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THE WORLD'S CALL

THERE's a cry in the wind to-night From the lands where the Lord is unknown, While the Shepherd above, in his pitiful love, Intercedes at his Father's throne,

There's a call from the dark to-night That haunts the lighted room,

From his "other sheep" on the broken steep At the edge of eternal doom.

There's a pain at my heart to-night. From the heart of God it came;

For I cannot forget that he loves them yet, And they've never heard of his name.

There's a sob in my prayer to-night, When I think of the million homes

Where never a word for the Lord is heard, Nor a message from Jesus comes. -Missionary Idea.

AN IMPORTANT TESTIMONY

[The following testimony was written in 1902, and was addressed to Elder Irwin, who was in Australia at the time]

I WILL try to answer your queston as to what you should do in the case of Sunday laws being enforced.

The light given me by the Lord at a time when we were expecting just such a crisis as you seem to be approaching, was, that when the people were moved by a power from beneath to enforce Sunday observance, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by refraining from work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort.

To defv the Sundav laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no ocasion to call you law-breakers. If they are left to rein up men who fear neither God nor man, the reining up will soon lose its novelty for them, and they will see that it is not consistent nor convenient for them to be strict in regard to the observance of Sun-Keep right on with your work, day. with your Bibles in your hands, and theenemy will see that he has worsted his own cause. One does not receive the mark of the beast because he shows that he realizes the wisdom of keeping the peace by refraining from work that gives offense, doing at the same time a work of the highest importance.

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

When a man, white or black, is arrested for Sunday breaking, he is placed at a great disadvantage. He is humiliated. And it is well-nigh hopeless for him to obtain a fair trial. Often when Sabbath-keepers in the Southern states are arrested for working on Sunday, they are sent to the chain-gang, where they are forced to work on the Sabbath. The Lord does not command them to place themselves where they are obliged to dishonor his holy rest-day ...

Our churches should understand the methods to be used in avoiding this difficulty. Sunday can be used for carrying forward various lines of work that will accomplish much for the Lord. On this day open-air meetings and cottage meetings can be held. House-to-house work can be done. Those who write can devote this day to writing their articles. Whenever it is possible, let religious services be held on Sunday. Make these meetings intensely interesting. Sing genuine revival hymns, and speak with power and assurance of the Saviour's love. Speak on temperatice and on true religious experience. You will thus learn much about how to work, and will reach many souls.

CONFERENCE

Let the teachers in our schools devote Sunday to missionary effort. I was instructed that they would thus be able to defeat the purposes of the enemy. Let the teachers take the students with them to hold meetings for those who know not the truth. Thus they will accomplish much more than they could in any other way.

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

Good deeds are very fruitful. Out of one good action of ours God produces a thousand, the harvest whereof is perpetual.— Bishop Hall.

UNION

IF WE FAINT NOT

"In due season we shall reap if we faint not." But if we faint?---

No wonders in the land of Zin.

"No smiting of the sea — no tears Ecstatic shed on Sinai's steep — No Nebo, with a God to keep His burial! Only forty years Of desert-watching with his sheep!"

THE VALUE OF EARNESTNESS

THE writer has had the privilege of being present at several meetings of the National Convention of the W. C. T. U., recently held in Nashville, Tenn. While we would probably not agree with all their methods, yet there was one thing which impressed me strongly, and that is, the great earnestness and intensity with which those noble women are working in the good cause of Christian tem-Their influence has certainly perance. accomplished much. As a result, at least partially, of their work, a strong temperance tide is flowing over the country. especially in the South. Georgia has become a prohibition state; Alabama seems just on the verge of passing a prohibitory law; there are only four cities in Tennessee which have saloons, and it is evident that Tennessee also will soon be in the prohibition column. All through the country the temperance wave is flowing as is evident from the reports.

The cause is a good one, and those who labor in it should be in deadly earnest; and earnestness counts. The individual who has courage and energy to follow his convictions does something in The listless, dead, formal, the world. half-hearted service that many of us give should cause us to tremble lest the warning of those terrible words apply to us, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot. I will spew thee out of my mouth." Let us do with our might what our hands find to do. Let us labor fast while the rays of the setting sun are shining. Let us finish the work before " the night cometh, when no man can work." Should not Seventh-day Adventists, who have other great truths besides the temperance truth, arise, and with a terrible . and irresistible earnestness show the many in the world who are looking for light that we have a real message and a



THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

(Concluded.)

THE OAKWOOD TRAINING SCHOOL.

W. H. Williams gave approximate figures of expenditures for building operations as fol-. lows:--

Manual Arts building, \$355.00. Study Hall, \$4,100.00 or \$4,200.00. Well, complete, \$470.00.

Water plant, \$150.00.

About \$95.00 had been used for furniture and fixtures, making about \$6,000 in all, leaving about \$1,800 on hand, of which the Board has voted to reserve \$1,000 for sanitarium purposes. This leaves only \$800 for building a dormitory, and as we could not build much of a one for that amount, we have decided to cut the timber in the wood lot, which we can get sawed into lumber for \$4.50 per thousand, and it is estimated that there is fifty thousand feet on the lot.

With reference to the operating fund, the farm work has been hampered by having so much material to haul from the city. Professor Boyd has been doing very efficient work on the farm.

With reference to the farm assisting in the support of the school: the expenses are about \$280 per month and they have sold \$400 worth of produce from the farm; so under present arrangements they are only able to meet the running expenses of about \$280 per month. This does not include the principal's salary, and teachers are calling for their pay. The amount of salary per year is \$3,848, and departmental expenses amount to about \$960, making a total of about \$4,808. Practically no donations have been received this year.

