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EVERLASTING FIRE

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire." Matt. 25:41. It has been sometimes supposed that this text proves the existence of an ever-burning hell, with conscious, suffering people in it. However, a little careful consideration, with the mind unbiased by preconceived opinions, will be sufficient to convince that instead of proving an eternity of conscious misery, this very text is one of the surest evidences that the sinner will be destroyed.

What caused the death of Nadab and Abihu?—" There went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them." Lev. 10:2.

What burned up the sacrifice on the altar?—"And there came a fire out from before the Lord." Lev. 9:24.

What destroyed the two hundred and fifty men who rebelled with Korah?—
"There came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men." Num. 16: 35.

These as well as many other texts show that the flashing forth of God's presence is destruction to all sin; or as Paul expresses it, "Our God is a consuming fire." Heb. 12:29.

How will the fire upon the wicked be produced?—"Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:9.

Now it is plain to see that since God is the producer of the fires of judgment, or rather since his very presence is itself a consuming fire, and since God is from everlasting to everlasting, it may safely be concluded that the glorious fire of his presence is everlasting.

Who only can live in this everlasting fire?—"He that walketh righteously

and speaketh uprightly." Isa. 33: 14, 15.

The dear Lord will destroy all sin. He will by his blessed Spirit destroy it in us now if we shall so choose; but if not, then in the outshining of his glory, sin, with the sinner who has refused to be separated therefrom, will be destroyed together. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matt. 13:43.

May the power of God so rest upon us now that like the three Hebrew children we may walk in the midst of the fire and have no hurt.

T. H. J.

REPORTING

ITS VALUE.

A paper read at the North Carolina camp-meeting.

The value of reporting cannot be overestimated. In the publishing work we find just two classes of people interested; viz., printers and publishers. The printers prepare the literature, and the publishers carry it to the people.

> "Soon, soon Jesus is coming, Publish the tidings abroad."

Any one having anything to do with the circulation of our literature is a publisher; every Seventh-day Adventist home should be a publishing house—a depository, if you please. Then, for convenience, we will call the members of these homes canvassers, for that is what they really are.

All of us should be in it, and also interested in it. And the reason why more of us are not in it, and many of us who were in it have gone out of it, is because we have not been interested in it. The fact that we have gone out of it is not

the only evidence that we have not been interested in it. The greatest evidence that we have not been interested in it is that we have not reported what we have done in it. Every *it* refers to the circulation of truth-filled literature and *us* and *we* refer to you and me.

If we expect success, a close relation must exist between the printers and those engaged in the circulation of the literature printed, and the reporting system is the plan by which this relationship is to be sustained.

Now, then, while our publishing work is not failing, yet we will agree that the success all along the line has not been what it should be. It is not what it must be. The success of the publishing work rests largely with the field workers, and in order for those at headquarters to understand the needs of the field, there must be carefulness in reporting. This applies to every one connected with this message. Every order taken for a book should be reported, and when a book is delivered or one is sold, it should be reported.

Carelessness in reporting means a disappointment to the printers, or both printers and field workers. In the first place, the house would have to print a large suppliy in order to be sure to be able to meet the demand. The demand is short. Result: A large amount of money tied up in books; a disappointment to the managers. In the second place, the sale of literature goes beyond all expectation. Result: The house is short; disappointment to both managers and agents. Thus we can see that carefulness in reporting cannot be agitated too scrongly. The system is like the work - "high and elevating."

REPENTANCE

O LORD, to thee I humbly pray To make me better every day, O make me holy, pure, sin-free, A little more, dear Lord, like thee.

My life I know is full of sin; But help me to be pure within; A life so foolish I have spent, But now, O Lord, I do repent.

O help me now to live thy life, O keep my soul from sin and strife; Help me in my work to-day, Help me to see the righteous way;

And now for joy I look to thee, Who lovest all humanity; O God, to thee I truly pray To make me better every day.

O God of faith, hope, joy, and grace, Help me thy footsteps to retrace; Help me to find my way above To the home of peace and endless love. ETHEL HUSBAND.

Again, our report is not complete when we simply give an outline of the workdone during the week. A good letter should accompany the report of labor, dealing with our spiritual and physical feelings, and the commercial prospects of our field. This will give those in charge of the field work an idea of what is needed, and thus enable them to extend to us counsel in our plans of work.

You will find near the lower right-hand corner of your report blank the following, "Neatness, accuracy, and promptness should be observed in filling out and sending in this report." "Character is made up of little things." How we do, where we do, when we do, and what we do has much to do with what the state agent has to do.

In our reporting, neatness is an evidence of carefulness in our field work; accuracy shows that we are following a systematic plan in working the field; promptness declares that we are minute men.

H. B. TILDEN.

Concord, N. C.

"Yes, I always go to help mamma when she calls me — if I hear her," answered a small, but honest maiden when questioned concerning her obedience. "But sometimes I like to play pretty far off, where I can't hear her." Many of us older ones obey God's calls to service in much the same way. We dare not refuse when we hear, but we try to avoid hearing.



LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE IN TEN-NESSEE

ONE Sunday early in the present summer, Geo. B. Thomson and D. A. Deedon, of Manchester, Tenn., were stretching a wire fence to keep the cattle out of their corn. They had always been very careful not to perform any Sunday labor in such a place and manner as would be offensive to their neighbors, but felt that it was absolutely necessary for that work to be done on that day. They were, however, observed by some men who were passing, and yet who testified that they were not really disturbed by the work being performed.

