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## A WORTHY ENTERPRISE

As God's opening providence goes before us day by day, we have to form new plans to meet various emergencies. God's work is such a broad work, it has a vast number of different movements to accomplish the great work of reaching souls and successfully carrying forward the work of God.

In the recent visit of our dear and venerated brother, S. N. Haskell, to this field, we had the privilege of renewing our old acquaintance, and talking over precious themes of interest. God has given him a versatile mind, and he is a laborer of age and experience, one who has accomplished a grand and glorious work.

One of the most perplexing and difficult things in connection with our work is to get our people to go to work. It is the opinion of the writer that not one tenth has been done in the canvassing work that ought to be done. Our people ought to be led to realize the fact that through canvassing a great and glorious work can be accomplished in presenting the light of truth before the world.

Along this line, as well as along other lines, vast progress has been made in the memory of the writer. When we started, we were a small people, but there has been a steady increase. Our numbers now reach nearly to the one hundred thousand mark. We can now greatly increase our number of workers, and the aggregate of good accomplished will be something vast.

It has been a matter of great study with Elder Haskell how to furnish some incentive to get those to work who are as yet doing comparatively nothing. Fi-

## VICTORY IN DISGUISE

THE sun will shine and the clouds will lift;  
The snow will melt, though high it drift;  
Across the ocean there is a shore;  
Must we learn the lesson o'er and o'er?

To know there is a sun when the clouds droop  
low,

To believe in the violets under the snow,  
To watch on the bows for the land that will  
rise,—

This is victory in disguise.

—Katherine Newcomb.

nally he struck upon this plan: Taking his excellent book, the "Seer of Patmos," he has said to our people, "If you will buy ten copies of the book, and will pay the cash for them in advance, you can have them at a discount of fifty per cent. if you will go out and sell them." Thus if they buy ten of the books, and sell them for ten dollars, they will make five dollars. In some instances where this work has been carried on, people have come back and purchased thirty dollars' worth of books and some of them more.

There are multitudes of people who can work if they will. This work accomplishes great good in different directions. It will get a class of people into the canvassing work who will do well in it, who have never thought that they could canvass. They feel happy in their newfound experience, as all do when they find a new experience in the things of God, and God blesses them, and they are an encouragement to others. They will stand up in the meetings and tell of their experiences, and will be a great help to the people in the church generally. This will lead others to have the same experience. It will do good to the people who sell the book, it will do good to the

church, and it will do good to the people who buy the book, for it is a good one.

So this work is helping a great many, and who is it injuring? This is a means of encouraging many to enter the canvassing work. This is a result greatly to be desired. No one can blame Elder Haskell for wanting to sell his excellent book. It is a good book, and I think if any of us had written books, we would be anxious to sell them.

Being well acquainted with Elder Smith Sharp, Brother Haskell has asked him to take charge of this work in the South. Elder Sharp has thought of the matter very favorably. It is thought that he could go from church to church and present this matter to the attention of the people, and get individuals to go out and sell the book. In this way large numbers throughout the South could be induced to enter this work and make a success of it, and having entered the work, they will remain in it. There is quite an incentive in the plan that Brother Haskell suggests, for the people get fifty per cent. of the money that the book sells for.

Brother Sharp will also work to raise the balance of the quota of \$6,000 on the \$150,000 fund. We have thus far raised only a little over half of this amount. There is a good deal to be raised on it yet. It will be a stain on the good name of the work in the South if we do not raise this sum, when we have received nearly \$50,000 for the different institutions in the South. Elder Sharp has proved himself to be a proficient man in the raising of different funds, and this is one of the things for which he will work.

But the writer felt that he would like

to get the judgment of the members of the Southern Union Conference Committee, to see whether they would favor such a move or not. I have received letters from the majority of the members, and they favor Brother Sharp's taking up this work. Brother Sharp has been notified of this fact, and he is about ready to start. He is going out under the direction of the members of the Southern Union Conference Committee, and will visit the churches in the interests of the work I have mentioned.

Also Brother Sharp will work to secure subscriptions for the *WATCHMAN*. Sad to say, there are a great many people all through the South who are not taking the *WATCHMAN*, who ought to do so. As he goes from church to church, Brother Sharp will urge the people to give him their subscriptions to this paper.

Elder Sharp is an old and experienced laborer in this cause. He is sound in the faith of this people in the Testimonies, and in every branch of the work. He believes in the old form of organization, the form that has been in use for the past forty or fifty years. He will talk of these different subjects in the churches where he will go, and he will talk on different matters relating to the faith of our people. We believe that he will do a good and valuable work. We write this article, asking our people everywhere to give him a special welcome. We believe he will do you good, brethren and sisters, and not injury. He is thoroughly posted in the doctrines and positions of our people, and we hope that his efforts will be valuable in many directions.

GEO. I. BUTLER,

*President Southern Union Conf.*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF CAMP-MEETINGS

"THE camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work." It is important that the members of our churches should attend.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for me to save the money and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you can by being present with your families.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far

better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible." "You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

"Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God."

"Do not plead an excuse." Go to the camp-meeting even though you have to make a sacrifice. Help those who desire to attend, if necessary, providing them food and lodging.

"God will do great things for his people. He will bless every effort to honor him." W. L. KILLEN.

*Archdale, N. C.*

### THE INEVITABLE LOGIC

RECENTLY there has been advanced among us the theory that each church is an independent unit. Now we state, and that with absolute assurance, that all must recognize it to be a fact, that the logic of this theory is utter disintegration; that it means a complete separation down to the individual atom, if matter can really be thus sifted to the ultimate unit.

