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A STATE RELIGION ADVOCATED

Mr. L. D. GEIGER, editor of the *Orange County Citizen*, in his issue of February 7, makes some criticisms on an article which I recently wrote, entitled, "A Sunday Law Campaign," in which I advocated the entire separation of church and state.

Mr. Geiger says, "We think Mr. Whitford's mind is confused on this subject. He makes 'religion' and 'church' mean the same thing. But they are not synonymous terms. The thing which the founders of our government opposed was not a union of religion and state, but of church and state."

If our mind is confused on this subject, we would be glad if some one would help us to see things in their true light, but we must confess that Mr. Geiger's effort has not helped us at all.

In my article, I made no effort to show that "religion" and "church" was one and the same thing, as Mr. Geiger intimates. I was endeavoring to show that religious legislation of every sort and kind is contrary to every principle of good government.

Mr. Geiger advocates a union of religion and state, but not of church and state. It seems to me this is a distinction without a difference. The church is an organized body of people who profess religion. The state does not profess religion. The church has a special definite work to perform of a religious character. The state has a special definite work to perform of a civil character. The church was ordained by God to teach religion. The state was ordained by God to protect men in the enjoyment of their civil and religious rights.

Religion is an individual affair. The state is not an individual. It is made up of individuals, many of whom do not profess religion at all. The state is not an entity apart from the citizens who compose the state, and therefore it cannot be truthfully said in any sense that the state is religious. Mr. Geiger says, "The United States is a Christian nation." Here is a family of ten persons. I am told they are a Christian family. I understand that every member of the family is a Christian. The United States is one great family, but can it be said in truth that they are a Christian

family? If we are a Christian nation, then we are a nation of Christians. The mere recognition by the officials of the government in conducting the affairs of the state of the existence of religion, cannot be transformed into the *acceptance and profession* of that religion by the state. The framers of this government knew what they were stating when they declared that this nation "is in no sense founded on the Christian religion."

Admitting for argument's sake, the distinction between church and religion, which Mr. Geiger claims, I am just as decidedly opposed to a union of religion with the state as I am to a union of the church with the state.

Mr. Geiger is not the only man that is in favor of a union of religion and the state. There are eight large and influential organizations in this country that favor the same thing. They are making most determined efforts at our legislative halls for the enactment and enforcement of religious institutions, and especially a day of rest. The principles wisely framed in the interests of civil and religious liberty, and embodied in our national Constitution, are being endangered. We are trying to do what little we can to call the attention of our people in Florida to the danger.

To show the spirit which is behind this movement to get Congress committed to the principle of religious legislation, it will only be necessary to quote from a few of the leading men engaged in this so-called National Reform movement.

Prof. C. A. Blanchard says, "Congress must establish a standard of religion, or admit of anything called religion."

This leads us to ask a very interesting question, viz., whose religion would Mr. Blanchard have Congress establish as a "standard religion"? Is it *his religion*, or is it somebody else's religion?

If it is a religion which does not agree with Mr. Blanchard's religion, then it is a religion which Mr. Blanchard cannot control without the aid of the civil power. If Mr. Blanchard should happen to be in the minority in matters of religious faith and practice, would he yield his religious convictions as to what is truth to the will of the majority?—Certainly not. It is not *his religion* of which he speaks,

when he subordinates religion to the will of the majorities. It is somebody else's religion.

Is this the spirit of brotherly love as expressed by the Saviour in Matt. 7:12: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets"?

Jonathan Edwards says, "We want state and religion, and we are going to have it." In other words, he wants a state religion.

Rev. M. A. Gault says, "Our remedy for all these malific influences is to have the government set up the moral law, and recognize God's authority behind it, and lay its hand on any religion that does not conform to it."

Mr. Blanchard would have Congress establish a "standard religion," in other words, decide what is the true religion, and then Mr. Gault would have the government lay its hands on any religion that does not conform to the national religion.

