

# Review and Herald Supplement

Matt. 9:37, 38: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1897.

DESPITE this melting weather, the *Signs* list runs merrily along at about 40,000. What ought it to do when cooler weather sets in? Rather, What will you do?

WE have no canvassing report from our Upper Columbia and Montana friends for June, but are promised one for July. The former society has appointed a State agent, and expects to enter the work in earnest.

ONE of our California lady canvassers reports 44 orders out of 83 exhibitions as the result of work done in one week and one day. These orders are valued at \$157, and the territory worked is no better than whole counties at the disposal of that conference.

ONE of our Eastern canvassers recently took a dozen yearly subscriptions for the *Signs* with "Great Controversy," all from one county. This shows that our canvassers can take orders for the "*Signs*" in connection with selling their books, if they will only give attention to it.

BROTHER GEORGE A. KING sold \$102.62 worth of one of our health books, in twenty-four hours last week, in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. His sales are uniformly from \$125 to \$150 worth per week. This shows how our health books will sell when properly presented to the people. The world is calling for the principles contained in these good books. Who is ready to enter the great harvest-field, and carry these books to the people?

ONE of our most devoted agents writes that she has gone over her territory with one after another of our small books, and finds that "Modern Spiritualism" sells the best of any of them. And why should not this book be sold by the million? Satan has his agents out everywhere spreading the pernicious doctrine of Spiritualism; and if we do our duty, we shall be intensely active in circulating the truth, so that all may have a chance to escape the delusion.

"THERE are in this world hearts that are crying aloud for the living God." — Mrs. E. G. White. In view of the foregoing most encouraging statement, let us each ask ourselves the pointed question, Am I, by a life of faithful usefulness, seeking out those who are "crying aloud for the living God," and pointing them to the great Fountain of righteousness and eternal life?

THE following extract is taken from a letter from K. R. Haughey and his company, who are working in Illinois: —

As you will see by this, we are alive and at work. The Lord is giving a reasonable degree of success. Last week it was so warm that we could accomplish but little, but it is cooler now; and strange as it may seem, as the weather cools off, the hearts of the people warm up, and we have secured a goodly number of orders. This week we have on our list some of the leading people of the city, among them a judge of the supreme court, also the county judge, ministers, doctors, bankers, and others who occupy leading positions. Our courage was never better, and our trust in the Lord was never stronger.

These brethren are working with the "Two Republics."

## WITH OUR TRACTS.

ONE of our isolated Sabbath-keepers in Iowa writes: "This spring I have been spending Friday afternoons doing tract and missionary work around town. I have nearly completed the work in one half of the town, and have commenced in the other half. In the part I have gone over there is considerable interest to hear more of the truth. I think this would be an excellent place for a series of meetings. The Lord has blessed me very much in this work. It will take me about eight weeks to finish the distribution of tracts. May the Lord's blessing continue to abide in the work." How the message would speed through the towns and villages in all the world, if every Sabbath-keeper would

work diligently one half a day each week to enlighten those about him! In view of the urgency of the work, can we not plan to spend even more time than that?

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#### UNION IN MISSIONARY WORK.

IT has often been said that in union there is strength, and this is just as true now as when it was first spoken. There can be no union between a man who puts his whole heart into the work, and works, and a man who is willing to see another work, but who does not join in the same work. They will drift apart. It was said of Christ, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4.

The life is made up of the actions, be they good or bad. In his case his actions made his life "the light of men." I have often thought what a rebuke there is to the indolent professor in the statement that in Christ there was life. He put life into every act. He was a model missionary. Did he ever get weary?—Certainly. He sat down to rest at Jacob's well. Being overcome with weariness, he slept while the boat was pitching in the storm. Yet his life was the light of the world. John 8:12. There should be perfect union among ministers, canvassers, Bible workers,—yes, in every part,—for each one must look to that one life for the living example. True missionary work will have life in it. Peter says that Christ has left us an example, that we "should follow his steps." 1 Peter 2:21. Again, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6. Jesus said of his own life, "I work." John 5:17. He says of us that he has given "to every man his work," and doing this work makes man what God designed him to be when he said, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14.

What was the work of Christ? In 1 John 3:8 we read, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." The works of the devil are plainly stated in the preceding verses to be the transgressing, or breaking, of God's law. If this is so, then the whole sum of missionary work centers in bringing people back to the keeping of the ten commandments. There can be no missionary work outside of this.

