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Sunday Laws and Our Attitude To Them

For the benefit of those who are some what perplexed to know just what attitude to take toward the Sunday laws which are being so strictly enforced in South Carolina and other places, I will submit the following instruction which comes to us from the servant of the Lord touching upon this point. It is very evident that those who are persecuted for Sunday labor will not be shown any favors by the law or those who enforce it. The Bible is disregarded and the Law of God is lowered to the dust. Judgement is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." Isa. 59:14,15.

We need not hope to win out when persecution is waged against us for Sunday labor. The enemies of God's law when thus given an opportunity, only heap reproach upon those who obey it, and thus the truth is brought into disrepute. Prejudice is created in the hearts of those who otherwise would be favorable to the truth, and doors are closed never again to be opened.

It is a splendid thing to know what to do under such circumstances. Christ has said "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." And he has revealed to us through his servants how we may show our wisdom in this matter, and beat the enemy at his own game.

"The light given me of the Lord . . . was, that when the people were moved by a power from beneath to enforce Sunday observance, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by refraining from their regular work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort. To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no occasion to call you law-breakers. If they are left to rein up men who fear neither God nor man the reigning up will soon lose its novelty for them, and they will see that it is not consistent for them to be strict in regard to the observance of Sunday. Keep right on with your missionary work, with your Bibles in your hands, and the enemy will see that he has worsted his own cause. One does not receive the Mark of the Beast because he shows that he realizes the wisdom of keeping the peace by refraining from work that gives offense, doing at the same time a work of the highest importance.

When we devote Sunday to missionary work, the whip will be taken out of the hands of the arbitrary zealots who would be pleased to humiliate Seventh-day Adventists. When they see that we employ ourselves in visiting the people and opening the Scriptures to them, they will know it is useless for them to try to hinder our work by making Sunday laws.

The law for the observance of the first day of the week is the production of an apostate Christendom. Sunday is a child of the Papacy, exalted by the Christian world above the sacred day of God's rest. In no case are God's people to pay it homage. But I wish them to understand that they are not doing God's will by braving opposition when he wishes them to avoid it. Thus they create prejudice so strong that it is impossible for the truth to be proclaimed. Make no demonstration on Sunday in defiance of the law. If this is done in one place and you are humiliated, the same thing will be done in another place. We can use Sunday as a day on which to carry forward work that will tell on the side of Christ. We are to do our best, working with all meekness and lowliness. Test. Vol. 9, page 232 - 224.

Brethren here is wisdom from above and it would be well for us to heed it and thus avoid bringing upon ourselves unnecessary persecution. Before the conflict ends the persecution will be fierce enough without our stirring it up by pursuing an unwise course.

W. H. BRANSON.

Among the Schools

DURING the latter part of September the writer assisted in the Florida Teachers' Summer-school which was

followed by the Sanford, Florida campmeeting this conference is endeavoring to raise the standard of education by holding an institute each year for the training of teachers. The plan is certainly very commendable, but even more good could be derived if the conferences in the union would unite and thus secure these blessings to all teachers under their supervision. May we not hope to this end?

Provisions are being made in several localities to conduct schools to carry the pupils through the common branches. Jacksonville, Florida has provided for full intermediate work, having two teachers to meet the local demands. This is not a boarding school as the brethren live in the various parts of the city but having a goodly number of children and a call from the outside have decided that no better missionary work can be done than that of educating children for the Kingdom of God. They invite all in the vicinity to co-operate with them in the good. Many people would appreciate such schools if they only knew where to find them. East Lake School in the suburbs of Atlanta is going nicely. It is made up largely of outside pupils and is truly a mission school, with industrial work available. From time to time we trust the teachers will write short articles of interest concerning their work and after all the have begun a general summary will be given in the *FIELD TIDINGS*. The writer plans to visit all the schools of North Carolina after Oct. 15. If any have not yet employed a teacher, no time should be lost in closing the contract for one, since nearly all have been secured.

H. M. HIATT, *Ed. Sec'y.*
169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

Attention, Canvassers

As we are now drawing near to the time for the fall delivery, I suppose a good many of our faithful bookmen will soon know something of their prospect for attending the bookmen's convention which will be held January 7 to 10.

