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THY HELP

"He who has helped thee hitherto
Will help thee all thy journey through;
Though rough and thorny be the road,
It leads thee home apace to God;
Then count thy present trials small,
For heaven will make amends for all.

"Lord, go before and point the road;
I know not whither it may lead,
Nor what the work thou hast decreed;
Enough that thou wilt bear the load!

"Let thy sweet presence light my way,
And hallow every cross I bear,
Transmuting duty, conflict, care,
Into love's service day by day."

MIGHTY WORDS

THE words of God, the sacred words of the Holy Scriptures, are mighty in comfort and peace to those in sorrow, perplexity, and conflict. Did you ever in trouble find the psalms of David a comfort? He had many sad and depressing experiences. Of some of these he speaks in some of the psalms. "All thy floods and thy billows have gone over me." In terror and fear he turned with all his heart for help from Him who made the heaven and the earth. Then you will find following the psalms of sorrow and distress mighty notes of triumph. God brought deliverance.

When in trouble, how blessed are the short psalms that follow the 119th. Do you not find them comforting? How blessed are these promises: "The Lord shall preserve thee from evil. He shall preserve thy soul." "Our help is in the name of the Lord which made heaven and earth." "He will not suffer thy feet to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

O the blessed comfort of these promises! O the mighty power of these words! It is the same word that spoke in the storm on Galilee, "Peace, be still," and the troubled heart, tossed on the waves, finds peace and rest and hope; and, lo, the morning of a better, brighter day is dawning. The storm is over, and we are safe, entering the harbor of the city where the mansions are prepared for those who fight the good fight of faith, and trust in the mighty power of his eternal word.

J. S. WASHBURN.

DON'T BE SMART

MY DEAR boy and girl, sometime you will be tempted to try to be witty. You will feel some kind of mysterious impulse to turn the commonplace into mirthfulness. Your brain will run riot in all kinds of smart combinations. You will wish to make some brilliant repartee, some amusing allusion, some subtle saying, some surprising and striking thrusts or parries. If possible to suppress the desire and restrain yourself, by all means do so. The chances are that later in life you will not be very proud of these. They will not look so smart to you.

Much of this life is commonplace. It must needs be so. The habit of constantly trying to make every sentence spoken sparkle and shine with witticism is not a pleasant one. It soon grows exceedingly tedious. But it is a custom which once acquired, is not easy to eradicate.

It gives a decidedly unpleasant sensation to be in the company of one who has thus prostituted the powers of mind and thought. Such persons rarely suspect the real situation. They imagine

that they are very agreeable, because of their ability to "enliven the conversation" by the very thing that to all sensible people is a positive offense.

The jesters, the jokers, the clowns, and the buffoons are sought after, it is true. They are noticed, and laughed at, and sometimes flattered and petted; but after all, "Life is real, life is earnest." Happy, really happy, he or she who recognizes the fact, and while rejoicing in the strength and buoyancy of youth, learns thoroughly that wit is not necessarily wisdom, nor is giddiness and superficial gayety synonymous with *joy and happiness*.

So, my dear boy and girl, if you feel the "irresistible impulse" to indulge in conversation's lighter vein, stop just a moment to think how it would sound twenty years hence. Think, too, how Jesus would do and how you would do if in his visible presence.

You may be sure that in later years you will not much regret the smart things you did n't say. Be kind, be loving, be considerate, be cheerful: be diligent and earnest and true, be thoughtful and thorough and energetic, but — *don't be smart*.

T. H. JEYS.

TO ALL who are waiting our Lord's appearing, I would say, Have you individually watched your soul as one who is co-operating with God for its purification from all sin, and for its entire sanctification to God? By precept and example do you teach the youth sanctification through the truth, unto holiness and obedience to God? or by thought and action do you say, "My Lord delayeth his coming"? — E. G. W.



FROM THE FIELD

FINANCIAL HELP WANTED

THE cause with which we are connected is a rapidly growing cause. It is reaching out to every inhabited spot on this globe. Wherever it effects a lodgment, its work begins of ways as it gathers volume. Schools are established, and health and temperance work is begun. Rooms are hired in which to give relief by bathing and treatments, later sanitariums are provided, and if the work extends, printing facilities are secured and periodicals, tracts, and books are issued from the press. These agencies everywhere follow the introduction of the system of present truth. Especially is this true when this truth extends over large sections of the country. All these agencies are necessary in order properly to equip our cause in its onward march to enlighten the world. The young must be educated; the sick and suffering must be relieved of their ailments, and printed matter must be provided and put in circulation in order to enlighten our fellow-men.

