

SUPPLEMENT TO REVIEW and HERALD

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."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1898.

A STEP AT A TIME.

You look at the mountain, so stern and high,
And fancy its summit against the sky;
And you long for a nearer and clearer sight
Of its golden crown and its mantle white,
To breathe for a moment the crystal air,
And gaze on the prospect that waits you there.
But its rugged sides are hard to scale,
And your courage droops, and your spirits fail.
"Had I the wings of a bird," you cry,
"Or the fabled horse, o'er the crags to fly,
How soon would I reach that stainless snow,
And scorn the mists of the vale below!"
Yet thinking can never your pathway clear,
Nor wishing direct your steps more near.
There is but one way great heights to climb,
And that is to take them a step at a time!

—Francis H. Taylor.

"THE DESIRE OF AGES."

ABOVE is the title of the long-looked-for book on the life of Christ, by Mrs. E. G. White, which, we are pleased to announce, is fast approaching completion. For over ten years the author has been at work on the manuscript, and for nearly two years a corps of the best artists in New York has been engaged in illustrating this volume, under the direction of our own art director,—Brother W. A. Reaser.

Some have become almost impatient at the delay; but it must be borne in mind that we have labored under great disadvantage, with the author in Australia, the artists in New York, and the publishers in California. It is a large volume, and the utmost care has been exercised to have everything as nearly perfect as possible, and in keeping with the important subject of which the book treats. New material has been added to the manuscript from time to time, so as to present the very latest thoughts of the author, and all

the engravings have been subjected to the most severe criticisms before being accepted. We feel confident that when our readers see this volume, they will be more than pleased with the results.

The book is divided into eighty-seven chapters, covering the life of Christ from his birth to his ascension. Every chapter presents matter of thrilling interest, and, taken as a whole, it is a most wonderful revelation of the love of God to fallen man. Old truths are given new settings, and new thoughts are presented in such a way as to throw great light upon the Scriptures, and lead the reader to a clearer insight into the great plan of salvation.

To the young the chapters telling of the early life of our Saviour will be especially interesting and helpful. We make the following brief quotations, showing something of what may be found in these chapters:—

The childhood and youth of Jesus were spent in a little mountain village. There was no place on earth that would not have been honored by his presence. The palaces of kings would have been privileged in receiving him as a guest. But he passed by the homes of wealth, the courts of royalty, and the renowned seats of learning, to make his home in obscure and despised Nazareth.

Wonderful in its significance is the brief record of his early life: "The child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." In the sunlight of his Father's countenance, Jesus "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." His mind was active and penetrating, with a thoughtfulness and wisdom beyond his years. Yet his character was beautiful in its symmetry. The powers of mind and body developed gradually, in keeping with the laws of childhood. . . .

The life of Jesus was a life in harmony with God. While he was a child, he thought and spoke as a child; but no trace of sin marred the image of God within him. Yet he was not exempt from temptation. The inhabitants of Nazareth were proverbial for their wickedness. The low estimate in which they were generally held is shown by Nathaniel's question, "Can there any good thing

come out of Nazareth?" Jesus was placed where his character would be tested. It was necessary for him to be constantly on guard in order to preserve his purity. He was subject to all the conflicts which we have to meet, that he might be an example to us in childhood, youth, and manhood. . . .

The parents of Jesus were poor, and dependent upon their daily toil. He was familiar with poverty, self-denial, and privation. This experience was a safeguard to him. In his industrious life there were no idle moments to invite temptation. No aimless hours opened the way for corrupting associations. So far as possible, he closed the door to the tempter. Neither gain nor pleasure, applause nor censure, could induce him to consent to a wrong act. He was wise to discern evil and strong to resist it.

Christ was the only sinless one who ever dwelt on earth; yet for nearly thirty years he lived among the wicked inhabitants of Nazareth. This fact is a rebuke to those who think themselves dependent upon place, fortune, or prosperity, in order to live a blameless life. Temptation, poverty, adversity, is the very discipline needed to develop purity and firmness.

Jesus lived in a peasant's home, and faithfully and cheerfully acted his part in bearing the burdens of the household. He had been the Commander of heaven, and angels had delighted to fulfil his word; now he was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son. He learned a trade, and with his own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph. In the simple garb of a common laborer he walked the streets of the little town, going to and returning from his humble work. He did not employ his divine power to lessen his burdens or to lighten his toil.

As Jesus worked in childhood and youth, mind and body were developed. He did not use his physical powers recklessly, but in such a way as to keep them in health, that he might do the best work in every line. He was not willing to be defective, even in the handling of tools. He was perfect as a workman, as he was perfect in character. By his own example he taught that it is our duty to be industrious, that our work should be performed with exactness and thoroughness, and that such labor is honorable.

Jesus was the fountain of healing mercy for the world; and through all those secluded years at Nazareth, his life flowed out in currents of sympathy and tenderness. The aged, the sorrowing, and the sin-burdened, the children at play in their innocent joy, the little creatures of the groves, the patient beasts of burden,—all were happier for his presence. He whose word of power upheld the worlds, would stoop to relieve a wounded bird. There was nothing beneath his notice, nothing to which he disdained to minister. . . .

Jesus worked to relieve every case of suffering that he saw. He had little money to give, but he often denied himself of food in order to relieve those who appeared more needy than he. His brothers felt that his influence went far to counteract theirs. He possessed a tact which none of them had, or desired to have. When they spoke harshly to poor degraded beings, Jesus sought out these very ones, and spoke to them words of encouragement. To those who were in need he would give a cup of cold water, and would quietly place his own meal in their hands. As he relieved their sufferings, the truths he

taught were associated with his acts of mercy, and were thus riveted in the memory.

All this displeased his brothers. Being older than Jesus, they felt that he should be under their dictation. They charged him with thinking himself superior to them, and reproved him for setting himself above their teachers and the priests and rulers of the people. Often they threatened and tried to intimidate him; but he passed on, making the Scriptures his guide.

In this connection it will be impossible to give any adequate idea of the scope and value of this wonderful volume. It must be seen and studied in order to be appreciated. Not only will every Seventh-day Adventist want a copy; but it should be placed in every family in the land. It is a book designed for all classes. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, all alike will find comfort and encouragement in perusing its pages.

The following are the titles of the eighty-seven chapters comprising this volume:—

