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"PILGRIM of earth, who art journeying to heaven!

Heir of eternal life! child of the day! Cared for, watched over, belov'd and forgiven,

Be not discouraged because of the way."

TRACT AND MISSIONARY MEETINGS in conclusion.

THERE is no class of workers more liable to become discouraged than missionary secretaries. Dealing more directly with hearts and minds, the feeling of responsibility is great. They see so much to be done, and often so few who are willing to lift burdens, that hours are liable to come when the clouds gather, and they fain would resign their office forevermore.

It is well at such times to remember that God's strength united with human weakness gives power, and his wisdom added to our ignorance will make us wise. The best antidote for discouragement is earnest prayer. This will instil a new warmth into the heart, open a world of love before us, and fill our souls with joy and peace unutterable. It may try the patience to work on day by day trying to help others, and see but little fruit as the result of our toil, but eternity will reveal marvelous things. The words spoken in weakness may melt many hearts to tenderness. It is cheering to know that God's truth will rise above every obstacle, shine through every cloud, triumph over every difficulty, and win a glorious victory at last.

Business Management.

If possible, train the church to do business upon a cash basis. The credit system is unsatisfactory and discouraging to every one. It always gives courage to the members to know that the society has a credit with the state organization. This cannot be had unless the members pay promptly for goods ordered. Some missionary secretaries go to an extreme in this matter, and cripple the work by refraining from ordering tracts for the members to use, in order that the collections may accumulate so as to show a large credit balance. To keep every one at work and to keep all bills paid, is the most satisfactory policy. Members should be educated to pay cash with orders for all goods for their own use, but in cases where books are taken to be sold for the profits to go to some phase of the work, the members cannot be expected to pay cash for the books as they are taken. When they cannot, the missionary secretary should keep a note book, in which to enter the names of the persons taking the books and the number of books taken. The members taking them should sign their names to the entries with the understanding that as soon as the books are sold, the money is to be paid for them, and that they are responsible to either pay for the books signed for or to return them in good condition. 1f those who owe the society for periodicals or books do not pay promptly, they should be visited at their homes and talked with concerning the work. Patient kindness and the love of God in the heart will do more than harsh reproachful words. People do not like to be "dunned" for money; but they will, as a general rule, listen to gentle, candid reasoning, and if their interest is awakened in the work, they will feel its burden.

The responsibility of liberality rests upon the society as a whole. Upon the missionary secretary the burden of having regular collections taken from the church and from individuals must rest. Many donations aside from the regular offerings from the church, may be secured if efforts are made.

There is profit to be made by taking orders for the books. On subscription books sold to the members, a discount of 50 per cent. is allowed by the state society, 40 per cent. of which is given to the member ordering, and 10 per cent. is profit to the church society. And if church-members can be induced to sell subscription books to the public with a view of giving the proceeds to the church mission work, a clear profit of 50 per cent. will be made by the society, while if our trade books and helps are sold under the same arrangement, the profit will be from fifteen to forty per cent.

Some missionary secretaries make the mistake of giving the discount to the individual who makes the purchase. This is an injustice to the state society and a poor plan financially.

Systematic, persevering efforts in connection with well-laid plans, will give any local society a business management with which it may be well pleased.

Church Quarterly Meetings.

At the close of each quarter the church should hold a business meeting, at which reports of all branches of the work should be presented, in order that the members may be intelligent concerning the standing and progress of the church. At this meeting a statement of the financial standing of the missionary department should be read. With this should also be given a report of the missionary work done during the quarter just past. This will inspire confidence in the work of the missionary secretary and of the members. It will also awaken a deeper interest. The amounts paid out with the cash in hand should equal the receipts for the quarter.

Anything the society owes is a liability. An asset is anything the society has on hand which is of value, and all accounts due to it. If the assets exceed the liabilities, the difference is present worth. If the liabilities exceed the assets, the difference shows the amount of the insolvency. The missionary secretary should always strive to have the assets cover the liabilities, and if possible to have no liabilities.

Mrs. M. H. Tuxford-Crothers.

NO, DON'T.

Dear fathers, don't scold. The shoes will grow old, and the clothing wear out. 'Tis by no means at all worth scolding about. Your burdens will be like the sands of the sea, and nothing is what you might wish it to be; you'll be jostled and pressed, and perplexed and distressed; you'll wish for a place and a period of rest. The children won't do as you might wish them to; all things will run wrong, and the prospect look blue.