But these instrumentalities cost means; and money must be provided or the cause will be crippled. The opening up of this great Southern field is a case in point. The work here started hard, and its progress has been under great difficulties. The constituency was small, and most of the believers have been poor. The country worked is very extensive, and great difficulties have been encountered. The same principles in substance apply to the work everywhere.

The South is our special field. Its burdens lie heavily upon us. They must be met manfully, hopefully, with earnestness and much faith and prayer.

We wish to speak of our health and sanitarium work. After struggling with great perplexities and many difficulties because of the lack of means, three sanitariums are now nearly if not quite completed, so that patients can now be received with reasonable facilities and have a right to expect proper treatment.

The oldest of these, the Graysville Sanitarium, is now in a most creditable state of efficiency. Patients have come in until there begins to be felt an anxiety for more room for helpers and the family, so that all the space in the main building may be practically devoted to the incoming patients.

The small sanitarium at Atlanta is rapidly approaching completion as far as the money appropriated will go. There will evidently be a lack of means to do all that we would desire to have done. But a vast improvement will have been made, and the institution will afford neat homelike accommodations for the sick and suffering. Every indication seems encouraging for a patronage sufficient for its capacity.

At Nashville we have the largest building provided for sanitarium purposes in the Southern Union Conference. It is located at the capital of the state, one of the most important and influential cities of the South. It occupies one of the most beautiful sites near the city, on ground that is as high and slightly as that of any public building of importance. Out of the fog along the Cumberland River, and away from the dust and smoke of the city, it is certainly "beautiful for situation." From its roof and high veranda there is one of the most charming views of the city and surrounding country to be found anywhere. The building is far enough away from the busy pike and the noise of the cars to afford a delightful quiet for the weak nerves of the sick and suffering. The building and the delightful shrubbery present a most inviting appearance, an ideal place for the purpose for which it was created.

Already patients are coming as rapidly as could be expected, considering how little is known of the institution. We expect to see it filled to overflowing with patients as soon as its desirable qualities are known. Indeed, it is already rapidly filling up. It has pleasant, airy rooms, fine bath-rooms, and is a most pleasant place in every way. Competent male and female physicians are in charge, those of experience.

This Nashville institution is in debt, but not so deeply in debt as many of the other sanitariums have been and are. Arrangements have been made to give ample security to those who will loan money to enable it to meet some of the pressing claims arising from the completion of the building, such as lumber bills and other necessary expenses. The Southern Union Conference Association, a new corporation recently organized at Nashville under the laws of the state and according to the vote of the conference, for the express purpose of holding conference property, has, by a vote of its executive committee, placed itself where it will be responsible for loans made to assist this sanitarium in this its time of great need.

In an article from Elder Daniells, the president of the General Conference of our people, a few weeks since, he heartily endorsed our securing loans from our people to help us to meet this present indebtedness. A few have written in response to this call, and this has

been a great source of encouragement, as some ready money is very much needed. If any should loan us money, we would feel that it was a special favor. Our institutions have not generally paid over four per cent. interest on loans. It is really all that we can afford to pay.

Our institution is a conference sanitarium. No one derives any personal gains from its success. It is a part of the Lord's work in this very difficult field, one of his own special agencies to carry on his work in the world. It is just launched on its voyage of usefulness, to alleviate suffering, relieve distress, save the lives of some one's dear friends, and best of all, to bring to those without hope the precious blessings of God. Why should not the friends of the cause of God in this Southern field who have means at their command freely loan to this noble object funds to help it over this hard spot?

Every institution in this cause has had its own hard spot to climb over, we have just reached ours. We expect that it will be passed in safety; for we have learned through many years of experience that our dear people will not let any institution go under. They will help when the hard spot is reached. We have known this cause ever since it had an existence, and we know that our people are true to the cause they love. We know we have hosts of friends who are watching this Southern work closely. They are interested in its progress. The heavy burdens of it rest with a great weight on some of our shoulders, with at times almost a crushing weight. We have never looked in vain to our dear people for sympathy and help in such crises. We now need your help, dear brethren. We now ask for assistance by giving us loans of money to help us in this institution. We cannot believe that you will stand by and permit us to stagger and fall under the load.

While donations would be specially acceptable, yet our appeal is not for gifts; we ask for loans, which we are sure will be paid without failure. We want a little time to get our paying patronage, and we are sure that the institution can pay its own way out. It is a safe investment. We are sure that the institution is worth over forty thousand dollars. And besides this, the notes will be given by our new Southern Union Conference Corporation, which is backed up by the Union Conference.