Chapter 1, God with Us; 2, The Chosen People; 3, The Fulness of Time; 4, Unto You a Saviour; 5, The Dedication; 6, We Have Seen His Star; 7, As a Child; 8, The Passover Visit; 9, Days of Conflict; 10, The Voice in the Wilderness; 11, The Baptism; 12, The Temptation; 13, The Victory; 14, We Have Found the Messiah; 15, At the Marriage Feast; 16, In His Temple; 17, Nicodemus; 18, He Must Increase; 19, At Jacob's Well; 20, Except Ye See Signs and Wonders; 21, Bethesda and the Sanhedrin; 22, Imprisonment and Death of John; 23, The Kingdom of God Is at Hand; 24, Is Not This the Carpenter's Son? 25, The Call by the Sea; 26, At Capernaum; 27, Thou Canst Make Me Clean; 28, Levi; Matthew; 29, The Sabbath; 30, He Ordained Twelve; 31, The Sermon on the Mount; 32, The Centurion; 33, Who Are My Brethren? 34, The Invitation; 35, Peace, Be Still; 36, The Touch of Faith; 37, The First Evangelists; 38, Come, Rest Awhile; 39, Give Ye Them to Eat; 40, A Night on the Lake; 41, The Crisis in Galilee; 42, Tradition; 43, Barriers Broken Down; 44, The True Sign; 45, The Foreshadowing of the Cross; 46, He Was Transfigured; 47, Ministry; 48, Who Is the Greatest? 49, At the Feast of Tabernacles; 50, Among Snakes; 51, The Light of Life; 52, The Divine Shepherd; 53, The Last Journey from Galilee; 54, The Good Samaritan; 55, Not with Outward Show; 56, Blessing the Children; 57, One Thing Thou Lackest; 58, Lazarus, Come Forth; 59, Priestly Plottings; 60, The Law of the New Kingdom; 61, Zaccheus; 62, The Feast at Simon's House; 63, Thy Kingdom Cometh; 64, A Doomed People; 65, The Temple Cleansed Again; 66, Controversy; 67, Woes on the Pharisees; 68, In the Outer Court; 69, On the Mount of Olives; 70, The Least of These My Brethren; 71, A Servant of Servants; 72, In Remembrance of Me; 73, Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled; 74, Gethsemane; 75, Before Annas and the Court of Caiaphas; 76, Judas; 77, In Pilate's Judgment Hall; 78, Calvary; 79, It Is Finished; 80, In Joseph's Tomb; 81, The Lord Is Risen; 82, Why Weepest Thou? 83, The Walk to Emmaus; 84, Peace Be Unto You; 85, By the Sea Once More; 86, Go, Teach All Nations; 87, To My Father and Your Father.

Special attention has been given to the work of illustrating this volume. There are thirty-eight full-page illustrations, eighty seven illuminated chapter headings, and nearly three hundred small engravings, *all made especially for this book*, and designed to illustrate the text, so that a person can get a very good idea of the contents of the volume by simply looking at the illustrations.

“The Desire of Ages” will contain nearly nine hundred large octavo pages, seven by ten inches. It will be printed on special enamel-finish, super-calendered book paper, and bound in the usual bindings, with special cover designs. Without question it will be one of the most interesting, important, and attractive volumes ever issued by our publishing houses, and we bespeak for it a large circulation.

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Complete books will be ready for delivery on or before October 15. Editions will be published simultaneously by the Pacific Press and Review & Herald publishing houses. It is expected that an edition will also be printed in London and Australia.

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NOT TOO OLD TO CANVASS.

WE are in receipt of a letter from William Freeman, of Bois Darc, Mo., dated July 31, 1898, in which he says :—

I was seventy years old the 12th of this month. On reading the SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVIEW AND HERALD, I have made up my mind that I can canvass ; at any rate I will try it if you will send me an outfit for “Coming King.” I think that “Coming King” will take at this time. I have a horse and buggy that I can use, and have a man on my farm to care for it, so I am at liberty a great deal of the time.

“REMEMBER that as thine eye observes others, so art thou observed by angels and by men.”

AN INDIANA INFIDEL ORDERS “DANIEL AND THE REVELATION.

DENVER, IND., Aug. 16, 1898.

REVIEW AND HERALD : While reading the reports of the canvassing work from the various States, as given in the SUPPLEMENT, I can see the Lord’s hand in the work. When we go from house to house and it seems impossible for us to move the people, we should always consider that the Lord is preparing us for a better work ; that he wants us to have a closer walk with him.

As I have been giving my time for the past three months to canvassing for “Daniel and the Revelation,” I have met with many remarkable experiences. Among others, I met a family that kept the Sabbath a number of years ago, but had drifted away from it. After talking with them for some time, they expressed their desire for a closer walk with the Lord. They gave me their order for “Daniel and the Revelation,” and I went on my way rejoicing.

While canvassing in the same neighborhood a few days later, after showing the work to a man, I inquired about his neighbors. He informed me that his closest neighbor was an infidel, and that there would not be any use for me to talk with him ; but that up the road were church-going people, and it would be quite likely I could sell some books to them. However, I asked the Lord to give me courage and help me to approach the infidel. I called on him, told him my business, and he informed me at once that he was an infidel, and did not have any use for anything of the kind. But I insisted on showing him the work, and after doing so, he said it seemed to be a very good work for that kind. After securing his order, he asked me what my religious views were. I told him I was a Seventh day Adventist. He then asked me to stop all night with him. A few days later I did so, and he inquired concerning some points of our faith. He said that he had been engaged in public school work for twenty years, and had read many books of different denominations but that the Adventist doctrine seemed to be the most reasonable of anything he had ever heard.

I thank the Lord that he has made it possible for us all to have a part in warning the people of what is soon coming upon the world. Let us put our shoulders to the canvassing wheel, and help the Lord to roll the work along.

R. W. HOSTETLER.

“AFFLICTIONS are but the shadows of God’s wing.”

“HAD BEEN JONAH LONG ENOUGH.”

HIS SUCCESS NOW.

GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO, July 17, 1898.

DEAR REVIEW AND HERALD: AS I have been reading in the SUPPLEMENT the reports of our dear canvassers, I think that duty calls me to say a few words of encouragement to the canvassers. First of all, I will say I have had a burden for the canvassing work for two years, but was afraid I would not make enough to support my little family; but this spring I came to the conclusion I had been Jonah long enough, so I told my wife I would go and work for the Lord; and O could I have believed the dear Lord was so willing to bless so unprofitable a servant, many more precious souls might have been rejoicing in the truth.

Well, I left my dear little family near Milton, Ore., and came to Grangeville, Idaho, a distance of about one hundred and seventy-five miles, and began work the 21st of June. So far I have taken orders for one hundred and ninety-one dollars' worth of the "Great Controversy" in less than twenty days. I took fifty-five dollars' worth last week, and I really believe I drove over fifty miles, over the roughest mountain roads I ever saw. I am working at the foot of the Bitter Foot Mountains.

I am fulfilling Jer. 16:16. How precious that scripture has been to me since coming to this field! Well, now I will tell you how the Lord has blessed me financially. I have been away from home since the 7th of June, and this is July 17, and I have as much money, lacking sixty-eight cents, as I had when I left home. I left my family without a dollar, and I was just thinking last week, when at my work, how glad I would be when I could send some money to my wife, and to my surprise I got a letter from her last Friday, asking me if there was anything I wanted. She said she had sold over seven dollars' worth of garden truck since I left home. O why can't we trust the dear Lord more fully for all things?

Well, I am so glad for a place to work in his vineyard, and I never was so confident that the precious message will soon close. Courage, brother canvassers!
Yours in the work,

JESSE G. GRIFFIN.

DISTRICT 6.

THE large books are receiving the most of our attention just at present, while the smaller ones will come in for their share later in the season. "Great Controversy" agents are reporting as follows:—

Jesse Griffin, 76 hours, 32 orders, value..... \$87 00
H. T. Wright, 91 hours, 31 orders, value..... 92 75
C. E. Shafer, 95 hours, 44 orders, value..... 115 00

The best record for July was made by Brother A. D. Guthrie on health books. During week ending July 30, he worked 49 hours, and took orders amounting to \$138.25. In a private letter he says, "The Lord has again blessed my work under conditions that would almost discourage one judging from a human standpoint."

Brother J. W. Posey is making a successful canvass for "Daniel and the Revelation." He says, "The spirit of the Lord still moves upon the hearts of men to subscribe for the book. It surely is an opportune time to carry books to the farmers of this State (Washington). The Lord, I believe, has blessed with these luxuriant crops, that books of truth might be sold and the people thus warned."

