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THE SIN OF DISCOURAGEMENT

MANY regard discouragement as an indication of humility. It is, on the other hand, an indication both of pride and of unbelief. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. "I can of mine own self do nothing." It is when we think that we can do something without God, and find that we have failed, or when looking into the future, we see apparent impossibilities, that we become discouraged.

But there is nothing good that is impossible with God. "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." He it is who fights our battles, but if I think that I have power in myself, and trust in myself, and then fail, then I become disheartened and depressed in spirit. I do not take God into account. I leave him out of my reckoning.

Martin Luther at one time in despair seemed about to surrender, when his wife asked him the question, "Is God dead?" Light and hope came into his heart. He had forgotten that the work was of God. When we trust in ourselves, and do not trust in God, we are sure to become discouraged. He has never failed to save those who trust in him.

Read the record of Israel. Why did they not go into the promised land? Why did trouble come upon them?—Because of sin. He who is with God can no more be overthrown than can the eternal pillars of his throne be pulled down, and the eternal One himself be destroyed. But he lives forevermore, and because he lives, we shall live also. Yield not to discouragement. It is of

the enemy. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

J. S. WASHBURN.

"THE NIGHT COMETH."

It cometh; the night cometh, when life's brief day is done;
It neareth; yes, it neareth, the setting of the sun!
O, short the time for labor; so much already past!
Of moments swiftly flying we soon shall see the last.

How stealthily the shadows are stretching o'er the plain!

The setting sun is hasting to hide behind the main;

O, use each passing moment; the day is almost run!

It cometh; the night cometh, when work cannot be done.

It sinketh; the sun sinketh, yet lower, lower yet,

The golden light remaining but tells where he has set;

Then ended; yes, then ended the time for fruitful toil;

The precious hours have vanished! Is yet untilled the soil?

The crimsoned clouds still ling'ring presage a brighter morn

For faithful ones awaiting their Lord's assured return;

By talents used in trading they many more have won,

And for the reck'ning tarry, expecting his "Well done!"

See, waning is that splendor; the fleeting loveliness

Is fading into twilight, and this now groweth less;

But nearing is the morning, the bright, long-looked-for day

When Christ's approving welcome will all our toil repay.

—John Woods Ballard, in *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*.

THE CANVASSING WORK

"THERE is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing." — *Manual for Canvassers*, p. 65.

"When the canvasser enters upon his work, he should not allow himself to be diverted, but should intelligently keep to the point with all diligence." — *Id.*, p. 33.

"Young men and young women who should be engaged in the ministry, in the Bible work, and in the canvassing work, should not be bound down to mechanical employment." — *Test. for the Church*, 8:229, 230.

"Canvassers have been called from their evangelistic work to engage in other work. This is not as it should be." "This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work." — *Manual for Canvassers*, pp. 63, 67.

"Where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story books, but to bring before the world the books containing truth essential for this time." — *Id.*, p. 7.

"Wherever the canvassing work is presented among our people, let the health books and the religious books be presented together as a part of a united work." "The health books should occupy their proper position; but the circulation of these books is only one of many lines in the great work to be done." — *Id.*, pp. 41, 43.

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with

the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time."—*Id.*, pp. 5, 6.

"Let more time be given to the publication and circulation of books containing present truth. Call attention to books dwelling on practical faith and godliness, and to those that treat on the prophetic word. The people are to be educated to read the sure word of prophecy in the light of the living oracles. They need to know that the signs of the times are fulfilling."—*Test. for the Church*, 7:158.

"'Daniel and the Revelation,' 'Great Controversy,' and 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' will make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God has given his people. The angels of God prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people. . . . Of all the books that have come from the press, those mentioned have been of the greatest consequence in the past, and are at the present time."—*Special Instruction Regarding Royalties*, pp. 9, 12.

"The important books containing the truth regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven, should be given wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and 'Great Controversy' are needed now as never before. They should be widely circulated, because the truth they emphasize will open many blind eyes.

"Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday law would not be where it is to-day."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review and Herald, June 1, 1905.*

THE CANVASSING WORK A GREAT SCHOOL.

I do not know of a work that is more dreaded by the majority of people than the canvassing work, and I do not know of a work that will yield larger returns financially, intellectually, mentally, and spiritually.

It has been stated by one of the leading educators of the country, a president of one of our large universities,

that he hardly knew what to advise a young man after leaving college—which would be of the greatest value to him from an educational standpoint—a university course or a tour abroad. If he had said he did not know which would be of the greatest practical value to a young man after a high school training, a college course, or a course in canvassing, and had left it for me to answer, I would unhesitatingly reply, A course in canvassing.

There is no work that will develop and quicken the intellectual faculties like the canvassing work. There is great danger of the young man on the farm or in the shop becoming stereotyped, of getting into a certain rut and growing stale and spiritless, but there is no such danger in the canvassing work. No matter how awkward or "green" or uncouth a young man may be when he enters the field, in the course of a few months, if he sticks to it, you will observe a wonderful change. It does not take long before the rough edges will all be worn off and he becomes polished and refined in his manners.

Think for a moment the sort of people the canvasser has to meet, and then tell me if it does not require the exercise of every faculty of a man's being to meet them successfully. There are the vain, the curious, the surly, the pious, the timid, the generous, the niggardly, and the selfish.

To some you can appeal to the imagination, others you must reason with; some decide one way or other promptly, others are slow and vacillating in reaching a conclusion, and such are apt to be much influenced by what you say to them. All these peculiarities and traits of character one has to meet every day he goes out, and he must learn to be quick to detect them, so that he may know where to concentrate his forces.

