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Reporting

By a Missionary Secretary

- 1 A good report maketh the bones fat. Prov. 15:30.
- 2 The gospel is the good report to men of what God has done for us. Rom. 10:15, 19; 2 Pet. 1:10-12.
- 3 This glad tidings, good news, or good report is to be carried to the whole world. Mark 16:15.
- 4 We ought to report this good news to our friends. Mark 5:19.
- 5 The apostle Paul reported his experiences to the churches, 2 Cor. 1:8, and sent faithful men long, perilous journeys to receive reports from the churches. Phil. 2:19; 1 Thess. 3:4-7; 2 Cor. 7:5-7.
- 6 A report from Corinth enabled the apostle to know what needed instruction and warning to write to the church there. 1 Cor. 1:10-11.
- 7 The apostle John rejoiced in good reports and sent a cheering letter to one from whom he had heard. 3 John 3:4.
- 8 If reports from churches were comforting, strengthening, and useful then, how is it now?
- 9 If the apostle Paul along among unbelievers, was helped by a good report, should not our isolated members be cheered by letters from their home churches? Where church clerks have written to all absent members and have enclosed letters from other absent members, it has been a source of strength to all.
- 10 Then why should we not report our work?

(a) Because some do little and send in reports of great things accomplished. Well, some

pray to be seen of men, some give from the same motive, and others preach Christ even of envy and strife. Shall these things cause praying, giving, and preaching to cease?

(b) My report is too little to hand in. Well then, if you could send a big report you would do it. Is it humility or pride that keeps your report back?

(c) My little report would not amount to much. Luke 16:10.

City watchman (policemen) report to headquarters by telephone every hour of the night. This tells they are on duty and makes a way for them to receive word when their help is needed by some one else who has reported. Have we not as good reasons for reporting?

"I fear", said Elder Brown, "that Sister Smith must be losing the love of the truth. She and her boy are the only Sabbath-keepers in their locality, yet every quarter we receive a letter to the church and a Sabbath-school report showing that she is superintendent and he secretary. Sometimes others meet, with them but usually they are all alone. Every month she sends in her tithe and also a missionary report. True, she is unable to get out much but she always keeps a supply of reading matter on hand and watches every opportunity. Brother Jones must be faithful, for he has not reported since he moved away two years ago." Does this sound right? Turn it around and it will be more truthful and sound better.

A worker from another field comes to our State. He receives from the Conference and Sabbath-school secretaries, lists of church and Sabbath-school officers, and isolated believers, and by correspondence with them he is able to find the believers and be of the most use to them.

Some one begins to take orders for a certain book and does not report his work. He orders the books in time for the delivery, but the supply office knew nothing of his work and do not have the books on hand, result is lost orders, because the books were not delivered on time.

A canvasser of three years experience was cheered by being told by a new worker that she had watched his reports and was encouraged to continue because he had the experience and was

putting in full time and still took fewer orders than she.

Think on things of good report. Phil. 4; 8.
A MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

The Sign Plague

The seven last plagues are, with one exception, events which come upon the world suddenly, giving no warning of their approach. There is, as stated, one exception. One of these plagues does give previous warning of its coming, and thus becomes a herald of the other six,—the sign plague, as it may be properly called.

When the seven last plagues begin to fall, human probation will be ended. Yet in the description of the falling of these plagues, in Revelation 16, there is thrown in, seemingly out of its proper place, the admonition: "Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments". Why the admonition to watch when probation will be ended and the cases of all, fixed for eternity? What is the significance of this verse, in connection with the plagues?

This whole subject is taken up and is made the theme in a series of articles by Percy T. Magan, to be published in the WATCHMAN, beginning with the May number. This will be the long-promised series of articles on the Eastern Question. Need we say that every Seventh-Day Adventist of adult years ought to read them? They are not hastily-prepared articles; they are not what you have heard presented at camp-meeting or in a lecture course, unless you have heard Prof. Magan present them; and those who have heard him present this subject all say they want to get the articles when they appear in print. They are not new in the sense of being contradictory to positions held by our people on this subject; but they present new matters and new thoughts, obtained from valuable authorities not accessible to the average reader.