"Story of Redemption" is also selling well. Sister Sebe Ellyson reports orders amounting to \$33 taken during her first twenty-two hours' work—an average of \$1.50 an hour. Another agent says, "Every one is delighted with the 'Story of Redemption.'" Lee E. Hinn reports thirteen hours' work for this book, and orders amounting to \$23—or an average of \$1.77 an hour.

Correspondence with our canvassers convinces one that they are deeply interested in their work, and are putting forth great efforts to bring this saving truth to the world. Let those of us whose duties still allow the privileges and comforts of home remember these workers in our prayers. To be definite, let us especially remember them as they commence work Monday mornings, for this is, perhaps, the most trying time of the whole week.

H. H. HALL.

MISSOURI.

DURING the first six months of this year, Missouri suffered very much from too much rain. It rained more than it had, in the same length of time, in the entire history of the State. Farmers were kept out of their fields, and therefore could not plant their crops in many places on level and bottom lands, until too late; many others could not cultivate what they planted, which caused them to become discouraged, being short of means. This made it almost impossible to sell books when the canvassers could get out to work, which was only about one third of the time. For this reason, our book sales are not as large as we would like to see them; but, notwithstanding all this, our regular canvassers have stayed with their books.

None have quit on account of hard times, and all express themselves as being of good courage in the Lord.

They seem to realize that there is a great work yet to be done in saving souls, and that Christ has demonstrated to us the great value of souls, in that he came into the world, with all the hoarded love of eternity in his heart, and offered himself for mankind. They realize that the canvassing work is God's means of reaching many that would otherwise not be impressed with the truth. The work is a good one; the object high and elevating.

The canvasser who endures to the end, if faithful and true, will hear the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We have about twenty-two regular canvassers, and about the same number who put in part of their time canvassing, and with good weather we hope to do some good work in the book business during the fall and winter.

W. R. SMITH.

THE PROPER USE OF HELPS.

THIS is a subject that has been considered time and again, not only by each State agent but by the individual canvassers in the field. Some have taken the position that to carry helps (small books and tracts) is a detriment to the agent, from the fact that if he is not careful, he will devote too much of his time to the sale of these small works, and neglect the larger ones, not accomplishing the object for which he started out, being unable to remain in the work and support himself and family.

I will admit that there is danger on this point; but it need not necessarily be so. A Bible worker may devote all of his time to selling books, and neglect his other work, while a minister in preaching may neglect visiting. This does not imply that either should be dropped; in fact, they are both in place, and should be carried forward at the same time. The Lord has said on this subject: "Our publications should be scattered like the leaves of autumn."

In the little leaflet called "The Canvassing Work," is this: "The Canvassing work is a missionary work, and the field must be worked from a missionary standpoint;" also, "The canvasser should carry with him books and pamphlets and tracts to give away to those who can not buy. Notice, he is to *sell* all that he can, and then *afterward* do the giving.

How good the Lord is to us! He wants to cultivate

in us the true missionary spirit. Our object should be to save souls, and not wholly to make money.

This is also in harmony with "Gospel Workers," where it says the canvasser should make a wise selection of his books. It has been my experience that those who are working in harmony with the will of God, are having many precious blessings.

So let us be careful how we give instructions to others, lest we work against the Lord and hinder his work. Why not suggest a large book, and also teach how to handle the smaller ones?

Yours in the good work,

A. F. HARRISON, *General Agent, Dist. 2.*

CANVASSING IN UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

REVIEW AND HERALD: Knowing that the readers of the SUPPLEMENT are always glad to hear that prosperity is attending the work of the third angel's message, I will write a few lines telling them of the work in this corner of the great harvest-field.

We have not quite as many agents in the canvassing field as we had hoped to have by this time. Not long since the interest in this branch of the work had nearly died out, only one or two workers remaining faithful.

Last year we had four or five agents at work, and they had remarkable success in getting our books into the hands of the people. This year we have talked much of our privilege and duty in this line of the work, and have endeavored to show that our field is an especially favorable one for the canvasser. Quite a number realize that this is true. The last number of our conference paper reports seventeen canvassers in the field, and all are doing exceedingly well. Some who have just entered the work write that their success is beyond their most sanguine expectations.

One brother, who made quite a thorough study of his book before starting, lately went to his field. The first week he worked two days, and the second week he reported over seventy dollars' worth of orders. Another reported fifty-six dollars for his second week's work. These two brothers are canvassing for "Prophecies of Jesus."

The canvassers who worked last year are doing still better this season, and are all full of courage, rejoicing in the Lord,—not that there are no trials, but that the Lord is with them to give them the victory.

An immense crop of grain is being harvested here in this conference, and as far as I have traveled, it does not seem to me that a better crop could be raised,

so we have an excellent prospect for the work during the fall and winter.

We are doing all we can to get agents out while we are having such a favorable time for this work, but as yet we have many choice districts for canvassing where there is not a single worker. All feel to praise the Lord for the great things he is doing for those who have given themselves, first to him, and then to this branch of the work.

OSCAR HILL.

ALABAMA.

THE work is moving forward in this part of the vineyard. We are not making any extraordinary sales, but are keeping steadily at work, and the Lord is blessing our efforts and enabling us to overcome difficulties.

Here, as elsewhere, the canvasser who works the most hours gets the largest number of orders, other things being equal. If we could but realize as the Lord would have us, that this light we rejoice in is to be given to others as freely as he has given it to us, we would see greater results. It has been the purpose of God in all ages that the blessings he bestows should be shared. He has often permitted his people to be tested to show them whether they really loved him supremely or not. Sometimes he has given wealth, honor, and power; then again, persecution in its various forms has been the means of showing the difference between the true and the false: Shall we not inquire what are the means he is using with us?

We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept, showing them that they will receive more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. "The stakes and scaffold are not appointed for this time to test the people of God." — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, art. Our Publications. From this and the context, we learn that active missionary work is the test which shows how much we love him.

C. J. DART.

FROM MONTANA.

KALISPELL, MONT., July 24, 1898.

REVIEW AND HERALD: A few words from this part of the field may be of interest to the readers of the SUPPLEMENT.

I came into this valley June 7, and began to work. Have now put in three hundred hours, or thirty days of ten hours each, in six weeks and two and one-half days. I have only lost one day, July 4, since coming

here. Out of this time, I spent thirty-seven hours in going to and from my field, in order to help a small Sabbath-school, and also in order to have the benefits of the Sabbath associations myself.

My orders in this time amounted to \$367, besides helps sold to the amount of \$25.30, which have more than met my expense of traveling with a horse and wagon. I have had some blessed experiences, and have found some who were anxious to know more of the truths contained in "Great Controversy" than I had time to explain to them. I make it a point to use the present condition of the world, both politically and socially, in my work, and the people, almost to a man, acknowledge the facts. God has indeed fulfilled Luke 21 : 25, 26.

I find Catholics who are hungry for more than "dry formalism." One, a lady, said to me that she had often thought how nice it would be if she could really know of a certainty that God accepted her as his child, and, as I told her of Jesus and his love, she took courage, and when I left, she gave me an order for "Great Controversy," expecting spiritual food, and knowing that it was strong against Catholicism.

I remain yours for the Master,

C. E. SHAFER.

WHY NOT?

WHY should not the canvasser who continually mingles with people of different nationalities, remember our different periodicals, and seek to secure interested readers for them? Why not? Certainly no one, unless it be the minister and Bible worker, has such splendid opportunities for this kind of work as the canvasser.