Brother Williams stated that they hoped to make more of market gardening in the future, and also to have some income from the weaving industry, as they hope to secure considerable custom weaving.

Professor Blake stated that the school was badly handicapped on account of having no dormitory accommodations for the boys; and it was voted that it is the sense of this committee that the Huntsville School Board proceed to erect such buildings as are most needed, out of the funds in their hands, without incurring any indebtedness.

I. A. Ford presented the following resolutions:---

"Whereas, The biennial session of the

real work? "Awake thou that sleepest." With patience and yet with haste let us do the Lord's blessed work.

J. S. WASHBURN. .

Southern Union Conference to be held in January, 1908, will be an occasion affecting our work in its various departments of gospel endeavor; and —

"Whereas, Through the providence of God the work of scattering our denominational books and periodicals during the last year or more has met with encouraging success; and —

"*Whereas*, Much good may be accomplished by calling to this biennial meeting, the state agents of each conference; therefore —

"Resolved, That a Bookman's Convention for the Southern Union and the Southwestern Union Conferences be held in connection with the Southern Union Conference meeting, that each state conference be asked to send to this meeting at least the state agent, and that the Southern Publishing Association take the initial steps in the plans necessary to carry out this resolution.

"Whereas, Information has been received that the General Conference Publishing Department contemplates holding a Bookmen's Convention during the coming winter; be it —

"Resolved, That the Southern Union Conference and the Southern Publishing Association conjointly extend an earnest invitation to hold said convention at the same time and place as the convention proposed for the Southern Union and the Southwestern Union Conference."

These resolutions were discussed and voted.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following resolutions were presented:----"Whereas, There are many worthy young people who are financially unable to attend school; and ---

"Whereas, The Southern Publishing Association has offered to supply scholarships in our Southern schools for selling books to a certain amount; therefore—

"Resolved, That we approve of this plan of the Publishing House, and recommend it to prospective students of the Oakwood Manual Training School. Be it further \rightarrow

"Resolved, That a fund be raised to be dispensed at the discretion of the Oakwood School Faculty to assist worthy students, and we would recommend that those who have canvassed faithfully to earn their scholarships be preferred beneficiaries, and that as far as consistent the said assistance be supplied as a loan."

The report was spoken to by C. P. Bollman, and upon call was voted.

THE ATLANTA SANITARIUM.

A committee having been appointed to consider the standing of this institution, they presented the following report: Receipts, including appropriations, sale of material, and donations, \$3,582.35; disbursements, \$2,957.98. Other obligations already contracted amount to \$927.55, leaving a deficit of 303.18.

Upon inquiry, it was stated that the cost of the Atlanta Sanitarium has to the present time amounted to \$9,832. L. A. Hansen suggested that the building be mortgaged to raise the funds with which to make the improvements. On motion a vote was taken recommending that the Sanitarium Board place a mortgage of \$5,000 for the purpose of paying \$3,000 indebtedness, and putting the building in working condition.

The Chair appointed W. A. Wilcox, R. M. Kilgore, L. A. Hansen, and I. A. Ford a committee to consider the future relation of C. F. Curtis to the Sanitarium.

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL MANUAL.

Professor Tenney called attention to the matter of manuscript for a denominational school manual, prepared by himself, and asked that this committee consider its disposal. Upon motion, it was voted that the Southern Union Conference take the necessary steps to publish this manual.

THE WORK IN NEW ORLEANS.

The following recommendation was introduced by Elder S. B. Horton:--

"Whereas. There will be established in New Orleans, at an early date, a depository of the Southern Publishing Association, in harmony with previous actions of the Southern Union Conference looking to the development of the work in that city; and—

"Whereas, The city of New Orleans is contiguous to a territory where our denominational literature in home as well as foreign languages is being rapidly developed, thus making New Orleans more accessible to the interests involved; therefore —

"We recommend, That the Southern Publishing Association and the Southern Union Conference officials take the necessary steps looking to the securing of the Central American States and the Bay Islands as territory for the Southern Union Conference publishing interests."

The above recommendation was discussed and adopted.

Elder Horton stated that in harmony with a previous act of the conference, the committee appointed for this purpose came to New Orleans and purchased a house at 610 Jackson Avenue, for which the owner had been offered \$7,500 a short time before, and we bought it for \$6,000. We had to pay \$1,500 July I and \$1,500 September J,`the balance to be paid in monthly payments of \$50 each with interest. The state and county tax amounts to \$150 or \$160 per year. The deed for this property is to be made to the Southern Union Conference, the Southern Publishing Association, and the Louisiana Conference.

In order to meet the \$1,500 payment September 1, there was borrowed from the Alabama Conference \$700, which we expect will eventually be paid, but would be glad to have the time extended somewhat. Elder Haysmer, president of the Alabama Conference, stated that the conference would extend the time until May 1, 1908.

THE JOHNSON FARM AT GRAYSVILLE.

The Chair introduced the matter of the Johnson farm and the attitude of the Southern Union Conference Educational Association to it. Elder Sharp stated that the Johnson Farm was purchased, and agreement was entered into with the Southern Training School, by which it was to pay \$600 per year rent for the farm; but after the contract was written, it was never signed, and the school

never paid this sum. There was considerable discussion with reference to the attitude the school had assumed relative to the matter; but the following motion was finally offered, and unanimously voted :---

"I move that it be made the sense of this committee that the Johnson farm be turned over to the Southern Union Conference Educational Association, with the privilege of disposing of such portions as may be necessary to meet all legal and moral obligations."

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE TO THE WATCH MAN.