There is an approachable side to every man. The people who are cold, bilious, disgruntled, must be met differently from those of warmer temperaments, and every intelligent canvasser will soon learn how to meet his man as soon as he sets his eyes on him. If repulsed in one way, he will try another until he finally gets on the right side of him. And as we see, it requires tact, knowledge of human nature, courage, courtesy, patience, perseverance, etc., to be a man who can successfully meet the people in the world.

And, as we have said before, there is no line of business that will develop these faculties so quickly as the canvassing work.

"The canvasser is engaged in an honorable business, and he should not act as though he were ashamed of it."—*Test. No. 32, p. 160.* "The work is a good one, the object high and elevating; and there should be a corresponding dignity of deportment."—*Id.*, p. 161. I look back over the biographies of the so-called great men of the world, and invariably I find that some time in their life's history they have canvassed, and every one of them attributes the success to which he has attained to the experience gained while canvassing.

And so I would say to every ambitious and aspiring young person who is anxious to make a success of life, Grasp this golden opportunity, and go out with a determination that, no matter if you do meet with rebuffs and hardships, you're going to "win out." And if you stick to it, you certainly will. And no matter what your aim in life may be, the ministry, the medical work, or the educational work,—the lessons you will learn while out in the field, and the discipline that will be acquired, will be the means of fitting you for whatever line you may undertake.—*Selected.*

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE AND HEART-TO-HEART MISSIONARY WORK

LABOR from house to house and heart to heart is the kind of work that tells most in laboring for souls.

As far as possible we must come heart to heart with those whom we would benefit, enter into their feelings, inquire into their temporal and spiritual condition, and bestow upon them genuine sympathy, if we would expect to gain the object we have in view. If we neglect doing this, we evince that we do not conform to the way in which our Saviour and his apostles used to labor for souls, and cannot expect to be as successful in winning souls to Christ as it is our privilege to be. It is not in keeping away from those whom we would help, and with whom we may associate, that we can help them the most. We must not approach them stoically, nor with icy coldness, nor as if we had something to say of which we were ashamed, but with hearts aglow with the love of Christ,

showing by our words that we esteem it a great honor to communicate to them the message that we bear.

Our words and manners should be to those with whom we associate an assurance that we have been with Jesus, and have learned of him as to his methods of labor. Those who will take an extended survey of the labors of Jesus will be surprised to see how considerable a portion of them was bestowed with single individuals, or in private houses with a single family, or with one family and with those who would unite with it to be benefited by what the Saviour had to say. So with the early disciples and apostles of our divine Lord. These men were deeply affected by the message they bore. They threw their whole souls into it, and labored largely "from house to house." Acts 20:20. And they drew near to the hearts of those for whom they labored.

And what does all this mean to us? Does it mean that only ministers in our day are to imitate our Saviour and his first disciples in these respects? that they are the only ones who are to labor from house to house, and to draw near to their friends and neighbors?—Nay, verily. The rank and file of our people must, as a general thing, do more of this kind of work if they would meet the mind of God, enjoy the plenitude of his Spirit, and soon see the work of the third angel concluded. If we have the most solemn and important message that was ever given for mortals, should we not associate with the people in order to make it known to them?—*D. T. Bourdeau.*

IF YOU CAN TALK WELL

PRESIDENT ELIOT, of Harvard, says, "I recognize but one mental acquisition as an essential part of the education of a lady or gentleman, namely, an accurate and refined use of the mother tongue."

Sir Walter Scott defined "a good conversationalist" as "one who has ideas, who reads, thinks, listens, and who has therefore something to say."

To be a good conversationalist, able to interest people, to rivet their attention, to draw them to you naturally, by the very superiority of your conversational ability, is to be the possessor of a very great accomplishment, one which is superior to all others. It helps you to make a good impression upon strangers.

It helps you to make and keep friends. It opens doors and softens hearts. It makes you interesting in all sorts of company. It helps you to get on in the world. It sends you clients, patients, customers. It helps you into the best society, even though you are poor.

No matter how expert you may be in any other art or accomplishment, you cannot use your expertness always and everywhere as you can the power to converse well. If you are a musician, no matter how talented you may be, or how many years you may have spent in perfecting yourself in your specialty, or how much it may have cost you, only comparatively few people can ever hear or appreciate your music.

Every experience of your life, every book you have read, every person who has conversed with you has influenced the quality of your conversation. You do not need to tell me whether you are educated or ignorant, whether or not you have been to college, have educated yourself, or have practiced high thinking. I can tell that by the quality of your conversation. The richness or poverty of your language will betray what your associations have been. Your travels, the quality of your observation, the variety of your experience are all reflected in your speech, pictured in the words you use. Nothing else will indicate your fineness or coarseness of culture, your breeding or lack of it, so quickly as your conversation. It will tell your whole life's story. What you say, and how you say it, will betray all your secrets, will give the world your true measure.

Most of us are bunglers in our conversation, because we do not make an art of it; we do not take the trouble or pains to learn to talk well. We do not read enough or think enough. Most of us express ourselves in sloppy, slipshod English, because it is so much easier to do so than it is to think before we speak, to make an effort to express ourselves with elegance, ease, and power.

Poor conversers excuse themselves for not trying to improve by saying that "good talkers are born, not made." We might as well say that good lawyers, good physicians, or good merchants are born, not made. None of them would ever get very far without hard work. This is the price of all achievement that is of value.

I know a business man who has cul-

tivated the art of conversation to such an extent that it is a great treat to listen to him. His language flows with such liquid, limpid beauty, his words are chosen with such exquisite delicacy, taste, and accuracy, there is such a refinement in his diction that he charms every one who hears him speak. All his life he has been a reader of the finest prose and poetry, and has cultivated conversation as a fine art.

