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HOW CAN WE RAISE FUNDS ADEQUATE FOR THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS?

This truly is a question that has puzzled many hearts in the homeland, as the needs of the great unwarned millions out in the mission fields have pressed in upon us. This question has not been fully answered, neither shall we attempt to answer it here, more than to cite one or two ways by which we can at least reasonably look for help in solving it.

One thing is sure: human methods will, sooner or later, fail. God must answer the question and solve the difficulty, if this is ever accomplished. The message is His, the people are His, the resources are His, and unto Him we must look for guidance in every advance move. Another thing is imperative, we must obey. If we will follow His counsel, and obey His voice, He will lead to sure and speedy deliverance. On the point of obedience, we have the example and work of Gideon, a splendid illustration of what the Lord is able to do in the face of great difficulties, in meeting strong and powerful foes with a little handful of loyal, obedient men. It will be profitable to study Israel's experience at this time, found in Judges 6 and 7.

It has seemed a little peculiar that with the great demands of our world-wide mission fields upon us, so much emphasis just at this time should be placed by the Spirit of prophecy upon the point of entering the large cities here in the homeland with the message. The question still is: ~~How can we meet the additional expense of this city work, and at the same time not let our missionaries suffer?~~ But that this work ought to be done, and that without delay, is made very plain by many recent statements from this source. Here are two or three:—

"In our own country there is much to be done. There are many cities to be entered and warned. Evangelists should be finding their way into all the places where the minds of men

are agitated over the question of Sunday legislation and the teaching of religion in the public schools." "Testimony," Vol. 9, page 51.

"Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of our people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arise to our duties?" Id., page 63.

"There is coming, rapidly and surely, an almost universal guilt upon the inhabitants of the cities, because of the steady increase of determined wickedness. We are living in the midst of an 'epidemic of crime,' at which, thoughtful, God-fearing men everywhere stand aghast. The corruption that prevails, is beyond the power of the human pen to describe." "The cities of today are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah. Holidays are numerous; the whirl of excitement and pleasure attracts thousands from the sober duties of life." Id., page 89.

But what has entering the cities with the warning message of truth to do with helping the cause in a financial way?

Here is the answer: "The servants of God should labor faithfully for the rich men in our cities, as well as for the poor and lowly. There are many wealthy men who are susceptible to the influences and impressions of the gospel message, and who, when the Bible, and the Bible alone, is presented to them as the expositor of Christian faith and practice, will be moved by the Spirit of God to open doors for the advancement of the gospel. They will reveal a living faith in the word of God, and will use their entrusted means to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

"For years the perplexing question has been before us. How can we raise funds adequate for the support of the missions which the Lord has gone before us to open?" "The Lord desires that moneyed men shall be converted, and

act as His helping hand in reaching others." Id., page 114.

"As we do this work,—entering the cities— we shall find that means will flow into our treasuries, and we shall have funds with which to carry on a still broader and more far-reaching work. Souls who have wealth will be brought into the truth, and will give of their means to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that there is much means in the cities that are unworked. God has interested people there. Go to them; teach them as Christ taught. His method was to mingle with the people and teach God's simple word; give them the truth. They will accept it. And as surely as honest souls will be converted, their means will be consecrated to the Lord's service, and we shall see an increase in resources." Id., page 101.

These statements are truly encouraging. Not all in the large cities are wholly corrupted. God has in them souls which he still counts as His. These are to be reached with the message, and among them will be found some who have wealth and influence, who can help us in a financial way in pressing the message out among the unwarned millions in heathen lands. Shall we not all arise and quickly take the truth to them? T. F. BOWEN.

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CUMBERLAND ITEMS

July 16, Elder Stanley visited the Knoxville and Copper Ridge churches and administered the ordinance of baptism to seven candidates.

Miss Maude Dortch, who was called home a few weeks ago on account of sickness of her mother, has again taken up her Bible work in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Anna Hall who is engaged in the Bible work in Johnson City reports an excellent interest. She says she is giving fifteen readings a week besides conducting the regular Sabbath and prayer services.

The President of our conference has visited the tent companies at Englewood and Georgetown. Both companies have a good attendance, and the brethren are hopeful of some fruit.

We desire to call the attention of all our people who are contemplating driving to camp-meeting, that we have failed to secure pasture for the horses.

All our churches are invited to elect their delegates and send in their credentials at once to the secretary of the conference, Anna Kimlin, 1217 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

The time of our camp-meeting is drawing near and we cordially invite all our people to attend. Come and bring your families and let us enjoy this another convocation together.

In order that you may have just what you want in the way of a tent and its furnishings, you will please send in your tent order to A. D. West, Cleveland, Tenn.

The conference has purchased tables, chairs,

and cots for the accommodation of the people at camp-meeting. Those who desire bedsteads, springs, mattresses, etc., will send in their special order to C. W. Slade, Highland Park, Tenn.

Geo. B. Lane will have charge of the conference grocery at our camp-meeting, and will keep a good supply of our health foods and groceries to supply our dining tent and all our camp.