But, says some one, there is no money in it. Should we, who ought, above all other religious bodies in this world, to be a missionary people, in view of the important and urgent message we have to give to the world — should we refrain from anything that will promote this message just because there is no money in it for our own pockets? Where, then, would be the sacrifice, or where the missionary enterprise?

We have often thought: What a great and mighty work could be accomplished for the truth, if the large army of canvassers we have, would carry specimen copies of all our periodicals with them, and watch every opportunity of saying a good word for them, or of encouraging as many as possible to subscribe for one or the other of these silent, but forcible, messengers.

We firmly believe that as a means to enlighten souls in the truth, nothing can be better than a carefully edited, up-to-date paper, which keeps the reading public informed in regard to the significant developments in the physical, political, and religious worlds, showing the age in which we are living and the important duties devolving on us in view of the near coming of Christ. Such a publication keeps abreast of the times, each issue brings both new and old truths from the great storehouse of God's word and presents it now one way and now another, until the reader of one of our weeklies in a comparatively short time gets a general survey of the truths that are of special importance for these last days. Sister White has said that our periodicals accomplish a greater work for the spread of the truth than even our ministers can do.

As to the Swedish paper, *Sions Vaktare*, we have often seen evidence of the truthfulness of this statement. Companies of believers have been raised up here and there, both in this country and in Sweden, by simply getting hold of the truth from our paper. And many scattered ones are rejoicing in the light because some friend or, perchance, canvasser, took an interest in supplying them with this little messenger.

One brother writes: "I am a poor man; but I must have your good paper. I have received much light and encouragement from it." Another testifies: "Your paper is, next to the Bible, the best preacher we have among us here." Still another says: "Your paper is a good preacher for us. . . . It costs but little to support him, only a dollar a year. He is a good Bible student, and presents the truths of the Bible in all their clearness. We praise the Lord for his paper."

One brother, who is a sailor on board a ship which has lately sailed around South America, and is now on its way to England, says that every time he receives our paper, the Bible seems like a new book, because of the greater insight he gets into its precious truths. And thus we could cite many interesting testimonials which show that our Swedish paper is accomplishing a good work.

But our great anxiety is that this silent messenger should find its way into thousands of new homes in every place where Swedish people are located. And who can help us so much in this good work as the canvasser? What a great work might be accomplished, if our canvassers would use every legitimate opportunity to interest individuals with whom they come in contact in our different foreign papers! Shall we have your co-operation? You can help us.

1. By soliciting subscriptions. Our Swedish paper

is now published in the same form as the *Youth's Instructor*, 16 pages, and can be had for only \$1 a year. We give agents a splendid cash commission. Write for terms.

2. By carrying a limited supply of specimen copies with you, and selling or giving these away as the way may open. It seems to us that our canvassers should supply themselves with outfits of all our papers, foreign as well as English, and thus be ready to work for the one or the other, as the case may be.

3. By securing names and addresses of all who can not subscribe, but would not object to reading a few numbers, and sending us a list of these now and then. We are constantly in need of good names for our missionary work.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, *always abounding in the work of the Lord*, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

A. SWEDBERG.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

WE clip the following from a letter written to the SUPPLEMENT July 18, 1898, by a company of canvassers in Folsom, Cal.:—

One Sabbath we camped just outside of town, near a colored family. They brought us milk, fruit, and vegetables, and asked my wife to come over and read to them. Praise the Lord for this. Several others came to our camping place and wanted the "Gospel Primer."

The first house that I canvassed was that of a Catholic Portuguese, who loaded me down with figs, and peaches, and corn. Never a day passes but that our bread is sure; for the Lord has promised it. I thank God that we have that faith in him. We string copies of "Gospel Primer," "Christ Our Saviour," tracts, *Signs*, and the "Alarm of War," all along the road. Some offer to pay, while to others we give. The children give their parents no peace until they get either a "Gospel Primer" or "Christ Our Saviour." We are canvassing in territory that has been canvassed and recanvassed for years, yet we put books in many houses. We have delivered and sold for cash over fifty copies of "Gospel Primer" in one settlement—all Catholics, and Portuguese at that. This is the Lord's work. He prepares the way for his people, and softens hearts. Many of the older ones also read these books.

IN WISCONSIN.

DARIEN, WIS., July 30, 1898.

REVIEW AND HERALD: Your letter of recent date was duly received. If you knew how busy I have been since leaving Battle Creek, you would pardon my delay in writing.

The Lord has graciously blessed my feeble efforts for good. He is worthy of all the praise. O, how good it is to work and walk with God! It gives peace to the restless soul, a peace that the world can not give, nor take away.

While the canvassing work in this part of Wisconsin does not go as smoothly as it apparently does in other places (I judge from the reports seen in the SUPPLEMENT), yet a few of us are doing quite well. In fact, *I never did so well before as I am doing this summer.*

I have now canvassed two months since leaving Battle Creek, and have secured orders for about two hundred and ten dollars' worth of books. To-morrow I am to begin delivering books—about seventy in all.

Hoping that the Lord will bless your efforts in securing good agents, and also encouraging those who are working, I remain,

Yours in the Master's work,
JOHN HANSON.

ILLINOIS.

IN Illinois we begin to realize the force of the statement that, "What is done for God now, must be done under the most discouraging and forbidding circumstances."

We also realize that this is no time to become discouraged; for we read that "Jesus and holy angels will give success to God-fearing and earnest workers who do all in their power to save souls."

We believe that this year is the most favorable time we shall ever have to sell books. Illinois with her one hundred and two counties, ought to have at least one canvasser for each county. We are thankful that we have a few faithful workers, and are doing what we can to urge others to engage in the work.

"The Coming King" is a ready seller, and is doing a good work.

It is my experience that "The Story of Redemption" also takes well with the people.

We are looking forward to the time of our camp-meeting as a season of great blessing, when many of our people will be fired with zeal to do something to save perishing souls. We need your prayers.

G. A. WHEELER.

FROM NEW YORK.

REVIEW AND HERALD: What are our brethren and sisters doing to inform the world of the awful calamities that await it? Scenes too awful to describe are

before us. Can we afford to meet our fellow men in the judgment, and be found with the blood of souls on our garments? The Lord has left us each a work to do, and happy is the one who finds his place and keeps it. The Lord could have accomplished his work without our aid; but through his mercy, he allows us to join him in the work, and thus become co-laborers with him. All can not be ministers, but all can do something.

An open door has been set before us by the invention of the printing-press, through which the thoughts of our best writers are given to the world, and this has become one of the chief means of enlightening the people upon these important questions. When once a publication is placed in the hands of an individual, accompanied with a prayer that the Lord will water the seed sown, we can not measure the results. It is said that a pebble thrown into the ocean moves every drop of water in it. Whether this is true or not we can not say, but we do know that small acts may result in great good. To illustrate: A brother sold a pamphlet entitled "The Three Messages" to a shoemaker in Pennsylvania. A cousin of his from the West, while visiting him, providentially read this tract, became interested in the truths it contained, and this opened the way for the living minister; and as the result, a company of twenty-eight are now rejoicing in the truth.

Brethren and sisters, shall we not take courage at such results as the above, and try to do something to give the light to others?

Our vigilance is already becoming proverbial in the world. I fear that we have not well earned this reputation, but let us take courage by each doing something in this line of the work, and as we go from house to house, may it be our prayer that our labors may result in a lasting blessing to those for whom we labor.