Elder Butler stated that he was not present when the Publishing House Board took action to increase the price of the *Watchman*; and he questioned the wisdom of such a move very much. The presidents of the different conferences expressed deep regret to have the price advanced, and stated that they would push the matter of increasing the subscription list. Elder Nash moved that it is the sense of this committee that the price of the *Watchman* ought to remain at \$1.00 per year. The motion was supported and voted.

THE ATLANTA SANITARIUM.

The Committee on Arrangements for the Atlanta Sanitarium presented the following report:---

"Your Committee on Arrangements for the Atlanta Sanitarium recommends-

"That we extend the time of the present arrangement with Brother Curtis from Dec. 6, 1907, to April 1, 1908.

"That we lease to C. F. Curtis, the Atlanta Sanitarium for a period of two years from April, 1908, for the consideration of \$1,200, with the understanding that C. F. Curtis will at once proceed to invest this amount in making the most needed improvements; these improvements to be in harmony with advice from the Atlanta Sanitarium Board."

After considerable discussion, this recommendation was adopted with three members of the Sanitarium Board dissenting. It was moved by C. P. Bollman, seconded by W. R. Burrow, that we recommend the Sanitarium Board to borrow \$3,500 instead of \$5,000 on the Sanitarium property. Carried.

It was voted to recommend to the Sanitarium Board that G. W. Wells be the Sanitarium Treasurer.

PLANS FOR WORK IN LARGE CITLES.

Moved by J. E. Tenney, seconded by Elder Nash, that a committee of three be appointed to consider the work in the large cities and bring plans before the conference in January. Carried. The following committee was named: Elders R. M. Kilgore, W. R. Burrow, and A. J. Haysmer.

NEW ORLEANS.

Professor Tenney introduced the following recommendations:---

"Whereas; In the providence of God property has been purchased in the city of New Orleans in which to establish the interests of our work in that great city, and —

"Whereas, Our work in that city needs to be strengthened by the conjunction and co-operation of our varied interests; therefore — "We recommend, I. That the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tenn., be asked to open a depository in the city of New Orleans at as early a date as possible, and to employ for such purposes rooms that may be furnished in the recently purchased property. And we would respectfully suggest the propriety of the agent of the Publishing Association also acting as Secretary and Treasurer of the Louisiana Conference, thus serving the interests of economy and convenience.

"2. That as soon as possible a missionary training class be organized, to be given apartments in the buildings above mentioned, and thus share in the blessings and burdens of the common interests.

"3. That Elder S. B. Horton, the Religious Liberty Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, may be given more release from home conference duties and may push with increased vigor the work of which he has been made the leader in this field, and that at the same time interests of the Louisiana Conference may not suffer, we recommend that Elder R. M. Kilgore be invited to take the presidency of the Louisiana conference, and that he enter at once upon the duties of that work.

"4. That Elder Kilgore and the Louisiana Conference may have the benefit of Elder Horton's long experience and wide acquaintance in Louisiana and in the city of New Orleans, we recommend that he be the Vice-President of the conference and retain his head-quarters in the city of New Orleans, thus serving the local interests, the Conference with which he has been so long connected, and the cause of religious liberty throughout the field.

"5. Whereas, Elder Baber and wife have expressed their determination not to take up the work of the school in New Orleans, and as that work should be begun at an early date, we recommend that Brother C. A. Allen of Spanish Honduras be invited to take the immediate charge of the class to be organized in that city as previously provided."

Elder Kilgore objected to going to Louisiana, and the recommendation to that effect was laid on the table. This of course also tabled No 4. Nos. 1, 2, and 5 were adopted.

Moved by Elder Burrow that Elder Sharp be recommended to labor in the interests of raising money from the present time until Jan. 1, 1908. The motion was supported. Elder Sharp: "The thing to do, in my mind, is to raise our share of the remaining portion of the \$150,000 fund." The question was called, and the motion carried.

Moved by Elder Bollman that as the impediments that were in the way of deeding the property which is held by the Southern Conference Association have been removed, the proper officers be instructed to deed the property to the respective interests involved, that affairs of the Association may be closed up at once.

Supported and carried.

It was voted that C. L. Kilgore be allowed a salary of at least \$10 per week for the actual time devoted to the closing up of the affairs of the Southern Conference Association.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned sine die. E. H. REES, Secretary.

LOUISIANA

I LEFT Graysville October 16, stopped over one day at Montgomery, Ala., on business, and arrived at the hospitable home of Elder S. B. Horton in New Orleans the evening of the next day, feeling, apparently, as well as usual. But the following day the malaria attacked me, and for two weeks I was prevented from engaging in public field labor.

October 30, I went to Hobart, where remains a remnant of what was once the Hope Villa church. I visited and labored with it when it was a united, happy band of believing, trusting, and obedient children. At my last visit, twelve years ago, I found them rent and torn asunder by the hand that had led them into the truth. He had imbibed false and perverted views of those things he had taught them, and in teaching these, he had succeeded in drawing away a number of the disciples after him, and sowing doubt and uncertainty in the minds of others; so that a few only were left standing for the message.

I remained and labored with these for nearly a week, as I was able, and the Lord blessed. The sad fact that confronted me was, so few of the children that were there on my former visits, had grown up to be sound, earnest, devoted Seventh-day Adventists. The others were attracted to the world, its forms and pleasures, and to "be like the nations around them."

Although feeling weak and exhausted, the Lord helped me to speak three times on the Sabbath and twice on Sunday. This church needs help. R. M. KILGORE.

INDUSTRIAL "INTERMEDIATE THESCHOOL AT ELIZA, ALA.

