

SUPPLEMENT TO REVIEW and HERALD

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, FEBRUARY 22, 1898.

"ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

"WE have a grand work to do for the Master, to open the word of God to those who are in darkness of error."

"JESUS and holy angels will give success to the efforts of intelligent, God-fearing men, who do all in their power to save souls."

"I CANNOT see why the canvassing work is not as good and successful a work as can be done for the Lord."

"So far as consistent, we should shun every influence which would tend to divert the mind from the work of God."

THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

A BROTHER in Michigan who recently accepted the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists, and entered the canvassing work, gives the following interesting experience:—

When first starting out, he felt sure that he was engaged in the Lord's work and was very sanguine of success. But during the first three days, although he worked hard, yet he took no orders. He began to think that something must be wrong, so sat down in a fence corner to consider what the difficulty might be.

After a while the thought came to him that he was trying to do the work himself, and that it was impossible for him in his own strength to do the Lord's work. He at once confessed his mistake and sought God for his help, deciding that he "would simply carry the prospectus to show the people, and let the Lord take the orders."

The result was that he secured four orders for

"Daniel and the Revelation" that afternoon, and has been having good success ever since.

We believe this brother discovered the key to success in the canvassing work.

THE Review and Herald Pub. Co. are placing two new subscription books in the field this year,— "The Eastern Question in the Light of God's Promises to Israel, Prophetic and Historic," by H. E. Robinson, and "The Coming King," by J. E. White.

Quite a number of our readers have seen and read "The Eastern Question," and are sending us words of praise for it. Several have expressed a desire to canvass for this book.

It deals with a very interesting and important subject,— one that is being agitated extensively at the present time,— and we hope to see it have a wide circulation.

"The Coming King" will perhaps be one of the easiest-selling books that we have. The marked fulfillment of the signs of the second coming of our Lord, as foretold in Matthew 24, to be seen in our own day, is considered, as shown in the warlike attitude of the nations, also the difficulties attending the money question, the labor troubles, and the coming conflict between capital and labor. These subjects form the live issues of the present day, and will immediately claim the attention of every thinking man and woman. The book is profusely and beautifully illustrated.

There ought to be a large number of our young people entering the field this year to canvass for this book, thus gaining an experience that would enable them to handle our larger subscription books successfully.

The Pacific Press Pub. Co. are about to issue a new book from the pen of Elder Wm. Covert, entitled the "Story of Redemption." We hope to be able to give more particulars regarding this in our next issue.

I. A. FORD.

A LETTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

451 HOLLOWAY ROAD, LONDON, N. ENG.,
Jan. 16, 1898.

DEAR BRETHREN: I have been reading the SUPPLEMENT to the REVIEW for some time, and notice that many localities are represented in its columns, and thinking that possibly some would like to hear from this side of the water, I venture to send a letter from Great Britain, regarding the canvassers' work.

While we could wish for larger results in the book work, the stream of literature from the office to the people has been steadily flowing on. We have in our ranks those who have labored long and hard to place the truth before their fellow men, and as a result we know that thousands upon thousands of our good books are in the homes of the inhabitants of Britain. Our experienced canvassers are, from time to time, taken to fill other places of usefulness, but others present themselves to fill these vacancies. We have had quite a number of new workers come forward within a short time, and there is a prospect of others ere long.

A goodly number of our canvassers met together, December 24 to January 2, at London, and enjoyed a spiritual feast from the Living Word, also some features of the book work were discussed during this time. Among the books we have in this field are, "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," "Prophetic Lights," "His Glorious Appearing," "Steps to Christ," "Christ Our Saviour," besides our weekly paper, the *Present Truth*. An effort is just now being made to push the sale of *Good Health*. One brother wrote that he and his wife had about two hundred orders for "Patriarchs and Prophets" to fill the last of January; another brother writes about having sold and taken orders for forty copies of "Glorious Appearing" in a day. Some young people have been working with "Prophetic Lights," about Portsmouth, and have succeeded in placing nearly a thousand of those books in that vicinity. A sister canvasser, in company with another, writes enthusiastically something as follows: "What do you think? We are leaving Sabbath-keepers in the place, two ladies, and one other with whom we spent last Sabbath morning, undoubtedly will step out." These same workers fell in with a very estimable lady in another town they were canvassing, who received the truth and was lately baptized at London. It is evident that there are many good souls in these islands, and the canvassers meet them from time to time. We find that by persistent plodding a good

work can be done with the books, and indifference will often give place to interest in the minds of the people of this land where the sound of the gospel, and what passes for it, has been heard for ages.