Remember, these articles begin in the May number. They will continue probably through out the year. A year's subscription to THE WATCHMAN will cost you but seventy-five cents. Now please do not ask yourself whether you can afford to give seventy-five cents to get the WATCHMAN for a year; that is not the point. The question is whether you can afford to miss these articles on this important theme of present truth, and everything else in twelve issues of the WATCHMAN, for seventy-five cents.

Do not pray to be excused from the feast. You will never regret having improved this opportunity. Do it now!

Words of Cheer And Thanksgiving

I came to Edgefield County March 28, and I am glad that the Lord sent me here. I have

no words of discouragement at all, I have only words of good cheer, thanksgiving, and praise: the Lord is so good to me.

Dear fellow-workers, we do not praise the Lord enough. If we would praise the Lord for the blessings that He bestows upon us, we would not be blue or discouraged. The birds of the air are always praising God. In fact every creature that breathes except man. And the Lord has endowed man with a mind and heart to praise Him, but man often complains and doubts and becomes discouraged.

The Lord is not pleased with doubts, but He wants us to have faith, believe his promises and leave the doubts alone.

I am praising the Lord for the many blessings He is giving me.

Let us praise Him for the trials and the disappointments that come to us. We read from the Spirit of Prophecy that, if we could see the end, we would choose the things that the Lord permits to come to us. So when they come, let us praise Him for them. If we will keep praising the Lord we will not have time to doubt.

So take courage and praise the Lord, for we have only a few short hours left to work. The Lord says; "Pray and work, and work and pray, and the Lord will work with you." *Manual for Carriers, p. 11.*

"When there is a continual reliance upon God, a continual practice of self-denial, the workers will not sink into discouragement. They will not worry." *Ib., p. 21*

I have never seen the people so ready to listen to this message as they are now. The Lord certainly is going to make a quick work in the earth.

Pray for me, and the people that the Lord has given me.

I am of good courage in the Lord, and praise Him all the time.

C. L. BELUE.

An Appeal

As secretary of the N. C. Conference I wish to request our people in the conference, especially our laborers, and church officers, to report at least once a month to me, or to Field Tidings, incidents and experiences in connection with the work. If you do not wish to send a report to Field Tidings, at Graysville, Tenn., please send one to me, even if it is short, and I will compile the reports I receive, and send them to Field Tidings so that our people in this conference may know concerning the progress of the work here. How can they know unless you do this.

Our Union Conference paper is our conference paper; and our part of it is what we make

it, lively, interesting, encouraging and inspiring, or lacking in these features.

Let us all write and do what we can to make Field Tidings a bearer of good tidings of great joy to many precious souls. Please read the article on reporting in this number, and look up all the scripture references.

M. H. Brown.

An Encouraging Report

One of the paper workers, a young girl says: "I thank the Lord for the privilege of once more reporting the work I have done. I worked five hours and forty-five minutes and sold 238 papers.

In one place, I went into the Post Office and after selling one to the Post-Master, I asked him if he would ask the clerk to step to the front a minute. He replied; 'Certainly there are several persons in here, I will get them to buy,' and he did."

There are many rich experiences in the work for those who will get out and rustle for them. Let us hear from all the paper workers as well as the book canvassers. We want your reports.

Preparing the Way

One of our canvassers writes:—"I find that brother —— has been doing some good work in this county without creating any prejudice. The people all speak well of him and some took 'Great Controversy' because it was so much like the book that he sold. So you see the Lord has been preparing the way for 'Great Controversy' through the faithful canvasser who went before me. Let every canvasser 'Thank the Lord and take courage.'"