The universe is the creation, and is under the control of one God. There is a unity running through it all. If it is correct that a few men may band together and become independent of all others, logically it must be true that one man may and should be independent of all other men. Considering man as consisting of different organs, why not, then, each organ independent of others? for the Scripture plainly teaches that Christ is our head, the head of the body, the church, and that we are members of his body, and of his flesh, and of his bones, and that we are members also one of another.

While I belong to the church in Nashville, yet I am related and in a measure responsible to every church-member, not only in the United States, but in the world; and I am related also, and responsible, to every angel in heaven, and to every inhabitant of every other world in the universe of God.

If a church of ten may be independent, so may a church of two; and why not each individual, and why not every organ of every man's body? This ultimately means the separation of every

atom of matter in the universe from every other atom, and can logically be nothing else. This is Satan's logic, the logic of separation, the logic of breaking up of physical organization; and this logic is utter ruin, death, earth to earth, dust to dust.

No! ten thousand times no! There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Spirit, one hope. We are all one in the Lord. While the servant of the Lord is thus responsible, yet is he left free. It is a wonderful apparent paradox that he who is the servant of the Lord is the only free man. But this freedom does not mean difference, contest, separation, independence, an independent congregation, or an independent man. It means individuality, and yet a blended mutual responsibility.

Remember the prayer of the Lord and Saviour under the very shadow of the horror of great darkness in Gethsemane, and just before the awful crucifixion: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

J. S. WASHBURN.

### CANVASSING AS AN EDUCATOR

I HAVE seen a green, diffident, awkward college student, right from the farm, so completely changed by his experiences in book canvassing during the vacation following his freshman year that you would scarcely have recognized him. Confidence and self-assurance had taken the place of timidity and self-consciousness. His canvassing tour had proved a tour of self-discovery. He had developed initiative, and the very discovery that he could sell something had increased his faith in himself.

Before he started out canvassing, he was a very poor conversationalist, because of his great timidity and lack of experience; but when he returned to college in the autumn, he talked very interestingly. His work had forced him to talk a great deal of the time, to state his opinions clearly and pointedly, and to try to be interesting and convincing.

His experience had taught him a great deal about human nature. He had found that different persons must be approached in different ways, each from a different avenue; that what would convince one person might not have any influence upon another. So he had been forced to study people, to learn to read them,

that he might be able to approach different types of men and women in different ways, each according to his peculiar temperament.

It is really remarkable how quickly a canvassing experience develops a spirit of self-reliance and manly independence. There is no leaning here, no depending upon the advice of others. The canvasser must stand or fall alone.

There is nothing that will bring out the initiative, the resourcefulness and inventiveness in a man quicker than canvassing. Like traveling, it grinds off the hard angles and the rough corners of those who have not had the advantages of society.

Canvassing gives a great opportunity for studying human nature, and there is no other education like this. It is a great thing to learn to read people, to develop sharp discrimination of character, to be able to measure men, to weigh their motives.

The successful canvasser must be a great student of the approaches, the avenues to the mind, for no two people are reached in exactly the same way. The canvasser must learn the susceptibilities of people, must find their approachable point, whatever it may be. He must learn the power of the first impression. He will soon discover that if he makes a bad impression at first, it will probably take him more time than he can get in the interview just to overcome this unfavorable impression, and to get back where he started. He will learn that with some people it is next to impossible to erase the first bad impression. It clings tenaciously.

Any kind of salesmanship employment is especially desirable for those who have been reared in the country, or who have not had the advantages of mingling with all sorts and conditions of people.

If a certain amount of canvassing were obligatory in all our colleges and higher institutions of learning, I believe it would be a good thing for the students, because it would develop resourcefulness and inventiveness; it would show them a side of their nature which a college course does not touch.

It is well known that many students who pay their way in college by canvassing develop a remarkable practical power which students whose expenses are paid by their parents do not develop.—*Success.*

**THE \$150,000 FUND**

**DONATIONS ON THE \$150,000 FUND**

RECEIVED at the office of the Southern Union Conference during the month of June, 1907.

<i>Alabama Conference</i>			
Previously reported	\$194 63		
Helen McKinnon, Treas.	41 79	\$236 42	
<i>Cumberland Conference</i>			
Previously reported	490 30		
W. Latham	25 00	515 30	
<i>Florida Conference</i>			
Previously reported	322 70	322 70	
<i>Georgia Conference</i>			
Previously reported	331 36		
Mrs. Clara Phillips, Treas.	9 03	340 39	
<i>Louisiana Conference</i>			
Previously reported	303 16		
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Thomas	3 00	306 16	
<i>Mississippi Conference</i>			
Previously reported	187 63		
Greenville church	2 20	189 83	
<i>North Carolina Conference</i>			
Previously reported	238 50		
Jessie V. Bosworth, Treas.	13 11	251 61	
<i>South Carolina Conference</i>			
Previously reported	101 35		
Mrs. R. T. Nash, Treas.	31 34	132 69	
<i>Tennessee River Conference</i>			
Previously reported	471 79		
T. E. Pavey, Treas.	193 03		
P. J. Rennings	5 00	669 82	
Total for Southern Union Conference	2,964 92	2,964 92	
Previously reported outside Southern Union Conf.	567 80		*
Annie Sanders, Illinois	19 00		
F. H. Schram, Iowa	10 00	596 80	
Total outside Southern Union Conference	596 80		
Total receipts to July 1, 1907		3,561 72	
W. A. Wilcox, Treas.			