G. W. BAILEY,
General Agent for Great Britain.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

ONE day as I was canvassing among some aristocratic farmers, I came in front of a large and costly built house owned by a rich man — of course you know that it is often hard for canvassers to do business at such a place. A thought struck me at once, — you would better pray. So I took off my hat and sent up a petition to the Lord, thanking him for his past blessings, and also asking him to open the hearts of the people I was about to canvass, so as to give me a chance to introduce to them the third angel's message.

After having prayed, I went to the house, where I was informed by the daughter that her father was plowing in the field, about a half mile away. I started for the field, and soon met him. After salutation and a brief passing remark, I introduced my errand. "It will be of no use to show me your book," he said, "for I have plenty of such works, and besides, I am getting old now, and have settled my mind on not buying any more books of any kind.

I told him that I was glad to learn that he had many Biblical works, for it showed that he was interested in the religion of Jesus Christ. I also called his attention to the fact that there are so few of the so-called Christians who care to read religious literature and the Bible. He submitted to my statement, and told me that it made him glad to see a young man like me so interested in religion. He then asked why I was engaged in book-selling. I gave him my reason, stating that I had discovered that the best thing that I could do was to be employed in active missionary work for my Saviour. It kept my heart in close touch with Jesus, and gave me power to resist temptation. And as I saw the necessities of circulating religious literature of such a nature as would create a desire in the reader's mind to come in closer connection with the Saviour of mankind, it was therefore that I had chosen this work. He seemed to be much pleased with my answer.

The Spirit of God had done its work. He asked for the price of the book. I told him, and took up my book to show him some of its contents. But he told me not to bother myself. "You can bring me

one of those," he said. After having signed his name, we had a short but touching talk together, recounting some of God's blessings to us. The tears rolled down his cheeks. Then I took his hand to bid him good-by. He took my hand, and bowing his head, kissed it. This was almost too much for me; I felt as though it was my duty to draw my hand back, but it seemed powerless.

It seemed hard for us to part. We talked a few minutes longer, then looking toward the sun, he said, "I see it is getting toward night. Can't you stop at my place to-night?" I was glad to accept of his invitation, and as I went back to his house, I could not keep the tears back. I realized that the Lord had answered my prayer in such a wonderful way, and that of such an unworthy being as I.

It would be needless to say that we had a most blessed time together. In the morning before I left, he told me that his house should always be open to me. "I am old now," he said, "and cannot live many years longer, but I want you to understand that I will have it arranged so that if you come here after I am dead, these doors will always be open for you." How happy and cheerful I was that morning when I left his house. My thoughts were directed to a promise of our Saviour, in connection with my own experience. My parents and brothers and sisters live far away from me, and with the exception of one sister they are all more or less opposed to the truth I love so dearly.

Our Saviour's promise reads thus: "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and land, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10: 29, 30.

JOHN HANSEN.

Yorkville, Wis.

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE.

THE following interesting experience as told in her own words is that of a sister who has taken up the canvassing work. The Lord has blessed her labors, and although she does her own housework, she has found time to sell a goodly number of books in the village in which she lives. She says:—

I have had a most blessed experience this week. I have found several who are anxious for good papers to read.

Yesterday I called at a house at about the dinner hour, and the lady was in no mood to let me in, saying her baby was very sick, and she did not want anything I had. I then asked her if I could see the baby and perhaps I might relieve it. She said, "Come in, if you can get in." I took it all good, and told her I had had a similar experience with my child when small; and if I could have the necessary articles, her baby would soon be free from pain. The things were quickly sent for, and by hard work and the power of God to heal, in about two hours the baby was so much better we all felt it was out of danger, and with tender care would keep so. When I came away, she said whatever my price was she would pay; but I told her I was only too glad to help her, and she then bought a book of me, and urged me to come again. I thank God for the blessings he has given me in the few hours I have devoted to his work. "O, the good we all may do, while the days are going by." Soon it will be too late, too late, and the door will be shut.

There are opportunities for such work in every village and hamlet. The Lord is calling for workers. Those who are filled with surfeiting and drunkenness and the *cares of this life* will not heed the call. Let us empty ourselves, as did Jesus, and go forth to the work. Your experience, dear reader, has fitted you to labor for some one who is having a similar experience. Use it to the glory of God. Don't live to yourself and to your family; if you do, you will perish. Embrace all mankind in your love, which is shown by labor.

