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### THE FAMILY AS AN EDUCATIONAL AGENCY

In His wisdom the Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies. The education of the child is to be begun in the home. In the home the child is to learn the lessons that are to guide it through life. From infancy lessons of honor and obedience to parents are to be taught. Never should their children be allowed to show them disrespect. Self-will and hasty words should not be allowed to go unrebuked.

Parents should realize the sacredness of family discipline. They have been entrusted with a most important stewardship, a sacred charge. They are to make their family a symbol of the family in heaven, of which they hope to become members when their day of test and trial here below shall have ended. The children are to be taught to respect themselves, because they are the Lord's property bought with an infinite price.

The influence exerted in the home must be Christ like. This is the most effective ministration in the character-building of the child. The words spoken are to be pleasant. No boisterous, arbitrary, masterful spirit is to be allowed to come into the family. Every member is to be taught that he is to prepare to be a member of the royal family.

The father and the mother are to place themselves decidedly on the Lord's side. It is their privilege to bring light and joy and peace into the home circle. They are to exert an influence which shows that they are guided and controlled by the principles of heaven. They are to draw in even cords. Their every act is to be in harmony with heaven.

The parents in the home and the teacher in the school are to co-operate. The instruction given the child in the home is to be such as will help the teacher. In the home the child is to be taught the importance of neatness, order, and thoroughness, and these lessons are to be repeated in the schools.

Our schools are to be built up. They are to be as the schools of the prophets. We are to expect that angels of God will be the helpers of the teachers in all the service that is done to the glory of God. But the child's first school is the

home. There it is to learn lessons of the highest importance.

Parents remember that your home is a training school, in which your children are to be prepared for the home above. Deny them anything rather than the education that they should receive in their earliest years. Allow no word of pettishness. Teach your children to be kind and patient. Teach them to be thoughtful of others. Thus, you are preparing them for higher ministry in religious things.

The history of every one is written in the books of heaven, that all may know that their reward or punishment is according to their works,—their service in this life. Let parents remember that every day makes part of their history, and that no neglect must be permitted in the home, because they can not know how soon sickness and death may come to them or to their children.

In the home church, children are to learn to pray and to trust in God. They are to learn that they are to prepare to become members of the family of heaven, and that they must, therefore, be kind and dutiful to their parents, faithfully respecting their wishes.

The father and mother should work together in full sympathy with each other. They should make themselves companions to their children.

When children reach a suitable age, they should be provided with tools. If their work is made interesting, they will be found apt pupils in the use of tools. If the father is a carpenter, he should give his boys lessons in house-building, ever bringing into his instruction lessons from the Bible,—the words of scripture in which the Lord compares human beings with His building.

As much as possible, let the homes of our people be out of the cities, that the children may have ground to cultivate. It is well to let each have a piece of ground as his own. As you teach them how to prepare a garden, how to prepare the soil for the seed, and the importance of keeping the garden free from weeds, teach them how important it is to keep unsightly, injurious practices out of the life. Teach them to keep down wrong habits as they keep down the weeds in their gardens. It will take time to teach these lessons, but it will pay, yes, greatly pay.

God demands of parents a faithful study of His word, and a determined effort to make a success of the church in the home. Then par-

ents with their converted children,—the result of their obedience to God,—can carry into the church their self-denial and sacrifice and their spiritual strength. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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### "SUPPOSE"

A soldier was one day found by himself enjoying the flowers and pleasure of a beautiful park. He was arrested, court-martialed, and shot. "Just because he was found in this park harming no one?" you ask. Yes, he was positively harming no one, but was putting in his time napping and enjoying things generally. But while he was thus busying himself pleasantly, his comrades were in action. "This was different," you say, "he ought to have been in the ranks with the rest." And so he had. Suppose we look into another army a moment.

"Suppose some one should offer me a thousand dollars for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavor to lead any more souls to Him than I am endeavoring to now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love for money stronger than my love for God and for souls? How feeble then is my love for God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner."

"Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I even spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others to even have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?"

"Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body which might have been, but was not prevented, is a terrible thing; but how about the preventable death of a human soul perchance of many souls for which God may hold me responsible? If any murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul?"

These quoted suppositions are presented by one who knows not the importance of the warning message of Revelation 14. Now let us suppose a little farther.

Suppose the warning contained in the Third Angel's Message against the receiving of a certain wicked thing into the life and heart was known in our neighborhood only by yourself, and that you did no more than you are doing now to warn these people of it, do you think

you would be clear before God in the day of judgment?

Suppose these neighbors and friends were to ask you when the day of salvation has passed, "If you knew these things were coming upon us, why did you not tell us?" what answer could you give them?

Suppose that every other member of the church to which you belong were doing no more than you are to warn the world of Jesus' soon coming, when might we look for Him to appear in the clouds of heaven?

Suppose I fail to do for those about me that which the Lord designed I should do when He let the light of the Third Angel's Message shine upon my pathway by living and giving it to them, how am I to expect they are to know these things? and upon what can I base my hope for a heavenly reward?

