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IT WON'T HURT TO TRY

You may think you're not able to do the task set;

But it won't hurt to try.

You may think you can't learn not to worry nor fret;

But it won't hurt to try.

Perhaps you are stronger than you think you are;

Perhaps you can bear your full burden of care; Perhaps you're no coward—can do and can dare—

It surely won't hurt you to try.

If you go at it right there is much can be done; It won't hurt to try.

Face your work bravely, don't turn tail and run;

It won't hurt to try.

Don't turn to look back, once your hand's on the plow;

Perhaps you've been chosen to show others how

They may triumph o'er troubles that look black right now;

It surely won't hurt you to try.

—H. B. W., in *Woman's National Daily*.

DO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOLLOW MRS. WHITE?

THOSE who are ignorant or enemies say so. The dragon, who goes to make war with the people who have the testimony of Jesus Christ, constantly endeavors to convey this impression. It is not strange that Satan should be filled with madness against the means God has ordained to lead and guide his people.

A few days ago I was looking at a picture of an Oriental shepherd. As he walked, the sheep were following. My mind recalled the old familiar words of John 10:4, 5: "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice. And a stranger will

they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers."

Who goes before?

Jesus, the shepherd.

Who follows?

We, his sheep.

Do we follow the crook which he carries or the clothes which he wears?

We follow *him*.

But what means does he use by which we may know that we are following the true Shepherd instead of some one wearing similar clothing or carrying a like staff?

Ah! he utters his *voice*. And we know his voice. Other shepherds there may be. There are. But only the true Shepherd has the true voice. I can see a new and beautiful significance in John's statement, "I am the *voice* of one crying in the wilderness."

Brethren, let us be thankful to the Shepherd of the sheep for this loving provision he has made. And let us not be ashamed of the means God has chosen. It is his way. When he utters his voice, let us follow. T. H. JEYS.

REPORTING

It is said that much of the success of the Japanese in their recent war with Russia was due to their accurate system of obtaining constant and definite reports from all parts of the field. This enabled the generals to know exactly what had been done, and what needed to be done next. If this system of reporting is necessary to carnal warfare, how much more necessary it is to spiritual warfare.

An idea prevails in the minds of some

that they ought not to tell what they have done. This is a mistaken idea, which if carried to its logical conclusion would entirely disorganize our work, and reduce it to hopeless confusion. And if it were wrong for one to tell what he had done, it would be wrong for all. We could have no churches, for one might tell who had accepted the truth through his or her work. We could not have any conferences, for none could unite in the work. Each would have to labor independently and alone. There could be no counsel for mutual help.

But the work of the Lord is not so ordered. In Luke 9:10 we read that the apostles, when they returned from their missionary tour, told Jesus all that they had done. Acts 14:27 tells how Paul and Barnabas rehearsed their experiences to the church. We have here excellent examples to follow.

To us as a people has been committed the task of giving the last warning to a perishing world. To do this intelligently we must have organization, in order that the work may be properly divided. Those upon whom the responsibility of directing the work has been placed must know what has been done, and what is being done, in order to plan properly for what has yet to be accomplished.

If those who refuse or neglect to supply reports for which they are asked could realize the extra trouble and labor they impose on those who have the oversight of the work, we feel sure they would repent and reform.

There is another side to this matter of reporting which is overlooked by many. It is the Spirit of God that inspires us to do even the smallest missionary work.

We ought, therefore, to tell what the Spirit of God has done through us, that God may be glorified. When we refuse to do so, God is robbed of his glory, and we lose the blessing. If we would give more glory to God by telling what he has accomplished through us, we would receive power to do more and greater works.

Let us begin a new era, and faithfully report our work, for the guidance of our leaders in this cause, and to the glory and honor of God.—*Selected.*

LITTLE KINDNESSES

"You gave on the way a pleasant smile,
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and fruitage fair,
You'll reap a crown sometime—somewhere."

THE \$150,000 FUND

THERE IS UNITY

ANY great project in which the whole people are interested, and upon which all unite, comes as a call to unity. Such a call is that of the \$150,000 fund, and it is a wonderful truth, perfectly understood by those who are largely acquainted with our people, that when a call is made, those who are in unity with the work make as one man a united response to that appeal.

The following is a very clear and pointed statement in regard to the importance of the \$150,000 fund:—

"Let not the work on the Nashville Sanitarium and the Takoma Park Sanitarium be hindered for lack of means. Let not the work of rebuilding at Huntsville be made difficult and burdensome because the necessary means is withheld. Let not those who are struggling to build up the other enterprises, great and small, that are needing the promised aid, become disheartened because we are slow to unite in making up the fund that is asked for. Let all our people arise, and see what they can do. Let them show that there is unity and strength among Seventh-day Adventists."

J. S. WASHBURN.

A TEST OF CHARACTER

WHEN a great call is made, when an onward move is planned, there comes to every one a test. While there is to be absolute unity, we are not parts of a machine. No man can decide for another how much that man should do, or how much he should give. That is a matter of individual responsibility, and can be graded only by our ability. There are those who have a gift or talent to secure money honestly. This is a gift of God. It is he that gives us power to get wealth. Deut. 8:18.