A. R. HYATT.

A VOICE FROM THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

SOME over two and a half years ago, through the influence of Elder C. L. Boyd, we came from the North to Nashville, Tenn., to engage in the canvassing work.

Nashville is a large city containing over eighty-five thousand inhabitants. About one sixth of the population are colored, and in our efforts here we have worked among all classes. The city had been quite thoroughly canvassed for "Bible Readings" before we came, and many of the people had learned enough about the Adventist doctrine to know that we were Seventh-day Adventists as soon as they heard us talk. Some are very much prejudiced against the Adventists, while others seem interested in our views, and are quite willing to read.

The Lord has gone before us and prepared the way, and by his help we have been able to hold a few Bible readings, distribute a large number of papers, and over 34,255 pages of our reading-matter. We have also taken about seventy-five orders for the *Signs of the Times*, and several hundred orders for our books, mostly "Gospel Primer," "Christ Our Saviour," and

"Great Controversy." Times are hard here in the South, and for this reason we often lose quite a number of the book orders; but thus far, the Lord has enabled us to deliver enough to afford a comfortable living. To his name be all the praise; for of ourselves we can do nothing.

We long to see the work go forward, that many souls now in darkness may have a knowledge of the truth and be saved in God's eternal kingdom.

MINNIE M. HOYT.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30, 1897.

"HOW TO KEEP CANVASSERS IN THE FIELD."

It is of the greatest importance that only those who are consecrated to God, and desire to do all they can to bring souls to a saving knowledge of the truth, should be selected as canvassers; and they should be thoroughly instructed.

Where possible, hold a canvassers' school, in which they can be given a thorough course of study in the Bible and the Testimonies of the Spirit, in relation to the work before them, and an institute following the school in which they can be instructed in practical canvassing, and become familiar with the contents of the book they are to handle.

See that they are started well. Go with them into the field yourself, if possible, or send them out with a successful and experienced canvasser to give them a good start. Place them in companies of two, and arrange for them to meet Friday afternoon, and spend Sabbath and Sunday together, as it strengthens and encourages them.

Have a personal interest in each one, especially the weak ones, and take time every day to ask God's blessing on each one; for "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Write to them often, advising and encouraging them, and keeping them well posted about their fellow laborers and the progress of the work. Visit them often; canvassers like letters and visits, and are encouraged by them.

But in order to do this, it is necessary that the canvassers should report direct to the State agent each week, so that knowing the location and circumstances of each one, he can keep in touch with all and give intelligent attention to all their needs.

Where canvassers are not able to pay cash for books, have some way provided to furnish them with the books they need, and yet maintain the business on a good financial basis. Furnish them with our periodicals free, as they come out from week to week.

These are some of the principles which, it seems to me from what experience I have had, should be adopted to keep canvassers in the field.

RECAPITULATION.

1. Care in selection.
2. Thorough instruction.
3. Start them well.
4. Work in companies.
5. Keep in touch with them.
6. Deal with them on a cash basis.
7. Keep them out of debt.—*C. M. Everest, in Home Missionary, April, 1893.*

ACCEPTING THE CALL.

SINCE deciding to go back into the Lord's work, I have felt as though I must say a few words to those with whom I have labored in the canvassing field, and all others that the Lord is calling. It has come to the time when we must "arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

I feel that I must tell you how the Lord called me back into the work. For six or eight months he was calling me, and at last it seemed that my spiritual life (or death) depended upon the decision. I thank God that I had courage enough to say, "I will give myself and all I have to Thee;" and in less than three days all I had was sold, and I started for the Flint Institute. While there I was sent into the field to canvass, and in less than one and one-half days' actual work I received more of the real blessing of the Lord than I did in months while doing my own work. And this is not all; those I talked with said they were blessed, and the Lord gave me nine orders for "Steps to Christ," and two orders for "Great Controversy," in spite of the hard times, as you hear it said so much.

WILLIE L. HAGLE.

A LETTER.

As I have been engaged in the canvassing work ever since the year 1893, it is a source of great joy and encouragement to me to read the reports from the different parts of the field, so I will give my testimony.

The thing that interests me most is the experience that is most like my experience.

The article that Brother Thomas Roberts wrote, "Do you sympathize with the canvasser?" almost

fits my case exactly. I have had the same discouraging words spoken to me that he referred to, and for a while this winter it was hard for me to decide whether to remain in the field or go back to the farm. But this article gave me fresh courage. I showed it to a brother who I thought had some sympathy for a canvasser. After a while he called me out (knowing what had been said to me in a discouraging way), and said, "I have been thinking about this canvassing work very seriously for the last two or three weeks, and I say to you, Stiek to the work, and I will stand by and divide the last cent with you. I will see that your wants are supplied." That gave me courage. I cannot tell my feelings; for I knew he meant it, and would do it cheerfully.