On the 4th of September they were tried, and fined five dollars and costs, amounting in all to \$47.80 They did not feel that it was a just sentence or that it would be right to pay the fine and costs. They were then sentenced to work out the fine and costs in the work-house or jail, at the rate of forty cents per day. This meant an imprisonment of over two months for each man. As both these brethren were working the same farm, the judge kindly permitted one man to work the farm while the other man went to jail. Brother Thomson went to jail first, and the other brother was permitted to go freely about his work without even being under bonds. They evidently did not regard these men as dangerous criminals. After the first few days the door of the cell occupied by Brother Thomson was unlocked, and even the jail door was left unlocked, so that he could have gone out freely if he had wished.

The jail was in an unsanitary condition, and the air was poisonous, I believe actually dangerous, for the offensive odors in his cell caused him to be sick at first. Through the efforts of the prison doctor, these conditions were later somewhat improved. One small window, which was more than half iron bars, admitted all the light and air to his cell, except the barred door leading into the corridor. When we visited him, Brother Thomson was doing missionary work with the other prisoners.

A petition to the governor was circulated throughout the town, asking him to release these honest, Christian citizens from the unjust sentence. This was signed by the mayor and the leading attorneys, bankers, and, in fact, nearly all the leading citizens of the town and community. The judge seemed to feel really very sorry that these brethren determined to go to jail rather than pay the fine and costs, and offered if they would pay \$25, a little more than one half the lawful amount, to let them go. They felt that they could not conscientiously pay the fine and costs, or any part of this sum, and thus sanction this unjust law.

The judge, however, has levied on the goods of these brethren for the amount of the fine and costs. For the twenty days Brother Thomson was in jail they allowed him eight dollars.

The sheriff stated that he had been sheriff for over a year, and deputy-sheriff for some years before that, but this was the first arrest for Sunday labor he had ever known in that community, although many of the people did as much work on Sunday as these Seventh-day Adventists. He did not, however, seem to be able to see that these brethren were, according to his own words, arrested for keeping the seventh day rather than for working on the first day of the week. He gave us notice that the law must be observed and would be enforced.

Elder C. P. Bollman secured a very kind letter of introduction from Ex-Governor Porter to the present governor, Mr. Patterson. We visited him without favorable results. He said it was impossible for him to remit the costs. He said if the matter was a prison sentence, he would grant our petition, but that the costs must be paid or worked out in jail.

There have been many cases of prosecution for Sunday labor in this state. We want our people all over the United States to help us in an effort in circulating religious liberty literature to call the attention of all the people of the state of Tennessee to the injustice of the state Sunday law. Tennessee has been the storm center in the United States for Sunday law prosecutions. It is certainly time for us to arouse if we expect to do the work that is before us. Pray that God may give the people of the state of Tennessee wisdom to improve this great opportunity to send out his light and truth.

J. S. WASHBURN.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

of the Seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Conference

Besides three resolutions of acknowledgment to certain citizens of Cleveland, Tenn., for the free use of land and water for our encampment there, the following were voted:—

- I. Resolved, That we desire to present our heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his prospering hand and tender care that has been over our work and workers during the portion of the year now in the past. Death has not entered our ranks, and no evil has befallen our efforts, for all of which we return our most grateful thanksgiving.
- 2. Resolved, That the Constitution of the Cumberland Conference be amended so that Article 2, Section 5 shall read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the conference assembled to choose a committee of six, who shall not have been in the employ of the conference during any part of the preceding year, who with the Executive Committee shall constitute an Auditing Committee, to examine and settle all accounts which are presented to the Executive Committee at such time or times during the

conference year as the Executive Committee may appoint."

- 3. Resolved, That the following be added to become Section 6 of Article 2 of our Constitution: "It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to nominate all committees, said nominations to be subject to confirmation by the delegates."
- 4. Resolved (a) That the word "weekly" be stricken from before the word "papers" in Article 2, Section 4 of the Constitution of this Conference, and (b) That the following be added at the present end of the said section, to become a part thereof: "And to fill all vacancies that may occur."
- 5. Resolved, That in view of the shortness of time and of the blessings that would come to the individual members of the conference, we urge upon our people the plan of each member making a daily, prayerful effort to bring one or more new members into the church during the year.
- 6. Resolved, That we revive, generally, the old-time method of doing individual, personal missionary work through correspondence and the sending out of our literature through the mails.
- 7. We recommend, That a more determined interest be shown in the study of health principles, both in home work and in church capacity.
- 8. We recommend, That more earnest attention be given to the sale of "Ministry of Healing."
- 9. We recommend, That our people assist our health enterprises by interesting prospective patients to patronize them.

Whereas, The almost universal demand for Sunday laws and the agitation for national reform in this country along lines which are unwise and un-American, are certain signs that we have reached the times of persecution spoken of by the prophetic word as well as by the Testimonies; and—

Whereas, We are counseled to make known to all the world the principles of civil and religious liberty in order to give warning and information, therefore—

- ro. Resolved, That our churches and laborers in general be counseled to take up the diligent and careful study of the principles of civil and religious liberty; and that in the prosecution of the study, the Secretary of the department of Religious Liberty in connection with the Southern Union Conference Religious Liberty Department, be asked to assist by preparing programs and studies, as well as to plan for one or more Religious Liberty conventions within the conference during this year.
- 11. We recommend, That our churches and companies heartily co-operate with the work of the Missionary Department of the Southern Union Conference in establishing local missionary societies on an organized basis.