**ACCORDING TO OUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

THAT our gifts should be according to the circumstances in which we are placed is very plainly taught in the Bible. No one can tell another how much he should give. That is a matter sacred between the man and his God. We believe that the Holy Spirit will often tell a man definitely how much he should give, and in as sacred a matter, it is better that it be thus left. Many times, we believe, our brethren have heard a voice which has said definitely, "You should give one hundred dollars," sometimes ten times that amount. Then, again, according to the circumstances in which we find ourselves, the Spirit of God will say, "You should give ten," or "five," it may be; and possibly when our circumstances are much reduced, a smaller amount. But in every case our gift is according to our ability, and cannot be measured by the gift of another.

The following statement, written by Sister White, very clearly sets forth this principle:—"The Lord now calls upon the members of

the Seventh-day Adventist church in every locality to consecrate themselves to him, and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in his work. By their liberality in making gifts and offerings, he desires them to reveal their appreciation of his blessings, and their gratitude for his mercy."

J. S. WASHBURN.

**A VERY DIRECT APPEAL**

THAT all the property and money we possess is the Lord's is a principle clearly laid down in the Scripture, for we ourselves are his. He has bought us and all that we have with the price of his own life-blood. How thankful we may be, too, that as a people we have a voice, the voice of the Spirit of God, which speaks to us so clearly and definitely in regard to any special work which the Lord would have us do.

Here is a very definite and positive appeal written on the 8th of March, 1907, which comes to us through the spirit of prophecy:—

"My dear brethren and sisters, all the money we have is the Lord's. I now appeal to you, in the name of the Lord, to unite in carrying to successful completion enterprises that have been undertaken in the counsel of God, and that are waiting for their portion of the \$150,000 fund which has been called for by the General Conference Committee."

J. S. WASHBURN.

**ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN**

THAT the children should have a part in the raising of the \$150,000 fund, and in fact, in every enterprise before our people, is self-evident. When the \$100,000 fund was raised, there were many children who gave their pennies, and the total amounted to a large sum. In the annual offering we are certain that quite a proportion of the gift comes from the children. The Sabbath-school offerings which are sent to missions, are also made up by the children quite largely.

A statement dated March 3, 1907, sent out in the interests of the \$150,000 fund, will be of interest in this connection:—

"Every church-member should cherish the spirit of sacrifice. In every home there should be taught lessons of self-denial. Fathers and mothers, teach your children to economize. Encourage them to save their pennies for missionary work. Christ is our example. For our sake he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. He taught that all his followers should unite in love and unity to work as he worked, to sacrifice as he sacrificed, to partake of his sufferings, that they may be partakers of his glory."

J. S. WASHBURN.

ARE you surprised at the number of failures in this world? Then consider the number of people who do things by halves, in a slipshod, unfinished way, the people who work with one eye on the office clock, the people who are continually saying, "Well, that isn't quite right, but I guess it will do," and cease being surprised.—*Kate Clyde.*



HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

I ARRIVED at Huntsville on Friday, July 5, and found a company of about seventy teachers and students, enjoying the good things that they had been receiving at the Educational Convention, which had been in session for four weeks. Besides occasional visits of brief duration made by others, Prof. J. E. Tenney, F. R. Rogers and his wife, A. F. Harrison, Dr. Lydia E. Parmele, Miss Katheryn Foster, and the Faculty of the Oakwood School had been the instructors.

On the commodious campus of the school eight small tents had been pitched to aid in accommodating those in attendance; and a large tent seated with comfortable chairs served as classroom and for the public services. In addition to the regular class work, public services have been held each night, Sabbath at 10 A. M., and both Sabbath and Sunday at 3 P. M.

The preaching at night has been designed as a connected study of the foundation principles of present truth. Although the attendance from the outside has not been large, we feel sure that a good impression has been made. On last Friday night, in response to a call, more than one half of the congregation came forward for prayers. The good Spirit of the Lord came in, and hearts were made tender. On Sabbath afternoon, five went forward in the ordinance of baptism.

I think I have never been at a meeting where those in attendance seemed more appreciative of the efforts put forth, and responded more heartily to the work done. The Oakwood School sends into the field a number of teachers this year, and their places should be supplied by other students by the opening of another school year. This school has a much larger place in my interests since I have had the pleasure of personal acquaintance. Will not our brethren and sisters everywhere take an active interest in securing a large attendance at the school another year?

R. W. PARMELE.

#### OUR NORTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

OUR camp-meeting will soon be here, and a blessing awaits all who will attend. My dear brethren and sisters, have we laid our plans to be there, and receive what is in store for us?

It is well to step aside a little while from the

## FROM THE FIELD

busy cares of life, and with our brethren seek the Lord. No one can afford to miss this yearly meeting in the leafy grove on the old camp-ground. Our brethren need our experiences; we need to hear them tell theirs: so let us lay our plans to be on hand. Satan will do all he can to keep us from going; this is his business. But the Lord delights to see his people meet in holy convocation, and as we near the end, the greater is the need of these meetings.

Our message is encircling the earth. The sun does not set on the gospel message. It will soon be finished, and the final gathering on this earth will take place. The whole family of God will be there. Come, let us meet on the camp-ground, and talk this all over. Let us leave our cares at home, and seek the blessing the Lord has in store for us.

D. T. SHIREMAN.

#### ROCKPORT, TEXAS

OUR meeting here is progressing nicely, and we hope to see a goodly number lay off the Roman yoke and take the yoke of Christ in its stead. Seven adult persons have already made a start to keep the commandments of the Lord, accepting Jesus as their Saviour.

I praise the Lord for the truth and its plainness and power.

I am delighted with the WATCHMAN, and believe it to be suited especially to the outside world and to new beginners.