The church at Graysville has kindly invited this meeting in connection with the bi-annual session of the Southeastern Union Conference to be held there. This will be more definitely decided a little later on.

I suppose that all of the canvassers understand that last January the Southeastern Union Conference voted to recommend that each local conference of the Union pay the railroad fare and that the Southern Publishing Association pay the board of each canvasser from these respective conferences, who would sell and deliver \$1000.00 of our denominational books, during 1911 and have their accounts square with the publishing house.

This is the first the bookmen of this Union have had such an offer set before them, and we believe to attend this convention, will not only be a spiritual refreshing to them, but that the ways and means that may be developed at this gathering may be a very great help to each in doing more efficient work, and will be well worth the effort put forth to attend.

I shall be glad to hear from those who have set their stake for this mark and to know the progress you have made up to the present time.

V. O. COLE,
Graysville, Tenn.

Georgia Items.

Elder Stephenson spent Sabbath and Sunday, Sept. 16—17, with the Atlanta churches. Two were baptized in church Number 2.

Brethren Clark and Spaulding report fifteen Sabbath keepers at Cordelle as the result of the tent efforts there. They expect to pitch again, and continue the effort until the season closes for tent work.

The second Adventist pastor is on the point of embracing the Sabbath. His wife has already begun to observe all the commandments. Their church is open to us for meetings. We expect to conduct services there after the tent comes down.

We are glad to say that Sister Clark has greatly improved in health since moving to Atlanta, and is able to resume her work.

Brother Rahn South Carolina came over last week, accompanied by Brother Evers, and had an operation performed at the sanitarium Monday afternoon. He is doing nicely.

Miss Lizzie Lee Stephenson, daughter of C. B. Stephenson, came down from Alpharetta last Wednesday, October 3, to visit friends and to take treatment. Soon after her arrival, she was taken what proved to

be an acute case of appendicitis, which required immediate operation which was performed in the Atlanta sanitarium Monday afternoon. She is doing nicely.

We are glad to note that the conference has a little more than raised our weekly quota, in the first nine months of the year. Let the good work go on.

The churches and isolated ones are taking hold of the Harvest Ingathering work encouragingly. Let every one do his best to make this effort a success.

Brother Fulbright reports that the boys in the canvassing department are full of courage, and are having encouraging experiences.

C. B. STEPHENSON,
October 11.

South Carolina Items

THE Spartanburg Missionary Volunteer Society has purchased a number of books for the library.

Brother R. M. Carter is busy with the canvassers and the work shows encouraging progress.

Miss Grace Craw of Graysville, Tenn. spent Monday in Spartanburg on her way to Cherokee where she will teach the church-school this winter.

Miss Ada Acker, teacher of the Spartanburg church-school, spent Sabbath and Sunday at her home in Tryon, N. C. Her mother has been quite sick, but is improving.

Mrs. Stella Brown who has been sick with *pellegra* for several months, fell asleep on Sabbath morning, Sept. 30, to awake no more until the Life-giver shall come. For several years Sister Brown has been a faithful member of the Spartanburg church, and during her long illness no word of complaint passed her lips. She felt prepared to go, but greatly desired to live that she might train her two little boys to love the Lord.

The trial of Brother J. A. Brown for Sunday labor took place on Friday, September 29, and he was found guilty, and fined one dollar. The case will probably be appealed to the circuit court. Eld. W. H. Branson and A. H. Evers attended the trial.

Elder Branson remained with the Battle Ground church and held quarterly meeting on Sabbath. The Cherokee church attended in a body.

Two candidates were baptized and seven new members were added to the two churches. On Sunday night Elder Branson spoke to a crowded house, much interest being manifested on account of the trial. The brethren have sold their church, and about December 1 expect to erect a larger and more suitable building.

ETIIZA WARNER.