"If I will let my life be a sweet savor to God perhaps the next canvasser can sell a book where I prepare the way in some of my territory."

This quotation contains a very important lesson, the lesson of the power of example and influence. Let each of us be very careful to rightly represent Christ in our every day life.

We are glad to note the interest in the canvassing work throughout the state and hope to soon see some more regular workers in this needy field. We will say, Lord, here am I send me. Let us hear from you regarding the work.

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent.*

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GEORGIA

Elder W. A. Westworth and family have moved to Graysville.

Elder C. N. Martin of California is in Atlanta, arrangements having been made for him to connect with the work in the Georgia conference.

Sister Anna Knight will labor for the colored people in the Georgia conference. She is now in

Atlanta.

The Union Conference Building is fast nearing completion.

The patronage of the sanitarium is increasing. From present indications the capacity of the building will soon be taxed. Three new patients have just come in and a number of others are coming.

A Baptist minister, the pastor of a large church a few blocks away has engaged a room for himself and wife. They will break up house-keeping and make their home in the sanitarium.

Among the guest at the sanitarium the past week were Profs. Frederick Griggs, E. A. Sutherland, W. J. Blake, brother C. C. Cristler and Mrs. N. H. Druillard.

Prof. Griggs occupied the morning hour at the church service Sabbath morning, and also spoke to the young people in the afternoon.

Brother L. D. Randall, manager of the Eastern Branch of the Sou. Pub. Association is on the ground, and has located his family in one of the suburbs of the city.

CUMBERLAND

Six have recently been added to the Knoxville church and others have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

The Mission Ridge Valley church were made happy by several additions to their church recently. Their church school is progressing nicely and they plan to continue two months longer.

The church school at Copper Ridge has closed, having continued for eight months. The brethren feel that the church school is a great factor in the salvation of their children.

A Methodist minister near Morristown has begun to keep the sabbath through reading papers and tracts loaned him by Sr. Addie Davis one of our faithful isolated Sabbath-keepers. Bro. Maynor has just made him a visit, and found him rejoicing in Present Truth as far as he has learned it. Brother Maynor held some meetings while there, and reports several interested in the Third Angel's Message. He plans to return soon and hold some more meetings.

Several new ones are keeping the Sabbath in Cleveland as a result of faithful work done by some of the church members. The Young People's Society are selling fifty Watchman each month, besides distributing a large number of the Gospel Sentinel.

Brother Fullbright reports a family keeping the Sabbath near Rankins Station, where the canvassing company have been making their headquarters. This is the second family this year as the result of the faithful canvassers.

I have just had the privilege of visiting the Chattanooga church, and I found them full of

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courage. Brother Sanford reports several interested ones, some of whom were out to the Sunday evening service and gave the best of attention to the words spoken. The brethren are planning to do personal work as far as possible with their friends and neighbors.

The Brayton church school has closed after a very successful school year, and the brethren are desirous of having one next year.

The Church School (colored) at Knoxville, which is being taught by Sr. W. H. Maynor is progressing nicely. They report over twenty students at the present time.

J. F. Pogue.

Obituary

Manns. Died March 27, 1909 at Fernandina, little J. W. Manns, son of Elder J. W. Manns, aged 3 years, 6 months and 5 days. He was the joy of the home and greatly loved by all who knew him. Since very small he has always taken a part in meetings and manifested a brightness until the very last. He was laid to rest in the Fernandina cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Page Shepard.

They could Hardly Wait

One of our canvassers who is working for "Home and Health" says, "I have been canvassing among the Aristocrats this week, and I never met a lady that did not like the book. Several could hardly wait till I got through with the canvass before they said they wanted that book. I enjoy the work better every day and the only thing I regret is I do not get to put in much time."

This little experience reminds me of the following from the Lord's servant:—

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled"; Christ says. Do not these words plainly outline the work of the canvasser. With Christ in his heart, the canvasser is to go out into the highways and byways of life, giving the invitation to the marriage supper. Men of wealth and influence will come if they are invited. Some will refuse, but, thank God, not all."
—A Call For Canvassers, Page 3.

