is a cause for giving thanks, that our God, if we only trust Him, will care for us and will direct us in all our ways.

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR COUNTRY. PS. 33:12-22.

In this time of dreadful war across the water it is especially well for us to take time to be thankful for a peaceful country—our Nation, which has been so wonderfully guided since its very beginning, now feels the especial care and watchfulness of our Heavenly Father. Surely He must have some purpose, some plan for America—that we are so kept from the death and destruction which the European nations are now experiencing. And as the Nation has been blessed and preserved—through the years, as the leaders, in any great crisis of our country have shown their implicit trust in God—it is well for the boys and girls to remember two things—first, to pray that strength may be given our President for whatever duties may come to him, and also that in a few years the responsibilities of the country will be their responsibilities. A Nation is made up of men and women, its ideals and principles are the ideals and principles of the individual men and women. Whatever the lives of the living are, that is what the Nation will be.

THANKSGIVING Ways of Expressing. 2 Cor. 9:6-15.

Sometimes we really feel very thankful for the many blessings which our Heavenly Father has given us, but we do not realize just how we may express our gratitude. This Thanksgiving week is a time when we are given an opportunity to show our thankfulness in a material way. It is the custom in some cities, the day before Thanksgiving, for the school children each to bring to school some gift, perhaps only one vegetable. These gifts are then sent to an orphans' home. While each child has given only a little, the gifts

taken altogether furnish many of the necessary supplies for the winter. Perhaps in your town there is no orphans' home, but by inquiring of your pastor you may find someone who is in need, and help supply that need. Our lesson tells us that by helping others we are giving thanks to God.

THANKSGIVING. To Whom—Why. James 1; 17

At the close of this Thanksgiving month let us try to remember many blessings which our loving Father has given us through the past year—our homes, our health, food and clothing, friends—a country free from war; more than enough for ourselves from the bountiful harvests; friendliness of other nations. All these and many more, which enter into the lives of each one, and all of good and perfect gifts have come from our Father, who watches over and cares for us. And what does He ask in return? Our service, our time, our lives, that we may help carry the story of this our God and His great love for mankind to those who have never heard or known of His love.

A HEROIC CHINESE CONVERT.

Bishop Fowler gives the following: "A Chinaman had been converted, and after he had studied the New Testament not a little, he felt called on to preach to his countrymen the good news. He went into the crowded street, mounted a little box, and began to preach.

"Soon a mob gathered, knocked him down from his box, beat him, dragged him through the city, and threw him over the wall for dead. He came to, went down to a little brook and washed off the blood and dirt. Then he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, what wilt Thou have me do?' Having, as he felt, received his answer, he went straight back to the same box and preached as before.

"Again the people treated him as before. Again he revived, washed away the dirt and blood, and said, 'Lord Jesus, what wilt Thou have me do?' Back he went to the same little box and preached as before.

"Again the mob rallied and beat him down. The magistrate sent the police who put him in a jail that faced on a little open square, on which the mob gathered, howling and throwing dust. He put his hand out through the grating of the window, and beckoned for the mob to be quite.

"When they quieted a little, he pressed his bruised and bleeding face up against the grating, and said: 'None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.'

"He conquered that mob by the power of a deathless love, and now, at his own request, he has been sent to that people as his regular charge."

MEDITATION.

God must deal with nations by dealing first of all with individuals. Before he was ready to deliver Israel, a Moses must be trained for the task. Before the heathen nations can be delivered, human deliverers must be taught and made ready. Thy ways are not our ways; help us to be patient, O God, and do the humblest work which shall make the large work possible.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTION

At the end of first month of the fall term there were seventy-one (71) enrolled in the day school.

This is the largest enrollment at this time of year the Day School has ever had. Texas is represented with one post-office, Mississippi with nineteen post-offices; Louisiana with five; District of Columbia with one; Canal Zone with one; Jamaica with three; Arkansas with one; Alabama with one; Africa with one. We have a large number of students at the S. C. I. who have not yet entered Day School. We have a total of four from Jamaica and three from Africa.

Mrs. Lula Smith, of Liberia, Africa, who several months ago returned to this country on account of her health, will assist in the work of the Community School at the S. C. I. She arrived from Indianapolis last Tuesday afternoon. Her friends will be glad to know that she has fully recovered her health.

Tuesday night a "Booster Meeting" was held. Teachers and students gathered to hear Miss Ellen Johnson give her declamation before going to the Jackson State fair to take part in the contest. The students gave several College yells and a general good time was had by all present. We are glad to say that our representative came back with second prize.

Prof. Reichel sang a delightful solo at church Sunday Morning.

A number of new students have indicated their intention to enter Day School tomorrow.

The potato digging is done. There must be about five hundred bushels. The potatoes from the slips did not do so very well. It was too dry at that time.

S. C. I., Nov. 8, 1915.

LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

(The following notes are taken from a personal letter, dated Sept. 20,—1915. Monrovia West Africa.)

Our school year here is fast drawing to a close. The boys are not anxious to see the end come.

We are all well.

We are having lots of rain but it will soon be time for the dry weather to begin again.

The last of November, Prof. R. A. Gooden was planning to take a trip into the interior. Thus far he has not had much of an opportunity to study native life.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Every one is looking forward to Saturday evening, when we are to celebrate Hallow'en. There will be a "tacky party" and in connection with that a program is to be rendered.

Sunday October 24th, Mrs. Howard, Miss Ellis and Mrs. Frost spent the afternoon with friends at Hawkins.

One of the new features of the day school work is sewing under the direction of Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Frost.

Sunday, October 24th, at the regular Endeavor time, the Y. P. S. C. E. rendered a literary and musical program. It showed much interest and work, and was indeed a credit to the young people.

Saturday afternoon, October 23rd, five teachers and thirteen students left for Fouches, Texas, where they had been invited to take part in a Musical concert. Arriving there about six o'clock, they had plenty of time to rest before the program began.

Among those who took part was a class of singers from big Sandy, Texas. It was a fair representative of the "Singing School," showing the possibilities through labor. The class was under the direction of Mr. Haze, a young man of Wood County.