You may think you are poor and have no chance in life. You may be situated so that others are dependent upon you, and you may not be able to go to school or college, or to study music or art, as you long to; you may be tied down to an iron environment; you may be tortured with an unsatisfied, disappointed ambition; and yet you can become an interesting talker, because in every sentence you utter, you can practice the best form of expression. Every book you read, every person with whom you converse, who uses good English, can help you.

How little parents realize the harm they are doing their children by allowing them to grow up ignorant of, or indifferent to, the marvelous possibilities in the art of conversation. In the majority of homes, children are allowed to mangle the English language in a most painful way.

Nothing else will develop the brain and character more than the constant effort to talk well, intelligently, interestingly, upon all sorts of topics. There is a splendid discipline in the constant effort to express one's thoughts in clear language and in an interesting manner. We know people who are such superb conversers that no one would ever dream that they have not had the advantages of the higher schools. Many a college graduate has been silenced and put to shame by people who have never even been to a high school, but who have cultivated the art of self-expression.—*Orison Swett Marden, in Success.*

Is it not a helpful thought that just here, right where we find ourselves, we can for the present best serve the Master? How it illuminates the most unattractive duties when we remember that by properly performing our humble, every-day tasks, we are serving him just as surely as is the man who is doing great and noble things for him.—*Geo. D. Gelwicks, in New York Observer.*



FROM THE FIELD

HALCOM, KY.

THE readers of REPORT OF PROGRESS will remember that the paper issued September 24 contained a brief report of work done at this place during the past summer. Some plans in regard to building a church house in this place were also mentioned. The work of building has begun, and the work moves on slowly but surely. God has blessed in all our undertakings, for which we are thankful to Him from whom all blessings flow.

Since giving my last report, timber has been secured and hauled to a sawmill about two and a half miles distant; also it has been sawed, and the lumber hauled half-way back to the building site. In the morning, God willing, we will begin hauling again, and expect soon to have all the lumber here, and the building started at once.

I have begun holding meetings at a place about four miles from Halcom. A vacant dwelling-house has been secured and seated quite comfortably, so as to accommodate something like one hundred persons. This house has been quite well filled, and through the blessing of God we hope to see several accept the truth.

When you are at the throne of grace, remember the work in this place, and your brother who is laboring for the salvation of souls.

M. E. EMMERSON.

NOT A FAILURE

THE following incident, related by one of our sisters, is illustrative of the fact that the canvassing work is not always, in fact *never*, a failure just because we do not sell many books. The incident related is as follows:—

“Although we do not always have financial success in canvassing, we should not be discouraged; for success in winning souls is better than making a financial show. I canvassed a lady for ‘Coming King.’ At once she asked questions which showed that she was especially interested in the prophecies. I held one Bible reading with her on Dan. 8: 1-12, which was followed by other readings, and, as a result, she is now rejoicing in the truth.”

If the faithful canvasser is living close to God and is being led by the Spirit of God, he will have many just such golden opportunities to open up the Scriptures to hungry souls. Many times just such little, short, but pointed Bible readings are what the people

need, and would at that time, perhaps, do them more good than a book.

But let the canvasser remember that his special work is to sell books. And though he does once in a while find some one to whom he thinks he should take time to give a Bible reading, he must not allow himself to be led to neglect *his own* line of work. He must keep to the point, and push the canvassing work with all the power and energy at his command.

“One thing at a time, and that well done,
Is the winning way when the race is won.”

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

“A CALL TO SERVICE.”

How Shall South Carolina Respond?

“THE Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth.” Since the “entire church” is to act a part in this work, and God has given “to every man his work,” there is not a church-member who can excuse himself or be excused. Let each one inquire of God for light as to the part that the Lord would have him act in this closing work.

Already the Lord has suggested many plans for getting the truth before the people. The pages of truth are to be scattered like the leaves of autumn, and many will be turned to the truth by reading. Here is a work in which all can act a part. Have a supply of tracts on the various vital issues of the message, and make it your business to hand these to visitors who will read. Take them with you, and make it your business to introduce the message wherever you can, and give out literature bearing on the topic in which the person is interested. Send tracts with the letters you mail. Keep the heart uplifted to God for the blessing and co-operation of Heaven.

At our depots men and women often have to spend weary hours waiting for a train. If there was a neat reading-rack in the waiting-room, filled with a good assortment of our tracts and papers, these hours of waiting might in some cases be spent to the salvation of the soul.

There is expense attached to all such work. How shall I meet this expense? is a question in the minds of many. Let me suggest a way. Get as many copies as you can of the special *Watchman, Liberty, Life and Health*, or some small books, and sell them, devoting the profit to such missionary work as has been suggested above. In this way you can obtain money for your missionary fund, and also place the truth in the hands of the people.

In these ways we may have a part in the work of God far and near. A recent number of the *Review* reports that through reading matter sent out by the Graysville (Tenn.) church, an interest was aroused at a certain place in Kentucky, a preacher was called for,

and now there is a goodly company of believers in that place.

A sister in this part of the state has distributed a large number of the “Family Bible Teacher” by giving them to persons on the train when she traveled and mailing them to others. Now she has persons who are reading the truth in many places. Her neighbors also are not forgotten. The Lord will crown all faithful work in his name with success.

Our laborers are very few, the needs of the field are very great. “Arise, shine; for thy light is come.” When we do this, we shall have souls for our hire. “The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.”

E. W. CAREY.

Luray, S. C.

OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

The Distribution of Our Reading Matter.

I HAVE received several letters lately, asking if I would write something on the subject of the “distribution of our literature.”