W. M. CUBLEY.

#### FIELD NOTES.

SINCE the first issue of REPORT OF PROGRESS, I have written our different workers and leading brethren in North Carolina asking them to co-operate in making the new venture reach to its possibilities by promptly reporting items of interest from their different fields. Several have replied, giving assurance of their loyal support in every advance movement. Some have spoken of their preference for a local conference organ, but have nevertheless expressed also a willingness for what is regarded as the greatest good to the greatest number. This is the right spirit, and is the one that will be more and more manifest as God's people heed the admonition, "press together, press together, press together."

MONDAY, July 8, I, in company with Brother W. L. Killen, arrived in Thomasville, N. C. We began at once to make preparations for work at that place. By Thursday evening we had the tents pitched, seated, and lighted, and were ready to begin meeting. Brother Killen preached Thursday night to a very attentive audience of about ninety. The attendance has since increased. Brother George Crawford came Sunday to help in the work. The people have been very kind and obliging. The tent is

seated with chairs furnished free by the town school board. Light is furnished by the electric plant of the city also free. The lots were given free of rent. We earnestly desire to see a good work accomplished here, and these free-hearted people rewarded by being permitted to receive God's wonderful free truth.

Brethren Killen and Crawford remain to pursue the work. I go to Lexington to open up a similar work there. We much desire that the people of Lexington also shall hear the warning, and some be ready to come to the camp-meeting and take their stand firmly for the truth.

I HAVE just received returns from Commissioner Fitzgerald, advising that our application for reduced rates to the camp-meeting has been rejected. This I regret very much. I hope our brethren will not let this deter them from coming to this very important gathering. The Lord can overrule all these untoward things so that they will work together for good.

I AM NOW (July 19) at Greensboro. The believers here are of good courage. I give praise to our loving Father for his kindly care for his children. Yesterday I was driving my horse, accompanied by my youngest son. A cloud was near, but no rain was falling. As I drove past a large sycamore tree and just as we were directly underneath, lightning struck the tree. Leaves and bark fell into the wagon bed. The horse fell to his knees, but immediately rose and started to run. With some difficulty he was stopped. The shock was very severe, but aside from a tingling in the left arm, the pain was soon over. Not a minute before the bolt struck, I had been saying to myself, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them." As I looked to see my boy, and saw him uninjured, my heart swelled with the thought of my own unworthiness. With a new sense of constant dependence on our Father, we drove on; and I said to my boy, "My son, it is well that we be ready. God has spared our lives. Had it not been so, should we have been prepared?" T. H. J.

#### NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

SABBATH, July 13, was a happy day indeed for our little flock here, when five precious souls were baptized in the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." God's Holy Spirit was present in sanctifying power. One man who came to see his wife baptized was so impressed by the solemn scene that his heart was turned to the Lord for righteousness. He expressed a desire to follow his wife in baptism, and that speedily. We pray that God will make this union in the flesh, one in the Spirit also.

We praise the Lord for the abiding interest that is manifested in the truth. We are hopeful that a strong company will yet be gathered out of persons suitable for workers, our labors having reached an educated class. We pray that God will mightily bless the effort to the

end that the message may be quickly given; for the day of God hasteth greatly! Thousands sit in darkness, and Rev. 18:1 must be fulfilled.

PAGE SHEPARD.

### OUR CAMP-MEETINGS

THE camp-meeting season is now on. We trust that the meetings will be profitable. We feel that it is a great blessing that Brother Spicer will be here from the General Conference force, and Brethren Parmele, Washburn, and Tenney from this field will also be at the meetings, and we believe they will be a great help to us. Our meetings in the Southern field are so close together that I suppose it will be impossible for a certain set of workers to go to each meeting. Some of the brethren will go to the first half of the meetings and others will go to the last half, and thus the people will get all the good possible.

We trust that our brethren will all turn out and attend these meetings. They will be seasons of great spiritual profit. If there ever was a time when our people should attend the camp-meetings, that time is now. You will miss a great deal if you do not hear Brother Spicer, who is the secretary of the great Mission Board which sends laborers and missionaries to all parts of the earth. He is thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit, and probably is better acquainted with our work in foreign fields in general than any one else. We are sure that he will give our people ideas and views of the work such as they have not had before. I bespeak for him large gatherings of our people at every meeting, and God will bless the other brethren and make them useful, I am sure, if the people will only come out where they can receive the benefit of the instruction that will be given.

Tear yourselves away from your worldly business and worldly pursuits, dear brethren, and come out and hear the great truths of the word of God, for they are the most important things in the world to-day. We are hastening on to the glorious consummation of this message. If we do not prepare for it, we will not be ready for it when it comes. God's work is going forward with greater rapidity than it ever did before. Its progress will increase right along; but it will be hindered, I fear, by the unbelief of some of our people. But unbelief to the rear, and faith in the lead, is the motto. The unbelievers will stay in the rear, and will be ruined at last. God is in the work, and it is a source of great sadness that some of our people are so blind that they cannot see it.

The work was never before moving as it is now. Our printing offices are having greater prosperity in the printing of our literature than ever before in the history of the denomination. How they are to find ways and means to print all the books that we ought to have is coming to be more and more a perplexing problem. There is a very heavy demand for books in the Spanish language to sell in countries where the Spanish language is spoken. The work is moving forward in India, China, and Africa, those countries where superstition and ignorance have reigned.