The program was over about eleven o'clock and in short while we were on our way home, making our arrival about one thirty a. m. Sunday. The trip was enjoyed by all; for each felt that he could cast care aside and enjoy life as presented on that occasion.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Campus is in bloom with children again, every thing is looking prosperous for a happy school year.

We are busy preparing for our community fair on Thanksgiving day, which we hope will be splendid.

That blessed little bug, [the boll weevil] has come with all of his blessings in disguise, and we are partly seeing the results already. The farmers are cut off greatly on their cotton expectation, but the yield of their corn, potatoes and peas were plentiful. The hogs are plentiful and fowl yards are crowded. Why do you call him the blessed little bug? Because he is teaching the farmer a lesson. What lesson is he teaching? Raise more food stuff and buy less. What other lesson is he teaching? That we will have to stop trading our cotten money at the commissary before we make it. Of course I see then why you call him a "blessed little bug."

We had one of the best conventions we have ever had. Every thing was in peace and harmony. We raised in the convention one hundred and eighty-one dollars and three cents [181.03.]

We regret very much that Brother P. H. Moss and Miss Rosa V. Brown could not be with us in our meeting. We are always glad to have such workers among us.

Bro. J. B. Lehman was very helpful in the meeting. He gave us a wonderful address and also preached a Master Sermon, which was awaking to the convention. May God bless him to live long and preach His word.

Our conventions are not all over. The Sunday School Quarterly Convention will convene with the Church of Christ, Union Calhoun, Alabama, Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19, 1915. We truly hope that every Sunday School in the District will report.

Many of our brothers and sisters have not truly heard the call for the help over in the Foreign lands or else they would not give so stintedly to the cause. Brothers, if we fail to throw out the Gospel life line which is the only one that can reach them, we will have to prepare to fight war with them before another century passes, for God intends for us to send His word, to those heathen people, that are dying for the knowledge of a God, and if we fail to give them his word, I believe that God will allow those natives to come over and take our country. O Christians throw out you the line, to reach those that need for we already have the Christ.

L. J. Phyfer.

"Rejoice in the Lord, said the apostle; but where else could we rejoice? As we look into the lives of those who have never heard about Him, we realize their utter sadness. We could not rejoice save in Him, but, being in Him, are we as happy as He means us to be. Father, forgive us that we live as if we had never known the joy of the Lord. For, so living, we must be as strangers to that Presence where there is fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore."

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 28.

AMOS, THE FEARLESS PROPHET

Amos 5: 1-5

A Home Missionary Lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:— He that hath my word let him speak my word faithfully. Jeremiah 23:28.

TIME:— In the latter part of the reign of Jereboam II over Israel and in the reign of Uzziah of Judah. 765-750 before Christ.

PLACE:— Amos lived in Judea Tekoa, was his native village, twelve miles south of Jerusalem, and six miles south of Bethlehem. His preaching was in the kingdom of Israel. Both kingdoms were flourishing. Other prophets were Jonah, Hosea and possibly Joel.

This lesson will require effort on the part of the teacher to adapt it to the children. It belongs to the more advanced.

1. AMOS.

Native of Takoa —now in ruin.

The place was on a high hill and presented a splendid view of the country. Here Amos lived as youth and as young man.

2. Physical appearance was probably like that of the shepherds of the present day—fine fellows from a physical point of view.

3. His business.— He says of himself that he is herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees. Sycamore fruit was punctured to make it ripen. Thus he did very humble work.

4. His training. His business was favorable to meditation. His life was simple. He was unlearned in the school but his mind was filled with divine things. A study of God's ways and his knowledge of divine things made him wise at heart.

II HIS MESSAGE.

By same divine vision he saw the future. He wanted to help his people. Enlightened persons should think of others. We are doing a great thing in finding out how to make better Sunday Schools, to get the truth into people's hearts instead of wrong ideas. Amos was dead in earnest. He saw ruin for the people in forsaking God. The message for today would be against the evils the evils common in our day.

HIS MESSAGE WAS A CALL TO A BETTER LIFE
V. 1-15. HE SEEKS TO REACH THE CONSCIENCE.

He tells the people there is no escape from the consequences of their wrong doing. Concrete examples of today should be used to show that we reap as we sow. Young people go wrong and meet with terrible results. Point out the danger both to the individual and nation that forgets God.

1. God has laws.
2. Mankind should obey them.
3. If he breaks these laws he harms himself.
4. He should cease to do evil and learn to do well.

The person and institutions that are waging war against the evils were never so numerous as now.

The Sunday School is becoming a very potent factor for teaching God's truth. It is the church at work. We think of the working pastor or working superintendent doing all in their power to build up the school, but think what a power if all the church acted together. The Bible School furnishes a place for all to work.

Expressions from Amos. Learn them.

"Prepare to meet thy God 4:12

"Seek the Lord and ye shall live 5:6

"Hate the Evil and love the good." 5:15

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." 6:1

D. R. B.

The Modern Bible School.

Vol. I. Edwards, Mississippi, November 8, 1915, No. 4.

People pay hundreds of dollars and travel thousands of miles to attend such Sunday School meetings as the Conventions of the International Sunday School Association. The Workers' Conferences being conducted in the vicinity of Edwards are in reality sections of conventions similar to those of the International Sunday School Association. Will it not pay the officers and teachers in the various Sunday Schools to invest at least energy enough to drive six or eight miles to be present at these conferences on each Third Sunday? If new visions come to your superintendent, a new Sunday School in your church will be the result.

Mt. Beulah Sunday School has thirty-nine young people taking courses in Teacher Training. Mr. Wm. Hartshorn, of Boston, has recently written that he intends to visit the Institute and thus have the opportunity to meet these young people and speak words of instruction and encouragement to them. He is at present chairman of the Teacher Training committee of the International Sunday School Association. A year ago when the writer met him in Chicago, he was President of the International Sunday School Association. We trust that when he comes we can get word to all the Sunday Schools in the community, so that their workers may be present to see and hear him.

In 1915, in Teacher Training, there had been organized classes in seventy-three High Institutions of learning, with 1978 students. Dr. Lyman in four years has accomplished remarkable things.

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THE JUBILEE RALLY AGAIN.

The last rally is now upon us, to finish raising the \$20,000. What shall we do about it? Shall we allow it to pass unnoticed? Not by any means!

