

Review and Herald Supplement

Matt. 9:37, 38: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

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THE SUPPLEMENT.

It has for some time been felt that the circulation of our publications ought to receive more attention than was being given it. We have had a Publishers' department in the REVIEW for a long time; but this has not been adequate to the necessities of the case. Consequently, some weeks since, it was decided, by the managers of the Pacific Press and the REVIEW AND HERALD, that an addition to the REVIEW, in the form of an eight-page supplement, should be issued at brief intervals, say monthly; and that this be sent out to all subscribers of the REVIEW. This will be furnished without extra cost to readers.

The object of this step is to promote the distribution of books and periodicals by the various means that have been employed, or may be employed, for that purpose. It is not designed to be an advertising sheet, but to afford a medium through which publishers, agents, and customers may be put into intelligent touch with one another. Here the publisher may speak to the agent and to the public. Here the agent may reply to the publisher and offer his suggestions; or may communicate with his fellow worker. Here, also, the public may have its say about the book business.

It is hoped that nothing long or dry will have to go into this part of the paper. If correspondents will look out for the "dry," the editors will prevent the "long." Bits of encouraging experience, or *interesting* experience, even if it seem not so very encouraging, will be acceptable. The Christian worker has everything for his encouragement, even though present or immediate results may seem small and few. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

It is anticipated that through the medium that is now opened up, all who are interested in the sale of

books, the circulation of our papers, or the distribution of smaller publications, may be brought closer together, and be enabled thus to labor unitedly in the grand and glorious work before us. This enterprise will be gladly welcomed by many; and we open our doors to the full extent of our limited width for the reception of the communications of our workers. Articles for publication in the SUPPLEMENT should be marked as such, and sent to the REVIEW AND HERALD, Battle Creek, Mich.

G. C. T.

THE FINAL WARNING.

SERVANTS of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also will work with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried, not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth, or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

GOD'S WILLINGNESS TO BLESS THE CANVASSERS.

WE are glad to see how the Lord is blessing the canvassers. Never before have we seen so many evidences of God's willingness to bless and guide in every circumstance in which we are placed. The canvasser can trust the Lord for success in taking orders, in finding a place to sleep, in meeting opposition; in fact, he can trust him wherever he is placed, because when he goes out to spread the truth, the Lord has said, "Lo, I am with you alway." The Lord is with the worker in difficulty as well as in prosperity. All the power of the enemy is not able to thwart the purposes of God, and God proposes to use the God-fearing canvasser for the salvation of souls and the spreading of the truth in the earth.

I believe that God is preparing many workers to enter this field of labor. May all our people realize the importance of placing our literature in the hands of the people. They want it, and will read it. Then why do we not take it to them? "Why did you not bring me the truth?" may be the despairing cry we shall hear when the unmingled wrath of God is falling upon a lost and deluded people. Let us work while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work.

J. B. BLOSSEE.

"THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES."

Six months ago an advance step was taken by the publishers of the *Signs of the Times*, aided by the International Tract Society and the General Conference Association, to increase the circulation of this important paper. The move was well responded to by our people throughout the country; and through the efforts put forth during the winter season, and up to the present time, the circulation has increased from about twenty-two thousand to forty thousand, and from all reasonable evidences, the good work has seen only a beginning. For this beginning we praise the Lord, and thank the workers everywhere for their co-operation.

The Spirit of the Lord has spoken in regard to all our leading periodicals, and each has its field. To the *Signs of the Times* the word is, "Go everywhere." Its field is unlimited, and it has the designation of "pioneer" missionary paper,—not in the sense of being the oldest in the field, but the one that is to lead out—to be the first—in the exploration of new territory. New territory lies all around us and in our midst in the souls of those who know not the peace and joy of a connection with Christ, and those who are ignorant of the last great message to the world. In

view of the fact that we have been told that we were not doing a tenth, a twentieth, yes, a *hundredth*, part of what ought to be done, surely it was high time, six months ago, to inaugurate a move that would not be spasmodic in its nature, but one that, from a good beginning, will steadily increase until the work of the gospel is finished.