Christ said, "I have kept my Father's commandments" (John 15:10); and again, speaking of his relation to God, he said, "I do always those things that please him." John 8:29. What is it to please him? "For the minding of the flesh is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the minding of the flesh is enmity against God: for

it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Rom. 8:6-8, marginal readings. Here Christ says that to be in the flesh is to be "not subject to the law of God," and those who are in this condition cannot please God. Christ said, speaking of his relation to his Father, "I do always those things that please him." "Always" means all the time—all his life. They that are not subject to the law cannot please God, but Christ did *always* those things that pleased him.

To be a true missionary for God, one must *always* live and teach the law of God. The work of the canvasser is to teach the law of God; the minister must teach the law of God; and the Bible worker must do the same work. Can there be aught but union among these?—No; it is impossible. The only lack of union must be between the one who works, and the one who does not. One point for the missionary, then, is to work, and put life into his work. Another is to know that his work is drawing men to the keeping of the commandments of God. This will make a perfect missionary life; it will be Christ's life. To a certain king the counsel was given, "Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms." 1 Kings 20:24. The kings sat in their pavilions, and said, Go (verses 16, 18); but the captains went before the men into the battle. This was wise counsel then, and it is good for us in this day. With the Lord on the side of the leaders and all who go into the battle, the victory will be sure.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

#### THE THING NEEDFUL.

THOUGH much has been said in reference to the importance of the different branches of the Lord's work, none too much has been said. While the importance of the work, especially the canvassing work, has been presented, and appeals have often been made for workers to engage in the sale of our publications, our people have not taken hold of this matter as it is their privilege to do. Why is this? Is it because they have no desire to do so?—No, not wholly.

As I talk work to our people, there seems to be a willingness on their part to work, if they only knew *how*. They say they would do more work if they knew how to go at it. This is an excuse that really has no foundation; for they could learn by practise, and "practise makes perfect." But we may take the excuse out of the way by not only *telling* them how to work, but *showing* them. And is this not what we should do?

It is an easy thing for those in the lead to get up plans, and tell how the work ought to be done; but to get into the field and put those plans into operation is another thing. Going into the field, and showing a person how to work in his own territory, has its effect.

Not long ago I visited one of our canvassers. He had decided to become a resident canvasser, and canvass his territory for the small books first. He had some fears that perhaps he could not make a living with the small books, and said he was afraid he would fail. I did not argue the question with him, did not say he could or could not make a living, but took him into the field the next morning, and demonstrated before him that he could make a living. This had its effect. What did I do?—I simply *showed* him how.

I do not say that we should stop urging the importance of the work, and telling how to work, but that we should show them how. The talking must be done, and the showing them how must not be left undone.

I hope to see the time come when *all* our workers—ministers, Bible workers, district agents, State agents, directors, and others who go among our people to instruct them—will take hold and show them how to work. We may keep on laying plans to get our people to work, but until we who are called to lead out in the work, teach more by example, we shall not be able to get others to work effectively.

While our Saviour was on earth, great power attended his work, because he always taught the things that he had previously practised, and the blessing of God rested upon his efforts. Brethren, let us follow his methods of teaching.

J. E. DUNN.

#### SELLING OUR BOOKS IN KANSAS.

I AM thankful for the good work that has been and is being done in this line. Many have thought the book work done in Kansas. I am of the opinion that our sale of "Bible Readings" is about ended, but we have other good books that will sell. Take "Daniel and the Revelation." More people have learned the truth from its pages than from those of any other book. In fact, where do we go to find the truth for to-day?—To the books of Daniel and Revelation. Surely, then, we ought to help the people to understand the wonderful things that God has for his people these last days.

Last spring we urged a few of our brethren to try the sale of "Daniel and the Revelation," and thus prove to us that the book will sell. The reports prove that without a doubt the book will sell. All that is needed is for men who have a burden for souls upon them to take the book and carry it to the people. The Lord has favored the central part of Kansas with

a good wheat crop. Brethren, ought not there to be many who will take up this work this fall? Now is our time.