The workers need encouragement. President J. B. Lehman and his wife have for twenty-five years toiled incessantly and stood at their post until they have seen five other Christian Institutes organized. In these schools the principles of Christianity are taught daily. Nothing will encourage and inspire them and the C. W. B. M. as much as a generous response from all of our churches, to assist in supporting these schools. The \$6,000 raised, considering the condition of our people generally, is not to be despised. Yet the victories of yesterday are worthless except as they prepare us for the final battle and victory of to-day.

The Lord promised his blessing on the servant not because he was successful, but because he was faithful.

Let us therefore be faithful and do what we can, let it be little or much, and remember the rally will not work itself. We should get behind it with all our might. "Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, that do with all thy might."

Each individual should be asked to give a certain amount.

Prepare a program for the occasion. Talk it up. Advertise it. Get the leaders in the community to take part in the program.

Some among us are not in hearty sympathy and cooperation with the C. W. B. M. because they do not comprehend the scope, plan and manner in which the C. W. B. M. is conducting its educational work among our people. Some years ago a brother in a certain state said to me that he thought the C. W. B. M. would exercise Autocratic authority and arbitrary control over schools regardless of the wishes of the patrons and trustees. Any one who investigates will not entertain any such idea.

Note how quickly and enthusiastically the churches of Kentucky wheeled into the line of cooperation when it dawned upon them that they could obtain that for which they had so faithfully worked and prayed; namely, a school where they could send their sons and daughters and have them receive daily instruction in the principles of Christianity as taught by the Apostolic Church.

What a mighty wave in favor of cooperation was started at the Nicholasville Convention, when the churches of Kentucky, led by the sisters, opened their coffers and turned over to the National Christian Woman's Board of Missions \$800 as a token of their faith in the plans of the C. W. B. M. and of their hearty cooperation in the same.

The message reached me from the office of the PLEA while I was at the State Convention in Kansas City, Kansas, and as a matter of course the writer assisted B. C. Dukes to make much of the occasion. Three cheers, with waving white handkerchieves, were given for Kentucky.

One year afterwards Kansas sent to the general work \$2,500. More than she had given in any four years before.

Three cheers for the churches of Kansas! and Missouri is coming on.

S. W. Scott.

JUBILEE RALLY.

Dear Editor of GOSPEL PLEA:—Please allow space in your paper for me to give a synopsis of our work here. I want to say that quite an interest is being manifested in the work here for the last four weeks.

A month ago we held a very successful meeting with Eld. L. H. Crawford of Greenville, Texas, and B. B. Hemington of Paris, Texas. These brethren preached the gospel as they saw it. Enough has been said to save the city of Paris. We were fortunate in adding seven to the church one by baptism.

The spirit of the meeting was good. At the close, while the spirit of Jehovah was in power, the writer thought it quite necessary to make some changes in the church, with the hope of bringing about a future reformation. It seemed best to place in the church some more deacons, so we ordained the following as such: Prof. K. B. Polk, G. Nelson, J. R. Preston and T. W. Preston, making a total of five deacons. Prof. K. B. Polk was also elected secretary for the church and Prof. J. A. Terry treasurer. After having these worthy men we were able to make the necessary changes.

The tenth of October, the Official Board met with the writer and made some changes, which we feel will give the writer and members a better feeling to do God's work. The heavy load of the church work and financial struggle which the writer has been confronted with are now lifted, thank God. All that is required of the writer is to preach the gospel and watch over his flock. Since we have made these changes we are doing fine. Brethren, we appeal to you to lend us your prayers that the work will prosper.

Now, about the Bible School, the coming of Bro. Moss has been quite an inspiration to our school. He is the man for the job. He has left a lasting impression upon the minds of those who heard him. The superintendent and teachers have caught the right vision of the Bible School movement. We are having new pupils every Sunday morning. It is our desire to develop a great school here in the future. We ask you also for your prayers.

R. E. Latouche.

HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

To the GOSPEL PLEA:—

We have just closed a 23 days meeting at Savannah and Holtsville, Tennessee. The attendance and interest were very good. There were four persons who made the confession and were baptized into Christ.

Elder W. P. Martin is doing a great work at these two points. Brother Martin is a good strong evangelist, and he deserves credit for the good work he is doing in this new field. And the people are standing by him in this work. They seem glad that the Lord has sent them a good man to preach to them the pure and simple Gospel of Christ, which is able to save them and their children.

They have a good Bible School at both places, which is a good thing to keep the work in a growing condition.

Brother Martin has already done a good work at these places. I believe he will do even greater work after he succeeds in getting a house for worship built at Savannah and Holtsville. I certainly did enjoy my stay with the good people at the above named places. I was very hospitably entertained in the home of brother and sister Addie Dixon at Savannah, also brother and sister Taylor. And at Holtsville, Prof. D. C. Crowder and wife, they know how to care for a minister. The writer was highly entertained while in their beautiful home. We pray that the blessing of heaven may ever rest upon the people of Savannah and Holtsville, Tennessee. And may the church work continue to grow and prosper under evangelist W. P. Martin,

J. E. Anderson.

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—A. L. Warring.

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TRUE PREPAREDNESS



MUCH is said in the secular papers of today about preparedness. President Wilson will make it the chief question in Congress this winter. It is therefore fitting that we make some observations on it from our viewpoint.

1. The pacifists like W. J. Bryan should take great care not to be too inclusive in their statements against the use of force. Neither the Scriptures nor common sense are opposed to the exercise of police power either in the individual or in government. Our safety in our vocation of life depends on the police who guard us. There can be no safety among the nations until some police power is exercised among them; and so long as there is no international Congress to give authority to international police force, the various nations must exercise it independently. Our safety depends on having a power sufficiently strong to repel a depredating nation.

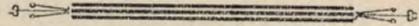
2. But care should be taken not to put our trust in any military preparation in those things which go to determine the destiny of our nation. If we examine history we will find that it was as often a hindrance as a help. The Persians made three campaigns against Greece after making as much preparation as was possible for natural man to make at that stage of human knowledge; and each time they made a disastrous failure and the efforts simply drew out the hegira of Macedonians under Alexander which forever blotted out the Persian Empire. Hundreds of similar instances in ancient history could be cited. In our own Civil War, if the country had been highly prepared, and President Buchanan had been vacillating and the southern man in his cabinet had been aggressive, Lincoln could never have reached Washington. Preponderating military preparation is always a menace.