Now, there is one thing that we wish to charge upon all the people in connection with the camp-meetings. We must not fail to raise the quota coming to the Southern field, or the share allotted for the Southern Union Conference to raise, amounting to \$6,000. We have received donations from this fund amounting to almost fifty thousand dollars, and if we should fail to raise our small share of \$6,000, it would be an everlasting disgrace upon us and upon our work. There is only a little over half of it raised now, and our brethren and sisters must bend every effort to see that the fund is raised as soon as possible.

Brother Sharp has probably already gone out to engage in the line of work which was mentioned in this issue of PROGRESS, and he will do everything he can in this matter. Our institutions have been placed in better condition, and have been able to do their work more efficiently, because of the money received on this fund, and we would be very ungrateful if we did not raise this sum of \$6,000.

Brethren and sisters, let us do our duty. Certainly we should manifest our appreciation of all the blessings and privileges which we enjoy and raise our portion of this fund. May the Lord help us to do our part of the work and do it faithfully.

G. I. B.

### OUR CHURCH MISSIONARY MEETINGS

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11. Do these words mean anything to us as a people? To whom is the Lord speaking?—Assuredly to those who profess to keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

In last week's PROGRESS we wrote that plans and methods to carry on the work in our tract and missionary societies would be presented in future articles.

The first thing to be done is to call a meeting of the church-members, and tell them you want a full attendance. None can afford to remain away. On the evening of your meeting, after prayer has been offered for its success, and the speaker has mentioned the reason of the meeting being called, it would be well to read a few extracts from the Spirit of Prophecy on missionary work: "Our church-members are to co-operate in the work of spiritual tilling, with the hope of reaping by and by. The work must be done. The soil is stubborn, but the fallow ground must be broken up, the seeds of righteousness must be sown. Pause not, teachers beloved by God, as if doubtful whether we prosecute a labor which will grow as performed. Fail not, neither be discouraged. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 'We are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's

building.' Remember that you cannot trust self."

Now comes the time to select your leader from the members of the church. Appoint a librarian, and a secretary to keep the minutes. The offices of librarian and secretary may be filled by one person if the church is small, but personally I prefer two persons to fill these offices. One may prove a help to the other, and in committee it is better to have three than two. Before you can go further comes the question of finance, and I would say right here,—

*Let every order sent out by your society be accompanied with the money.*

I have known many societies to become so discouraged on account of being in debt that they have become spiritually dead, and finally that society has given up in despair. It has taken years to pay off the old debt, and they have never cared or taken the interest to start another society but we should always regard the giving as a privilege. We must give to the work whereby the truth may be sent to others, and they in turn be brought to a knowledge of the truth. When we call to mind the great price God gave for us in the gift of his Son, dare we withhold our means?—Nay, verily, we dare not, and I think I can hear you say, No, no.

Every society should take a large club of the WATCHMAN to distribute in a systematic way—among neighbors, to send to friends, and in selling the paper. Many of the younger as well as the older members should go out and sell this paper, in every town where the society is located, whether the town is large or small. And as they go from house to house, and feel that they are co-laborers with the Master in sowing the seeds of truth, their own souls will be watered.

Let the workers in time secure weekly, monthly, or yearly subscriptions for the paper. Personally I think the two first methods are preferable. One comes in personal contact with the individual by these weekly and monthly visits, and in time you gain the confidence of these persons, and thus we move up step by step, and the people begin to look for our coming, as they would if they were expecting a friend to visit them. And this is as it should be, when we realize that we have one of the most precious messages ever committed to man. When all this is done, we shall find them wanting to know where we hold our meetings. Then it is your privilege to offer to take them with you. And the promise comes: "My word . . . shall not return unto me void."

Then you must have a full range of tracts and the *Family Bible Teacher*. We should have a leader to instruct members how to work with the tracts and write letters to accompany them. I feel that letter-writing is one of the most important branches of the tract society work. As you correspond with the people, you will find them asking you some very peculiar questions, and some that are hard to answer, and I would not try to answer, but tell them that you are sending them some reading matter that will explain more fully the subject referred to in their letter. So

you go on from letter to letter until your work is complete.

The same plan may be used in regard to the "Family Bible Teacher" in the house-to-house work. This part of the work should be entrusted to some of the older members of the church, who should take some of the younger members with them while visiting families. In time the younger persons will gain the confidence of the people with whom they labor, and can carry the work forward more intelligently. Then two of the younger members can go together. Thus are we continually learning and instructing.

It is a good plan to get some of the members to make you a box to put your tracts into, and also to get another one, if possible, and you can get permission to have it put in your railway station. Then be sure to keep it supplied with literature of various kinds, the *Watchman*, *Life and Health*, and a few numbers of *Liberty*.

While in Wellington, New Zealand, I recall many instances in which people were brought to a knowledge of the truth and of health reform by the means of the box placed in the railway station; and on it was printed, "Please Take One." One influential gentleman accepted health reform, and came to America to one of our largest sanitariums, to try to save his life; but all the treatment and attention he received were of little use. They were only able to prolong his life about the space of two years. But better than all, his eternal life was assured to him; for he accepted the message fully, and died in the hope of a part in the first resurrection. Again: "My word . . . shall not return unto me void."

This was not an isolated case. I could mention many if time and space would allow. Shall we not take courage? And as we come to the missionary meeting each week, our hearts will overflow with all the good things we have to say, and our testimonies will be so rich and full that all will see we have been with Jesus. "A working church is a living church."

"The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation. If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward; for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase, and through their efforts souls will be saved. That the burden may be distributed, an education must be given to the church by those who can teach the workers to follow Christ and to work as he worked."

Next issue we will take up plans for reporting our labor.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

It is encouraging to read the REPORT OF PROGRESS, especially when the work and cause of God is steadily gaining ground; and perhaps a word from this city may be a source of encouragement to some.