Never can one decide for another how much he should give. This is made very positive and clear in the following statement from the spirit of prophecy, dated March 3, 1907:—

"In the providence of God, some may gather more wealth than do others. The Lord blesses them with health, with tact and skill, that they may receive of his goods and bestow upon others. The possession of means brings a test of character. All have a responsibility according to that which they have received; and from those who possess wealth, the Lord looks for bountiful gifts. To those who desire to be baptized with the Holy Ghost, I would say, Take up the work of God where you are, and with your gifts help the work in places nigh and afar off."

J. S. WASHBURN.

DONATIONS TO THE \$150,000 FUND.

Received at the office of the Southern Union Conference to August 1, 1907.

Alabama Conference,
Previously reported \$236 42
Helen McKinnon, Treas. 21 13 \$257 55

Cumberland Conference,
Previously reported 515 30
S. M. Jacobs, Treas. 144 48
Isolated friend 3 00 662 78

Florida Conference,
Previously reported 322 70
W. H. Hall, Treas. 205 17
Brooker church 3 75 531 62

Georgia Conference,
Previously reported 340 39

Louisiana Conference,
Previously reported 306 16
Mrs. H. C. Ervin 2 00 308 16

Mississippi Conference,
Previously reported 189 83
C. V. Crawford, Treas. 57 10
Greenville church 1 00 247 93

North Carolina Conference,
Previously reported 251 61
Jessie V. Bosworth, Treas. 187 14 438 75

South Carolina Mission Field,
Previously reported 132 69
Mrs. R. T. Nash, Treas. 50 133 19

Tennessee River Conference,
Previously reported 669 82
Paducah church 5 50
Mrs. Estelle Henderson 3 05
Mrs. Martha Sutton 3 00
Mrs. Mary Trulock 6 00
Glasgow Tent Company 2 50 689 87

Total for Southern Union Conference\$3,610 24

Amount previously reported outside the Southern Union Conference\$596 80
Mrs. C. L. Wheat, Texas 1 50
Mrs. L. F. Wrenne, Kansas 10 00
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Idaho 10 00
Mrs. Bertha Russell, Iowa 4 00
Mrs. Sue Turner, I. T. 2 00
C. W. Smouse, Iowa 5 00
Frank and Mattie Catlin, Ill. 5 00
Katherine Bertram, Wis. 10 00

Total outside the Southern Union Conference\$644 30 644 30

Total receipts to August 1, 1907 \$4,254 54
W. A. WILCOX, Treas.



THE HUSTBURG, TENN., CAMP-MEETING

THIS camp-meeting was appointed first at Waverly, but on account of the difficulty in securing suitable ground, it was finally appointed at Denver, a small station west of the previous place. But when we arrived at Denver, we found that the meeting was really at Hustburg, six miles from Denver, over a rough country road. Teams were present to meet us, and we reached the camp on Friday about noon. The meeting actually began Friday night.

Hustburg is a very small village in a farming community. It has three or four small stores, and is a scattering settlement out in the country. Elder W. S. Lowry has been holding a course of lectures here for nine weeks with a good interest for a place of such small size. Several have already begun to keep the Sabbath, and many more are interested. He states that the entire country for nine miles around was stirred. The meetings have all been well attended, and the people seem to be much interested, and give the closest attention. It is most refreshing to find a place where the people want to hear the truth. It is such a contrast to the great cities, which remind one so much of Bunyan's Vanity Fair, a tidal wave of rushing business, pleasure-seeking, fashion, and frivolity, with here and there a few seekers after truth. But the attention of the masses is very hard to obtain.

There is a good attendance of our people. The weather has been very dry, though we have had one small shower to lay the troublesome dust. The tents are pitched irregularly, scattered around under little clumps of oak trees.

The Testimonies recently sent have been read in the early morning meetings, and have been thankfully received and appreciated by our people. Perfect union seems to exist among our people in this conference. The Tennessee River Conference, on the whole, has been the most prospered of any of the state conferences in the Southern Union Conference. Though far greater prosperity would be desirable, yet enough has been enjoyed to enable us to thank God for it, and take courage. This state conference has the largest membership of any in the union. There seems to be a continued growth from year to year. A good amount of canvassing has been done and souls are embracing the truth.

The Memphis church, which was reorganized last March, was received into the conference as the Memphis church No. 1. The steps taken at the important meeting held there at that time under the auspices of the state conference committee were indorsed unanimously by a rising vote of the conference. The circumstances connected with that meeting were

briefly stated by the writer at the request of the conference. That church has been prospering and increasing since its organization.