Suppose no other believer in this solemn message was doing more than I am to send it to the ends of the earth in this generation, when may we expect the words of the prophet John to be accomplished when he wrote, "And I looked, and, behold, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

Suppose we all take these things home to ourselves and think and pray about them in earnest at least for one week in our private devotions, and listen to what the "Spirit" may say to us as to what we should do individually.

T. E. BOWEN.

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## THE COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

I have just returned from the camp-meeting at Columbia. This was the first Seventh-day Adventist Negro Camp-meeting ever held in the State of South Carolina.

Our Carolina brethren who have received the hope of the truth in their souls are rejoicing in the same. They are of good courage, and returned to their homes with renewed energy and courage to press the battle against the enemy.

We were pleased to find a few who are planning to enter the canvassing work and help to take this precious truth which they love, to their own people. We hope that they may remember our Motto text, (2Tim. 2:15) and improve every movement to make a thorough preparation for the work. We hope to hear from many of them.

A. L. MANOUS,  
478 South church St., Spartanburg, S. C.

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### WHAT NEXT?

In all the conferences of this Union, except Florida, the camp-meetings are in the past. Florida will enjoy her annual feast, Oct. 13-23.

Those we have held have been blessed occasions; and, judging the future by the past, Florida will be no exception.

Therefore by October 23, the camp-meetings will be over, and, naturally we inquire, "What next?" And we would say, "The Thanksgiving Ingathering for Missions."

It has become an established custom with us, that we all turn out and solicit funds from our friends to carry forward our message in all the earth. The last two years this campaign has been carried forward, and has placed in the treasury of the General Conference many thousands of dollars. This year should be the largest of any.

The Review and Herald is issuing another special number for this purpose, and October 31 is the day set for the work to begin. Therefore it is time for orders to be sent in for your supplies. We hope every church elder and leader of companies will bring this matter before their congregations, and see that orders are sent in at an early date; and thus have every thing in readiness for the opening of the campaign.

I want to see the Southeastern Union roll in several thousand dollars as a result of our united efforts in this Thanksgiving Ingathering.

CHAS. THOMPSON,

President Southeastern Union Conference.

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## AMONG THE CHURCHES IN FLORIDA

At Miami I found Brethren Branson and Whitford considerably worn with their labors. During the past five months they have certainly worked hard, and the Lord has greatly blessed. Brother Branson had taken personal supervision of the erection of the church building, laboring with his hands upon it. The effect of this course was evident and demonstrated that manual labor does not lower the dignity of a minister.

Ten days, full of work, were spent by the writer at Miami. On Sabbath August 13, a church fully officered, was organized. On Sunday night, August 14, still others were added, making a total membership of 27. I baptized 13 of this number. Twenty-one of this number came in on profession of faith.

One year ago last Spring I visited this place, with a view of ascertaining its needs and prospects. I found four Sabbath-keepers there. None of these had ever heard a Seventh-day Adventist sermon, and none of them belonged to the church. So far as I was able to learn, there had never been a sermon preached by Seventh-day Adventists in the city. To-day we have a church organization there of 27 members, with prospects of additions. They meet in their newly built church edifice, which is the second best in the state. As I think of it, I can only say, "What hath God wrought."

R. W. PARMELE.

## FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS

Speaking of the forward movement of the canvassing work in general, one of our faithful and tried canvassers writes:—

"For twenty-seven years I have been looking for just such a work as we are now seeing, and I hope to live a little while longer to see more."

This brother has seen his three-score years, but he is still diligent in the Master's vineyard, and rejoicing in having a part and a place in this great work.

Where are others who will volunteer to enter the evangelistic canvassing work for the Master, and the salvation of souls?

Let us hear from you as soon as possible.

A. L. MANOUS.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Such an interest was aroused by the camp-meeting and the meetings preceding it that it was decided to continue the work after camp-meeting. Elders Wells and Nash with their families and the writer remained, and notwithstanding very unfavorable weather for nearly a week after the camp-meeting closed, the interest in the meetings has not abated.

Sunday the eleventh, the seal of God was presented to a congregation that filled the tent. This testing truth was well received and a number of intelligent and substantial people have fully acknowledged it as their duty to obey.

Elder Nash and wife still remain to follow up the interest, having pitched the tent in a new location and arranged to carry on the work until the newly organized church is firmly established.

Sabbath we baptized one brother who had left a good job on the railroad in order to keep the Sabbath, and has entered the canvassing work.

We thank God for the blessing that has attended the effort at Kernersville, and ask that our people pray for the work and workers there.

G. M. BROWN.

## ARE YOU A QUITTER OR A STICKER?

It was written of Jesus that he shall not fail nor be discouraged. But this does not argue by any means that there would be no possibility of failure, nor temptation to discouragement. Success depends, not so much on brilliancy, or talent, or mentonic display, as upon the ability to keep persistently at the task. A definite purpose, a well defined object together with a settled conviction that the cause is just, will do much toward wresting success from the very jaws of defeat.

Here is the Third Angl's Message. God has given it to us. It must succeed. Whatever the appearances, or however dark the outlook, it is God's work, and His word shall not return void. Let me but hold on, though the clouds be dark, and the tempest roar.