But, fathers, don't scold. O don't scold! Dear mothers, don't scold.

There'll be dust on the carpet from John's dirty feet, and Mary and Polly will fail to be neat. They'll make a great racket; for quiet you'll plead; and after you've spoken, they'll fail to take heed.

All over the garden the chickens will scratch. The seeds will not sprout; the eggs will not hatch; the doors will blow open; the house plants will freeze; John's suit will wear out at the elbows and knees.

But, mothers, don't scold. O don't scold!

Dear brethren, don't scold.

Brother A. is too slow; Brother B. is too fast; Brother C. never sees till the chance has gone past; Brother D. is contrary, F. and G. are perverted; H., I., J., and K. are not soundly converted; while all of the rest, whether child, man, or woman, are all full of faults, decidedly human.

In short, to come quickly and right to the point,—the world and all in it are quite out of joint.

But, brethren, don't scold, O don't scold! T. H. Jeys.

FOR THE FIRST TIME

As I opened the last Report of Progress [issue of March 24] and looked first (as I always do) at the canvassing report, my heart rejoiced to see Kentucky represented with her sister conferences.

The report was small, the least on the list. Very likely many looked at this, and saw only a small report; but to me it looked like a cloud about the size of a man's hand with the sound of an abundance in it. In the first place, this report is from the *Kentucky Conference*, not but that some canvassing has been done in Kentucky, but for the first time in history, the Kentucky Conference, as such, has a canvasser's report.

It is small, but a beginning. It will grow. It shows that something will be done. The report is, 23 hours' work and \$23.50 worth of orders. This is over one dollars' worth of orders to every hours' work. It is this brother's first experience, with only a dollar book, too.

It is a report. It shows faithfulness in work. It shows a willingness on the part of this brother to follow instructions. It shows cooperation.

I have never met this brother, but I know from this report that as long as he works, we can expect his report each week, and his cooperation. It will not take many more such names to make the work boom in "Old Kentucky."

It is forever too late for you to be the first—this report shows that. Now who will join this brother, and be the second on the list?

C. F. Dart,

Mc Kinney, Ky.

LOUISIANA

SINCE my last report, I have visited De Ridder, New Orleans, Hammond, Hobart, Pineville, and Shreveport, holding meetings at each of these places except New Orleans.

At De Ridder several have moved to the country, and a good interest exists there. This would make a splendid opening for a tent meeting to be held some time this season.

From this place I was called to New Orleans to attend to some matters, going from there to Hammond, where I remained over the Sabbath.

On Monday, March 23, Hobart was reached, but too late to hold a meeting. The church at this place is badly scattered, but few of the members remaining faithful. These were

present the following evening at the only service we were able to hold with them.

Wednesday night I spoke in the Methodist church at Pineville to a small but appreciative audience. Here is another place where I believe a tent-meeting could be profitably conducted.

Shreveport was the next stop, and I am sure the church at this place is among the most alive of any in the state. Eight meetings were held here, at one of which another adult member was received into the church. I am glad to know that we have such a vigorous church in northwest Louisiana, as a light to that part of the field, and am hoping that with all faithful in rendering to the Lord an honest tithe, we may see our conference membership doubled this year.

E. L. MAXWELL.

MC KINNEY, KENTUCKY

It was the 11th of March when we arrived at this place. The little church gave us a Christian welcome. This is the way it has been wherever we have been in this conference. The three families—Brethren Bivens'. Dart's, and ours, make a good addition to their numbers. McKinney is a town of 250 or more inhabitants. The people have met us very kindly. They seem very friendly, and appear to be pleased to have us come among them

Although the place that we have for meetings is an old building and the seats very uncomfortable, the people have come out to hear what we have to say about the Bible; and after a few evenings on these uncomfortable seats, they invited us to the Christian meeting-house to speak. It seems that this would be a favorable place to hold a tent-meeting. church have promised about \$75 on the tent fund. They have organized a church school and secured an experienced teacher - Sister C. F. Dart. They are very fortunate in this. If there are other families that desire to have the advantage of this school for their children, it is possible that they can make arrangements to move here. If any such wish for information upon this subject, they may correspond with Brother Harry Jacobs, Mc Kinney, Ky.

