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#### ADVENT MOTTOES

"WE are waiting for the coming of the Master we hold dear,

We are longing just to greet him and to hail his drawing near;

For our loins are girt and ready, and our lamps are trimmed and bright:

We are waiting for the signal that will say he is in sight.

"But we would not have him find us standing idle all the day,

So we learn to work while waiting, doing something by the way;

And we find that working for him is a toil so rarely sweet,

That we almost wish for tarrying in the coming of his feet.

"And we know that he has bidden us to bring others to his love,

And we long to fill the mansions that are waiting us above;

So while we work we dare not fail to warn each straying heart.

That in our Lord and in our home they too may have a part.

"Sometimes we almost weary of our constant gaze on high,

And our hearts grow dull and hopeless of his speedy drawing nigh.

Then comes our need of waking, for each moment brings him near,

And the signal-lights of heaven daily shine more bright and clear.

"Thus we stand with waking-heart look, till the night of life shall cease,

Watching for the golden day-dawn that shall herald light and peace;

When the dim earth mists that sadden, flee before the sunrise bright,

And our hearts are fully gladdened in our Saviour's glorious light."



"Ir I can make the life of some man or woman happier or purer, then I feel that I have walked with God."

#### NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

For several weeks past we have given in the REPORT OF PROGRESS a series of articles on the "Early History of the Nashville Sanitarium." Those who have read each of these articles carefully, must certainly have been impressed with the fact that the Lord led very decidedly in starting this work, and that he has a work for this institution to do in connection with the closing work in Nashville.

Early in the year 1904, when the Southern Union Conference first took charge of the Nashville Sanitarium, Elder Butler, who was then president of the Southern Union Conference, wrote a letter of appeal to all our people in the United States, and the following is an extract from his letter:—

"When Brother and Sister L. A. Hansen settled down to establish the health and temperance work in Nashville, Tenn., several years ago, before our people had thought of establishing our printing plant or other institutions here, the prospects looked very discouraging indeed.

"They had very little means to begin with. Nashville was the capital of Tennessee, one of the oldest cities in the South. Its people were known as very conservative, having little faith in new things. Hundreds of doctors either lived here or were being taught medical science and graduating from its schools.

"To come in, a Seventh-day Adventist, with a new method of treating the sick, bringing in innovations upon long-established customs, did not please the doctors and their friends. The cold shoulder was very much in evidence.

"But these faithful workers continued to labor, although under suspicion, slowly gaining the confidence of the people. There were many remarkable cures and various experiences, but the work never ceased."

I can bear personal testimony to the truthfulness of these statements, as it was my privilege to be very closely associated with Brother and Sister Hansen in their work from the very beginning. And having been connected with the work here in Nashville for the past fifteen years, and having watched its growth from a few scattered believers to what it is now, I can see how dicidedly God has led at every step, and advancement has been made amid most discouraging and opposing circumstances.

Mistakes have been made, it is true. The work has been delayed and hindered by wrong moves, but God has been merciful and his blessing has continued to follow the work.

With a firm confidence that God's hand was in this work, and with a determination to get our hearts right with God and our homes in order to receive the patients the Lord should send us, our entire Sanitarium family went to work in earnest early this spring. studied our Bibles, studied the Testimonies, and prayed and sacrificed and fasted. Some were impressed to go out among the people and sell papers and visit the poor and needy: and a good work in this line was done. God heard our prayers, and his reward was that the months of April and May have been the most prosperous months the institution has had for many months. During the month of April fifty-one people registered at the Sanitarium, and at this writing, May 25, thirty-five have so far registered during the month of May. At times we have had as many as twenty patients in the house at one time, and one night patients and guests numbered twenty-two, the largest number of people ever in the institution since its beginning. greatly taxed our facilities and corps of workers, but we all enjoyed it and rejoiced that the Lord could entrust us with so great responsibilities.

Monday night, May 25, our workers' meeting was indeed a praise service. The Spirit of God came into our meeting in a large measure, and every worker in the institution was stirred to a deeper consecration to the work. Almost all of our patients who have returned to their homes have been greatly improved, and some have told us with tears in their eyes of the blessings they have received here at the Sanitarium.

We have evidence that God is at work in this place, brethren and sisters, and we want you to send us patients, and we assure you they will be blessed by coming here.

B. W. SPIRE, Manager.

#### **ALABAMA**

We are glad to report that the work is onward in Alabama. While there are some discouraging features, on the whole we have reasons to be encouraged. We are now planning for our summer campaign. We hope to

 Brethren W. M. Crothers and R. S. Lindsay have their tent pitched at Hazel Green, Madison County.

Brethren J. H. Lawrence and G. E. Peters will pitch their tent in West Pensacola in a few days. They have been working in Gadsden, Mobile, and Selma, binding off the work and encouraging our people.

