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GOD'S CHOICE IN OUR LIFE-WORK

Many are dissatisfied with their life work. It may be that their surroundings are uncongenial; their time is occupied with commonplace work, when they think themselves capable of higher responsibilities; often their efforts seem to them to be unappreciated or fruitless; their future is uncertain.

Let us remember that while the work we have to do may not be our choice, it is to be accepted as God's choice for us. Whether pleasant or unpleasant, we are to do the duty that lies nearest. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

If the Lord desires us to bear a message to Nineveh, it will not be as pleasing to Him for us to go to Joppa or to Capernaum. He has reasons for sending us to the place toward which our feet have been directed. At that very place there may be some one in need of the help we can give. He who sent Philip to the Ethiopian counselor, Peter to the Roman centurion, and the little Israelitish maiden to Naaman, the Syrian captain, sends men and women and youth to day as His representatives to those in need of divine help and guidance.

Our plans are not always God's plans. He may see that it is best for us and for His cause to refuse our very best intentions, as He did in the case of David. But of one thing we may be assured, He will bless and use in the advancement of His cause those who sincerely devote themselves and all they have to His glory. If He sees it best not to grant their desires, He will counterbalance the refusal by giving them tokens of His love, and entrusting to them another service.

In His loving care and interest for us, often He who understands us better than we under-

stand ourselves refuses to permit us selfishly to seek the gratification of our own ambition. He does not permit us to pass by the homely but sacred duties that lie next to us. Often these duties afford the very training essential to prepare us for a higher work. Often our plans fail, that God's plans for us may succeed.

We are never called upon to make a real sacrifice for God. Many things He asks us to yield to Him, but in doing this we are not giving up that which hinders us in the heavenward way. Even when called upon to surrender those things which in themselves are good, we may be sure that God is thus working out for us some higher good.

In the future life, the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our blessings.

We are to look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is a part of God's service. Our daily prayer should be, "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Savior."

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

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FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING

The Florida Conference and camp-meeting will be held this year in Orlando. By a vote of the conference committee, it was decided that the conference should begin three days prior to the camp-meeting proper. This is in harmony with the instruction of the spirit of prophecy Test. Vol. 6 page 44. The first meeting of the conference will be held at 9 o'clock A. M., October 18, and there should be a full attendance of all delegates at the first meeting.

The Testimony above referred to also says, "Business matters should be attended to by those specially appointed for this work." Our Conference Constitution provides for "those specially appointed" as delegates to be chosen on the following basis: One for the organization and one additional for every ten members. For instance a church of twenty members would be entitled to three delegates. These delegates should be elected at once and their names reported to Sister Stringer that they may be properly enrolled.

A tent-meeting will begin on the camp ground September 23, and October 4 to 18th, there will be a canvassers institute. The Board of Trade of Orlando has agreed to furnish

us free electric current and water, and request that we tell them of anything else that they can do to assist. Excellent help is promised from the Union Conference, and we hope also for assistance from the General Conference. Let all begin now to plan to attend this meeting, and let those chosen as delegates feel it their duty to be present at the first meeting of the conference.

R. W. PARMELE.

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FLORIDA

The Gainesville Sabbath-School and Young People's Convention is now in the past, and I wish to tell you we had a feast. It is the first convention I ever attended, but it will not be the last if I can help it. We had a good attendance of our people from various parts of the state and the dear brethren and sisters of Gainesville did so much in every way to entertain us, which we all enjoyed so much. Let us always try to attend the conventions, for we hear so many good things that we otherwise would not. It is almost as good as a camp-meeting.

Mrs. M. E. TAYLOR.

Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Young People and Friends:-

I want to express my feeling of our convention at Gainesville.

It is the first convention I ever attended, was glad to have it here, and to have so many of the brethren and sisters from the other churches present with us and our State Secretary of the Young People's Voluntary Department.

We enjoyed this meeting and know that the Lord was present with us.

It was good to meet together and should we not meet again on this earth may we meet in the earth made new.

NELLIE LEWIS.

President, Y. P. V. M. S.

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TO MY BRETHREN IN FLORIDA

Since my appointments have been rearranged, it may be that I can not get around to meet with you all before camp-meeting, but let all be of good cheer and plan to attend the camp-meeting which we hope will be the best ever held in Florida.

I would like to visit you all, but since I have had to spend so much time in Punta Gorda to finish a good work there, I fear the appointments for Tampa, Palmetto, Ocala and Windsor will have to be omitted until after the camp-meeting.