It will be understood, of course, that this report relates to the first part of the anniversary meeting, reaching up to Tuesday morning, August 6. Elders Spicer and Tenney are expected to-day. The afternoon services last Sabbath were of deep interest to those encamped on the ground, and to quite a large attendance outside of our people. Elder Parmele gave an excellent discourse, and afterward upward of seventy-five came forward for prayers. The Spirit of God was present. Many were in tears, and many started anew. Forgiveness was asked by some where past alienations existed. The precious Spirit of God witnessed to these efforts to draw near to God. It was a blessed season. Elder Washburn has spoken with good effect to the large crowds present, who have listened with deep attention on the Sabbath question and other important points.

Personally the writer wishes to express his gratitude to God for the blessings he is receiving from him as he devotes his labors to the camp-meetings for the rest of the season in this Southern Union Conference. He has felt very happy and free in speaking to the people, and has no doubt that the Lord has led his mind in deciding to labor in this branch of the work rather than to stay in the lecture field during the summer.

G. I. B.

HUNTSVILLE AND BOYCE

It was my pleasure to spend the time from July 5-18 at Huntsville in the Educational Convention. About one hundred teachers and students were in attendance, and an excellent interest was manifested. I appreciate more than ever the good work that this school is doing, and feel a deeper interest in its future prosperity. A number of students were sent out from the school this spring to engage in the work of teaching. Their place should at once be filled by new students. Will not our brethren in the Southern Union Conference and elsewhere take an active interest in supplying students to this school?

July 19 we arrived on the camp-ground at Boyce, La., where we remained until the 29th. No laborers were present from outside the conference except ourselves until the 23rd, when Elder Spicer came. Elder Rees arrived on the 25th, and Prof. J. E. Tenney on the 26th.

Many victories were gained at this meeting, and we believe that all present were greatly encouraged.

Elder Horton was again elected president of the conference, and plans were laid, which, if executed, we believe will result in much fruit during the coming year.

Ten persons were baptized. Some of these were rebaptisms. We greatly enjoyed our labors with these cordial brethren.

We are now on our way to the Tennessee River meeting.

R. W. PARMELE,
L. E. PARMELE.

THE OAKWOOD INSTITUTE

IN harmony with the decision of the Southern Union Conference Committee, there has been held at the Oakwood Manual Training School a very successful Institute, beginning June 6 and closing July 17. The work was under the supervision of the Oakwood School and the Southern Missionary Society, the larger part of the expenses being borne by the latter. On account of the fire which the school suffered last fall, it became necessary to pitch tents to furnish room for the students. The class work of the Institute and general services connected with it were also held in a large circular tent, pleasantly located on the school campus.

About thirty came in to take the special Institute work. A large number of these were mission school teachers from Mississippi and Tennessee. Others came from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. A commendable spirit of earnestness characterized the work of these teachers, and we believe that their meeting together will result in much good in many ways. Besides the theoretical instruction received, the colored educational work will be unified and brought together by the adoption of uniform text-books, and the discussion of such plans as have been found successful by those of long experience in our Southern school work.

Among the instructors present a part or all of the time we mention the following: Elder G. I. Butler, Elder and Mrs. Haskell, Elder C. P. Bollman, Elder R. W. Parmele, Elder J. S. Washburn, Elder A. J. Haysmer, Prof. J. E. Tenney, Prof. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers, Prof. E. A. Sutherland, Miss Kathryn Foster, Drs. Parmele, Isbell, and Hayward, Brethren P. E. Palmer, A. F. Harrison, and the school faculty. The educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference, Prof. J. E. Tenney, was with us much of the time, and rendered valuable assistance in the class work of the Institute, besides giving several addresses on Christian education. Brother Harrison held a very interesting and successful canvassing class, fruit of which will be seen in actual field work. The medical work received due attention from the different doctors present.

The evenings were occupied in Bible lectures on the cardinal points of the message, and were productive of good in familiarizing the teachers with the important doctrines of the message, and teaching them the manner of presenting the same. Our colored teachers, as they go out, must act in the capacity of minister, canvasser, Bible worker, and teacher; hence the importance of their becoming familiar with these different lines of work. At the close of the Institute, examinations were held in the various branches of school studies, and the majority of the teachers did themselves credit in successfully passing the test.

On the whole, we think the Institute work held at Oakwood this year a success, and praise the Lord for his blessing which attended the work. We look for greater advancement in our colored educational work as a result of the effort.

W. J. BLAKE, *Principal*.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA

OUR conference here ended June 30, 1907, and I am glad to be able to report that it has been a year of progress in our canvassing work.

Not only have our sales considerably increased, but better work has been done. The work has been more systematic and more thorough. All who are canvassing now report regularly each week with but one exception.

Another advance step that we are taking here is in the matter of contracts with agents. Five of our workers have signed contracts, and we trust that all will sign them when they are given territory. These contracts were once used, and so in this we are simply returning to sound business methods.

During the year several new canvassers have entered the work, and as is always the case, some have dropped out or moved away.

We especially feel thankful to the Lord for raising up Brother Omer Newton and his sister Ila to engage in this line of work. They accepted the truth at our camp-meeting last year, and they are now both actively engaged in the work. He has placed thousands of pages of present truth in the homes of the people.