The Time Has Been Set

OCTOBER 31 is the time that has been set by the General Conference for the sound of a going of all our people in behalf of another Harvest Ingathering Campaign for Missions. Advance copies of the Mission number of the Signs have been sent out to all of our Church officers with leaflets giving the general features of the Harvest Ingathering Undertaking, these will be carefully distributed to each member of the church so all will be ready for active work on the date set.

We desire in this connection to call especial attention to the Harvest Ingathering Program as outlined in the Review to be rendered in all our churches Sabbath, October the 28, let all our church officers take up this program and carry it out with such enthusiasm that each member of the church will be encouraged to take hold of this work. Nearly ten thousand copies of this special number of the Signs have been ordered and sent out to all our churches, companies, and isolated members. May the earnest appeals from our faithful missionaries for help in their destitute fields inspire each and every member in the Cumberland Conference to do his duty.

P. G. STANLEY.

God's Marvelous Work

"O LORD how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou created them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psr 104:24." The variety of God's works is infinite. It is impossible for one human mind to grasp them all. How true the statement of Paul, Rom. 11:33. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments and his ways past finding out." Man can search and revelations will reward his labor; but the end of God's

ways is hid in infinity. Truly, "The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." Yet how many finite minds seek to find a language in these that tell of self evolution in the place of the power and wisdom of God.

O that poor, finite mortals would learn from their intercourse with the works of God, that sweet language which speaks of a loving father. "There is no speech, nor language where this is not heard" and yet how many fail to hear the voice of the Infinite one. 'Twould seem that a little time for meditation among the works of God, the flowers, groves, fields, myriads of insects and all diversity of earth life and formations, would lift one's mind from self. And a further glimpse of the starry vault above, a look into the ways of the creator, whose plans are immeasurable by the finite minds, should speak in tones of awe of the Creator of all. Then a turning of the mind's eye inward, a glimpse of self, a ray of knowledge of the needs of the human, a view of the needs of the character would turn one's attention towards the Savior of revelation.

Oh, the boundless love of him, who gave up all the honor and majesty of heaven to reveal to poor lost man the infinite love of God. Many doubt the efficiency of the Saviour. But some of us thank God, that amid human wisdom, amid all the babel of voices sounding in the world there is a voice the voice of the universe yet, a still small voice, which speaks saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." May all who have faith in God's word, remember this admonition. "Oh Timothy keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so called," remembering that all true science teaches us of God.

M. B. VAN KIRK

North Carolina

We are encouraged by the good reports from those at the front. From High Point comes the good news that several are now ready for baptism, others have declared their intentions of keeping the Sabbath,

while still others are deeply interested. The meetings are attended by from 200 to 500 people, a larger attendance than we have had since the campmeeting closed, and the workers are of good courage.

Word comes from Brother Page Sienard that he preached two sermons at Broad Creek, and the whole village church turned to the Lord. Now in this section of the field there are over twenty keeping the Sabbath. The work at Newbern is still moving along nicely, and God is blessing the efforts of his workers there.

M. H. BROWN.

The Watchman

The Present Truth Evangelizer.

THE *October Watchman* struck a vital chord for again we exhausted our edition. It is certainly phenomenal the way the Lord is blessing in the circulation of this excellent magazine.

In November we think we have surpassed all previous efforts and our cover design is the finest design we have ever yet secured. It is printed in four colors and is certainly a beauty. It is a most striking picture of the hand of Providence in the history of the United States. We want everyone to read our leading editorial "Was Our Nation established by Divine Providence?" Is it not strange that nearly 5500 years elapsed since the commencement of time before the western hemisphere was discovered, during which time powerful universal monarchies rose and fell? While the Old World was exhausted by almost ceaseless conflict God prepared virgin soil for the growth and development of heaven-born principles long trampled in the dust by the legions of Europe. From it the United States sprang forth, and took her place among the nations as an example of what God-given freedom and equality can accomplish when nourished in soil wet with the dew of Heaven's blessing. Read how the United States, the most favored of governments, must have been established by Providence for a definite purpose.