Remember the time and place of the camp-meeting. Winter Park, November 4-14.

J. W. MANNS.

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LIVINGSTON FLORIDA

The tent-meeting that has been in progress here for six weeks, closed last night. The tent will be left up, however, and meetings will be held on Sabbath and Sunday while we follow up the work during the week by visiting and Bible work.

Several have taken their stand for the truth

and others are yet undecided so it is impossible to report at this time just what has been accomplished.

Baptism will be administered next week.

A Sabbath-School of twenty-seven members has been organized and we believe the work will continue to grow. Brethren, we earnestly solicit your prayers in behalf of the work in this place that the Lord may bring many souls into his precious truth.

W. H. BRANSON.

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HEALTH FOODS

Malted Nuts Free

We are getting many encouraging letters. Here is a sample: "Foods received O. K. 15th inst. We are well, very well, pleased with all of them, and having used all the "Health Foods" for some years, will say, I believe yours (equal to the best, and your prices enable us poor folk to use them. Wish you all kinds of success. Look for an order from us in the very near future.

Signed

JAMES PRICE,

Comanche, Iowa.

The Southern Union Conference is not operating this factory to make money, just simply to supply you with these foods. To come out even on running expenses at these low prices, we must do a large business, and we need your orders and your help. We are glad to report that the factory is running full time, and we must keep it going that way.

After experimenting for some time, we have just succeeded in producing an excellent grade of Malted Nuts. As an inducement for you to send your order at once, we will put in a 2-lb can free with your \$5.00 order, or 4-lbs with your \$10.00 order, provided you send it before September 25, and mention the Malted Nuts. The freight on a \$10.00 shipment will be no more than on a \$5.00 lot.

We claim there are no better foods made in this country than this factory is turning out. Your request by postal will bring price list, NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.

Nashville, Tenn.

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Exposition Number

Elder A. O. Tait on his return from the General Conference visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle for the purpose of gathering material for one feature of the August number of the Signs Monthly. He was given every advantage possible by those in charge of the Fair, and secured some very fine illustrations. His article presents the purpose of the Exposition, and facts concerning the Northwest, with numerous interesting photographs.

The real purpose of the Signs in presenting this most interesting feature is emphasized in Elder Wilcox's article, "Westward the Course of Empire takes its way" in which is given a review of the world's kingdoms, and the real prophetic setting of the period of progress which has attended development in the United States.

Its general articles touch every phase of the Message; its Home, Temperance, and Religious Liberty features are up to the usual standard.

The Lord is richly blessing definite effort with the magazine. 53,000 of the July number were sold. "I sold 100 copies a day every day last week. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me in my work" writes a young woman of five weeks' experience.

The suggestions and canvases in the Signs Worker will assist you in making a success. The August number is an excellent one with which to begin work.

Twenty five copies cost \$1.00; they bring \$2.50. One hundred copies cost \$4.00; you sell them for \$10.00. Order of the Tract Society.

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Florida Items

Brother Whitford reports a good interest in his Bible reading work at Ormond, and that the new church at Daytona is growing spiritually.

Brethren Branson and Webster report several new Sabbath Keepers, as a result of their meeting at Livingston, and the interest is still good.

Elder Parmele baptized one at Lakeland and two at Gainesville recently.

Elder Manns reports six additions to the Punta Gorda church as a result of his meeting, and still others are hoped for.

The Sabbath school conventions have been seasons of blessing. We believe they have come to stay.

Send to Brother W. F. Martin, Fort Ogden for an announcement of the Fort Ogden Church and Intermediate School.

Dean.— Dr. J. J. Dean of Palm View, Florida died of apoplexy at 4:30 A. M. Sabbath July 21, 1909. The doctor had a stroke about one year ago, from the effect of which he never fully recovered. He had been falling very fast for a month past, and finally was taken to the sanitarium at Orlando, but had another stroke 48 hours after his arrival, from which he died 24 hours later. He accepted the present truth about 25 years ago, and has lived a consistent life ever since. He was loved by all who knew him, and his godly example has been a power for good. He had lived out his time, "three score years and twelve; had fought a good fight, and was prepared for rest, to await the coming of the Life Giver. Words of comfort by the writer based on Rev. 14: 13. Interment at Palm View.