On Sunday, September 8, the writer had the privilege of visiting Eliza, Ala., for the purpose of assisting in the dedicatory services of the new school building, which Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Hayward have labored hard and sacrificingly to erect the past year. I was well pleased with all I saw and heard.

The school building is 24 x 40 feet, plain, neat, substantially built, two-story, with a good, high, well-lighted and ventilated basement, and a kitchen outside. The building is weather-boarded, papered with building paper. and sealed throughout. The chapel, or schoolroom, will comfortably seat fifty. There are six other good rooms.

The surroundings are pleasant. The school is located on a 140-acre farm, with about 35 acres under cultivation. There is a nice orchard of about two thousand trees, one half to two thirds of which are in bearing. The school is situated in one of the most healthful locations in the South on the northeast portion of Sand Mountain, six miles from Trenton, Ga., and about eleven from Bridgeport, Alâ. The farm is well adapted for truck and fruit growing.

In looking over the premises, I saw that everything possible was being done to make this a real industrial school. They have three horses, five cows, six young cattle, wagon, buggy, saddles, and farm and garden tools.

They also have a good fruit and vegetable canning outfit. There is an old three-room cabin and a new two-room cottage on the place.

For the dedication a very interesting program had been prepared for both forenoon and afternoon. All entered into the services with * earnestness. The song services were a prominent part of the program. The attendance from the surrounding districts was good, and we heard many remarks of appreciation of such a self-sacrificing effort for the uplifting of the young people in that needy locality. The school opened the next morning with an attendance of thirty-four.

There is another feature of the work being done at this place that is worthy of example. They all take a deep interest in the Sundayschools in the different districts, and in two where there is an attendance of about fifty pupils each all the teachers and part of the officers are from the school. While the people were a little shy at first, they are now becoming very friendly, and a good work is being done. The Lord has surely helped so far in this undertaking, which was started without means, trusting in the Lord to open up the way as he had plainly indicated in the opening up of such a work. The fruit crop this year was all destroyed by the unusually late freeze; but they are trying to make up this lack by putting up other garden products.

I trust that Dr. Hayward and his co-workers in this school will have the prayers, cooperation, and assistance of our people in this We should have scores of such work. schools in every state in the South. We have several places in Alabama where there is an urgent need at the present time, and I should be glad to hear from any one interested in such a work. A. J. HAYSMER.

Elkwood, Ala.

ALABAMA

A GENERAL meeting for the Mobile church was held near Semmes, Ala., November 1-4. Elder A. J. Haysmer, president of the conference, was present, but we were disappointed in not having Elder Smith Sharp with us, as we had expected.

The meeting was fairly well attended by our people. considering their scattered condition. The message for this time was carefully considered, and our relation to it, to advance and forward it, was the main theme of the meeting. A liberal spirit was manifested when the call was made to help close out the \$150,000 fund, and a considerable amount was pledged to the tent and camp-meeting fund.

A club of twenty-five copies of the Watchman was subscribed for by the church to be used in the city of Mobile, and a hundred copies of the special Watchman were also ordered. A club of forty copies of Liberty was taken, with which to furnish the officials and leading men of Mobile city and Mobile County, and more than twenty sets of the "Family Bible Teacher" were also ordered for missionary use.

. The meeting was a profitable one, and awakened in those who attended it a new

zeal and enthusiasm to hasten on this message to its final conclusion in this genera-W. S. CRUZAN. tion

Semmes, Ala.

THE RIGHT RING

-IN my correspondence with the people in this state, I have the privilege of reading some most excellent letters, letters with the right ring to them. I believe the author of one which I had the good pleasure of reading a few days ago will pardon me if I send a part of it to the press, as I will use no name. I do this believing that it will provoke others who may read it unto good works. I auote as follows :---

"You have asked me to give you a report of my missionary work, but, my dear brother, at the outset I will say with Paul that I have nothing whereof to boast; and when I look back and see how little I have done in comparison to what I might have done, and what others are doing in the Lord's vineyard. I am ashamed to hold up my head or speak of it.

"Nevertheless as you have asked me for a report, I will endeavor, in a general way, to tell you what I am doing. But first I wish to say, My house is always open to our people whenever it is at all convenient for their accommodation, without money and without price. Secondly, I always keep before me the admonition to do good unto all men, especially those of the household of faith, and when any of our canvassers visit our city, I am always ready and willing to help them in any way possible.

"I subscribe for nineteen of our papers which I give away and mail to different parties throughout the state and elsewhere. I also keep a supply of tracts on hand to give away. And I also have all leading books, which I am loaning out constantly, and now and then I get an order for one of our books or papers.

"I hold Bible readings with several families in the city, and did my strength and health permit, I could do much more in that line, as there are many openings and calls for instruction in the word of God. It grieves my heart when I cannot attend to these calls, and my constant prayer is for a Bible worker for this city."

I will not quote further, though there are nearly two pages more to this letter which continue to have the right ring. O how I wish all of our people throughout the state were as wide awake as this dear brother. He is getting up a little in years, and makes his living, I understand, by daily work, and yet look what his love and zeal for the truth lead him to do.

Come, brethren and sisters, let us be up and doing while it is day, while probation's hours still linger. Soon it will be too late, the harvest will be ended, and I fear that some among us will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them. We cannot afford to falter by the way now; for we are too near the haven of rest. Soon our dear Saviour is coming for those who have been faithful, and will say to them, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful

over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

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THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

A FEW words to REPORT OF PROGRESS about our school may be of interest. No doubt many who read these lines know something of our effort to establish an industrial school at Amory, Miss. This is the only school of its kind in the state. It has taken some time and effort to do what has been done so far, but we feel that a good beginning has been made, and we can only thank our heavenly Father for his help and blessing. We are all very much interested in this good work, and earnestly pray that it may be a success and help to the cause of God.