I did not wait until Monday to start; but cut some wood and prepared to go Sunday evening as I had to walk about eight miles to my territory. As I was getting ready to start, a sister said to me, "What good can you do canvassing this week, you have no books and no money to get any books with, what will you do?" I said I did not know as yet, but the Lord would open the way.

I arrived in my territory Sunday evening at 6 P. M. I began work early Monday morning, and put in a good week's work. My sales amounted to over \$20, and I had a grand experience. I came to one family and the lady said, "No use to look; we can't buy." I said, "It will not cost you anything to look at it." "No use, we can't read." I said, "I would like to show the pictures and explain them to you." "Well, come in, but it is no use." I explained the "Gospel Primer" to her, reading one or two stories, and she — so delighted and interested — exclaimed, "O, if I could only read!" I showed her how easy it would be for her to learn to read it by the word method, learning to read only a few words at each lesson. She said, "I will learn to read; bring me one of the books next time you come." Three families bought "Gospel Primer" to learn to read, last week. Remember that souls have been brought to Christ by reading "Gospel Primer."

Now brethren, *never, never* speak a discouraging word to canvassers. Speak encouraging words to them. Let them know that you sympathize with them, and many times that will do them more good than financial help, because it gives them courage to help themselves. Let us hear from more of the canvassers.

E. R. FORD, *Dana, Ind.*

"FEAR thou not; for I am with thee: . . . I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee."

THE CANVASSING WORK IN WISCONSIN.

THE Lord is still blessing the canvassing work in Wisconsin. I am glad to be able to say that the outlook is encouraging for the coming season. Letters are coming in from those who were in the work in years gone by, but who, for some reason, left it, saying that they are again ready to take up the work, and desire to remain there until the Lord has something else for them to do. I truly praise the Lord for this, for it is his Spirit that is working on the hearts of his people. May many more heed the call of the Lord of the vineyard, and go out in this the eleventh hour. The harvest is truly white, but the laborers are few. Let us most earnestly seek the Lord, to send laborers into the field, that the light of truth may be brought to those who know not their Saviour. Oh, that all might realize the importance of laboring for the Lord just now, answering the call of the Master, "Here am I; send me." I am now on my way to the southern part of the State to work up the interest for an institute there. I hope that we will have as good a company there as we had at the northwestern institute.

P. R. ALBRECHT.

MICHIGAN.

THE Canvassers' Institute of four weeks is in the past. We feel very thankful to the Lord for the success that attended the efforts put forth. Quite a number who expected to be present did not come, and no doubt a larger number ought to go into the Lord's work, who did not think of attending. Nearly all the fifty-five who did attend felt the importance of their calling, and are sure of success.

We all realized the fact that the Lord is as able and willing to support a canvasser as any other worker in his vineyard. When we read that "Jesus and holy angels will give success," we know it is unnecessary for any to fail; we cannot fail if we comply with the conditions.

During the institute we took orders for \$300 worth of books. This was a source of encouragement, both in the way of finances and in experience which the canvassers received. All felt well repaid for the time spent in canvassing.

A theory of canvassing without practise is of as little value as is book knowledge without true education. We had the pleasure also of seeing several persons accept the truths for these times, largely as a result of personal work done by the canvassers.

The workers go from this institute full of courage, expecting trials and hardships, and knowing the Source of comfort and success.

Michigan has much good territory. It has been demonstrated by our work in Flint that books can be sold in cities where we have old churches, and where our books have been placed in nearly every home. During the past year, one brother has delivered over one thousand of our books within twenty-five miles of Battle Creek. In canvassing in cities in this State, we found, to our surprise, that the most orders were taken where our people are best known,—near our church buildings.

From these experiences, it is not necessary for a person to do his work in the dark, or in some foreign field, though when a person is called to another field by the Lord, he ought to go.

We demonstrated at the institute that large books can be sold just as easily as small ones. More than half of the school will canvass for one of our large books, mostly taking "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy." Seven or eight canvassers went to Ontario. Nearly all expect to begin work during this month.

May the Lord richly bless these faithful workers.

C. A. PEDICORD.

FROM JAMAICA.

