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GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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Helpful To All.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has taken in hand the negro work in the United States. In Jamaica they have for years done a work very similar to this, but the home work is new to them; and the course they will pursue, and the amount they will expend each year will be determined largely by the work as it developes itself. We have no hesitation in saying that if they receive a hearty-co-operation they are able in the next fifty years to make the negro disciples the most powerful religious people among the negroes in the South. In the next few years they will be able to organize the negro women into auxiliaries. There are probably fifteen thousand of these who would be glad to work if properly encouraged to begin. If a real co-operation could be established and maintained between the great organization at Indianapolis and the various negro organizations, it would be easier to maintain a school in every state in the South, than it is now to maintain the four we already have. This co-operation would mean the employment of all our able young men and women who come from our schools. Women to organize auxiliaries would be needed; young men and women would be needed to teach in our schools; able preachers would be needed to evangelize and organize—in short it would be a great work. Some of the older preachers need not fear that this means their being laid aside. Those uneducated old men, who are worthy otherwise would find abundant work right where they are. There is much work which they can not do and this they must give over to the young men who are trained. Let us begin the new century in earnest. Let us lay aside that childish habit of opposing every good thing, which has militated more against this people than race, color or previous condition.

WHY DO WE SEEK to evangelize? Is it because we have something to give which is as good as other religious bodies? If we had some thing only as good, we would be under bound to do our share of the great work of elevating the ignorant and sinful people, which we are scarcely doing now. But we have something that is of more importance. The negro came on the stage of action too late to know anything of the great religious controversies through which the Europeans passed in the last three centuries. Then why should he learn it? Why take part in this old battle long fought out? Is not this a great opportunity to make a people simply christians without prefixes and suffixes? This work will direct the attention of this people to the morality and spirituality of the Bible and not to the old religious controversies. This has its effect. We say without boasting that the preachers and members of those already called out from the denominational world are superior in morality and dignified living. There are very many regrettable exceptions to this statement, yet the immoral preacher can not find a leading place among them as is the case among some other religious people.

Care should be taken in the education of our young men not to lead them to believe that if they get an education every one will serve them and everything will be made easy. This is not the case. An education enables them to do things that they could not do otherwise, but the fact that they are educated makes them undertake greater things too, and it all means harder and more persistent work. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred a well educated young man has to go through a starving period [illegible] We have sometimes seen young men so taught that they believed some day they can be senator or president. They sat down and waited for the position to come around and mourned because evil fate did not bring it. These high offices come only to a few. They come not to men by turns nor has any man a claim on them.

After all it is not the highest ambition to aspire to the presidency. Some of our presidents will be well forgotten when Booker T. Washington's name will be remembered. But says one, If I could be great like him, I would be satisfied. Probably if you pay the price you can. Did you ever read the story of hardship of his first ten years at Tuskegee? He had scarcely an income, often not enough to eat, his watch was pawned to buy things for the school and never redeemed. Many of those who are chaffing because they are not more prosperously located would have

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When a man is manifestly unjust in his treatment of others, he sets the standard for others, and they will measure him with his own measuring stick.

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The work of the Christian is to overthrow evil and enthrone righteousness. This is a severe task and the good man is sometimes almost worsted in the contest. But right always triumphs in the end and salvation comes to the eyes of the righteous.

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By their fruits you shall know them. Paul says, the distinuishing attribute of a righteous man is love. Love suffereth long and is kind, Love envieth not. Love vauntheth not, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseenly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh not evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth. If the opposite of these are found in a life, it is not a righteous life.

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Very many people are seeking to get something for nothing. What costs nothing is worth nothing. If you want to gain the respect of the world you must get it by building up homes where may be seen virtue, frugality and thrift. Where these abound power and influence abound.

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The wise and prudent man will wield an influence long after the foolish man has been hushed into silence. It always pays to be wise and prudent.

College Items.

Catherine Smothers, daughter of Miles Smothers is one of the new arrivals at school. It is especially gratify to see so many of our leading men faithful to their own school. The day is not far off when all of them will see clearly that if they want to accomplish anything they must support that which is begun in their interests.

Sec. C. C. Smith expects to visit the institution about the first of March, this year. He is always auxiously looked for by the teachers and students.

A great many new classes have been organized this term. The senior class is now wrestling with many of the higher branches.

John C. Wright and two other young men from South west Arkansas are now in school.

We still have room for four or five more boys who want to work their way throngh school. There ought to be hundreds who would rush into this.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

—We apologize to our readers again for some mistakes. We are again training some new hands and when we exercise the best of care some will occur where so many are made.

—Sarah L. Bostick the sec. of the National C. W. B. M. of colored women, will soon travel in the interest of her work. She is authorized to take new subscriptions for the PLEA and collect old ones. If this work is properly received it will mean the beginning of a new era for the Negro women.

—E H. Wnite has moved from Trenton, Arkansas to Newell, Arkansas. He is teaching in Akansas.

—Eld. K. R. Brown in a business communication expresses much hope for the work in the spring opening.

—The Methodist and Christian churches in Edwards united to have a Christmas tree. It was a success.

—We hope soon to perfect arrangements so that we can devote the entire sixth page of the Plea to the women's work. We realize that it will require considerable effort to keep this going. We expect to have some correspondents from Jamaica and will try and make our readers familiar with that work. We exspect also to have news regularly from the work represented by Sarah L. Bostick. Besides this we are very anxious to have all our state workers make regular reports. There is much hopes of the work in Mississippi reviving soon.

LABORING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Whatever may be his danger of being imposed upon, the Christian world ought to become more sympathetic, more merciful, more considerate, more tollerant—especially with reference to that large class which is so readily denounced, condemned and neglected.

Instead of being the spiritual benefactor that every Christian should be, we are too often a more fatal stumbling block than a sworn sinner could possibly be. We are too ready to cousign one, whose actions and motives we may not understand, over to the eternal flames depriving him of the clemency of the all merciful God. We, as also a large portion of the world, are too ready to give credit to most evil reports which may grow out of misunderstandings, and discredit many favorable reports which it is true may be inconsistent with such circumstances as we commonly know. And many, should they closely analyze their desire, would no doubt be surprised to see how weak are their desires to serve Jesus to the end of ennobling humanity, and on the other hand, how strong they are for every thing else. Many a so-called fanatic has committed the fouldest murder, thinking he did God service, when in reality the desire to God's service was not one-tenth as strong as the desire to destroy and commit violence, although the two desires and a degree of ignorance may be associated in the perpetration of the same crime. Why all these and many other errors and sins are the part of the world's models? We are deficient in sympathy, mercy, consideration and toleration.

We must consider that all men are laboring under the same difficulties some men under exceedingly great difficulties. All are responsible for some of their difficulties, not a few are not responsible for many of their most trying difficulties. There are some difficulties that are due to climate, some to birth, some to evil home training: some to education, some to occupation, some to association and environment, some to ignorance, some to poverty, some to custom, some to diet, and some to one thing and some to another I mean difficulties in the way of becoming christian characters. But the same difficulty which many irritrievably bury one, may be the chariot of fire to waft another to immortal glory. Then in dealing with ourselves or with the people, the question is not how shall these difficulties be removed; yet with refference to the same correct home training, and ignorance, it is the important question. But the great question is how shall these difficulties be treated so as to make them yield the best results. In the fence corners where the soil is richest, the snake and lizard love to dwell, and briars and weeds and other noxious plants have a strong tendency to flourish. so the difficulties of many circumstances have a decided tendency to grow theives, liars, mendicants, adulterers, slanderers, etc, where heroes, philanthropists, philosphers, martyrs grants of purest and best christian character should abound. Most men who have risen to eminence in character had help in their early days in the way of training their desires and having their nhble elements developed and encourage, and the base element suppressed and discouraged, only a few, if any, apparently thought it may be, have had sufficient notive strength and ability to grow up in spite of depressing circumstances without the timely assistance of a benefactor We are so likely to become discouraged. and disgusted at the deplorable state of affairs. Specially is this likely to be true of those refined taste, or those of poor taste, but accustomed to seeing different condition, In any case to become discouraged by any deplorable state of humanity is a species of folly and ingratitude. The gambler drunkard, The sport, The profligate and such degenerates are by no means the exclusive products of any particular blood or climate, but the universal fruit of neglect and with held assistance, And the ill state of society every where is due more to the need of proper aid than to any other thing, And the need of loving Christian help and sympathy and mercy and toleration is, after all, the most dreadful difficulty under which the coming generation of children, and the fallen labor. Many low sunken wretch is more, ever at his lows degree, than many a folish gentleman who would pass him by in disdian and scorn him, when their opportunity and advantages are considered. Many men and women though low, are not worse than they are by virtue of grit and push exclusively their own, and they

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Reports from the Field.

Virginia Letter

I am indeed proud to report our work in S. W. Va. through your very able sheet.

On the 1 st of Sept. (last) I came from Louisville, Ky. (where I had spent five years in our Bible School) to take change of the work here at Tip Top, Va. Since then I've been preaching for two congregations ten miles apart. Our work moves on lively. The brethren here desire the "truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Our Plea is winning favor as it always does when properly taught and lived. We have fallen upon a plan which has lent more life and impulse to the church work than any we have met yet. It is the holding of quarterly conventions So long is it from one annual convention to another that our brethren seemingly grow cold and need just such a stimulant as our quarterly convention affords. Our last one was held last week, Dec. 14-16. We closed with seven additions and better resolutions, and a fuller treasury. Our work at both points moves on splendidly. I am happy to say that the man who preceded me was truly called a Christian Gentleman and fine contender for the faith delivered to the saints. Hoping to report far greater success in future. I remain, Yours in the work.

C. H. Dickerson

LABORING UNDE DIFFICULTIES

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are no more become there where none to help, no one has sufficiently loved than to know what little strength has with stood the strong temptations. Surely, most surely many will come up in that day with their pharisaic conceit saying Lord, Lord," and will hear the Master say depart from me" while many a poor chicken thief will pass them by into the kin - dom,

O SINGLETON,

AN EXTRACT OF A SERMON BY PHILIPS BROOKS.

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To any man engaged in any honest, useful work, we want to say; Try just as far as possible to find the pleasure of your life in the work to which it has been settled that your life must be given. Study its principles. Let your interest dwell on its details. Make it delightful by the affections that cluster around it, by the help which you are able through it to give to other people, by the education which your own faculties are getting out of it. In all these ways make your own business the center of your joy, and then life will be heathy and strong. Then you will not be running erevywhere to find some outside pleasure which shall make up to you for your self sacrificing toil; but the scenes of your sacrifcing toil itself, your store or your office or your bench, shall be bright with accociations of delight, and with your thankfulness to the God who has given you, in them, the most radiant revelations of Himself. This the only true transfiguration and success of labor and of life The time is near the birth of Christ and the New Year opens before us: The only thing that can give dignity to all this annual outbreak of thankfulness and joy, is that the Christmas days are full of the truth of Christ's redemptiom of the world. Christ's redemption of the means, for each man who truely believes in it, just these three things: The revelation to the man of his own value, and of the value of his fellow-man, and of the dearness and greatness of God. The man who has despised himself and thought his life not worth the living, learns that this human nature of his is capable of being inhabited by divinity, and sees in the cross of the Son of God what God thinks is the preciousness of his human soul. The man who has despised his fellow-men and asked himself, "Why should I give up my pleasure for their pleasure, or even for their good?" sees in their redemption how Christ values these lives, and is drawn freely forward into the precious privilege of honoring them and working for them. The man whose God has been far off and cold, sees God in Chrsst, and oves him with a love which make life seem worth the living, simply that it may be devoted to work for him. This is the power of Christ's redemption. It transfigures to a man his own soul and his brethren and God; and, see-

ing them in the new light of Christ, the man lifts up his head, and his old tasks are altered. He claims his self-sacrifice. It is the badge and means of his enthronement And when he takes it; when he enters for his own soul's good, or for the help of his fellow men, or for the glory of his God, upon some path which men call very dark, or some work which men call very hard; it is with a leap of heart as if now at last the king had found his own. When his burnt offering begins, his song of the Lord begins also with the trumpets. To live in this world, and do nothing for ones own spiritual self or for fellow-man or for God, is a terrible thing.

I wish I could speak to the spirit of the most selfish. I wish I could show him what a vast region of pleasure and delight lies close at his side, on which he has never entered, of which he has never dreamed. The door that shuts him out of that great region of joy is his own contempt. If he will let Christ fill the world for him with the light of His redemption, contempt must fall to the ground, and the closed door must fly open, and then, "with the song of the Lord and with trumpets," the selfish man must go out from his selfishness into the untasted and unguessed joy of self-sacrifice. He must "enter into the joy of his Lord," the joy of that Christ whose meat was to do his father's will, who gave his life for his brethren, and whose throne was the cross."

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION IN 1901.

The ends of the earth have been laid under tribute for the 1901 volumne of The Youth's Companion. Statesmen, Diplomats, Travellers, Trappers, Indian Fighters, Cow-punchers and Self-Made Men and Women of many vocations are contributing every week to the entertainment of young and old in Companion homes. Among them are Theodore Roosevelt who has written an article upon "The essence of Heroism." The Secretary of the Treasury has endeavored to answer the question, "What is money?" Frank T. Bullen, the old sailor who spins fascinating yarns of life at sea, has contributed a story. W. D. Howells has described the relations between "Young Contributors and Editors." Paul Leicester Ford has written about "The man of the Dictionary"—Noah Webster. There is not space here to begin to tell of the good things already provided for readers of the new volumne of The Youth's Companion—interesting, instructive, inspiring—from the pens of famous men and women. Illustrated Announcement of the current volumne and sample copies of the paper sent free to any address.

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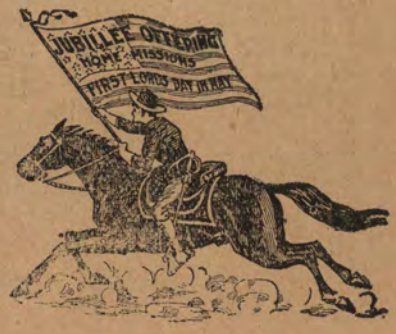

AN EXTRACT FROM A SERMON BY PHILLIPS BROOKS.