How should we value our literature?—According to the truth it contains, highly! Use it carefully and wisely. It may cost little, but it has life-giving truths—truths that if imparted to others would save them. We have daily instances of the good accomplished through reading.

We should seek to become familiar with it ourselves. We can not have too good an acquaintance with it. It should become dearer and dearer; then we gain personal advantages.

1. By a knowledge of the truths our books contain, our own hearts become warmed, and filled with the sense of their importance.

2. We know what we are presenting to others, and how to answer questions and follow up the work intelligently.

In the Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 390, we read: “If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work, and one that will educate men and women to do pastoral labor.

“Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly and systematically, and carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected. There should be a most thoroughly organized plan; and this should be faithfully carried out. Churches in every place should feel the deepest interest in the tract and missionary work.”

“We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their abilities in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals, including our health journals, and to introduce our books and pamphlets. Men should be at work who are willing to be taught as to the best way of approaching individuals and families. Their dress should be neat and their manners such as not to dis-

gust the people. There is a great want of true politeness among us as a people. This should be cultivated by all who take hold of the missionary work."

"Missionaries for God, you should be earnest, active, vigorous workers. God calls upon his people to act like living men, and not to be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept, showing them that they will receive much more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly.

"We must individually consecrate ourselves on the very spot where God has said he would meet us."

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD.

HOME WORK

THE Lord has given to every man his work, and my work is in the home. My first duty is to train the little ones he has placed in our care.

I am thankful that we can serve the Master in performing the "little" duties, and that we can do everything heartily as unto the Lord. While at home, I can give many tracts and papers to those far and near.

Husband is willing to care for babe a few hours each week; this time I use in visiting my neighbors with some of our books. Last week I sold two books for cash to a lady who said she would move early next morning twenty-five miles out in the mountains, and as there is so much sickness now, I thought if the Lord had not placed those books in her home then, she might never have had another opportunity of hearing this last message of mercy.

The next home at which I called, the household goods were all ready for the dray. I may never see those souls again, but am thankful the Lord impressed them to buy a book.

No people are so blessed with good literature as Seventh-day Adventists, and I pray it may soon be scattered as the leaves of autumn.

MINNIE M. KILLEN.

Asheville, N. C.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

THE fourteenth annual session of the Florida Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Tampa, Fla., October 10 to 20. The meeting was well attended by our people, many being present who had not attended a camp-meeting for years.

We were greatly favored by having with us the following visiting brethren: Elders G. I. Butler, J. E. Tenney, E. H. Rees, Smith Sharp, and Brother A. F. Harrison of the Southern Union Conference, and Elder G. B. Thompson from Washington. Their counsel in the deliberations of the conference was greatly appreciated. In union there is strength, and in God's wonderful plan of organization we are strengthened by the co-operation of each member.

The reports from the different departments

were of interest, and indicated a progress in the work during the year.

To the several calls for funds the hearty response will be shown in the following figures: For the tent and camp-meeting fund, \$57.65 was raised in cash and pledges; \$150,000 fund, \$414.00; missions, \$55.77; a typewriter for use in the Religious Liberty Department, \$57.00; and the Sabbath-school donation for the two Sabbaths, \$27.27.

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, R. W. Parmele; Executive Committee, R. W. Parmele, L. H. Crisler, C. B. Stephenson, W. G. Dick, and C. V. Achenback; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Stringer; Secretary of Educational and Young People's Work, L. T. Crisler; Secretary of Sabbath-school Department, Mrs. R. G. Stringer; Secretary Religious Liberty Department, C. P. Whitford; State Canvassing Agent, left to the discretion of the committee.

Credentials were granted to G. I. Butler, L. H. Crisler, Irving Keck, R. G. Stringer, C. B. Stephenson, and L. T. Crisler; ministerial licenses to J. Russell Mitchell, J. B. Case, and John Manns; missionary credentials to Mrs. G. I. Butler, Mrs. L. H. Crisler, Mrs. R. G. Stringer, Mrs. C. B. Stephenson, Mrs. L. T. Crisler, C. P. Whitford, Willie Vaughn, J. F. Bahler, Mrs. J. F. Bahler, Mrs. Phebe Frost, Nina Reynolds, Mrs. L. Mobley, J. M. Tennell, Mrs. O. N. Whetsel, Ella Sanks, Mrs. C. Williams, Lula Mumford, Gracy Hunter, and Mrs. Mary I. Hicks.

During the session a meeting of the Florida Conference Association was called, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, R. W. Parmele; Secretary and Treasurer, L. H. Crisler; Trustees, R. W. Parmele, L. H. Crisler, and Irving Keck.

With interest we noted the report of the Florida Tract Society debt. At the beginning of the year the society was \$530 in debt. It is now about \$100, and it is hoped that in a few short weeks this will be wiped out entirely.

The following resolutions were earnestly considered and adopted by the conference:—

1. *Whereas*, The blessing of the Lord has attended the work in the Florida Conference during the past year, giving success to the laborers, so that one new company has been joined to the sisterhood of churches; success has attended the efforts of the faithful canvassers for both books and papers; therefore—

Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to God for his prospering hand, and the blessings that have attended the work in our conference the past year.

2. *Whereas*, The Lord has said there shall be delay no longer in the finishing of this work which is to extend to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and whereas in the early days of this work the efforts of the missionary societies proved a most efficient means of spreading the truth, therefore—

Resolved, That we urge our churches everywhere throughout the conference to revive the missionary societies, and through them to seek to spread the truth by—

(1) Taking clubs of our papers, and sending out to individuals.

(2) Following up this work by missionary correspondence.