For lack of means and help, the work of building has moved slowly; but living, as we are, in a warm country, we have been able to make good use of a few tents. Our school is now held in a tent. We hope soon to be in our new building, 25×60 feet, three stories high. The lower floor will be used for schoolroom and dining-room, and the two upper floors will be occupied by students.

The school work has been in progress four weeks. We began with ten students, and now have thirteen, and by Tuesday night we expect to have twenty bright young people, who have a desire to fit themselves for usefulness in the Lord's work, and thus help to hasten the glad day when Jesus our Saviour will come. Our program reads thus:—

> Rising bell, 4: 45. Work, from 5 to 6. Breakfast and worship, 6 to 7. Work, 7 to 8. School, 8 to 12. Dinner, 12 to 1. Work, 1 to 6. Supper and worship, 6 to 7. School, 7 to 9.

Retire, 9:30.

Should there be any young man or woman (white) in the state of Mississippi who would like to accept this opportunity to obtain an education, I will be glad to correspond with such. My address is Amory, Miss. None need apply but those who are free or willing to be free — from bad habits, such as smoking, chewing, swearing, etc., and who are willing to abide by the rules of the school.

The charges are \$10 per month.

Pray for us, and this branch of the work in this needy field.

JAMES BELLINGER.

Amory, Miss.

OUR BEST RECORD

I WISH to express my gratitude to God for his blessings upon the canvassing work in South Carolina. I find that October's report breaks the record. For four weeks ending October 25, the canvassers have delivered \$1,339.60 worth of books. This exceeds the sales during the entire year of 1905 by \$170.80.

There were 1,149 copies of "Coming King" sold; or nearly one and a half times as many as were sold in 1905.

If the literature placed in the homes of the people by our canvassers during this month had been equally distributed, it would have placed one and a half pages of "present truth" in every family in the state. Up to date, in 1907, we have exceeded the sales of 1906. While this is a good report, brethren and sisters, we must not relax our efforts. The enemy is displeased to see the work prosper, and he will do everything he can to hinder. It is no time to fold our hands and say, "The work is prospering." No. the battle is waxing hotter and hotter. So let us pray and work as never before. The Lord has greatly blessed thus far, but we have only made a beginning. Pray that others may take up the work with us. C. F. DART.

317 Buncombe St., Greenville, S. C.

MISSIONARY WORK

In Our Tract and Missionary Societies.

Some of our librarians and workers, and more especially the isolated members, have often written to us that they were unable to introduce a tract to a stranger in a proper way, and they would be glad if they could receive some instruction on these lines.

We have decided, after careful consideration, to take up some of the leading subjects on doctrinal points, and give a synopsis of one or two tracts that are more familiar to the people; and after one or two lessons on these points I feel sure that many will have a clearer conception of their subject, and will be able to make each tract interesting. Still we must not be satisfied with a theoretical knowledge of the things we wish to present to the people. The truth must be real, live, and powerful. In No. 10 of REPORT OF PROGRESS we spoke about the distribution of our literature, how we should value it, and we should value our tract work just as highly as we do our other literature. We must become acquainted with it ourselves, or alas! it must prove a failure.

We should never go out and try to present the tracts to the people without first asking God for that wisdom that comes from above, and becoming fully acquainted with the subject of the tracts we wish to present; and then those with whom we work may discern that we have been with Jesus and learned of him. In Christ "dwelleth all fulness," "and ye are complete in him."

Tracts on the Second Coming of Christ.

- I. Can We Know?
- 2. Is the End Near?
- 3. The Coming of the Lord.
- 4. Signs of the Times.
- 5. Second Advent.
- 6. Millennium. (Special.)

Review of "Can We Know."

I. The prophecies of the Bible can be understood. 2 Peter 1: 19, 20; Deut. 29: 29.

2. The second advent will be literal. I Thess. 4:16.

3. It was the constant theme of all inspired writers: 1. Peter; 2. Matthew; 3. Paul; 4. Titus; 5. James; 6. John; 7. Luke.

4. The apostles did not look for it in their day. 2 Thess. 2:1-3; Matt. 24:6; 2 Peter 1:14.

5. No one knows the definite day. (Seventh-day Adventists do not set time.) Matt. 24:36.

6. We can know when it is near, even to the generation. Luke 21:25-28:32; 1 Thess. 5:4; Rev. 3:3.

7. When God brings judgments on the earth, he has ever given warning, even to the wicked:

THE CANVASSING WORK IN GEORGIA

THE following is a report of the canvassing work in Georgia for five weeks ending Nov. I, 1907:-

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From this record you will observe that we have but one agent who is situated so that he can give all his time to the work. The others are those, largely, who do other work and canvass at odd times. But it will also be observed that all do well for the *time* which they are able to put in.

We are in need here, not of territory, but of good consecrated canvassers who can *canvass* and do nothing else. We have just about one hundred counties that have not yet been worked for our books.

I would be glad to hear from more of our Georgia brethren and sisters. I believe there

are some here who ought to be in the work, but who are not, for some reason.

And we would also be glad to hear from any who are interested in the canvassing work in Georgia, even though they are not in Georgia.

Reader, do you think the command, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard," has been withdrawn? If not, why not obey? Let us do it, what do you say? We shall be glad to hear from *any* who are interested in the work here.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS, Field Agent.