3. True preparedness depends on the heart conditions of the men of a nation. Preparedness in the case of the Persians proved their undoing and preparedness in the hands of Buchanan would have destroyed our union. Whether preparedness in the hands of the Germans will prove their undoing remains yet to be shown, but judging from the motive that seems to actuate them, we feel it must prove in the end, whether that be near at hand or far off, their undoing. After Jesus said of the Jerusalem Jews, "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray," all military preparation could only be destruction to them. Titus did not want to destroy the

nation, but they blindly rushed hither and thither until the flower of the nation was destroyed.

If the heart of the nation is wrong, we can let munitions mills prepare a hundred times as much as Germany made at Essen and it will only prove our destruction. It is our firm belief that God is now calling to America, to the Christian manhood and womanhood of America, to do his work and if we fail him, then he will overrun our country with the Japanese, Chinese, Mohammedans and even the tribes of Africa. If we are not worthy of our present independent position, Providence can lead us on as blindly to our Arbela as he led Darius to his. The walls of Babylon were seventy feet high and wide enough for three chariots to drive abreast and the city felt secure, but the wrong heart of Belshazzar made it possible for the city to be taken by Cyrus in one night. True preparedness is, therefore, being made possible in our mission stations. We can show that our Jubilee effort of raising \$20000.00 can have more influence on the destiny of our nation than twenty super dreadnaughts. The Southern Christian Institute or one of our other schools in preparing leaders with well developed consciences will go farther to insure our safety than our coast defenses.

The proud and arrogant politician who can talk glibly of the "bullet headed Asiatic" or "the saddle colored nigger" or "the filthy dago," is a greater menace to America than all the battle ships lying in Yohahoma or in the Keil Canal. While Congress is wrestling over the problem of preparedness. Let us meet in our churches and wrestle with the true problem of preparedness, which pertains to the hearts of the boys and girls who must determine the destiny of our nation. Prof. Moss and Miss Rosa V. Brown can do more to save America than Secretary of War Garrison. You in the little brown church, building up the best Sunday School in the community, can do more to save our civilization than Thomas A. Edison. You ministers who will canvass every member for the Jubilee offering can make more in true preparedness than Edison's whole naval board



KEEP THOU OUR FEET—A PRAYER.

When our life's cup o' brims with joy and pleasure sweet,
Jehovah, Infinite, Divine, keep Thou our feet
When cloudless breaks the glad new day,
When thornless roses strew the way
Lest careless of Thy love we stray;
Keep Thou our feet.

Jehovah, Infinite, Divine, keep Thou our feet,
When but with bitter dregs the cup our lips shall greet,
When rough the way before us lies,
When thorns infest, and clouds arise
Lest we thy tender care dispise;
Keep Thou our feet.

Jehovah, Infinite, Devine, keep Thou our feet
When great temptations shall our human weakness meet,
When care and pain our life best,
When bitter drops our eyelids wet
Lest in our blindness we forget;
Keep Thou our feet.

Nannie G. Mc Donald.

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PERSONAL AND EDITORIAL

—Do not forget to canvass your church for the PLEA on the Jubilee week. For all yearly subscriptions sent in between November 21 and 28 we will give twice as long a time. If you send in one dollar we will mark you for two years. If you send in fifty cents we will send it one year. At our present circulation we cannot afford that, but we are anxious to put the PLEA into the homes. If we can raise the circulation over one thousand we can get good advertising and we can then enlarge the size of the paper. We can confidently expect a shower of subscriptions next week.

—We have had a dearth of letters for the PLEA this week. Brethren, will you not report your work? The people want to know what you are doing.

—Prof. P. H. Moss is holding a half dozen institutes in South Carolina. Miss Rosa V. Brown spent a month there before the Convention. The South Carolina tree has been well dug around and it surely will bear fruit for the Lord.

—Prof. Z. D. Richard, who is County Demonstrator of Scott County, is starting a County High school not far from Forest.

—Secretary G. W. Muchly spoke at the Washington Addition Church in Jackson, Mississippi Sunday afternoon, November 14th. Three churches in Jackson owe the Church Extension and he is speaking to stir up the loans. He has mentioned in all his addresses that he has loaned to twenty-six Negro Churches in the past twenty-five years and has not lost a cent.

—A merchant in Edwards mentioned a few days ago that in all his loaning to Negro churches he has never lost a cent.

Educational Rally

By J. N. Ervin.

EDUCATIONAL Rally Day is almost at our doors. What are we to do on that day? Are we to give the nickles, the dimes, the quarters and stop short of the dollars the five and ten dollar gifts? The answer comes back, "No." We should for once in our lives lay aside every weight of sin

that does so easily beset us and run with patience, the race that is before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

If we love the day of Jubilee as much as we indicate with our mouths we will roll up thousands of dollars for this, the fiftieth Anniversary. The day of small gifts is past. We must meet the oncoming current of missionary work and education if we are to be reckoned as God's people.

"Where there is no vision the people suffer." We must not stop with small gifts as did our fathers, for they served well in their day and generation. Some of them are still giving and growing, growing in love for the great work which they have supported.

It is now time, the accepted time that the younger generations catch a vision of larger things and be willing to give of the very best in their possessions to lift the banner of Christian Education and keep it floating to the breezes,

In this particular case, money is the slogan and we must raise the \$13,000 still needed. One dollar from each of the colored disciples laid on the table of contribution on the 21st. of this month would carry the offering beyond the thirteen thousand mark. How easy this could be done! Christians, think with care before you make your offering, then do your best.

God wants you to do so, our condition demands us to do so and our children are longing for us to do so. What a great blessing to give unselfishly! Read the first fourteen verses of the 12th chapter of the Acts and then make your own comparison of what follows in this article.