Our people have a noble record for the past fifty years. Our regularly organized work has never yet failed to pay its honest debts, never. Banks by scores and hundreds have gone down and under in panics and at other times, but this cause has never failed. This Southern work has passed many a hard spot since the establishment of its organized work here. But its debts have not gone to protest. Our God has helped hitherto. Dear brethren and sisters with some funds in your hands, help us at this time, we ask you, and we are sure that you will never have occasion to re-

gret it. God will bless you in caring for his own precious cause. Try it and see.

Any one desiring to help this worthy cause can send his money to W. A. Wilcox, treasurer of the Southern Union Conference, who will see that your means are received, and give the note of the Southern Union Conference Corporation. State in your letter that the money is for the Nashville Sanitarium. Send direct to W. A. Wilcox, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

GEO. I. BUTLER,

President Southern Union Conference.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, HELD AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., MAY 16 to 20, 1907.

FIRST MEETING, MAY 16, AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President Elder G. I. Butler; Elders J. S. Washburn and G. I. Butler led in prayer.

There were present at the opening Elders G. I. Butler, R. M. Kilgore, A. J. Haysmer, S. B. Horton, J. F. Pogue, W. R. Burrow, T. H. Jeys, G. W. Wells, R. T. Nash, C. P. Bollman, J. E. Tenney, J. S. Washburn, E. H. Rees, and Brethren W. A. Wilcox and I. A. Ford. Later L. A. Hansen and A. F. Harrison came in.

The Chair stated that there were many questions to be settled and perhaps the first to receive consideration ought to be the care of the old people and orphans, as the institutions in which they are at present being cared for at Battle Creek are legally under the control of those who are not in harmony with the denomination. The General Conference Committee took action last October looking to a solution of the question. A committee was appointed to confer with the managers of these institutions and ascertain the number of inmates belonging in the territory of the respective Union Conferences, and the plan adopted by the General Conference was for the Union Conferences to retain the funds received from the April collection for old people and orphans, and care for those dependent ones belonging within their territory. At present there are within these homes at Battle Creek five children and one aged brother who belong within the Southern Union Conference, and the children are wanted by Brother Shireman of North Carolina.

It was voted that Brother Shireman's request be granted until satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Old People.

Elder Kilgore raised the question as to what moves should be taken with reference to the old people, whether they should be referred to the state conferences for maintenance. This matter was referred to the Committee on Plans yet to be appointed.

Elder W. R. Burrow presented the written resignation of J. E. White from the Southern Union Conference Executive Committee, the reason being that he contemplated an early removal from the conference. The resigna-

tion was accepted, and Elder C. P. Bollman appointed to fill the vacancy thus made.

It was voted that L. A. Hansen, chairman of the Medical Board, be instructed to attend the Medical Convention to be held at Washington in June, as the representative of the Southern Union Conference.

I. A. Ford presented for consideration a request, which has repeatedly come to the publishing house for the last two or three years, that a Union Conference paper be published, in which all the local conferences can join, and thus eliminate church matter from the columns of the *Watchman*. The matter was referred to the Committee on Plans.

The tract and missionary work was considered and after some discussion I. A. Ford moved that we invite Sister Tuxford of Washington, D. C., to connect with the Southern Union Conference as secretary of the tract and missionary work. Elder S. B. Horton supported the motion, and it carried.

SECOND MEETING, HELD AT 2:30 P. M., MAY 16, 1907.

It was voted that Elder J. S. Washburn and others present who are not members of the committee be invited to participate in the deliberations of the council.

The Chairman read a list of questions pertaining to the work for the negro race. The matter of providing a medical instructor for the Huntsville School was considered first, and the chairman of the Medical Board was instructed to procure a suitable physician for the school.

It was voted that it is the sense of this committee that the sanitarium work be taken up at once at the Huntsville School, and that announcement be made accordingly in the forthcoming calendars.

The self-sacrificing work of Dr. Isabel and the interest which it has developed at Birmingham was next considered, and after a thorough discussion it was voted that the Southern Union Conference assist Dr. Isabel to the extent of thirty dollars per month.

It was also voted that A. J. Haysmer, L. A. Hansen, and C. P. Bollman be a committee to arrange the ownership and control of the sanitarium work in Birmingham in harmony with the principles of our organized work.

The following Finance Committee was appointed: W. A. Wilcox, L. A. Hansen, I. A. Ford, W. R. Burrow, and A. J. Haysmer; Committee on Plans and Resolutions: R. M. Kilgore, S. B. Horton, A. F. Harrison, C. P. Bollman, and T. H. Jeys.