Such efforts are oftentimes characterized by some as "booms," but the word is a bad one for common application, as a stigma frequently attaches to it. We cannot afford to have our work lowered in the estimation of any, hence we say emphatically that it is for the interest of every lover of truth to add to the efforts already put forth, and to do all in his power to add to this good work. Now is the time to lay broad plans for the coming fall and winter, but no one need wait till then before putting some of these plans into operation. Where work is now going on, let it continue, with plans for increasing it.

Such good words have come from the workers everywhere, and the outlook is such for pushing the *Signs* in the near future, that the publishers are greatly encouraged, and feel that they must respond, and that quickly, to the evident faith of our people in this matter. When asked what shall be the limit of our hopes, we are met with the reply, "*Set no limit; one hundred thousand is only a beginning.*"

At the recent meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Co., the following resolutions respecting the *Signs of the Times* were adopted:—

Whereas, The Spirit of the Lord has repeatedly indicated the important mission of the *Signs of the Times* as a pioneer paper; and,—

Whereas, Although its circulation has nearly doubled in the past six months, we believe that only a beginning has been made toward fulfilling its mission; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt thanks to our people everywhere for their ready support, and for the earnest efforts put forth to increase the circulation of this paper, and at the same time cease not to urge upon them the great importance of this work; and,—

Further, That we recommend that unabated and added efforts to this end be continued along the following and other legitimate lines:—

1. Increasing clubs for use in missionary work.
2. Canvassing for long- and short-term subscriptions, and, as far as consistent, delivering all short-term subscriptions in person.
3. Selling the papers in cities and towns on the street and from house to house, thus working up regular routes as far as possible.
4. Also that Bible workers be encouraged to use the *Signs of the Times* in opening up the way in securing readers and in carrying forward their work.
5. Issuing camp-meeting editions to be used in various conferences for the purpose of advertising our camp-meet-

ings, and spreading a knowledge of the principles, held by our people.

Whereas, The increased circulation of the *Signs of the Times* and the increase of other denominational business demands additional facilities for our work; therefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend that the board of directors take immediate steps toward purchasing a new Webb Perfecting Press and other necessary machinery to meet the emergency.

We will again mention a practical plan for increasing missionary clubs, both for correspondence and canvassing work, without bringing additional debt on missionary societies. This is for individual members to become personally responsible for a certain number of *Signs* each week, which they would either use themselves or see that they are judiciously used by others, the whole number thus desired by the church to be ordered by the librarian in a club, at club rates, and each member to pay for his papers at the rate for the club. This plan has proved successful wherever applied, and a live missionary spirit has been awakened in many places to use a large number of papers in this way.

In reference to the canvassing work in all its phases we cannot too strongly urge consecration and thorough preparation. The publishers will furnish canvasses, blanks, sample copies, etc., to all who wish to enter this work. Your State tract society also stands ready to send helps of this description.

In harmony with the resolution referring to camp-meetings, a number of States have already used quantities of the *Signs* with special cover for use in connection with early meetings.

We call special attention to the last resolution. As intimated, the publishers believe that our people are ready to move out by faith in scattering the seeds of truth contained in this pioneer paper as never before. Already the presses available for printing the *Signs* are running nearly to their full capacity in the time required, and an increase of a few more thousand in the subscription list will demand more rapid machinery. Believing that the Lord is in this move, and that we shall certainly see a marked increase in the circulation of the *Signs*, the publishers have already ordered a new press by means of which the *Signs* can be printed at the rate of from five thousand to ten thousand papers an hour. Now we appeal to all friends of the cause to do their part in the fear and help of the Lord. Upon you will largely rest the burden of the work, for it belongs to all. What will you do?

Let us emphasize again the fact that only a beginning has been made. Let those who have taken hold of this work consider seriously, in the light of the responsibilities of this time, how they can so organize

and plan as to accomplish far more than has been done. There are many who have not yet taken up the matter energetically. What is your duty? Where are we to see the twenty-times-present work meet its fulfilment if not largely by those who are doing little or nothing, as well as by those who can do more than they are now doing? Brethren and sisters, friends, the Lord is waiting for our faith to take hold of his mighty arm. Our prayer should be, Lord, increase our faith.

