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Did You ever notice It?

The real reason is many times disguised or suppressed and an ostensible reason is substituted.

For example— When Rebekah desired Isaac to send Jacob away from the wrath of Esau, she didn't say,—“Isaac, Esau is planning to kill Jacob because of that trick Jacob worked to get from you the blessing”.

O no, She told about the daughters of Heth who were such a weariness to her, and of her fear that Jacob would marry into some of these Hethite families.

Isaac readily fell in with the suggestion and calling Jacob, sent him away. Gen. 17.

We frequently hear about some one, who, full of zeal for the brethren, has a burden to stand firmly against the encroachments of usurpers who are come in to spy out our liberty, he will not stand quietly by and witness wrongs! Not he! He will cry aloud and spare not. He will expose the wrong principles that are being unwittingly received by the dear unsuspecting brethren. He has no idea of being at enmity with any one—least of all with the work of the denomination. O indeed no. He would'nt turn a hand to hinder, surely not, but still the remarkable fact remains, that he sees all kinds of wrong and bad order and must utter his warning. And so the mails are filled with “Voices” and “Friendly and Brotherly Counsels” and “A few Suggestions” and “Open Letters”.

Of course these dear, zealous, disinterested unselfish workers do not always explain about their personal grievances.

The “typical reformer of the denomination” has discovered that the head of every man is Christ and is blissfully indifferent to the actions of conference committees; but he forgets, or at least fails, to tell of the numerous times that the licence and credentials committee of some conference has hard-heartedly turned him down. No he wont tell any thing about that. But he will raise his voice of warning against the rapid trend of the denomination toward Papal principles.

Did you ever notice it?

T. H. JEYS

Spero, North Carolina.

The Missionary Volunteer Convention

According to appointment the Missionary Volunteer Convention was held at this place March 18-21. From first to last the meetings were of interest. Brethren and sisters from the nearby churches were welcomed to our midst and enjoyed the feast of good things with us.

The students and young people appreciated the labors of Prof. M. E. Kern, and, as is always the case, the parents were grateful for that which was a blessing to their children.

To the workers, none of the meetings were of more value than those held for council. In these the experience and advice of Prof. Kern was greatly appreciated.

M. S. L.

Johnston, Luray, and Cummings

On Feb 7, I arrived at Johnston where there is a small company of our people. I was sorry to learn that this little company had not met for Sabbath service for some time. Sabbath meetings are a great strength to those who do not forsake the assembling of themselves together as the Lord instructs us. I truly hope the company at Johnston will not underestimate the great blessing that may be obtained by meeting for worship. I had a very pleasant visit at Johnston. Brother Cherry took me out in the country about eleven miles where there is an interest to hear this truth. I preached there twice to an interested company of people and I truly hope more may be done soon in this community. I have asked Eld. Scott to visit them at his earliest convenience.

At Luray I spent one night with Brother A. C. Fitts where one service was held. Brother Fitts took me across the country to Cummings, calling at Sister Thomas' home where we left an appointment for a Sunday morning service, which was held with a fair audience and some interest. Dr. Mosen with his boys from Luray also attended the Sabbath meetings at Cummings and we had an enjoyable occasion. We found at this place a number of interested souls thru the labors of Sister Carrie Willis. We look for souls to be brought to the truth from this community in the near future.

R. T. NASH.

Making Excuses

It is said of those who were bidden to the supper, that "They all with one consent began to make excuse", and in conclusion the Lord of those servants said that "None of these men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."

It is a fearful thing to despise the call of the Lord. The call, "Go work today in my vineyard" comes to everyone. Are you making excuses? Do I hear you say that you are interested in Missionary work, but that you can not do any thing in particular.

The master says that he gave talent to every one. You have some talent, and some day the Master will call upon you to render on account of your stewardship.

The man in the parable that had the least talent buried it in the ground, and the Lord of those servants said of this one, "Thou wicked and slothful servant", and then gave the command, "Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness."

As we look over our part of the Lord's vineyard, and see the need of workers, especially of those who will go from house to house with the message in printed form, we wonder that there are so few who respond when the Lord is saying that, "Where there is one canvasser in the field there ought to be one hundred."

How can we rest satisfied and enjoy the blessings of this message while we see the thousands all around us who never have heard this blessed truth.

Brethren and Sisters let us not ask to be excused from taking part in carrying the truth from door to door, but thank God for the privilege of having a part in this closing work.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

Fla. State Missionary Agent.

Courage and Push

These are the words which convey to our minds wait faithful canvassers in Georgia have set for their goal. When one is very courageous and pushes out in the work some thing is will done.

Perhaps a few words from the canvassers will be appreciated by the reader. "I like the work better all the time." "We are not the least discouraged and are glad the Lord gives us a place in this needy field." "I am having many good experiences." "One man came six miles to see me last Sunday and bought and paid for one D. & R., one M. of N., and one Best Stories."

From one of our paper workers comes this experience:—

In—there was a girl working with "Leslies Weekly." "I followed her all the time I worked there, but sold 103 papers. She was taking subscription. Her manager (He was there) was very anxious to get me to sell 'Leslies Weekly', but I told him that I was satisfied with my paper and that I considered it for superior."