"One would not seem to be so foolish as to sav that self-sacrifice does not bring pain. Indeed it does. The life of Christ must be our teacher here. He carried the song and the trumpet always in his heart. That life, marking its way with drops of blood, on which the pity of the world has dwelt more tenderly than over any other life it knows, has yet always seemed to the world's best standards to be a true triumphal march, radiant with splendor all along the way, and closing in a true victory at last. Indeed I think that one of the brightest insights which we ever get into the human heart and its essential breadth and justice, and its power, when it is working at its best, to hold what seem to be contradictory ideas in their true spiritual harmony, is given to us when we see how men have been able to see together both sides of the life of Jesus, to pity His sorrow and to glory in His happiness, and to blend both of these thoughts of Him into one single idea of one single self-consistent Christ. It is a sort of witness of how truely men, in that highest mood into which they are drawn when they try to study Christ, easily see the real truth with regard to human life, which is that in it joy and pain, so far from being inconsistent with and contradictory to one another, are, in some true sense each others, compliments, and neither alone, but both together, make the true sum of human life.

It needs the pain of life to emphasize its joy. And so to come back to the point whence we digressed, it is not strange that which is the necessary condition of joy in this human life–namely, self-sacrifice–should be also inevitably associated with suffering and pain.

There is another reason why it would seem to be absolutely necessary that man should have the power of finding pleasure in self-sacrifice, in the actual fullfilment of his compelled tasks, the actual doing of the necessary duties of his life, and that is found in the fact that joy or delight in what we are doing is not a mere luxury; it is a means, a help for the more perfect doing of our work. Indeed it may be said that no man does any work perfectly who does not enjoy his work. Joy in one's work is the toil without which the work may be done indeed, but without which the work will always be done indeed, but without which the work will always be done slowly, clumsily, and without its finest perfectness.

If the only loss of a man who hates his work were the mere loss of the luxury of enjoying it, that would be bad; but if, in the loss of the enjoyment of his work, he loses a large part of the power for the most effective doing of his work, then it is a matter far more serious.

I think we want to urge most strenuously upon young men the need, the absolute necessity, that in the appointed and demanded work of their life they should look for and should find the joy of their life. To do your work because you must; to do your work as a slave; and then having got it done as speedily and easily as possible, to look some where else for enjoyment,—that makes a very dreary life. No man who does so does the best work. No man who works so lingers lovingly over his task and asks himself if there is not something he can do to make it more perfect.

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We failed last week to tell about our Christmas week at Mt. Beulah, but the story will bear relating even though some days have passed and many have plunged into the bnsiness of the New Year.

Nearly all the students who were not detained because of their industrial work went home on the 21st and 22d of December. But a goodly number were left on Mt. Beulah hill. These did not give themselves entirely up to festivity as the factory whistle was heard every day except on Christmas itself, and the work in the laundry, printing office and forest went on. But we had our festivities.

For Christmas day Mrs. Ross prepared an elaborate arrangement for dinner. The students' tables were so arranged that they formd one long table the whole length of the hall. On the center of this table was a beautiful cedar tree on which was a present for each one of them. On the faculty table was no tree but many neat things riminded one of Christmas.

After the recitation of appropriate declamations and a few short addresses the bountiful dinner was brought and partaken of. Then after the recitation of appropiate quotations by the teachers, a beautiful song which was reproduced in echo was geven, and the dinner hour was over at 3:30.

On Thursday night all the students and all the people living on the plantation and vicinity gathered in chapel hall to see a large tree well filled. After an appropriate program the presents were distributed to the delight of all. The presents consisted mostly of useful articles which will remined all of this night for many days during the year. Some very dear friends to this work, in Cleveland, Ohio sent a box for this special occasion as they have been wont to do for the past four years, and this aided the effort greatly.

On the following Monday night at 9:30 teachers and students met in chapel hall to watch the old century go out and the new come in.

Prof. Compton read a paper on the turning points in the past nineteen centuries. It was very able and help ful. Pres. Lehman spoke of the progress of the nineteenth century and the prophecy of the new. After this the serious was over and a few moments of levity were spent. They were invited to see some great curosities. There they saw a con mentator on acts, *i. e.* a common tater lying on a ax. Tales of the ocean were illustrated. Two little tails cut from salted mackerel were lying there. These many curiosities were the work of Mrs. Ross our matron. After the rendition of a few comic pieces by Prof Baker the hour of of twelve was nearly at hand we kneeled down to offer thanks for the many things of the old and to ask for strength for the new. After a song the bell rang and we had passed the hour of twelve and departed for home.

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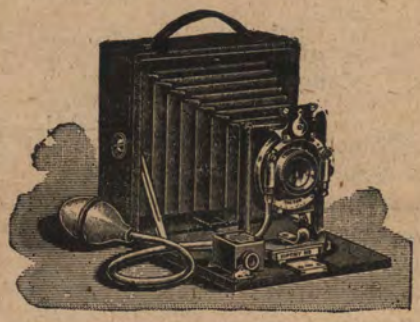

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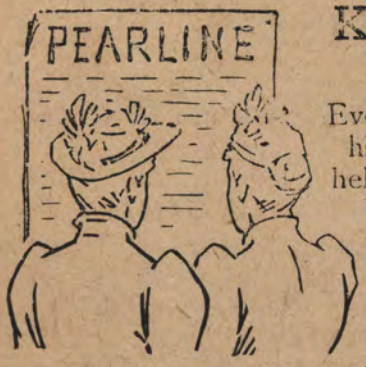

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"PREACH THE WORD."

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Helpful To All.

There are unmistaken signs that the cotton mills of Old and New England are coming to the South. With the coming of these mills will open a new era for the South. It will bring into close relation the production, manufacture and the marketing of cotton and cotton goods. The commercial agents who are now penetrating the very heart of heathen countries will urge on those people the expediency of wearing cotton goods. If this is successfully done the present production of cotton can easily be doubled and yet there will not be an over production To raise twice as many bales of cotton would employ all our idle labor. But it would do more, it would demand a large number of laborers to run the mills. And then too the producer and the manufacturer would be doubly interested in marketing the goods and many of our young men who now see no opening but clerking and book-keeping would become traveling men, with the Orient as territory. See these things hold out opportunities to our people which are fraught with immence possibilities and every energy should be exerted to bring them about.

But the above economical revolution would do more than open up industries. It would eliminate all discensions of the race problem, which are now principally carried on by men who have demonstrated on other questions that they are not careful observers and accurate reasoners. The negro would find abundant employment in the mills as he has in the past in every industrial enterprise started in the South. The objection raised against him as a mill hand is that he cannot be relied upon for steady work–that he will stop off a day, a week or permanently without a moment's notice. This is a serious objection and is true to some extent, but it is an evil that will remedy itself as the industry develops. It has been quite generally published that the Vesta Mills of Charleston, S. C failed because they employed negro labor. But the president of the company says it was not the case. He says they twice tried white labor and then finally failed with negro labor. He says that of those negroes whom they held long enough to properly train and discipline they developed ideal factory hands.

With the increased demand for cotton, and the employment of home labor to manufacture it and market it would come ample employment for all. A few years ago cotton went down so low that the farmer made absolutely nothing out of it but what he ate. Then began the drift to the city. It will take some time to stop this. Three things must be done to accomplish it. (1) Paying employment must be opened. It is the utmost folly to run idlers from the city when nothing is open to them in the country as was the case a few years ago when farmers did not get five dollars for a summer's work. (2) A sentiment must be created that will sound out from every church and school and many will be saved ere they taste of idleness. (3) Laws must be so modified as to compel all to go to work. With the cotton farm running at a paying income, with the factory running at paying wages, and the idlers at work very little will be left for discussion in the race problem. The men of the South who make laws and who execute laws and men who control the thought of the South should remember, that the more the negro is crowded out of the industries, the more trouble he will make, and the sooner he can be given ample employment, the sooner he will become one of the contented industrious elements of the South. The leading negro thinkers should bend every energy to bring this about; and when this is accomplished everything will be ready to begin to develop the professions and even the arts and sciences. The question now is not whether young men can be found who are capable of entering the professions but have the people been helped to enter the fundamental industries so anything permanent can be accomplished?

To be proficient in any line of industry is to have something that other people can not do without. It will insure us therefore of a welcome some-where. A thing well done, no matter how humble it may be, can not fail to be a stepping stone by which we may reach to something higher. The early learning of this lesson would do away with many a heart ache.

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All the critisms of the negro at present are occasioned by the lawlessness of the young generation about cities. To stop the criticism we must remedy the difficulty occasioning it.

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A willow grows up in a decade and gets down in six months. An oak takes four centuries and lasts many scores of years.

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The only way to be happy is to do something for somebody. This sacrificial doing is the bread on which Christ was sustained. It is the only thing that will sustain us.

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The seed which fell on stony ground soon sprang up but could not stand the scorching sun; but the seed that fell on good ground grew the faster because of the scorching sun. So hardships to the shallow are their destruction, but the profound, the elements of growth.

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The meek shall inherit the earth. If a people wou d gain power or importance let them meekly assu ne the task before them and He who promised inheritance will give it. No other way can ever attain it.

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It has been said that praying for patience is equivalent to praying for trials which will work patience. If this were borne in mind one of two things would be the result; we would either cease to pray for patience or would complain less at the trials that come to us. Shall we not keep on praying?

How saintly does a mother's face seem to her children. Has it not acquired that look though trials that have worked patience, trials that have sounded the depths of her love for those whom God has given her. Whoever would possess that serene look that rests on mother's face must pay the price for it. Hers has been a life of self-denial, of sacrifice and long suffering.

College Items.

During the past week logs for about twelve thousand feet of lumber were hauled to the mill. This lumber is for the new boys' dormitory.

In a few days Allison Hall will be painted and the scaffolding will be taken down.

All the corn and most of the cotton on the college plantation is planted. Nearly all the vegetables in the garden are up and growing nicely.

The New Boys' Hall will be placed so all the large buildings will face an avenue. This will make the grounds doubly beautiful. Beautiful surroundings ought to produce beautiful characters.

Those who suppose that an institute of this character is easily governed are not conversant with the facts.

Here are boys from all sections of the country But judging from the most excellent characters we have turned out the last ten years the efforts are most successful.

Some ditching will soon be begun on the plantation. Much most valuable land is made worthless by the lack of ditches.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS

—A subscriber writes that he failed to see our statement sometime ago in which we announced club rates and wants to know what it is. It is this. The regular rates for the PLEA is $1 per year. But if anyone will get up a club of 25 it will be 75 cents per annum. If he gets a club of 50 it will be 50 cents per annum. We certainly have reason to hope that our subscription list will be run up to one thousand this year.

—W. H. Dickenson writes: I have just closed a few nights meeting at Chestnut Grove near Beaver Creek, Md. with four added by immersion and one reclaimed. The meetings were well attended by colored and white. There are some excellent young men and women in the Chestnut Grove congregation, and a Sunday school will be organized March 31st.

Reports from the Field.

CLAIBORNE NOTES

We have read with eagerness "The story of an earnest life."

Reviewed by O. Singleton. These articles should be read by every Christian, in fact such a life should be read in the family of every disciple. It would be the means of more women giving their lives for Christ.

The article of Bro. J. N. Turner is food for thought. It sends one's mind flying back on bygone years. Twenty-five or more years spent in the Lord's service with joy; surely the Lord will hold one accountable for the loss of time. Each man is responsible to God for his own acts. Therefore when one man, or a set of men fail to do their duty they fall short. Those that know to do good should move forward.

The clipping from The American Monthly Review of Reviews was read with interest.

President George T. Winston was right when he said, "The war left the negro in worse condition than in slavery." When the negro's condition is carefully considered, all fair minded persons will say the same. Just think of a race turned loose with freedom, homeless, pennyless, friendless, yes, ignorant, making contracts with their former Masters. They were led in to politics by a few white men that were in search of money. They were elected to important offices. Of course they were only figure heads to be used at the will of others, who were not interested in their welfare. The proper foundation having not been laid, the race must suffer loss with all odds against it. The negro has made the most wounderful leap in the scale of civilization, of any race now existing. It is true the white man has built school houses, and furnished teachers which has been a great help to the negro. As a race he has grasped every opportunity given him, yet many stumbling stones were in his path way of life. The negro was looked on as a race incapable of acquiring an education. Others said if he could learn he would not, and if he did it would only tend to unfit him for usefulness Therefore the most of the teachers given to instruct the negro, accepted the position as teachers, merely for a salary. The greatest results came from the hardest efforts. To attempt great things expecting great results, faith must be thr base of every effort.

Now the negro race has proved himself to be the equal of any race under the same circumstances. Under many disadvantages the colored race has many qualified teachers. It is now the duty of the white man to assist in every possible way to make the colored man a good citizen. Education is a power without which no man, nor race can do the greatest good. When each race is able to furnish proficient teachers and preachers of their own nationality, better will be the results. Bro. J. W. Jenkins a white preacher that has done much good among the colored people, said in a quarterly held at Grand Gulf; "The qualified colored preacher will have better results in laboring among his own race, than the white man, God having adapted the voice to suit the ear." We again plead with the white man to help the negro to help himself. In so doing you will protect your own race, for the immoralities, vices and evils of one race will have a sway over the better qualities of another race. If you don't believe it visit the cities, use your eyes and you will say, "We must raise the standard of the negro, or he will bring the white race to his level."

The 4th Lord's day in March we preached at Center Church. Two reclaimed. Monday night March the 25th we arrived at the S. C. I. Tuesday night we spoke to the students and the next day spent much time in visiting the different departments where we found each instructor performing well his part. The sewing class showed much willingness. Miss Taylor seems to be the right person in the right place.

The teachers and scholars are preparing for the grandest affair in the history of the school. It is said that some are expecting to perform double duties.

Bro. W. A. Scott and good wife are sticking to their work. They need to be encouraged that their young and noble lives may be spent fully in the Master's cause.

The quarterly meeting in district No. 2. will be held at Hermanville, May the 17, 18, and 19th.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.

BY O. SINGLETON.

This school is located in Louisville, the metropolis of Ky. and the second city in size in the South It contains over two hundred churches—about thirty colored, sixty-two public schools, sixteen for colored children sixty private schools—two colored, nine medical schools—one colored three law schools—one colored, two state institutions for the blind—one colored, two fine libraries to which the public are as welcome as they could be to a public library, beside many other institutions to her credit as homes for the poor, for orphans, for the sick, and for the wayward. But above all, she contains a very good class of citizens, some great men and women, and right kind of climate, material and opportunities for the development of the greatest characters when the attention of the people is turned to this in stead of being directed as it is now largely to pleasure seeking and money-getting.