A. L. MANUOS.

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The New Branch Publishing House

In response to inquiries, we would say that the new conference headquarters is so far completed that we are able to definitely announce that it will be ready for the branch publishing house to occupy its quarters therein by April first.

The address is 169 Bryan street, Atlanta, Georgia and orders for books periodicals etc., after April first should be addressed there.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

CANVASSING REPORT

For two Weeks Ending April 17, 1909.
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SOUTH CAROLINA

G. B. Case	DR	79	62	162.50	169.	4.00
C. E. Sutton	BFL	19				23.45
W. P. Darnell	BFL	25				28.70
C. L. Belue	DR	93	116	330.00	332.25	2.25
Rose Lull	BFL	55	9	9.50	19.35	4.70
J. B. Rise	DR	40	13	27.75	27.75	
H. B. Gallion	BFL	27	4	4.00	4.00	16.00
I. R. Harden	DR	66	29	92.75	94.35	
S. H. Swingle	SD&SP	13	14	17.50	23.50	1.00
W. C. Rahn	SD&SP	13	15	18.75	25.75	4.75
Mrs Jas. Swingle	COL	11	8	10.00	18.50	3.75
Total		441	270	672.75	714.45	76.60

FLORIDA

Mary Manous	BFL	24	16	20.50	20.50	5.00
Mrs. Roman	DR	86	7	18.75	18.75	
C. V. Achenbach	BFL	5	6	6.75	8.75	1.00
Royal Hubbell	BFL	46	38	40.50	41.65	
Mrs Howell	BFL	32	23	34.50	34.50	
Total		203	90	121.00	124.15	6.00

GEORGIA

Mrs B. M. Senier		9				7.3
Mrs. Gale		29				14.8
Mrs. C. C. Hunt		31				31.60
Thos. Henderson		43				28.00
C. N. Biuens	DR	59	29			
W. P. Andrews	PL	32	7	7.00	9.00	6.00
M. S. Grim	GC	61	5	13.75	34.95	12.30
J. A. Kimmel	GC	77	11	36.25	82.35	7.50
Irving Tait	BR	57	21	49.75	61.05	
Mrs. Manous	DR	20	5	9.75	14.85	9.50
Mrs. R. O. Terry	DR	42				25.50
R. O. Terry	DR	36			3.00	37.75
Miss Ellen Terry	BS	11	3		1.60	
Albert T'ochran	DR	34	1	1.75	1.75	51.20
J. A. Sudduth	DR	64	3	8.25	9.75	25.50
R. M. Carter	DR	57	4	10.00	11.85	64.00
Mrs. Carter	HH	24	3	9.00	9.00	18.00
Total		686	92	203.25	340.20	339.00

NORTH CAROLINA

J. P. Allran	CK	47	25	25.00	28.85	3.8
M. L. Branch	CK	36	11	11.00	11.25	54.2
N. Q. Smith	CK	53	16	16.50	20.05	4.3
G. L. Kerley	DR	77	27	76.25	78.95	2.7
G. H. Jeys	CK	39	21	21.00	22.25	1.2
W. L. Killen	CK	24	6	6.00	9.05	9.0
Irregular	Misc	16	8	21.00	23.10	2.1
J. S. Killen	Misc	22	8	18.75	18.75	18.7
Bertha Graham	CK	56	25	25.50	28.00	3.5
H. B. Hahn	CK	35	13	14.50	17.00	2.5
H. B. Tilden	CK	33	31	31.00	33.25	2.2
T. T. Stepp	DR	42	18	53.50	57.70	9.2
W. E. Lanier	DR	80	37	66.75	94.75	28.0
R. L. Underwood	DR	82	51	96.25	100.75	4.5
Total		642	297	483.00	543.70	141.4