D. A. BALL, *State Agent.*

FROM DISTRICT 5.

At the Texas camp-meeting the canvassing work was given a prominent place, and a deep interest was manifested in it. Over fifty persons gave in their names, saying they would enter the work sooner or later. About thirty said they would go out at once.

The crops are fine, and I hope to see a good work done there this fall.

I am now on the Arkansas camp-ground. The attendance is small, as there are only a few of our people in this State. However, it is better than it

was last year. The canvassing work is receiving careful attention. Twelve persons have already agreed to take up the work as soon as the meeting is over. Thus we hope to see the work come up in Arkansas.

The Holy Spirit is being poured out upon the people, and when they receive the Spirit, they are willing to go out as canvassers and help spread the message.

S. C. OSBORNE, *General Agent, Dist. 5.*

FROM A NEW CANVASSER.

I TAKE great delight in reading the experiences of our workers as given in the SUPPLEMENT, especially since I am connected with the work myself. Hearing from one another gives us renewed strength and enthusiasm.

The Lord has richly blessed me during the few months I have been engaged in self-supporting missionary work. I have been in Peru about three months, and have found many honest hearts that I believe will step out into the light.

I am using "Coming King" with good results for a beginner. In eighteen days I took orders amounting to \$52, with helps amounting to \$61.45. Some are doing better, but I am satisfied.

I have also good success in delivering. People say that I place books where others fail. I tell them that leave it with the Lord, and that he helps me out.

I have been led through experiences that I can not find language to tell. I have visited some of the low classes, and they seem glad to have me talk and pray with them. Several girls whom I met expressed a desire to become Christians. One handed me a Bible, asking me to mark some good places for her to read, and then gave an order for the "Coming King." Another girl followed me out of the door, to thank me for praying for her.

Though discouragements come, "let not one of us who have enlisted as soldiers of Christ be ready to faint in the day of trial," but let us study to show ourselves approved of God. Then we will be better prepared for the great responsibilities he places upon us in saving souls.

KATIE HAMMOND.

Peru, Ind.

A STIRRING APPEAL.

"SOLEMN, serious times are upon us, perplexities will increase to the very end of time. There may be a little respite in these matters; but it will not be for long." "We have warnings now which we may give,

a work now which we may do, but soon it will be difficult to work. 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 the way, so we shall not be able to do that which is possible now."

As we know from Matt. 24:14 that the gospel will be preached as a witness to the uttermost part of the world before Christ shall come again, the above statements ought to arouse the missionary spirit in every one who is waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is heard from far and near, while the Lord asks, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Dear reader, the Lord is speaking to you, what will you answer? Are you willing to say, "Here am I, send me"? Are you ready to go wherever he sends you, and to do whatsoever he commands you? Many were willing to leave home and loved ones, if they could only preach or at least give Bible readings to the people, but because they are not able to do this, we hear so often, "There is nothing I can do." But thanks be to God, he has other means than preaching and giving Bible readings, whereby he can reach the people who are in darkness. Here is one of these means, one which has brought light, peace, and happiness into many a dark home: "The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many who would not otherwise be impressed with the truth." We are not told who those many are, or where they are to be found, therefore we must go from place to place to seek for them. "By this work," we are told, "the canvassers can scatter the seeds of truth, causing the light from the word of God to shine into many minds." "Were it not for the work of the canvasser, many would never hear the truth." "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." "The canvassing work is a missionary work." Here the Lord has opened a great missionary field for every one who loves the truth so much that he must carry it to somebody else, but is not able to preach it from the pulpit.

We are told by the Spirit of God that "books that ought to be widely circulated are lying useless in our offices of publication, because there is not interest enough to get them circulated." May God help us, that this reproach of indolence and slothfulness may be wiped away from our character before it is too late! The only way in which it can be done, is that we take

more interest in this important branch of the work, while opportunity is given to go from place to place and present those silent messengers to the people.

“Sinners who are perishing for lack of knowledge, must be left in darkness and ignorance unless men carry to them the light of truth. God will not send angels from heaven to do this work, which he has left for men to do. “I saw that the quick work that God was doing on earth would soon be cut short in righteousness, and that the messengers must speed swiftly on their way to search out the scattered flock.”

Everything indicates that the last page of this world's history will soon be turned,—the door of mercy be closed, and the flames of the great day of God will burst upon the inhabitants of the world, who at that day will be without shelter and safety. The devil is wroth because he knows that he has only a short time to work, “He is now preparing for his last campaign against the church of God.” “He is redoubling his efforts to fasten souls in his snares for whom Christ has died.” When the enemy of all righteousness is using every possible device to keep the world in darkness, ought not the children of God to use every ray of light, and every means that the Lord gives them to warn the world of the crisis just before us? “By a thorough investigation of the prophecies we understand where we are in the world's history, and we know for a certainty that the second coming of Christ is near. The result of these investigations must be brought before the world through the press.” “We have not one moment to lose. If we have been careless in this matter, it is high time that we were now in earnest to redeem the time, lest the blood of souls be found on our garments.” We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept them, showing them that they will receive much more than their money's worth.” “Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light of truth all through our cities, villages, and towns.”

We are glad to see that in some States, at least, the number of canvassers is increasing this summer, but there is room for many more. The Lord is blessing those in the field who work faithfully, many a soul is blessed, and many a home made happy, because some dear brethren and sisters are willing to leave home and comforts of life to bring the glad tidings to others. Eternity alone will reveal the fruits of this branch of the work of God.

“The Master calls for reapers,
And shall he call in vain?
Shall sheaves lie there ungathered,
And waste upon the plain?”

ZACH. SHERRIG.

FROM MISSOURI.

BERNARD, Mo., July 18, 1898.

REVIEW AND HERALD: I have been canvassing some for “Modern Spiritualism” and “His Glorious Appearing.” I disposed of several copies of each of these books during the months of May and June, besides distributing some three hundred and seventy papers and three hundred and fifty pages of tracts. I have had no experience in selling books before, and never had any instruction; but ever since I received the truth, my mind has been exercised in regard to the canvassing work. I would try to put it off, with the excuse that I was not competent, and that I had never been trained, and was not one who could go among strangers. I thought, Let others do the canvassing; I will distribute papers. But I have been led unconsciously into selling books; for I did not mean to sell books. I first took “His Glorious Appearing” and thought I would try that. After taking several orders for the book, I began to canvass for “Modern Spiritualism,” and I believe the Lord is leading me in the way which he wants me to work. My prayer is for the Lord to indicate where and how he would have me work. When discouraged, I always think of the experience of one of our ministers who said that he once canvassed *three months* without selling a book. I then take courage and go ahead. If God wants me to carry books around, and if he will work through so humble an instrument, I say, “Here am I, send me.”

M. E. BOAZ.

MONTANA.

THE outlook for the canvassing work in Montana was never better, and good results may reasonably be looked for the coming season. The canvassers are going out into the field with their hearts filled with a love for souls. Several intend to handle “Great Controversy.” The attention of those who attended the Institute was concentrated especially on this book, and we expect to see a large number placed in the hands of the people. “Coming King” and “Story of Redemption” are also placed before the public, and are excellent sellers.

Those who can spare but a few hours each week are selling the *Signs of the Times*, and taking subscriptions for the same. A good beginning has been made here in Butte along this line. Canvassing with the *Signs* is an excellent way of getting acquainted with the people, and it opens the way for bringing the

third angel's message to our next-door neighbors. Every church-member throughout the State could devote a short time each week to the handling of the *Signs*.