I MUST confess that I am greatly encouraged since reading articles in the SUPPLEMENT to the REVIEW, by various canvassers, and am tempted to forward to you this, as is requested. I embraced, thank the good Lord, the third angel's message, November, 1895, by attending tent-meetings conducted by Elders Richardson and Haysmer in the city of Kingston, and by reading-matter, and was baptized in December. A few weeks later I was called to sell tracts in the city. Success attended my work, and small books were given me. Later on I was obliged to go out into the country. The dear Lord blessed my work more and more, and I felt like doing more for him.

I have had precious experiences in the work, which I cannot mention. I remember once calling at a gentleman's house to introduce my books. He told me he had lots of books and did not need more. I urged him until he said that if his wife wanted any, she could buy, but he would not. I sold her "Steps to Christ." From one word to another he asked me if I was a Seventh-day Adventist. I said, "Yes." He said he knew a brother in the faith, and since he did not get

him to be an Adventist I could not do it. I gave him some tracts, and left. At the same time he had already given a brother an order for "Eden to Eden." He read the tracts and books, and a few days later sent for us to keep the Sabbath with him. He and his wife are now rejoicing in the truth. Many more are also keeping the Sabbath of the Lord by reading our literature. I am canvassing for "Eden to Eden" and "Christ Our Saviour," and have had lots of orders. May the good Lord continue to bestow his blessing abundantly upon his work in all parts of the field is my earnest desire and sincere prayer. Great interest is being awakened in various parts of this island. Living preachers are needed greatly. May the Lord raise up honest souls to join in this glorious work. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Yours in the blessed hope,

RICHARD THOMPSON.

A MINISTER in New Jersey, ordering some publications, writes as follows: "I am in sympathy with a radical, uncompromising Christianity. I believe in conditional immortality, the near coming of Christ, the destruction of the devil and all his works, the renovation of the earth, and a clean universe, as the final outcome of the redemptive scheme. I want to be among the blood-washed throng."

A GENTLEMAN, writing from Indiana, says: "I am very well pleased and delighted with the books, especially 'Daniel and the Revelation.' . . . Well, brethren (if I may address you that way), you can mark me down as one of the despised Seventh-day Adventists. Bless God, there was no use trying to prove that Sunday is the Sabbath, for I cannot do it; neither can any one else, by the Bible. . . . Rev. 13:18 has always been a mystery to me, but your commentary has cleared that up for me. Lord bless Brother U. Smith. . . . Your brother in Christ, saved to the uttermost."

A LETTER from Arthur S. Allard, Hancock, Mich., requests any of our workers passing through his vicinity to call upon him. Address him at Ripley, Mich.

"I CAN do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

	STATE.	No. Canvass'rs	No. Report ing.	Days.	Hours.	Orders Taken.	Value.	Miscel. Sales.	Total Value.	BOOKS DELIVERED.	
										No. of Books.	Value.
Dist. No. 1.	Atlantic.....	9			406	392	\$269 02	\$44 30	\$313 35		\$ 62 37
	Maine.....	7	7		114	197	124 75	18 35	143 10		
	Maritime Prov.										
	New England..	10			211	154	350 20	13 80	364 00	21	116 75
	New York.....										
	Pennsylvania..										
	Quebec.....										
	Virginia.....										
	Vermont.....										
West Virginia..											
No. 2.	Alabama.....	5	3		91	3	8 00	5 45	13 45	1	2 25
	Kentucky.....	9	6		192	37	78 25	12 75	91 00	5	4 75
	Florida.....	8	8		109	133	41 50	85 80	127 30		
	Georgia.....	3	2		87	10	24 75	6 23	30 98		
	Louisiana.....	3	2		162	13	27 50	2 75	30 25	33	57 75
	Mississippi.....										
	North Carolina.	3	3		421	96	111 50	34 00	145 50	5	6 50
	South Carolina.	1	1		69	12	24 00	3 50	27 50		
	Tennessee.....	4	3	49	270	81	168 50	13 45	181 95	32	65 50
No. 3.	*Indiana.....	19	19		449	409	212 90		212 90	450	269 90
	Illinois.....	12					567 90	47 00	614 90	245	553 35
	Michigan.....	50		314	862	372	451 50	46 25	497 75	197	365 30
	Ohio.....										
Ontario.....											
No. 4.	Dakotas.....										
	Iowa.....		12		741	362	359 90	187 75	547 65	950	1,077 10
	Manitoba.....										
	Minnesota.....										
	Nebraska.....	19	9		504	114	200 00	99 10	299 10	217	195 40
Wisconsin.....											
No. 5.	Arkansas.....										
	Oklahoma and Indian Ter.										
	Kansas.....										
	Missouri.....										
	Texas.....										
Colorado.....											
No. 6.	California.....		15			341	620 60	54 45	675 05	35	72 25
	North Pacific..										
	Upper Col'mbia										
	Montana.....										
No. 7.	Australia.....										
	New Zealand...										
No. 8.	Great Britain..										
	†Central Europe				1,637	842	1,211 92		1,211 92		
	†Germany.....	56	56	934	6,709	70	97 50	1,623 73	1,720 85	130	216 00
	Norway.....										
	Denmark.....										
	Sweden.....										
South Africa..											
Miscel's	South America										
	Jamaica.....										
	Bahamas.....										
	Brazil.....										
Totals.....	218	146	1,297	13,034	3,638	\$4,950 19	\$2,298 66	\$7,248 50	2,330	\$3,065 17	