Whereas, The Lord has of late said that "if our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into his treasury, more laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work; . . . more men would give themselves to the min-

istry, were they not told of the depleted treasury; . . . there should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be, if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld tithe, or made use of it to support other lines of work," and —

Whereas, The following very plain, definite message has been given to our people: "They are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects, which, though good in themselves, are not the object for which the Lord has said the tithe should be applied; . . . those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. . . . God will judge for these things. . . . One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes; still others would reason that canvassers and colporters should be supported from the tithe; but a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used — the support of the ministers. . . . There should be, to-day, in the field, one hundred well-qualified laborers where now there is but one. . . . Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, 'I will not longer pay my tithe, for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work; ' . . . but will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones," therefore -

12. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to pay the Lord's tithe into the proper place, not using it for other purposes.

Whereas, The laborers who go out into the field are supported by tithe upon the results of the efforts of their brethren, and —

Whereas, Our people have a right and a desire to know where these laborers are working, and what they are doing, therefore—

13. Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that each worker who receives funds from the conference treasury shall report his labors at least once each month in REPORT OF PROCESS.

Whereas, It has been generally agreed upon by our people to raise as soon as possibly consistent a fund of \$150,000 for immediate, aggressive work in the most needy fields, therefore—

- 14. Resolved, That we collectively and individually re-indorse this work, not only by a vote upon this resolution, but by earnestly planning and practicing economy and liberality until this fund is fully raised and furnished for the work.
- 15. Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Conference Committee in setting aside the third Sabbath in each month upon which to take a collection for the home conference work, and that we heartily indorse the same.
- 16. Resolved, (a) That we request the Conference Treasurer to send Quarterly Report Blanks to each local church treasurer with the request that the treasurers furnish him each quarter a report giving a summary of the amounts sent him by them during the quarter. This report is not to take the place of the monthly remittals, but to provide a means of accuracy in the balancing of the books and keeping the records;

(b) That we request each treasurer to make a statement of this quarterly report at the business meeting of his church.

Recognizing the organization of our young people into working societies as one of God's important agencies for the accomplishment of his work in the earth and thankfully noting the blessing of the Lord upon this branch of our conference work, therefore—

- 17. Resolved, (a) That with renewed zeal we take up the work of organizing our young people into working bands, and in every way possible encouraging them to aggressive missionary effort.
- (b) That we gladly adopt for our Young People's societies the name Young People's Missionary Volunteers, as chosen at the recent convention at Mt. Vernon.
- (c) That we advise all of our people to secure the published report of the recent convention, and that we seek in every way possible to work in harmony with the general body, never resting until our young people throughout the conference are enlisted in God's work.

Firmly believing that the special work for this time is expressed in Mal. 4:5, 6, and that the Holy Spirit is now being given to the church with the special mission of turning the hearts of parents to children and of children to parents, therefore—

- 18. Resolved, (a) That we seek to employ every agency that God has ordained for the accomplishment of this work.
- (b) That among these we recognize, first of all, the influence of the home, and pledge ourselves to faithfulness in family worship and in the performance of all other duties that pertain to the home training of our children.
- 19. Resolved, That we renew our interest and our efforts in behalf of our church schools, encouraging their organization wherever practicable, and offering such assistance as will in every way promote their interests, and we recommend that in every essential particular these schools, both in their organization and conduct, conform to the plans and regulations proposed by the Educational Department of the Union Conference.

Believing in the thorough training of teachers from a professional point of view as well as in the systematizing of our school work and a higher standard of excellence in our schools,

- 20. We recommend, That the efforts to hold annual gatherings of teachers in the Union Conference be encouraged, and that our teachers be assisted to attend such gatherings as far as the conference educational fund and other conditions will justify.
- 21. Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the efforts that are being made to make our Training School just what God would have it,—an honor to him and a blessing to humanity,—and that we show our appreciation, by making every effort to place in that school a larger number of our young people than ever before, that our children may be trained for lives of usefulness and the ranks of laborers be filled.

Whereas, We recognize the importance of a definite co-operative relation between the Cum-

berland Conference and the Southern Training School —

22. We recommend, That our people acquaint themselves with the advantages offered by the school, and that as far as consistent our youth be urged to avail themselves of these advantages.

Whereas, We see the need of a means of assisting worthy, needy students in securing an education—

23. We recommend, That as a conference we raise a "Students' Loan Fund" of at least \$250 to be used in assisting such students.

24. We recommend, That the President of the Cumberland Conference, the Principal of the Southern Training School, and the Business Manager of the Southern Training School, shall constitute a committee to determine who shall have the benefit of the "Students' Loan Fund."

It is understood that this fund is only to be used as a loan to individuals who are to return the same, keeping the fund intact for this special purpose.

25. Resolved, That it is the sense of this body, and that it is hereby directed, that the officers elected at this conference take up the active duties of their respective offices at once, and continue until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

26. We recommend, That a copy of the recommendations and resolutions passed by this conference be sent to REPORT OF PROGRESS for publication, and further—

27. We recommend, That when they shall appear in the REPORT OF PROGRESS, they be read in all the churches of this conference.

J. F. Pogue, President, E. B. Melendy, Secretary.

THE TENNESSEE RIVER CAMP-MEETING

A PARTIAL report of this meeting, held at Denver, Tenn., has already been printed in these columns, but the committee desired a more complete account of the work of the different committees, so that each member of the Tennessee River Conference may know what was done at this important meeting.

The camp-meeting this year is counted as among the best ever held in the Tennessee River Conference. It was held in the village of Hustburg, six miles from Denver. It was changed from Waverly, the place first announced, on account of the deep interest on the part of the people there. Elder W. S. Lowry and his son held a six or eight weeks' meeting, and as a result the people were greatly stirred. It was thought best by those in charge to change the place of meeting, and results justify the change.