Has the Congress of the United States the right to invade the freedom of religious worship by assuming control of the rights of conscience, thereby requiring all to worship according to the dictates of the state?

What would become of the boasted liberty of this country, if these National Reform principles should prevail? Religious liberty would be liberty to believe and profess the Christian religion as interpreted by the National Reformers, or be persecuted, or leave the country.

Mr. Geiger says, "Foreigners who do not like established Christianity can go back to the countries from which they came, and suffer as they have done at the hands of established churches." The idea seems to obtain in Mr. Geiger's mind that a church—a body of Christian men and women—would persecute if they had control of the civil power, but the state can have a religion that has in it so much more of the spirit of Christ,—a religion that is so much better than the religion of the church people,—that they would not persecute.

We believe in religion, and in the Christian religion, and in the old-fashioned gospel as opposed to the new theology; but we believe in religion as a personal experience, growing out of the free choice and faith of the individual, and not as an affair of the state. We are un-

alterably opposed to any effort to use the machinery of the state to teach or enforce religion—even the religion in which we believe. We believe in religious liberty for the other man—the man who differs from us—whom we shall try to win, but not to compel.

CHAS. P. WHITFORD.

NORTH CAROLINA FIELD NOTES

At the close of the council at Graysville, Tenn., May 5, I started homeward *via* Chattanooga; made close connection there, and traveling all night was able to reach Asheville about 9 A. M., May 6. Elder Nash, president of the South Carolina Conference, was with me, also *en route* for his home at Campobello, S. C.

We were startled about daylight by the sudden jarring and stopping of our train. Alighting and going forward to the locomotive to ascertain the cause of delay, we found the engine derailed. We were on a sharp curve rounding a mountain spur overlooking the French Broad River. Had the engine left the grade at this point, the entire train doubtless would have followed, and we should have been in the river. As it was, we were delayed until help came up and replaced our locomotive. Many expressions of dissatisfaction and disgust at the delay were heard, while but few seemed to entertain any thought of thankfulness to our Father for the sparing of our lives. "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

At Asheville I parted company with Elder Nash, he going on to South Carolina and I visiting some of the believers in Asheville. After a short stay here, during which one young lady was baptized, I went on to Eufola, arriving the evening of May 7, in time to attend the closing days of the educational convention there. Here I found a small but interested gathering of the teachers of our state, discussing the very important questions relating to the education and salvation of our youth and children. Many themes of very great moment came up for consideration. It was the general consensus of opinion that the convention was a success, and has been a great benefit, and it was voted by the convention that we favor the holding of similar conventions in the future at such time and place as the conference may direct.

I was much disappointed at not having the opportunity on this trip to visit some of our brethren in the extreme western part of the state, as I had hoped to do when on this trip; but other pressing duties forbade. I hope to be able later to do this.

Brethren Killen and Crawford began meeting at Greensboro May 14. Tuesday, the 26th, I connected with the work here, and have been here since. Many are indifferent, some are interested, and possibly a few may step out. We labor and pray in hope. The brethren of Archdale have helped by their presence and in other ways. I think our brethren generally do not realize how much help their presence is to the minister. It is a real inspiration to him to have some of his

own brethren in the congregation to give a good heartfelt "Amen" to the unpopular truths he must present. Brethren, see if you cannot study to help in this way still more.

I am sorry to say that the tent and workers expected from the arrangement of the General Conference have not yet materialized. This of course is no fault of the General or Union Conference officers, who have done all they could to help us, and still promise to do so. We still hope for some help in this direction. There is work, much hard, unpleasant, disagreeable work to do, and so few workers. And yet our Lord has promised to be with us and help. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth workers.

T. H. JEYS.

NOTES FROM MISSISSIPPI

PROF. F. R. ROGERS and his wife are now at Huntsville, Ala., assisting as instructors in the teachers' institute at that place.