(3) Keeping a reading rack in some public place supplied with reading matter on present truth.

(4) Doing personal work among our neighbors by use of the "Family Bible Teacher."

(5) Selling our literature set apart for the use of home workers.

(6) Engaging in missionary correspondence with those whose interest in present truth has been awakened by the efforts of the canvassers.

3. *Whereas*, The Lord has said that if there is one work of more importance than another it is that of getting our literature before the people; and whereas our time for labor is growing short, and it is evident that the work will close first in the South, therefore—

Resolved, That during the coming year we will give greater encouragement to the canvassing work,—

(1) By engaging in it ourselves, either entirely or in part.

(2) By our prayers, our sympathies, and if need be, our means, encouraging others to enter and continue in the field.

4. *Resolved*, That we indorse the plans recommended for a large circulation of the *Watchman*, and promise to co-operate in this—

(1) By subscribing for it ourselves.

(2) By securing subscriptions for the journal.

(3) By engaging in the sale of the paper as far as is consistent, giving extra attention to the special numbers.

5. *Whereas*, The Southern Publishing Association has offered a year's scholarship to those selling \$200 or \$210 worth of books, and turning in the entire proceeds; therefore—

Resolved, That we will encourage our youth to take advantage of this plan, and will assist them in the accomplishment of the undertaking in every way possible.

6. In view of the encouragement and mutual help that is received in reports of the progress of the cause in our own and sister conferences, be it—

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the move made by the Southern Union Conference in starting the biweekly paper called *REPORT OF PROGRESS*, and pledge to it our share of support.

7. *Whereas*, Continual efforts are being made by would-be National Reformers to secure such legislation as will abridge the rights of conscience, therefore—

Resolved, That we encourage our people everywhere to earnest efforts to enlighten the public in reference to the real issues at stake by—

(1) Becoming subscribers to the publication called *Liberty*, and securing subscriptions from others.

(2) Supplying this journal to all the members of the legislature in the state regularly, and that the expense for the legislature subscriptions be met by contributions to the religious liberty work.

(3) By engaging regularly in the sale of the paper.

(4) By giving the Religious Liberty Leaflets a wide circulation.

(5) By using the public press as a means of disseminating the truth concerning the question.

8. *Resolved*, That we seek to arouse the public to the evils of intemperance, and to create a public sentiment that will demand the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

9. *Whereas*, Many of our people have been negligent in many ways in heeding the instructions on Christian temperance, therefore—

Resolved, That we urge upon all a more careful study of the Testimonies on this subject as well as others, and an earnest effort to bring our lives in conformity thereto.

10. *Resolved*, That a fund be raised by voluntary contributions and pledges to be used for tent and camp-meeting expenses.

11. In view of the shortness of time and the rapidity with which the work is closing and the urgent necessity of speedily finishing the work of raising the \$150,000 fund,—

Resolved, That we make an earnest effort to complete Florida's quota.

12. Since there is now in our conference a legally organized body known as the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, in which it is safe to vest the titles to our denominational property, and since in these days of apostasy and death the titles otherwise vested render the properties insecure to the cause of God; therefore—

(1) *Resolved*, That we urge the necessity of the titles of all denominational property located within this conference being vested in the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and urge upon those having these matters in charge to take immediate steps to accomplish this end.

(2) *We recommend*, That those desiring to bequeath their property to the cause make the bequest to the Florida Conference Association.

13. The attention of the delegates having been called to the fact that our canvassers are continually finding isolated persons who have become interested in the truth, some of whom can neither write nor read writing, therefore—

Resolved, That especial attention be given these cases by the proper ones in the conference.

14. *Whereas*, The Lord has spoken so definitely concerning the education of our children and youth,—

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to greater activity in establishing church schools, and give to them a large share of our sympathies, prayers, and means.

We recommend, That our churches everywhere encourage their consecrated young people to bear responsibilities by inviting them to lead out in the hour of worship, and to take a more active part in Sabbath-school and missionary work.

Whereas, We have been greatly crippled for a children's and Young People's tent, therefore—

Resolved, That our children and young people raise a fund for purchasing a tent.

Whereas, Our Sabbath-schools have been greatly blessed during the past year, and—

Whereas, This is one of the most important departments of God's work, therefore—

(1) *Resolved*, That we bend every energy to push this work, that it may fill its intended purpose, namely, the conversion of souls.

(2) *Resolved*, That we favor Resolutions Nos. 35 and 42 passed at the late Sabbath-school Convention held by the General Conference at Mt. Vernon. Namely, 35, "That we encourage our Sabbath-schools to give all their donations to missions, providing for their supplies from other sources." 42, "That our children be encouraged by our conference Sabbath-school secretaries to engage in suitable missionary efforts for home and foreign fields, under the close guidance of parents and teachers."

(3) *We recommend*, That a State Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention be held whenever and wherever may be thought best by the committee.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY WORK

ALTHOUGH our society has only been in operation for two months, still I think that the report is an encouraging one, when we take into consideration the quiet and almost silent way we have been working. This report does not represent all the work that has been done in Nashville during this time, or by the Union Conference corresponding secretary. Surely we have cause to thank God, from whom all blessings flow, for the work that has been done.

We know that many tract societies in this Southern field are also doing noble work for the advancement of the message, but up to the present we have not received any official reports that could be put into REPORT OF PROGRESS, but I have received letters from the different librarians regarding this branch of the work. We hope that every society in this field will send in a faithful report at the close of the December quarter.