1. Amos; 2. Sodom; 3. Nineveh. Amos 3:7; Genesis 6; Jonah 1; Matthew 3; Luke 2: 25-36; Rev. 14:6-16.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

MARLOW, ALA.

As IT is always of interest to me to know how this glorious message is spreading in the different corners of this old earth, and hoping others are interested also, I wish to state that we are still holding the fort in Marlow, Baldwin Co., Ala.

The Lord has been good to us. Five years ago when we came here, we were the only Seventh-day Adventists in this county; but the Lord has blessed our efforts; and has increased our numbers to twenty-five, besides three brethren studying in the Southern Training School at Graysville, Tenn. The last acquisition consisted of eight persons who had decided to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and were baptized by Elder A. J. Haysmer, Nov. 9, 1907, Elder W. S. Cruzan assisting. The day following, the ordinances were celebrated, and it was good to be there. We ask all our kind brethren to remember us in your prayers.

Albert F. Prieger.

ANNUAL REPORT

of Young People's Work in the Florida Conference, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1907. No. of societies, 4; increase of one. No. of members in societies, 23. No. of isolated members, 22. Total, 45.

No. of letters written, 109; letters received,

45.

Missionary letters written,	157
Missionary letters received,	` 107
Missionary visits,	307
Bible readings or cottage meetings,	471
Subscriptions taken for periodicals,	42
Papers sold,	3,433
Papers mailed or given away,	1,177
Books sold,	210
Books loaned,	53
Pages of tracts sold,	537
Pages of tracts given away,	22,824
Hours of Christian help work,	837
Persons supplied with food and clothing,	14
Offerings for home mission work,	\$54.70
Offerings for foreign mission work, .	\$15.30
Special offering forwarded to the work	
in China,	\$56.85

LEROY T. CRISLER, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED INSTEAD OF ONE

How BLESSED it would be, could we see at once such a wonderful increase in the number of accessions to the believers in God's great message for this time. A simple glance at the statistics of the denomination certainly would show that such an increase would quickly cut the work short in righteousness. For instance, a late statement sent out from our headquarters reads as follows: "During 1906 there were added to the number of believers 4,220." Multiplying this by one hundred, and the startling result would cause most of us to rise from our seats and ask, "What do these things mean?"

Yet just such an increase is not only possible, but, from the very circumstances, an actual necessity. And this because the very elements required for its attainment are essential requirements of Christian character. These conclusions are drawn from the following statement of the spirit of prophecy, made in the *Review and Herald*, Nov. 16, 1905:--

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful,—if we would do this, brethren, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."

Evidently this does not signify that we are to lay aside the lines of work to which the Master has called us, but only that these are to be carried forward in the spirit of the Master. But the lack of this fruitage shows likewise the lack of these simple, yet so essential, graces.

Let us, brethren, as Christian workers, one and all, seek for the indwelling Saviour, that will cause us to thus manifest forth his glory, and win the lost for him. As evidences of this saving grace appear on every hand, and likewise of the greatly increased ingathering, our hearts throb with deep emotion as we think of the time when we may join the Saviour in his solemn statement: "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

ALBERT CAREY.

Hildebran, N. C.

TAMPA, FLA.

OUR annual colored camp-meeting was held at Tampa, October 10-20. The camp was located in a very desirable place in the city. The attendance of our people was not as good as we expected, but the outside interest was excellent.

Among the visitors from other states were Elder W. H. Sebastian, from Atlanta, Ga., and Sister Elizabeth Smith, from Brunswick, Ga. Elder Sebastian rendered excellent service. The message of truth was presented day after day in the most simple form. Revival meetings were held, and a number gave their hearts to God. Elders Irving Keck and Smith Sharp gave good instruction along the line of health reform; and Elder Geo. I. Butler, president of the Southern Union Conference, preached two excellent sermons.

At the close of the camp-meeting, it was decided to continue the meeting as long as the interest demanded. This we are doing. We have organized a Sabbath-school of twelve members. Later we expect to report how many have taken their stand for the truth. We see the great need of a mission school in this city.

When we closed our tent-meeting, the little company here had no place to meet; but a Methodist brother gave us the privilege of holding our weekly services in his church. In this we see the good hand of the Lord, and we are very thankful. We hope that this kind brother will yet see the light of truth. The interest in Tampa will be followed up for awhile longer. Pray that the blessing of God may rest on the little company here, and that more may see the light of truth and be constrained to walk therein.

J. W. MANNS. ·

ALABAMA CONFERENCE PROCEED-INGS

THE sixth session of the Alabama Conference was held in connection with the campmeeting at Birmingham, October 3 to 13.

We were glad to have with us as visiting brethren Elders G. I. Butler, S. B. Horton, Smith Sharp, J. S. Washburn, Prof. J. E. Tenney, and Brother A. F. Harrison.

The Treasurer's report showed that there had been a gain in tithes and offerings of \$749.42 over the preceding year.

The following resolutions were considered and adopted by the conference :---

I. We suggest that our conference year close December 3I instead of June 30. That our conference session be held early in January, and instead of one general camp-meeting, that we have local meetings at a time convenient for the locality; that our next conference session be held in January, 1909.

2. That we put forth greater effort than ever before to carry on tent work for both the white and the colored.

3. That we favor the reading course for the young people recommended by the General Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

4. That we favor the plan of giving our faithful canvassers a canvasser's license, and require them to sign a contract for special territory, and work under the direction of the conference.

5. That a committee of three be appointed to prepare and examine articles for the press on denominational, health and temperance, and religious liberty subjects.