Elder Sebastian and some students from the Oakwood School expect to pitch the tent in the Decaturs at the close of the General Conference.

Sister Helen McKinnon has been assisting in the work at Montgomery for some weeks. We are in hopes that a good strong tent effort can be made there during the summer.

Brother E. L. Iles is conducting a series of meetings at Holmes Gap, Cullman County. I stopped on my way to Birmingham and assisted for a few days. He has a good interest. The ministers are watching his work very closely. The night I arrived there were eight present. Several families are deeply interested.

I am glad to report that the North Dakota Conference has kindly offered to support Elder A. E. Christian in Alabama for one year. Elder Christian lately arrived and has gone to connect with Brother Iles in tent effort. We appreciate this help very much.

Our missionary agent, Brother R. I. Keate, is finding it very hard to get our people out into the canvassing work. We notice by our reports that Alabama is way behind. This should not, and need not be so. I trust all our people will realize the shortness of time, and the urgent need of every one doing their duty at this time.

We are now spending a few days at the Oakwood School before going to the General Conference.

The closing exercises of the school showed that faithful work had been done during the school year. We are glad to be able to say that the school is in the best condition that it has ever been.

Brethren pray for this school and the work in Alabama.

A. J. HAYSMER.

### CLOSING EXERCISES AT OAKWOOD

The closing exercises of Oakwood Manual Training School were held on the evening of May 4 at 7:30 P. M. The weather was perfect and a large number living in the vicinity of the school seemed much interested in the program which was rendered in a very creditable manner by the students. Several white people were present also.

School closed one month before the scheduled time in order to permit the faculty to attend the General Conference.

Taken as a whole, we feel that the year's class work has been quite successful. More

advanced studies have been carried than heretofore, which is an encouraging omen. With very few exceptions a matured class of students have been in attendance.

The spiritual atmosphere has been encouraging, and during the year several have found a new experience in the Lord.

The enrolment was over one hundred, the largest in the history of the school.

Brethren Harrison and Cole conducted an institute at the school the latter part of March, and began a good work which was bound off by Brother Keate and Elder Haysmer just as school was closing. As a result of the institute work four have already entered the field and others will probably soon follow.

During the year's work many difficulties have arisen, but God has given grace and wisdom to meet them, and while we are conscious of mistakes, yet we rejoice at the bright prospect of the good work to be accomplished at Oakwood.

W. J. Blake.

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#### THE TONGUE

(An address given by Miss Lucille Carter at the closing exercises of the Oakwood School.)

Few people, if any, fully realize the importance of carefully weighing each word before speaking it. Few, indeed, stop to think what harm a careless or idle word will cause, when it falls upon the ear of a person inclined to be wayward or indifferent, or what good a kind word of encouragement will accomplish when spoken at the right time.

We may think that what we say or do, does not influence any one's life but our own. If so, in this we are greatly mistaken, for our words, our actions, and even the expressions of our faces influence the lives of those about us, causing them to grow stronger, or weaker, as the case may be.

No defect of character can be more deplorable than a high temper. Temper has caused men to commit criminal acts, thereby forfeiting the last hope of their soul's salvation. "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." There is not a person present, who could not, if asked, tell of a time in which hasty speaking had caused them trouble. It should be a constant prayer of each of us that we sin not with our tongue. I Peter 3: 10 reads, "He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."

Then, too, we should not form a habit of gossiping—indulging in idle talk. It is just as wrong to waste precious time in light, frivolous talk, as it is to speak cross or unkind words. "An engine that expends its steam in whistling has nothing left with which to turn the wheel." Let our words be few and well-chosen,

James 3:8 tells us that no man can tame the tongue. "It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." No fig tree can bear olive berries, neither can a fountain send forth both salt and fresh water, but out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.

Because we cannot tame our tongue ourselves, is no excuse for letting it master us. Our Father is able to subdue all things, and he has promised that whatsoever we ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive.

Self-control is more to be desired than great riches or fine gold. Self-control enables us to speak at the right time words which Solomon says in Prov. 25:11 are "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Some one may ask, Why is it so important that we bridle our tongue?—Because the tongue is a powerful instrument of great good, and much harm. When we realize that our life is like a vapor that appears for a time and will soon vanish away, we will realize the importance of living upright lives and mastering this most unruly member, the tongue.

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#### HARTSELLE, ALA.

I CLOSED meetings at Holmes Gap Sunday night, May 16. From the first of the meetings a good interest was manifested. We were favored through the entire meeting with good singing.

Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 A. M., the Disciple minister preached against the truth. I reviewed his sermon in the evening with the result that the truth gained a grand vistory. Sunday, June 6, he is going to preach twice against the truth. I expect to attend and hold the truth up before the people. I was glad to have the help of Elder Haysmer a few nights during the meetings, and also Elder Christian at the close of the meetings.