THE SIGNS' CANVASSING WORK.

The following letter from a worker in one of our large cities speaks for itself. Others of a similar nature could be given. We invite the laborers everywhere to write to us about their experiences with the *Signs*. Let us encourage one another by speaking often together.

Canvassing from door to door is the very best method of searching out those who are hungering for light. If one listened to the calls, he would have more than he could possibly read with. But, instead of reading with them, keep supplying them with literature, and when the proper time comes, little effort will be required to get them to take their stand. One lady to whom we had been delivering the *Signs* was so interested to see what was in the paper that she sat down and looked over its contents while we patiently waited to give a reading. It is needless to say that, after six readings, she was ready to obey. Another who had been praying for light took the papers and tracts eagerly, and five readings were sufficient to convince her.

This is the very best means of removing prejudice. When we called at one door, the lady seemed wholly to ignore our work, but by perseverance we were enabled to sell a paper. The next week, when we called, the door was thrown open, and a hearty hand-shake was all the recommendation we needed for the paper. Of course she took another. She prized it so highly that, together with the little tract, "Sufferings of Christ," it was placed under her pillow; and when sleep was disturbed, she read these publications, and derived much comfort from them.

These are some of the encouraging features. You ask if there is not a dark side to this story; but if you are a fellow laborer, you know all about that side of the question. Courage is what we must have. If we go forth bearing the precious seed in the fear of God, his presence will be with us, and we shall have many sheaves to be garnered at last.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THE TIMES OF REFRESHING.

THE great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said, "Re-

pent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out [in the investigative judgment], when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

THE EXPERIENCE OF AN OLD HAND.

BROTHER F. L. MEAD, who is known to all our canvassers as one of our oldest workers in that line, writes us that he has been very anxious for a long time to try his hand again in actual field work. A few days ago he started out to call at the homes of the people to sell them our publications. In forty-four hours he took sixty-one orders for the book entitled "Christ Our Saviour." This is excellent for a starter; and besides, while he did not say so in his letter, we know that his territory is about as hard to work as any in the country.

CAN OUR BOOKS STILL BE SOLD?

THERE is no discussion as to whether they could be sold a few years ago; but with the stringency in finances which is so generally felt by the wage-earners at present, it is a serious question in the minds of many whether the canvassing work is still an efficient and self-supporting means of missionary work. Unless this question can be answered in the affirmative by each person, that person's success will be very limited; for the words of Christ, "According to your faith be it unto you," need no qualifying in the canvassing work. But let not a man think that while he doubts whether the people need the book more than they do its price, he can in these times persuade them to exchange money for printed matter.

It is possible for the inexperienced agent to be driven from the field and thoroughly discouraged by the universal cry of hard times. The merchant tells you that he is doing so much credit work, and that collecting is so nearly impossible, that he will not consider the purchase of a book. The real-estate dealer says he cannot collect rent. The wage-earner says he would gladly work if he could get steady employment. This unceasing wail is poured into the ears of the canvasser, and will drive even a veteran from the field unless he can see things in their true light.

Do you begin to believe that there is no money in circulation, and that a panic is surely coming before fall? Take a stroll through town, and notice the cash trade of the busy merchants. The saloons thrive. Linger a few minutes in the drug-store, and observe the constant stream of all classes purchasing expensive

and worthless patent medicines. You would almost think the soda-fountain a necessity. Step around to the bicycle repair-shop, and notice the waiting wheelmen eager to be served. Go to the railway depot of any large city, and you see a lively cash business going on. If not yet convinced that the people will manage to get money for that which they really desire, station yourself near the theater ticket-office for a half-hour before the play begins.

Illustrations of extravagance and unwise use of money might be drawn from the various walks of life, but those given above represent the doings of the middle classes, upon whom the agent largely depends for his patronage. It ought to cause one to cry out, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" It would not be best to do so while the people are eagerly chasing after pleasure; but in the quiet retreat of their homes, God will help you to interest them in something infinitely better—in books which present the light of God.