Brother C. C. Smith for many years stood at the head of our work and did a hero's part but was not encouraged as he might have been by the prayers and gifts of our colored brothers and sisters and now on account of ill health, he has been removed from active service. President Lehman, another man of God has been called to the task. Shall we neglect him or shall we save ourselves by saving him? Why lay so many burdens on him when we could just as easily relieve him? His time could be used in planning larger things for us. Let us come to the rescue and begin something new. Do not delay for there is danger in delay. Use the time while you have a great leader whose sympathy goes out to us all. Let us follow the way he leads and we shall be lead into green pastures. Europe is calling for billions for the purpose of war, President Wilson is asking for millions for defense and our leader is only calling for thousands, (13000). With one strong steady pull, we can do this and more when we think that all will come back to us and more. May we pray that God will give us the victory. Entreat your nearest neighbor to give to this rally.

Some are waiting to give to this cause if you will only ask them to have a part in this effort. Don't be selfish for we cannot do this work all alone. Enlist others to share the responsibility. Continue to pray and God will hear us.

Let our aim be first, the saving of souls, second, a better organization of the church and schools and third a larger contribution from all the members in all departments of the church.

When the money is raised, let us of one accord send the money to President Lehman so that the C. W. B. M. may have the needed funds to carry on its work. Don't hold these offering back for they are not ours but God's and the Master has need for them.

Yours for the Jubilee Rally,

J. N. ERVIN.

REPORT OF JUBILEE FUNDS RECEIVED UP TO
NOVEMBER 11, 1915.

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION.

South Carolina Convention.	
At Men's Session,	
J. L. Wood,	2.00
A. L. Braham,	1.00
F. O. Williams,	1.00
Elvin Brown,	1.00
General Collection,	9.00
At Women's Session,	
One Days wages.	
H. W. Edwards	1.00
W. C. Brabham,	1.00
E. F. Jackson,	1.00
Mrs. Cora Edwards,	1.00
Mr. Cary McWilliam,	1.00
John F. Kearse,	1.00
General Collection,	9.40
Total for General Education this time.	30.55
Total this year,	105.77

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

Earhardt, S. C. S. S. By Rosa V. Brown	1.00
Total for Children's Day.	17.03

FOR ALABAMA CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

State Convention at Luverne, By Prof. I. C. Franklin,	61.00
Total for Alabama Christian Institute this year,	61.00

FOR MARTINSVILLE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Piedmont District Sunday School Convention by Prof. J. H. Thomas,	10.00
Total this year for Martinsville Christian Institute,	10.00

FUND STATEMENT

For Tennessee Christian Institute,	142.15
For Jarvis Christian Institute,	106.26
For General Education,	105.77
For Alabama Christian Institute,	61.00
For Central Christian,	50.00
For Children's Day,	17.03
For Martinsville Christian Institute,	10.00
Total this year,	492.21
Total in Jubilee Fund,	6742.47
Amount yet needed to make 20000.00	13257.53

Remarks. This will probably be the last report before we begin to get the sums which will come on rally day. It is our earnest hope that when we report again it will be over one thousands for this year. We want to urge all who are awake to do all they can to awaken others. If you know of a church that is not preparing to observe the day, go and see them. Tell them what a wrong they are committing to themselves and to the great cause by staying back. In England many young men are hiding out when the life of the country is as stake, and the authorities are planning to conscript them. Our cause is a greater one, for we are civilization builders. Enlist, enlist, enlist.

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

REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM
FRIENDS OF THE WORK.

Berkeley California, Cora V. H. Lester,	\$3.00
Ottawa, Ohio, A. M. Brown,	1.00
Malacca, Minnesota, F. W. Pierce,	5.00
Total this time,	9.00
Total in this fund,	3232.05

These gifts are from regular givers to the work. They never forget us in making out their year's list of benefactions. We appreciate these gifts very much. We trust the time may not be far off when many more may come into this fellowship and when the gifts may be large ones.

TENNESSEE.

We have just closed out a short meeting at Savannah and Holtsville. We had Bro. J. E. Anderson, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky to assist us in the meetings. The meetings resulted in three additions at Savannah and one at Holtsville, all by primary obedience. We feel sure if these meetings could have gone on as long again, a greater work of soul saving would have been done. Bro. Anderson came on a very short limit of time and had to return much earlier to his work at Hopkinsville and Clarksville than we were expecting. Our work in all of its departments is moving along nicely at Savannah and Holtsville.

Our C. W. B. M. at Holtsville met last Lord's Day evening, November the 7th, and made out their quarterly report. The Secretary reported 16 financial members and \$7.00 in the treasury, to be sent to the National Board and to the State Department Fund. Four months ago these people never knew that there is such an organization in the world as a C. W. B. M. One year ago they had never heard a Christian preacher preach. Now they are doing a greater work for education and evangelization than many of the older churches that have had superior advantages to know and to do missionary work. I hope the readers will catch the vision. The power and force of of Christian Evangelization makes disciples, possessed with a vision of the missionary work, see that they must live a life for service, a service of sacrifice to do the great work of the church.

Our people here are a live wire for the missionary cause. We are planing now to hold our Jubilee Rally at Holtsville on the second Lord's Day in November and at Savannah on the regular day, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This way both of these congregations will be able to make their report in November. The work on our new church here at Savannah has come to a stand still on the account of being delayed in getting from the factory our window frames, doors and door frames. We are expecting them now at any time. Just as soon as we receive them the work will go on without any hinderance, with force enough to complete the building within thirty days. Arrangements are now made for the very best skilled labour to do the work. We will have two young men from S. C. I. to lay the blocks. Just as soon as some more material can be put on the ground we will call for the boys from the S. C. I.

Hon J. E. De Ford is still playing a masterly part in the erection of our house of worship here in Savannah. We are now molding our window sills and door sills and caps. We had \$100 worth of the very best blue ribbon tin put on the grounds the other day.

We ask the prayers of the Christian people that we may do a great work for our people here in this part of the state.

M. P. Martin, Evangelist.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

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*"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



I KNOW not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers prayer.

I know that He has given His Word,
Which tells me prayer is always heard,
And will be answered, soon or late.
And so I pray and calmly wait;
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought;
But leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own,
Assured that He will grant my quest,
Or send some answer far more blest."

The Church of the New Testament.