A really interesting temperance program was carried out by the Pine Grove church on May 16. There was a good attendance. Last Sabbath a similar program was had here in Jackson. Though our numbers were small, yet we had a very interesting meeting. The following were some things we learned:—

The United States liquor bill for 1906 was	\$1,700,000,000
The United States tobacco bill for 1906 was	\$ 900,000,000
No. cigars smoked in United States in 1904.....	6,707,471,863
No. cigarettes smoked in United States in 1904.....	3,210,352,015
No. pounds of snuff used.....	20,000,000

On May 11 I had the privilege of holding a meeting with the Hatley church in the interest of the canvassing work. They showed much interest in what was said, and demonstrated their interest in the canvassing work by giving in cash and pledges \$8.35 toward its support.

Brother J. S. Fry of Amory has recently taken up the canvassing work. He is located in Pontotoc County, and is doing well. In doing this he sacrifices some home comforts, and the association of his two dear children. His is a good example for others. It was a pleasure for me to canvass two and one half days with him in the field.

Sister Ada Brownrig of Columbus will soon begin work with "Coming King" in that city, and Sister Linyear plans to canvass Greenwood for "Steps to Christ."

Brother and Sister A. A. Johnson have been doing good work with our small books and have now arranged to sell "Coming King."

On my way home from Greenwood on May 24, I stopped off at Yazoo City, and held a meeting with the church there. They have been selling the special Morning Cometh number of the *Watchman*, and will now take up the sale of the temperance special. Brother Lewis Thomas of Yazoo has been at work with "Bible Footlights." Brother Allison was just closing a very successful term of school at that place.

Sister Louise Jackson of Vicksburg has re-

cently taken up the sale of "Bible Footlights" in that city, and is doing well for the time she can spare from home duties. She has taken fifteen orders, also some for "Steps to Christ." Let others follow her example, and find some time to work for others.

Brother Tompkins, the teacher of the Pine Grove school, enjoyed a very pleasant outing with his students on May 17. Some enjoyed a bath in the river, and all, regardless of sex or clothing, took a shower bath on their way home.

Elder Lowry and Brother James Bellinger began tent-meetings at Natchez on May 27, and I learn that the interest and attendance are steadily increasing. They have a nice new tent, new seats, and a good location.

On May 26 I went to Natchez to aid Elder Lowry's son Burley in getting started in the canvassing work. We were out two days together, and I surely enjoyed my work with him. This was his first experience, and in two and one half days the Lord gave him twenty-nine orders for "Bible Footlights." He is spending his vacation in this way, and in this he is setting a good example for other students.

Brother Virgil Smith and his wife have recently come from Tennessee to engage in work in Mississippi. He is doing good work with "Daniel and the Revelation" in Natchez, and also helping in the tent-meetings.

Sister Smith is engaged in selling papers and in Bible work.

Brother W. H. Hadden from Graysville began work in Jackson with "Daniel and the Revelation" on May 7, and has been doing nicely.

New recruits are in view for the work in Mississippi, and we will work and pray that the cause may have a steady growth in this conference.

HORACE G. MILLER.

KENTUCKY

RICHMOND.—There are but three Sabbath-keepers at this place. They have their Sabbath-school and send in their tithes. I made my home for two days with Brother Allman. His neighbors came into his home each evening, and attentively listened to the word. We told them something about the wonderful growth of this message in almost all portions of the earth, and they seemed impressed that the truth was spoken. I found in this home the *Review and Herald*, the *Watchman*, and REPORT OF PROGRESS. When I spoke about the message and its advancement, they were informed concerning its work.

LOCUST BRANCH.—In company with Brother Harris, I went to visit this church, spending two days with them. We left the train at Panola. Here they had opened the Baptist church for a meeting Sabbath evening. The attendance was good. Two families of our people live here. This is where Elder Sanford held a tent-meeting.