6. That we urge our churches everywhere throughout the conference who have not done so to appoint a librarian and revive the missionary societies, and through them to seek to spread the truth by-(a) Taking clubs of our papers, and sending out papers to individuals; (b) following up the work by missionary correspondence; (c) keeping a reading rack in some public place supplied with reading matter on present truth; (d) doing personal work among our neighbors by use of the "Family Bible Teacher;" (e) selling our literature set apart for the use of home workers; (f) engaging in missionary correspondence with those whose interest in present truth has been awakened by the efforts of the canvasser.

7. Since there is now in our conference a legally organized body known as the Alabama 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 property insecure to the cause of God; therefore we urge the necessity of the titles of all denominational property located within the conference being vested in the Alabama Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and urge those having these matters in charge to take immediate steps to accomplish this end.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, A. J. Haysmer; Executive Committee, A. J. Haysmer, W. S. Cruzan, C. C. Webster, R. I. Keate, T. B. Buckner; Secretary and Treasurer, Helen McKinnon; Field Missionary, R. I. Keate; Secretary Religious Liberty Department, W. S. Cruzan; Secretary Medical Missionary Department, Dr. Amy Bascom; Secretary Sabbathschool, Educational, and Volunteer Missionary Departments, Helen McKinnon.

Credentials were granted to A. J. Haysmer, W. S. Cruzan, C. C. Webster, E. Van Deusen, Sydney Scott, and T. B. Buckner; ministerial licenses to J. H. Lawrence, H. W. Jones, and D. E. Blake; misionary licenses to Helen Mc-Kinnon and R. I. Keate.

HELEN MCKINNON, Sec.

THE \$150,000 FUND

A UNITED EFFORT

As we draw near to the close of the year 1907, it becomes more and more evident each day that it will take a determined and united effort to raise the balance of the \$150,000 fund by that date. It seems perfectly clear that every conference and every individual, no matter what has already been done, should stand ready to help if they are able to do so. The writer knows one or two conferences that may not be able to raise the amount specfied by the General Conference by the first of January. It therefore seems necessary that some of the conferences whose names are now adorned by a star in the Review list, should be willing to help in this work. There are two such conferences in the Sotuhern Union. The Georgia Conference has passed its apportionment by nearly \$100.

The president writes as follows: "I well remember when the matter was first mentioned to me my first thought was, We can never raise the amount that is required of us here; again I said, God is in this work, and he does not require impossibilities. And God be praised, the money that was required was raised and more. At our camp-meeting came and made another pull. I told him before he came that we had already raised our share, but if he desired to come and try, I would help him all I could.

"He made a few remarks, and then I made another plea, and the money came in, with pledges, to the amount of about \$75, so when we get this all in it will swell our amount to nearly the \$500 mark. I hope this will be raised before the year passes, and you may depend upon us doing all we can to have this done."

The president of the North Carolina Conference writes: "Will say that though a star now adorns our name in the list of states, we are not ceasing to press the work at every reasonable opportunity. Am glad to give assurance of our *continued interest, energy*, and *attention* to this, *until* the people shall be restrained from giving." We believe this to be the right principle; and if all the conferences and individuals will work energetically on this line, the whole of the \$150,000 fund can easily be made up before the first of January, 1908.

J. S. WASHBURN.

ONE WAY TO FINISH THE WORK

THE following extract from a letter written by Brother Walter Harper at Tonopah, Nev., Nov. 10, 1907, contains an excellent suggestion as to how the balance of the \$150,000 fund could be made up before the first of January, 1908. We commend it to all who have given and those who have not: "I will state that by the grace of God I have paid my individual quota of the \$150,000 fund over and over, directly and indirectly, and of late sent it in again, and now I will suggest a plan that, if it is accepted by our dear brethren and sisters all over the land, will enable us to swing this fund around easily to a finish by Jan. I, 1908, and never miss it, and be greatly blessed in the doing. We will only be glad we did the thing. It is this: Let each one give one day's work, or wages, between now and December 25, to this fund. [There is no limit; each can give not only one day's work and its proceeds, or several days if God so leads their minds.] I will give to this fund the net results of one day's canvassing, some day between now and December 10. I hope it will be large - one of the largest days I ever did. The 'surprise party' plan on the \$100,000 fund began in California. It was, under God, a grand success. It was contagious. May this be too. May it start, also, not only in California, but all through the broad harvestfield, and the shout of victory be heard that the work is finished. It can be done so easily too. Let us lend a willing hand and push it to a finish now. Yours in the hope of Christ's soon coming in glory. [Signed] Walter Harper." J. S. WASHBURN.

THE WORK IN WASHINGTON.

A RECENT communication from Sister White speaks of the importance of the work in Washington, and especially of the sanitarium there. Where in the world is there a better class of men, as far as intelligence and education are concerned, than can be found in the city of Washington, D. C.? It is in many respects a city of the educated, not always the most religious by any means, but men of great ability, of intelligence, and many times of wealth. What a mighty work is before the sanitarium in that city! The following statement fron: the spirit of prophecy makes this very plain:—

"I have written much in regard to the need of making decided efforts in Washington, D. C. An important work is to be done in this city. If there is any place in the world where the truth should be fully presented, it is in the city that is the very heart of the nation. Those who act a prominent part in framing the laws for the nation should understand what is written in the law of God, which lies at the foundation of all right laws.

"It has seemed strange to me that in past

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THE address of Elder L. H. Crisler is changed from Orlando, Fla., to 728 E. Church Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

ELDER SYDNEY SCOTT, who has been laboring in the Alabama Conference, is now laboring in South Carolina. His address is Sumter, S. C., General Delivery.

Do nor fail to read the article on the first page of this issue, entitled "An Important Testimony." It is timely, and right to the point. We hope its good principles will be put in practice everywhere throughout our Southern Union Conference.