Where shall we find our ideal for building of Churches of Christ today? Ought we to model our churches after the churches in the days of the apostles? Should we attempt to reproduce, for instance, the church at Corinth, at Rome, at Ephesus, or at Jerusalem? Not one of these churches, as they actually existed, would be a safe model for us to attempt to follow. The apostles had very imperfect material with which to build churches, and perfection was not to be expected.

But there is an ideal church set forth in the New Testament by Christ and his apostles, which is a worthy model, to which we should seek to conform our work of church building. We may mention a few of its chief characteristics:

First, its members are those who have been born again and who are, therefore, new creatures in Christ Jesus. **They have become new creatures through believing on Christ, unto repentance, and unto baptism, into him, in which they were "buried with Christ in baptism," and raised to walk in newness of life.** In other words, in the language of Jesus, they are "born of the water and of the spirit."

Second this church is built on Christ, for "other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Christ Jesus." Those who come into the church, on this foundation, confess Christ as the son of God and take him as Saviour and Lord.

Third this church is a divine organism with Christ as its head, and all its members are part of Christ's body, sharing in his life and subject to his will.

Fourth, this ideal church is engaged in carrying out Christ's command to preach his gospel to all the nations. It is, therefore, missionary church, all its members

o-operating in the spread of the gospel at home and in the regions beyond.

Fifth, its members not only send out to the world the gospel, but they shine through their lives, each member being a "living epistle" to be read by all men.

Sixth, it is a united church. Christ is the magnetic center around whom all its members are gathered. Its unity consist of one "body, one spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and farther of all," and he bids us keep this "unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace."

Seventh, as love is the bond of this unity, it is the pledge of its care for the poor and the needy, and the inspiration for all good work by which it is to let its light so shine that men may glorify God.

Eighth, this ideal church is so organized as to provide for both its spiritual and its temporal needs, having bishops and deacons in each local congregation who possess the necessary qualifications for these officers. It is, therefore, a growing church, not in numbers alone, but in grace and in knowledge of the truth.

Ninth, it maintains its sole allegiance to Jesus Christ as its head, while standing fast in the liberty where he hath made it free, and so can adapt itself to the changing needs of the world without changing masters abandoning its fundamental principles.

Christ is still building his church on earth, but has not yet realized his perfect ideal.

—Christian Evangelist.

THE CHURCH HOUSE WHICH IS AT MILLERSBURG, KENTUCKY.

Preaching the word, exhorting the Brethren, seeing "how they do," I have traveled over a number of states. As far north as the Great Lakes, as far south as the Carolinas, east to the Coast and I've been west some, but one of the neatest, newest and completest church houses I've ever "struck" is the one church here in Millersburg, Kentucky. There is nothing pretentious about the architecture no hi-fa-lu-tin nooks and corners to leak when the frost melts. Just a plain substantial, sensible, serviceable, good house. Yes it is churchy. Indeed it is churchy. The roof is the best tin and is insured against all that cometh from above. The "inards" are complete. The baptistry, choir platform and chancel, the inside wall oatmeal finish, the carpet, rug and pews all are to the effect.

Then the concrete walk in front, the beautified belettered transom and double doors all have a message.

Then the climax is the windows. Art glass at a cost of a few hundred dollars, in various departments of the church, with names engraved thereon showing which window each gave. Then the newly installed furnace with modern heating devices adds the finishing touch to one of the neatest churches we have ever seen.

Who is the minister? Eld. M. Jackson of course, and his good wife, both of stalwart, sturdy stock, here for three years, "carrying timber to the building."

I began a short meeting here last night. Will write of the people and happenings when its over.

As Correspondent Secretary I have written every available church in Kentucky, urging them to observe November 21st as Red Letter Day for educational money. I trust the returns will be worth while.

C. H. Dickerson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTION

Sec. G. W. Muckly, of the Church Extension Board, of Kansas City, Mo. visited the Institute last Saturday and spoke in the Chapel at night. All were delighted with his message. He left on the ten p. m. train for Jackson.

President Lebman and two sons attended Church at the First Church, Jackson, yesterday. There was a special service of dedicating windows.

The Mt. Beulah Sunday School is getting in line for Educational Rally.

Thos. B. Kalane, our new student, native of Africa, delivered a lecture in Y. W. C. A. Hall, Sunday night. In it he told why he had come to America. He knew not a word in English when he started from Cape Town for New York. He has now been in this country ten years. He wants to go back as Missionary to his people.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Saturday night, October, 31st, we celebrated Hallowe'en by having a "Tacky Party" All those who were on the program were dressed tacky.

The program was as follows: Remarks—Invocation—Pres. J. N. Ervin, Introduction of the tacky family Prof. T. B. Frost; Chorus—"Sewane River," Reading—"my gal's gone back on me" Master Johnnie Hollingsworth; Reading—"The Party" Miss Ellie Dodding; Trio- My "Loves Own," Masters Lealand and Mack Ervin, and Johnnie Rigging; Reading-A Nursery Rhyme, Miss L. Smith; Duet- Old Black Joe, Prof. Howard and Frost; Reading-"The Melon" Miss Gertie Mae Robinson; Reading-"The Fly" Miss N. V. Jennings; Trio-"Mary's Little Lamb" Mrs. Z. H. Howard, Mrs. T. B. Frost and Pres. J. N. Ervin. Instrumental solo, Miss S. Ellis.

After the Program the table was spread and all feasted. At this time we were able to take in for our Educational Rally nine dollars and thirty-two cents.

A good many were present from the community especially white people of Hawkins.

Those of our white friends who came spread the news of having such a good time, that many of those who were not present have expressed their regrets.

Sunday morning, October, 31st the service was indeed splendid. At the close of the devotional service Master Leland Ervin sang "Abide with me." Following that Pres. J. Ervin spoke from the book of Ruth. It was surely inspiring. We would that every girl could have heard it.—Our "Ruth" could but be more plentiful. At the close of the service three came forward from our student body, two by right hand fellowship and one by baptism.

At the close of our Christian Endeavor another made the good confession. The following Sunday, the two Esmer, Foster and Henry McCann were baptized. The baptismal service being conducted by Pres. J. N. Ervin at Rogers, Creek.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night, Nov. 3rd was led by Mrs. Z. H. Howard. It was an exceptionally good one, the scripture study being taken from the life of Daniel.