Sabbath morning we went ten miles on horseback to the place of meeting. We found some good brethren and sisters there. After Sabbath-school, we spoke to them twice, and had a good social meeting following. The

next day the few families came together, and we had two more meetings. The roads are so rough that the people come on horseback mostly. We examined the tithe books, and found that they have been paying the Lord his tithe. The ten-cent-a-week plan was set before them, and they have hearts to respond. A school is very much needed in this little church. They think that they will have one. We enjoyed the visit here very much. The Holy Spirit was present. That afternoon we went on horseback to the station and spoke to a full house. The Lord, by his Spirit, answered to the word spoken.

That afternoon we reached home after an absence of a number of weeks. We were much pleased to find Elder and Sister Irwin, who had come from the West Michigan Conference to labor in this field. We found father very feeble. He had failed much in the five weeks that we had been away.

McKINNEY.—We got up our new tent, that the South Dakota Conference had donated to us, and began meetings Thursday evening. The congregation has been increasing. Last night it was filled. We hope for some fruit here. Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course in many hearts. Brother Lon Russell is our tent master.

Brethren Harrison and Dart are having a good class in the missionary institute. We hope that some good canvassers will go out from this institute. Kentucky is doing her best to place this important branch of the work on a thorough basis. It is highly gratifying to see this important branch of the work advancing so rapidly in all portions of the field.

A. O. BURRILL.

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM OUR GEORGIA CANVASSERS AND HOME-WORKERS

THE wise man says, "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad." Prov. 12:25. The following are some of the "good words" which have made my heart "glad" this week:—

"My canvassing work aggregated only four hours last week. . . . Every day I see the need of getting the printed truth into the hands of the people. . . . I hope . . . that I can sell several more 'Daniel and Revelation' here." This worker took one order for "Daniel and the Revelation" (library) during the four hours he worked.

Another says, "I have just worked seven hours this week, and have taken seven orders; value \$8.00. . . . I believe that every one of these will be delivered. I am of good courage."

Another writes: "I have only been out Thursday and Friday forenoon of this week. . . . I took an order Thursday and the lady asked me to bring her a copy of 'Daniel and the Revelation' and three 'Best Stories,' which I did this morning. . . . I close in good courage in the Master's work."

Another, a growing worker, says, "I feel my courage embolden more and more. Why, I go out Saturday nights and sell and give

REPORT OF WATCHMAN WORKERS FOR TWO WEEKS

Wm J Keele.....	67	647	\$64.70	\$24.70
John L Burgess.....	18	77	7.70	5.00
Mrs Virgil Smith.....	15	46	4.60	
Mrs Mollie Miller.....	15	22	2.60	

Totals .. 115 792 \$79.60 \$29.70

CANVASSING REPORT OF SOUTH-EASTERN UNION FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING MAY 30, 1908

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Tithe'd
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
M J Weber.....	BFL	68	\$77 00	\$ 3 50
H S Miller 3 wks....	D&R	126	170 80	
D W Dillen 3 wks....	D&R	123	244 35	
Fred Meister	BFL	38	18 85	81 35
W Kirkham	BFL	28	14 55	42 00
J A Caldwell.....	BFL NTP	84	46 40	5 60
B F Halstead.....	BFL	83	28 50	7 70
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
C V Achenbach.....	BFL	52	38 95	22 45
Maggie Achenbach ..	CK	39	31 40	9 65
Eugene Russell	BFL	40	17 00	
T H Dobb 4 wks....	MISC		19 35	19 35
Wm K Achenbach 1wk	D&R	30	24 00	
W H Branson 1wk	MISC	30	47 95	3 50
Phebe E Frost 1 wk..	BFL	27	33 00	6 75
Leroy T Crisler GC & sofp		26	108 55	6 35
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
S A Maxwell.....	D&R	75	93 00	
J D Andrews.....	GC BS	100	134 25	1 00
Gustav T Ellingson....	GC	103	148 50	1 50

away papers and tracts, and the Lord goes with me. . . . Having such bright hope of distributing the silent messengers, I have made full settlement with the Southern Publishing Association for all my books and have ordered all over what I had on hand for my next delivery. . . . Please remember us in your prayers."