One of our faithful canvassers relates the following, very interesting experience:—

"To the man whose order I took, when canvassing, for D. & R., M. of N., and Best Stories—after his telling me that he would knock the D. out of me in a minute—I delivered the books yesterday and received cash for the same."

"But the Devil tried to head him off again. He was fixing a pump he had just paid \$58.00 for and he cursed all agents and told me to go and do what I pleased (with the books.) I asked him if I could put up my horse and have dinner. He said, yes. So I put my horse up and fed him, and though it was one o'clock, he kindly prepared me dinner. He had five men helping him and really misused me. But I had dinner and about a half an hour afterwards when he got the pump fixed he put his tools in my buggy and we drove down to his office at the saw-mill and he paid me for the books and, I left him in good friendship."

We are glad for the power that is in this message to keep a man Christ-like when he is mistreated. May God help us all to rightly represent Him to all people at all times and under circumstances.

Where are the canvassers who will volunteer to enter the work here?

We are pleased to read such interesting experiences and to note how true to right principles our workers keep. May the Lord always keep them in his work.

Who else wants to enter this work? Let us hear from you.

A. L. MANOUS *Field Agent.*

57 Beecher St., Atlantic, Ga.

Another Sabbath-keeping family in Tennessee

The brethren in Cooke county report one family keeping the Sabbath as a result of the work done there and another deeply interested. They held a bible reading at their headquarters on Sunday evening, March 14, 1909, and there were twenty-three present. Souls are hungering for the truth.

S. F. REEDER.

From The Isolated

In a recent communication one of our dearaged brethren, who is not with us in membership but wants to be, and is, in heart and soul, writes. "I talk lots to the people of the second coming of Christ and the Third Angel's Message of Rev. 14., and some of them send for me and I go and do what I can. I have the book COMING KING and lend it out to many of them, and I am sending for a catalog of our books for may be some may want to buy some of the books. I have not yet paid my tithes, but I will pay from February on, to help support our clergy." This aged brother is over seventy years and after telling of the good experiences he and his aged wife had with the special review sends four dollars, most of which they collected from house. He say they are of good courage and so will all of God's children be that will do as they are doing.

H. D. D.

A Good Suggestion

How to get every member of the church to work with our missionary literature is a very important question. The publication of the "Gospel Sentinel" has opened an avenue for many to work. One state Missionary Volunteer secretary has adopted the following plan, and we believe it is a good suggestion. She ordered 200 copies of the paper; these cost her \$1.00. Out of this number the junior members of her local society are to sell at least twenty copies for five cents each. This will pay for the entire shipment, and will leave the members free to distribute the 180 papers gratuitously. The dollar will then be sent in for another lot of papers. Does not this appeal to every missionary worker as a most feasible plan for securing abundant returns, thereby greatly multiplying the value of one dollar? Can you suggest anything better? If not, try this.

One of the largest tract societies in the United States has just sent out the following announcement concerning this paper: "Here is the opportunity the children have been looking for. We would like to see the children handling this paper, selling it at two cents per copy. We believe it can be done. How would you like to try it? We would suggest that you subscribe for a club for six months, and then divide it among the children. Now children let us show the older people and young folks what we can do!" This is another good suggestion.

In clubs, the "Gospel Sentinel" is only 25 cts., per copy for one year; or 1-2 ct., per copy when large quantities of one issue are ordered. The "Gospel Sentinel" is not a child's paper, but it is so full of short, pointed articles.

Address, — *Southern Publishing Association.*

FLORIDA

Doings of the Committee

The Conference Committee held a meeting at the sanitarium Mar. 1-3. Among other things, it was voted that three Young People's, and Sabbath School conventions be held this summer, as follows; Bartow, Tampa and Gainesville. Word has come from all of these places announcing a welcome, and we hope for most profitable occasions. The dates will be announced later.

In harmony with the advice of our Union Conference President, it was decided to organize a "conference Church." The membership of this church is to be made up of such isolated members as can not well hold membership in our other churches. Will all such send your names to sister Stringer, the conference secretary, who will act as clerk, the conference president will serve as elder. Only those will be enrolled as members who are approved by these officers.

It was also decided to hold our camp-meeting this year at Orlando, about Oct., 21-31. The camp-meeting will be preceded by a tent-meeting, and a canvassers' institute. The tent-meeting will begin about three weeks prior and the institute two weeks before the camp-meeting.

Following the plain instruction given in the Testimonies, it was also decided to begin the meetings of the conference at least three days before the camp-meeting, so as to get the business largely over before the camp-meeting proper begins. Brethren, begin to plan now for these gatherings.

R. W. PARMELE, *President Florida Conf.*

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Signs of the Times Weekly

In the Signs of the Times for April beginning with April 14, there will appear a series of very interesting articles in the weekly edition, from the pen of Prof. Howell, entitled The Bible in Greece.

A number of special articles have just been received from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, which will also appear in good time. Three articles God in Nature. Two articles, A Personal God, God is our Fort. Two articles, What it is to grow? These are especially instructive and interesting, touching as they do some of the points and questions of the day.