THIRD MEETING, MAY 17, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Chairman spoke of the Huntsville School mentioning changes in the Board and the perplexing financial situations to be met. The trouble in the past has been that those in charge have not been farmers. Sister E. G. White said, when visiting the farm, pointing to the wild plum trees and bushes, "This is not as it was shown to me," and said as she was shown the farm it was in a high state of cultivation, producing large crops; and when it was brought up to what it should be, the situation would be self-supporting. The Chair further stated that it would cost a considerable

sum to bring it up to what it ought to be, and that we ought to consider the best plans for so doing.

It was voted that Brother S. M. Jacobs be invited to go to Huntsville and spend some time, advising with reference to the work.

FOURTH MEETING, AT 2:45 P. M.

The first item of business considered was the raising of funds for the proposed church and school building in Atlanta, Ga., for the colored people.

Elder C. P. Bollman stated that the sum raised by the Southern Missionary Department would now slightly exceed \$147.65. Elder Wells stated that the colored brethren are selling a club of sixty *Watchman* each week and placing the proceeds of the sales in the building fund. Also that the *Signs of the Times* had donated thirty papers per week for six months to this work, which they also expect to sell.

It was suggested that the *Watchman* might make a donation of papers also, and I. A. Ford, the business manager of the Southern Publishing Association, replied that with the consent of the Board the Association would donate forty *Watchman* per week for a like period of time to this work.

It was voted that Mrs. Mettie S. Lenker attend the convention at Mount Vernon, Ohio, to consider the Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' work.

Elder W. R. Burrow stated that there was a matter which he wished to have considered, and to introduce it requested Elder J. S. Washburn to read a Memorial from the Tennessee River Conference to the Southern Union Conference relative to the educational and sanitarium work for the colored people in Nashville. Under date of Dec. 4, 1906, the Testimonies say on this subject:—

"Those living in places where the work has been long established should remember the needs of the preparatory work to be done in Nashville. This place has been selected as a center because of the large educational institutions situated in and near it. In these institutions there are those who are doing a noble work for the people of the South. They must be given an opportunity to hear the message that is to prepare a people to stand in the day of the Lord."

Again, under date of Oct. 26, 1902, occurs the following: "The work in Nashville is important. If the workers labor earnestly and judiciously, there will be conversions to the truth in the schools of learning that have been established in Nashville for the colored people."

The statement that follows was written Nov. 24, 1903: "Nashville has been presented to me as the most favorable center from which to do a general work for all classes in the Southern States. In and near Nashville there are large institutions of learning which should be respected by our people. Their influence has made it possible for us to carry forward successfully many lines of work from that center."

These statements, with others of like tenor, clearly show why Nashville has been selected

as the headquarters for our work; but as yet practically nothing has been done in the lines indicated, and it would seem that not even a plan had been made to do the work that must be done in these educational institutions.

Ought not immediate plans to be laid for wise, judicious work in connection with these institutions? How can we neglect the one special thing that has brought us to Nashville rather than to any other place in the South?

We call attention to an extract from an article written by Mrs. E. G. White for the *Signs of the Times*, entitled, "An Opportunity to Help a Needy Cause." "In Nashville I found a little sanitarium fully equipped, and patronized by the better class of colored people. This is the only sanitarium we have for the colored people in the South, and it is sadly in need of assistance. Liberal gifts to this enterprise would be pleasing to the Lord. The establishment of this institution on a permanent basis will be but the beginning of a great work that must be done in the cities of the South. We have delayed long enough in the establishment of sanitariums and treatment rooms in which colored men and women can minister to the physical as well as the spiritual necessities of their fellow men."

Recently, however, this little sanitarium, for which Sister White appealed so strongly, has been entirely closed. Not only, according to the Testimonies, is there necessity for the establishment of a sanitarium for the colored people, but also for a school. Under date of Nov. 4, 1903, we find this statement: "A school for the colored people should be established outside the city of Nashville on land that can be utilized for industrial purposes. God himself has wrought to bring together in Nashville workers who are specially fitted to reach the colored people, and raise them from their degradation."

Thus it is clearly evident that there should be both a school and a sanitarium for the colored people in the vicinity of Nashville.

The Testimonies clearly indicate that, when the work is closed for the colored people in nearly every part of the South, wise work can still be carried on in Nashville. What a wonderful field is open in this medical missionary work for the colored people.

It was voted that J. S. Washburn, C. P. Bollman, W. R. Burrow, I. A. Ford, and L. A. Hansen be a committee to formulate plans looking to the establishment of these enterprises at Nashville, and present them to this council for consideration.

FIFTH MEETING.