I could give more, but space will not allow it. These are some of the "good reports" which "maketh the bones fat" and the heart "glad." Prov. 15:30; 12:25. I thank all our Georgia workers for being so prompt in reporting every Sunday. I believe that is according to the Bible. I Cor. 16:2; Eze. 9:11; Jer. 20:10.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS, Field Agent.

602 Capitol Ave, Atlanta, Ga.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Tithe received during May

Henderson ..	\$ 15.79
McKinney ..	14.90
Louisville No. 2 ..	102.75
Louisville No. 1 ..	18.99
Render ..	4.00
Sand Hill ..	9.40
Rio Church ..	23.50
Grove ..	8.42
Bowling Green ..	4.83
Total ..	\$202.58

CLARA RUSSELL, Treasurer.

1756 Wilson St.

Tired! Well, and what of that?

Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease, Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by the breeze?

Come, rouse thee! work while it is called today!

Come, arise! go forth upon thy way!

Georgia May Cruise..	CK	51	7 00	25 50
Lynn Rainwater 1wk	CK BS	14	22 00	1 00
P P Rainwater 1wk..	BFL	4	7 85	8 00
S G Dent.....	BFL MISC	60	85 00	12 45
Mrs A L Manous....	D&R	37	32 00	29 75
Mrs G K Brown 3wks	MISC	34	8 00	22 00
Mrs L C Tolhurst 1wk	BFL			4 75
Mrs Onie Henderson 1 wk				
.....	D&R BS	5		5 50
Sallie M Vansant 1 wk..				
.....	CK BS	4	1 00	13 50

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

W E Lanier.....	D&R BS	90	112 50	1 50
Chas Peden	D&R	61	24 75	27 75
Gus L Kerley.....	D&R	97	37 75	34 75
J P Allran 1 wk.....	CK	37	50 50	3 50
Inez Underwood 1 wk.	BS	24	3 55	

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

G S Vreeland.....	do fA GC	69	130 00	5 75
F A Evans.....	sofp sofp	65	111 45	9 85
Ira Young 3wks sofp	sofp	136	92 50	12 75
H B Gallion.....	D&R	63	138 50	2 50
J B Rise.....	D&R	81	95 00	11 75
Mrs H B Gallion sofp		23	21 25	12 50

RECAPITULATION

Cumberland Conference..	550	600 45	140 15
Florida Conference.....	244	340 20	68 05
Georgia Conference.....	487	538 60	124 95
North Carolina Conf....	299	229 05	57 50
South Carolina Conf....	437	588 70	55 10

Totals .. 2,017 2,297 00 445 75

CANVASSING REPORT OF SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING MAY 30, 1908

ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Wm McConnell 1wk..	CK	32	\$48 00	\$ 3 00
I W Peevey 3 wks....	BFL	57	41 10	15 00
Mauna Whitman 3wks	BFL	42	65 25	8 50
W C Wales.....	D&R	21	71 80	
Ross S Lindsay 1wk..	BR	29	50 00	
J W Smith.....	D&R	64	88 60	85 50
W R Elliott.....	D&R	68	42 25	72 90
W A Nelson.....	BFL BS	87	130 15	7 85
R F Thompson.....	BFL BS	89	110 15	4 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

M Wheeler 1 wk..	BFL BS	35	32 80	5 20
Miss Mattie Thornton.	CK	67	39 00	3 60
Mrs Alice Reynolds..	D&R	79	26 40	4 50
Asa Davis 1 wk.....	BFL			42 50
Chas Romines	D&R	80	107 75	11 25