Many of our people were in attendance who had never attended a camp-meeting before, although long in the faith, and others were there who had not attended a camp-meeting for years.

Earnest, valuable, and experienced laborers were present, and they gave us instruction that will prove beneficial to those who heard it, if it is only put to a practical use.

The work of the committees required considerable attention, but a spirit of desiring to further the work of the Lord in the earth was present, which helped to expedite the business.

The following officers were elected: President, W. R. Burrow; Vice-President, C. P. Bollman; Secretary, Thos. D. Rowe; Treasurer, T. E. Pavey; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss Bertha Mason; Secretary of the Young People's Work, Miss Bertha Burrow; Religious Liberty Secretary, J. S. Washburn; Educational Secretary, Thos. D. Rowe; Field Agent, W. R. Hanson; Medical Department, Dr. L. Kynett-Parmele. Conference Committee: W. R. Burrow, C. P. Bollman, J. S. Washburn; L. A. Callicott, I. A. Ford, Walter Jones, Thos. D. Rowe.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses recommended that the following persons receive recognition: For credentials, G. I. Butler, W. R. Burrow, C. P. Bollman, J. S. Washburn, R. W. Parmele, Walter Jones, W. S. Lowry, S. S. Smith, P. T. Magan, E. A. Sutherland, J. E. White, R. C. Garrett, F. A. Washburn, E. H. Rees. They also recommended that H. C. Balsbaugh and Thos. Rowe be ordained and receive credentials. For ministerial license, W. R. Hanson, V. J. Spaulding, Gentry Lowry, Rees Callicott, I. A. Ford, B. W. Spire, Professor Alden, A. J. Harris, and M. F. Knox. For missionary credentials, F. T. Wales, Mrs. H. C. Balsbaugh, Mrs. W. R. Hanson, Miss Bertha Burrow, Mrs. Eva Webster, Miss Beulah Callicott, Mabelle R. Rowe, T. E. Pavey, Mrs. Hull, Richard Hook, Sr., Miss Julia Lowe, Christian Holm, Virgil Smith, and Miss Bertha Mason.

The Committee on Plans and Resolutions presented many important matters for the consideration of the Conference. The resolution that called forth a ready response from a large number was the one on tract and missionary work:

Whereas, The work of the local tract and missionary societies in the early days of this cause proved a most efficient means of spreading the truth, therefore—

We recommend the organization of such societies in all our churches, and a return to former methods of labor, as follows:—

1. The distribution of tracts; 2. Selling the books set apart for the use of home workers; 3. Keeping a reading rack in some public place supplied with reading matter; 4. Conducting missionary correspondence and making missionary visits; 5. Circulating our periodicals, especially the Watchman, by (a) sending out to interested parties a number of copies weekly, (b) securing subscriptions, (c) selling the papers weekly.

Whereas, The Bible and the spirit of prophecy point out the near approach of the great and final conflict on Religious Liberty, therefore—

Resolved, That we make an effort to have our people subscribe for the magazine Liberty; that Religious Liberty conventions be held in churches, and that we seek to awaken new interest in the great truths of the message on this important subject.

Whereas, There are worthy young people in

our conference whose financial circumstances forbid their gaining the benefits of the intermediate school at Hazel, therefore—

Resolved, That a fund be started for the education of such students, to be disbursed at the discretion of the conference committee.

Whereas, Experience has shown that church property is more safe when vested in our legal organizations than when held by trustees, therefore—

We recommend, That all church property in this conference be deeded to the Southern Union Conference Corporation, and urge those having these matters in charge to take immediate steps to accomplish this end.

Recognizing the organization of our young people into working societies as one of God's important agencies for the accomplishment of his work in the earth, and thankfully noting the blessing of the Lord upon this branch of our conference work, therefore—

Resolved, (1) That with renewed zeal we take up this work of organizing our young people into working bands, and in every way possible encouraging them to aggressive missionary effort.

- (2) That we gladly adopt for our Young People's societies the name Young People's Missionary Volunteers, chosen at the recent convention at Mt. Vernon.
- (3) That we advise all our young people to secure the published report of the recent convention, and that we seek in every way possible to work in harmony with the general body, never resting until our young people throughout the conference are enlisted in the work of God.

Firmly believing that the special work for this time is expressed in Mal. 4:5, 6, and that the Holy Spirit is now being given to the church with the special mission of turning the hearts of parents to the children and of children to parents, therefore—

Resolved, That we seek to employ every agency that God has ordained for the accomplishment of this work: that among these we recognize, first of all, the influences of the home, and pledge ourselves to faithfulness in family worship and in the performance of all other duties that pertain to the home training of our children.

Resolved, That we renew our interest and our efforts in behalf of our church schools, encouraging their organization wherever practicable, and offering such assistance as will in every way promote their interests; and we recommend that in every essential particular these schools, both in their organization and conduct, conform to the plans and regulations proposed by the Educational Department of the Union Conference.

Believing in the thorough training of teachers from a professional point of view as well as in the systematizing of our school work and a higher standard of excellence in our schools, we—

Recommend, That the efforts to hold annual gatherings of teachers in the Union Conference be encouraged, and that our teachers be assisted to attend such gatherings as far as conference funds and other conditions will justify.

Resolved, That we recognize with gratitude the work that is being done at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute in behalf of industrial mission schools, and that we express to those upon whom the responsibility of this work depends our hearty interest and for their success pledge our united prayers.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the efforts that are being made to make our Training School just what God would have it,—an honor to him and a blessing to humanity, and that we show our appreciation by making every effort to place in that school a larger number of our young people than ever before, that our children may be trained for lives of usefulness and the ranks of laborers be filled.