The Lord has been pleased also to send us some earnest workers from conferences where more work has been done than in this neglected field. Brother and Sister H. B. Tilden came last winter from Washington, and Brother Brown from Colorado. Quite recently Brother and Sister Ira Young came to us from California. They are located at King's Mountain, and although he has had to experience some little difficulty in getting acclimated, yet he is sticking right to the work, and is doing well.

Another from California and one from Canada have promised to be here by September 10, both to enter the canvassing work. While we are very thankful for these dear workers, yet our prayer is that God will raise up home talent for home work.

Brother Lanier has been doing most faithful work in Charlotte, the largest city in the state, and one of the most difficult.

Sister Mattie Reynolds, although not strong physically, during this conference year has placed about three hundred of our good books in the homes of the people. She has also been a real help to Sister Ila Newton, a beginner, with whom she is laboring at Monroe. I trust her good example will provoke some of our stronger sisters to take up the work.

Sisters Viola and Bertha Graham have recently taken up the work, one with "Coming King," and the other with "Bible Footlights." They have canvassed Shelby, and they will make their delivery the 5th of August, after which they write that they will be ready for new territory.

Brother and Sister Graham have encouraged their daughters to enter the canvassing work. I believe this is right, and hope others may follow their example.

I feel very thankful for the live interest that our conference president, Elder T. H. Jeys,

has taken in this branch of the work.

Donations during the year from many of our brethren and sisters have shown their interest in the canvasser's efforts, and many prayers have ascended from their homes that we might prove faithful.

I have been very much encouraged to see the willingness of each canvasser to co-operate that the work might steadily grow. From frequent letters and personal visits I know that a happy, hopeful spirit pervades our band of workers.

For all these past blessings, and for the good omens for future success, I feel very grateful indeed. So, dear brethren and sisters and fellow laborers, let us press right on in the conflict, always looking unto Jesus, who is our health, our strength, our courage, and our victory.

HORACE G. MILLER,

Gastonia, N. C.

THE LOUISVILLE, KY., CAMP-MEETING

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The good camp-meeting held at Louisville, Ky., July 18-28, is now a thing of the past. The meeting was held in a beautiful grove in the suburbs of the city. The attendance of our people was not as large as we expected, owing to the fact that the season had been backward, and there had been so much rainy weather that when the dry spell came, many had to remain at home to take care of the crops. Nevertheless, the promise that God's blessings are not confined to large numbers was verified to us, and all who attended were richly repaid for the time spent there.

Elder Spicer spent the first Sabbath with us, and his good words of instruction and timely counsel were much appreciated by all. We had expected to have the labor of Prof. J. E. Tenney during the entire meeting; but after spending two days with us, he was called to another field. His stay, though short, was helpful to all. The other laborers present were Brethren Harrison and Melendy, representing the canvassing work; Sisters Harrison and Lenker, the Sabbath-school and Young People's work; and Brother Milo Emmerson and the writer.

Brother and Sister S. M. Jacobs had charge of the dining-tent, in connection with which practical instruction was given in healthful cookery. This was highly appreciated by our own people and also by those from the outside who were in attendance.

During the day, the lines of thought presented were such as to lead our dear brethren to self-examination. The evening services were a series of sermons on the points of our faith, and were calculated to be a benefit to the outside attendance. Parents' meetings were held, which we believe will be the means of helping us to better train our children for the kingdom of God. Meetings for the children were also held each day.

The entire camp reconsecrated themselves to God and his service. This season was one of special refreshing to the Louisville church, and all expressed themselves as having received rich blessings from the storehouse of God.

Sixteen precious souls were added to this church. Six received baptism; others were prevented because of sickness.

We believe the time has fully come for our people to receive the latter rain, and make haste to enter the kingdom of God.

J. F. POGUE.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE OAK- WOOD SCHOOL

For some reasons it was thought best to close our school earlier this year than usual. Accordingly the closing exercises were held Tuesday evening, July 30, and afforded a very pleasant event for both faculty and students. About one hundred and fifty neighboring friends came in to listen to the program, and seemed much pleased with what they heard. The effort will undoubtedly create in the community a favorable impression toward the school. The program, consisting of original papers and addresses, together with appropriate music, was as follows:—

Instrumental Music, Orchestra.

Anthem: "Praise Him," Chorus.

Invocation, Elder F. W. Halladay.

Solo: "Twenty-third Psalm," Edmonia White.

Perseverance, D. V. Barnes.

Promptness, Harriet White.

Anthem: "I Will Lift up Mine Eyes," Chorus.

Value of a Minute, Helen Washington.

Intemperance, Millie Finley.

Solo: "Fairest Lord Jesus," Geneva Wilson.

Outward Bound, Margaret Bent.

Winning Souls, Geneva Wilson.

Solo: "Crown Him Lord of All," Ruth Baskin.

The Deep Sea for Pearls, Peter Vanderberg.

Address, Prof. W. J. Blake.

Anthem: "O! Be Joyful," Chorus.

Presentation of Certificates, Principal.

Hymn, Congregation.

Benediction.