Remember the dining tent this year will be run on the Cafeteria plan. You select from the menu your bill of fare and pay for just what you get. A careful selection of your food will enable you to board cheaper than you can board yourselves.

We will try to make some arrangements for the hauling of your baggage and meeting you at trains. First meeting of the conference will be called Friday morning, the 26th, at 9 A.M. Let all the delegates take notice and be present to answer the roll call.

This will be the last notice that will appear in the FIELD TIDINGS before camp-meeting, and we hereby give notice to all our people that our camp will be located in Highland Park on Orchard Knob Ave., connecting with Henderson and Montague Sts. On reaching the City take an East Lake or Chickamauga street car and get off at Orchard Knob Ave., and you are in the camp. P. G. STANLEY, President.

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WE WANT MORE LETTERS LIKE THIS

Sabbath School Department,
Takoma Park Station,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Plummer:—

Enclosed you will find twenty-five cents for which please send me six birthday cards. I would like to get them this week if it is a possible thing, for one of the little boys in my class is going to put in his offering next Sabbath and I want to have a card to give him. Last Sabbath Elder Hayward gave us a splendid talk on our work in other lands, and I followed it by making a plea for larger donations and one of the ways I suggested was by birthday offerings. The idea took well, and the children were especially pleased. When I had finished talking, I dropped a quarter in the box as it was my twenty-fourth birthday; thus the good work was started in our Sabbath-school. I was pleased when one old lady got up and said that each one should bring two extra pennies,—one to grow on and the other to be good on. It would not be such a bad idea after all.

Mrs. B. C. HAAK, Jamestown, N. D.

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FROM SUBSTANTIAL FRIENDS OF THE WORKER

Morris Lukens, president of the Indiana Conference, writes: "Your general letter concerning the SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER was received. I was glad to get this and assure you.

Brother Thompson, I will be glad to do all I can to help in getting our people in this conference to take the *SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER*. I cannot see how people can get along without that valuable little help to the Sabbath-School. It seems to grow better each issue."

T. W. Field, president of the West Texas Conference, writes: "I note what you say about the *SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER*. I will be glad to do what I can to increase the circulation of the paper. I believe that every school should have this journal, and every family as well. There is no paper that can take its place as a help in the Sabbath-school."

A. M. Neff, secretary and treasurer of the Virginia Tract Society, writes: "I shall be glad to do all I can toward obtaining subscribers for the *SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER* at the coming camp-meeting. I expect to select several good agents to help me in taking subscriptions for the various papers, but this will be one that I shall look after myself."

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FLORIDA ITEMS

Elder Walter Bird will visit the churches through out the conference in the interest of the canvassers' Institute to be held prior to the camp-meeting. We trust all will give him a welcome, and co-operate with him in this important work. If you know of any one who should enter the canvassing work be sure and put them in touch with Elder Bird.

In writing the Southeastern Passenger Association in reference to securing rates for our coming camp-meeting the following reply was received. "While minimum attendance required in connection with certificate plan gatherings was sometime ago placed at 100 persons, the passenger traffic officials of the carriers have found by actual experience that they cannot afford to authorize reduced rates for occasions attracting an attendance of less than 200 persons and they have not for several months authorized any reduced fares for an occasion. The estimate of attendance of which was less than 200 persons."

It has been difficult for us to make 100 certificates at our previous camp-meetings, hence the usual certificate rates cannot be expected at our coming camp-meeting.

We trust that every one is thinking and planning for the camp-meeting with the object of being there. Interest as many as possible to attend.

The Teachers' Institute closed July 31. The following resolutions will themselves speak for the institute,—

Whereas,—we who have been in attendance at the Summer Teachers' Institute, of the Florida conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held in the sanitarium school house at Orlando, Florida, from June 20 to August 1, 1910 appreciate the benefits derived both intellectually and spiritually, as well as the many favors shown us, therefore be it resolved,

1. That we hereby express to the Florida conference of Seventh-day Adventists our heartfelt appreciation of the interest in us that has made this privilege possible.

2. That we extend our hearty thanks to the management, nurses and doctors of the Florida Sanitarium for their efforts in our behalf, and the instructions they may have imparted to us.

3. That we do also thank the other Institute instructors for the help they have rendered us, and the interest they have manifested in us.

4. That we file with the secretary of the Florida conference this set of resolutions, and request that a copy of same be published in the *FIELD TIDINGS*.

On behalf of the entire class:

Geo. G. Green,
Elsie Hollingsworth,
Margaret Robertson.

The new church building in Miami is now completed. Sabbath July 15 the first meeting was held in it with an attendance of 60.

Elder Parmele is now visiting the churches throughout the conference. Professor B. D. Gullet will also visit some of the churches and scattered ones in the conference in behalf of the educational work.

Excellent reports came in from some of the canvassers in the field this last week.