Saturday afternoon, November 6th, Hazel Walters of Little Rock, Arkansas, a niece of Prof. Frost joined us. She is one of our boarding students.

The same night Onedia Howard, Gertrude and Mack Ervin had a joint birthday party. Two of their birthdays being on the 9th, and the other on the 8th. All of the little children were present and each seemed to have a good time.

The campus is being cleared up and made larger It

looks like no more Jarvis' woods, but a very inviting place.

The day school work grows better as the conditions are more favorable. Every morning in our devotional exercise we study from Genesis. All are taking great interest in the physical culture classes under the directions of the teachers of the different departments. November the 8th, Pres. Ervin dug the first shovel of dirt, preparing the foundation of the Boys Dormitory. This will be a three story building, the foundation being of cement, and the first floor brick.

Four of our teachers are making ready to attend the State teachers' Association Wyle University, Marshall, Texas, November 25th-27 three of them are on the program.

OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA. REPORT.

(1). A LESSON TO BE LEARNED, "The Responsibility of the Church for Religious Workers." In every city you will find large retail stores and large factories testifying to the fact that some men look beyond their own generation. They see the need of men and build for the future. These men are not only paid a salary for what they do, but are trained for wider usefulness. Our colleges are full of faculties, men who have received their education in these colleges. Our colleges stood for them. Our government has instituted Civil service which means that the nation has gone into the business of training men for its own wants. It has its schools and its Drill Grounds. We are looking to the time when more and better men will be needed in every department of Government Service.

(2). THE PRESENT SITUATION AND NEED. In 1894 a canvass was made of fifty-eight schools that were preparing Christian workers. At that time over four thousand students were enrolled. Twelve years later the total enrollment of these same schools had decrease thirty-three hundred. Yet, during this period of twelve years, the membership of churches supporting these school had received twenty-five percent. These figures fairly represent the condition in every religious body of America. We have six thousand preachers and ten thousand churches. There has been a net loss of seven hundred preachers during the past three years. These conditions are true in every development of religious work.

Many of the courses are now being prescribed for such workers who do not have subjects that tend to anchor them in the first principle of the gospel. As a result, we not only have falling off in number, but likewise a decrease in the vitality of those taking up the work. We need them not only men but men better equipped to do the work that so much needs to be done. We need strong men, men with heart power, men with a message and a passion for men. I indeed do hope that this lesson will be well considered throughout all the states by the Negro Disciples' Churches which are found North East, South and West. So, when we all shall meet up youder, we ail may tell the same old story as it is told in his word. Christ aids his churches.

Yours for greater service,

A. L. Brabham.

That the National Missionary Campaign may be carried through in such obedience to the will of and such dependence upon the Holy Spirit that the power of God may be released afresh upon America in order that our country in turn may enrich the life of the world.

—MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 5.

UZZIAH'S PRIDE AND PUNISHMENT II CHRONICLES 26.

GOLDEN TEXT.—A man's pride shall bring him low; but he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor Prov. 29:23.

TIME.— B.C. 755.

PLACE.—The kingdom of Judah. The temple in Jerusalem. Prophets.—Amos, Zechariah 9-11 and parts of Hosea and Isaiah belong to this reign. Beecher.

It is well to note that in this lesson we are dealing with a young man. We have recently studied about Joash, and found that this uncle Jehoida was a wise counselor to the young king. In to-day's lesson Uzziah's mother is doubtless to be credited with much of the upright training. It is a great blessing to have a good mother. "What is wanting in order that the youth of France may be well educated" Asked Napoleon "Good mothers" was the reply of Madam Campan. The Emperor was forcibly struck and declared, "Here is a system in one word."

I THE YOUNG KING AND PATRIOT.

Uzziah was only sixteen when he was made king. He was fortunate in having a wise instructor and counselor, one who had understanding. He imparts to the young king important lessons. He opened his understanding, and gave the king a vision of what he should be and of what he ought to make his country to become.

He built forts, he subdued enemies, he built towers, he hewed out many cisters. All these were to protect the cities the shepherds, the farmers and provide abundance of water in dry seasons.

II UZZIAH'S CHANCE.

He was marvelously helped till he was strong V. 15. God caused him to prosper as long as he sought the Lord V. 5. His name went out. He had a fine chance to do a great missionary work. He might have proclaimed the true God. It was his chance to ascribe the greatness of his work and that of his people to God.

To day is our chance, our opportunity. The individual is to glorify God. Society and the nation is to become christian in larger sense than is expressed to-day.

III UZZIAH FAILED

The cause was pride. he prospered and won fame and honor. He gave the credit and glory to himself instead to God. He seemed to have considered that he was the author of his own success. His pride blinded his eyes. He was lifted up. His heart closed to his own needs. His obedience to God was neglected.

The lesson for us, is to put God first; to keep our ears open to be taught of God. To put our dependence upon others, and upon the Lord. To feel that this is our day of opportunity, and we are missionaries of His.

IV UZZIAH'S PUNISHMENT.

First. The leprosy was a fitting emblem of sins. The leprosy of his face would remind him of his sin.

Second. Uzziah had gone so far that there was no remedy. His pride had been growing secretly.

Third. Uzziah is now shut out from doing any work for his kingdom. To shut one in when he is well and strong and leave him to his thoughts becomes painful, to remain perfectly silent for a long time when one wants to speak, to deprive one of water when he is very thirsty, or to prevent food from reaching the hungry all would be punishments; but for a

strong man, able man, a useful man to become a leper by his own sins, and forced to idleness is a great punishment.

There are many ways that young people may shut themselves out of a useful and helpful life. One way is by idleness another by cigarette smoking. Others by dishonesty, by drink and like forms of wrong doing.

Take these lessons and the warning which comes thru the mistakes of the young man Uzziah.

D. R. B.

THE DOUBLE RALLY.

To my mind there is no enterprise among us which is of more importance at this time than expanding in the circulation of the Gospel Plea, especially among our members. The weekly message of the PLEA will be to the educational industrial and missionary cause as the early and later rains are to the famishing vegetation. It (the PLEA) is the chief means by which we are kept in constant contact and in sympathy with the great work which the C. W. B. M. is carrying on among us. What do you think would happen should the connection of the PLEA between its friends and our churches be cut? The whole fabric, like Jonah's gourd, would wither and fall to the ground in one night.