At the close of the program, Brother D. V. Barnes and Sister Margaret Bent, two of our older and most faithful students, were united in marriage, and immediately departed for their field of labor. May God's blessing accompany them in their new relations. It is indeed gratifying to know that the school is able to send out seven bright young teachers into the field this fall. These are to be employed by the Southern Missionary Society in their mission schools. Their assignment to the field is the following: Brother and Sister Barnes, with Sister Geneva Wilson as assistant, go to Vicksburg, Miss., to take charge of the important school at that place; Sister Finley goes to Columbus, Miss., Brother Vanderberg to Jackson, Miss., Sister Harriet White goes to Newellton, La., and Sister Helen Washington will assist Sister Lowe in her school at Edgefield Junction, Tenn.

During the exercises of the evening, the principal, in behalf of the faculty, presented to these young people appropriate certificates, which are a recommendation of both scholarship and char-

acter. The school sends these teachers forth, invoking the blessing of the Lord upon them, grateful that even this number can take up actual field work; but sad to think that many opportunities must be passed by because of a lack of properly trained workers. Calls are coming to us for teachers, which we cannot fill. This fact should impress us with the great importance of getting more young colored people into immediate training.

This fall our school should be filled to overflowing with students; but, brethren and sisters, we cannot get these young people alone. We must have your co-operation and assistance. Kindly inform us of any prospective students of whom you know. Surely in this great Southern Union Conference there must be many young people of natural ability whom God would have preparing for his work. We want to see all such here at the school in training. Will you not assist us in accomplishing our purpose in this matter?

W. J. BLAKE, *Principal.*

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES

BROTHER T. J. Woodall of Archdale has been quite ill with sciatic rheumatism, but is now recovering.

FROM a private letter lately received from Elder W. H. Armstrong it is learned that Sister Armstrong is very ill. She is at the home of her parents in Waynesville.

MR. AND MRS. B. A. ROGERS have bought a farm near Glenola in Randolph County, and will move to it in the near future. Sister Rogers will open a church school at their new home.

FROM a recent private letter written by our state canvassing agent, the following interesting and encouraging item is taken: "The book sales in North Carolina have already more than doubled in 1907 over those of 1906. Our agents are all prospering, and are working with better system. All are reporting regularly and are of good courage."

WHEN this paper reaches the reader, the North Carolina camp-meeting will have begun. August 15-25 is the date. As has been announced in former issues, Lexington had been selected as the place; but when we came to make preparations, we found that we would be confronted with a street carnival for over a week of the time. This, together with a failure to secure the expected shade, made it seem advisable to change the location. Our present camp is at Thomasville, twelve miles distant from Lexington. We have a good grove; quiet, well shaded, well drained, etc. We are earnestly praying for help from the God of Israel. Meanwhile we are doing what we can to answer our own prayers. The tent-meetings at Thomasville continue up to the time of camp-meeting. Fairly good congregations are in attendance. The people give good, respectful attention, but are slow to see the importance of moving. As workers, we desire to search carefully our own hearts to see if the hindering cause is with us.

T. H. JEYS.

AN APPEAL TO FLORIDA

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF FLORIDA,—

Our camp-meeting time is drawing on apace. Of course we shall all want to be there. Should anything occur that we should have no camp-meeting, many of us would be sorely disappointed. And yet I should much rather no camp-meeting were held than to go on as we have been doing ever since the organization of the conference, viz., using the tithe to defray a large part of the expense thereof.

This of course will continue until our people awoken to the situation, and arouse and donate to our state tent and camp-meeting fund.

It is repeatedly stated that the way to get our people to become liberal to the needs of our own state is to encourage them to donate freely to and for all outside interests. This being true (and I have no disposition to question it), is it not a little strange that in Florida, where our people, according to their ability, are as liberal to foreign needs as people in other states, our own needs have been so pressing that it has become necessary to retain for our own use as much as a thousand dollars at one time of trust funds that should have been sent on to the purpose for which they were donated?

Now, brethren, this ought not so to be. The Lord is certainly not well pleased with it. I am sure there are reasons for this state of things. We have for years been without any organ through which to communicate to our people the needs of our own state. You have been reading the touching pleas in the good old *Review* and the *Watchman* concerning the urgent needs of the cause outside of our own state, and not having your attention called particularly to our own needs, you of course thought that we were all right. These appeals have touched your hearts, and you have responded gladly with a liberal hand, and our hearts are made glad to know that when you see a need you will readily respond to it.

Now, what can I say to show you the dire need of funds to defray the expense of our camp-meeting? If it is wrong to use the tithe to defray these expenses, then we shall certainly not be free in the Lord, as a conference, until we rally and donate sufficient to the tent and camp-meeting fund not only to defray the expenses of our future camp-meeting, but also to restore to the conference the tithe that has been expended for this purpose.

Understanding that it is wrong to use the tithe for this purpose, and knowing that we shall certainly have to do so again unless our people will arouse to the situation, I am unable to get my proper sleep and rest at night.