W. S. HYATT.

#### A CALL FOR CANVASSERS.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, July 7, 1897.

*Editor Review and Herald:*—

DEAR BROTHER: If you will allow me space in your valuable paper, I would like to write a few lines regarding the canvassing work in this country. I have been engaged for three years in the canvassing work in this field between Port Arthur, Ontario, and Revelstoke, British Columbia, a distance of over fifteen hundred miles. I have sold about eleven hundred copies of "Great Controversy" and "Bible Readings," also a large quantity of Bibles and small books and pamphlets. As a result of this work I have had the joy of seeing several take a stand for the truth, and many others are deeply interested. I praise the Lord for all his blessings.

This is a very large field, and the people are scattered considerably; but that works to our advantage as they are not bothered so much by other agents. Those who are carrying the third angel's message will go where no other canvasser or agent will go, because the faithful canvasser is sent of God to deliver his message, and he will deny himself, and go where a man who is working simply to make money would not think of going.

This field has been neglected on account of its being so far away, and a great part of it has never been canvassed for any of our books, but it is now ripe unto harvest.

Who among the readers of the REVIEW will deny themselves of home comforts, and come to this country and help us gather a few sheaves from these hills and plains? God has faithful people scattered about in this country who have never heard the truth, and who are hungering and thirsting for light. Why should the harvest wait while so many stand all the day idle? We could use ten or fifteen consecrated men and women who feel a burden for the canvassing work, and who realize that this work is one of the best methods of carrying the truth to the people. We need men and women who are willing to endure hardships, who are not afraid of long, cold winters, and who would not get lonesome, and want to go home every six months, but would be willing to stay here for two years at least, and devote all their time to the canvassing work. If there are any of the readers of the REVIEW who are thus inclined, I would be pleased to correspond with them.

We can use one or two French, and one or two German, canvassers to good advantage.

GEORGE W. SOWLER.

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**THE TIME IS NEAR.**

GREAT is the work of the Lord. Men are choosing sides. Even those supposed to be heathen will choose the side of Christ, while those who become offended, as did the disciples, will go away and walk no more with him, and others will come in and occupy the place they have left vacant. The time is very near when man will reach the prescribed limits. He has now almost exceeded the bounds of the long-suffering of God, the limits of his grace, the limits of his mercy. The record of his works in the books of heaven is, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." The Lord will interfere to vindicate his own honor, to repress the swellings of unrighteousness and bold transgression.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

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**OUR DUTY AS CHILDREN OF GOD.**

"BELOVED, now are we the sons of God." In these words are set forth two leading thoughts; namely, we are the sons of God, and we are the sons of God at this very moment. Since we are sons, we should be ever inquiring of our Father to learn what his will is concerning us,—what he would have us do, how and where he would have us work. As children of our Heavenly Father, this is our duty. It is only natural that children should be interested in the same line of work which they have learned, by precept and example, from their father. Just so may we learn from our Heavenly Father, and he designs that we shall learn in just that way. He wants us to become thoroughly acquainted with his plans, and interest ourselves in them, just as the earthly child is interested in the work or business of its father.

In the prayer which he taught to his disciples, the Saviour tells us to whom we should direct our petitions, and for what we should pray: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Attention is not directed to this familiar scripture because we fear you have overlooked it, but that we may each examine it more closely, and determine whether we, as sons of God, are doing all that it is possible for us to do, in order that our prayers may be answered. We have seen what the precept teaches. Suppose we now look at the example of our Elder Brother. When man disobeyed God and fell into sin, Christ pleaded with the Father, and the plan of redemption was formed. Since that time he has never failed to put forth untiring efforts to reclaim man and restore to him that which he lost by the fall.

When we think of what was involved in the plan of salvation, and consider what it cost the Son of God, and what it means to be adopted into the brotherhood of Christ and the family of heaven, every power within us should be consecrated to the work of advancing the cause of our Master. O that we may have enkindled within us the same missionary spirit that prompted the Son of God to leave the court of heaven, and come to this earth to suffer and die for a race that was living in open violation of the laws of Heaven.

When we come to the place where we take hold of the work from the same motives that caused the Saviour to lay aside his divinity, take upon himself man's sinful nature, and come to live in the world, there will be a mighty awakening, and the earth will be lighted with the glory of God. It is our privilege to be co-workers with Christ. He says, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." If we go forth bearing the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour, we shall bring joy and gladness to many hearts that are now filled with sorrow and darkness. There are many ways by which this work can be done; such as, ministering to the wants of the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted, preaching the word, and engaging in carrying to the people the printed page, laden with the solemn, soul-stirring truths for this time.