In the north-western part of this city, our school is located in a nice community among clusters of nice clean humble cottages quiet and friendly people, on and among nice wide clean streets, with a large arc light at one corner forty yards from the front and a gas light at the back gate, and only a half mile from the beautiful Ohio River.

The building is and "Old Kentucky Home," having belonged to an old family the Buchanans, but was recently bought by the C. W. B. M. from Dr. W. T. Payton one of the most successful colored physicians of this city, for three thousand five hundred dollars.

The lot is about sixty feet on the front and is about one hundred and twenty feet deep. The building contains three stories and seventeen rooms. Four rooms are occupied as recitation rooms and library, one recitation room being composed of two of the original rooms. My family occupies four rooms and nine are used by such students as may choose to room in the building. These rooms used by the students are largely furnished by the Board being supplied with bed stead, mattresses, chairs, tables, stoves, brooms, mirrors etc. Students are not required to pay rent for these rooms, but only to be of good character and to comply with a few conditions specified in the catalogue. Neither do students pay tuition.

The one specific aim of the school thus far, has been to assist those men who desire educational qualification for the ministry. To this end two courses are prescribed, a special theological course and a general course to supply deficiencies in the common branches and a few of the important secular studies.

While the school is in no sense denominational, yet we have had not a single applicant from the denominations who wished to prepare for the ministry, but all our ministerial students have come from the Christian Church. This class in the Christian Church is very small; hence the Christian Church alone constitutes a very meager source upon which to draw for such a school.

About half of our students come from Kentucky. Within the last seven years we have not had more than a dozen students who were residents of this city. At the present time we have only one resident of this city, but representatives of ten difference states.

All of our students are entirely self supporting. While we receive students as young as fourteen years of age, yet we hrve not a single student sent here by parents or guardians, not one who has any means of support save his daily labor. This circumstance is highly favorable in many cases, but in the case of an earnest ambitious student, it's a very sore disadvantage to be compelled to work from six to eight hours a day for board as many of our students do. A student can board himself for at least one dollar per week here, had he the cash, but in working for their board all except three or four of them pay from two and a half to five and a half dollars per week for board. In addition to their school work and daily chores, most of our students are very helpful to the Christian Church in the city.

Since its founding, the school has done quite as much as could be expected in consideration of its exclusive object, and the source upon which it draws and the qualification and other circumstances of those who have been matriculated.

One of our former students has

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We hope that each church will send a delegate with a good financial report.

Center church and Flower Hill should fall in line and help the members of Hermanville, you are needed.

K. R. BROWN.

THE LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.

BY O. SINGLETON.

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done a splendid work at Lawrenceburg, Ky. and is now doing a splendid work at Millersburg Another after serving the church at Lawrenceburg for about three successful years, and graduating last year, has returned to his native state, Va. where he is doing a good work. We have several other old students out in the field doing some good work, some in Alabama, some in Mississippi, and about a dozen in Kentucky. Altogether we have sixteen active workers in the field now, all preaching regularly We have had eighteen, but two have been called higher.

With what success are our students meeting on the field? It is too early yet to point to any such results as we hope to see n a due course of time, and such as some who do not understand the nature of the work might expect to see immediately. Yet all of them are bringing a few souls into the Kingdom, and we have reason to believe that the preaching and lives of some are tending to improve the spiritual condition of those that are in the church.

When we shall have expanded the aim of our school and also received girls into our ranks, and when our circumstances are such that we can receive and care for younger students than we can afford to receive now, and when the young men of the denominations will have largely responded to our appeal for our own do not seem to heed, we will have a full school, a higher grade of work, more of that better class which alone this school can safely receive, and I vanture to say not boastingly our results will nearly come up to the expectation of the most sanguine.

SAVE THE BOY.

The rum traffic is one of the great evils of the day, one that is ruining many happy homes. No matter what the consequences may be, no matter what poverty and destitution it produces, no matter what familes are distracted and rendered miserable, no matter what wives are treated with violence, what children starve or mourn over the degradation of the parent, the rum trafficis legalized and no onehas a right to interfere with it. No matter what mother may mourn over the loss of a son, or sister blush from the shame of a brother she must disregard them all because the whiskey traffic is legal; it has license. Suppose the young man who holds the fierce glass of intoxicating liquor in his hand, were to hold it there for five minutes counting the cost of a burning brain, counting the cost of a calloused hand, counting the cost of a staggering step, counting the cost of a broken heart or tear-stained pillow, counting the cost of a blighted home and self respect which oozes out at the finger tips as they clasp the sparkling curse, counting the cost of their disgrace and ruined body and a lost soul. What man could soberly count the cost of that one step and be strengthened against the temptation to sup the slow poison of death? Should there not be an appeal to the Christian people of our land? To all opposers of the rum traffic, do all that man can honorably and uprightly do to put down this great monster alcohol, the evil that is ruining nation, the one that is rendering the officers of our land unfit for the duty and great responsibility that rest upon them. Then, my Christian friends, let us say that we will vote as we pray, and this great evil will be done away with. It was rum that spoiled our darling. Drive the monster from the nation, then we'll shout, "We have saved the boy!"

—Mrs. E. C. Cox in Ripley Times.

Dear Editor of Gospel Plea: The work of the C. C. S. and C. B A. met on March the 4th. The Society gave an entertainment and obtained a nice little sum. At three o'clock on Sunday Eld. C. C. Haley preached a memorial sermon of sister Nancy Pace, deceased. The house was crowded and they sat and listened to an able sermon. At night Eld R. B. Wells preached the anniversary sermon to a large audience. The sermon was full of power and enthusiasm. Our society is one year old, and numbers 32 members. On this occasion we raised $13.40. We trust that every Christian Church in the state of Texas will organize the C. C. S. and C. B. A. and help us in our struggle. We are determined by the help of God to erect a college in this state.

A SISTER.

C. W. B. M. DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL NOTES.

Kerr, Arks., Mar. 25, 1901

Dear Co-workers of the Gospel Plea:—

I am around to you again. After a long spell of Lagrippe I am about to start out once more among the churches. With the exception of one I have notified all the churches in this state of my visit to them. Some say they will be glad to have me come when the weather gets warmer. At other places the people are bothered with Lagrippe and can not turn out to church.

Besides I have written to others states asking about organizing work among the sisters, Texas, Kansas, Mississippi and Ohio. Do you read of the great work that our white sisters and brothers are doing? We will admit that these sisters and brothers have had a better chance than we have had but we good people can do much more for our Master's cause than we are doing. I think we lack a proper understanding among our sisters. Please notice Mark 16: 1—11. How interested those women were about the Master. Read Philippians 4:3, "And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with others of my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life." If we love the truth we will work to get others to accept it. We don't love the truth as Christians when we lay down Christ's name for a husband or wife. The Word teaches us that if we love anything or anybody more than we love Christ we are not worthy of Him. I am sure if we would think of this more we would allow no one to be a stumbling-block to us.

I am glad to read of schools that are taught by such faithful teachers as those in Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama, hoping that great good may come out of them.

I am glad to report our work at Pea Ridge. Bro. W. M. Martin preached a noble missionary sermon in our auxiliary meeting. An old lady 75 years of age took fellowship with the church. A collection of $4.00 was taken up and sent to Mrs. Moses at Indianapolis Ind., for the Negro work.

I am your faithful sister,

SARAH L BOSTICK.

"IS IT JUST TEN CENTS?"

In days of old, when the temple was built in Jerusalem, all brought gifts—such gifts as they were able. The rich rulers brought gems and gold; the skilled artisans, service; the women spun blue and purple, dyed and embroidered the sacred vesture hem; the very poor gathered goats' hair from the fields. These gifts measured their love; for, according to their opportunities, they gave their best gifts.

When Mary broke the box of costly spikenard and anointed Christ for His burial, she gave a token of her love.

When Salome and Mary went to the tomb to embalm the body of Christ, with aloes, frankincense and myrrh, they expressed their love.

Emerson says: "The only gift is a portion of thyself —thou must bleed for Me." Love must expend itself in service and sacrifice.

One of Olive Schreiner's dreams describes an artist whose colors excelled those of his brother artists. The crimson glow on his canvas did not fade, but grew more beautiful every day that he worked. His fellow-workmen bought costly paints and were dissatisfied with results. One morning the artist was found dead in his studio. His paint-pots were searched, but his secret was not revealed till his body was being dressed for burial, when they found over his heart an old sore. He had pricked his heart's blood, and thus had given the crimson glow to his picture. He had given his life for his work.

Our Lord gave a life of service crowned with a sacrifice unequalled in all time.

In view of these examples "is it just ten cents" that fills the measure of a C. W. B. M. woman's love? Yes, if that is all that she can do. If it takes sacrifice to secure the dime and it is given with a prayer, it measures a great love. But if one has dollars for comforts, then dollars, not dimes, should be her standard of measurement. If she has hundreds for luxuries, for indulgences of taste, for opportunities of culture then her dues to the C. W. B. M. are measured by what? "Is it just ten cents?" No. It is hundreds of dollars. It is more—it is service and prayer and consecrated talent—yea, it is life that measures so great a love.

VIRGINIA G. HEDGES.

The Mt. Beulah Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 31st. The program in the Tidings was followed with a few variations that it might better meet the needs and prove of more interest to the young people in attendance. The topic was, "God's Future Army—Our Boys and Girls." We were told of some of the things that have already been accomplished through children's Mission Bands and Junior Endeavor Societies and of what they are now undertaking to do. It is wonderful how much these young people, even the "Little Tots" can do when they have the proper leaders. Children love to be busy and it is a most noble thing to turn their attention

to the Lord's work. Many of the buildings now in use at the different mission stations have been erected with money raised by them and with keen interest they are endeavoring to build others. It is hoped that they will soon be able to build a school-house at Deoghur, India; a dispensary at Mahoba, India; a residence for the missionaries at Pendra Roads, India and a residence for Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod at King's Gate Jamaica. Many of our readers will remember the interesting letter, recently published in the Plea, from Mrs. MacLeod (formerly Miss Lois White.)

By giving the children this work we are giving them something that they love to do and at the same time are training them to be valiant soldiers of the King. The ranks of the older members are gradually thinning out and unless the younger people are fitted to take their places as one by one these old soldiers fall by the way the churches must suffer heavy loss. It is to be hoped that the children in our Sunday schools and churches in the South will soon be organized and put to work as well as they have been at many places in the North.

Since there is no Junior Society at Mt. Beulah it was gratifying to see Celeste Jones, aged about ten years, take membership with the auxiliary, Sunday. She will pay her dues and perform whatever part is assigned her on the programs, there by learning the sweet lesson of giving and doing for the Master.

E. B. L.

Night was her terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood but, when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

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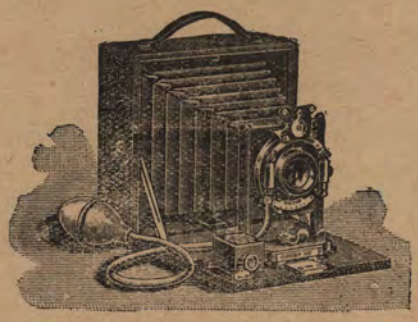

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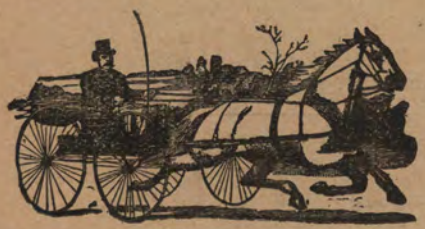

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"PREACH THE WORD."

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Helpful To All.

THAT AMERICAN Civilization is what it is, is very largely due to the fact that its people are decendants of martyrs, decendants of men who have suffered from political and religious tyrannies. The earlier settlers of the country came from England, Germany, and France. Of the English there were two classes, the Cavaliers and the Puritans. While the Cavaliers belonged to the aristocracy of England they had their tale of woe to tell. The Puritans suffered martyrdom as the foremost leaders in the Protestant Reformation. The French emigrants came almost entirely from that class that was persecuted when France tried to exterminate the Albigenses. The Germans came from that lower class that had suffered both from the shocking persecutions instituted by the Catholics with the intention of exterminating the Protestant spirit, and from the intense tyranny of petty Kings of Prussia. A state made up of such elements would not long remain under European control. Had England been as wise as ambitious she would have counted on the Revolutionary War as a certainty.

After the country was a free and independent state, other European elements began to pour in, all of whom had had their baptism of martyrdom. Some of these, as for instance the Italian anarchists had been driven to the position of open enemies to existing powers. They were blindly bent on destruction without a thought as to what was to take the place if existing powers were destroyed. Others too numerous to mention, which did not belong to this anarchistic class, but to the highest order of martyrs, came in. Among these may be mentioned the persecuted Jews, the persecuted Mennonites, the persecuted Quakers etc. Last of all was introduced a negro population of nearly five millions, which was not without its tale of suffering from slave ships and enslavement in America. Thus we have our population made up entirely of martyrs, and our land may well be called an asylum of martyrs.

WHILE THE SUFFERING in all these martyrdoms has been more or less severe, each one of these classes can now look back over its history and say it has been benefitted by its experiences. Could Moses have led the Children of Isreal out of Egypt if he had not had forty years of training in patience in the land of Sinai? Could the Puritans and Cavaliers have laid the foundations of the foremost state in the world if they had not had their bitter experiences under Cromwell and the Charles I.? Could the French Huguenots, or the German peasants have done their part in this foundation laying without their previous training? Could the other elements that poured into our political life have performed their part of maintaining and building up this vast empire, if they had not had their experience?

Now all this lesson prepares us to look at the condition of the last great infusion into our political life, the millions of negroes. While his tale of woes from slavery are sad ones, without it, could he possibly have sat down in the foremost state in the world, where thrift virtue and freedom are the bonds of union, and performed his part? His life of many centuries of idleness in Africa dwarfed all inherent power to transform himself from his tribal state to one of intelligent effort and industry. In Africa private ownership of property was unknown. What but slavery would have fitted him to live in a state where private ownership must be sacredly observed? Of course slavery was wrong. So was the English persecution of the Puritans. But good has came from all of these. In the case of the negro, his idlerness in Africa was wrong, and a kind Providence let that wrong state come in contact with the averice of New England ship owners and southern planters, and the two wrongs destroyed each other.