A committee was appointed to look into the matter of church property of those churches whose members have either moved away or apostatized. They reported as follows:—

We, your committee on churches, having made careful investigation, are convinced that there are really no Seventh-day Adventist church organizations at the following places: Manchester, Rio, Bowling Green No. 2, Erin, and Bumpus Mills. We would therefore recommend that these names be dropped from our church roll, and that such persons as may hold membership at these places be urged to unite with the church most convenient to them.

After some discussion, it was decided to drop the names of Erin, Bumpus Mills, and Manchester, and that some competent persons be authorized to go to Bowling Green and Rio, and ascertain the true condition of those churches.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses brought in a recommendation that the conference be divided into three districts, each district to be in charge of some minister. This recommendation was accepted, and the following persons were appointed over the districts: District No. 1, which includes the churches in West Tennessee west of the Tennessee River, and west of the river in Kentucky, Thos. Rowe; District No. 2, all of Tennessee east of the Tennessee River to the Cumberland Conference line, Elder J. S. Washburn; District No. 3, that part of Kentucky east of the Tennessee River as far as the Cumberland Conference line.

Altogether, the camp-meeting was a most profitable one for those who attended, and it is to be hoped that all who were present, are making progress in the divine life, so that when another camp-meeting comes, it will find them on higher ground.

THOS. D. ROWE, Secretary.

GREENVILLE, S. C.

Greenville is one of the foremost counties in South Carolina, and the city of Greenville is its capital. It is the third or fourth city of the state, having a population, including the cotton mill interests in the suburbs, of about thirty thousand. It is made up of men and women of thrift and integrity, none of whom have to offer an apology for their existence.

We came here from Atlanta, Ga., September 18, at which place we did our first canvassing in the Southland. As yet we have not taken up the work in our new field, but have been enjoying a few days' rest after a three weeks' siege of book delivery. We begin, however, to-morrow, September 23, and are looking for even greater success than attended our efforts in Atlanta. We expect to handle the larger books, believing the time to be opportune when the whole message should find its way into the homes of the people.

Aid us by your prayers, to the end that the message may be speedily given, and the fierce conflict between right and wrong forever be at an end.

Carlisle once said, "If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door."

The last issue of the REPORT OF PROGRESS, in our estimation, surpasses, in point of excellence, all previous issues, hence if what Carlisle said is true, all roads will certainly soon be leading toward the sanctum sanctorum where the "fillin" for the paper is extracted from the fertile brain of the editors, where the contributed matter is selected, and where a portion of the articles with poor terminal facilities are blue-penciled.

This is a day of brevity. The man with long-winded ideas has been or should be relegated to the rear. People are too busy to read columns, but they will read a finger's length, providing they can read it as they run.

Surely this little paper that not only undertakes to, but does give a report of the work done in the field over which the Southern Union Conference has jurisdiction, has no apology to make for its existence. To this end we want to duly and publicly commend the editors, in whose hands rest the burden of the work.

Let the canvassers remember that this is their paper, too, and its further usefulness will be enhanced only as they break into its columns.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Button.

CRAWFORDVILLE, FLA.

Aug 13, 1907, the writer arrived at the above named place, and a series of meetings was begun in a school-house secured through the kindness of a brother living a few miles from town. The school-house itself is about four miles in the country, in the midst of several families which constitute what is known as the "Shell Point Settlement."

Services were held on Wednesday and Friday evenings, Sunday mornings, and Sunday evenings, and the intervening time was filled up in visiting and giving Bible readings. The Lord was indeed with us, and we enjoyed a feast of good things.

Our meetings closed September 29 with

this result: eight have begun keeping the Sabbath, one promises to begin next Sabbath, October 5, and two say they believe it, but wish to study for a time. Truly "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

We have organized a nice Sabbath-school, and many non-Sabbath-keepers promise to attend and send their children. Several places in the immediate vicinity are calling for the truth. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

J. Russell Mitchell.

MINUTES OF THE TRACT AND MISSIONARY MEETING

The meeting of the tract and missionary society of the North Side Branch of the Nashville church was held in the Publishing House chapel on Wednesday evening, Sep. 4, 1907.

When we had finished the hour usually devoted to the prayer-meeting, we passed directly to the business in hand. It was decided to take three hundred copies of the *Watchman*, and if the members will take hold and lift, we ought to be able to take a much larger club, and dispose of them either in our missionary correspondence or by sale.

We are using 186 copies already. It was voted to keep this matter before our members until all the copies are taken.

Brother W. B. Langston then occupied the time allotted to the reading on "Foreign Missions." He gave a most interesting talk, and spoke about different countries, and our work in each field.

He said, "Bermuda has a population of 22,000. We have one church, with a membership of 45, one Sabbath-keeper to every 488 persons; we have one minister, Elder J. A. Morrow.

"British West Africa has a population of 23,000,000, with only one minister, D. C. Babcock.

"The China misssion was established in 1901. China proper and its dependencies has a population of 426,000,000. We have three churches, 95 Sabbath-keepers, or one Sabbath-keeper to every 4,484,210, 8 ministers and some licentiates, director J. N. Anderson. A publishing house was established at Hankow in 1905.

"India has a population of 287,123,350. We have one church, 155 Sabbath-keepers, one to every 1,852,408 people, 4 ministers and some licentiates, J. L. Shaw, director. We have two schools at Karmatar, one with an attendance of 22 with three teachers, the other with a membership of 12, with two teachers. A publishing house is established in this place, and six languages are used in the printing of their publications.

