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GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN.

LUKE 6:28

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls so pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need:
Have faith and a score of hearts will show,
They have faith in your word and deed.

For life is the mirror of king and slaves,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Be up and doing while probation lasts,
"Well done," will be said to you,
Of all mercies' warnings, we have the last,
Then with might, what our hands find, do.

This life consists not in the things we have,
But in what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

W. S. FULBRIGHT.

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DO YOU WISH CONGRESS TO PRE- SCRIBE YOUR RELIGION?

At the recent Council of the General Conference Committee it was recommended that another edition of the tract, "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" be published. It was thought at the time we first published it that the Johnston Bill would become law before this, but at this writing it looks as though this would not be the case during this session of Congress. Should this bill fail to become law during this session, it would afford us a most excellent opportunity to enlighten the people of

this country concerning the evils of Sunday legislation. This can be done by the circulation of the tract, "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" and with our other Religious Liberty Leaflets and the magazine, "Liberty."

You may be assured that if the Johnston Sunday bill fails in becoming law during the present session of Congress, it will arouse the friends of these wicked measures to make the most bitter fight they have ever made to secure the passage of this or some similar bill.

These things should awaken every Seventh-day Adventist to do more this summer than has ever been done before to enlighten the citizens of this country concerning the true principles of religious liberty.

There is another consideration that should be taken into account in determining why we should improve the interim between now and the last session of the Sixty-first Congress which will open December 5, and that is the fact that the Lord is the one who is holding in check this proposed evil legislation that His people may be given an opportunity to warn the world against these evil things before it is too late.

It should not be forgotten that what we do to prevent these bills being enacted into law by congress has a very direct influence upon each state in the Union. The far-reaching influence of Congress, should it enact a Sunday law, is recognized by the friends of Sunday legislation outside the District of Columbia. For only a short time ago, in Baltimore, at a session of the Methodist Conference, a strong resolution was passed, urging the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill, on this very account.

If it were possible, the tract "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" should be placed in the home of every English-speaking family in the land. Those to whom the tracts are given can be solicited later—say next autumn before Congress opens—for their signatures

to the petition against any religious measures that may be pending in Congress. These tracts can be ordered through your local tract society, or direct from the Review & Herald Publishing House, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., at the rate of seventy-five cents per hundred, or seven dollars and fifty cents per thousand.

Do not delay this work, for every moment is golden!

K. C. RUSSEL.

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SACREDNESS OF PLEDGES

When a verbal or written pledge has been made in the presence of our brethren, to give a certain amount, they are the visible witnesses of a contract made between ourselves and God. The pledge is not made to man, but to God, and is as a written note given to a neighbor. No legal bond is more binding upon the Christian for the payment of money, than a pledge made to God.

"God works through human instrumentalities, and whoever shall awaken the consciences of men, provoking them to good works and a real interest in the advancement of the cause of truth, does not do it of himself, but by the Spirit of God which worketh in him. Pledges made under these circumstances are of a sacred character, being the fruit of the work of the Spirit of God. When these pledges are canceled, Heaven accepts the offering, and these liberal workers are credited for so much treasure invested in the bank of Heaven. Such are laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

"The plan of systematic benevolence was of God's own arrangement; but the faithful payment of God's claims is often refused or postponed, as though solemn promises were of no significance. It is because church members neglect to pay their tithe and to meet their pledges that our institutions are not free from embarrassment. If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the store-house, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments."—Volume 4, of the Testimonies.

All our conferences launch some enterprises on the strength of pledges, these come due but no payment is made; perhaps reminders are sent

out but, these, too pass, unnoticed. Then it is not difficult to see what embarrassment must come to those responsible for the liabilities incurred.

An example of this is offered in our Tent fund; this fund has been overdrawn, pledges have been made to re-imburse this fund and to purchase supplies for our immediate use. We find, in looking over the pledge list to this fund, a number of unpaid pledges. Notices have been sent out and we are still waiting for the money. Forty new canvas seats were bought on the pledges of our brethren and sisters, we appeal to all our young people who owe anything to the Tent fund to send it in, that we may be able to pay all our dues, both to God and man.

P. G. STANLEY.

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A PROMISING MISSION FIELD

A delightful sail of twelve hours from Key West, the extreme south east corner of the United States puts one into the chief city of Cuba, our Island neighbor, among a people speaking what is to us a foreign tongue, and living a life in many ways different from that in the United States.

From the standpoint of climate and soil production, Cuba is a delightful place to live. The temperature averages seventy-seven degrees for the entire year. Frosts are never known. The fruits of Cuba rival those of Florida and California. One is not confined to a fruit diet, however, for sweet potatoes, yams, cassavas, mangoes, and all edible legumes grow in abundance. The yield of the soil seems prodigious to one accustomed to our northern soil. I saw fields of sugar cane from which a crop has been taken for the last fifteen years without replanting.

But it is not the ease of a semi-tropic country that lovers of the third angel's message are seeking. Cuba's thousands need the gospel. They need it very much, and they need it now.