All this suggests a lesson for those who are now guiding affairs in our states. Has not the negro earned a right in this asylum of martyrs, by his own baptism of suffering and endurance? The Indian has not earned this right for he chose rather to die than become a martyr, but has not the negro abundantly earned it? Has he not shown great inherant virtue in the fact that in less than two centuries he was transformed form a roving barbarian who knew not private ownership of property to a state where we have been enabled to turn

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Christ's first work was to make his disciples good Jews. "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." This teaches us that we should be good in what we are before we seek promotion.

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We always learn to have more charity for others when we get in like circumstances with them.

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The Gospel is divne This is proven by its being adapted to the condition of every human being. No matter what the human sin is, the Bible gives the natural and most easy method of getting free from it.

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No man can gain and hold the respect of his fellow-men if he is not pure in his life. It is no excuse for him to say that his neighbors are not pure, Lot's neighbors were not pure and yet he came out of the city unharmed. Joseph was in bad environment and yet he made a model record.

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Paul told the elders at Ephesus that they would see troublesome times. This was not told them to discourage them but that they might have fortitude when the trial would come.

College Items.

The wise general fortifies well the territory he holds before he seeks to capture others. Let the farmers not despise their calling because they find themselves in undisputed possession. Let them fortify it as best they can by making themselves most efficient in it. What good would it do the farmers if they would gain a foot-hold in some professional calling and lose their place in farming? Fortify well what you have.

Prof. Baker the superintendent of carpentry has had his force rearranging the machinery in the planning mill this week. It was necessary to build a large addition to the sheds for the large amount of lumber we will have to handle soon.

Soon the rooms in Allison Hall will be fitted up. Every one who loves the work this institution is doing should make a special effort to get this hall full the first session.

The institution has sixty acres of corn in one field. It is of equal height all over the field and is one of the most beautiful growing crops we have ever seen. This is on land that eight years ago had the reputation of being worn out. This crop is the result of deep plowing. We will give our readers a picture of this crop soon.

The printing office force is now at work on the annual catalogue, two thousand copies of which will be run off soon.

The girls who are learning to can fruit, put up about three hundred quarts of plums and blackberries the past week.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS

—Patrick H. Moss, one of the graduating class this year, desires to visit some of the Texes churches with a view to locating with them. Bro. Moss is an ordained minister and is of exceptionally good character. Write him at Wayside, Miss.

—Pres. J. B. Lehman has been invited to speak at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on the second Sunday in July.

—The reports from the fields are coming in more freely again. These do much good among the churches. People who work, like to know that others are working too.

—The thermometer is hovering near the one hundred mark this week. This makes exceptionally hot weather for this climate.

—Elder W. A. Scott spent Sunday in Claiborne county.

—W. H. Dickerson writes: The first Lord's day in June was a high day for the Sunday School at Second Christian Church. More than the apportionment, $5.00 was raised and we now have the "Roll of Honor" certificate. Two of our Sunday School pupils raised more than $1.00 each and became members of the One Dollar League. They have received the charms with the picture of Pres. A. McLean.

The Plea acknowledges the following:

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Harriet to Wm. H. Luster, Wednesday Evening, June twenty-sixth, Nineteen hundred and one at Eight o'clock, at the St Matthew's A. M. E. Church.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

GOD'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF OUR INTERESTS.

"For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies to save you." Deut. 20: 4.

In the States, Washington might as well stand as the Champion of civil liberty and independence; John Brown, Wendell Philips and Frederick Douglass, may stand as Champions of abolition; Miss Francis E. Willard, the champion of temperance; and Booker T. Washington as the champion of industrial education. But these characters and all others of their class, more or less distinguished, were or are the honored agencies in the hands of that Almighty Champion of our affairs.

He is our champion because he contends against the enemy, and in defense of our affairs; because by defeating every foe, he has gained acknowledged supremacy.

God's championship is indispensable, because we are in a new century infested with ravenous demons, "This world's a wilderness of woes; this world is not my home." The ways of the people and institutions of this world are beyond our comprehension. This world is full of deception. How many say what they are going to do when they become rich, what they are going to do when they get married, what they are going to do after getting an education. And how many do just the opposite of their good resolution? Every change in our ascent brings us up agninst a wolf or a lion. The championship of an Almighty arm is our only defense.

We are weak, we cannot control our thoughts, we cannot hold our tongue, our passions run wild with us, in the cause of mercy and righeousness we soon grow weary under sorrows and cares, we yeild to pressure and go down—the championship of the Invincible is our only safty.

We need this champion because the enemy is so shrewd, so sly, so active, so bold and so strong. We could not successfully escape with such an enemy without God being our champion.

The evidences of this championship, we have in abundance and from high authority. Being moved by the spirit, Jahazel said to Israel, "Be not afraid or dismayed by reason of this great multitude; the battle is not yours but God's. To morrow go out against them for the Lord will be with you." 2. Chron. 20: 15–17. Nehemiah said "In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet resort ye thither: Our God shall fight for us." Neh. 4: 20; Read David's prayer Ps. 35: Joshua said, "One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you." Josh. 23: 10; Moses said, "For the Lord thy God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."

Another class of evidence is found in examples of His achievements in our affairs. He championed the cause of Isreal at the Red Sea. He championed their cause at the Siege of Jericho. It was he that performed the feat of Gideon. It was he that endowed Samson with supernatural strength. He was with David for his strength and defense when he slew the lion, when he went down into the valley to meet the Philistine. It was he that miscarried Saul's javelin and delivered him while sleeping in the cave, into the hands of David.

If we take His word as our guide and His Son as our model as well as our Saviour, we will become his people and he will become our God, and will, at all times, champion the cause of his sun Israel as he did that of his old Israel.

The greatest fight will not be against the saloon, not against despots, not against erroneous church principles, not against teachers and envious fellowmen, nor any outward thing. But our greatest fight must be within the soul. In times of peace, we have to contend against carlessness, indifference, and idlness; in times of disturbance, against brutality. In times of plenty, we contend against licentiousness; in times of scarcety against robbery and cheating.

Evil thoughts are indeed the Philistines in the Spiritual Canaan. In this form the evil one is powerful. When we go up against him alone the odds are decidely against us and we are utterly without hopes; but if we walk down into the valley hand in hand with God, believing in and feeling his presence and trusting him, though many times we be wounded, we shall come out victoriously There are our evil inclinations, sometimes

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Reports from the Field.

Texas Notes.

It has been several weeks since I have reported the work in Texas all on account of not being able to use my hand. I am better now and as long as I can use my hand you shall hear from Texas.

The cornerstone laying and church dedication was a meeting of success. The few nights meeting no connection with it resulted in about ten additions.

I closed my meeting at Taylor Sunday, May 12, and began a meeting at Waco, on the 15th.

The meeting will close June 6, we have had ten accessions to date.

The deeds and abstract of Clay St. Christian Church are turned over to the Attorney for investigation, and it is expected that we will be in our new house by August.

Sunday June 16, will be another great day with the Christian Church. A big financial rally and baptising at which time we are trying to raise $300.

Dallas—Elder R B. Wells of Greenville closed down a successful meeting with Young St. Christian Church, Dallas, last month, adding some fifteen or more to the church, and greatly reviving the Church.

Greenville—Eld. H. M. Johnson of Dallas in return to Brother Wells last month held quite a successful revival at Greenville resulting in some twenty-five additions. Praise God, may the good work go on.

Bro. E. D. Brown of this congregation enters the Ministry and is now in Bolton trying to plant the truth.

It was my sad lot to go from Taylor to Cameron May 10, and attend the funeral of C. A. Evans one of our brightest young ministers graduate of Tillitson. May God's benediction rest upon his family.

I ask the same benediction upon Sister Shaw and family at Martin whose husband's funeral I attended in April. Elder T. C. Shaw was a fine young preacher.

Respectfully, M. T. Brown.

Editor Gospel Plea: Dear sir:

We have just returned from our parents and many friends. Every body was glad to see us. We preached four sermons and delivered two addresses while gone.

On our return we found the church in mourning over the death of brother Lee Hill, one of our old and faithful members. We preached his funeral on Sunday.

The church is progressing nicely. We hope to call a state meeting soon of our brethrên. The work is in a dying condition in this state for lack of organization.

At our May rally we raised $200 to pay on our indebtedness. We baptised two last Lord's day. The work still goes on.

Your brother,

J. R. Smith.

Ocala, Fla.
June 12 1901,

I preached at Webster Lord's Day. I performed a marriage ceremony at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and preached again at night. At our night service the bride and groom made the good confession and at 9 o'clock Monday morning the groom and bride were baptized and went on their way rejoicing. The people in our state are greatly aroused at the quick act. I preached at Water Side again Monday. We are yet on the main line; we take no time to side tracks. We expect to make a successfull run if the Lord be willing.

J. H. Rogers.

Tiptop, Va., 6, 10, 1901.

Dear Editor: We have just returned from the scene of our Children's Day which was duly observed 1st Lord's day in June at Kings chapel Christian Church Lazewell, C. Va. This was decidedly the leading S. S. program ever rendered in this section of country. It was indeed "Children's Day" and more than half a doz. will wear the button photo of Pres McLean. Such a souvenir might well grace the lapel of the highest sovereign on earth. Should we but succeed in our object to inspire these youths with the hollowed zeal exemplified in the life of this great man, we should feel that we had not lived in vain We raised and forwarded our apportionment and though strenuously pressed for means to operate our home forces we lost sight of all till children's day was over. We shall see that every church and school over which we exercise

care, is not slack concerning their offering. We should see, Brethren, that money raised for msssionary work be used for missionary. The lesson of Annanias and Sapphira in Oct. 5, will help us along this line.

On account of a reported contageous disease in our immediate locality we will defer our children's Day exercise at Mt. Olive till conditions are better. Enclosed please find $1.00. Thanks for indulgence.

Fraternally yours,
In labor of love,
C. H. Dickerson.

GOD'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF OUR INTERESTS.

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inherited, there are our wicked habits, the result, prehaps, of many years indulgence; there is self who thrusts himself in the way of every high public object. Besides these there are envy hate, false, pride, ambition etc.

Of ourselves we can do nothing with these gaints and monsters. We truly recognize this when we say, as we often do, "I know I ought to do this but I just can't." But if we form an honest alliance with God, he will help us break that habit, he will help us to overcome all those other wise invincible foes.

But to get the benefit of his deliverance we must go to him, learn of him, love him and surrender unto him. Let us learn to surrender, but only unto him and when we surrender unto him, the enemy, matters not how strong, will surrender unto us

Let us not say the time is not yet come to do this or that. If we wait untill the time seems favorable, another will always carry off the palms: the time has come, when we are ready to trust in God and do His will.

There are wrongs to be put down without and within; great works to be projected without and within. Let us not wait for a large following, let us make it a rule to wait for no visible assistance, we will no doubt make a mistake now and then, but what is a mistake to mountains of noble achievement which must be the eternal movement for him who believes with all his heart. "The Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies to save you."

O. SINGLETON.

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our entire agricultural industry over to him? France committed suicide when she drove out the Abigenses from her borders, for this people possessed all the virtues that were needed in later struggles. Can we afford to allow inherent antipathies to drive to desperation a people who have shown ability to contribute virtues of character to our state? Wise statesmanship here will save many a sorrow for our decendarts.

Wayside, Washington Co, Miss.,
June 17, 1901.

Dear Editor:— Please report through the busy sheet that I visited one of the leading Baptist Churches in the state on last Lord's day, pastored by Rev. A. J. Jackson, a young man whose life seems to be in the Lord's work. He met me with a hearty welcome. Bro. Jackson was engaged in a rally meeting for the day. His rally was a success. Two preachers filled the stand in the fore noon, which service was closed by the pastor. In the afternoon two others filled the stand. At 3 o'clock, I spoke, subject "The colored man's burdens and how to get rid of them." After which Bro. Jackson raised a collection to send me over to Estell on next Lord's day.

The collection for the rally was good, about $11.

I wish to commend Bro. Jackson's people, although it was so very warm they kept their seats until he dismissed them. Praise God for such a young man.

Yours in Christ,
P. H. Moss.

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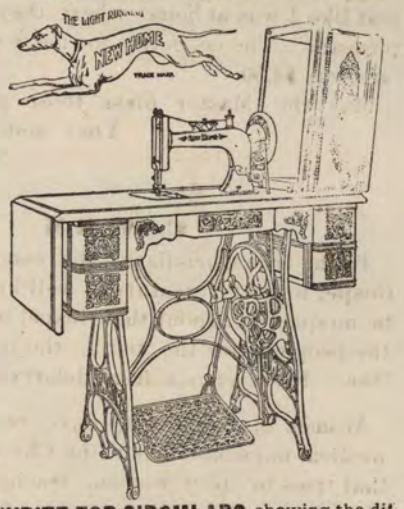

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Argenta, Ark.,
June 6, 1901.

Dear Editor: I am indeed glad to report to you that I am just back from Blackton, Ark., where I met with the Christians there, where the church is under the leadership of Eld. Barmer; all love him dearly. The church is in very good working order. They have a very good house to worship in have paeaching once a month by the pastor; but they meet every Lord's day in Sunday School and prayer meeting. They are about forty or fifty strong.

After Sunday School we spent the rest of the day in talking over missionary work among the sisters. After speaking to them on woman's work in the church we decided to let them think on the matter until 5 o'clock P. M. We adjourned and went home for dinner and at 5 o'clock P. M. we all met promptly. We had a song and prayer; also a part of the 24 chapter of Luke was read. Then after this I organized an Auxiliary with eleven members; all good lively sisters. I left with them plenty of good literature to read. Some there will take the Gospel Plea after a while, times are a little hard now. Mr. W. M. Werley subscribe for six months; please send his paper to Blackton, Ark. Brother N. Cathy the elder will take the PLEA very soon. I stopped with Brother Cathey and family where I felt just like I was at home, where they made every thing pleasant. The collection for me was $4.30, my train fare was $4.50.

May the Master bless those people at Blackton.

Your sister in Christ,
SARAH L. BOSTICK.