The Sabbath-school convention at the sanitarium grounds July 30 was an interesting occasion. Besides a full attendance from the Orlando and Lockhart sabbath-schools, there were visitors from other schools in the conference. The different phases of the Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' work was considered with profit and with attended blessings. It was the closing Sabbath of the Institute which made it possible for various schools in the conference to be represented.

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THE OUTLOOK

The Georgia and South Carolina camp-meetings are now in the past. The spirit of work, and deeper consecration for service was largely manifested at each of these meetings. Several volunteered their services in the circulation of the printed page, and we see no reason why the canvassing work should not go forward in these two conferences with increased interest. We are glad to announce that Brother A. L. Manous was chosen as field agent of the South Carolina conference, and has now entered upon the duties of his office. The old time enthusiasm that is usually seen in an old soldier when he again sniffs the smoke of battle seems to be present in Brother Manous's case as he again takes up this line of work. It is earnestly hoped that the canvassing work in South Carolina will now begin to rise.

V. O. COLE.

GEORGIA

Dear Brethren:—

Our report is so near nothing I feel a little embarrassed to turn it in. But as we have been to camp-meeting, our field work is a little short. However we all feel encouraged to just press the battle harder and expect victory under our Captain. Pray for us.

W. S. FULBRIGHT.

SOUTHEASTERN UNION CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1910

North Carolina, Kernersville, August 18-28.
 Cumberland, Chattanooga, Aug. 25-Sept. 4.
 Florida, October 13-23.

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren:—

This is to certify that I have this day completed the audit of your conference up to July 21st. In conjunction with your conference president, Elder Stephenson, we checked up all cash items from the original correspondence and receipts and disbursements. I wished Elder Stephenson with me during the audit on account of the one who has handled your cash being so closely associated with me. We found every item of cash properly accounted for on the books and every cash disbursement,

either from the cash or bank, is covered by proper voucher or receipt from the parties to whom the money was paid. The cash balanced to the penny, and the bank account agrees with that demanded by the bank according to the statement rendered by them July 1st, after taking into account the outstanding checks and the deposits made during July.

I have traced each item and entry to its proper account on the ledger and I find the accounts properly entered. The books are in balance and as far as I have been able to see from this careful audit your books have been neatly, carefully and accurately kept. Your financial condition is good and we are pleased to see the Georgia Conference prospering financially as well as in other ways.

R. T. DOWSETT, Auditor,
 Southeastern Union Conference.

OBITUARY

HOUGHTALING.—Died June 19, 1910, of general debility, Daniel Houghtaling, aged 73 years, three months and 15 days. Brother Houghtaling was born in Lyons, N. Y., resided for some years in Ohio, then in Michigan, and has lived in Florida since the fall of 1883. He accepted present truth in the summer of 1876, and continued faithful until the last. He was a kind husband, an indulgent father, and was beloved by a wide circle of acquaintances. He leaves a wife, three sons, two daughters and three step-daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral service was conducted by Brother D. N. Gibbs.
 R. W. PARMELE.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending

August, 6				
Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value.	Del.
GEORGIA				
S. F. Walker	GC	10	23.00	
D. A. Fisher	GC	10	8.00	.50
W. S. Fulbright	Misc	?	25.00	25.00
CUMBERLAND				
Nora Burchard	PPF	36	21.50	1.25
John Meister	PPF	84	76.35	1.25
Celia Burchard	PPF	45	19.50	
F. A. Reeder	PPF	36	13.50	.75
Walter Kirkham	PPF	28	25.10	
Jos. F. Bartini	PPF	36	22.25	.50
A. D. Day	BFL	20	10.75	
R. A. Judy	PPF	56	46.75	
E. D. Haskel	CK	43	9.50	5.85
FLORIDA				
A. Orr	S of P	15	16.65	18.00
I. M. Haegart	DP	15	20.75	15.50
R. Hubbell sr.	PPF	22	30.25	24.50
Chas. Dyer	PPF	31	109.00	
R- Hubbell	PPF	17	6.75	42.00
NORTH CAROLINA				
Alby Paul	DR	12	10.50	16.50
R. L. Underwood	DR	60		160.00
G. L. Kerley	DR	63	57.00	3.00
W. E. Lanier	GC	52	61.50	12.00
W. H. George	GC	51	30.35	7.35
Bertha Graham	GC	15	6.50	1.50
Mead Graham	CK	28	12.00	3.00
Hazel Graham	CK	16	6.00	7.50
T. J. Woodall	CK	24	11.75	1.75
J. P. Allran	CK	25	21.25	3.25
W. A. Morris	PPF	12	9.50	4.75
Mrs. E. A. Wing	S of P	33	13.50	7.50
Ross Underwood	BS	40		14.50
Irregular	Misc.	26	29.60	29.60
Summary				
Cumberland	Total	344	245.25	9.60
Florida	Total	100	183.40	100.00
Georgia	Total	20	56.00	25.50
North Carolina	Total	427	269.45	272.20
Grand Total		891	754.10	407.30