At the next meeting this committee reported as follows:—

"Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has repeatedly urged upon us the establishment of a sanitarium and school near Nashville, for the colored people, we recommend, That immediate steps be taken to accomplish this, also—

"1. The appointment of five persons to constitute a committee on location, plans, and finances, with power to act as rapidly and fully as conditions and success in the procuring of means will permit.

"2. That the location of this work be out-

side the city, on a farm of from twenty-five to fifty acres, if possible.

"3. That the plans for this work shall cooperate with the work at Huntsville.

"4. That means for this work be secured by correspondence, through the *Gospel Herald*, and the church organ for the Southern Union Conference, and later on by articles in the *Review*."

The recommendation was adopted, and it was voted that the committee to have this work in charge should limit their operations for the present to the sum of \$10,000. The committee as elected, consists of I. A. Ford, W. R. Burrow, C. P. Bollman, W. A. Wilcox, J. S. Washburn, E. H. Rees, and P. E. Palmer.

SIXTH MEETING, MAY 19, 1907.

Elder C. P. Bollman introduced the following resolution:—

"Whereas, There is a crying need in the Southern Field for experienced colored laborers, therefore—

"Resolved, That we earnestly request the General Conference to arrange for the return of Elder M. C. Strachan to Nashville at the earliest possible moment."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Professor Tenney spoke of the Educational Convention in session there, mentioning several who were specially helping. He spoke of the object toward which, as Educational Secretary, his efforts had been directed: 1. Uniform text-books, stating that this is about to be consummated; 2. System and unity in reference to the ability of teachers, and he hoped that all would see to it that the teachers qualified. Another point which it was desired to gain was a system of uniform examinations. There has been advancement along these lines.

Elder Butler spoke of the work at Madison, and raised the question as to what the conference should do, if anything, toward the support of the Madison School. He said that in the recent past at least a half dozen Testimonies had been given in which the school is mentioned in a way to commend it.

Elder Washburn read extracts from a letter written by Sister E. G. White, in which she stated that it would have been pleasing to the Lord had we divided some of the means coming to this field with the Madison School.

Upon motion it was voted that we reconsider the action taken by this committee at its meeting in Graysville, in January, in reference to the division of the unappropriated \$3,000 of the \$50,000 fund coming to this field, and divide it equally between the Graysville, Nashville, and Atlanta sanitariums, and the Oakwood and Madison Schools, thus giving each institution \$600.

Elder Horton spoke of the New Orleans enterprise, stating that by September 1 there would have to be \$3,000 paid on the purchase price of the property, and from that time forward the payments would be \$50 per month with interest at six per cent. and that he was endeavoring to make some terms whereby some of these notes might be paid before maturity.

SEVENTH MEETING, 2:30 P. M., MAY 19, 1907.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following report:—

"1. We recommend that when there are no Sabbath-keeping relatives fitted to take charge of the orphans among our people, the church elder or deacon advise with the president of the local conference relative to finding homes for such orphans.

"2. That all funds collected for the care of orphans be held in trust by the Union Conference Treasurer, to be used (a) in defraying the expense of finding homes for orphan children; (b) in assisting, as may be found necessary, in educating said orphans.

"3. That the new association for holding conference property be incorporated and organized as soon as possible, and that it receive at once, (a) the title to the conference lots located on the east side of 24th Avenue in Nashville; (b) title to the Nashville Memorial Church, cor. 5th and Fatherland Streets; (c) title to the proposed sanitarium and school for the colored people at or near Nashville.

"4. We recommend that the affairs of the Southern Conference Association be wound up as soon as possible, that all property now held by said Association in trust for the Southern Training School and Graysville Sanitarium be deeded to said corporations, and that all property now held by the old association be transferred to the new corporation.

"5. That C. L. Kilgore be asked to arrange the transfer of property, and to wind up the affairs of the Southern Conference Association.

"6. That pending the winding up of the affairs of the Southern Conference Association, all salaries cease, except such as shall be paid to C. L. Kilgore for his services in closing the affairs of the Association.

"7. We recommend the establishment of a Southern Union Conference paper, to be an eight-page bi-weekly, at 25 cents per year; the expense of publishing such paper to be pro-rated between the state conferences according to membership, they to receive credit for all subscriptions secured within their respective territories."

The report was adopted by considering each item and the vote was unanimous.

EIGHTH MEETING, HELD MAY 19, 1907, AT 7:45 P. M.

It was moved, "that all property, together with the liabilities, now under the management and control of the Southern Training School, be transferred to the school; and that all property, together with the liabilities, now under the management and control of the Graysville Sanitarium be transferred to the Sanitarium."

Before the motion was put to vote, it was definitely stated that this included the liability for the support of Sister Beath, and with this understanding the motion carried.