At our camp-meeting in Ohio three years ago, after a most earnest appeal for men and means for the needy fields, the conference voted half their workers and half their tithes

to support them in these fields, and I with others gave my name for the Southern field. But I could not make the necessary arrangements until last November, when with my family I came here, and since that time we have had the satisfaction of seeing our Sabbath-school increase in membership from thirteen to twenty-seven. Six have been added to the church, three by profession of faith and three by letter, and others are studying the message and keeping the Sabbath.

The church has long since paid the amount assigned them on the \$150,000 fund, and Sabbath, June 29, we raised \$108 more for the fund, and we are not through yet if more is needed.

Our annual camp-meeting will be held here this fall, and a special effort is being made preparatory for that. Tent-meetings are in progress in the suburban towns and about two hundred copies of the *Watchman* are being sold weekly in the city by the white church, besides what the colored church are selling.

We are glad to report that while in the past the cause here has met with reverses and severe discouragements, at the present time the Lord is blessing our work, and the work is onward.

C. C. WEBSTER.

#### A NEW FACE.

THE other day a new face made its appearance at our house. Its look was so bright and cheering that it was immediately given a hearty welcome. The life of this new visitor seems so fully wrapped up in the PROGRESS of the message, that I could but pledge it my full support.

This new laborer has been assigned to the Southern Union Conference as his field of labor. His entire time will be given to visiting the homes of all who give him an invitation. I am sure that one visit will convince any lover of the Lord's work that Brother PROGRESS is deeply interested in his mission.

I have been in this field but little longer than PROGRESS, and I cannot but rejoice over having a part in carrying the last message to this people. A short stay will convince any one that the cry of the field is for help, Christian help; help that is as willing to endure unpleasant things for Christ as Christ was to endure unpleasant things for us. Could we but see our Saviour as he appears in the light of prophecy, we would also see scores of our young people pushing out into the work.

There is bountiful evidence that the effort here will be short. Therefore a response to the call of the hour must be quick.

As I notice the report of the book work in different parts of the South, it is cheering. But is it what it should be? Is it what those in charge are trying to make it? Can we expect success to crown their efforts without our help?—No; then let us step to the front and offer our assistance.

When interests that perish are at stake, and those at the nation's head call for volunteers for service, how quickly a response is made.

How about when eternal interests are involved? Should we be any the less willing at a moment's call from the Master, to yield a

ready response? The situation is pressing. Men and means are needed. The call is made, have we answered?

The doors are open for the printed page. Come over and help us. H. B. TILDEN.

Concord, N. C.

#### FOUR INTERESTING EXPERIENCES.

It was Tuesday, and the weather was hot. I had been hard at work canvassing, and the Lord was giving me success. I came to a house about three o'clock in the afternoon. I introduced myself to the man of the house, and he invited me in; so I proceeded to show him "Coming King." When I was through, and told him the price, he said, "I don't need your book, but it is a good book, and you are doing a good work selling it."

Then he asked, "To what denomination do you belong?" I said, "If I was to tell you, I don't know whether you would know." He said, "I have read the history of them all." Then I told him I was an Adventist; he said, "O, yes; I have a daughter that belongs to that faith." I asked where she lived; he said, "She lives in L———." Then I said, "O yes, Sister R———." "Yes, she is my daughter."

We talked on a little while, then his wife came in and said, "Let me look at your book a little if you don't mind." I handed her the book, and continued to talk to the man. After a short time, she said, "This is a good book, and I am going to take one." I took her order, and got ready to go. The man invited me, "Stay over night with us." I told him I would like to, but could not stop so early in the afternoon. I went on my way rejoicing that the Lord was preparing the people for the message. They would take the book, even though they knew we were Seventh-day Adventists.

The next morning I came to a house where the man was not in. The lady came to the door. She did not want to buy. Her daughter from Washington was visiting her; so I insisted on showing them the book, and did so standing up. When I got through, the lady asked me, "What denomination publishes that book?" I told her the Adventists. She said, "I don't want any book. I am afraid I will turn Adventist if I read any of their literature."

Her daughter said, "I know a great many Adventists in Washington; they are good people too; the man that delivers my mail to me every day is an Adventist; but he does not come on Saturday."

The daughter told her mother to order a book, and she would send her the dollar to pay for it; but she would not order. The mother went away to attend to her dinner, which she had left on the stove. Then I asked the daughter if I could sell her a book. She said I could take her mother's order for one to be delivered in September. So I took the order, and went on my way praising God.

The same afternoon I went to a house about three fourths of a mile from the main road. The man was not in, so I showed the book

to his wife. She liked it, but would not take one without her husband's consent.

I was almost ready to leave when the man came home. I showed him the book, but he did not want it. They also asked me to what denomination I belonged. I gave them the same answer I did the others. The lady said, "The Adventists had a trial in Spartanburg some time ago, and were made to pay a fine of one dollar." I told her that it was in January. We talked for a while, then I asked them again if I could sell them a book. They said they were not prepared, but I could take the order for one in September. So I left the place, filled with praise to God for his wonderful working upon the hearts of the people.

The following day I came to a house as the family were just leaving the dinner table. They asked me if I had been to dinner. I told them I had not; so the man told his wife to go and fix me something to eat. After dinner I showed them the book. This man also asked me to what denomination I belonged. I told him the Adventists. We talked for two hours and a half on different subjects in the Bible. We were only one thousand years apart when I left, but he ordered, "Coming King," and invited me to come again, and as I went away he asked me to write to him.