After years of experience in the canvassing work, I can recall but very few cases where I could not conscientiously recommend the purchase of our books. It is not well to beg people to buy; but we should be so thoroughly acquainted with the book, so wrapped up in the vital importance of its teachings, that we can create a deep desire on the part of our hearers to read and study it. This will enable us to be truly sympathetic, and yet not be swerved, by incidental and temporary conditions, from interesting the people in their eternal welfare.

Orders secured in this way are reasonably sure of delivery. I fully believe that our bound books can be sold rapidly by those who believe they can be sold, and who will make a reasonable effort to do so. Read "Testimony for the Church," No. 32, page 158, last half of first paragraph. J. E. FROM.

AGGRESSIVE WORK.

THE harvest is white, the labor great, the workmen few. With this fact there seems to be no one so thoroughly acquainted as the great arch-enemy of all righteousness, and he has gone forth to occupy the field, because he knows that he has but a short time. "Satan even hopes to involve the remnant people of God in this general ruin that is coming upon the earth." "He is a sharp and persevering workman." He employs men and women as his agents to make sin attractive, and but few have any idea of his activity and subtlety. "He keeps his satanic devices constantly before the human race, that he may entangle

them in his snare, and accomplish their ruin. The present activity of Satan in working upon hearts, churches, and nations, should startle every student of prophecy. The end is near. Let the churches arise, let the converting power of God be exercised by the individual members; then we shall see the deep movings of the Spirit of God."

The Lord has aggressive work to be done, and this calls for aggressive workers. The question comes home to every one who knows the truth for this time, What am I doing to defeat the plans of this persevering master-workman of deception? What am I doing to spread the gospel of Christ, and restore the image of God in man?

"Satan finds employment for all who are not earnestly striving to secure their own salvation and the salvation of others." There are just two spirits at work in the world,—the Spirit of Christ and the spirit of antichrist. "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth." To do this means that we must take an active part in this aggressive work that is to be done, or else that we shall be actuated by the spirit of the wicked one. "God calls upon us to awake, for the end is near. Every passing hour is one of activity in the heavenly courts, to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us." "There is a great work to be done in the day of God's preparation, in devising and executing plans for the advancement of his cause." "Missionaries are wanted everywhere." From every branch of the cause calls are coming in for help.

These demands for help have drawn heavily from the ranks of those engaged in circulating our literature, because they were already actively engaged in the work, and so their minds and hearts were open to these calls. These demands for help have been supplied until the resources, comparatively speaking, are exhausted. Consequently many new ones should now be giving themselves to God, and preparing to do this aggressive work that is to be done. There are many lines of work now open to our young people who are desirous of giving their time and talents to the service of the Master, and by exercising their talents in this way, they will be constantly developing for greater and still greater fields of usefulness.

"Talent is best developed and best appreciated where most needed." "The missionary work in circulating the publications on present truth is opening doors everywhere, and preparing minds to receive the truth, when the living preacher comes among them."

Again: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications be-

fore the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." This is real missionary work, "and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labor." There is no limit to the number who could successfully engage in this line of work, with the large number of books we now have, and the new ones that are soon to go to press. The health books, which set before the world the true principles of health reform, must have their place along with the others. They have a mission to fill, which sustains the same relation to the third angel's message that the right arm does to the body. The pages of these books are freighted with the precious promises of God's word, and with the solemn message which teaches us how to prepare for the time of trouble, that we may escape its perils. Missionary canvassers are wanted. They should be persons who can bring a good report of the truth to the people, and have an experimental knowledge of the love of God abiding in their own hearts. "The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many who would not otherwise be impressed with the truth. The work is a good one, the object high and elevating; and there should be a corresponding dignity of deportment." Those who give themselves unreservedly to this work, who faithfully reflect the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, fulfilling their mission with fidelity and love, will be recompensed on earth by the sweet consciousness of duty performed; and in the bright hereafter, when the saints shall come into their inheritance, the devoted worker for Christ will be welcomed into the joy of his Lord, hearing from the Master's lips, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Do you hear the promise? Will you answer the call, and with the redeemed stand on the sea of glass, and bear the crown of life away? E. P. BOGGS.