Now, my dear brethren and sisters, will you continue to place men in responsible positions wherein they are compelled to outrage and violate their conscience simply because you do not do your duty? Are you not aware that there is nothing more trying and heart-rending to an individual than the violation of conscience? Will you continue to be blind to our own needs, and cause your conference officers to endure this terrible ordeal longer? Notwithstanding all that the Testimonies say in regard to the importance of camp-meetings

and the terrible loss we would sustain if they were discontinued, yet, brethren, if we must continue to rob God of tithes to hold them, is it not about time to call a halt?

The first Sabbath in September we shall ask our people to donate either in cash or by pledges to this fund. See that every member's attention is called to it. Let there be a liberal donation.

Sincerely,

L. H. CRISLER.

CALVERT, TEXAS

As we are not in one of the states included in the Southern Union Conference, and therefore are not reporting our work to the *Watchman*, a few lines with reference to where we are and what we are doing may be of interest to some of our readers with whom we have been associated in the recent past, especially the faithful teachers of the Southern Training School, who have labored so earnestly to impress on our minds the importance of each of us realizing that we have a definite work to do in giving the truth to the world in this generation.

Leaving school May 1, we spent a few pleasant days visiting with brethren at Ellisville, Miss. Coming down through Louisiana, we spent a few weeks with our relatives there, arriving in Texas, where we had planned on doing our summer's work, the latter part of June.

We find here a friendly class of people, eager to hear what we have to tell them of a soon-coming Saviour. The Lord is blessing our efforts, and we are meeting with good success, having taken orders for our literature to the amount of \$250 in about ninety-six hours, forty-eight hours each.

We highly appreciate the opportunity afforded us by our publishing houses, and although we began work after more than half of the vacation had passed, we still hope to be numbered among the students who gain a scholarship in one of our schools the coming session.

We gratefully remember the deep interest manifested by our instructors of the canvassers' institute at Graysville, and trust that many of the students who had the privilege of attending are now actively engaged in distributing our literature.

B. F. WEBB.

L. B. SPEAR.

STOVALL, N. C.

I LOVE the dear little *Messenger*, and disliked to say good-by to it, but I welcome the REPORT OF PROGRESS. May that name imbue us with a greater zeal to work.

I have not sold very many books lately, about \$5 worth, but have given away a good many papers and tracts, and also written some letters, and had many good talks with the people about the precious truths of our God and the soon coming of our Saviour.

Brethren Jeys and Killen have held a few meetings at Stovall. A large number attended

every night, and showed great interest by being quiet and giving good attention. I have had several talks with some of them since, and feel sure that several will soon "trust and obey." They are studying from God's word these great truths, many of which they have never before heard, and express a desire for one of our ministers to come and preach for them again.

It is almost time for the camp-meeting again. I am planning to attend if it is God's will. Although I am a stranger to most of you, I hope to meet you there, and become better acquainted.

MARY A. MARKHAM.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Cummings.

BROTHER JOHN OSBORNE at one time sold our books in this country, and made his home near Cummings, and a Sister Willis accepted the truth through his efforts and is still faithful.

This sister has urged that meetings be held in this community. Brother Carey and I have just held a few meetings here, and find some who are wanting truth. Our opening work has stirred some of our Baptist friends to preach against us, but this is only causing people to study more about the truth.

At my last service I presented the change of the Sabbath. The school-house was well filled, and hearts were stirred. Pray with us that precious souls may accept the truth, and help hold up the light in this neighborhood. *Camden.*

I visited Brother and Sister Phillips eight miles from Camden and held one meeting. Some became deeply interested from the one discourse, and called for a series of meetings to be held with them at our earliest convenience.

R. T. NASH.

MY FIRST VISIT TO HUNTSVILLE

AN Educational Convention for colored teachers and students was conducted at the Oakwood Manual Training School, Huntsville, Alabama, June 6 to July 18. In connection with the convention a series of meetings was conducted. It was my privilege to be present in this meeting July 5 to 18. This was my first visit to Huntsville. I had supposed that I knew something of the magnitude of the work carried on by our people for the colored race, but I confess that my view was somewhat restricted. There were about one hundred teachers and students in attendance at this meeting, and the influence of the present truth upon this company was very evident. The Spirit of the Lord was present in the meetings that were conducted, and many victories were gained. There was no excitement in the services, and they were all pervaded by a calm and sweet trust and confidence in the message. While the colored people are very responsive and inclined to be demonstrative, as a class, those who attended this meeting manifested nothing of that nature, but clearly indicated the influence of the Spirit of God upon hearts. I was greatly encouraged by the sight of the intelligent corps of workers assembled. With the blessing of God, the

work for the colored race in the South is sure to prosper.

The colored people are very poor, as a rule, and work for this race must receive help from without. The Southern Missionary Society is doing an excellent work, and many churches and companies are being raised up through their efforts. Those wishing to aid in work for the colored people can do so in no better way than by supporting this department of the Southern Union Conference.