"Japan, or Japan and Korea, have a population of 55,000,000. In Japan we have 4 churches, 118 Sabbath-keepers, and 96 members; we have some licentiates in these countries; F. W. Field is director. A sanitarium was established at Kobe in 1903.

"In Mexico, with a population of 13,607,259, there are two churches with 55 members, one

Sabbath-keeper to every 247,404 people; Geo. M. Brown is director.

"We forgot to mention that we have a sanitarium at Calcutta, India; the number of patients treated at the sanitarium in 1906 was 322, Dr. R. S. Ingersoll and his wife were in charge, 28 persons are engaged in the institution."

A short sketch was then given of the life of Captain Allen Gardiner, an officer of the English Navy who early lost his young and accomplished wife. He then consecrated himself to the missionary service, heart and soul. To be a pioneer missionary to the most abandoned heathen was the great object of his life. He especially set his heart on South America, as affording a very wide and hitherto unoccupied field of labor for Christ. Owing, however, to the antagonism of the Romish Church, the hostility of the heathen natives, and the lack of sympathy from home, he was baffled over and over again in his attempts. But he was not discouraged.

He could not collect sufficient funds to buy a suitable vessel, so he supplied himself with two-decked boats. Six devoted Christian men accompanied him. They had given up all ties of home for Christ's sake; but they were called to make a greater sacrifice, even of their lives, for none of them were ever seen alive again. Allen Gardiner and his six brave companions, pioneers of the Patagonian Mission, bore in their bodies the death brand of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 29th of August Gardiner wrote his farewell letter. All of his companions were now dead, but they had all prayed, "We beseech thee, O Lord, to raise up others and send forth laborers into thine harvest."

Gardiner was the last to die, but his end was perfect peace. Almost the last words he wrote were: "He has kept me in perfect peace. I trust poor Fuego will not be abandoned. If I have a wish for the good of my fellow-men, it is that the Terra del Fuego Mission might be prosecuted with vigor."

Thus was the life seed sown. Thus by martyr blood was South America's farthest extremity and lowest race sealed as Christ's possession. The rest of the story we need not tell. Surely every Christian knows its outlines; how the tragic news stirred all England, how men and means were sent to recommence the lone Fuego Mission—the struggle to gain a footing among the inhuman Fuegians—the massacre of the first party, done to death on an open sea-shore—the sixteen martyrs and the martyr crowns when even desolate Fuego was gathered into the fold of God.

This good meeting was brought to a close by prayer by Brother L. Smith.

Mrs. M. H. Tuxford, President, Mrs. Curtis, Secretary.

RELIGIOÙS LIBERTY WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The formation of the image to the beast is making rapid progress. All nations are drinking of the wine of Babylon and becoming

drunk with her theories of church and state union. Many statesmen of our own country have drunk so deeply of this wine of fornication that they are unable to discern true Protestant principles as stated in the Bible, or by the framers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Whatever is done to rescue men in positions high or low must be done soon. All are being offered the deadly potion of Babylon, and not many will refuse unless faithfully warned.

"We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers."— Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 713, 714.

South Carolina as a mission field has in the last year sent *Liberty* to all the members of our General Assembly, to the judges of the county courts, and to some others in responsible positions. Shall we not do even more as a conference?

A collection for Religious Liberty work was taken at our Spartanburg camp-meeting, amounting in cash and pledges to about \$12. By far the larger part of this was in pledges. These should be paid at once, and contributions should come in from others who wish a part in this work. By sending Liberty and other literature on religious liberty topics to these men of influence, some will be reached with the message of the third angel to their salvation. Then let us "spring into action," and perform quickly this part of the sacred work committed to our hands.

Send all money for this work to Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C.

E. W. CAREY, Sec. Religious Liberty Dept.

Luray, S. C.

CANVASSING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

It is a pleasure to see the reports of progress from our beloved fellow workers in different parts of our Southland, and the canvassing reports are especially interesting. What a blessed privilege it is to be in the forefront of this battle between truth and error! Such is the canvasser's position, however; and well would it be if all would but realize its importance.

The work in South Carolina is receiving an impetus that bids fair to make this the banner year in this state. There are two powerful influences at work upon the people, and every week that passes bears witness to the

fact that they are rapidly but surely yielding to one or the other of these influences. The Spirit of God is brooding over them. He has commanded light to shine amid the moral darkness, and thousands are witnessing its

If every one of us canvassers could realize that whenever we give an exhibition of our book-God is by that means breaking the light of truth to minds, what carefulness, what earnestness, what holy zeal would be manifest in our work!

As an illustration of how the Holy Spirit can turn the hearts of men to investigate the truth, the following experience comes to my mind. I had canvassed a young man, and he had purchased one of my books. Upon inquiring who his neighbor was, he told me he was a Mr. ——, a man who hated all kinds of agents, and who always treated them roughly, that just a few days before an agent had approached him, and sought to introduce his work, but that Mr. - simply ignored him, not even replying to the agent's inquiries. The young man advised me not to go to him. I told him that my work was of so much importance that I dared not pass any one by, and that I would surely see this man.

The sun was down when I reached his house, and I asked him if I could stay with him for the night. His greeting was very cold, and he asked me if I was a peddler. I told him I sold religious books, at which he replied that he had plenty of such, and that he never kept people over night. However, I good-naturedly spoke to him on various topics; and finally asked if he had made an ironclad rule not to keep any one. He smiled some, and said no, and that he guessed I might stay, seeing it was so late.