Cuba was under the absolute sway of Catholic Spain for several hundred years, and it is only since this rule was broken, in 1906, that they have begun to call for help. Ten years ago it was unlawful to sell a protestant Bible on the Island; it was impossible to hold a Protestant service.

When I was in Cuba, in January last, I met a company of eight Sabbath-keepers. The Sabbath truth was brought to these people by the teachings in a little self-supporting industrial school.

I was intensely interested in these Cubans who are now seeking for light. The young men want school privileges, and my heart bleeds when I think of the opportunities for gospel work in these Islands and the dearth of workers.

Cuba has no Sabbath-keeping physician; there are no nurses there; the children are without schools. Four self-supporting schools have been started, but what are four schools where several hundred are needed?

Plans have been inaugurated for the opening, this next fall, of a small training school in central Cuba, where teachers from the United States can spend a few months studying the Spanish language and Cuban ways of living preparatory to opening small industrial schools. There is a company of workers now at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute who plan to go to Cuba this fall. Other consecrated, matured, Christian workers are needed there. Do you know of any teacher, Bible-worker, or medical missionary who would like to join this company.

On May six, there was held at Madison, Tennessee, a convention of self-supporting workers, and this Cuban problem was studied. Teachers who have been doing self-supporting work on the Island for the past three years, were present in attendance at the convention.

Again, the summer school of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, opening June 23, 1910, will offer special advantages to those who desire to prepare for the work in Cuba. The future teacher of the Spanish language in this Cuban training station will be with us during the summer, and, by fall, a goodly company of teachers and workers should be ready to sail for Cuba.

One short article cannot contain many details, but further information will be gladly given to any who ask.

E. A. SUTHERLAND,

Madison, Tenn.

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FLORIDA ITEMS

All correspondence intended for the State Agent of Florida should be addressed to W. L. Bird, St. Petersburg, Fla., who has been chosen to fill that position until our next conference meeting.

Owing to other plans for the summer, Dr. Lydia E. Parmele has resigned her position as Secretary of the Medical Department of the Conference, and Dr. J. E. Caldwell has been chosen to fill the position. His address is drawer 28, Orlando, Fla.

The Florida Sanitarium has just completed arrangements with a prominent, retired physician, formerly a lecturer in Rush Medical College, Chicago, to make his home at the Sanitarium. A nice cement block cottage is being erected for him to occupy. The Sanitarium is enjoying an excellent patronage for this time of year.

Dr. Caldwell recently performed a very critical surgical operation on the wife of one of the most influential men in the vicinity of the sanitarium. The operation proved a grand success, and the gentleman was so much pleased that when he paid the bill he instructed the Business Manager to put in the best self-acting front gate on the market, and send the bill to him. He felt the need of it, as he is a frequent visitor of the sanitarium.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT OF THE GEORGIA CONFERENCE FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1910.

	Memb.	Total don's.	Don's to Mis.
Atlanta No. 1	66	\$50.00	\$50.00
Atlanta No. 2	31	15.83	15.83
Alpharetta	36	15.00	15.00
Gainesville	13	1.46	1.46
Dixie	50	1.79	1.79
Stonewall (Home)	6	3.16	3.16
Brunswick	14	3.95	3.95
Ty Ty	22	1.40	1.40
Luthersville (Home)	3	1.69	1.69
Newnan (Home)	1	1.30	1.30
Austell (Home)	2	1.00	1.00
Marietta	14	7.43	7.43
Macon	29	14.75	14.75
Savannah	23	6.66	6.66
Fitzgerald	14	10.28	10.28
Columbus (Home)	6	4.50	4.50
St. Simons Mill	10	1.16	1.16
Cartersville (Home)	5	3.80	3.80
State Home Dep't	12	6.11	6.11
Total	357	\$151.27	\$151.27

GRADY BROOKE, Sec. S. S. Dep't

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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

The 20th Century Gospel Campaign opened its first effort for 1910, in the city of Columbia, S. C., May 8. We have our camp located on the corner of Lady and Gregg Streets. Our big pavilion is placed in the center with small tents near by which gives a commanding appearance.

We have a class taking daily training for missionary work. Some from the outside have asked to take the Bible course under the auspices of the 20th Century Gospel Campaign. Sunday night, which was the first service, our tent had no empty pews, and it has been the same up to this writing. Our aim is to leave a church here when we pull up stakes for another city. We have plans on foot to place 500 pounds of our literature, most of which will be placed in this city. Our courage is good. Our aim is to do what we can to give the message in this generation.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

The Union Conference summer school for white teachers, advertised to be held at Graysville, Tennessee, June 13 to July 8, will not be conducted. The reason for this action, is that after writing a number of letters to the different Conferences of both Unions, it has been ascertained that the attendance at the summer school will not be sufficient to warrant the expense. Only one or two educational secretaries plan to be present. If we cannot have the educational secretaries together, and cannot have the teachers of the different conferences, it does not seem wise to go on with the project.