Another editorial, "The hand of God in History," is an excellent review of evidences indicating divine direction in the affairs of men. Have the wheels of time, grinding

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out the centuries, turned? When universal empire held sway, defended by the imperial army of Rome. Christendom dreamed of nothing but despotism. How different today! World dominion, after a supreme struggle, has given way and several kingdoms now occupy the throne of the Caesars, maintaining universal peace by their jealous fear of each other. Truly the hand of God is visible in history and the handwriting on the wall is plainly legible when viewed from a Bible standpoint. This article is interesting and instructive because it views history and its Maker in the light of the prophetic word.

Those interested in the causes of the unrest prevailing today should read Clarence Santee's striking article entitled "Prophecy of the Last Days." Everyone knows that more wealth is being assessed today than in the palmiest days of Babylon's splendor. Labor conditions are strained and perplexing. The unsettled world presents a picture today, a counterpart of which cannot be found in all history. This article shows that remarkable prophecies are being fulfilled right before us and that day labor troubles are one of the many signs that the end hastens on apace. An article of real value.

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Ashville North Carolina

our school opened September 13, with Miss Sara Rudolph as teacher. We had nine pupils the first day, but now have eighteen enrolled.

We greatly appreciate the privilege of having our children under christian influence, and being taught right principles.

Our church feels that the proper training and education of our children is the vital importance, and that this responsibility rests on us, and we cannot refuse to bear it, even though it calls for sacrifice and strong effort to meet the expense.

We are thankful to have received the services of a competent teacher, and we fully expect the results will be good, and that the school will be a blessing to the church.

G. W. WELLS.

"Not failure, but low aim is crime."

Canvassing Report Southeastern Union Conference

(week ending Sept. 30)

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Helps,	Total,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA							
W. H. George	GC	39	33	104.00	6.25	110.00	6.25
J. W. Siler	CK	40	50	78.50	5.50	84.00	5.50
S. F. Woodell	CK	40	33	50.00	2.75	53.25	2.75
R. L. Underwood	DR	39	19	43.00	7.00	50.00	7.00
A. L. Underwood	CK	41	51	51.50	6.50	58.00	6.50
N. D. Ingram	CK	36	14	21.00	2.25	23.25	2.25
E. E. Messenger	CK	48	10	15.00	1.50	16.50	1.50
J. P. Allran	CK	28	19	29.50	2.50	32.00	4.00
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc.	18	13	12.50	1.00	13.50	1.50
Leon Nash	BFL	35	7	7.00	.75	7.75	.75
W. E. Lanier	BFL	33	32	32.00	1.00	33.00	1.00
W. E. Patterson	CK	28			4.00	4.00	4.00
GEORGIA							
Jno. Wright	PPF	72	26	44.50		44.50	8.00
N. A. Reiber	PPF						80.00
J. M. Lewis	PPF DR	41	58	107.50	8.05	115.55	
M. J. Weber	BFL	32	2	2.50	.50	3.00	77.00
R. O. Terry	BFL	23	17	23.50	2.15	25.65	15.00
C. W. Hester	BFL	18	11	13.00		13.00	
W. H. Tarver	BFL	40	70	84.00	42.60	126.60	4.25
W. A. Smith	BFL	12	2	2.00	4.50	6.50	
M. B. Scoggins	BFL	21	15	15.00	10.25	25.25	
J. A. Sudduth	BFL	44	9	13.50	14.85	28.35	9.35
J. Thompson	CK	35	17	25.50	1.75	27.25	1.75
W. C. Cheek	CK	40	26	40.50		40.50	
CUMBERLAND							
Edward Whittier	PPF	53	32	50.00	26.85	76.85	1.05
Walter Kirkham	PPF	45	28	57.50	17.30	74.80	4.15
L. D. Wright	PPF	52	13	26.00	11.25	37.25	
Arthur Dimock	GC	6	2	8.00	1.20	9.20	5.00
T. D. Rowe	DR	35					165.45
J. W. Purvis	PPF	18					22.75
Summary							
North Carolina	Total	472	281	444.00	41.00	485.25	43.00
Georgia	Total	366	251	369.50	80.15	449.65	195.35
Cumberland	Total	209	75	141.50	56.60	198.10	197.50
Grand Total		1047	607	955.00	177.75	1133.00	435.85