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A Boys Choice

MY DEAR BOY, I have many times wondered, as I have looked back over my past life, why there has ever seemed to be an instinctive drawing toward the demoralizing, belittling. Why, when I was a boy I chose Bill Tough, with his course, rough, uncouth ways, for my confidante?

Why I copied his slangy talk, his swaggering walk, his unpolished boorish manners, his absence of courtesy and refinement, his low estimate of life's purposes?

Why did I admire his lack-luster, commonplace and questionable conversation?

Why should I have listened with admiring approval of his characterization of his father as "the boss" or his mother as "the old woman"?

My dear boy, be admonished to choose your company carefully. You have it in your power to make your life either a paeon of praise or a blot and a reproach. Why not choose definitely that which will bear fruitage such as will bring satisfaction?

T. H. JEYS.

The Effort at Vanore

Since our tent was taken down on the approach of cold weather, we have had no place for public meeting. The effort has been continued by house to house labor extending several miles in most all directions. Sabbath-school is held at our house, though, on account of the scattered condition and bad roads at this season of the year, all can not attend.

The company here consists of seven adults. With many interested ones studying the truth we hope to see the numbers here increased, the

work enlarged, and this company become a useful means in the hands of God, to place the truth in many homes.

We are endeavoring to fill their hands with tracts and papers and thus develop a missionary spirit and increase their usefulness among their friends and neighbors.

If any one can send us tracts or papers to be used in this way, we will be greatly obliged, and promise a careful and judicious use of the same. Owing to the large territory interested, we are greatly in need of some way to travel. A horse would add very much to our usefulness in this vicinity. The roads are bad at this season of the year and considerable time is consumed in going on foot. Remember us in your prayers.

W. L. BIRD and FAMILY.

A Refreshing Experience

Some very refreshing meetings, and a lively canvassers institute were held with the church in connecteon with the school at Daylight Tenn Feb., 12-21. Eld. Pogue, S. F. Reeder, and the writer were present, but best of all, the Lord was there. At the close of the Institute, seven expressed themselves as having decided to enter the canvassing work. Others are trying to shape their affairs so as to enter later on.

We certainly felt the presence of the Lord during each of the meetings, and it was gratifying to see the president of the conference present and taking a lively interest in every session, both in class work, and in the general instruction. The special Testimonies that were read with reference to the work in the South were appreciated by all, and the sweet Spirit of God was present to make impression upon hearts. Many in this church have made sacrifices in moving from the North to help advance the work in this field.

Let us remember, however, that the Lord leads us step by step. One good step having been leadstaken, let us, day by day, follow on to know more of His will concerning us.

V. O. C.

"There is a work for us to do for ourselves, and we shall be capable of doing it only by drawing strength from Jesus."

—Mrs. E. G. White

FLORIDA

**The Close of the Effort for the Colored
in Jacksonville**

The tent effort for the colored closed here Sunday night Feb., 14th. It was well attended and was a most inspiring meeting. After a clear presentation of the "Sabbath Question" with objections considered, the truth charmed and convinced the interested hearers as the Spirit of God was present in converting power. All who believed and desired to obey the commandments were asked to stand. Among those not of our faith, there were two who indicated their willingness to obey, and desired to know more of the precious light. A call was then made to aid Bro. Lewis Manns and wife who are laboring with us, but have no remuneration. All kindly responded, for which we praise God. Kindly pray for the work here, and help us build a memorial to proclaim the Third Angels Message, God's merciful warning, to this city and to all the world, ere His wrath shall end their wicked career.

PAGE SHEPARD
J. W. MANNS

Conference Items

The new church building at Morriston is nearly completed. This church, so young in the truth, needs to be commended for its enthusiasm in having a place of worship so soon.

Elder and Sr. Webster spent Sabbath with the Bren. and Srs. of St. Petersburg. We are glad that Sr. Webster is gaining strength, and hope she will soon be able to be actively engaged in the work.

Sr. Gotzian is visiting friends in Bartow and Bowling Green.

The meetings at Port Orange conducted by Elders Stephenson and Clark are being largely attended, and there are prospects of souls being added to the church.