C. W. B.M.

To the true Christians, the command to preach the Gospel to every creature is well known; and there can be no question about that Gospel being needed. When the people know the truth, the truth shall make them free. Free from sin, from idolatry and from superstition.

Women in Syria who have received help through medical missions, honor the Christian religion as one that tries to uplift woman, teaches that woman has a place in heaven with men, gives a place for women in the world, and teaches that they are worthy of respectful treatment by men. They say to medical missionaries, "We respect you because you are just as kind to us as you are to the men, give us just as much sympathy and attention as you do our brothers."— *Selected.*

Jesus' commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That, with God's help, the people of this generation can do, if they will. Whether the preaching of the gospel shall eventuate in the conversion of every creature or not is for God to decide and not for us. This is not to say that the conversion of men is a matter of no interest or concern to us. It is both. But we are to evangelize, proclaim the good news, whether men will receive the message or reject it. This we can do, and if we do it faithfully we may safely leave the results with God. If this view of the subject shall make us a little more earnest and evangelical in spirit, a little more diligent in pulpit and in pew, in the home fields and in foreign lands in proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom, we are sure that God will bless the effort to conversion of many precious souls. —*Selected.*

The spirit of the missionary should be found in every Christian and the entire church should be one great missionary body, determined on evangelizing the world. We can all be missionaries, whether in our fields of labor at home or abroad. Those who are faithful at home may do just as efficient servic as those who labor in foreign fields, and one is as necessary as the other. Do not then stand idly waiting; For some greater work to do; Time moves on with rapid motion, Life and death are both in view; Go and toil in any vineyard , Do not fear to do or dare; if you want a field of labor, You can find it any where.

In heathen lands the women are the property of the men, and have nothing to say in regard to how they shall spend their lives, but the men may buy or sell them just the same as he would a horse or a slave. The only thing that keeps us in this couutry from having a similar fate is the enlightment and civilzation that always accompanies the spread of Christianity But even in our own beloved Christian land it has been but a short time that men have acknowledged the equal rights of women.—*Tidings.*

In spite of the difficulties, in spite of the dangers, in spite of all the discouragments I say that the life of a Medical Missionary is one that angels might envy. I have seen rough times —war, pestilence famine— but I repeat, it is a life that angels might envy.—
Dr. Grace Kimball, Van, Turkey.

We must absorb Christ that we may reflect Hin. The most unanswerable argument for a Christ in Heaven is one who lives like Christ on earth.—*Bishop Baldwin.*

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Helpful To All.

Every one needs a certain amount of discipline ere he is fit for difficult tasks in life. The school is a disciplining camp. With books and instruction the mind is disciplined and with rules and regulations the will is disciplined. At Every school in the land there are those who complain about their board, about their room, about their work, about their classes, and about a dozen other things. The more this occurs the more evidence there is that there are undisiplined wills in the school. There is no question that the cause lies in undisiplined wills, because the more you give these complainers the more they complain. The fact that this state of affairs exist should not disappoint the teacher, for, for this purpose he keeps his school. However it is exceedingly gratifying to him to find those students who show that their wills are sufficiently under discipline to co-operate with him. When he puts a student in a certain class, the student can rest assured that according to the teacher's best judgment it is to the students highest interest to take that study before going higher. All students should remember that they are not educated until their wills are brought into subjugation.

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Absalom, the son of David was ambitious to be king of Israel and conspired to obtain the coveted prize. He rose early and went to the gates and met the people who came from the cities of Israel with controversies. He asked them their complaints and invariably told them their cause was right but he doubted whether they would get justice, sighed, "Oh that I were made judge in the land." In this way he stole the hearts of the people and worked up a rebellion. But he came to a miserable failure as every one will who thinks to win by such means. As well might a man expect to raise a cotton plant in a pond of water as to win by stealing the hearts of the discontented. Absalom demonstrated this once for all and all men should profit by his fate.

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The report of the Arkansas work which appears in this issue, is a little long but it is good and we feel justified in taking up a great deal of space for it. The report would indicate that there is very little anti—ism or the child like spirit of objecting in their work. Their work was done in a business way befitting its sacredness. They enthusiastically endorsed educational day and urged the work of our schools upon the attention of the people. If this should be done sestematically in all our states we would soon have institutions equal in influence and importance to any institutions in the South. The signs are so very hopeful that this co-operation will be enthusiastically given and the day of better things is here. If any of our Arkansas readers wish extra copies we will be glad to send them.

We wish to announce that we are making arrangements to get out a special educational number of the PLEA for October 30. In this we hope to have information which will aid those churches which have decided to observe educational day on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We would be glad to have those most interested in this to send us a list of addresses to whom we can send sample copies. In this way we can aid the pastors in getting up enthusiasm for the meeting and interest in the work. Let all remember that this issue will fall into the hands of those men and women who have given their hard earned money to build up this work. They will be rejoiced to see the day made a glorious success. It will be a pleasure to their hearts to learn that they did not sacrifice in vain. All should remember that it is the highest virtue to show true fidelity to the friends God has raised up for them.

It is especially gratifying to see the large number of good fall gardens to be seen about the country farm homes. It is difficult to estimate how much is saved by these winter gardens. In this country where not much fruit is canned it is a necessary condition of health that the people have winter vegetable Where no garden is raised, the expense of living is so great that all the farmer's means are lived up before spring and when that time comes he is compelled to go in debt for all he needs. If no garden is planned, the time is not too late to plant spinach, mustard and turnips.

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The conceited student never goes any further than where conceit finds him.

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It is always best to think well of all strangers until their actions prove the contrary.

College Items.

The old dinning hall deserted for the larger and more convenient one in Allison Hall, has been partitioned off into several very pleasant rooms which are to be used for study and laundry purposes.

A telephone was recently place in President Lehman's private study.

The literary entertainments at Chapel Hall on Saturday after-noons are to be resumed this week. The Franklin Society under the management of Miss Britton is to render the first program.

The Philo Society this year is under the management of Miss Adaline Hunt, one of the new teachers.

A reading room in connection with the school library is kept open by Miss Hunt for an hour and a quarter on each school day.

The last letter received from our young men at Eureka College informed us that Henry Cotterell was at that time prostrate with billious fever. But while sick and unable to do the work on which his schooling depends he nevertheless seemed undaunted, declaring that he "will fight it out on this line if it takes—" two summers. Henry manifests an energy and perseverance such as few young men possess. His many friends at Mt. Beulah hope that he will soon be restored to health and that he will be able to take the course of study that he so much longs to take. Chas. Shirley, Henry's companion on the journey from Jamaica and during his stay at the S. C. I., is doing faithful and efficient work in the Gospel Plea office.

Prof. Lehman started for the National Convention at Minneapolis Minn., on Tuesday the 8th.

Chas. Thursty, Linn Hutton, Mattie Barker, Letha Thomas, all of this vicinity and Josie Carter and Mary Mitchell of Orangeville, Miss. entered school the past week.

A copy of the minutes of the last annual convention of the association of Jamaica Churches has been received at the S. C. I. Louis Thomas and Arnold Shirley are named among the ministers of these churches and mention is made of the good work that they are doing on their native island. Many of the readers of the GOSPEL PLEA will remember these young men as former students at Mt. Beulah.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

–D. W. Reggs writes: Please announce through the PLEA, that the pastors and their congregations are cordially invited to attend a rally meeting on the fourth Sunday in October. Given by the Antioch Congregation. Our purpose is to build a better temple for the worshiping of our Blessed Redeemer. We hope the brethren and their committee will turn out and help us to raise the small sum of $50.00

—We have been a little late in issuing the PLEA for severel weeks. This was due to getting ready for the opening of school and putting in some repairs on the press. It is our desire to get the paper out on Tuesday or Wednesday. We ask all those who write for its pages to be prompt and aid us in getting it out promptly.

—There is some complaint of mis-spelling etc. We regret this very much. So far the difficulty in getting things arranged so we could have this property looked after has been insurmountable. It is not an easy task to take boys out of the cotton field and make accurate composers out of them. We rejoice that improvement is made all the time and we hope soon to have the proof reading properly looked after.

—Mr. James R. Johnson of Pike Road, Ala., writes: Dear Friend, I call you friend for you have been our sincere friend in aiding us through your paper. I ask your forgiveness for our delay. Our father is dead for over two years and I will continue the subscription.

—Eld. W. A. Scott sent in the following names as subscribers to the PLEA from Mound Bayou: Alfred Johnson, J. L. Pickens, West Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Syntha Lewis and Isabella Sneed.

Report From Arkansas.

The 19th. Annual Session of the Arkansas Christian Convention (Col.) met with the Cephas Chapel, Christian Church, Wrightville, Ark., Sept. 5, 6, 1901. The opening consisted of reading, singing, and prayer conducted by Eld. Gaurie Jones of Wrightville. After this the object of the meeting was fully stated by H. Martin, State Evangelist and a committee on permanent organization was appointed. A welcome address was delivered by James Hawkins of Wrightville followed by R. J. Ross of Pettus. The report of committee on permanent organization was the following. We your committee on permanent organization beg to submit this our report. M. M. Bostick, Kerr. Chairman, Gaurie Jones Wrightville. G. D. Jones, Toltic Secretary. Thomas Wright Jr assistant, Wrightsville. H. Martin, Kerr. M. M. Bostick, Kerr. James Williams, Wrightville J. C. Guyden, Minton, G. D. Jones, Toltec. Adjourned.

AFTER-NOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the house was called to order by the Chairman. Devotional exercises conducted by ditto. The minutes of the A. M. session were read and adopted. After which chairman Bostick announced the appointment of the following committees. On enrolment, R. G. Brock, Kerr. D W. Willhite Pine Bluff. W. M. Martin, Jerrell. On regulations M. K S. Jeffers, Sherrell, James Hawkins Wrightsville, C. H. Brooks, Wrightsville, G. M. Ivy, Sherril. On nomination, D. W. Willhite, Pine Bluff, M. K. S. Jeffries, Sherrill, A. Bostick, Keer, J. Guyden, Minton, James Williams, Wrightsville. Thomas Wright Jr., Wrightsville, S. W. Ward, Wrightsville, Jas. Williams, Jerrill. After this an able address was given by H. W. Williams, Jerrill, on missionary work, followed by R. G. Brock of Kerr. Report of Commiitee on regulation. We your committee on regulation beg to submit the following report. 1 The report of the state evangelist and delegates. 2 That Eld. W. M. Martin preach at 8 P. M. and that R. G. Brock conduct devotional services beginning at 7:30 P. M. was received and approved. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

The house was called to order by the chairman. R. G. Brock conducted devotional exercises for thirty minutes. Preaching services opened by reading Matt. 28, 16—20 by J. C. Guyden. Sermon by Eld. W. M. Martin, Subject, "The Great Commission," deliverd forcibly and biblically. Collection $1 90 Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The house was called to order by the chairman. Devotional services conducted by G. W. Ivey. The minutes of the past evening's proceeding was read and approved by the convention. 1. The report of the state evangelist as the following. Days 290, sermons 280, additions by baptism 2 otherwise 8, money raised for lot and church building $100. No. of organized congregations 1. No. of Auxiliaries to C. W. B. M. 3. Money raised on the field for self support $126. Money raised from C. W. B. M. $50. Total $179 Money raised for home missions, Pearidge church, $10.30. Money raised for foreign missions $10.15

Committee on enrollment presented the following list of delegates in attendance.

Delegetes and Ministers.

J. C. Guyden, Minturn, Oak Hill Congregation, membership 24. Addition 10. Death 1. Money raised for pastor $25. Value of property $300. Gaurie Jones pastor. Recently elected Thos. Wright, Clerk. R. J. Ross, minister, Pettus. Hallie Grove congregation, membership, 24. Elds. 2. Money raised for state work $6.05. Church expenses $28.45 S. S. value of property $120. G. D. Jones, Toltec, Delegate. St. Mary congregation, membership 10. Additions, 2. Elder, 1 Deacon, 1. Money raised for state work $.50 individual. Value of property $100. Money raised for foreign missions $4.90 Expenses, $30. G. 1. Jones, Sec. John C. Wright, minister, Washington. Brown Chapel, Connecticut, membership 53. Pastor, T. A. Davis, Elder 1. Deacons, 2 Value of property $150. S. S. No. 35. Preaching on every Lord's Day. Jno. C. Wright, P. O., Columbus. R. L. Brooks, M. M. Bostick, Keer, Delegates. Pearidge congregation, No. of elders 4. No of deacons 3. Membership 195. Value of property $400. Amount of money raised for Foreign Mission $10. Home Missions $22 74. Church expenses $32.15. For Pastor (H. Martin) $66.80. Total $131.69. M. M. Bostick, Clk. M. K. S Jeffers minister. Pastor Center Chapel congregation. Membership, 29. Elders, 3. Deacons 3. Value of property $500 M. K. S. Jeffries, clerk. W. S. Hill, minister, Sherrill. Walnut Grove congregation. Membership 21. Amount of money

raised for state work, $5.40; for pastor $5.55. Total $10.95. Pastor E. L. Turner. Deacon 1, Elders 2 W. S. Hill. Clerk. D. W. Willhite pastor, Pine Bluff; J. C. Guyden minister, Minturn. Shaby Grove congregation, membership, 18. Money raised for home mission and for pastor $20. Value of property $75; Deacon 1, J. C. Guyden pastor. Some of these congregations were recently organized and did not contribute any thing to the state work.

There were nineteen congregations that were represented in the convention which it is unnecessary to publish because of non-mission work. Milintary Heights congregation, Sarah L. Bostick, Delegate, Argenta; membership, 8; Amt. raised for preaching, two dolllars and forty cents; auxiliary one dollar; Snuday-school sixty cents: total four dollars and forty cents; value of property, 100 dollars; preaching two times per month; Sarah Bostick, Sec.

The report of committe on staate nomination: We your comittee on state nomination recommend that H. Martin be State Evangelist, M. M. Bostick Corresponding Secretary, A. Bostick State Treasurer; G. D. Jones, M. M. Martin, R. G. Brooks, and James Hawkins members of the Board. Carried. D. M. Willhite, M. K. S. Jeffers, A. Bostick, J. G. Guyden, James Williams.