The canvasser may never know until the record books in heaven are opened, how many souls have been brought to Christ by his labors; but the "well done" will not be said to any more heartily than it will to the canvasser.

Brethren, remember the canvassers before the throne of grace; your prayers are needed to help us on our way. I should be pleased to hear from any who wish to take up the canvassing work in Montana.—*R. W. Yeoman, in Montana Bivouac.*

FLORIDA.

Those interested in the canvassing work in Florida will be glad to read the following selection from a letter by Josephine Grannis, secretary of the Florida Tract Society:—

We meant to get our canvassing report out before this date; but have been unable to do so. However, will enclose the same with this, and trust that it will not be too late for use in the SUPPLEMENT. We wish that it were many times larger; but considering the number of workers, and especially the times down here, we think that perhaps the report is as good as could be expected. Brother Rogers tells us that he thinks that times are better in Jacksonville than they have been for some time past; yet a person must be interested in a book before a sale can be made. *But many people do buy books still*, and having purchased, we can not but pray that they will read them carefully and prayerfully, and consider the matter thus presented to them.

IMPORTANCE OF THE PERIODICAL WORK.

ONE of the most neglected, and yet most important, branches of the cause is the circulation of our papers. In the early stages of the work much good was accomplished by this means; but in later times the sale of books has to some extent crowded out the use of papers. Many of us have come to the conclusion that the circulation of our periodicals would have to be confined to "our people;" that is, members of Seventh-day Adventist churches. But, of late, our attention has been called by the Spirit of prophecy to the fact that a great work can and will be done through our papers, and we see even now that a great work is being done.

This work can be and is done in two different ways, by taking yearly or half-yearly subscriptions, in

which case the papers are sent directly from the office to the subscriber, and by taking monthly subscriptions and delivering the paper weekly to the people's homes. Both of these ways of working certainly have a great future. The former is, of course, more adapted to country districts, where a personal weekly delivery is next to impossible, and the latter can be followed better in the cities, both small and great.

How well paper work and book work can be combined by the country canvasser, I am not in a position to state, but certainly a canvasser can do very much good in this line, even if not making a business of it. The Lord's eyes are over all the inhabitants of the earth. He beholdeth all the sons of men. Ps. 33: 13, 14. He sees those that are earnestly longing after God, and the truly faithful canvasser will be led to such people as surely as the Holy Spirit led Paul and the other workers of old. The man or woman who says with David, "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path ["correct path."—*German Bible*], will surely be led to the homes of the people who should have these papers, and he will be wide-awake to opportunities.

But if the book canvasser can not devote much time to the paper work, others can make this work their specialty. Many who will not take a book will take a paper, and untold good has been accomplished by these silent, weekly visitors. I could mention dozens of instances in which persons have, through this instrumentality, been induced to accept the truth, and every week letters from subscribers bring new evidences of the effective work thus accomplished, and it fills me with joy to see several German workers going out who will also look after the circulation of the German paper, *Christlicher Hausfreund*. May hundreds follow them, and may every canvasser for books, tracts, and pamphlets work also for every one of our papers, including the various foreign papers, Swedish, Danish, and German.

The largest and most promising field for paper work is, however, found in the cities. Here the other plan, taking monthly subscriptions and delivering personally every week, can be followed to good advantage, and with best results. This is a work that I have had an especially deep interest in for about a year. We have been told that *now* is the time to enter these cities, and soon the golden opportunities will be past. *Now* the doors are open as never before, and as God's plan can not be frustrated, the work *will* be done. The Lord of heaven and earth, the Master of the vineyard, will call men and women to this work, and in some way furnish the necessary means.

The work done with the *Signs* must and will be done with the German paper also, and it is already begun. At Omaha, Neb., an American brother has some thirty German families to whom he delivers the German paper each week, and he desired that some Germans would follow up this work, when I spoke with him a few weeks ago. In other cities, Germans have begun this work, or are about to begin shortly. This work *must* and will begin in every city, town, and hamlet, and at once. We can not begin in one city this year, and then wait five or ten years and then take another city. It must begin simultaneously.

Just think of the possibilities of this work! Every line of usefulness can be connected with it. Bible readings can be held, and every kind of Christian Help work can be carried on as the worker makes his weekly calls, and becomes acquainted with the people and their needs. Step by step, the people can in this way be led on to see one truth after the other on their upward path, beholding more and more of the glorious redemption of man,—body, soul, and spirit,—until the consummation is reached at the coming of their Saviour, and the redemption is completed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, by the change to immortality. May God inspire many with a love for the periodical work—a branch of the work that promises such glorious results.

THEO. VALENTINER.

CANVASSING FOR THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES."

The following interesting letter in regard to the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* came to hand just a few days ago. We give the letter in full for the encouragement of others.

KANSAS CITY, KAN., July 21, 1898.

Signs of the Times.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: For years I have been interested in the circulation of the *Signs*, and have often felt that if it were not that I were engaged in other lines, I would love to throw my whole energy into that work. While I was engaged as State agent, I did not miss an opportunity to help in its circulation, or to stir up others to work for the *Signs*. You will remember that over a year ago we made quite a stir with the *Signs* here in Kansas. Then our efforts rather subsided. Our people thought that there was little use continuing to go over the same ground canvassing and recanvassing for the *Signs*, that after a while it would get to be an old story to the people, so slackened their efforts.

I could not feel that that was true, because the Testimonies say: "The more our publications are read, the greater will be the demand for them." At last the opportunity came to test the truthfulness of the Testimonies. Last March I was sent to Kansas City, Kan., to connect

with the mission work. The church had had its boom on the *Signs* and run up to a club of 400, but it gradually ran down to 150. This club would run out about the last of July. The question came up, How many should we order? Could we take that many again? After talking up the work a little, we decided to order 255. We went to work, and orders were obtained so easily that we concluded to increase the club to 500.

To-night I have been talking with four of those who have been soliciting orders. They say it is about as easy to take orders for a year as it is for three months. One sister in one day took eighteen orders for one year and eight for three months. Another took eight for one year and five for three months. This work was done in a day. I asked the four girls how many orders they had taken altogether, and in reckoning up we found that they had 313 orders, 143 for one year and 160 for three months. One said, "I can take a hundred more orders," another said she could take seventy-five.

Next Sabbath we expect to have a missionary meeting and talk up the *Signs* work. Do not be surprised if you get an order to raise our club above five hundred. We have proved the words of the Testimonies all true. God knows better than we do what can be done, and when he tells us to go forward, we are to go forward with all confidence.

July 24.—We are still canvassing for the *Signs*, and with good success. God is blessing. For more than a year I have thought, Why do you not put a man in each State to push the *Signs* the same as the State agent for books? I know from the experience I have had in the past, and from what is being done here now, that it can be made a success, but in every State it needs some one to push it. I do not know that I ought to write this to you, but you can have it for what it is worth.

Your brother,

N. P. DIXON.

The publishers wish to say that they appreciate the suggestion made by Brother Dixon in regard to having a person in each Conference to look after the periodical work, and plans have already been laid with that in view.

We believe that our periodical work should be as thoroughly organized as our subscription-book work; and while the plans may necessarily have to be somewhat different, yet the organization should be equally perfect. The book work, under a definite organization, has proved a success, and the Testimonies from the Spirit of God, that gave a definite impetus to the starting of that work, are equally clear and definite concerning the work to be done in the periodical field.