It was voted that the Southern Educational Association be accepted as the legal name of the Southern Training School, and that those composing the Association shall be the school board.

Upon motion it was voted that the Southern Union Conference Secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps to organize the new conference corporation.

NINTH MEETING, MAY 20, 1907, AT 7:30 A. M.

The matter of support for the aged people among us was discussed, and the following motion was offered: "That we view with interest, and concern ourselves with the cases, of the indigent aged people within our field, and that we invite the consideration of their welfare by individuals, families, churches, and conferences, as will be expedient, and conserve all interests involved." The motion received a second and was spoken to by Elder Butler, who stated that it was his judgment that all the cases with reference to the support of the indigent aged people and orphans of the denomination, in the Southern Union Conference, should be passed upon by the Southern Union Conference. After some further remarks by others, the question was called, and the motion passed.

The following resolution was then introduced by Elder T. H. Jeys, Resolved that it is the sense of this body that in matters of worthy orphans and old people, the following steps should be taken:

1. The relatives of the parties interested should first feel the burden of care;
2. The local church;
3. The local conference;
4. The Union Conference.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL PROPOSED BY PROF. J. E. TENNEY.

Professor J. E. Tenney requested the committee to consent to his establishing a small industrial school for worthy young people, a place where they could entirely work their way. He said that he had a great burden for this work, and would do it without any expense to the conference; and while the students were working their way, he would work his. He would still be willing to fill the position of Educational Secretary if it was so desired, but so far as salary was concerned, he would expect to be largely self-supporting.

By vote Professor Tenney's request was granted.

Elder Parmele spoke of arrangements which had been entered into between the different schools and the Southern Publishing Association, whereby students could earn a year's scholarship by selling books and turning the entire proceeds over to the publishing house. The amount for one year's schooling at the Southern Training School is \$200, and for Keene, \$210. He inquired if some arrangement could not be made whereby a similar opportunity could be offered those desiring to attend the Madison School.

Professor Sutherland replied that the management of the school would gladly enter into such a plan, and it was finally decided that the value of books sold for one year's schooling at Madison should be \$210, on account of the term being ten months.

It was voted that for the purpose of carrying out the resolution which was passed at a previous meeting relative to publishing a conference paper, that the officers of the Union Conference who are located at Nashville confer with the management of the Southern Publishing Association and arrange for its publication.

Moved, by Professor Tenney, that the pro-

posed union conference paper be called REPORT OF PROGRESS. The motion was supported and carried.

Voted that C. F. Curtis be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Atlanta Sanitarium Board.

Adjourned *sine die*.

G. I. BUTLER, *President*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

A NEW conference appears in the ranks of the Southern Union. Now every division of the field is organized. At the South Carolina camp-meeting, held in Spartanburg, August 8 to 18, it was voted to organize this mission field as a conference. Elder Butler, as president of the union, presided in the meetings.

There were four churches to compose the organization, having a membership of one hundred. These are Spartanburg churches numbers one and two, and Campobello and Brushy Creek. There are fifty-four Sabbath-keepers in South Carolina who have not yet joined the church, and it is expected soon to organize other churches. Six were baptized at the camp-meeting, and four or five others who presented themselves will be baptized later.

The usual committees were appointed, and the conference business was carried through with workmanlike dispatch. The following officers were elected: President, R. T. Nash; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Eva C. Champlin; Executive Committee, R. T. Nash, C. F. Dart, Wm. H. Rahn, E. W. Carey, H. B. Gallion; State Agent, C. F. Dart; Secretary Sabbath-school and Young People's Work, Mrs. Eva C. Champlin; Educational Secretary, C. F. Dart; Religious Liberty Secretary, E. W. Carey.

The brethren and sisters felt that the organization of the conference brought greater responsibility upon them, and hearty words were spoken in pledge of faithfulness in sustaining the work. Credentials were voted to R. T. Nash, ministerial licenses to E. W. Carey, D. E. Blake, and W. M. Crothers, and missionary licenses to C. F. Dart, W. C. Rahn, and Elizabeth McHugh.

The Lord has blessed the work in South Carolina during the last year. This smallest of the conferences in the Union is vigorously growing. Their tithe is \$1,646.25, an increase of \$552. The book sales were \$6,235, a splendid gain as compared with the previous year's sales of \$3,782. Twelve canvassers have been in the field this year. The testimony of the canvassers was uniformly one of courage and inspiration. South Carolina, among all the states of this Union, shows the highest percentage of gain in total Sabbath-keepers during the year. The gain was 37 per cent.