The report of committee on time and place: We your committee on time and place beg leave to report the following: That Thursday before the first Lord's day in August 1902 at Washington, Hampstead Co., Brown Chapel, Christian Chapel, be the place for next annual convention. Adopted. Thos. Wright Jr., S. W. Ward, Jonas Williams Talks on our Christian colleges by H. Martin and by others of fiveminutes each. The Theme of H. Martin's discourse was: "The young men to go to the Southern Christian Institute and to the Louisville Christian Bible School" and especially to those who expect to preach the gospel of Christ. Talk on our Christian literature by M. M. Bostick. After this the report of committee on ways and means: We your committee on ways and means beg to submit the following report: First that each member of the Church of Christ in the state of Ark. be requested to pay at least 10 cents per month for state work; and that the pastors or officials of the congregations shall see that money is thus raised and paid over to the State Treasurer. Also that the 4th Lord's day in Nov. 1901 be set apart as a general missionary day at all congregations to raise money for said work. Remember State Treasurer, A. Bostick, Keer. Amount of pledges, sixty seven dollars. H. Martin, Chairman. R. G. Brook, James Hawkins, R. J. Toss, J. C. Guyden C. H. Brooks, G. M. Ivey Sec. Adjournment.

The convention closed all important business, gave way for the C. W. B. M. in the afternoon, M. M. Bostick, Chairman. G. D. Jones, Secretary.

The regular annual session of the Christian Woman's Board of missions met at Wrightsville Chapel, Sept. 6, 1901. Order announced by the Pres., Sarah L. Bostick. Devotional exercises conducted by same. First the report of the president which were as to the number of auxiliaries organized 3, .Money raised about fiive hundred dollars. Traveling expenses about five dollars. Amount collected same. Amt. raised for state work, five dollars. Amount on hand not any. S. L. Bostick, Pres. C. W. B. M. After this a general discussion by M. M. Bostick and others on the general work of woman. An excellent paper was read by Sister G. C. Dennis, of Wrightsville, organizer in the Baptist church. Subject, Woman in the house. After the cenvention it was announced that Sister Sarah L. Bostick be the general organizer in the state for the ensuing year. Carried by the house. Adopted. Closed at 4 P. M. Sister Sarah L. Bostick, Pres. Convened to meet the next convention at Washington, Brown chapel, Hamstead Co., Thursday before the first Lord's day in August, '02.

NIGHT SESSION.

The house was called to order by the chairman. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. G. W. Ivey, after which J. C. Guyden preached a wonderful sermon Collection three dollars. Bro J. C. Wright delivered an able address on the S. C. I. First its noble building; second its noble faculty; third its noble situation; fourth its good rules.

Adjournment.

As all business closed preaching continued. Saturday morning. Sermon by Eld. G. W. Ivey of Sherrill, subject, The new birth. Adjournment at 12 M.

Sermon by Eld. Porter Brown of Sherrill, at 3 P. M. Sunday night by Eld. W. M. Martin. Benediction. Lord's day morning sermon by Eld. R.

J. Ross, Pettus. 1 Cor. 1: 21. Preached a wonderful sermon: collection, five dollars and four cents. Benediction. Sermon at 3 P. M. by Eld. J. C. Guyden. Adjournment.

Total collection ten dollars. One dollar paid to the secretary for his services.

M. M. Bostick, Chairman;
G. D. Jones, Sec.

Mound Bayou, Miss., Sept. 30.

Brethren: Our S. S. and C. E. Convention held at Pine Grove on the 21st., and 22nd inst. came to pass. Of it we will say but little. We did not meet as many on the two above named dates as we had expected. However, we met enough to enable us to say the convention was a success. Saturday we spent the time in devising ways and means by which we desire to enlarge and increase our field of labor as well as we trust to do more active service for the Savior.

We were unable to render the program as published owing to sickness and several other hinderances. Bro. Lee and Flowers were unavoidably absent. Miss Jennings and Miss Pierce were also unable to attend. Miss Jennings was giving her aunt, who died on Monday following the convention her care and comfort. Although the above named persons were absent, yet we had a good convention.

After we did all that could be done on Saturday we adjourned until 9: 30 A. M. Sunday. We opened by song and prayer as usual. After which lesson was read by Bro. Noah Trevillian. The writer was asked to teach the class present. We did so with pleasure. When the time had come to enter upon our convention work proper Bro. R. B. Brown took the chair and proceeded to carry out the program as published. Every subject on the program was discussed with much care, and great interest was shown. Special attention should be called to Miss Georgia William's paper—Subject "The S. S. teacher's relation to the children." Her paper was well prepared as well as well read. We were glad to see that Miss Williams was willing to do what she could in this noble work. We hope others will follow her in her efforts to do more for Christ. Bro. Crawford on "Systematic Giving" made us think he ought to repeat his speech in every Church.

We would say that if some of those who are the young men's opposers, had attended the convention they would have been converted from the old idea, that "the work will die, now." I am well pleased with Bros. Isom Franklin, Noah Trevillian, T. J. Williams, L. R. Garrison, L. C. Williams, R. B. Brown and Bro. Baker. These are young men. They are worthy men. May God bless them in their work.

Owing to the press for time we gave a very little time to the Endeavor work. But we trust such will not be the case again. Brethren next time when you are on the program and you don't think you can attend, please let the committee know. We closed our Lord's day with good results.

The following Wednesday morning found me at the above named place where I found the brother in a meeting. I found Bro. Duncan proclaiming the glorious news of a risen Savior. There were a few who had taken their stand for Christ and were contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints. On Wednesday night a goodly audience greeted us. We tried to make men know that if they would be Christians they must love their neighbors. Thursday and Friday nights we endeavored to have them know that religion means a life lived closely to Jesus. On Lord's day we organized a Lord's day school and a Christian Endeavor Society. We can say the Lord has been with us in our work. Brethren, there are a few faithful workers here. Some worked with head, heart, hand and pocket. We make special mention of Bro. Duncan, Turner, Alfred Johnson and West Johnson. These aided us spiritually and financially. When Bro. Duncan gave his $1.10; when Bro. Turner gave his $2.00; as Bro. Alfred Johnson gave his $1.50 and Bro. West Johnson gave his $.45; when brother R. M. McCarter gave us 25 cts. we thought of the sacrifice of the Apostles. May God bless these brethren. These brethren are endeavoring to erect a house for Christ in the town. City evangelization must have our attention, brethren.

We trust every Christian in the state will try to aid the brethren in building a house, for the Lord. Then we shall have a house in the heart of the town, to do it will meet the master's approval.

In the meeting three were brought to Christ. Pray that more may enter the field.

yours for Christ,
W. A. Scott.

C. W. B. M. DEPARTMENT.

Mt. Beulah, Oct. 2nd., 1901.

We are sure that if our C. W. B. M. women could see the beautiful new building, Allison Hall, which is now occupied by the girls at the S. C. I. they would be very proud of the part that they have in it. The dining room was opened to the school on the night of Sept. 25th., when the first meal, supper, was served in it. It was a happy event for all, but they rejoiced most who had labored the most earnestly to make all things ready for this time. It seemed to an observer that the boys who had worked on this building enjoyed the supper more than any others, and well they might for did not all the work that they had done on it mean much to them? There is not one of them but that is better prepared for life's duties and for life's gains and pleasures because of it. The boys themselves realize this.

The building is two stories high, the upper story being a girls' dormitory and the lower containing the cooking and dining apartments and a suite of rooms for the matron and family. The girls' rooms are in themselves, very pleasant and, fitted up with the articles which our auxiliaries are so generously providing for them, are made very inviting. When lighted at night by brilliant Acetylene lights they are unusually attractive. In these rooms our girls have every reason for feeling safe, comfortable and happy. A gravel walk has been made from this new dormitory to the school building. This walk is for the girls only. On it they go to and from school, to Sunday night meeting etc. A lady teacher, who is very faithful in every duty, looks after them.

We have also always been very fortunate in the young man whom we have employed to superintend the boys dormitory. Wm. Allison and Jas. S. Compton who succeeded him were both above reproach. The former, for whom Allison Hall is named, entered into the reward of his labors two years ago. Mr. Compton is now a student at Eureka College, Illinois. It is difficult for some of our young people to understand why any one who knows as much as Mr. Compton should want to go to school but he only furnishes another example of the truth that the more we know the more we want to know. Even though we should live to be very old and should study hard all our days we could never know all there is to be known.

Mr. Marsh has really exchanged places with Mr. Compton as he came away from Eureka College at about the time that Mr. Compton entered it. He has been at the S. C. I. only a few days but has already shown that he is able to lead its boys aright if they will only profit by his teaching.

After the Minneapolis Convention our corresponding secretary, Mrs. Helen E. Moses, purposes visiting the S. C. I. It would be well for many of our C. W. B. M. sisters, both white and colored, to visit it. Our colored women should come with a view to seeing how fitting a place it is for their young people to attend school.

MRS. ETHIE B. LEHMAN.

KEEP STILL.

Keep still. When trouble is brewing, keep still. When slander is getting on his legs, keep still. When your feeling is hurt, keep still, till you recover from your excitement, at any rate. Things look differently through any agitated eye. In a commotion, once, I wrote a letter, and sent it, and wished I had not. In my later years I had another commotion, and wrote a long letter; but life rubbed a little sense me, and I kept that letter in my pocket against the day when I could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did. Less and less it seemed necessary to send it. I was not sure it would do any hurt, but in my doubtfulness I leaned to reticence, and eventually it was destroyed.

Time works wonders. Wait till you speak calmly, and then you will not need to speak, maybe. Silence is the most massive thing conceivable, sometimes It is strength in every grandeur. It is like a regiment ordered to stand still in the mad fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy. The tongue has unsettled more ministers than small salaries ever did, or lack of ability.—*Dr. Burton's Lecture to Yale Divinity Students, in Twentieth Century.*

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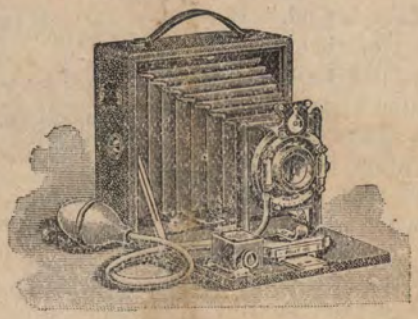

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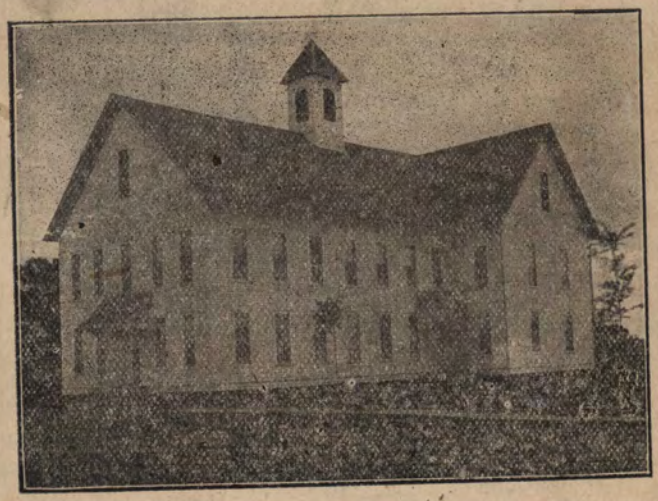

FAUROT BUILDING, AT THE S. C. I.

The Southern Christian Institute.

Have you ever seen the letters "S. C. I."? Perhaps nine-tenths of all those who read this have seen them and have some idea of this great industrial school. However we are going to tell you more about it with the hope that you may become an enthusiastic supporter and in this way become a part of an institution that promises much in the near future.

The Southern Christian Institute is situated at Edwards, Mississippi, which makes the location in the center of all the Gulf States and easy to be reached from any of them.

The institution is situated on a plantation of eight hundred acres of fine farming land. This gives us ample room to build up large buildings for college and industrial work, gives us an income for the school, gives us an opportunity to give work to poor boys and girls and makes an environment that will brace up the lives of those who become a part of it.

OUR BUILDINGS.

Faurot Building. This is our large college building. It has ten recitation rooms, a sewing room, a library and a Chapel Hall 30x60. This was mostly built by students who were learning the trade.

Allison Hall. This is the new Girls' Dormitory and Dining Hall. This was also built by student labor and is a fine building heated by hot air and lighted by gas.

The Old Mansion. The main part was built when this ground was a great slave plantation. Its big front columns, its high walls, its costly and substantial finish, its fine cyprus lumber are all faithful reminders of those memorable days.

The old Girls' Hall. This is built against the old mansion. The second story is used for a girls' dormitory while the first floor is used for offices, assorting rooms etc.

The Factory Building. One section of this building is now used as a Planing Mill and Wood-working Factory, the other as a Printing office, while the second story is still used as a Boys' Dormitory until the new Boys' Hall will be erected.

The Laundry. In this all the washing and ironing for the institution are done, and in it are stored away the many things needed for the dormitories.

In addition to these six buildings we have a number of lesser buildings.

OUR WORK.

Our work is divided into Industrial, Musical, Literary and Biblical.

In our Industrial Department we teach Farming, Gardening, Carpentry, Factory work, Printing, Broom making, Cooking, Canning, Sewing and the keeping of a neat room. This department enables a great number of poor boys and girls to earn their way through school. But it is by no means all. It is our character builder. Isom Franklin came here a poor, careless, cigarette-smoking boy. He is now one of the most substantial characters in his community. Listen what he says in writing back.

"Dear Teachers, I am glad that my father was not able to send me to school; for if he had been, I would have been a wreck by now. My education came from the sweat of my brow and my eyes were opened to the realities of life. The S. C. I. offers a better opportunity for one to work his way than any other school in this section. It is true that one whole year at first looks big, but thereafter when other boys at other schools are working a half day and going to school a half day with heart in neither, the S. C. I. boy goes all day and every day working only an hour each day In that first year he learns things that he needs to make a man of him that he could not get in the School room. Parents should not say their boys already know how to work. That is just what ails this country. They do not know how to work an advantage."

Our Musical course is most thorough. Daily all the students are trained free in a big Chorus Class. Lessons on the organ are given for $3 per ten lessons. All who attended our last commencement will remember how well the voices were developed. One of our girls recently played most successfully at a convention. When asked by the many present where she got her training she proudly answered "At the S. C. I."