It is encouraging to see what has been done in the little time we have been at work; for example, 1,800 copies of the *Watchman* have been ordered and paid for, and we know that these papers have been carefully used and distributed. Some of them have been used for prison work each week, and in other places of equal importance. We must of necessity conclude that at least two persons will have read each paper, so we must know that 3,600 people of Nashville have by the means of these papers received some of the third angel's message. We can see that though each member may do only a little, the work as a whole means a great deal to the cause of God. It is all the "littles" that make the grand totals. So we hope that all will be inspired by this report to do something for the Lord every week, and will keep a note of it, so as to report it on the report blank once a week. The Lord will add his blessing to this work, and souls will live in the kingdom of God through eternity because of it.

Remember the instructions given in REPORT OF PROGRESS twice each month regarding "reporting" our work and being faithful to do so. We will surely hear the "Well done" said to us as the result of our faithfulness.

"Let the churches awake before it is everlastingly too late. Let all the members take up their individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which they are called. When faith lays hold upon Christ, the truth will bring delight to the soul, and the services of religion will not be tame and lifeless; they will not be dull and uninteresting."

M. H. TUXFORD, *Pres.*,
A. H. HALL, *Sec.*

LIBRARIAN'S STATEMENT.

Missionary Report of the Nashville Church for Two Months Ending Oct. 31, 1907.

No. local tract societies, 1.
No. attending society each week, 36.
No. missionary visits, 20.
No. periodicals loaned, 14.
No. periodicals given away, 1,526.
No. periodicals sold, 1,040.
No. books sold, 14.
No. tracts and pamphlets given away, 3,120.
No. pamphlets sold, 6.
No. letters written, 42.
No. letters received, 7.
No. Bible readings held, 9.
No. people attending readings, 15.
No. people interested, 1.

MRS. A. J. HARRIS, *Lib.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The North Side Branch of the Nashville Tract and Missionary Society, for Two Months Ending Oct. 31, 1907.

Receipts.

By cash on <i>Watchman</i>	\$15.19
By cash, collections.....	2.22
By cash, from individuals.....	.75
By cash, for widow.....	2.00
By amounts owing by members..	2.75
	\$22.91

Expenditures.

To cash, 1,800 <i>Watchman</i>	\$16.00
To cash, tracts and books.....	2.68
To cash, postage.....	.12
To cash, paid to widow.....	2.00
Balance	2.11
	\$22.91

Balance due Society..... \$2.11
M. H. TUXFORD, *President*,
MRS. A. J. HARRIS, *Librarian*.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER

I KNOW that many of our readers are interested in reading extracts from different letters received, and I think all will say with me that this letter has the true ring in it:—

"We are making progress slowly along the missionary lines. I am keeping after our churches, and have got a few to work. I find that our people are hard to arouse; but when they do arouse, there are blessings in store. I shall never cease trying until I can see our old-time missionary spirit revived.

"Wishing you much of the Lord's blessing.

"I am yours for service,
"MRS. C. A. SAXBY."

THE \$150,000 FUND

DONATIONS ON THE \$150,000 FUND

Received at the office of the Southern Union Conference during the three months ending Nov. 1, 1907.

Alabama Conference.			
Previously reported	\$236.42		
Miss Helen McKinnon, Treas.	172.97	\$409.39	
Cumberland Conference.			
Previously reported	515.30		
S. M. Jacobs, Treas.	281.41	796.71	
Florida Conference			
Previously reported	322.70		
Mrs. R. G. Stringer, Treas.	265.69	588.39	
Georgia Conference			
Previously reported	340.39		
Mrs. Clara C. Philips, Treas.	55.58	395.97	
Louisiana Conference			
Previously reported	306.16		
Mrs. Dora F. King, Treas.	93.43	399.59	
Mississippi Conference			
Previously reported	189.83		
L. V. Crawford, Treas.	77.43	267.26	
North Carolina Conf.			
Previously reported	251.61		
Miss Jessie Bosworth, Treas.	236.61	488.22	
South Carolina Conf.			
Previously reported	132.69		
Mrs. R. T. Nash, Treas.	34.20	166.89	
Tennessee River Conf.			
Previously reported	669.82		
T. E. Pavey, Treas.	430.11	1,099.93	
Total for Southern Union Conference		4,612.35	
Previously reported outside			
Southern Union Conf.	\$596.80		
Mr. and Mrs. Catlin, Illinois	5.00		
Miss C. Bertram, Wisconsin	10.00		
Sue Turner, Ind. Territory	2.00		
Isolated friend	3.00		
Mrs. Bertha Russell, Iowa	4.00		
W. E. Scott, Idaho	10.00		
E. L. Wheat, Texas	1.00		
L. F. Wren, Kansas	10.00		
H. B. Saunders, Illinois	3.40		
D. M. Rush, Illinois	3.25		
Melissa Cookerdofer, Mich.	2.00		
Herbert B. Spencer, Mich.	2.00		
Alice Campbell, Virginia	5.00		
Total outside Union Conference	\$657.95		
Grand total receipts to Nov. 1, 1907	\$5,370.30		

W. A. WILCOX, Treas.

FROM VICTORY UNTO VICTORY

RECENTLY the writer, while working to raise the fund for the Washington Memorial Church and also the \$100,000 fund, heard many doleful prophecies of failure. We believed, however, that God was in the forward movement which these funds represented, and that they would both be successful. In both instances there was an overflow.

Nevertheless there has been during the raising of the \$150,000 fund, prophets of failure, who have felt that at least in *this* we should fail. Now that we have long since passed the half way mark, and nearly \$100,000 has been paid in actual cash, and about half

the balance is pledged, those who have prophesied failure begin to see that the greatest financial move our people have ever undertaken, will be closed as successfully as those which preceded it, and that very soon.