"Canvassers are wanted to labor in the missionary field." Never should the success of the missionary canvasser be measured by "dollars and cents;" the measure of success will be the way in which the work is done. If we follow the example of our Elder Brother, letting the life and light of God shine forth in our lives as it did in his, we shall know just what he wants us to do, and shall go to work in the very place where he wants us to be. Then he will bless our efforts, and we can say with the apostle Paul, "Thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." E. P. Boggs.

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**ACTIVITY.**

THERE is not one inactive in heaven, and no one will enter the mansions of bliss who has failed to show love for Christ, who has put forth no efforts for the salvation of others. . . . The home missionary spirit is little known among us, and its manifestation is greatly needed in every line of work. A portion of the church has begun to exhibit some activity along missionary lines. But if we do not awake more generally and fully, then those who know not the truth for this time will advance before us, and block up our way.

The above quotation is taken from "Special Testimony to Ministers and Workers," No. 3, and shows

very plainly that it is "high time to awake out of sleep," put on the armor, and go forward in the work that God has given us to do. It is not necessary for all to leave their homes and go to some foreign land; but there is plenty of work right at our very doors. There are several different lines of missionary work to be carried forward, all of which are important; and there is one line of self-supporting missionary work in which a large number can engage,—the missionary canvassing work.

If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work, and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labor.

I. A. FORD.

#### THE CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE.

CANVASSERS have many experiences to relate, showing the way that the truth of God is working upon the hearts of the people. We realize more than ever the truthfulness of the statement of the Spirit of God: "The canvassing work is as good a work as can be done for the Lord." It is of such importance that the Lord sends "angels to be round about them as they go from place to place, giving them words to speak which will bring light, and hope, and courage to many souls." What better encouragement could the Lord give for us to press forward with a stronger desire to have a part in this work? Who, then, will say, "I am afraid I cannot make a living at it?"—None but those whose faith is wavering. Do not the Saviour's words apply in this case? "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things," and, "Shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" But it is the busy bee that God cares for in winter, not those who while away the precious hours of summer in dreaming of ease and comfort.

Who is there among Israel that is of a brave heart, and willing to work zealously and untiringly for the Saviour, denying himself the enjoyment of being with his family? Who is willing patiently and quietly to listen to ridicule, and perhaps be treated with undeserved contempt? Who is willing to go into the highways and byways in search of those whom Christ is seeking to draw to himself, and tell them that the Master calls them? Let such join our army of canvassers, and they will surely find these things. Not only will they find these, but they will also receive a crown of life that fadeth not away. The question

for us to decide is, Do we love God more than our own comfort? Are we lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God? May the Lord help us to realize the need of being awake to discern the signs of the times.

J. B. BLOSSER.

#### WHY NOT?

NEARLY forty years ago, tent work was introduced by Seventh-day Adventists, and for more than twenty-five years a tent was not considered fully equipped if among its belongings was not found a heavily laden box of our publications, which the ministers sold to the people. At the close of each discourse, the minister introduced the books, giving his congregation quite a thorough canvass on the book treating on the subject, concerning which he had discoursed. As a result, people would press to the stand, and purchase that particular book, and often inquire for others. At times the minister would go down into the congregation to interested parties, and would often, during his series of meetings, sell from a dime's worth to a dollar's worth. The people were delighted with these books, and as the result of reading them, some embraced the truth who would not have done so had they heard nothing but the preaching. Thus the books accomplished a great amount of good by bringing souls into the truth, encouraging the minister, and building up the work generally.

Is any one prepared to say that that plan of work was incorrect? On the other hand, I think that all who have followed this plan will unite in saying that it was a grand success. Hundreds and thousands of books were thus placed in the hands of the people. Truth was scattered, and thus the people were benefited.

If that work was so successful then, why could it not be again, if all our ministers would enter into it as heartily as they did a few years ago? It is true that times are hard, but many books could now be sold if all would take hold of the work, and prosecute it as our ministers did years ago. There are probably one hundred and fifty tents now in the field throughout the United States. Will not our brethren who are standing at the head of the work with these tents try this work? Many books can be sold, and the seeds of truth thus be scattered. By engaging in this work, the young men under your charge will be taught valuable lessons that will be a help to them when they stand at the head of the work. If you have not already a bill of books, why not order immediately from your tract society, and thus try the old plan?