The conference discussed and passed resolutions covering the different plans of work being carried out in this Union. The missionary society is to be revived, and it is hoped that agents may be found to sell the *Watchman* in the flourishing cities of this state. A

canvassers' institute is to be held next winter. Local Sabbath-school conventions were recommended. It was voted to endeavor to open treatment rooms in the city of Spartanburg.

The \$150,000 fund was presented by Elder Butler on the last Sunday morning, and the little company present quickly pledged \$162, to be raised by January. This makes over \$300 for South Carolina. This example of liberality in so needy a field ought to stimulate all to earnest efforts to quickly complete the fund. A good contribution was made to the tent fund, and money was raised to supply the magazine *Liberty* to the legislature.

There has been a good interest and attendance on the part of the public. Brethren Nash and Crothers are continuing the meetings. The visiting laborers at the meeting were Brethren Butler, Parmele, Van Kirk, Blake, and the writer.

W. A. SPICER.

WORK IN FLORIDA

SINCE July 1 my time has been occupied in visiting the churches and companies in Florida, and holding meetings with them. I came to Tampa, where we held a tent-meeting last spring. A great many here are still interested. A little Sabbath-school is held every Sabbath at the home of Sister Clara Furman. She would be glad to receive letters of encouragement from some of the brethren and sisters. Her address is 1211 13th Ave., Ybor City (Tampa), Fla.

At Lakeland we have a faithful little company as the result of our last camp-meeting. They are still working to complete their church building. I pray that the rich blessing of the Lord may rest upon this band of faithful believers.

At Orlando I held a few night meetings before the time for the quarterly service. On Sabbath, July 6, the Lord greatly blessed this church. Two were converted, one was baptized by the elder, F. R. Lester, in the beautiful Rock Lake, and four were added to the church. May the Lord bless those who have newly taken their stand for the truth.

At Oakland I visited Sister Rebecca Patterson, who has stood alone for a great many years. After living the principles of the truth before her husband, he has at last taken his stand with her, and they are much happier together.

On Thursday, July 11, I went to East Palatka. The little company here are trying to stand for the principles of the truth. After spending Sabbath and Sunday here, I thought it necessary to continue the meetings. We were favored with excellent congregations. The first week three were converted, and the second week two more saw the light of the blessed truth. One of these was the husband of Sister W. W. Bruce, who for eight years has stood out against the truth; the other is a missionary Baptist minister. They were thoroughly convinced by the word of God that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord.

How glad we are to see the growth of this little company. We believe a bright future

awaits them. We have already begun to lay plans for a church building, and we hope soon to see it erected.

We also wish to call attention to our annual camp-meeting, which is only a few weeks in the future. We hope all will be on the camp-ground in Tampa. Those who have not begun to lay by means to attend this gathering, should remember that the time is short. Let all begin now to plan to be present.

We hope this will be the best meeting ever held in Florida. Why should it not be? If we will all come, putting away our sins, and reconsecrating ourselves to God with an eye single to his glory, we shall find the Lord precious to our souls. O how he longs to come close to his people, and prepare them to withstand the evils of these last days. Isa. 26: 20, 21.

We hope, in our next report, to give an account of the rest of our churches and companies throughout the state.

J. W. MANNS.

ALABAMA CAMP-MEETING

THE colored people of the Alabama Conference will hold their camp-meeting at Birmingham, October 3-13, the time when the white people will be holding theirs. We have the promise of good help from the Union Conference, as Elder R. W. Parmele, who has been laboring in the Kansas Conference, will speak at times for the colored brethren. Elder T. B. Buckner, J. L. Crichlow, and other local talent will render assistance at this meeting, and Dr. L. C. Isabel will give lectures daily on health and temperance.

Let every colored Seventh-day Adventist attend the camp-meeting. Come and visit the Birmingham Sanitarium, the only colored institution of its kind in the world run by Seventh-day Adventists, and in charge of a colored physician of our faith. This institution is a credit to the cause.

We shall have a dining-room on the camp-ground, in which meals will be served on the European plan. Let every one bring bedding. If any desire further information, correspond with Elder A. J. Haysmer, Elkwood, Ala., R. F. D. 2.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

Warren and Delaware Streets, Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA.

We began a tent effort here May 8, and have been going on with the meetings since that time. The interest is good, and we are having good success. The congregations have been as high as two hundred and fifty, and seldom less than one hundred ever since the beginning of the meetings. As a result of this tent effort there are twenty-five new Sabbath-keepers. Among this number is a man who is a good English and Spanish teacher. He taught Spanish in Central America, and was a translator in the government service in Mexico. He is twenty-seven years old and was educated in British West Indies. The membership of our Sabbath-school has in-

creased to about thirty-five. When we came, it was thirteen. The colored work is onward here. My desire is to go on with it.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

THE CUMBERLAND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

THE first formal announcement of this little "school in the wilderness" is now ready to be sent out. I should be glad for each friend of the school who desires to have a copy. Five years ago this school was started in the tent in which we lived. We are still at the same place, though the rural delivery has changed our address from Earleyville to Daylight, Tenn.