I cannot speak for every Union Conference, but I have reason to believe that the Southern Union Conference has raised in cash and pledges \$6,000 for this fund. If we unite in a strong effort, we feel that the whole amount can be raised by the 31st of December, 1907, and another victory in the conflict become a matter of history.

Then even greater battles and certain victories are before this people, till the day we shall cross over into the heavenly land, and march in triumph through the gates into the city, where even now we are laying up treasure "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

"From victory unto victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed."
J. S. WASHBURN.

AN APPEAL TO THE SOUTH

THE president of the General Conference appeals to all our people to make up the balance of the \$150,000 fund before the last day of the year 1907. In a recent letter he says, "It will be a source of great encouragement to our brethren all through the North, to see the South do this definite thing, and do it on time."

Here in the South we have received \$50,000 of the \$150,000 fund. Thus far the latest report shows that we have raised over \$4,800, and we believe that there is quite a large amount in the hands of the treasurers and also still more pledged. Will not all those who have made pledges make an earnest effort to pay them before the close of the year? It will be a source of great encouragement to our brethren in the North for those of us in the South to do our very best, and thus show our appreciation of the help that has been given and our willingness to help ourselves as far as we are able.

Between this time and Dec. 31, 1907, I truly believe is a critical time in our work in the South. If we fail in raising a liberal offering to close up the work of raising the \$150,000 fund, it may affect our work unfavorably for all time to come. Let us unitedly rally, and give a large amount to this greatest of all funds ever raised by our people, and I believe it will mark a new period in the work in the South.

Will not the officers in every conference, every minister, worker, and every church elder, by their good example in giving, and by doing all they can to interest all others in giving, do what they can to finish this fund? If this is done, I believe offerings will come in from all our good loyal Southern brethren, and it will be a great inspiration to our people here in the South. The Lord help us to realize and know the day and time of our visitation.

J. S. WASHBURN.

CANVASSING REPORT

Of the S. U. C. for One Week Ending Oct. 12, 1907

NAME	Name of Book	Hours' Work	Total Value	Value B'ks Delivered
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Chas A Griffith	2 wks..sofp	51	70 00	
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
M J Weber	.....BFL BS GP	45	112.50	50
J W Slade	.....BFL	19	17 75	
A K Baker	.....BR BIBLES	50	67 00	
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
T H Dobb	.....MISC	48		28 75
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
W D Hughes	.....CK	5	4 00	1 00
A L Manous	.....MISC	4		2 25
Mrs A L Manous	.....D&R	7	22 00	4 00
M L Woodall	.....D&R	27	22 50	
J A Kimmel	.....D&R BFL	37	31 50	8 00
Mrs W C McDonald	.....BFL	4	9 00	9 00
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
C L Collison	.....BR D&R	52	13 30	13 30
Edwin Booth	2 wks...CK	20	13 00	19 00
G S Rogers	.....GC	30	23 00	9 00
J P Campbell	.....sofp	30	29 00	11 00
A B Cheek	.....BR BS	49	35 35	5 15
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Mrs S E Richardson	H&H	32	84 75	
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
Ira Young	.....CK	19	3 00	10 00
R L Underwood	CK sofp	36	19 25	6 00
O B Newton	.....CK sofp	12	1 75	1 75
Horace G Miller	.....GC	10	5 00	
Howard R Stark	.....CK	37	26 00	
Celia McDonald	.....sofp	23	41 25	4 00
	.....CK	30	89 00	9 00
Mattie S Reynolds	.....CK	20	8 00	10 00
W E Lanier	.....D&R	34	34 50	75
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
Frank Hazel	.....CK	50		50 00
A A Johnson	.....CK	42	10 00	92 25
Mrs H B Gallion	.....CK	29	29 25	9 25
H B Gallion	.....CK	26	1 75	35 75
J B Rise	.....CK BFL	32	28 00	13 00
Mrs E A Wing	.....CK	20	47 75	9 25
D M Smith	.....CK	45	5 30	58 30
E R Button	.....CK	29	87 85	1 00
Mrs E R Button	.....CK	27	45 05	
W A Smith	.....CK	7	2 00	3 70
W P Darnell	.....CK	18	29 00	12 75
F A Evans	2 wks...CK	87	159 25	36 25
H Martin	.....CK	50	80 25	20 00
Mrs H Martin	.....CK	7	15 00	14 50
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
J T Eaton	.....BFL	73	84 30	6 15
Mamie Moore	.....D&R	29	32 00	1 95
Mrs Martin Thorn	.....sofp	8	4 75	4 75
W R Hanson	.....D&R	15	9 00	5 50
Alice M Patton	.....D&R	5	7 00	3 50
C M Kinney	3 mo...NTP	350	298 90	225 00
H C Balsbaugh	.....sofp	74	77 95	
W T Dawson	.....BR	40	41 50	12 80
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference	.....	51	70 00	
Cumberland Conference	.....	114	197 25	50
Florida Conference	.....	48		28 75
Georgia Conference	.....	84	89 00	24 25
Louisiana Conference	.....	181	113 65	57 45
Mississippi Conference	.....	32	84 75	
North Carolina Conf.	.....	221	227 75	41 50
South Carolina Conf.	469	640 45	356 00
Tennessee River Conf.	594	555 40	259 60
Grand Total	1,794	1,978 25	768 05

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The book, "Studies in Gospel History," by Prof. M. E. Kern, the stock of which was destroyed in the College View (Nebraska) fire, is being republished by the Pacific Press. The price will be \$1.00, post-paid. The publishers will be ready to fill mail or express orders by November 15, no providence preventing.