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

I T Reynolds.....	D&R CK	23	28 25	50 00
Wm Olmsted	GC	60	56 00	32 50
Edwin Booth	CK BFL	57	39 00	10 50
O F Frank.....	D&R	50	104 60	44 25
C L Collision.....	BR D&R	120	80 55	80 55
A B Cheek.....	BR CK BS	23	10 50	15 50
C V Laurents.....	D&R	54	151 50	2 00
G S Rogers.....	D&R	48	30 50	2 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....	D&R	75	63 55	2 05
A A Johnson 1 wk..	NTP	25	2 40	2 40
Virgil Smith	D&R	13	16 50	
Burley Lowry	BFL	23	29 50	
W H Haddon.....	D&R	58	48 25	1 50
.....	MISC	40	25 00	25 00
Louis Thomas	BFL	28	9 80	9 30

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Amanda Gahr	D&R	35	15 95	27 95
Nora Allen.....	D&R	56	33 50	
Mabel West	D&R	52	48 50	50
Lillie Romines	D&R	62	49 25	
C H Chenault.....	D&R	113	172 50	2 50
Mrs Alice Patton.....	D&R	48	16 20	13 55
Mamie Moore	D&R	59	44 10	44 05
C M Emmerson.....	BFL	26	32 65	124 75
R H Hazelton 1 wk..	D&R		15 00	1 50
R Hook Sr 1 wk.....	D&R	18	10 00	17 50
H C Balsbaugh 1wk..	sofp	23		44 70

RECAPITULATION

Alabama Conference....	520	647 30	196 75
Kentucky Conference....	261	205 95	67 05
Louisiana Conference....	435	479 90	237 30
Mississippi Conference...	262	196 00	40 25
Tennessee River Conf....	492	437 85	277 00

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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1908

The Southern Union Conference

LOUISIANA...Lake Charles...August 6-16
 MISSISSIPPI August 13-23
 MISSISSIPPI, Jackson (Colored).....
 August 27 to September 6
 KENTUCKY September 23 to October 4
 ALABAMA.....Cullman.....September 3-13
 ALABAMA.....near Mobile.....October 8-18

The Southeastern Union Conference

NORTH CAROLINA..Lexington..August 13-23
 CUMBERLAND, Cleveland, Tenn.....
August 26 to September 6
 SOUTH CAROLINA, Greenville.....
July 24 to August 2
 FLORIDAPalatka..... October 1-12
 GEORGIAAtlantaAugust 6-16

ELDER R. M. KILGORE planned to begin tent work in Shiloh, Tenn., last week, with Brother V. J. Spaulding and Brother and Sister Gentry Lowry as assistants. For the next few weeks the address of these persons will be Palmyra, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 1, care Mr. V. Schmitson.

ELDER G. E. TEASDALE, one of our missionaries in Java, recently spent a few days in Nashville. He was on the way to visit Brother and Sister R. J. Lawrence, Sister Teasdale's parents, who reside in Alabama. During his stay here, he spoke to the Nashville church on one Sabbath, and on the next Sabbath at Madison, where the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute is located. Many of our readers will remember Elder Teasdale's interesting articles, "At Home in Java," which he kindly wrote for the *Watchman* last year.

TO OUR MISSIONARY WORKERS

DEAR FRIENDS: We are very sorry that we must disappoint you in regard to the early publication of "Missionary Suggestions."

The matter had been approved by our conference officers. It was ready for the printers, and the printers were ready to begin work, when we were advised by a member of the General Conference that that body, at its next session, when so many workers will be together, expect to carefully consider the needs of this line of work, and will probably prepare something more to put in with the matter already prepared.

Again we repeat our regret because of the disappointment, which I feel as keenly as you do. All money received on orders will be promptly refunded. MRS. W. M. C.

NOTICE

I KEEP a stock of the following books: "Daniel and the Revelation," "Story of Daniel," "Seer of Patmos," "Bible Footlights," "Coming King," "Best Stories," "New Testament Primer," and "Gospel Primer."

I keep these to accommodate those who wish small lots at a time.

Cash must be sent with each order, as I open no accounts. HORACE G. MILLER.
 703 S. Congress St., Jackson, Miss.