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Colored Camp-meeting

A camp-meeting for our colored brethren and sisters will be held at Cleveland, Tenn., beginning Sept. 9th, and continuing over two Sabbaths. Good help will be provided, and we sincerely hope that all our brethren and sisters will be present and enjoy the feast of the Lord together. Come one and all, and bring your friends and neighbors with you.

J. F. POGUE.

Items

It is with much pleasure that we have learned of the success attending the tent effort at Johnson City, Tenn. Eight or nine have begun to keep the Sabbath and many more are in the valley of decision. A number of the prominent members of other churches are enquiring concerning the truth. We bespeak for all of the tent companies the earnest prayers of our people.

We heartily commend the efforts of many of our young people to secure a scholarship by the sale of our literature. It is gratifying to know, as the time for the opening of school draws near, that some have almost completed their task. What some have done many others can do. Determine that you will succeed. The class of students that come to school as the result of canvassing for a scholarship are most desirable. They know what their schooling cost and are determined to make the most of it. Such young people will probably amount to something in the world. We bid them a hearty God speed.

Young people, watch for the announcement of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course which is soon to begin. In planning your work, make a place for the Reading course. It will be a very important one.

Each one of our young people should be a diligent reader of our excellent paper "The Youth's Instructor." If there is one who has not read the series of articles entitled "Youthful Witnesses" by Elder W. A. Spicer, please read these articles at once. Others could with profit reread them. When we think of what many others have suffered for Christ's sake, our daily trials will seem small, and our determination to be a faithful witness of the Cross will deepen.

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"Character is the great harvest of life." M. of B. p 129.

"The faithful discharge of today's duties is the best preparation for tomorrow's trials." M. of H. p 431.

"Actions repeated from habits, form character, and by the character our destiny for time and for eternity is decided." C. O. L. p 356.

"All His bidings are enablings." C. O. L. p 333.

"A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next." C. O. L. p 332.

"It is Satan's work to flatter." C. O. L. p 161.

"The value of man is estimated in heaven according to the capacity of the heart to know God." C. O. L. p 354.

"The greatest qualification for any man is to obey implicitly the word of the Lord." C. O. L. p 359.

"Sanctification consists in the cheerful performance of daily duties in perfect obedience to the will of God." C. O. L. p 360.

"No one who is not growing daily in capability and usefulness is fulfilling the purpose

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Camp-meeting Dates

Cumberland Athens, August 24-September 5
Florida Orlando, October 21-31
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of life."

"True education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty."

"We cannot change ourselves; but the power of choice is ours, and it rest with us to determine what we will become."

"What a man is, in the most secret desires and purposes of his soul, that is his character and life-record in the sight of Heaven."

"We have nothing to fear from the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has lead us, and his teaching in our past history."

"But when we really believe that God loves us, and means to do us good good, we shall cease to worry about the future."

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him."

"He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

"Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and soon it becomes so strong we cannot break it." Horace Mann.

"The tears of the penitent are only the rain-drops that precede the sunshine of holiness."

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

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Cumberland Legal Association

There will be a meeting of the Legal association of Seventh-day Adventists of the Cumberland Conference at Athens, Tenn., Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1909 at 2:30 P. M.

J. F. POGUE,
President..

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Notice

The Southern Training School Calendar is now ready for distribution. Send for a copy. School opens September 29th, 1909, closes June 7, 1910.

Those desiring a nice quiet retreat, free from malaria and mosquitoes, in which to secure an education cannot do better than to come to Graysville. For further information address Southern Training School, Graysville, Tenn.

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks, Ending Aug. 14, 1909.

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R. L. Underwood	D t	94		16.00	169.25	
T. F. Stepp	DR	62	11	32.25	35.75	47.25
U. H. George	GC	45	38	116.50	133.15	66.95
H. B. Tilden	DR	1			.75	11.25
Mrs. J. W. Moore	CK	9	3	3.00	3.75	.75
G. L. Kerley	DR	21			1.25	39.50
George H. Jeys	CK	28	4	4.00	14.10	10.10
H. Belle Hahn	CK	3	1	1.00	1.75	2.75
J. P. Allran	CK	76	45	45.00	60.65	6.65
J. W. Moore	DR	20	9	16.75	18.25	1.50
M. L. Branch	CK	40			4.00	78.30
J. S. Killen	S of P	12	2	2.50	4.50	3.25
Amelia Webster	G to H	13	5	15.00	16.00	10.00

Summary

North Carolina	Total	509	127	254.00	328.40	620.40
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