The PLEA brings the live coals of missionary zeal and educational enthusiasm from off the alters of our schools, churches and missionaries and scatters them among the lukewarm members, who, seeing what others are doing, take on new hope and courage. So let every home welcome the PLEA. It will not cost very much to entertain this royal guest.

In fact this kingly visitor will pay half his board for one year in order to have the exquisite pleasure of speaking to you about the things which pertain to eternal life. I love the PLEA because it so faithfully and earnestly advocates the truth of the gospel, the principles of christianity, to be the only basis of true civilization and the key to the solution of the so-called race problem. That if a man, being black is too far down the ladder of civilization so that the white man can not have fellowship with him, let the white man assist him in climbing up to where Christ is. On the other hand, if the white man is too high up the ladder, let him come down to Christ as Zachaeus did. Now when they enter into Christ their nationality is lost, for in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free.

Now brother—as your Corresponding Secretary—I do most earnestly beseech you in the name of Christ, for the general good of the cause we love and for what the C. W. B. M. has given to the churches of Missouri, giving \$200. a year, help me to get not less than 200 subscribers for the PLEA.

The PLEA may be had for fifty cents a year providing the postoffice order or check you send to pay for the same bears the date between November 21 and 28, otherwise the PLEA will not be sent to you for fifty cents a year.

Kansas gave \$25 last year to the general educational work but Missouri gave \$50 this year to the new school at Hopkinsville, Kentucky. So Missouri is not so far behind after all. We are sending out special letters to the leaders in each church urging them to do their best to secure 200 subscriptions for the PLEA. Success to Double Rally.

S. W. Scott, Corresponding Secretary.

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three—
Himself, his hungry neighbor and me."

—LOWELL.

Entire Race, One of the Most Ancient and Honorable in History, Undergoing a Process of Complete Extermination in Turkey

THE world is witnessing today in Turkey and just beginning to comprehend what will appear in history as the greatest, most pathetic and most arbitrary tragedy in history. An entire race, and that, too, one of the oldest and most honorable, is undergoing a process of extermination that for completeness of design and cruelty of execution surpasses anything that ever preceded it in Turkey or in any other country.

Although this work of destruction began more than six months ago, it did not reach the height of its fury until July and August, and, owing to the close censorship of the press, the world is only now learning the facts from eye witnesses and from official documents. It is now unquestionably established that the plan includes the extinction of all the Armenians and probably of other Christian races throughout all Turkey. The highest Turkish official at Constantinople declares to representatives of foreign governments that this is their purpose, and the local officials in the provinces openly proclaim that such are their peremptory orders from the capital.

The first step of the process is the elimination of all able-bodied men. This was done by forcing all such to enroll in the army. As soldiers they were not permitted to bear arms, but were given different kinds of service like road making. Evidence is now coming in showing that these have been deliberately killed by the thousand.

When it was decided to clean the Armenians out of a city from which those able to bear arms had already been taken, with the exception of those who paid the immunity tax, the remaining adult men were arrested and thrown into prison. In one instance where full evidence is at hand men thus arrested numbered 1,215. A few days later, all of these were taken out upon the road under pretense of deportation and a few miles out they were all killed. The evidence is complete. After all of the strong men were out of the way, the attack began upon the decrepit men, women and children. These were carried in carts or forced upon the road on foot, without adequate preparation for the journey. The destination in most instances was announced as Northern Arabia. For most of the refugees this was several hundred miles away, depending, of course, upon the starting point.

When attempts were made to provide these refugees with food for the journey or to feed them by the way, the information was freely given by the officials in charge that they wished nothing to be done that would prolong their lives.

One of these wayside camps was visited by the official representative of one of the friendly powers. He reported in detail the terrible condition which he found there in the following words:—

“If it were simply a matter of being obliged to leave here to go somewhere else, it would not be so bad, but everybody knows it is a case of going to one’s death. If there was any doubt about it, it has been removed by the arrival of a number of parties, aggregating several thou-

sand people, from Erzroom and Erzinggan. I have visited their encampment a number of times and talked with some of the people. A more pitiable sight cannot be imagined. They are, almost without exception, ragged, filthy hungry and sick. That is not surprising, in view of the fact that they have been on the road for nearly two months, with no change of clothing, no chance to wash, no shelter, and little to eat. The government has been giving them some scanty rations here. I watched them one time when their food was brought. Wild animals could not be worse. They rushed upon the guards who carried the food and the guards beat them back with clubs, hitting hard enough to kill sometimes. To watch them one could hardly believe that these people were human beings.

“As one walks through the camp, mothers offer their children and beg one to take them. In fact, the Turks have been taking their choice of these children and girls for slaves, or even worse. In fact, they have even had their doctors there to examine the more likely girls and thus secure the best ones.

“There are very few men among them, as most of them have been killed on the road. All tell the same story of having been attacked over and over again, and a great many of them, especially the men, were killed. Women and children were also killed. Many died, of course from sickness and exhaustion on the way, and there have been deaths each day that they have been here. Several different parties have arrived and, after remaining a day or two, have been pushed on with no apparent destination. Those who have reached here are only a small portion, however, of those who started. By continuing to drive these people on in this way it will be possible to dispose of all of them in a comparatively short time.

“The condition of these people indicates clearly the fate of those who have left and are about to leave from here. I believe nothing has been heard from any of them as yet, and probably very little will be heard. The system that is being followed seems to be to have bands of Kurds awaiting them on the road to kill the men especially and incidentally some of the others. The entire movement seems to be the most thoroughly organized and effective massacre this country has ever seen.”

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Dear Editor:—This will inform the brotherhood that Indianola Church is yet alive. A successful rally was held at this place the first Sunday of this month. \$91.00 was raised, and yet there are a few who have not paid their pledges. Only three brothers failed on the first Sunday. But that was not because of indifference. They will yet come across with the hard cash.

I am sorry I have been so busy with my revival meeting. I did not have time to write them up as they occurred, but I shall write them up a little later on. I am so busy I don't have time to make much noise about it.

Yours in Christ,

B. C. Calvert.

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