As the result of the meetings a Baptist minister and his wife are keeping the Sabbath, and others are still deeply interested.

The work at Cullman is progressing, and we hope to be ready to organize a church in the near future.

We are preparing to begin meetings here at Hartselle Wednesday night, May 26.

Yours in the work,

E. L. ILES.

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## GADSDEN, MOBILE, AND PENSACOLA

One month after our organization, the call came for me to leave the brethren and sisters in Gadsden and assist the work in Mobile. On arriving there I found Brother Lawrence preparing to leave for Selma.

My stay of eighteen days in Mobile was very profitably spent. I held meetings on Sabbaths and two nights in the week. Other nights were spent in holding cottage meetings or giving Bible readings. The day was devoted to visiting. I found some deeply interested souls, and as I was about to leave, a lady faithfully promised to keep the Sabbath.

I came from Mobile to Pensacola, praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard. We have started our tent work here in good courage, feeling the Lord's hand with us. Since being here, I have received very encouraging letters from the "little flock" in Gadsden. They wrote that the work there is moving onward. Pray for us that our effort here may prove very successful.

G. E. Peters.

#### CANVASSING IN ALABAMA

I AM more and more deeply impressed with the grand work in which we, as canvassers. are engaged. It is the greatest honor conferred, to be allowed to work in the Master's vineyard. Canvassers have a greater work before them than the regular preacher; inasmuch as the former presents to the individual the printed matter, at the same time urging him personally to flee the wrath to come, and expounding the errors that are being preached by the different denominations. While the latter appeals to the people as a body, and only a few at that. The canvasser, if he has the Spirit with him, and is working with an eye single to the glory of God, carries more conviction than the preacher, being in close con-

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel," "and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Praise God that we have such a Companion, and that we have the privilege of working for such a Master. I know from experience that his presence is with us continually as we go from door to door. I have traveled night and day in the country and never felt afraid, knowing that he was with me.

I had a peculiar experience: I had started for Bay Minette with horse and wagon, canvassing. The road was broad and plain, but some how, I left the road and found myself in the village of Stapleton. Here I commenced to canvass. The people begged me to stop over and speak to them in a body at the schoolhouse. To this I readily consented. From this several families are keeping the Sabbath; for my son, R. I. Keate, and Brother Cruzan followed me here. I believe that God turned me out of the road I was going, so that these precious souls might hear the message.

I presented a tract to a lady, and spoke to her about the Sabbath. The title of the tract was, How Esther Read her Bible. That was two years ago, but she has kept the Sabbath ever since. More recently, at another place where I rode up to the farmhouse to canvass, I was invited in. They asked me to stay until morning, which I did as night was coming on. I presented the truth to the two members of the family, and they both promised to keep the Sabbath. Five months later I visited them again. I found that one had been keeping the Sabbath, and after I staid over night, the other renewed his promise.

Last November a young man and I canvassed in Meringo County. We took a great many orders, but on account of the panic and the failure of the cotton crop it took us four months to sell one hundred and thirty dollars worth of books, which we could have sold in one month had it not been for this. Here I gave Bible readings and lectured some. Three said they believed, and promised to keep the Sabbath. A family of four declared they believed, and several were greatly interested.

While I was here, one hundred miles from home, my horse died. We sent most of our money to the publishing house and started for home; but the Lord was merciful to us on

#### CANVASSING REPORT

## Southern Union Conference

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the way and we had some good experiences, interesting the people in the truth.

E. A. KEATE.

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#### THE CANVASSER

WHAT is his mission? The question is asked Of a faithful canvasser; humble, sincere. Have you a message to comfort, at last, The heart that is hopeful yet trembles for fear?

Can you heal those sores, those cuts, those bruises,

Those peculiar afflictions received through

Something which cures, not merely pleases, Is what is longed for from someone to win.

The answer so joyful, humble, and true Is heard from the canvasser fearlessly given:

The portray of God's plan prepared for you And all to inherit the glories of heaven.

The Creator of heaven, of earth, and the sea; Of salvation the Source, of redemption the Author;

The God of creation has given to me Much comfort and cheer and a Saviour to offer.

Consider God's love in the gift of the Saviour; His grace to forgive at hope's despair; His righteous judgment adjusting our failure; Yes, for our sake our burdens to bear.

His words of truth to our journey our guide, The historic response to prophetic writ; The Surety in which you may trusting confide: All this I will leave you if you will permit.

The message so ample for every care's need The canvasser carries as he travels along; Ever ready to offer and sow the seed While his heart is full of comfort and song.

O joy to his mission! May it ever be blessed! May our hearts to our Father ever draw

nearer, And praise him and thank him for duty impressed.

For the canvasser's work as salvation's revealer.

OSCAR A. PRIEGER.