S. H. LANE.

## HEALTH PUBLICATIONS AND THE TIME OF TROUBLE.

DISEASE is rapidly on the increase. New and unlooked-for plagues are beginning to break out in various places. Are these sent as a special dispensation of providence? or are there underlying causes that lead up to them? It must be clear that the Lord does not arbitrarily punish us, but that the spiritual and physical sins of the people are the real causes of this condition. The latter part of the fourteenth chapter of Ezekiel describes the condition upon the earth just prior to the coming of the Lord, and after speaking, in verse 22, of the fact that there will be a remnant saved, verse 23 states that this remnant will know that the Lord has not done *without cause* all that will be done in the earth. So all those who are prepared to be the remnant people will be studying the causes of disease, as well as of the other troubles that are coming upon the people.

In one of the large Eastern cities a hundred infants die weekly in winter, but six hundred die during the same length of time in summer. God has not taken up, in the nineteenth century, what Herod did in the first; namely, the slaying of the first-born. God intended that these children should live to glorify him, but Satan has so blinded the minds of the people upon these important subjects that the natural laws which God has ordained as the only conditions upon which health can be maintained are ignorantly, and often wilfully, violated. It is not a dispensation of providence that six times as many of these children die in summer as in winter, but a dispensation of ignorance, of unhygienic surroundings, of improper diet, etc. So much for the days of infancy.

Take the adult mind. When God wants to whisper a heavenly truth to the human mind, he must do it through the avenues that he has already created, through the brain and the nerves. Satan knows this physiological fact very well, and so he leads the majority of people to live in such a way that they are really more or less chloroformed, as it were, all the time, so that when God speaks grand and glorious truths, they sound to them as his voice did to the people of old, only like so much thunder,—so much noise,—and they will not be affected thereby.

Now can we who have light upon these things, with the responsibility of these matters, fold our hands, and think, as did Naaman of old, that God will work a miracle for us, independent of any responsibility resting upon us, and that somehow God will enlighten our neighbors? Can we wash our hands of all responsibility in reference to our neighbors' doings? Should we not be terribly in earnest to inform the great mass of humanity of the relation that exists between these common, physical habits and their spiritual condition, and what it is going to mean in the time just ahead of us?

The living instructor cannot go to every one; but the silent messenger, the printed page, laden with these God-given truths, can be carried to every household through the mails with but little expense. Ought we not to bestir ourselves upon these things, especially when we see untimely deaths, sickness,

and suffering all about us, which are attributed to the dispensation of providence, thus putting arguments in the mouths of infidels against the character of God, when they are really due to the violation of the principles of health?

Some providential openings which we have seen lately show how hungry the world is becoming upon these subjects. Is it not time to dedicate ourselves to the Lord so fully that he will inspire in us the zeal to go quickly into the highways and hedges to compel the people to come in, and to use the printed page which he, in his providence, has brought into existence to enlighten the people, who are in such dense darkness upon these subjects?

DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

## DISTRICT 1.

DISTRICT 1 desires to keep abreast of the message in all its branches. In this district many of the first battles were fought and won in behalf of present truth. For the past two months it has been my privilege to labor with some who have been long in the work, and at places which are historic in connection with this cause. Beginning with April 28, I spent two weeks at the South Lancaster Academy with those students who desired to canvass during the vacation. The Lord was there, and helped in a remarkable manner. Indeed, it was evident to a careful observer that the Lord had for a long time been dwelling at the academy. Nearly one fourth of the pupils attended the class of instruction for canvassers. At this time, also, Brethren Calkins, of New York; Botsford, of Vermont; Lukens, of Pennsylvania; Long, of the Atlantic Conference; and Wilcox, of the New England Conference, the State agents of the district, met together for a district convention. Many very profitable meetings were held, in which the needs of the canvassing work in this district were considered. Brethren T. A. Kilgore and W. A. Reaser, of New York, spent one day with us, which added much interest to our gathering.

Having a little spare time, I spent it in canvassing with Brother Wilcox in Rhode Island. This was an opportunity long desired. The results obtained were very satisfactory, and the experience gained, although varied, was gratifying. Passing through, in a short time, the various experiences of the canvasser, ranging from being "stuck," and not knowing what the trouble is, to "having fine success," and knowing why, and that in a field in which the agent is unacquainted with the ways and customs of the people, is an experience more fully appreciated by "one who has been there" than by anybody else.