This work taken hold of and carried forward in the right way, can not fail to be a great blessing to any Conference. The general testimony has been that our ministers have had better success, and more of our publications have been sold, where the *Signs* has first been introduced. The circulation of this paper is the very best kind of missionary work.

From one of the "Special Testimonies" we quote the following :—

Our missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented. . . . Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper; if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make it intensely interesting, and then to circulate it everywhere.

Hundreds have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth by reading the *Signs of the Times*, and it is hoped that a still more vigorous campaign will now be inaugurated.

It requires persons of faith, courage, and perseverance; but God is in the work, and "If God be for us, who can be against us?" This work is bound to succeed. Who will have a part in it?

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

A PIONEER MISSIONARY PAPER FOR THE YOUTH.

THE attention of our canvassers, ministers, Bible and other Christian workers is respectfully called to the *Youth's Instructor* as one of the special agencies for the earth of the third angel's message.

Manifestly the youth's paper issued by our people should be, without question, the very best young people's paper in the world; and we are confident that such a paper can be published, provided we can have the hearty co-operation of all our people; provided also that in our work we seek and obtain the blessing of our Heavenly Father.

Such a paper should be a printed embodiment of the special light which we have as a people along the lines of true Christian education. If it is that kind of paper, it certainly will be the best young people's paper in the world.

A word regarding the scope and work of the various departments to be maintained therein may be of interest. Nearly all other young people's papers seem to be published for the purpose of telling stories, fairy tales, and various fictional fabrications. We, on the other hand, hold that children can be interested in a paper whose aim shall be to teach the truth. We are more than confident that, if we shall take as much pains to make the truths of religion, science, history, biography, music, etc., as interesting to the young as many other publishers do to make untruths interesting to them, we shall, with the blessing of God, succeed. In view of the fact that practically all other young people's papers are working

on the story plan, you can readily see that there is an unlimited field for us to enter along the lines above indicated. We firmly believe that among sober-minded people of all denominations, there is a growing demand for just this kind of paper.

If we can, as a people, produce such a paper, and we can, it is our duty to place it in many thousands of homes throughout the world. If it could obtain a firm foothold in such homes, and in the hearts of the children therein, it would certainly become a powerful missionary factor, in calling the favorable attention of both children and parents to the work of our people. If, too, the members of that number of home circles could be brought to feel that the *Youth's Instructor* is just the paper they want, and that they could not successfully keep house without it, it would be very natural for them to look to the same source from which it emanates for other good things. Thus would the way be opened in those homes for the entrance of the precious light of present truth. It does seem that the natural result of circulating such a paper in this way would be to bring into the truth, on an average, at least one person from each such family. Is it not therefore worth our while to make a most earnest and united effort to bring about so glorious a result as this?

In nearly every family visited by our various workers, children and youth will be found who would be greatly benefited by being regular readers of the *Instructor*, and very frequently a little effort would result in obtaining regular readers for this magazine.

If all our workers have a just appreciation of the value and importance of the *Instructor* as a missionary pioneer, especially among the young, and as such, keep this paper ever near their hearts, they will find and improve very many opportunities every week to extend its influence and circulation.

J. C. BARTHOLF.

A NEW FIELD OF WORK.

It is possible that a good many of our field workers are not well acquainted with the special advantages of the *Christian Educator* as a missionary organ. For years we have had the *Signs* as our pioneer paper representing the general missionary features of the message; the *Sentinel* likewise has stood for the truths of religious liberty and Sabbath reform; *Good Health*, the *Medical Missionary*, and other organs, have proclaimed the gospel of physical health; only within the last year have we had a periodical specially devoted to the truths of Christian education.

The *Educator* occupies a different field than any of our other papers, in its adaptation to people who are specially interested in educational subjects. It may thus interest teachers and educators who could not be easily influenced by any of our other literature, at first. And in this way the *Educator* may open the way for all the truth to reach the more cultured classes, who are usually "hard to reach."

Recently some important improvements have been made in the size and appearance of the *Educator*. The May and June numbers are particularly adapted for circulation among teachers at institutes and other gatherings. No better missionary work could be done than to put the journal into the hands of every public-school teacher in the United States. Every canvasser who goes by a schoolhouse would be blessed in making an effort to show the teacher that in the *Educator* she has a paper that will be equally valuable to herself and the parents in her district, by enabling them all to work together more closely and wisely for the highest good of the children; and the *Youth's Instructor* is the best paper in the world for the children themselves.

This plan of interesting the teachers during the summer commends itself to many readers of the *Educator*. The writer has been invited to lecture in some of the summer training-schools of Minnesota on The Moral Copartnership of Parent and Teacher. This will give an excellent opportunity to introduce the *Educator* and *Instructor*. In several other States friends have volunteered to circulate these magazines at teachers' institutes. Just the other day the secretary of the Florida Tract Society wrote for sample copies to be used in several places for this purpose. Why can not other secretaries and canvassers improve such opportunities? We have printed several thousand extra copies of the May and June numbers for this very purpose. Send for them to use in this kind of missionary work.

It may occur to some that teachers might raise the objection that the *Educator* is a sectarian paper; but it can truthfully be said that it is *not* sectarian in the sense meant. It advocates a systematic education of the whole man,—hand, head, and heart,—that is, the *best* education for *everybody*. The position of the paper is plainly stated in the first article of the May number; and in the June number is another editorial article that sets forth an "Educational Creed" that every Christian, and many others, must accept. We want every minister, canvasser, and field worker to have sample copies of the *Educator*; and if the names of those who will help us increase its circula-

tion are sent in to the publishers, they will be kept supplied with sample copies. Read carefully the article on the "Christian Educators' Association." We want every Christian worker to join it; it costs nothing but study,—a study to show ourselves workmen approved of God. Enroll your names.

We are receiving many encouraging letters—this one yesterday from the senior editor of the *Signs of the Times*: "You are making a good magazine of the *Christian Educator*. May the Lord bless you in your work." We hope to pass the Lord's blessing along to all who are engaged in the Master's field. And our work is to gather the wise as well as the simple, the educated as well as the uneducated; the work is to go to the streets and lanes and by-ways, but also to the *high-ways*. All must hear the call. Help us by your prayers and efforts to sound it through the *Educator*. We must "educate, educate, educate."
F. W. HOWE.

GONE TO CALIFORNIA.

BROTHER C. A. PEDICORD, formerly the Ohio State agent, and who has recently been acting in the same capacity for Michigan, has connected with the work in California. We are confident that his extended experience in the book work will make him a valuable addition to the corps of California workers. From reports received we are glad to inform his many friends that success is crowning his efforts.

THE rule, "Do not put all your eggs in one basket," does not apply to a man's life work. Put all your eggs in one basket, and then watch that basket, is the true doctrine—the most valuable rule of all.—*Andrew Carnegie*.

HAVING by the golden gift of God, the glorious lot of living, once for all, let us live nobly. We must ourselves *be* and *do*, and not rest satisfied merely with reading and meditating over what other men have been and done. Our best light must be made life, and our best thought action.—*Samuel Smiles*.

THE way to true success in this world and the way to heaven are one and the same. There are no rules for an active busy life so essential as the precepts of the gospel. The career in which they are not the guiding principles is a failure, though it seem successful. The life which they govern has the promise of both worlds.—*Dr. Peabody*.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 1898.