Those desiring the General Conference Bulletin should send in their orders at once to Bartow. We can not afford to miss the report of this important meeting soon to take place.

Elder and Sr. R. G. Stringer spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Tampa Church. The large attendance was appreciated.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The testimonies of all were filled with words of courage.

Sanitarium.

We are enjoying the best patronage we have had since the institution was started. We have sixteen with us, all patients except one who is a guest. All are doing well, and we have every

reason to be encouraged with the prospects.

We have recently erected another cottage, and two patients are occupying it. This makes six cottages, one tent-cottage, and one tent beside the main building, and all are occupied.

One day this week our business manager made a trip to Sanford and brought a very delicate patient down in the automobile.

The dock and boat house on Lake Estelle are nearly completed, and two row boats, waiting for the last coat of paint, will soon be ready for use.

Not long ago Bro. Willicombe of De Leon Springs, Fla., sent us a barrel of very nice sweet potatoes, freight prepaid, as a gift. We very much appreciate such a tangible token of interest in the sanitarium work.

Monday night Bro. Shreve went up to Jacksonville to see about having our sanitarium work represented at the Exposition which continues until the 20th of March.

Last week Dr. L. N. Sickler returned from a ten days' trip to Fayetteville, Ark., where he was called to do several surgical operations.

Twenty-two acres of the sanitarium property are cut off by the main line of the A. C. L. R. R., and have been platted into lots 60x210 feet. The proceeds arising from the sale of these lots will be used for the building up of the sanitarium work. One block has been reserved for the erection of a school building for the church and intermediate school purposes. For prices and terms on lots, please address the Florida Sanitarium, Orlando, Fla.

CUMBERLAND

Daylight Institute

Brethren Pogue, Cole and myself conducted a very interesting canvassers institute at Daylight, Tenn., Feb. 13-21.

The whole church and school turned out in full for two sessions of two and one half hours in the forenoon and three hours in the afternoon. Bro. Pogue conducted the studies on the testimonies which were very profitable to all.

It is impossible to say yet how many will enter the canvassing field from the meeting; for the school is not yet closed, and some are not in a condition to decide definitely yet.

I have arranged for two families to locate near Chattanooga. At least one member of each family will canvass.

Bro. R. D. Whitney, an old experienced canvasser, who used to canvass in Alabama many years ago will work for "Home and Health" in Hamilton Co. And sister Kenyon will work in Chattanooga for "Daniel and the Revelation".

We expect another institute at Graysville

near the close of school; beginning about Apr. 19.

We want to see all the canvassers who have not attended an institute since the one at Graysville last year, with us. We are confident that their entertainment will cost them nothing for the ten days. The instruction will be of more value to them than the time in the field.

S. F. REEDER, *Field Missionary Agent.*

SOUTH CAROLINA

We hope that none of our people will be without our new missionary paper, *The Gospel Sentinel*. It will be so cheap that our missionary societies can use it in large quantities and many can be induced to read it who do not have time to read a large paper. Orders are coming in from individuals for clubs of from five to fifty.

Eliza Warner.

GEORGIA

Canvassers' Experiences

One writes: "The Lord blessed every effort that I have put forth, and I realize more than ever the need of His presence". He received \$29.00 worth of orders in 4 days.

After reaching his field on Tuesday night, another says: "Wednesday I started hunting and fishing, and I find that people here will buy books when they see one they want". He secured \$39.00 worth of orders the rest of the week.

Another worked 20 hours last week after getting to the territory and took \$21.75 worth of orders. Surely the Lord is good.

We are of good courage in the canvassing work in Georgia. Pray, reader, for its success.

A. L. MANOUS.

Progress in Georgia

We are glad to note the onward progress of the work in Georgia. The success our faithful canvassers have had, the past month is cheering: looking over the reports for three weeks in February, I find that orders have been taken, amounting to \$954.15 nearly the one thousand dollar mark. The battle is on, victories are being gained, let every soldier press forward.