Brethren and sisters, do these incidents look as if the Lord is going to make a short work in the earth? Come, join the band and be one of those to share in the glory which will be given to the faithful. C. L. BELUE.

Spartanburg, S. C.

### PROGRESS ALL ALONG THE LINE

PROGRESS was a welcome surprise, but we are living in a time of progress and surprises. As I look back over fifty years, and see the progress that has been made by the third angel's message, it is wonderful. The Lord has given us a great work to do, and there is no time to lose. The first and most important part for us to do is to get ready ourselves, and that means get right. When we as individuals are right before God, it will be a small matter to give the glorious news of the closing message to the honest seekers after more truth.

The Lord has placed in every land his word, which contains the message of the return of his Son, and the awful warning to those who are not prepared to greet him. The great mass of intelligent people in the earth have the Bible, and are not living up to the light that shines upon their pathway. Thus having the warning, they will stand condemned before the Judge of the whole earth. The same danger of condemnation is before our own people. Those who have so much light shining upon their pathway, and are failing to practice the truth in their daily lives, will be found among the foolish virgins.

Any one knowingly doing wrong needs no more light. So let us examine ourselves with an open Bible before us, and see what is lack-

ing or what sin is cherished. Christ is finishing his work in the sanctuary above; soon will he lay aside his priestly robes, and put on the garments of vengeance; and he will come with all his holy angels with the reward in his hands to give every man according as his work shall be. A blessing rests upon all who keep his commandments; they will have right to the tree of life, and a home in the city of God.

D. T. SHIREMAN.

### HOW TO FIND IT

Did you ever let slip from you a quotation that you wish now you could recover? How will you go at it to secure it again?

Two of our leading workers have recently written the editor of the *Watchman*, asking him to recover for them certain quotations that they failed to preserve, when they had an opportunity to do so. It would have been an easy matter for them to preserve these quotations, if they had had a *Watchman* scrap-book. But, as it is, with the aid of the *Watchman* scrap-book column, it is not a very difficult matter to recover the quotations; for on June 25 four scrap-books, well filled, were sent to the *Watchman* office by one of our workers for use in making up the scrap-book column. The sender urges that extra care be used to avoid the loss of these books, and states that he would not part with one of them for \$100. In that very one, which is prized so highly, we find both the quotations which our brethren called for, as noted above.

The *Watchman* column is at your service. While we must recognize continually the mission of the *Watchman* as a missionary paper, and not permit the scrap-book column to in any way injure its efficiency in this line, it can still be used to excellent advantage by our workers. If you have lost a quotation, and wish to recover it, tell us the gist of it, and we will endeavor to secure it for you. If you are well-supplied with quotations, generously share them with your fellow-laborers by supplying them to the scrap-book column of the *Watchman*.

Whether you are supplied or not, you should keep abreast of the times by continual reference to the scrap-book column of the *Watchman*. The scrap-books are only 65 cents, post-paid, or two new yearly subscriptions to the *Watchman* and 15 cents for postage. Address—

THE WATCHMAN,  
24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

WE daily receive most interesting letters from workers all over the field. We cannot give all of them attention as we would like, so will just mention one or two in this number of PROGRESS:—

Brother Maxwell, of Alpharetta, Ga., says: "I can truly say that I will be glad to cooperate with you in helping to build up the old missionary spirit here in the South; for I recognize that more work has been and can

be accomplished through this means than by any other one means, that is, the distribution of literature, the lending of books, the writing of letters, the giving of Bible readings where the way is opened up by the printed page, etc. Every church should be a regularly organized missionary society, with each member actively engaged in the work, and why is this not the case? It must be because of a lack of interest. Can this interest be aroused? I hope that it can, and I believe it can, perhaps not in the fulness that we would wish to see, but I am sure in much greater measure than at present.

"We have a very good organization, though there is room for better interest, and I hope to see it aroused, and so does each one that has an interest in the work—and this should be every member of the church. We would be glad of any suggestion whereby a greater interest can be aroused, and I will take the liberty to say that you will have our hearty cooperation."

Elder R. M. Kilgore writes:—

"I certainly will hail with delight a revival of the old-time missionary operations, and will rejoice to see again the life and zeal that permeated the rank and file of our people in former years. I pray the Lord to bless you in your efforts as you take up this branch of the work, which, as you say, has faded out and become almost a thing of the past. It ought not so to be, since we are so much nearer the finished work, and the coming of the Lord."

Brother Page Shepard says:—

"It is timely counsel to return to the 'old paths;' the tract and missionary work is helpful. I am very grateful to the Lord for his oversight along this line, in placing tried servants to look after this great field of Christian effort, and will greatly appreciate anything you can do for us in the way of giving counsel. I would like to start a librarian in our little church. Please inform me about the particular duties of such an office. I recall my earliest experiences in the truth. It was through the faithful labors and letters of Sister ——— that I was pointed to paths of victory, and obtained many blessings, and needed strength when my new-found faith was tried to the utmost."

Another brother writes from Vicksburg, Miss.:—

"Yes, the night is far spent, and the day will soon break, and we are sleeping in sweet repose. It is true our sweetest sleep is just ere daybreak, and this is truly the case with us as a people. Something must be done before the Lord comes.

"The next thing, I think, all our churches should take up the work of canvassing for the *Watchman*. I see no better way of getting the truth before the people than this method. I have two orphan girls who sell 150 papers every week."

M. H. T.

Mrs. Wood, 322 S. Detroit Street, Warsaw, Ind., would like the *Watchman* and *Signs* for missionary use. Address as above, post-paid.