We had a pleasant talk before and after supper, in which the ice was broken. In the morning I got my book out, and he began to smile. I gave him a canvass with a prayer that the Lord would work. He looked the book over a few moments, and then quietly said he would purchase one that morning if I had any to spare. He stepped out to his store and handed me the money, and I praised the dear Lord for what he had accomplished. The influence of this one man helped others in his neighborhood to decide to subscribe.

Our workers here have had scores of such experiences, and five sevenths of South Carolina has never been worked with any of our publications. My brother or sister, if you want to assist in the advancement of this message, come to our needy state, and help us. We are just a newly organized conference, small numerically; but the hope, courage, and ambition of our little band of workers is strong, and we are determined that God's side of the controversy shall be presented to all the people of every county throughout the whole state, before the close of this generation.

Anderson, S. C. H. B. GALLION.

IRVING E. BAKER, Cedaredge, Delta Co., Colo., would like copies of the Watchman, Signs, Instructor, Life and Health, and also tracts, for free distribution. Send post-paid.

THE \$150,000 FUND

THE HALF-WAY STATION

Who has not, with any task before him, contemplated hopefully the close of his work when he had arrived at the half-way point? We are now far past that point in the raising of the \$150,000 fund, and we feel sure that, with it so nearly completed, our people will rally quickly to finish the work. The last part of the \$100,000 fund came in so rapidly that the bookkeepers and stenographers in the General Conference treasury were fairly overwhelmed. Money in sums from a few cents up to a thousand dollars poured in from every side. We hope and trust that that experience may be repeated in the raising of this present fund.

We have just begun to lift. Let no one conclude that he has done his part, and that he will wait for somebody else to do the work. When Paul Jones, the great naval commander, was asked to surrender in a certain battle with the British, he sent back word, "We have just begun to fight." Let that spirit be ours in this fund. Let no one think that he has already discharged his entire duty in this matter. We are all in this fight to go on to the finish.

In the raising of the \$100,000 fund there were many, some comparatively poor people, who gave regularly each month to that fund until it was finished. We believe this is the true spirit, and that which must ultimately be manifested in the finishing of this work.

J. S. Washburn.

LEAVES OF THE TREE OF LIFE

We fear that many do not appreciate the work being done by our conscientious doctors and nurses in our sanitariums. If they did, we feel certain that the work of raising the \$150,000 fund would be mightily hastened. Washington is in many respects the heart of the world. To that city the eyes of this nation are directed, and we may truly say that the nations of the world are looking also with great interest on what occurs in the city which is the capital of our nation.

What will more favorably impress the men of note who gather here than our sanitarium work, conducted by experienced and able physicians, loyal to the message, and who are bringing through this means to those who are sick in soul and body the very leaves of the tree of life. Note the following solemn and encouraging words sent to us through the spirit of prophecy:—

"Our sanitariums are to be schools in which instruction shall be given in medical missionary lines. They are to bring to sin-sick souls the leaves of the tree of life, which will restore to them peace and hope and faith in Christ Jesus.

"Let the Lord's work go forward. Let the medical missionary and the educational work go forward. I am sure that this is our great lack,—earnest, devoted, intelligent, capable

workers. In every large city there should be a representation of true medical missionary work. Let many now ask, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' It is the Lord's purpose that his method of healing without drugs shall be brought into prominence in every large city through our medical institutions. God invests with holy dignity those who go forth farther and still farther, in every place in which it is possible to obtain entrance. Satan will make the work as difficult as possible, but divine power will attend all truehearted workers. Guided by our heavenly Father's hand, let us go forward, improving every opportunity to extend the work of God." J. S. Washburn.

THERE SHOULD BE NO DELAY

A VERY recent communication from Sister White contains the following in regard to the importance of our sanitarium in Washington, D. C. The General Conference Committee gave the first \$50,000 of the present \$150,000 fund to the South. After that, the other institutions are to receive a pro rata of the funds that come in. At the present rate, it will be a long time before the sanitarium in Washington receives the help which it needs. Will not those who can help be led to help at once by the following powerful appeal:—

"The sanitarium at Takoma Park is to be a source of strength to the school already established. The school and the sanitarium may be a help one to the other. The students of the school may assist in the erection of the sanitarium buildings.

"The establishment of the work in Washington is creating a wide-spread interest in other places. Tracts and pamphlets have been widely circulated, and when we begin to work in other cities, we shall find those who have been studying this literature.

"The Lord calls upon us to awake to a realization of the opportunities presented before us to let our light shine in the city of Washington, by establishing there memorials that will hasten forward the proclamation of the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

"I thank God in behalf of those who have already sent in offerings to the work in Washington. I thank him for the privilege and satisfaction of knowing that there are hearts which are alive to the needs of the work of God, and are influenced by the Holy Spirit to give of their means for the advancement of this work.

"There should be no delay. The cause of God demands our assistance. I pray that the Lord may impress those who have means to spare to place it in the Lord's treasury, to be used to his name's glory. We ask all, as the Lord's stewards, to put his means into circulation, to provide facilities by which many shall have the opportunity of learning what is truth."

J. S. WASHBURN.

"Shur fast the door to narrow-minded pride,
To thoughts of generous doing open wide."

CANVASSING REPORT Of the S. U. C. for Two Weeks Ending Sept. 20, 1907

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CAMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

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October 10-20

THE first Seventh-day Adventist church in Sierra Leone, West Africa, was organized July 20, when twenty persons entered into church fellowship.

The new Pacific Press factory at Mountain View, Cal., was dedicated Sunday, September 8, when a very interesting and appropriate program was rendered. The day previous, Sabbath, September 7, the Mountain View church was dedicated, free of debt. Elder H. W. Cottrell preached the dedicatory sermon, and Elder J. O. Corliss offered the dedicatory prayer.