After studying the reasons why the Lord instituted the second tithe among the church of the wilderness, this church voted to pay the same to the church treasurer, to be disposed of according to the vote of those who place it in the treasury. See Deut. 14:22-29.

Grove Church.

In company with Brother C. F. Dart, we were with this church March 20-24. We held six meetings. This was our first visit with them. They are in the hilly country. This church is the fruits of Elder Sanford's labors, and he has a warm place in their hearts. They have ten members and eighteen children and youth. They need a church school very much. Most of the lumber is at the mill for the new building, and they are planning to place it on the lot, and at once begin work upon the same.

Brother W. W. Evans was elected elder, and Brother S. M. Yates deacon and treasurer. They are living in harmony and love. As soon

as they get the meeting-house done, they hope to start the church school. This is one of the greatest steps in the work for this time. We ought to take the children to the kingdom with us. Everything else the people of God will leave behind when Jesus comes for the remnant. The book work received attention, and one or more will go out into the canvassing field.

We greatly enjoyed the few days with them. They are trained to believe the words of Inspiration. Their financial resources are quite limited. Only one Review is taken in this We advised the elder to note the church progress of the message as set forth in the Review, and to bring it before the church often. As soon as I visit a church, I can at once tell who reads the good old Review. This paper faithfully notes the advancing steps of the message. If the church is too poor for each member to take the paper, then the elder of that church will do a good work for the members by often reading from the Review a portion of the time of the service.

The members of this church very much desire to attend the camp-meeting for this season. On account of the efforts to build their meeting-house, we did not ask them to contribute to the tent fund. In examining the treasurer's book, I found what was pleasing to the Lord. Though the tithe of the individual was but four, six, or eight cents, there was the record of faithfulness. Our heavenly Father takes cognizance of these facts, as he did of the widow's two mites.

Good News from the North.

From our brother, Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Northern Union Conference, comes the encouraging word that at the late session of that conference the brethren from the South Dakota Conference donated us a new assembly tent, the support of a minister for two years, and extended an invitation to one of its experienced ministers to make Kentucky his field of labor. This is like good news from a far country. If these brethren in the North are so interested to extend the message to the South as to send a tent, a minister, and the means to support him for two years, what ought we that are here to do for the work? As I speak of this to the brethren and sisters here, their faces light up with joy. They seem to be ready to do all they can to spread the message in all this conference.

We hope to be able to man two tents this summer. Let many prayers be offered up to the Lord for him to send us much help in this Southland.

A. O. BURRILL.

ORLANDO, FLA.

I BEGAN a series of meetings in Orlando, Thursday, March 12. From the first it has been evident that if we have a hearing, we must work for it, as there are many counterattractions. The attendance has been small from the first; but those who started with us have continued to come, so that we are hopeful of results. Some of the tourists who were among our hearers at first have returned to their homes in the North, thus diminishing

our congregation somewhat, but their places have been filled by others.

On Sunday, March 22, the churches of Orlando banded together to hold a union revival service. They have sent to Chicago for a preacher from the Moody Institute, and are doing all they can to attract the attention of the people. Their meeting will begin March 29. We presume this will interfere somewhat with our attendance.

There has been one encouraging feature about our work here, however; we have had free access to the daily paper, and have had a synopsis of the evening discourse in the paper of the next day. We hear of some who are following these, and hope for good to result.

A Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention will convene here April 2, and will be followed by a canvassers' institute. We are looking forward to these gatherings with a great deal of interest. The night meetings will continue through these other gatherings, and we fully believe that some fruit will be gathered. Brother Whitford and the members of the Orlando church are rendering valuable help in these meetings.

R. W. PARMELE.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The work is onward in this state, even in the financial crisis books are sold from week to week, and we feel more and more determined to bring before the people the deciding truths for these last days.

In the last three years the main book handled has been "Coming King," but this year we are taking hold of such books as "Daniel and the Revelation, "Great Controversy," "Bible Footlights," and "Seer of Patmos." A great interest is awakening in this state, many calls are made for further study of the Bible. Angels of God are surely preparing the people; for instance, one of our canvassers, after delivering, while walking the streets prayed, "Lord, send some honest soul for this book." Hardly had he ended the prayer, when a man asked for it.

Many other rich experiences could be told if space would allow. Church-members are being awakened to their duties, and the new ones who have been clinging to their tobacco are laying it aside, feeling impressed by the Spirit of God. A company of colored people have been found by one of our canvassers, who by studying the Bible had already found the Sabbath truth.