* Report for two months.

† Report for December.

THE secretary of the Michigan Tract Society informs us that during the institute which has just closed, one brother took 30 orders for "Daniel and the Revelation" in five days; another took 9 orders in one and one-half days; and a third secured 10 orders for "Great Controversy" in one and one-half days. These were the most successful of any, but all did well.

AN agent working in Colorado for our health books reports two weeks' work, 76 hours, 41 orders, value, \$126. Any one wishing to canvass for these books should address their State tract society, or the Review and Herald Pub. Co.

ENJOYS THE CANVASSING WORK.

I ENJOY the canvassing work very much. It is a good work for the Lord. We can do some good if we cannot always sell a book. My intention is to go forward with the work next summer. I am now attending the school here at Minneapolis.

We are receiving great blessing from the Lord. He has been very near to us. I am so glad that I am worthy to be called the child of a king. Please remember me in your prayers, that I may prove faithful, and do what the Lord has for me to do.

IDA A. JOHNSON.

I ONLY worked two and one-half days this week. I took eight orders, amounting to \$31. I expect to do better next week.

I have had a hard struggle with Satan since I left Battle Creek. He was determined to have me give up this work. Never have I worked under such dark and trying circumstances. I realized that my only hope was in God, and like Jacob I clung to him until I received the blessing. The dark cloud has drifted away, and the glorious presence of my Saviour shines upon my path every step of the way. How I thank the Lord for the trials that I have had, and also for the victory. I never have seen so much in Rom. 8:28 as I see in it now. How much we lose by doubting the Lord's promises. Surely the Lord is good. I continually praise his name.

NEWTON BLOUGH.

"WE must have the mind of Christ if we would not become weary in well-doing."

I HAVE been in the canvassing work for about five years, and I feel more than ever the necessity of circulating our literature. I have been resting a little this fall, but will start again after New-year's. I am not able to express myself so as to tell you how much joy and peace I find in this blessed work of spreading the printed page among those who have not the light on present truth.

My heart is full of the Saviour's love for our fellow men, and I cannot, dare not, keep silent. These five years of labor have been the best part of my life; and by the help of God I will go forward, looking to Jesus for strength and guidance, feeling his presence with me, and knowing that he is able to keep me till my work is finished.

Yes; I am of good courage, for Jesus is on my side when working in his vineyard.

Yours very truly,
J. W. DOERING.

Minnesota Jc., Wis.

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NOTWITHSTANDING the hard times for the past few years, and the fact that a large per cent. of the old canvassers left the field because of this, there have been some who have stuck to the work right along, and their success shows that our books can be sold even in the very hard times. The following from Brother W. F. Manfull, who has been canvassing in Iowa, fully demonstrates this:—

I am engaged heart and soul in this branch of the Lord's work. In the last three years I have sold, notwithstanding the hard times here in Central Iowa, over \$2,400 worth of books on our faith. My courage is good, and I want to see the work prosper as never before.

Now that the hard times are past, and prosperity seems to have come again, we hope to see a large number entering the work. It is encouraging to know that a special interest is being manifested in this line of work at the present time. We are receiving letters from all parts of the field from people who are anxious to assist in the circulation of our literature. It is especially noticeable that a good many not of our faith desire to assist in this work. Has not the Lord laid upon those who know the truth the responsibilities of giving this light to others? And how can we better meet that responsibility than by the circulation of our literature? "Were it not for the work of the canvasser, many would never hear the truth." We believe there should be scores engaged in the canvassing work where there is only one at the present time. Now is the time to prepare for it. Let us not forget to pray the "Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest."

I. A. F.

JESUS never was discouraged.