WORK AT OUR CAMP-MEETINGS.

Why not organize a practical missionary class at each of these meetings? Here are representatives from nearly every church in the conference; and these representatives are, as a rule, those who take the most interest in advanced missionary work of all kinds, and would prove apt students. The plans that we give are only suggestive, and can be varied as the occasion seems to demand.

A leader who has a real missionary spirit, and who has had experience in that line of work, should be selected to take charge of such a class. Let him appoint and drill different ones to canvass the ground for our tracts and pamphlets as well as our papers. By "the ground" we mean our own people, as many of them do not have, and consequently do not know of,

the stirring appeals that come to us in this class of our literature. In addition to this, the leader should find out in advance the subjects of the leading sermons for the benefit of outsiders, and have a copy of a small tract bearing directly upon the question treated given to each visitor in attendance.

At our own California meeting now in progress, one brother has a special interest in two tracts, "Home Missionary Work" and "How the Sabbath Came to Me." He is canvassing the ground for them, and is meeting with considerable success thus far. Others are using packages of tracts on different subjects. All seem pleased with their work, and are awakening interest in missionary lines.

At our meeting on Sunday the coming of the Lord was treated to some extent, and the ushers distributed nearly a thousand copies of *Apples of Gold Library*, No. 40, entitled, "The Coming of Our Lord." These tracts seemed to be thankfully received, and as far as we could determine, were carefully preserved. In fact, the outsiders who have sufficient interest to attend our meetings at all, are usually glad to get anything that sets forth our views and the reasons therefor.

There are many other lines of work in which such a class might engage, and they would not only be doing good work themselves, but would take home an experience that would revive the missionary interest in their home churches as nothing else could.

Such a work should be under the direction of the State tract society, and, if possible, some of its officers should be connected with it.

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING CO.

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"FAITHLESS BEMOANING."
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For the last two or three years no English phrase has been used more than "the hard times." It has come to be so common, and is so generally accepted, that when a man is asked to buy a book, he folds his arms, and complacently tells you, "The times are too hard for me to buy books." The canvasser hears this till he begins to think it is so, and comes in with the story that the "hard times" makes it impossible for him to sell our books.

A brother has the urgent needs of the cause set before him, and the doleful story is ever at hand, "The times are so hard, I can't." This ever-ready excuse of "the hard times" is met with words of vivid clearness by the Spirit of God in a testimony just published. We read, in "Special Testimony," No. 10, page 22:—

Let every member of the church deny himself in dress, at the table, in house furniture, in carpets, in many things

that are enjoyable, but not a necessity. There are souls to be saved. Can you be called workers together with Christ, can you be wearing his yoke, and yet your indulgence be cutting off the supplies of God's house? *I was permitted to hear your faithless bemoaning of "the hard times."* You should deny yourselves in many ways, and be thankful for that which you have. Talk no more your unbelief. If the brethren in responsible positions would talk faith and courage to all the workers in the Office; if you would talk self-denial in the church; if you would practise it in your own families; if you would bear a clean-cut testimony, which you have not borne; if you would all be mouthpieces for God, and present to the church the necessity for self-denial, the humiliation of the soul, praying for the Lord to forgive your pride, your foolish, senseless vanity, the Lord might pass by, and leave you a blessing.

Brethren and sisters, let us unite in heeding this testimony, and in seeking God for the pardon of our "faithless bemoaning of 'the hard times.'" When the Lord committed to us the work of giving the third angel's message to the world, he knew all about the "hard times," and about every other perplexity that we would have to meet as we journey and labor amid the varied perils of these last days. So when we encounter any of these difficulties, instead of sinking under discouragement before them, let us rather rise in the strength and power of our divine Lord, and point to them, "the hard times" among the rest, as the signs of our time,—the unmistakable evidences that the end of all things is at hand. If everything was moving on prosperously, we would not be able to show the people so forcibly that the Saviour's coming is near. God wants us to seize upon all these difficulties as so many sources of encouragement, and to present them to the world as added reasons why men should turn from the unstable things of this life to the enduring and substantial riches offered to us by the Son of God.