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## COMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

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NORTH CAROLINA	August 15-25
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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE	Aug. 22 to Sep. 1
Cleveland (Tenn.)	
MISSISSIPPI	Sep. 27 to Oct. 3
Aberdeen	
ALABAMA	October 3-13
Birmingham	
FLORIDA	October 10-20
Tampa	

We learn from Prof. C. G. Howell that the first formal announcement of the Cumberland Industrial School will be ready in a few days. Drop a card to Prof. C. G. Howell, Daylight, Warren Co., Tenn., and you will receive a copy when it comes from the press.

IN writing addresses for PROGRESS or any other paper, please be careful to give the address correctly, and write it so that it will be "as plain as print." In this way you can do much to prevent mistakes and delay. No less than a dozen cards have been received at this Office, from post-masters, notifying that PROGRESS has gone astray on account of a wrong address.

A GOODLY number of our readers have cheered us with their good words for PROGRESS. Do you know why it is good? We will tell you. It is because so many kind friends all over the Southern Union Conference have written so interestingly of their work and experiences. The wise man says, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." And can there be better news than that the work of God is going forward, and precious souls are receiving the light of truth?

CONCERNING the time when copy should be received. Perhaps you will understand best by an illustrative statement. The copy for this issue of PROGRESS (July 30) goes to the printers Thursday evening, July 25, and we hope to have it mailed the morning of the 30th, so as to reach all its readers before the Sabbath. You will confer a favor if you will kindly send articles so that they will reach us the first of the week before the paper is dated. Important announcements, appointments, etc., will be printed if they reach us

before the paper is ready for press. It will be remembered that nothing is done on the papers on Sabbath and Sunday.

## TO OUR CUSTOMERS

STATEMENTS are sent out each month to those having accounts with the Southern Publishing Association. Most of our customers remit promptly, but some have allowed their accounts to become quite old, and to these we would say, Please remit before ordering books or periodicals.

It is no less embarrassing for the Publishing Association to refuse you credit if you have not paid up in full than it is for you to be refused credit. Kindly settle up, and save yourself and the Publishing House any embarrassment.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,  
• R. Hook, Jr., Treas.

## NOTICE

THE first meeting of the sixth annual session of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference of North Carolina will be held at Lexington, N. C., Friday, August 16, at 9:00 A. M. All members of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North Carolina in good and regular standing, are delegates.

It is hoped that there will be a good representation from every church at the very first meeting.

T. H. JEYS,

President North Carolina Conf.

## CANVASSING IN NORTH CAROLINA

It is with pleasure that I report the goodness of God to us here in North Carolina. The volume of our book work for the last conference year has nearly doubled. More faithful and systematic work is being done.

Recently a Brother Young and his wife came here from California to take up the canvassing work. They are located at King's Mountain, and have already begun work.

The two grown daughters of Brother Graham, recently from Indiana, have entered the canvassing work here. The Lord is answering our prayers in sending us these laborers. Let us remember these new workers often in prayer.

I am just returning from a trip to the eastern part of the state, and I realize as never before that we have a large field here unworked. We could use ten more canvassers where we have one. We need Southern-bred workers to take up work in these long-neglected counties in the eastern part of our state.

We thank the dear Lord for the omens of good that we see in the work all through this conference. To God is due all our success.

We are well, of good courage, and will press forward in the work.

HORACE G. MILLER, State Agent.

Gastonia, N. C.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

W. H. SEBASTIAN has moved from 401 Chapel St., to 287 "A" Chapel St., Atlanta, Ga.

## DIRECTIONS

To the South Carolina Camp-Ground.

TAKE the train to the Union depot at Spartanburg. From here it is only a few minutes' walk on Magnolia Street.

Those who desire a street car to the place will take the car at the Union depot, get a transfer to North Church Street, and ask to be let off at College Street.

R. T. NASH.

## SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING FUND

THOSE of our brethren and sisters whom we have appealed to personally, have come up nobly to our help on this fund; and now if all will do what they can, we shall be able to meet the expense of the coming meeting.

I know that many have been lifting hard on other matters, but we sincerely hope none will excuse themselves from helping now, where their help is so much needed.

R. T. NASH.

## MISSIONARY WORK

*Every Man His Talent.*

WHAT has God given to every man? Mark 13:34.

Of whom is he especially speaking? Matt. 25:14.

What does the word servant imply?— [Lord's] work or service.

What else has been given to all his servants? Matt. 25:15.

What is a talent as here used?— A certain sum of money; a talent of gold was worth \$28,725.

What did the talents represent?— Gifts that God bestows upon his children, to be used for him. Eph. 4:8-11; 1 Cor. 12:7-12, 28.

Do all who profess to serve God make use of their talents? Matt. 25:16-21.

What did God call one who failed to make use of his talents? Matt. 25:26.

What is one characteristic of a slothful man? Prov. 26:13; 22:13.

What excuse does the man in Matthew 25 make? Matt. 25:24, 25.

Was honest fear the cause of his inactivity? Luke 19:22, 23.

When do people make excuses?— When they do not want to do as they are asked.

How was it possible to hide talents in the earth?— To use them for worldly purposes.

Was this man necessarily inactive?— No; he may have been quite busy in worldly pursuits.

What was his fate? Matt. 25:30.

What is the reward of the faithful servant? Matt. 25:21.

Is there any joy especially called the Lord's? Heb. 12:2.

What did his joy enable Christ to do? Id.

Of what will this joy consist? Isa. 53:11; Zeph. 3:17.

M. H. T.

## PUBLICATIONS WANTED

LESLIE LITTLE, Gentry, Ark. would like the *Watchman, Signs, Instructor*, and tracts to be used in tent-meeting work.

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