The Oakwood school sent out this spring a number of teachers, who have just finished their course of training. Their place should be supplied by other students. The new cement-block, fireproof school building is just now nearing completion, and will be in readiness for the beginning of the next school year. Expenses for board, room, light, heat, plain washing, and tuition in this school range from \$6.00 to \$8.00 per month, and it is possible for the students to work out a greater portion of this on the farm. Will not the readers of these lines seek to encourage worthy young people to enter the Oakwood Manual Training School?

The school farm is one of historic interest. It was formerly a noted plantation, where annually an auction sale of slaves was carried on. As the name suggests, the campus is partly covered by huge trees (the largest I ever saw). In one of these is a ring to which the incorrigible slave was tied to receive his punishment. How glad we all should be that this farm is now put to a better use, and aid in every way possible the work that is being carried on.

R. W. PARMELE.

OUR TRACT AND MISSIONARY MEETINGS

Reporting.

"SAY not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

A great deal has been said in the past about the advisability of members reporting their work at the tract and missionary meeting each week. Some think it is all wrong to report, and so bring your work into prominence, letting your left hand know what your right hand is doing; and so letting self be brought forward. Some say, "It is not right to report, and we will not do it." But we are told that "our works go beforehand to judgment, and in the judgment we shall see those whom we have been instrumental in saving." Then there must be some reporting, somewhere. Can my readers tell me *where*?

If we read the Testimonies carefully, we shall find there is a great deal written on faithfulness in reporting, and I will quote quite largely from them on this subject. Dear brethren and sisters, do a faithful work in reporting each week on the report blanks, and hand in the report to your librarian, and so be instrumental in helping some one who may be timid in this direction, and be in a position to have the "Well done" said to you. We append a report blank, showing how the report is filled out by individual members.

INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY REPORT.

For Week Ending.....Aug 1,.....1907.

No. 6. Missionary Visits.

No. 5. Periodicals loaned.

No. 2. Periodicals Given Away.

No. 10. Periodicals Sold.

No. 1. Books Loaned.

No. 1. Books Sold.

No. 20. Tracts and Pamphlets Loaned.

No. 10. Tracts and Pamphlets Given Away.

No. 2. Letters Written

No. 1. Letters Received.

No. 1. Bible Readings Held.

No. 3. People Attending Readings.

No. 1. People Interested.

No. 1. People Accepted the Truth Through Readings Held.

Remarks....The week has been well....
..filled. Found some sick and gave help,....
..and found some interested.....

Signed Lula Smith.....

Plans are now being made for the advancement of the work, and now is our time to work. Some may not be able to do much visiting; but you may furnish the means to send others, and the Lord will help and strengthen and bless you. It may be only the "cup of cold water;" still our means are required at our hands, and it is a privilege to give, and we can educate all our members in giving. We shall find it is give, *give*, all along the line, and it is our privilege to do so until the Lord comes. "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

The tract and missionary society must have system in all that is undertaken. God is a God of system.

"Well organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. We are built as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. 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."

"Let not the youth be ignored; let them share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves.

"Let the overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let the older members of the church seek to do earnest compassionate work for the children and youth. Let the ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with them in missionary work. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled. Let all have a part to act. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced, and through the grace

of Christ what success has been theirs. If such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, the missionary meetings would not be dull and lifeless. They would be full of interest, and there would be no lack in attendance.

"In every church the members should be so trained that they will devote time to the winning of souls to Christ. How can it be said of the church, 'Ye are the light of the world,' unless the members of the church are actually imparting light?"

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD.

AN OPEN LETTER

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN FLORIDA,—

The *Review* of August 1, 1907, contains an article entitled, "A Bar to Our Literature," from which we learn that there has recently come to the attention of our publishing houses a movement that emphasizes the importance of circulating our literature *now*, while we have an opportunity to do so.

Recently a number of one of our journals was returned to the office by some one into whose hands it had been placed, and four large red labels were pasted upon it in different places. In addition to carrying the union label of the allied printing trade, were the following words: "Returned because of absence of union label. Demand this label on all your printed matter. It represents good workmanship, good wages, and good conditions."

From the above it is seen that a movement is on foot to boycott all literature which does not bear the union label.

It is evident that in the very near future it will be difficult to place our literature in the hands of the people. It begins to look as if the time was at hand when Revelation 13 would be fulfilled. The time will soon come when a member of a union who permits a publication in his house which does not bear the union label will be disciplined and fined by his union. Through that kind of disciplinary education the people will learn the expediency of obeying their leaders and having nothing to do with the third angel's message. I wish all our dear people could realize that there will never be a more favorable time than the present to publish and disseminate the message committed to us.

I recently requested every Seventh-day Adventist in Florida—through twenty-four local secretaries—to furnish one name not of our faith, with twenty cents to pay for *Liberty* one year. I trust all who have not complied with my request will do so without delay. Hand in the name and address, with twenty cents, to your local secretary, and he will forward the same to me.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us be up and doing while the day lasts. The night will soon come when no man can work. Pray for me, and may God bless you.

Sincerely your brother,

CHARLES P. WHITFORD.

FOR all who are disheartened there is but one remedy,—faith, prayer, and work.