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#### For Week Ending May 15, 1909

#### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

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### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS AT THE NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE

#### Madison, Tenn., June 23-Aug. 31, 1909

The spring term of school at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute closed the last week in May. There is a vacation of four weeks before the opening of the summer term. During this time several of the students are canvassing for our various books and periodicals.

When our young men want to find a suitable place in which to establish a small farm school they usually spend some time canvassing. In this way they meet the people, they have an opportunity to ascertain where schools are in demand, and to find land suited to their needs.

The school farm offers plenty of work to those who spend the vacation here.

This fall several new schools should be started. The summer term is planned with special reference to the training of teachers for such schools. The reasons for such schools and the work to be accomplished by this school are stated in Sister White's leaflet, An Appeal for the Madison School. She writes:—

"The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. . . . The students have been taught to raise their own crops, to build their own houses, and to care wisely for cattle and poultry. They have been learning to become self-supporting, and a training more important than this they could not receive. Thus they have obtained a valuable education for usefulness in missionary fields. To this is added a knowledge of how to treat the sick and to care for the injured. . . .

"The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message would be quickly carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light. . . .

"It would be pleasing to God if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, other such schools had been established in different parts of the Southern field. There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might have been improved as the land about the Madison school has been improved. . . . Those who have received an all-round education will have a great advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading his people to train all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth.

"Every possible means should be devised to establish schools of the Madison order in various parts of the South; and those who lend their means and their influence to aid this work are aiding the cause of God. . . . You have no time to lose. . . .

"In the work being done at the training-school for home and foreign missionaries in Madison, Tenn., and in the small schools established by the teachers who have gone forth from Madison, we have an illustration of one way in which the message should be carried in many, many places."

These quotations contain our reasons for urging young people who want to become active missionaries either in the South or in foreign fields to take a training in the Madison school.

There are young people whom God is calling to this work. If this article falls under the notice of any one who desires such a training, let him send for calendars and correspond with

E. A. SUTHERLAND.

Madison, Tenn.

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# MY EXPERIENCE IN PAPER WORK In Alabama

My experience in the paper work has been a happy one. As I went forth from door to door I prayed that the Saviour would open the hearts of the people to the reception of the truth in these papers.

Whenever opportunity afforded and I saw fit, I would tell them of the truth, which seems interesting to them, and they were generally of the class who are glad to know of our Saviour's soon return.

I entered the homes of both the poor and rich, and the Lord seemed to have opened the hearts of the former class, for the true knowledge of him. I went to a wealthy woman's home in Montgomery and presented my card and a copy of the paper to the servant for the lady of the house. The lady came down herself, and said she had no change, and didn't care for it. I turned to go out, when she asked for my name and where my home was, then asked. "What denomination is back of this?" I told her, and to my surprise she believes in the seventh-day Sabbath too. Then she asked me all about the faith, and I talked with her several minutes. Then she asked me to go up stairs with her, where sat two ladies sewing. "Now," she said, "You tell them just what you told me down stairs." tried to, but one of them said, "I hear nothing but seventh day, and I don't believe in it." So we left them and came on down stairs where the lady found change for a copy. This lady was of royal descent of King Bruce of Scotland, which she told me all about. And it did me so much good to know that many are waking up to the knowledge of the truth, and we ought to be working fast to get it all to them.

I sold a copy to a lady in a store where she was trading, and two weeks later I presented another copy to her, and she said she had gotten one of a little girl in a store, and she liked it, and was going to subscribe for it.

At Ensley, Ala., I came across two Baptist ladies who had been reading a book by Mrs. E. G. White, and seemed very much interested. They took a couple of papers and said they would subscribe for it if they liked it. I do not meet with these experiences every day, but it goes to show that paper workers and book workers are needed badly, to bring this precious truth to the honest in heart.

LULA SMITH.

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## PAPER WORKERS' REPORT FOR ALABAMA

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Name	Hrs.	Orders	Value
Miss May Vaughn	41	652	\$65 20
Miss Abbie Burdine	18	244	24 40
Miss Lula Smith	48	24I	24 00
Miss F. Noe	22	20	2 00

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.

Miss Ethel Hunt, who has been selling the Watchman on her way to General Conference, says, "We have had some precious experiences, and are of good courage."

Miss Ethel Taylor, of Texas, has just ordered one thousand of the May number to be sent her at different points in Texas and Oklahoma. Who will send us another order like this one?

We have just received an order from Miss Ida Cook, who is working in Tennessee and Alabama, for two thousand copies of the June Watchman to be sent to different towns on her route. She reports splendid success thus far in selling the papers. Now is the time to engage in the sale of the Watchman. Send us your order.

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RAY C. THOMSON, Station B, care Sanitarium, Nashville, Tenn., desires late clean copies of Watchman, Youths' Instructor, and Little Friend sent postpaid for free distribution.

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THE Young People's Society of Nashville are planning to distribute literature among the Jews of the city.