STATE.	No. Canvassers	No. Reporting.	Days.	Hours.	Orders Taken.	Value.	Miscel. Sales.	Total Value.	BOOKS DELIVERED.	
									No. of Books.	Value.
Atlantic.....	15	15	.....	750	741	\$406 10	\$43 90	\$450 00	.....	\$247 83
Maine.....										
Maritime Prov.										
New England..	7	4	67	306	228	215 00	30 55	245 55	83	84 55
New York.....	5	3	30	93	50	128 50	50 35	178 85	89	66 30
Pennsylvania..	26	26	.....	1,223	1,422	1,034 28	248 27	1,282 55	241	365 98
Quebec.....										
Virginia.....	8	8	.....		147	128 50		128 50	83	62 75
Vermont.....										
West Virginia..	12	12	.....	515	159	134 75	127 85	262 60	54	56 75
Alabama.....	9	9	106	749	164	320 65	43 10	363 75	12	14 50
Cumb'land Mis	23	15	197	1,549	324	584 94	113 80	697 74	585	984 89
Florida.....	6	6	.....	261	131	141 00	34 25	175 25	77	76 50
Georgia.....	3	2	.....	97	10	12 75	8 42	21 53	8	7 50
Louisiana.....	3	2	.....	51	52	52 50	2 15	54 65	12	19 75
Mississippi....	5	4	27	241	160	187 95	15 90	203 85	11	8 25
North Carolina.	3	1	.....	130	15	26 75	14 55	43 30	1	2 00
South Carolina.	1		.....						
Tennessee River	5	5	50	328	131	219 00	24 30	243 30	45	82 25
Indiana.....	22	20	.....	645	281	437 50	31 85	469 35	212	260 50
Illinois.....										
Michigan.....	14	14	.....	1,088	408	460 25	203 25	663 50	74	69 25
Ohio.....										
Ontario.....	7	7	.....	57	82	110 55	7 95	118 50	17	25 50
Wisconsin.....	17	17	.....	1,500	363	466 75	59 80	527 55		
Dakotas.....										
Iowa.....	30	30	.....	3,023	807	1,160 60	217 85	1,378 45	306	364 16
Manitoba.....	3	3	24	186	63	132 50	6 55	139 05	1	2 25
Minnesota.....	10	10	.....	939		395 20	64 54	459 74		
Nebraska.....	32	19	.....	2,472	781	1,005 50	215 50	1,020 00	136	365 90
Arkansas.....	3	3	.....	225	237	124 30	8 80	133 10	219	102 20
Oklahoma and Indian Ter.	10	10	.....	337	134	203 25	17 00	220 55	21	27 50
Kansas.....	20	20	.....		597	644 10		644 10	460	339 40
Missouri.....										
Texas.....										
Colorado.....	6	6	.....	183	134	163 25	20 15	183 40		
California.....	21	21	.....		516	849 75	79 70	929 45	43	30 25
North Pacific..	14	14	108	611	324	610 50	56 45	666 95		
Upper Columbia	19	19	220	1,625	972	2,325 55	132 58	2,458 13		
Montana.....	8	8	74	521	263	624 75	31 40	656 15		
Australia.....										
New Zealand..										
Great Britain..										
*Central Europe	20	20	.....	1,977	1,099	963 40		963 40		
*Germany.....	55	55	975	7,900	1,411	1,375 10	157 00	1,532 10	151	168 25
Dist. 1.....	73	73	97	2,896	2,747	2,047 13	500 92	2,548 05	550	884 16
Dist. 2.....	58	42	380	6,406	987	1,545 54	256 47	1,802 01	751	1,195 64
Dist. 3.....	60	58	.....	3,290	1,134	1,475 05	302 85	1,777 90	303	355 25
Dist. 4.....	75	62	24	6,620	1,651	2,693 80	504 44	3,198 24	443	732 31
Dist. 5.....	39	39	.....	745	1,102	1,134 90	45 95	1,180 85	700	469 10
Dist. 6.....	62	62	402	2,757	2,075	4,410 55	300 13	4,710 68	43	30 25
Dist. 7.....										
Dist. 8.....	75	75	975	9,877	2,510	2,338 50	137 00	2,495 50	151	168 25
Totals.....	442	411	1,878	32,591	11,906	15,645 47	2,067 76	17,713 23	2,941	3,834 96

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* Report for June.

† Report for three weeks.

“God works by weak instruments, to show that the glory is all his own.”

To live for common ends is to be common;
The highest faith still makes the highest man;
For we grow like the things our souls believe,
And rise or sink as we aim high or low.

—Bishop Spaulding.

“THE men who achieve the brightest success are not those particularly favored by influential friends, but those who put their hearts into their work, master all its details, and make up their minds to do their work better than anybody else.”

FROM the *Atlantic News* we clip the following item:—

A brother writes us thus concerning “Coming King:” I think “Coming King” is a splendid book. It is a book that will sell. It is up to date, and gives an answer to a question that a great many are asking: “Where is the promise of His coming, and what do these things mean?”

FREE TO CANVASSERS.

WE have just published a wonderful tract entitled “Prayer.” It is written by Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, editor of the *Missionary Review of the World*, and deserves the careful reading of every Christian. Upon request it will be mailed free to our canvassers.

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FROM NEW JERSEY.

BROTHER CUFF, an aged member of our church (Salem, N. J.), has been canvassing for “Coming King” a part of his time during the last few weeks. He has taken twelve orders. Altogether we have taken twenty-two orders for the “Coming King,” and sold about thirty small books.—*Geo. G. Taylor, in Atlantic News.*

A FORTUNATE MISTAKE.

AFTER working all afternoon on Monday, I started to go three miles southeast to stay over night. I took the wrong road, and went half a mile out of my way, when I met a man and found out my mistake. I

noticed a small house near the road. It was late, but I resolved to canvass that man at the house before turning to go back. In fifteen minutes, I had his order for a gilt binding, and he said: “I’ve been here four years and never bought a book before, and it did not take you long either.” Who knows but that the Lord has a message for that family? On Thursday, out of the first seven families canvassed, I got six orders, value twelve dollars; but it was by the Lord’s help, I firmly believe.—*W. H. Coffin, in the Missionary Visitor.*

FROM VIRGINIA.

WITH the month’s report from Virginia, come the following encouraging words from the State agent:—

REVIEW AND HERALD: We are glad to add even a “mite” to the report of work well done. There has been a good deal more done, but it seems difficult to get all of the reports in. The work seems to be picking up, however, and there seems to be a growing interest to read the special truths in regard to the soon-coming King. The Spirit of God is especially pressing this truth home to the people. If our people could only realize it, now is the time to work for souls. That the Lord of the harvest may send out more reapers is my prayer.

Yours for the cause,
S. F. REEDER.

Richmond, Va.

FROM MICHIGAN.

PAW PAW, MICH., July 31, 1898.

REVIEW AND HERALD: I know that the Lord, by his Holy Spirit, directed me to this place to work, and having led me here, of course he will give me an entrance into the homes of the people, that they may hear the message that he is soon coming to take to himself those who will accept the invitation. A few positively refuse to listen, but even this strengthens my faith. I have been able to present the message of Matthew 24, and it is surprising how many are already believing from indications of distress and perplexities of nations that the end is near. I praise the Lord for the gift of his Holy Spirit as a guide in the canvassing work. While I knew it had always gone with me, I never realized or recognized its presence as I do of late. Yours in the blessed hope,

GEORGE MATTESON.

Books are the best presents. He who receives them regards such a gift as a compliment to his intelligence.—*Selected.*