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CAMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

SOUTH CAROLINA	August 8-18
Spartanburg	
NORTH CAROLINA	August 15-25
Thomasville	
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE	Aug. 22 to Sep. 1
Cleveland (Tenn.)	
MISSISSIPPI	Aberdeen Sep. 27 to Oct. 3
ALABAMA	Birmingham October 3-13
FLORIDA	Tampa October 10-20

OUR readers will note that the first number of REPORT OF PROGRESS is exhausted, so no more copies of this number can be supplied.

WE would call the attention of our readers to the article on "Reporting." Every one may read it with profit, as it is important that all should be faithful in reporting.

M. H. T.

IN a letter just received from Elder L. H. Crisler, he says, "I have been away from home for weeks, and have just returned, and find on my table two copies of REPORT OF PROGRESS. I am delighted with it." That is told in few words, but they are pleasant to read.

THROUGH some misunderstanding, the canvassers' report has not appeared in print for a few weeks past. We beg the canvassers' pardon, and assure them that it was not through lack of interest. We intend to publish two reports this week, and keep square after this.

AFTER the close of the canvassers' institute in Nashville last February, one of our sisters went out to canvass for "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation." She was out about five months, and sold and delivered 522 books. Probably some of these were helps; but isn't that a record for a faithful canvasser? We wish more would go and do likewise.

WE call attention to "An Open Letter," on another page. It is addressed to our Florida brethren; but the bar to the circulation of our literature will operate in other states as well. Every little while something occurs to show us that we are in the eddies of a great social and political whirlpool. And if we do not diligently improve the present hour, we shall be sorry later.

TO OUR READERS

TO SAVE conflicting accounts in this office, we have thought it advisable to ask our readers to send their money orders or money to your state society, or direct to REPORT OF PROGRESS, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

THE first annual meeting of the Alabama Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Birmingham, Ala., October 8, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before it.

A. J. HAYSMER, *President*,
W. H. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

THE GEORGIA CAMP-MEETING

THE Georgia camp-meeting will be held in West End, Atlanta, Ga., August 29 to September 8.

The annual conference will be held at the same time and place. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of our people. We have secured a very desirable location, with plenty of shade and a spring of water on the ground.

The first business session of the conference will be called Friday, August 30, at 9:30 A. M.

After reaching the city, take the West Fair Street car and go to the end of the line, walking one half block to camp, or take the East Point line, getting off at Beecher Street and walk two blocks west.

Remember we do not expect to have a dining-tent this year. Tents will be rented at the usual price. Please notify the writer if you desire a tent, addressing me at Station B, Atlanta, Georgia.

G. W. WELLS.

THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING

THE time is drawing near for our annual meeting. It has been decided, after much counsel and consideration, to hold the Alabama conference and camp-meeting at Birmingham, October 3-13. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M., Thursday, October 3. The first meeting of the conference will be held Sunday, October 6, at 9 A. M.

The camp will be located in a desirable place. We are anxious that all our people shall attend this important meeting. The different officers of the conference will be elected, and much valuable instruction given to our people, just what is needed at this trying time. Special instruction will also be given to our church officers, that our elders, deacons, clerks, and treasurers may learn better how to do the important work laid upon them. We are also glad to state that there will be a canvassers' and workers' institute held during the meeting, which may continue one week after the close of the camp-meeting proper.

We are promised excellent help,—Elder W. A. Spicer, secretary of the General Con-

ference and Foreign Mission Board, Elders J. S. Washburn and R. W. Parmele from Nashville, and Prof. J. E. Tenney from Graysville. Dr. Parmele from Nashville will also be present, and will give valuable instruction in medical and health lines.

None of our people can afford to stay away from this important meeting. Anciently the Lord instructed his people to assemble three times a year for his worship. To those holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude, to make known his wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to his name. "If the children of Israel needed the benefits of those holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict!"

"The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work." "From the beginning to the end, every camp-meeting may be a love feast, because God's presence is with his people." "Let us draw near with true hearts, in full assurance of faith." "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another;" and so much the more, as we see the day approaching.

I know we shall have to make a real sacrifice to attend this meeting; but we cannot afford to stay away. These gatherings will soon be over. May the Lord help us all to see the great need there is of our coming and bringing our children, yes, and our friends and neighbors, to this meeting.

Tents can be rented, if applied for soon, at the following prices: 10 x 12 with floor, \$3.00; without floor, \$1.75; 12 x 14 with floor, \$4.25; without floor, \$2.25. Spring cots and beds can be rented on the grounds. Bring plenty of bedding and wraps to make yourselves comfortable.

There will be a dining tent, where meals can be secured. Single meals, 25 cents, or five tickets for \$1.00. Provisions will also be for sale on the grounds for those who desire to care for themselves.

As we have to buy some new tents, I would be glad to have all who desire tents write to me at Elkwood, Ala., as soon as possible, so that we will be sure to have one for you. If you want a floor in, let us know, and we will have it all ready when you arrive.

A. J. HAYSMER, *for Ala. Conf. Com.*

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