To the praise of God I make mention of the progress of the work in Macon. I have spent some time in this place, and have realized the guidance and blessing of heaven in the work. Just recently it was my privilege to organize a Sabbath-school here, of fifteen or more adults. We fully expect to see the work prosper at this place, and a strong church established.

May we place no obstructions in the channel between us and heaven, that God may hear our united prayers for the success of the work:

G. W. WELLS.

Extracts From Letters

We Georgia canvassers are pleased to be able to report courage and progress in our part of the great field. We have not a discouraging note to sound, but all are enjoying the work and pushing the battle to the front.

The Lord is blessing us every day. He has given us a good company of energetic consecrated canvassers who are doing faithful work. I have never had the privilege of reading so many good and encouraging letters from the canvassers as I am now receiving. We have more workers in Ga., today, than we have had for some time for which we praise the Lord.

These extracts are sufficient to show that our appreciated canvassers are of good courage and are pushing forward with the truth in their hands and the love of it in their hearts. Those of us here in the city have all had some good experiences this week and have taken some orders.

From one appreciated paper workers comes the following good report:—

"I went to — last week and sold ninety one papers in four hours. I went into one store and called for the proprietor. I was told that he was in the rear of the store and I had to wait for him a while. Finally I had a chance to speak to him and asked permission, after having sold him a paper, to canvass his store. He replied, Yes, for that matter, 'work the whole town I happen to be the mayor.' I smiled and thanked him heartily, and he looked about as good as I felt.

"I had many interesting experience. I met the county school commissioner and he said, 'See my wife, she attends to the 'health' part of it.' I asked where she lived and he said, 'Next door.' I did see her and sold her a paper, and it did me lots of good.

This is indeed a good and encouraging experience and there are many of them in store for those who will rustle for them. Why cant we have many more workers in the field. The field is certainly large enough for more. We shall be pleased to hear from any along these lines, and just here let me say. PLEASE BE SURE TO REPORT ALL WORK DONE, WHETHER WITH BOOKS OR PAPERS.

We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that the work may go forward in this field this year as never before

A. L. MANOUS.

54 Beecher St. Atlanta, Ga.

Jacksonville

The dedication of the Jacksonville church took place Jan. 1-3. Our beloved President and Elder C. B. Stephenson were with us. The Lord greatly blessed in all the services and they were appreciated all.

Sister Frost had charge of the children's meeting and it was very interesting.

One soul was buried with the Lord in baptism. If the church needs a dedication then the members need a consecration. Each member consecrated himself to the Lord. After the consecration meeting we had a convention service on the coming of the Lord. All took part, each one speaking five minutes. It was very interesting.

A young People's Society was organized. These services have awakened the church to a living and working body.

There are several in the valley of decision. Pray with me that they may decide aright.

Wm. K. ACHENBACH.

"Work for the night is coming, when no man can work"

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Correction

Thru a misprint the amounts as given in the first issue on the Thanksgiving Offering were not altogether correct, so we will now give them again as follows:— Florida Conference \$163.48, North Carolina Conference \$81.69, South Carolina Conference \$155.08, Georgia Conference \$260.71, Cumberland Conference \$188.69, making a total of \$849.65. Since sending in the above more has come in and we are pleased to report that the total amount has swelled to \$1092.30 of which Florida receives credit for \$174.08, North Carolina \$107.44, South Carolina \$188.36, Georgia \$299.96, and Cumberland \$312.46.

H. D. D.

OBITUARY

Willie Edward Stych was born Apr. 7, 1880, in Kirk Christ, Rushan, Isle of Man. Died Jan. 28, 1909, in Bahia Honda, Cuba, of Tuberculosis. When two years of age his parents moved to Muskegon, Mich., where they accepted the truth, and fourteen years later moved to Miami, Florida. The deceased was reared an Adventist and attended the Graysville school for three years. In later years he drifted back into the world. June 20, 1906 was married to Miss Mable Randolph, Daytona, Florida. Nearly two years since, he was stricken with typhoid fever which developed into consumption. He endured much suffering and to the end was remarkable for his patience. Soon after his affliction he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized at Orlando by Elder Parmele, uniting with the church at that place. His Bible was his constant friend during his long illness and he died rejoicing in the truth. He availed himself of every opportunity to present the truth to others. The funeral interment took place at the home of the parents, in Bahia Honda, Cuba. Words of comfort were spoken by a Presbyterian minister, no minister of our faith being available. His favorite text and song Isaiah 41: 10 and Hymn "Dare to be a Daniel" were used in the service. He leaves a wife, parents, a brother and a sister to mourn their loss.