I spent one month in Maine, and attended three general meetings and one short institute. The latter was held at South Norridgewock, a historic place in the work. This institute, while not large in numbers, will be large in success for the work in Maine if the plans there laid are earnestly carried out, as the brethren intend they shall be. The institute was not devoted wholly to the selling of books, but consid-

erable attention was spent in laying plans for working for the *Signs of the Times*. I am now in the Atlantic Conference. Here are many large cities, with millions of people who need a knowledge of present truth, to bring joy and peace into their present life, and enlighten them in regard to the way to obtain eternal joy in the life to come. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Who will come and help us?  
 F. L. MEAD.

THE CALL IS URGENT.

THE calls for faithful laborers to bear the messages of truth to the world are becoming more and more urgent. We are in the eleventh hour of the parable, right at the very closing part of our work, and God is asking every one who is not working, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" That earnest question will come home to us with greater and still greater force and earnestness till we either yield to the Spirit's call or else give ourselves up entirely to the world by our continued resistance. By yielding to God, our eyes will be opened to the great work that he has for us each to do; and we will engage in it heartily and joyfully, even though that work causes us to pass through sore trials and perplexities. There is an overtopping joy for every sadness that comes to the servant of God, and he has complete and certain victory over every trial. Surely his work is indeed sweet to the one who is devoted to the Master's service.

But how about those who do not yield to the Lord's entreaties to labor in his vineyard? They are shutting themselves away from the very joy of the Lord. Who can fathom the infinite loss they are sustaining, not only in what they are losing now, but in the loss of their eternal inheritance?

The faithful worker, however, should not be discouraged by the indifference of some; for the work is

sure to be done, and that right soon. In a recent REVIEW we have some words from the spirit of prophecy that should greatly encourage the earnest worker, while they should inspire the indifferent professor to faithful action. The statement is:—

There are diligent students of the word of prophecy in all parts of the world, who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. This is true of all nations, of all tribes, and of all peoples. These will come from the grossest error, and will take the place of those who have had opportunities and privileges, and have not prized them. These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling, lest they should become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have had great light, through the perversity of their own natural heart, turned away from Christ because they were displeased with his requirements. But God will not be left without witnesses. The one-hour laborers will be brought in at the eleventh hour, and will consecrate their ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle, and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. When those who have had abundance of light throw off the restraint which the word of God imposes, and make void his law, others will come in to fill their places, and take their crowns.

Another sentence in the same article says, "The time is very near when man will reach the prescribed limits." How can we be indifferent to these appeals? How can we refuse to answer the call of our gracious Master? He is earnestly urging us to labor for him to-day. He desires to bless us in these labors, not only that we may enjoy the blessing, but that others, through us, may be reached. It is ours to-day to accept the gracious invitation, "Go ye also into the vineyard." Will we do it?  
 A. O. TAIT.

"CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR" is being sold extensively by new agents. This book is now published in English, Swedish, Danish, German, and Spanish, the foreign editions being bound in board and cloth only at 50 cents and 75 cents respectively.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 4, 1897.

STATE.	No. Canvassers.	No. Reporting.	Days.	Hours.	Orders Taken.	Value.	Miscel. Sales.	Total Value.	BOOKS DELIVERED.	
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New York.....	4	2	24	154	56	41 25	48 40	89 65	86	188 20
Pennsylvania.....				661	378	482 45	127 63	510 08	192	161 95
Vermont.....	5	5		334	170	152 35	5 75	158 10		
Virginia.....	8	5			210	78 75		89 75	268	118 18
West Virginia.....	13	4		426	213	224 80	50 38	275 18	347	231 00
Michigan.....					162	118 25				
Ohio.....	16	16		1115		567 03	111 60	678 63	345	515 00
Indiana.....	22	21		577	467	252 35			318	211 30
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Iowa.....	38			3126	636	1045 25			344	252 45
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Minnesota.....	18	10		925	265	712 45	67 98	780 43		34 30
Wisconsin.....	14	14		1135	310	447 50	92 85	540 35	58	97 25
Nebraska.....	11	11			365	265 15	44 65	309 80		
Tennessee.....	7	6		907	237	422 00	52 85	474 85	78	159 25
Southern District.....	37	37		3069½	654	1688 05	172 28	1853 33		250 45
Florida.....	5					20 00	73 11	93 11		
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Colorado.....		13		319	390	382 75		382 75		
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Oklahoma Territory.....										
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### THE HOLIDAYS.