Besides these, many articles are appearing regularly from her pen every week.

Notice

The Annual meeting of the Southern Training School Alumni, will be held in the Training School chapel, at 7:30 P. M. May 8,—1909. This paper with this article marked will be sent to each member of the Alumni as far the address is known and will be considered as a notice of the fact that 25 cents is now due from each member. Send to Margarette Hildebran, Sec.—Tres. Graysville, Tenn.

EARL TENNEY, *President.*

Special Notice

Will those persons both delegates and others who are planning to attend the General Conference kindly let me know at once. State the route you desire to take and the time you wish to start. By going in companies of ten or more we can secure for those, not holding the clergy credential, practically the same rate as the clergy ticket. By our having this information we will secure the best rate and arrange for a special car if possible. Let all from the Southeastern Union who expect to attend the conference respond to this notice. It may not benefit some very much, but it may help other brethren and sisters to save several dollars.

R. T. DOWSETT, *Transportation Agent.*

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CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks Ending March 20, 1909.

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CUMBERLAND

Name,	Book,	Hrs.,	Ords.,	Value,	Total,	Del.
J. A. Calwell	BFL	48	14	14.50	15.50	1.75
Mrs. F. Fine	OK	3	2	.150	1.50	
W. S. Fulbright	DR	67	12	22.00	35.90	
Walter Kirkham	BFL	47	19	23.60	26.90	.80

E. A. Clark	DR	69	15	30.25	42.80	
G. A. Slade	DR	65	12	24.00	33.60	5.80
E. D. Haskell	GC	89	22	33.00	39.50	8.00
H. B. Thompson	BFL	76	35	35.00	39.75	72.75
G. S. Vreeland	GC					22.50
C. A. Nowlen	CK					75.00
Harry Watt	BFL	65	41	44.50	48.75	3.15
Mrs. L. Easterling	BFL	50	15	16.00	16.00	
Mrs. R. A. Judy	BFL	11	9	9.00	9.00	
Total		550	196	253.75	309.20	140.25

SOUTH CAROLINA

G. B. Case	DR	19	13	10.25	15.75	1.50
C. E. Sutton	BFL	16	18	19.50	20.55	2.00
J. A. Wooddall	BFL	30	19	40.50	40.50	
J. R. Harden	BFL	66	29	32.25	34.70	
Rose Lull	BFL	21	10	10.00	17.50	
J. B. Rise	DR	44	2	3.50	3.50	8.00
Total		196	91	155.50	17.00	132.50

FLORIDA

Grace Hunter	BFL	41	4	6.00	6.00	8.75
Mae Hollingsworth	DR	12	3	3.50	3.50	1.50
Mrs. Roman	DR	50	8	18.25	18.25	
Mary Mann	BFL	7	4	4.00	4.00	
Mrs. L. E. Manns	DR	10	6	8.50	8.50	2.00
C. V. Achenbach	BFL	20	14	15.50	15.50	3.00
Mrs. J. Mann	BFL	5	3	3.50	3.05	1.50
Total		122	42	66.00	67.05	15.25

GEORGIA

Mrs. C. C. Hunt		34				30.90
Thos. Henderson		1)				13.20
Myrtle Maxwell		27				63.60
W. P. Andrews	PI	60	20	20.00	33.50	
M. S. Grim	SC	10		9.00	9.00	5.65
J. A. Kimmel	BFL	37	2	5.50	5.50	36.15
J. D. Andrews	GC	80	38	119.50	131.50	
A. L. Manous	DR	12	11	26.25	27.85	.75
Mrs. Manous	DR	14	8	14.00	21.30	.85
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	32	8	18.00	19.55	21.10
R. O. Terry	DR	24	3	7.25	8.95	11.35
Albert Cochran	DR	77	30	86.50	89.50	1.50
J. A. Sudduth	DR	76	19	71.00	72.00	4.75
K. M. Carter	DR	16	28	80.50	82.75	5.00
Mrs. Carter	HH	23	5	16.00	16.00	
Albert Benson	DR	26			.85	21.75
W. D. Hughes	Misc	20	1	1.50	1.75	1.70
E. Smith	Misc	47	5	5.50		6.50
Mrs. Gale	Papers	24				16.10
Mrs. Macmillan	Papers	1				2.50
Maria Macmillan	Papers	4				5.00
Total		704	187	480.50	519.90	260.15

NORTH CAROLINA

J. P. Allran	CK	41			5.60.60	58
M. L. Branch	CK	41	14	14.00	14.00	3.50
N. Q. Smith	CK	44	5	5.00	5.35	.35
G. L. Kerley	DR	39	15	31.25	38.25	10.50
R. L. Underwood	DR	56	1	2.50	67.0	39.70
T. T. Stepp	Misc	18	3	7.25	7.25	8.25
J. S. Killen	Misc	47	31	15.25	15.25	17.50
Mrs. Mangum	SC	5	3	.85	1.60	.75
Irregular	Misc	20	9	24.75	32.55	7.80
Total		136	30	100.85	126.55	53.70