In our Literary Department we do most thorough work. Not long ago a young man and his sister came to the S. C. I. One of the teachers asked him why he is not as far along as his sister. He replied, "My sister came to the S. C. I. last year and I went to ——College." A few years ago Eld. Crawford of Texas said all the S. C. I. students passed examination while those who went elswhere failed. Many more instances of this kind could be related.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE CHURCHES

Not long ago in conversation with a preacher in Kentucky, he said, "Be sure and tell us what we are expected to do." Every church should become a recruiting station for the schools. The schools should be made the burden of frequent prayers. The minister should make frequent mention of the fact that these schools were put here by the money given by benevolent men and women; and to fail to show a proper appreciation would be the height of ingratitude. If every church takes up a collection for this work, every member will become interested in it.

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GOSPEL PLEA.

"PREACH THE WORD."

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Helpful To All.

The idea of an educational day was originated by the Kentucky disciples. At first it appeared simply as an enthusiastic undertaking, but they went to work with such earnestness that it gave it the dignity of a worthy enterprise. Soon thereafter Ohio, Virginia, and Arkansas endorsed the plan; The conventions in Alabama, Mississippi and Texas were over too soon to formally take up the matter but all the leading workers in those states enthusiastically endorsed the plan. Thus it became manifest that the Church was ready and enthusiastic for the day and at their urgent request we have decided to get out this special issue of the Plea to aid the Churches to properly observe the day. In another column will be found a program to follow in observing the day. Of course other plans can be followed where Churches can do better, this is simply a suggestion. In this issue will be found information in regard to all our schools. Read it carefully and bring out all the facts at the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL DAY.

By C. C. Smith.

The white people are only now beginning to realize the supreme value of the colleges in advancing and strengthening the cause of primitive Christianity. The men who are today the strong tower of evangelists, pastors and teachers who are doing the work of the church; building it up and edifying it, were themselves trained in an atmosphere congenial to "our Plea." It is simply impossible to over estimate the value of our own schools to the cause. The same is and will be true of the schools for the education of the colored youth. For this reason those who have had charge of the work of aiding the churches, (colored), have believed they aided the cause most by training workers who would not only know how to read and write correctly and speak fluently, but who would be trained workers in the Church. The men all over the land who are coming to the front in church work are those who have been educated and trained in our schools. Singleton, Robinson, Brayboy, Bowie, Brooks, Brown, Scott, Frost and a host of others are products of our schools. These are all doing noble service in building up the Master's kingdom.

The colored people are just awaking to the importance of these schools. The Kentucky Convention gave enthusiastic endorsement to the Louisville Bible School and inaugurated an educational day. The women of Kentucky sent $200.00 to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions to be held in trust for educational purposes. The women in and around Louisville have worked faithfully for the Louisville school,—purchasing seats, beds, bedding, etc., and in many ways have aided the school. The Kentucky Convention sent an offering to the work. The churches of southern Virginia have rallied to the support of the Piedmont School of Industry at Martinsville, Virginia. The school and church contributed over $400.00 this year—making the school entirely self-supporting. From the first the brethren in Alabama have sacrificed and toiled for the Lum school. They have contributed money and have built all their buildings with their own hands. The Ohio Disciples fully endorsed the Educational Day, in convention at Cincinnati.

Educational Day is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. For this day information in regard to the different schools will go to the churches. I am sure that every church where "the Gospel Plea" goes will wish a part in this great work of education and will make a liberal offering for the cause.

The schools are now under the management of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

A brighter day is dawning for the Christian church among the colored people of the land. The dawning will be hastened by the interest taken in Educational Day and in all that pertains to the enlargement of the schools.

Every one in your churches should become an agent for the securing of pupils for one of the schools.

The day which will become historic is the Lord's day before Thanksgiving. Make it a high day in your church

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True worth is in *being* not *seeming*,—
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good—not in dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.
For what ever men say in blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

—*Alice Cary.*

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"Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Psalms 25:5.

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Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips and is a fool. Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good." Pro. 19:1,2.

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"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation; the fear of the Lord is his treasure." Isaiah 33:6.

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God holds to strict accountability for every opportunity. This is true of Churches as well as of individuals.

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When the Churches go to doing the actual work and quit playing at work, the members will feel that they have gained some unknown power.

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Recently a friend of the S. C. I. was in central Mississippi and wrote home: "I find a great many people have never heard of the school and when I meet one who has heard of it, he seems surprised that I can speak so well of it. These people have been misinformed." Let every one make himself an agent for our schools. Speak to every one of it. Let us hear no more of this child's play of talking against that which godly men and women have done for us.

The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness forty years because Moses could not induce them to have faith in obeying God. How long will the Churches wander in the wilderness because they oppose all good works?

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

—From H. Martin, Evangelist of Arkansas, we have the following: "In our State Convention, held in September, our Christian Schools were made one of the most prominent features for discussion. John Wright one of the students of the Southern Christian Institute was present and presented the school work in all phases and departments. This greatly inspired the entire Convention, and judging from the interest manifested by the brethren at the Convention, in our schools I think I am safe in saying that Arkansas can go on the list with Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia in adopting the Sunday before Thanksgiving as educational Day."

—Offerings taken in the churches on Educational Day for Educational work should be sent to C. C. Smith, 1342 Locust Street, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

—Fifteen hundred copies of this issue are printed. Those who read this issue who are not already subscribers, we invite to join this big circle of workers. The Plea is a weekly paper and gives the news from all the states.

—The students at the Southern Christian Institute and at the Louisville Christian Bible school will take up a special offering on educational day. We presume the Lum Graded School and the Virginia school will do the same.

—J. M. D. Thurman of Stanford Kentucky writes: "Dear Editor, I like the PLEA. It is just such a paper as we need. It is a paper that fearlessly points out to us our weakness and shows us the good and bright things. May the day speedily come when it will reach every home among us."

The plan for an educational day in the Churcnes is an excellent one. It should be unanimously adopted. It is the duty of the Church to clearly declare that she regards Christian education of prime importance.

Christain education will not come to us or to our children by chance. It will not grow as the weeds grow, but like nature's best products it must have proper care and nourishment. When we fail to do our best to provide Christian education for our children we are bringing them downward instead of helping them upward and are adding to the difficulties of their struggle for success. A hearty and united effort on the part of Churches to observe Educational Day, to set the importance of Christian education before the people, and to make the offering for its advancement will do much to forward the work we are now doing and will prepare the way for greater achievements. Let one and all do his part toward making the day successful.

HELEN E. MOSES,

Sec. C. W. B. M.

LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.

This school was opened Tuesday, October 11, 1892. It is situated in Louisville, Kentucky. A. J. Thomson is principal, Octavius Singleton assistant. In this school it is designed to give just such help as young colored men, who desire to labor for the elevation of their race, most need to fit them for this work. This school is now under the control of the C. W. B. M.

THE LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.

O. SINGLETON.

This school has only one definite aim—the highest possible for an educational institution. The greatest calling in all the world is that of the minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The greatest calling demands the greatest men. This school aims to help supply ministers by assisting in their preparation those who wish to undergo the arduous task of preparing themselves as God's embassadors, as ministers of Christ's Gospel.

This is a part of the assistance the school renders. It aims to give its students as daily examples high and consistent Christian characters in the persons of its instructors; in other words the teachers try to make their lives and dealings with the students Christian models. Prof. A. J. Thomson, the principal, is as perfect a Christian character as has ever walked the face of the earth since the days of Christ and his apostles. A better exemplar of Christianity could nowhere be found. If one's comprehension be too dull to understand Prof. A. J. Thomson's verbal explanation of "Love thy neighbor as thyself," "Bless those that curse you;" Blessed are the merciful," he can find in him a living explanation of these truths. To have a man, a wise man, one who stands high as an educator, and one who understands God's work as an example is the very best help a minister can get in his preparation. It is far more important and infinitely harder to get than the facts of art and science.

This school helps further by aiming to give, as far as possible, a perfect understanding of the Bible. No 'isms' are taught here for a single moment. As aids to an understanding of the Bible, attention is paid to history, geography, grammar, logic, elocution, evidences, preparation and delivery of sermons, etc.

In teaching, three things are aimed at especially:—to distinguish between truth and error and give the truth as truth; to teach those things that make a student do his own thinking and help him to think correctly; and to teach how to express one's self.

A dull or slow student is not embarrassed in this school. The brilliant student has no special rights or privileges. The student of good character and of good desires meets with sympathy and encouragement on every hand. The wolf in sheep's clothing takes asthma in the moral climate of the school and soon seeks other parts for his rapacity.

Our school is a Christian home for its students. The rooms are nicely furnished and for these only a small charge is made.

Some of the ablest ministers in Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio such as C. H. Dickerson, R. E. McDuffy and W. H. Brown have received their ministerial preparation in the L. C. B. School.

C. W. B. M.

The C. W. B M. Auxiliary of the Third Christian Church (colored) of Louisville observed Educational day which was October the 11th. The officers of the Church kindly allowed us the day, and we had a sermon on the work and the need of co-operation. in the morning and in the evening we had a short programme and sermon; both were in keeping with the occasion.

Those present seemed to be interested. The receipts of the day amounted to $5 40. This we count our starting point, and we hope our work along this line may not cease till the Master's will is done in all parts of the earth Now the next thing in order is Educational day for the whole Church on the 4th Sunday in November. We are in line and ready for it. It is our aim to raise a good collection on that day

HATTIE A. M. SINGLETON.

Reports from the Field.

THE NEED OF EDUCATION.

J. B. PARSONS,
Pres. of Mo. State Mission Board.

The term education is one of the most important in the English language. Indeed there is no other in which man is so deeply concerned.

(1) It may be taken for "Instruction; formation of manners," as Webster uses it.

(2) It may be taken for "development of the powers of the mind for usefulness.

How great is its value? It is inestimable.

The human being enters life as a bundle of possibilities, and is the most helpless of all God's creation without a knowledge of his greatest need. He must be clothed, fed and educated. These are the elmements that knit him to society, and the latter of which prepares him for a useful life.

His usefulness depends upon his ability to do, and his ability to do depends upon his education. Therefore to be useful he must be educated.

All men need education. It may be truthfully said of the negro, that he has never been sufficiently aroused to realize the great value of an education which is really the very foundation of his usefulness as an American citizen. It may be said that his chances to secure an education are poor, but many do not take advantage of the opportunities they have. The bell of warning has been rung for thousands of our young people, and is still ringing, but they are allowing the warning bell to pass unheeded. It will be considered almost criminal indifference if a matter of such great importance is allowed to pass without giving it the most careful consideration.

All women need education.

It is thought by some that girls are more devoted to books than boys, and I may say that especially among the negroes this is true. However a boy will never rise higher in the scale of reputation, than the standard of the opposite sex, with him they must rise or fall. But are our girls doing all that is possibie in the line of education? If not, why not? As a rule they cease attending school too early; education is elevating and women must assend high enough in its magnificient training before they can realize the true nobility involved in the title of perfect womanhood.

The world's need. The world is constantly calling for educated men and women, and the foremost inquiry is, What can you do? Excuses will not serve as hiding places for the negroes of to-day. He must stand up and face life's problems be he prepared or unprepared.

The Southern Christian Institute and the Louisville Christian Bible School, are both provided with the very best teachers, and they are holding out large inducements and offering great advantages every year. These schools were built up under many disadvantages, and are being run at a very great cost, especially, for the higher education of the negro of the country.

We should hail them with joy, and applaud their founders and builders to the highest. It has been decided by the convention of Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia to make a rally on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day on which it is hoped that all the congregations of negro disciples throughout the United States will engage in raising all the money they can for educational purposes. Brethren, we should all rally to this most worthy cause. Indeed it will be to our shame if we are deaf to an appeal of such great importance.

Hoping for a successful rally among all our churches for education, I pledge my earnest efforts for the same, and ask you all to join hands in this great enterprise.

Columbia, Mo.,
Oct. 17, 1901.

CLAIBORNE NOTES.

We have read with interest the speech of Bro. O Singleton's made before the colored Christian Convention of Ky.

We hope and trust that it may be read by quite a number of our people; for such a spirit as he encourages, needs to be inculcated in the hearts of our preachers. When it is so, better will be the condition of our people. We should first appreciate what others have done and are doing for us. Instead of helping ourselves at the time and in the way oth

ers are helping us, we get anxious to do the work alone, at the same time we have not the means nor any way to get them.

Let us fall in line, support the schools that are given to us. When our people have been taught to support a school fully then we can talk about an independent movement. The colored disciples in the state of Mississippi are too few to say that we will fight the help given us. Take all the help granted you and object to none. Talk about what the denominations are doing. They are more able to do with Church house in every town and city in the state, scattered all over each county. Now the things for the disciples to do is to fill up the schools that are given for our advancement with our boys and girls, at the same time put forth every effort to establish congregation in town's and cities, that when our boys are out from school they can start preaching and teaching. In so doing we will get our plea before the people.

Now then let each church, or congregation in the state try to raise a good collection for the support of our schools on the day set aside as educational day. Lord's day before Thanksgiving day. O. Singleton a young man of our state is the mover of this project. Not a single church should fail to rally. Bro. Singleton is an educated negro and knows what is best for the people.

The third Lord's day found the writer at Grand Gulf, spoke to the people from a common stand point not to arouse their feelings but rather to touch their reasons. When our people learn to think more, better will be their condition. We have a great hope of the Gulf congregation in the future. The time for growling preachers is about over; growling belongs to the lower animals and not to man. If the preachers can not see it now the school girls and boys will make him see and feel it later.

Eld. Lomax conducted a rally at Christian Chapel on the second Lord's day in Oct., raised $12.60 On Lord's day night the writer was present, swelled collection to $38 35. We are now $35. behind on the church debt. The 4th Lord's day in November has been set aside to raise that amount. We are anxious to settle that account that we may commence to repair our church house which is in a bad condition.

The second Lord's day in November there will be a rally at Center Church. They have already commenced to repair the building when finished it will have the appearance of a new building. Come over and help us.

The quarterly meeting in District No. 1 will convene at Pine Grove. We hope to have a good attendance. Remember the date November 8, 9, 10. The State Evangelist will be with us in each District. We hope to have a full attendance. Bro. Porter is a strong Gospel preacher, come out and hear him.

Yours,
K. R. Brown.