These things surely mean that the mighty angel of Revelation 18 has come down, and the earth is lightened with his glory, and in a short time the work will be finished.

W. C. RAHN.

R. F. D. 5, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. J. W. Guilliams, 630 11th Street, Bowling Green, Ky., earnestly desires a continuous supply of *Youth's Instructors* and *Little Friends* to be used in a mission Sundayschool; also other Sabbath-school helps. Please send post-paid.

WEST MONROE, LA.

I WISH to add my testimony in regard to God's goodness and keeping power. We (I, my wife, and three children) have lately come here from Cornwall, England, to carry this precious truth to the hungry souls here, and we feel to thank the dear Lord for his blessings to us. I began canvassing here Jan. 8, 1908, and already I have received sixty-three orders for "Bible Readings" and eighty-nine for "Great Controversy," besides a number of orders for small books, and I have delivered over fifty "Bible Readings" and "Great Controversies."

Now this is considered by many a very dull time to canvass, but the Lord has said that this truth will be proclaimed to all the world, and he will see that it goes, even if the times are dull. It only rests with us to decide whether we will have a part in this glorious work, and then hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant." We need many more workers to fill up the gaps in the firing line that this work may soon be finished.

In volume 5 of Testimonies, page 457, we read: "Brethren and sisters, many of you excuse yourselves from labor, on the plea of inability to work for others. But did God make you so incapable? Has not this inability been produced by your own inactivity and perpetuated by your own deliberate choice? Did not God give you at least one talent to improve, not for your own convenience and gratification, but for him? Have you not neglected opportunities to improve your powers to this end? It is too true that few have felt any real sense of their responsibility to God. Suppose that a sum of money were placed in your hands to invest for a certain purpose, would you throw it away, and declare that you were not now responsible for its use? Would you feel that you had saved yourself a great care? Yet this is what you have been doing with the gifts of God. To excuse yourself from working for others on the plea of inability, while you are all absorbed in worldly pursuits, is mockery of God."

Now we have fifty-nine parishes here in Louisiana, and seven canvassers. Where are the fifty-two for the other parishes? We need at least that many more to carry this precious truth while we have times of peace; for soon troublous times will come, and then the work will be much harder than now.

One day last week the dear Lord gave me seventeen orders for "Great Controversy," value \$42.50. He is no respecter of persons, so what he has done for me, he will do for you, my dear brother or sister, if you will only yoke up with the meek and lowly Jesus. In "Desire of Ages" we read that those who drift along, doing nothing to advance the cause of God, will be counted by the Judge of all the earth with those who have done evil.

Let us now be up and doing "while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." We are happy in the Lord and in the work he has given us to do.

WM. OLMSTED.

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Entered as second-class matter, March 3, 1908, at the post-office at Nashville, Tenn., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

ELDER S. B. HORTON, secretary of the Southern Union Conference and of the Religious Liberty department, is now in Nashville, where he has taken up his official duties.

A LETTER received from the president of the Alabama Conference gives us an order for five thousand copies of the forth-coming special Temperance number for the W. C. T. U. in Alabama.

THE Tennessee River Conference was the first conference to place an order for the Temperance number of the Watchman for the W. C. T. U. workers. The publishing house has the names and addresses of the leading W. C. T. U. workers throughout the country, and papers can be mailed directly from this office if our patrons wish.

AT a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Conference, it was voted to take five thousand copies of the "Temperance" number of the Watchman, to be paid for by the conference and used among the W. C. T. U. workers of the state. It was also voted to invite Brother Haddem, of Graysville, Tenn., to take up the canvassing work in Mississippi.

WE publish this week the concluding article of the instructive series relating to "Tract Society Meetings." It is hoped that these articles have inspired many church societies with a spirit of labor, and have given them clearer ideas of the duties of officers and right. systematic methods of work. No doubt all our readers noticed the note in REPORT OF Progress last week relative to publishing these articles in pamphlet form, for permanent and convenient reference. All who feel that it would be a help to have them in this form should at once notify Mrs. W. M. Crothers, care of this office. Do not neglect this matter until it is too late. We feel sure the helpful suggestions contained in it will prove to be well worth the small price (25c.) charged for the pamphlet.