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M. B. VanKirk, Editor

Entered as second class matter Feb., 16, 1910, at the Postoffice at
Graysville, Tenn., under the Act. of March 3, 1879.

Hence, after counseling with Elder Thompson, the president of the Southeastern Union, we have thought best to call the meeting off. We trust that another year we may be able to hold a rousing summer school, and that we may be able to gather together all the educational superintendents of both Unions. M. B. VAN KIRK,
Educational Secretary.

A CORRECTION!

Through a mistake, the article in a recent number of this paper, entitled "From the Cotton Mill to the Canvassing Work" was credited to "H. B. Gallion". It should have been credited to "G. B. Case."

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE

In harmony with recommendations adopted at the January meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association, looking toward the re-establishment of the state conference tract societies, the North Carolina Conference has arranged to have all orders for denominational literature, except the orders from the regular canvassers, filled through the conference office, Elder M. H. Brown, Treasurer, R. F. D. No. 1, Greensboro, N. C. Accordingly all orders for all books, tracts, and periodicals from isolated members, local societies and conference workers in North Carolina should henceforth be addressed to Elder Brown.

Regular book canvassers will continue to send all their orders for supplies to this office as heretofore until further notice.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
Alanta, Ga.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE \$300,000 Fund

Athens	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.00
Brayton,	125.00	
Cove,	55.00	
Cleveland,	200.00	35.00
Chattanooga No. 1,	240.00	
Chattanooga No. 2,	80.00	
Copper Ridge,	110.00	
Daylight,		10.00
Graysville,	1305.00	298.50
Knoxville No. 1,	360.00	
Knoxville No. 2,	135.00	4.00
Mission Ridge,	225.00	36.00
Toco,	40.00	
Johnson City,	40.00	1.50
Total,	\$2745.00	397.00

P. G. STANLEY, President.

NOTICE

It was decided at the last council of the Cumberland Committee that the writer should take the oversight of the periodical work in the above named conference, and, too, that all periodicals be ordered through our conference secretary.

In harmony with this it will be necessary for all who wish to sell any of our periodicals to make arrange-

ments with the Conference Field Agent for territory, and receive a recommendation from him to the Publishing Association as having a right to handle the papers in the territory named; then order through our State Secretary and send cash with order.

S. F. REEDER, Field Agent.

Tithe receipts of the Cumberland Conference for month of April

Athens,	\$ 8.65
Brayton,	
Cove,	4.87
Cleveland,	45.32
Chattanooga, No. 1,	124.33
Chattanooga, No. 2,	
Copper Ridge,	
Daylight,	
Graysville,	256.20
Individual,	164.74
Knoxville, No. 1,	93.36
Knoxville, No. 2,	
Mission Ridge,	20.03
Toco,	
Total,	\$ 717.50

MINNIE L. HILDEBRAND, Treasurer.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending April 30.

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value,	Del.
CUMBERLAND				
J. A. Caldwell	GC	29	3.75	\$11.75
Ruby Wagar	BFL	22	1.50	15.75
Fannie Fine	COS	7	4.00	1.50
E. D. Haskell	CK	18	10.00	4.75
R. A. Judy	PPF	46	43.25	
A. D. Day	BFL	57	20.00	14.50
GEORGIA				
R. O. Terry	DR	38	38.60	
I. T. Merchant	DR	?	32.75	3.00
C. N. Bivens	GC	23	43.35	1.50
E. E. Kurtz	PG	38	65.65	
R. M. Carter	PG	19	25.95	
J. A. Kimmel	PG	24	21.10	
Miss E. Zook	CK	18	16.00	3.50
Mrs. Clara Bivens	CK	3	3.75	.50
NORTH CAROLINA				
R. L. Underwood	DR	38	17.00	1.00
Alby Paul	DR	37	9.00	
W. H. George	GC	45	98.95	4.95
J. W. Siler	GC	15	20.75	6.75
W. E. Lanier	GC	56	48.75	15.25
J. P. Allran	CK	43	45.00	3.00
T. J. Woodall	CK	44	33.25	2.25
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	19	23.50	2.00

SOUTH CAROLINA for 4 wks.

Jas. Brown	GC	38	23.00	
G. B. Case	GC	126	161.75	2.00
J. B. Rise	GC	31	6.60	4.85
H. B. Gallion	GC	15	9.00	3.00
Harry Park	GC	72	26.40	8.00
Mrs. H. Park	GC	43	25.00	
W. C. Rahn	SP SD	173	291.00	20.25
Geo. H. Jeys	GC	32	27.75	.75

FLORIDA

L. L. Whitfield	Bibles	12	7.50	5.25
W. A. Morris	PPF	21	21.50	19.75

For month ending April 30,

L. L. Whitfield	Bibles	12	7.50	5.20
W. A. Morris	PPF	56	92.20	55.25

Summary

South Carolina	Total	530	600.50	38.85
Georgia	Total	163	247.15	8.50
Cumberland	Total	173	83.10	48.25
North Carolina	Total	301	296.20	35.20
Florida	Total	33	28.75	25.00
Grand Total		1200	1255.70	155.80