A. O. TAIT.

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"I CAN'T CANVASS."
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VERY often we meet those who are anxious to enter the work as ministers, teachers, or Bible workers. They have never had any experience; they need training. If they are advised to enter the canvassing work, where they must know how to deal with individual minds, they say at once that they cannot canvass,—that they have no ability to canvass, but that they have a burden to preach or to teach. Do such persons realize that it is impossible to be successful workers if they have no power to persuade others? The work of an evangelist is to persuade men. If one has not the talent to persuade a single individual to purchase a book, if the Lord cannot work through him to that extent, how can he expect to persuade congregations to give up popular errors, and accept truths that

will make them a peculiar people? It is not necessary that every one should canvass, but it is necessary that every one who expects to deal with the people should have the ability to canvass. The greatest failure in workers is their lack of ability to bring the people to the point where they will decide to obey the truth. They can preach good sermons, but they cannot persuade men. Such preachers are not wanted.

Again: you have heard people say that they have a feeling of repugnance against canvassing. The Lord has said, however, that canvassing is a good work. Christians should learn to love that which they once hated, or God will lead them around to the work that they dislike until they are willing to do it; so it would be much better for us to love all God's work, and do whatever he calls us to do. May we have so much love for God that we shall desire to do the hard things for him, thus showing that we do indeed love him. Let us not ask him to carry us to heaven on beds of roses, but ask to have the privilege of walking behind our Saviour, whose feet were often bruised by stones and briars.

E. A. SUTHERLAND.

WILL GOD FULFIL HIS WORD?

EVER since the fall of man, God has had a message for this world. In Adam's day it was the message of salvation through faith in the promised Messiah, "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." In Noah's time, it was a special message of warning for that people, and a call to accept the only means of escape from the destruction which was to come.

Before Christ's first advent to this world, God sent a messenger to prepare the way and to proclaim his coming. This was a matter of prophecy and had to be fulfilled, and John the Baptist was raised up for the work. Just before Christ's crucifixion, when he was riding into Jerusalem, and the people were crying, "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!" they were simply repeating what had been written hundreds of years before. It was necessary for them to do that, in order for the Scripture to be fulfilled. Christ said of that event: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

At the present time the Lord has a message to be given to the world, and it is the most solemn and important message that has ever been given. It is the last call of mercy, the last warning to be given to a perishing world. Will the message be given? or will God allow the world to go on unwarned until the final day of destruction, when the Lord shall come, and the

world know nothing of it? God "changes not," and he will surely fulfil his word in every particular.

But God always chooses to accomplish his work through human instrumentalities, and if those to whom he has given this message will give it, then all will be well; but if they will not arise and perform the work which God has laid upon them, he will raise up others who will do the work, for it must be done. If all mankind should refuse to do God's bidding, he would put tongues in the stones, and they would fulfil his word. God is infinite in resources and power, and his work will not be defeated for lack of those to perform it.

In recent testimonies we have been told that if Seventh-day Adventists do not arise to the present emergencies, and give the light of truth to the people, God will raise up others to do this work. Do we begin to see anything of this? Are those not of our faith feeling a burden for the circulation of our books which contain the truth for this time? A few extracts from letters lately received will be to the point.

One young man in Tennessee, in speaking of "Bible Readings," says: "It would be a pleasure to canvass, visiting friends, and to sell them such a book as has given me more knowledge of the word of God than all the preaching I ever heard." He wishes to canvass in one of the southern counties in Tennessee. This young man is preparing for the ministry, and would no doubt be a good worker, and be led to accept the whole truth through this work.