L. T. CHRISTLER.

The Watchman

Thirty Thousand for March

The March number of the Watchman is now ready. It is a splendid number, and is filled with excellent articles, each complete in itself. The illustrations, also, are excellent.

Our space forbids giving it an extended description. It must be seen and read in order to be appreciated.

Will you not join in circulating this number of this most excellent journal?

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CANVASSING REPORT

For the Month of Feb., 1909,

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Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Total	D
CUMBERLAND						
J. A. Caldwell	BFL	73	25	26.00	33.00	3.2
G. A. Slade	DR	75	13	19.50	26.00	6.0
W. S. Fulbright	DR	30	1	3.50		543
Walter Kirkham	BFL	65	31	48.00	49.50	2.5
F. B. Sedore	BFL	45	23	24.50	31.65	46.2
E. A. Clark	DR	30				20.8
H. B. Thompson	BFL	43	60	60.50	64.00	.5

GEORGIA

Thos. Henderson	LH	32				21.2
J. A. Sudduth	DR	120	39	99.25	113.25	24.5
J. A. Kimmel	GC, BFL	124	38	54.00	68.85	3.9
M. S. Grim	GC	113	35	48.00	74.30	10.7
Albert Benson	DR	170	73	57.65	143.40	—
Albert Cochran	DR	177	36	103.50	112.00	8.7
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	74	47	110.50	115.00	9.5
R. O. Terry	DR	75	45	125.25	125.25	5.5
W. D. Hughes	CK	32	1	1.00		.8
Mrs. A. L. Manous	DR	40	14	34.00	35.10	3.6
A. L. Manous	DR	13	13	32.45	30.25	5.4
Myrtle Maxwell		6				12.0
Mrs. Gale		80				55.0
Mrs. Hunt		80				55.0
W. P. Andrews	IL	117	47	47.00	47.00	9.0
J. D. Andrews	GC	165	37	109.75	118.75	3.0
Ellen Terry		21				1.1
R. M. Carter	DR	102	39	100.00	111.75	2.7
Mrs. R. M. Carter	HH	15	18	59.00	59.00	—
Mrs. A. Henderson	DR	4	7	12.50	12.50	.5
Lola M. Henderson		79				4.1

FLORIDA

E. B. Roman	DR	88	12	31.00	32.25	—
Mrs. J. McCough	DR	6	2	5.00	5.00	—
C. V. Achenbach	BFL	18	23	23.00	30.50	—
C. F. Yale	DR	98	88	173.50	177.00	2.5

SOUTH CAROLINA

J. B. Case	DR	69	27	39.50	42.00	18.5
J. B. Rise	DR	13	2	5.50	5.50	2.5
J. A. Woodall	BFL, DR	96	39	39.50	41.75	47.6
C. E. Sutton		48	60	59.00	60.50	31.2
I. R. Harden		30	13	14.75	17.55	22.5
W. P. Darnell		54	100	93.50	105.60	3.7

NORTH CAROLINA

R. L. Underwood	DR	156	44	62.00	86.50	84.5
W. E. Lanier	DR	41				94.7
G. L. Kerley	DR	156	23	43.00	71.45	65.3
M. L. Branch	CK	107	43	43.00	46.75	52.5
J. P. Allran	CK	120	71	81.00	79.75	30.7
Irregular	Misc	178	50	67.00	120.25	173.7
Jane Handly	Misc	46			3.60	3.6
Anne Patterson	Misc	40				
T. G. Barksdale	CK	24	3	3.00	7.10	4.0
O. R. Steed	DR	27	6	14.50	18.70	4.2
Bertha Graham	LH			218.00	239.80	
Mattie Reynolds	W			200.00	220.00	
Irregular				150.00	175.00	