T. H. JEYS.

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## BE WORTH SAVING

Without a doubt the Lord will save every one He can, for He has paid an enormous price for the privilege of rescuing from the poor wretched world everything possible.

But there is one very important fact, that is sometimes overlooked—the thing must be worth saving! Our Lord will not fill up His kingdom with anything that can offend. No sin, no selfishness, no bigotry, no covetousness, nothing that loveth or maketh a lie, can enter the home of the saved. Every plant that the Heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up.

It is left with me to choose whether I will have the sin rooted out of my life now, or wait, and together with the sin be destroyed from his face. T. H. JEYS.

## IT HELPS OTHERS AND IT WILL HELP YOU

Gertrude Sims: "It seems to me that every number of the 'Sabbath School Worker' is still better than the past one, and every one is a real feast."

Dollie Callender: "The Worker grows better each month. I don't know really what I would do without it. I can hardly wait from one month to the next for what is coming through the 'Worker'."

Mrs. Laura N. Williams: "The influence of the 'Worker' is the greatest factor that we have in waking up the Sabbath-schools. If it was not for the 'Worker,' I am afraid I would not accomplish much, as I go for reference to the copies I have as often as a student refers to 'Webster'."

## MALTSUGAR FREE

"We were especially pleased with the maltsugar sent, which is the best thing of the kind I ever saw." New York.

Our offer to include extra foods to fully pay the freight on \$10.00 shipments and give six pounds of maltsugar free east of Colorado until September 20 is hereby extended to October 25. Cooking oil and 45 pound cans nut butter cannot apply on this offer. Half freight and three pounds with \$5.00 shipments. This offer is the most liberal we have ever made and will positively be withdrawn October 25. Do not miss it.

The factory is very busy, having sold more foods in August than during any previous month. We supplied foods for thirty six camp-meetings this year as compared with twenty-five last year.

There are no better foods made than we are making add they don't taste like money either, you can afford to live on them. Order direct or through your tract society.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM FOOD FACTORY,  
Nashville, Tenn.

## GEORGIA

Alpharetta Intermediate School

The above school is located about thirty miles north of Atlanta in a very healthful section of the

state, high elevation with most excellent water, and an abundance of fruit.

Professor B. F. Webb and wife have been engaged for the present term which began September 5. School opened with about thirty pupils.

We can accommodate about ten boarding students in the school home. Prof. Webb would be glad to correspond with any who desire to attend.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

## OBITUARIES

**BAGWELL.**—Died of tuberculous at Gainsville, Georgia, June 26, 1910, sister Ade Cheek Bagwell. She was born in Hall County, Georgia, Nov. 27, 1876, and was married to J. H. Bagwell July 2, 1895. With her father, Sister Bagwell united with the Adventist Church. Six dear, now motherless children, and her bereaved husband, besides a mother and father, one sister and two brothers, and other relatives mourn her loss. The church and friends will miss her loving ministrations. We laid her to rest to await the coming of our blessed Saviour. R. T. DOWSETT.

**PRUITT.**—Died at East Palatka, Florida, Alexander Pruitt, aged 45 years. He accepted the truths of the third angel's message about 3 years ago, and lived true to the cause until the day of his death, July 26, 1910. He died in the blessed hope of a part in the first resurrection. The bereaved wife and six children are left to mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted by Reverend H. Walker a Baptist minister.

J. W. MANNS.

## CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending

Sept. 3

Name,	Book.	Hours,	Value.	Del.
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>				
J. D. Stephens	GC	13	17.00	
G. B. Case	GC	42	33.90	4.80
F. D. Hunt	GC	7	3.95	1.95
H. Park	GC	41	17.00	
Mrs. H. Park	GC	41	12.50	
Mrs. F. D. Hunt	PPF	24	24.00	.75
Mrs. A. L. Manous	DR	7	4.60	
J. B. Rise	DR	24	11.35	1.38
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>				
W. H. George	GC	15	28.50	5.50
J. P. Allran	CK	35	24.50	3.00
Emily Ingram	CK	16	6.25	2.25
Bertha Ingram	CK	25	11.75	1.75
Irregular	Misc	50	58.30	58.30
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>				
Nora Burchard	PPF	35		17.50
J. F. Bartini	PPF	30		20.00
Celia Burchard	PPF	35	.50	22.75
R. A. Judy	PPF	30		105.80
Frank Reeder	PPF	35		30.00
<b>GEORGIA</b>				
J. A. Sudduth	DR BFL	40	70.50	
R. O. Terry	DR	18	4.65	5.00
D. A. Fisher	GC	16	20.25	4.00
S. T. Walker	GC	13	12.75	.25
J. A. Kimmel	Misc	28	33.10	1.00
R. M. Carter	PGH	23	41.00	3.75
M. B. Scoggins	BFL	21	16.50	
B. F. Brown	CK	19	16.60	1.00
<b>Summary</b>				
Georgia	Total	178	215.35	15.00
South Carolina	Total	199	123.30	8.88
North Carolina	Total	131	121.30	71.30
Cumberland	Total	165	.50	196.05
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>673</b>	<b>467.45</b>	<b>291.23</b>