NOTICE FOR ALABAMA

AS THERE were so many of our people that did not attend our annual conference and camp-meeting held at Birmingham, October 3-13, it has been arranged for Elder Smith Sharp of Graysville, Tenn., and the writer, to hold general meetings in Alabama as follows:—

Semmes, November 1-4.

Marlow, November 8-12.

Churchula, November 15-18.

Souwilpa, November 22-25.

Oak Level, November 29 to December 2.

These will be very important meetings, and we hope that all our people in these districts will plan to attend every service.

A. J. HAYSMER, Pres. Ala. Conf.

OUR PART OF THE \$150,000 FUND

I AM exceedingly anxious that the matter of raising the part of this fund assigned to the Southern Union Conference be completed at once. We are nearer out than any other Union Conference. We have pledges enough to finish it if they are promptly paid. If every one that has made a pledge would pay it at once, we would be through with this work, and could then give attention to other important matters connected with the cause.

If each one could be made to realize the great advantages this would bring to the work in the South, I believe we would see the matter closed up at once. Let it once be known that the Southern Union Conference was the first to raise her quota, and it would come

back to us in blessings for years to come. These pledges are mostly in small amounts, and the same interest in their payment that was shown in making them would insure their payment in a very short time. It takes some little time after the money is paid in to your church treasurer for it to get around, so that we can see the credit in the *Review*. I earnestly urge that each individual make every effort to pay the money in to the church treasurer, and that the church treasurer at once forward it to the state treasurer, and the state treasurer at once forward it to Brother Wilcox at Nashville. Will not conference presidents look after, and take a deep interest in, this matter, to the end that we may close this up at a very early day?

SMITH SHARP.

Bowling Green, Fla., Oct. 23, 1907.

LIBERTY, NO 4.

"THE Rome and the United States" number of *Liberty* for the fourth quarter issue, comes out with sixteen strong editorials, showing that religious legislation ever leads to persecution, that the present attitude of the ministry, the ever-recurring school matter, the demand for Sunday legislation, the strange expedients in legislation, the dangerous precedents, the making and enforcing of Sabbath laws, the inconsistency of enforced religious observances, and the present tendency to make Christ's kingdom of this world, are subverting the principles of good government, and destroying genuine religious experience.

The general articles of this number are unusually strong. Among them are—

"*Rome and the Constitution.*" The marvelous change which fifteen years has made in the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the government of the United States.

"*Conscience-Free.*" It cannot be coerced. "You can forge a crowbar on an anvil, but you cannot hammer out a conscience."

"*The Triumph of Rome.*" In her co-operation with Protestants in the exalting of Sunday, she is seeking to regain her lost supremacy.

"*Threatening Shadows.*" The lamb-like nature of this nation to be changed into that of the dragon,—historical and Scriptural evidence given.

"*The Sphere of Law.*" The object of civil law is to regulate civil conduct; but the civil law that modifies, changes, or interferes with the law of God transcends the powers conferred, and is not respected by the courts of heaven.

"*The Papal Theory of Government.*" A union of church and state, with the church as the superior, and commanding obedience from the state as the inferior.

"*The Importance of the Sabbath.*" The Sabbath of the fourth commandment—its purpose; the enforcing of its observance being the transgression of the moral law of which it is a part.

"*Why Religion Was Disestablished in Virginia.*" An interesting sketch of American

history, in which is revealed the evils of a union of church and state, and the blessing of religious liberty.

"*Teaching Only What God Has Commanded.*" Men are to take the law of God just as they find it. They have no right to urge as a matter of universal obligation what God has left as a matter to be decided by every man's conscience.

"*Temperance.*" Sunday-closing of the saloon; the cause of the moral paralysis upon society; Lincoln's temperance pledge; England's drink bill; liquor drinking in the United States.

The magazine has been enlarged to 48 pages, better illustrated, and the price raised to ten cents per copy. The prices to agents are as follows: Two to 25 copies, 5 cents each; 25 to 500, 4 cents; subscription price, 25 cents; foreign, 35 cents. Ten or more copies in one order to one address, 15 cents per copy.

Place all orders for *Liberty* with the State Tract Society.

LOYALTY

THERE was one most encouraging feature in the statistical report of the work of Seventh-day Adventists for the year 1906, published in the *Review* of Sept. 19, 1907. While there was a substantial increase in the membership, it was rather the increase of the tithe and donations that was encouraging. In the year 1906 there was paid \$150,000 more tithe than in any previous year in the history of our work; also about \$20,000 more for foreign missions, besides \$145,000 for special offerings.

The tithe per capita in 1863 was \$2.29; in 1873, \$5.22; in 1883, \$5.53; in 1893, \$9.37; in 1906, \$10.91; counting this last sum with the offerings to missions and offerings for special work during the year 1906, not including church expenses, makes a total of \$14.67 that Seventh-day Adventists are giving each year. We believe this will greatly increase, and that it will compare favorably with the offerings to evangelical work of any other denomination. A Roman Catholic priest once stated to the writer that he would be very thankful if his people gave as liberally to the church work as Seventh-day Adventists.

The Lord is giving temporal prosperity, in which our people share, that means may be provided to finish the work. There is an abundance of means among us and a willingness, and in fact we believe a determination, that the \$150,000 fund shall be finished by the 31st of December, 1907. With a sharp, quick, united effort, this can be easily done. It need be kept before us but a short time, and then the way will be clear for other matters of importance. The loyalty of our people to the great cause, as shown by their gifts to the Lord's work, is most hopeful and thrilling. Shall not Jan. 1, 1908, mark another period of victory in the great closing work, in the completion of the greatest fund ever raised by Seventh-day Adventists?

J. S. WASHBURN.