THE TEMPERANCE NUMBER

HAVE you seen the special temperance number of the *Watchman*? Have you read it? And if so, what have you done with it? Have you negligently thrown it in a corner or in the closet, or have you laid it away very carefully in a trunk, not to look at it again till it is musty with age? If you have treated that precious paper thus, you will soon forget that such a paper was ever issued. This is a most excellent opportunity to let our light shine to the world upon the question of temperance. We may never have another opportunity as favorable.

Dear brethren and sisters of Mississippi, I ask again, What are you going to do with this special temperance number which God has so graciously given us? There ought to be at least 15,000 copies of that paper sold by our people in this conference. If we all take right hold of the work, it can be done.

You can get these papers for \$2.50 a hundred. Let each church and company plan to get and sell at least one hundred copies at first, and then send for more until your city and country for ten or twenty miles around has been supplied with this valuable paper.

Please do not get your papers on credit, but just get together and make up \$2.50, and then send the cash with the order. You can surely do it if you have a mind to, and will plan to do it.

Surely we cannot afford to be negligent or indifferent to this golden opportunity. Our own spiritual life depends largely upon our activity in soul saving. God is anxious to send us forth with this message. Will we say, as did Isaiah, "Here am I, send me"?

May the Lord help us each and every one to do our whole duty and do it now.

HORACE G. MILLER

Jackson, Miss.

REPORT OF BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

THE many readers of this paper who could not attend the Bookmen's Convention held in Nashville last winter, also the workers who were present, will be glad to know that the full report of the convention has now been published in pamphlet form. The many timely suggestions made during the convention, and the excellent thoughts brought out in the various papers read, are just as fresh and true to-day as they were last January, and will prove to be a source of strength and encouragement to the work wherever the workers read and practice the principles considered.

The convention was for the bookmen in what is now the Southeastern, the Southern,

and the Southwestern Union Conferences. There was a good representation from each field, and the work at our immediate doors was the subject for consideration; thus it is believed that this Report will be of much practical use throughout the South. The pamphlet contains all the resolutions passed, the forty-five papers read, the discussion of these papers, and the minutes of the meetings. This makes a book of 152 pages, besides the index. Orders should be sent at once. Price, ten cents, post-paid.

Address the state office or the Southern Publishing Association.

RATES TO LOUISIANA CAMP-MEETING

ON account of our camp-meeting, the railroads have granted us the following:—

"Open rate of fare and one third for the round trip from all points in Louisiana (under the jurisdiction of the Southwestern Excursion Bureau) to Lake Charles and return; tickets to be on sale August 3, 5, 6, and 13, 1908, good for return leaving Lake Charles up to and including August 18, 1908.

"Tickets to be good going commencing date of sale, and for continuous passage in each direction."

We are very thankful for these favors, and they indicate that God has great spiritual blessings in store for us at the camp-meeting.

By observing the following suggestions, considerable annoyance may be saved.

Ask your agent about the rates a few days before you intend to start.

Be at the station at least thirty minutes before train time.

If your railroad is not under the jurisdiction of the Southwestern Excursion Bureau, which you may learn from the agent, then purchase a regular thirty-day round-trip ticket to the nearest junction with such road, and purchase your reduced-rate ticket there.

Save this paper for reference in this matter.

If you do not fully understand these directions, write me at Hammond, La., at once.

Above all things, begin now to prepare to come to the meeting, and be sure to bring the children. E. L. MAXWELL.

STATE AGENT'S REPORT OF THE GEORGIA CONFERENCE

For Four Weeks Ending May 30, 1908

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Total	Del.
J D Andrews.....	GC	197	79	\$244.25	\$ 3.00
Miss Georgia Cruise	CK	184	24	29.50	29.30
S G Dent.....	BFL	107	139	165.90	25.20
Mrs A L Manous	D&R	79	33	76.50	33.00
Gustav T Ellingson	GC	156	63	179.00	3.50
Home Workers	MISC	200	112	195.50	87.85

Totals .. 923 450 \$890.65\$181.85

The total orders include also the value of helps, where used.

A. L. MANOUS, State Agent.

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