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If he becomes interested in it, he will pray for it and send his children there. If he sends his children there the schools will soon be full and it will be easy to get money to start schools in all our states and send out evangelists. The churches need to have more holy pride in the matter of their schools. The time has come for all to see the awful sin of opposing these works of God through malice, envy, selfishness, and slander.

RATES.

Our rates are only $8 per month. There is no school in all the land that offers better opportunities at so low a rate.

Those who wish to work their way through school can do so on the following conditions. They can come and work this year and then when they start they can go to school every session until they graduate, by working during vacation and one hour each day. The first year they receive $16 and thereafter $12 each year. This is the greatest opportunity ever offered to students.

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Edwards, Miss.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM for EDUCATIONAL DAY

The Sunday Before Thanksgiving Day.

Motto:—"Covet earnestly the best gifts." I Cor. 12: 31.

Appropriate Song.

Scripture Reading:—
~~Mat. 5: 1-11.~~ Psalms 2

Prayer:—in which the schools and the teachers, and those who attend the schools—shall be remembered.

Appropriate Song.

Reading:—Selections from the Gospel Plea giving information in regard to the Christian Schools.

Appropriate Song.

Sermon: Text—
~~Proverbs 23:23.~~ 24:5

Appropriate Song.

Offering:—"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's." Matthew 22:21.

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor Romans 13:7.

Note:—If it is desired two or three appropriate recitations can be given in connection with this service.

Lum Graded School.

WORK.

Our school is located in the village of Lum, in a dense population of negro disciples.

The colored people in and around Lum own more than 1000 acres of land that is really paid for.

The school building is situated on one corner of a tract of 23 acres of land which is owned by the school. Our buildings at present are,—a church building, the large two story school building, and a new frame cabin bought with the land last purchased. Beautiful water oaks, white oaks and pine form the grove on the campus. Nature has lavished her beauty upon this spot and made it the most beautiful and inviting location of Lowdnes Co.

COURSE OF STUDY.

By examining our catalogue you will find that 12 years' work is catalogued. Five years in Primary Grade and seven years in the English with a few branches of elementary sciences in the senior year. We have from the very beginning sought to do thorough and solid work. Our aim is to lay the foundation well; and whether we have been successful, and have so impressed it upon the public, we leave to the testimony of some of Alabama's leading educators. Prof. W. H. Council, Principal of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Huntsville, says, "I am deeply interested in your excellent school. I wish we had such a school in every town in the state. You are doing a noble work and you shall be encouraged and warmly supported.

Another prominent educator says, "I have been in some of the leading city schools of Alabama, and I am convinced that the work you and your corps of teachers are doing, so far as it goes, compares favorably with the best city schools of the state."

The literary work is supplemented by literary societies, debating clubs etc. which give students considerable drill in speaking and reading.

The young men meet once a week in their Y. M. C. A. The young ladies meet in their prayer meeting. This year we shall organize a missionary society to study the missionary work that is being done in this country and in foreign lands, with a view to arousing interest and educating the boys and girls up to their duty along this line. Our boys and girls are generally the leaders of Sunday-schools wherever they go and they will cary this spirit with them.

After we have succeeded in giving a thorough English education, we mean to grade our school higher or extend our course. Our motto from the very beginning has been, "quality not quantity."

We have graduated five young people from our school. Some of them have taken the examinations receiving the highest commendations for good work, and have taught in the state successfully. Two of them will enter Fisk University this year. One young man who lacked one year of finishing our course entered Fisk University and made the same class that he was a member of at Lum Graded School.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

We believe the literary and industrial training should go hand in hand. The girls are taught sewing by one of the lady teachers who has taken a course in sewing.

The young men are building the walks and keeping up the campus.

Our aim is to build an industrial department in connection with this school where boys and girls can learn a trade that will help them out in practical life. We pray the near future will witness our shop, laundry, boarding department etc., in full operation. Our 23 acres of land will form the basis of this department. The school has already had its influence upon the villages and vicinity. But when all these equipments are in operation it can not mean anything else but a revolution in affairs in every particular, for it will bear directly upon the community life. The farmers meet at the school building once per month in conference to discuss the best methods of farming, purchasing homes etc.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

One of the young ladies has charge of the physical culture for girls. They meet during the week for instruction and drill. This has had its good effect upon the girls in every particular. It is an indispensable part of our school work. The boys have their military drill every morning under the supervision of a young man who has gone through the military tacties of A. M College, Normal. This exercise has proven helpful to them in their bearing deportment and in general habits of neatness, tidiness etc. They take great interest in the work. Last year they raised a collection and bought a nice large drum. This year they wish to buy some more instruments for their company. We mean to give them every encouragement until we have this department thoroughly developed. This department will form an important part of our school work for the future.

BIBLE STUDY.

In our devotional exercise we spend from 20 to 30 minutes in Bible Study. We read the four gospels, studying the life of Christ etc. Some memory work is required of students in this study. This is all the Bible work we have attempted so far.

Having such an influential, and Christian organization as C. W. B.

M. behind our school by the co-operation of the colored brotherhood we can build up a great literary and industrial school in Alabama that shall be a blessing to humanity.

We pray your encouragement, endorsement and co-operation in this the work of the Lord.

Fraternally yours,
ROBT. D. BROOKS.

THE PIEDMONT SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY.

Through the efforts of several of the colored brethren of Virginia, being encouraged by the unselfish and honored Secretary of the C. W. B. M., Bro. C. C. Smith, the above named institution was organized Monday, Oct. 8th, 1900, in the Colored Christian Church with only 8 pupils present. But in spite of the small attendance and other discouraging features encountered in the beginning, the work was continued, and we are pleased to announce through these colums that every thing continued to gradually assume a brighter and still brighter aspect until we were able to close our first session with an enrollment of forty-three young people.

A SCHOOL SITE SECURED.

The most encouraging thing of all happened in Feb. 1901 when we were able to secure from the C. W. B. M. a loan of $676.00 to which we added $124.00 and this was employed in the purchase of a school site, the most beautiful location in this entire commmunity. Not only is it beautiful, but well elavated and healthy.

OBJECT OF THE SCHOOL.

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Now I take this opportunity to urge upon the brethren the necessity of giving us their earnest and honest support, especially the brethren of south-west Virginia. This is the only school we have in the state and it is convenient both to North Carolina and Virginia. Give us your patronage Send your boys and girls to us and give them an opportunity to acquire an education and make themselves useful.

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WORK DONE.

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Sherrell, Ark.,
Oct. 25, 1901.

Dear Editor: We are having our regular preaching as usual. Last Lord's day Eld. Jacob Simo, a visiting preacher delivered a weighty sermon. When the invitation was given one made the good confession and went from the Church to the water. At night Eld. W. S. Hill preached a stirring sermon. We need more earnest workers here in Arkansas.

Your Sister in Christ,
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it occurs to you that another place if decorated will look equally well. Thus on and on you work, perfecting the plan that is by degrees unfolded to you, until at last you view the completed whole with pleasure and satisfaction. The next time you undertake a task of this kind you will be able to do it more systematically but this time you had to learn to do by doing. The next time you will be able not only to do it more easily yourself but you will be able also to direct others. Let us apply all this to the work of our C. W. B. M. It is hardly probable that those who inaugurated the work conceived of it as it now exists but little by little the plan was evolved by which we have our present corps of officers and the numerous interests which they are to guard and further. Having accomplished the great work that has been intrusted to them they are able now to direct others in doing a similiar work.

Our colored women stand now where Mrs. Pearre and her co-workers stood in 1874. "One step at a time, dear Savior" they sang in their hearts if not with their lips. Shall we not all sing it? Having taken one step we will see then where to take the next and after awhile we will come into a great field of usefulness. The first thing to do is to organize auxiliaries if we have not already done so, keep up our monthly meetings, pay our dues to the National Board, help to fill up their treasury in whatever other way we can, get some of their literature and study it until we are deeply interested in all their different mission fields. Having become interested how happy you will be to know that some of your money goes to each one of these fields. Some of it will go to India, to Mexico, to the Chinese Missions, to the benighted people of the mountains and some of it, Oh, happy thought! will help to make your own race wiser and better. Do not be backward The Lord has not forgotten you. Do not forget his work but lend a helping hand to all classes. Some auxiliaries are already doing nobly and I am sure that another year will see these greatly increased in number and taking a still larger part in the great work of redeeming humanity. Take the steps that you know how to take, follow him faithfully and the Lord will lead you on.

MRS. ETHIE B. LEHMAN.

Someone may think they will not be able to know what the next step is. Oh, foolish child. You may be dull, but "He knoweth our form, He remembereth we are but dust." Oh, why not remember who the Good Shepherd is, that He goes ahead of the sheep, and can make you to see it. If one way will not do it He can use another. If you really want to go all the way through, He will see to all of these things.

—*Christian Courier.* *Endeavor notes for Nov. 3.*

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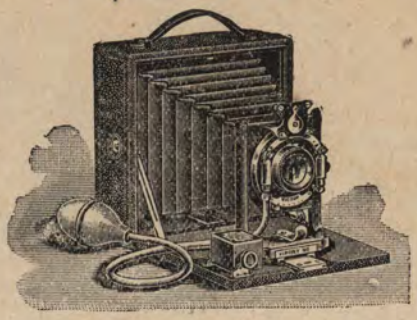

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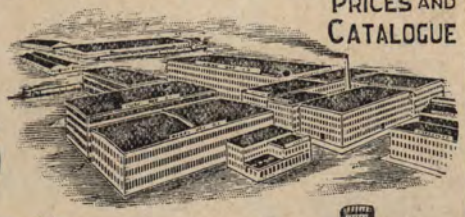

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Wrightville Ch., Arkansas,	$10.00
Strata Ch., Alabama,	1.00
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Martinville, Va.	4.60
Students of Louisville Bible School,	$7.00
Kans. City, Third Ch., Kansas,	$1.50
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Hayneville Ch., Alabama,	.50
Louisville, Central Ch., Kentucky, $7.50	
Louisville, Central Ch., Kentucky, Sunday-school,	$5.30
Salem Ch., Florida.	$1.00
Pea Ridge Ch., Arkansas,	$11.10

Total received since December 3rd., to 13th., $56.54

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The above thought can be brought nearer home by a more local application. By slavery the negro was thrust into one of the foremost Christian nations and was made Christian. He accepted the white man's denominationalism as well as his Christianity. As a result the negro is as zealous for these Church divisions as the people from whom he accepted his Christianity. What a pity that Christianity cannot come to this people in all its power without being adulterated with these humanisms. To the extent that attention is concentrated on these religious controversies, attention is taken from the Bible's teaching on moral and spiritual living. As a result we find in many localities a state where very little relation is seen between moral living and Christianity.

Looking at the work from the above stand point. it becomes of great importance that the various missionary enterprises of the differ- [illegible] states be faithfully carried on. [illegible]ave a truth that the world [illegible]d needs badly. The peo- [illegible]y to engage in the Lord's [illegible] ought to be put to [illegible]imple name Christ- [illegible]f God as their message, and the results would be far more gratifying than now. Under these circumstances Christian characters could be developed ready for any future developments. It would also be seen that the results would be ten-fold more gratifying. Now if we are preaching the truth that will lead the masses to see and realize this condition, then how faithful ought we to be in doing our work? How great a responsibility rest on our shoulders? How fearful will be our condemnation if we fall to doubtful disputation and leave the Lord's work undone? Would it not be better to believe an error and work faithfully, then to have the truth and do nothing?

This will be about our last opportunity to warn the people against the sinful whiskey jug at Christmas time. The man who sends for a jug is a fool, for he is giving his money for that which bereaves him of his senses. The jug man sells an admixture of all kinds of horrible stuff for a big price. His income is great. He is buying houses and lands and is wearing fine cloths. The foolish man who buys the jug takes it home and drinks of it. In his hilarious mood he spends all the money he has saved during the whole year. In his surly mood, he beats his wife and children and murders his best friend. Surely every one who will give his money to enrich the designing saloonkeeper and make himself a beast is a fool. Celebrate Christ's birth-day with sacred service, not with a jug that has a serpent in it.

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College Items.

President Hieronymous of Eureka College expects to spend the holidays at the S. C. I.

The thermometer went down to ten above zero three nights this week. As a result we had some burst pipes and all our winter garden was ruined. The storm caught us napping this time.

School will close Friday evening and will not open up again till December 31. Most of the students expect to go home.

The new telephone has proved a great aid to patrons of the school. From all over the state the school is called up to consult about sending here or to enquire about those who are here.

On Wednesday morning the Chapel exercises were dispensed with and the time was given to temperance. It is safe to say that not a single one of our students will go home and drink liquor during the holdays.

LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES.

The faculty of the Louisville Christian Bible School gave a Thanksgiving dinner for the students Nov. 28. A Thanksgiving dinner is given annually by the teachers for the students. About twenty students partook of the teachers' hospitality and highly appreciated the occasion. Oyster soup, turkey, cran berries, potatoes, pumpkin pies, etc., were served in great abundance. At the close of the dinner, the students most heartily sang, "I have reached the land of corn and wine." The dinners are prepared by Mrs. Singleton.

The students of the Bible School raised $7 for Educational Day collection. The students were glad of the opportunity to join with the churches in making this donation.

The Bible School recently received new material in the person of Mr White of Montgomery, Ala , and Mr. Tanzinrore of Tazewell, Va.

Mrs. Mary Hart, formally Miss Mary Hamilton of Long Branch, N. J., has sent in her subscription for the PLEA. This is a devout Christian. She never forgets Christ and his Church. In her New Jersey home where there are only a few or none of her faith, she stands firm. She wishes the PLEA that she may know what the colored disciples are doing. She is never found unwilling to help some good cause. Were there three of her in any community a Christian Church would spring up in their midst. May there grow up more Mary Harts among us.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

—Prof. O. Singleton has sent in the subscriptio n Mrs. Mary Hart of Long branch, New Jersey.

—B. C. Duke of Topeka Kansas, has sent in fifty cents on his subscription,

—Henry Cotterell who is in Eureka, Ill. preaches for the congregation at Normal, Ill.

—Eld. W. A. Scott has sent in nine new subscribers from Edwards.

—Eld. W. A. Scott wishes us to make a correction in dates. Both in Elder K. R. Brown's article and in the personals it was stated that the ministerial meeting was to meet on the 4th Sunday. His meetiug will be o the 5th Sunday and the Friday and Saturday prec ing it. All take notice.

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