Another man, in Texas, writes as follows: "I bought the book 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle' from an agent in Kansas two years ago, and find it to be a noble book, and such a help to one to understand the Scriptures. I feel that it was the cause of my conversion to God; and if it has so enlightened me, it will enlighten others also. I feel that it would be a good act to place it in all homes within my reach, which I will gladly do. If there is n't any agent in this county, I would like to become agent for it."

We might give many more selections of the same kind from letters received at the REVIEW AND HERALD Office, but these are sufficient to show that the Lord is working upon the hearts of people not of our faith to help carry the message forward by circulating the literature which is laden with it. We are glad that these people have such a desire to work for the Lord; but should it not stir up those of our people who are now doing nothing in this direction to take hold of the work? Are we anxiously waiting for the Lord to come? Can we not hasten his coming?—We certainly can.

I. A. FORD.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

THE following very recent words from Sister White are significant, and should be studied by all:—

“I cannot see why the canvassing work is not as good and successful a work as can be done for the Lord. Canvassers can become acquainted with the people; they can pray with them, and can understand their true necessities. From the light which God has given me, there is much responsibility resting upon the canvassers. They should go to their work prepared to explain the Scriptures, and nothing should be said or done to bind their hands. If they put their trust in the Lord as they travel from place to place, the angels of God will be round about them, giving them words to speak which will bring light and hope and courage to many souls. Were it not for the work of the canvasser, many would never hear the truth.

“*Does Not Belittle the Gospel Minister.*— I sincerely hope that no mind will receive the impression that it belittles a minister of the gospel to canvass. Hear the apostle Paul’s testimony: ‘Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.’ The eloquent Paul, to whom God manifested himself in a wonderful manner, went from house to house, with all humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations.

“*A Most Precious Ministry.*— I have been shown that the most precious ministry can be done by canvassing, and that by ministers. By doing this work, they will

obtain a varied experience, and will be doing the very work that the apostle Paul did. I copy an extract from an appeal made to our brethren in regard to canvassing for our periodicals and books: ‘The canvassing work is an important field for labor; and the intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister. Then should the canvasser feel at liberty, any more than the ordained minister, to act from selfish motives? Should he be unfaithful to all the principles of missionary work, and sell only those books that are cheapest and easiest to handle, neglecting to place before the people the books which will give most light, because by so doing, he can earn more money for himself? The canvassing work is a missionary work, and the field must be worked from a missionary standpoint. Selfish principles, love of dignity and position, should not be once named among us. The thought of seeking to become the greatest should never come into our minds.’

“We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from places to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct our way so we shall not be able to do that which is possible to be done now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as far as possible in aggressive warfare. I know, from the light given me of God, that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath; and with stealthy tread he [Satan] is advancing to take those who are asleep now, as a thief taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus, our leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory.”

CANVASSING REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 4, 1897.

STATE.	No. Canvassers.	No. Reporting.	Days.	Hours.	Orders Taken.	Value.	Miscel. Sales.	Total Value.	BOOKS DELIVERED.	
									No. of Books.	Value.
Michigan.....	20				384	\$2302 00				
Ohio.....	19	12		4122	2229	2443 65	\$227 30	\$2670 75	1172	\$1080 02
Indiana.....		14		1025	597	401 51			65	29 15
Illinois.....										
Iowa.....	32	26		4802	1112	1486 15			73	51 10
Dakotas.....	4	4			54	159 00	1 40	160 40		
Minnesota.....	11	11		741	313	303 25	24 02	327 27		
Wisconsin.....										
Nebraska.....						536 65				
Tennessee.....	6	6		3 6	92	207 25	28 55	235 80	41	114 75
Southern District.....	32			3636	1180	2313 75	198 68	2512 43	125	328 75
Florida.....								416 00	29	75 75
Arkansas.....										
Colorado.....	24			689	614	658 25	16 90	675 25		
Kansas.....	22			1481	789	635 85		635 85	498	272 00
Missouri.....	19			598	443	651 95	58 45	710 40	153	211 00
Oklahoma Territory.....	11			896	253	626 70	83 15	709 85		
Texas.....	16			1542	785	1709 05	96 50	1805 55		
Central European Mission.....				508½				848 35	253	