It is several months yet till the holidays, but it is none too soon for our people to begin to plan to sell our books for the holiday delivery. Last year we had quite a little to say on this subject, and a great many took up the work early in the season, and a large number of books were sold. It is more important that we should prepare for the same work this year. Our agents should be in the field taking orders for their holiday delivery as early as the first of September.

Of course our regular agents, who are devoting all their time to the canvassing work, will look out for a good holiday delivery; but there are hundreds of our people who should canvass the country around them, particularly for our small books, who do not make a regular business of selling our publications. Now is the time to plan for this work. Let our brethren in the churches get together soon, and talk it up, lay out their plans, and be ready for business early. Talk over the various publications that we have, and decide what you will handle, arrange your territory, and have everything in readiness for a general lively move all along the line. Write to your State society for terms and outfits.

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### THE SPECIAL "SENTINEL" OFFER.

THE *American Sentinel* needs no special introduction to our people; for since its establishment, a dozen years ago, it has won a very warm place in the affections of hundreds and thousands of them. There is a reason for this, and the secret is found in these words: "The *Sentinel* is like a trumpet giving a certain sound." — "Testimonies for the Church," No. 33, page 246.

The *Sentinel* has a mission peculiarly its own; indeed, when it was proposed, some time since, that it be merged into one of our other papers, the same authority said: "The blending . . . will not be in the order of God. Each has a distinctive work to do."

With this testimony for the paper, the management have sought, to the very best of their ability, to make it just what the Lord would have it to be. That mistakes have been made and errors committed, none are more keenly sensible than those who have it in charge. To acknowledge this is only to say that we are wiser to-day than yesterday; and so we rise above them all, and redouble our diligence in making the paper sound, the alarm of approaching danger that a faithful sentinel should.

And the effort has not been without its results. From nearly every legislature where the *Sentinel* was sent during its last sitting have come most encouraging reports of the influence it has exerted for good, some of which are of almost thrilling interest. Only the other day a prominent professional man of a certain city sent us his subscription for the first time, and so enthusiastic was he over the specimen copy that he had seen, that he declared he felt like dona-

ting \$100 to the editor, and paying his subscription for twenty years in advance, to show appreciation of the work that he feels sure the *Sentinel* is doing for the cause of religious liberty. A physician returning to his home in Ohio from the late National Medical Association at Philadelphia, with whom one of our workers happened to be seated on the train, when apprised of the existence of the *Sentinel* and its mission, quickly replied: "Where is that paper printed? I want to subscribe for it. For years I have been looking for a paper advocating these principles, and this is the first time I ever knew that such a paper existed." He is now receiving the paper regularly.

The *Sentinel* discusses fully and vigorously every phase of the question of religious liberty, and fearlessly unmask the specious pleadings and iniquitous sophistries of National Reformism and all that this "ism" implies. It should therefore be read by every Seventh-day Adventist who would keep fully abreast of the times and in the closest touch with the message. It is for this reason, no doubt, that we read, in connection with the first quotation: "The *Sentinel* is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend."

Now, in order that not only our own people, but others as well, may more generally become readers of the *Sentinel*, it has been decided to make the following unprecedented introductory rate: Beginning with the last issue in July, the paper will be sent until January 1 (over five months) to any one *not now a subscriber*, for the small sum of twenty-five cents. This offer is open only until September 1, and in order to be made the most of, should be taken advantage of at once.

It is hoped that in the near future some substantial improvements may be effected, not only in the mechanical, but also in the editorial, make-up of the paper, among them being a department soon to be started called, "Religious Liberty for Young People," which it will be our endeavor so to conduct that it can hardly fail to interest hundreds of our young people in a subject to which they have heretofore paid but little attention. We sincerely trust that our brethren and sisters will everywhere embrace this opportunity to give the *Sentinel* the widest possible circulation.

"AMERICAN SENTINEL."

### FROM A LETTER BY J. D. ROW.

O, IF we could only induce ourselves to go to work for the dear Lord, and live more by faith! Precious souls are perishing right at our doors. Our neighbors are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, and do not know where or how to find it; yet we sit still, and let them perish for want of light which the Lord has commanded us to let shine upon them. I fear that some will have a fearful account to give in the reckoning day. I expect to prepare to enter the field this winter. I shall close up my agricultural work as soon as possible, so that I can go to work in the canvassing field.