WE are sure our readers are well acquainted with the *Youth's Instructor*, and appreciate its many excellent features as a journal for the young people. Indeed, we believe it is liked by everybody in the home, from the very little people to the grandparents.

The publishers of the Youth's Instructor are about to issue a special number, which is ' now ready for mailing. It is called "Our Truth Number."

It has a beautiful cover design in color and is nicely illustrated. It presents, in appropriate and impressive simplicity, the principal features of the third angel's message through specially adapted articles. The subjects embrace the Sabbath, the nature of man, the second coming of Christ, temperance, and religious liberty. Those who know the character of this journal will be prepared to expect something excellent, and they will not be disappointed.

Liberal supplies of the special number of the *Instructor* should be ordered by all churches and freely circulated. The prices will be 5 cents a copy; 2 to 25 copies to one address 2 1-2 cents a copy; 25 or more copies, 2 cents a copy. Order through any state tract society, publishing house, or direct from *The Youth's Instructor*, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

TO OUR STATE LIBRARIANS

WE would be glad if our state librarians would send in their reports of the work done by the tract and missionary societies in their respective states. As our conference convenes Jan. 9, 1908, we are anxious to have all of our reports in as soon after Dec. 31. 1907, as you can make it convenient to do so.

Let us do our work faithfully, yes, even

with all our "might." We must have good reports to present to the conference, and can there be better news than that the work of God is going forward, and precious souls are receiving the light of truth?

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

RATES TO THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE AND BOOKMEN'S CON-VENTION

SEVERAL have been inquiring with reference to railroad rates to the conference beginning January 9. It is expected that rates will be secured on the certificate plan. Those coming will buy full-fare tickets, taking a certificate therefor of the regular form, and will be returned at one third fare. More complete announcement will be made later.

I. A. Ford.

TO THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

OWING to the resignation of Brother E. B. Melendy as field canvassing agent and conference and missionary secretary, Brother Sam F. Reeder has been appointed canvassing agent, and Mrs. J. F. Pogue conference and missionary secretary of the Cumberland Conference.

All correspondence concerning the canvassing work should hereafter be directed to Sam F. Reeder, Dayton, Tenn., R. F. D., No. 5, and that relating to conference and missionary secretary work to Mrs. J. F. Pogue, Byington, Tenn.

J. F. POGUE, President.

TO THE BRETHREN OF GEORGIA

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Ir will be remembered that at our good camp-meeting held in Atlanta, Ga., a call was made for the \$150,000 fund. Although our brethren had done nobly, and had already raised the share allotted to them, they felt it a privilege to continue the good work, and contribute still more; so at that time about \$75 was raised in cash and pledges. A number of these pledges are still unpaid, and it is hoped that this gentle reminder will bring the amount pledged, and we may close up this work before the present year ends.

I know we have watched with interest the growth of this fund as it appears in the *Review and Herald*, and we are looking forward with joy to the time when it will all be raised.

Those sending in the amount of their pledge can send to our conference treasurer, M. L. Woodail, 26 Beecher Street, Atlanta, Ga.

GEO. W. WELLS, President. 77 Beecher St., Atlanta, Ga.

SOUTH CAROLINA, ATTENTION!

We wish to call the attention of our people in South Carolina to the needs of our religious liberty work, and the funds necessary for the same. *Liberty*, as we hope all know, has been increased in size, and is now a 48-page magazine, published quarterly. The subjects presented are well saturated with the message of the third angel, and written in a style well calculated to catch and hold the attention of

THE WORK IN WASHINGTON

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years our work was not better represented at Washington. For many years I have been anxious to see a sanitarium establishel in this place. A medical institution in Washington will' greatly help in opening the way for the truth to be presented. God has counseled us that, if the sanitarium work shall be carried forward in the right manner, it will be a means of doing great good."

J. S. WASHBURN.

statesmen and busy men in places of responsibility everywhere. Here is provided a wav of reaching with the last message a class of most intelligent people, difficult to reach in any other way. The subscription price for Liberty is 25 cents a year; but the publishers offer to send this magazine for one year to each one of the members of our General Assembly for only 15 cents for each name. We have already sent in a list of the names of our state senators. This has exhausted our funds for this work. Must the work stop here for lack of funds? Here is a class of people that should have the message given to them among the first, for these are men "who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Tim. 2:2.

Let us have liberal contributions to the religious liberty fund from all parts of the state. About \$25 is needed at once to supply the state representatives and other officials with *Liberty*. This important work is now at a stand-still, waiting for your help. Send all contributions to Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C. E. W. CAREY,

Sec. Religious Liberty Dept., Luray, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA

THE principles of religious liberty should be understood by all the people, and especially by those in official positions. They, like Nicodemus and Joseph, stand where their influence can count on the right side in a crisis where the truth will need a friend.

I hope all will read carefully the article by Brother Carey, and let us arise and give to those who so much need it, a knowledge of the true principles of liberty.

It will be an easy matter for South Carolina to raise the amount for which Brother Carey has called if all will help a little. Please send your donations in at once and avoid delay. God has said, "There shall be delay no longer." R. T. NASH.

PUBLICATIONS WANTED

MRS. JAS. Woods, 322 South Detroit Street, Warsaw, Ind., would like copies of the *Watchman* and *Signs* for missionary use. Send postpaid.

 M_{RS} . H. T. MOORE, 1600 Fifteenth Street, Birmingham, Ala., desires to thank those who have so generously responded to her call for denominational literature. She also earnestly requests that more may be sent, to be used in missionary work. Address as above; send post-paid.