LAST week we published the business proceedings of the Cumberland Conference, but were unable to find space for the "Resolutions and Recommendations." While we regretted the necessity for this and also for delaying many good, important, and interesting articles, we are sincerely glad that our friends make such free use of the columns of the Report of Progress. It is news from all over the field that makes the paper live and interesting.

LIFE AND HEALTH

THE October number of Life and Health is indeed the children's friend. It gives, at the beginning of the school year, many suggestions that will be valuable to parents in advancing the physical, mental, and moral interests of their children.

This number tells why fruit is the best food in health or sickness.

It gives conclusive scientific facts against the medicinal use of alcohol.

It cites some reasons why schools are a source of bad health, suggests a remedy, and also offers suggestions on the proper recreations for students, besides many other points of great interest to those having the training and care of children.

We cannot give even a summary of the good things contained in this issue; but we will tell you that in this number the editor has given his readers many times the value of the paper in his editorials upon, "The School Hygiene Congress," "An Epidemic of Crime,"

"How to Spoil Children," "The Resolutions of the American School Hygiene Association," "The Proper Food for Babies," "Unlawful Pleasures and a Consequent Reaction," "Prohibition a Failure?" and, "Medical Advertisements."

The size of Life and Health has been increased from 32 to 48 pages. New departments are to be added, and great improvements are contemplated in illustrations, subject-matter, etc. The latter will include special articles of timely interest from well known writers. This magazine has been good from the beginning; it is now enlarged and improved, and it should have a place in every home. Note the new terms:—

Single copies, 10 cents; two to 25 copies, 5 cents each; twenty-five to 500 copies, 4 cents each. Special rates on orders for 500 or more copies.

The regular subscription price, beginning Jan. 1, 1908, will be 75 cents; but ten or more copies one year, to one address, one order, 45 cents a copy.

Old subscribers may, before Jan. 1, 1908, renew their present subscription for one year from the date of expiration at the old subscription price, 50 cents.

New subscribers who before January I subscribe for the year 1908, will receive *free* the October, November, and December numbers. Address Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

THE ATLANTA TENT EFFORT

The brethren of Georgia will be glad to know that the interest in Atlanta is still fairly good. We are carrying on the work here, and find some who are interested and continue to come every night. The weather has at times been very unfavorable, but the interested ones are faithful in coming out each night. A goodly number of books have been sold, and thousands of pages of tracts and papers have been scattered.

My family are with me, living in tents, and two other sisters remain on the ground. The rest of the brethren and sisters have fled. and sought more comfortable quarters. "How much better it would be if the meetings were continued for a longer time; if persons would come from each church prepared to remain a month or longer, helping in the meetings and learning to labor acceptably."- Vol. 6, page 73. "But few appreciate the struggles there are against the depressing influence of the tearing down and removal of the family tents." I am glad to say, however, that we are all of good courage, and the Lord is blessing our souls as we endeavor to give this blessed message to others.

Last Sabbath was a good day in connection with our work here. We had the privilege of leading five precious souls down into the water to be baptized; we hope others will soon decide to obey God, and identify themselves with the remnant church.

Our attendance since the camp-meeting has not been large, but regular, and many are convinced that we are presenting the truth, and we are praying that the convicting power of the Holy Spirit may rest upon them, and they may yield themselves to God and truth.

We desire the prayers of the brethren, that God may lead us in a plain path, and much fruit may be seen as a result of this effort.

Geo. W. Wells.

MISSIONARY WORK

WORKERS

- I. To WHAT did Christ compare his disciples when he sent them to labor? Luke 10:
- 2. Does God choose the great and mighty men of the world? Not many of them. I Cor. I:26.
- 3. What means does God take to confound the wise? Verse 27.
 - 4. Why is this? Verse 29.
- 5. By what means did God make use of these instrumentalities? Zech. 4:6.
- 6. What is the office of the Spirit? John 16:8-11.
 - 7. What more will it do for us? Verse 13. 8. What is another work of the Spirit?
- John 14: 26.
 9. What preparation do we need before laboring for others? Eph. 6: 13-16. This text
- refers to our armor, our shield.

 10. What is the only weapon furnished us?
 Eph. 6:17.
- 11. How powerful is this weapon? Heb. 4:12; John 6:63.
- 12. Is there any danger of this word failing? Isa. 55:10, 11; Deut. 32:2.
- 13. Can we always expect to see immediate results? Eccl. 11:1.
- 14. What promise is made to those who sow in tears? Ps. 126:5, 6.
- 15. What should be our experience while laboring for others? Ps. 51:12.
- 16. May we feel that the Lord is with us and will help us? Isa. 41:10-13; Matt. 28:20.
- 17. When Christ sent out his disciples, what command did he give them? Matt. 10:16.
- 18. In reference to what would he have us be wise? Rom. 16:19.
- 19. What is the nature of heavenly wisdom? James 3: 17.
- 20. How may we obtain it? James 1:5.
- 21. What means will the Lord use to implant this wisdom in us? Ps. 119:98-100.
- 22. Should we study to know how to present the words in such a way as to attract others? Prov. 15:23; 25:11; Eccl. 12:10.

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PUBLICATIONS WANTED

E. R. Button, Greenville, S. C., would like, for free distribution, copies of tracts or papers that have to do with the Sabbath question—its change, etc. Would also like some religious liberty literature. Send post-paid.

The church at Mena, Ark., could use for missionary work one hundred copies or more a week of our papers and periodicals, also tracts. Send, post-paid, to Mrs. Cora M. Hedley, Mena, Ark.