Through some oversight, the names of those in the Southeastern Union Conference who were granted licenses and credentials at the conference recently held in Nashville were not reported. They are as follows:—

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS.

G. W. Wells, R. T. Dowsett, Atlanta, Ga.;

Smith Sharp, J. E. Tenney, M. B. Van Kirk, and H. S. Miller, Graysville, Tenn.

MINISTERIAL LICENSES.

L. A. Hansen, Dr. A. J. Hetherington, Graysville, Tenn.; V. O. Cole, Atlanta, Ga.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS

Mrs. Mettie Lenker, Prof. C. L. Kilgore, Dr. M. M. Martinson, Graysville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ellen D. Dowsett, Atlanta, Ga.; and Miss Ella Pennock.

THE TENNESSEE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

April, 15-27 is the time appointed for the Tennessee River Conference canvassers' institute, at Nashville. Let all who expect to enter this line of work in connection with the last message of mercy prepare to come, and begin now. We expect good help—Brother A. F. Harrison with our field agent, Brother C. F. Parmele, and we shall no doubt get help from our Southern Union Conference men who are located at Nashville.

The railroad fare of all will be refunded by the Southern Publishing Association by a discount of five per cent. on all books you sell till you have received the price of your ticket. Bring with you the necessary bedding, towels, etc. We are arranging to make this institute cost you but little if anything. Let all who come to this institute come directly to the publishing house, 24th Ave. North. you get off the train at the union depot, take a street car for the transfer station; and then take the Buena Vista car, and stay on to the end of the line. Get off and take first street to your right, passing the Jew's cemetery to the top of hill, and looking to your right you can see the publishing house.

For further information, write Brother C. F. Parmele, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn., or the writer at Raleigh, Tenn.

W. R. Burrow.

FLORIDA NEWS ITEMS

We are pleased to welcome Brother and Sister W. H. Hall home from their trip to California. They report a pleasant time in meeting with so many of like faith in various places. They say it seems like home to meet with the Florida brethren and sister's again, and they have come to stay with us.

Good reports are coming in each week from the meetings being held in Morriston. The hearts of some of the children have been tendered by the teachings of the Word, and they are stepping out by faith upon the promises of God. We hope that a good Sabbath-school may be organized in that locality.

The Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention soon to be held in Orlando (April 22) will soon be in session. By the good papers that are coming in for the program, we know that many things of interest will be considered in the different phases of these most important branches of God's work. May it be a spiritual refreshing to all that attend, and may the good influence of the meeting permeate our conference. Pray for the meeting.

Mrs. R. G. Stringer.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NASHVILLE TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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- (1) Tracts.
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- (3) Periodicals.

Leader of Bible studies, Brother W. M. Crothers.

- (1) Holding cottage meetings.
- (2) Holding Bible readings.
- (3) Jail and penitentiary work.

Leader of Dorcas meetings, Sister McVagh and Mrs. Dr. Harris.

- (1) Christian help work.
- (2) Dorcas meetings.
- (3) Caring for the poor.
- (4) Visiting the sick.

Leader of visiting band, Sister Baxter.

- (1) Hospitals.
- (2) Reading racks.

Leader of correspondence, Mrs. M. H. Crothers.

- (1) Missionary correspondence.
- (2) Miscellaneous distribution.
- (3) Liberty to be sent to professional men, lawyers, and members of legislature.

Leader of workers for institutions, L. D. Randall.

Organizations:

- (1) Vanderbilt Institute.
- (2) Fiske Institute.
- (3) Waldon Institute.
- (4) Y. M. C. A.
- (5) Y. W. C. A.
- (6) Y. M. H. A. (Hebrew.)
- (7) W. C. T. U.

Mrs. M. H. Crothers, Cor. Secretary Nashville Church.

FROM THE HOME WORKERS

The following are some good reports from our appreciated home workers, those who can only work a few hours a week or even a month.

One of them says, "I have canvassed only about ten hours since Christmas, and have taken two orders for 'Daniel and the Revelation,' one for \$2.50 and the other for \$3.50. I have delivered the \$3.50 book and sold \$2.26 worth of *Watchman*, and two 'Best Stories.' Total, \$8.26."

The improving of these spare hours reminds me of the Saviour's words, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." If we, all who know the third angel's message, were careful to rightly improve the moments in doing good, we might be the means of bringing many souls to Christ.

A. L. Manous.

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