Every inch of our progress has been strongly contested. But we have stood at our post, as sentinels on duty; and while at times the signals of distress have waved, or wavered, in our hearts, yet we have not beat a retreat nor raised the flag of truce with the enemy of this great cause. To its advancement we have pledged our lives and our all. We have often been perplexed, but never in despair; sometimes "in necessities, in distresses," but not yet "in stripes" or "imprisonments." Many times our experiences have led our thoughts to 2 Cor. 6: 10: "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

It has been our one undying, unchanging purpose and enthusiasm,—the advancement and progress of this most holy faith. To help train workers for this cause our little school was established and is maintained. Paul asked forgiveness of the Corinthians for not allowing them to share in his burdens. I feel now that we might have accomplished much more for the precious cause in the South if we had let our needs be known to those whose hearts still throb with the burden of this great message. Even now our buggy, bought second hand, is broken down, and we have to borrow a conveyance to meet pupils at the station. Our dormitory is yet to be plastered. We need a mate to our one mule to make a good team for the farm work. Should this notice fall under the eye of some faithful steward of some of the Master's goods who feels that we might be trusted with part of his stewardship, and so share the privilege of building up the work in this Southland, be assured it will be accepted as a trust from our heavenly Father.

We want to plant out a number of peach trees and various kinds of small fruit. Do you want to help us?

Send for our catalogue anyway, inclosing a stamp. If you know of some worthy young person who loves this cause and ought to be in school, ask him to write to us. It has been my earnest hope that we might offer a place of training where both teachers and pupils could support themselves. And this idea of self-support is one reason why I have not made more frequent and stronger appeals. This is why I have labored for years without any certain source of support except through Him who has called me to the work. And this appeal would probably not have been

written but for a brother just come from the North being in one of our meetings in which I related some of the circumstances of the establishment of the school. He asked the privilege to speak, which was granted. He said his heart had been stirred as he had listened; that the school needed financial assistance; that if I would go North I could get help; and that he would give five dollars toward paying my fare.

I did not see how I could go. I had not the strength of faith Brother White had when he went to the station without a dollar to pay his fare. But as I thought and prayed over the matter that night, I decided to take the five dollars, and start out to find some help. I am now at the home of our Union Conference organ. Its good offices have come to my aid, and through its columns I can visit many more than I could reach in person. Our little catalogue will tell you more about our work; and if you want a share in helping, you will surely share the blessing and reward.

Yours in the Master's blessed service,
CLIFFORD G. HOWELL.

Daylight, Tenn.

OBITUARY

ARMSTRONG.—The wife of Elder W. H. Armstrong and the eldest daughter of Brother and Sister R. T. Underwood died of neurasthenia at the home of her parents (Waynesville, N. C.) Aug. 10, 1907, and was laid to rest August 12, in the Waynesville cemetery. Her age was 36 years, 10 months, and 10 days.

The funeral sermon, founded upon 1 Thess. 4: 13-18, preached at the Baptist church, clearly set forth the condition in death, the blessed hope of the soon coming Saviour, and the glad reunion of the righteous at the resurrection from the dead.

Sister Armstrong fell asleep in the consolation of this blessed hope. She leaves a devoted husband, father, mother, six brothers, and seven sisters to mourn her loss.

R. T. NASH.

OUR TRACT AND MISSIONARY MEETINGS

"THE tract and missionary work may be defined as the promulgation of the third angel's message through our lay members. Its visible fruits are manifest in the distribution of leaflets, tracts, and periodicals, the giving of Bible readings, making missionary visits, relieving the distressed—in short, the doing of everything in our power to bring all our neighbors and friends to a saving knowledge of the truth."

Right planning and right faithful reporting in these days means having a firm grasp upon our missionary work, but in all our work, one necessary element of success is the personal fidelity of its members to the purposes of the organization, and their individual faithfulness in carrying out its work. The tract and missionary society must have system in all that

STATE AGENT'S REPORT FOR THE GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Rate per Hour	Value of books del.	Yet to be delivered	Profit on books del.	Profit hour
No. 1	D&R sofp	474	163	\$508.25	\$1.07	\$336.90	\$...	\$168.45	\$.35½
No. 2	CK	766	283	425.00	.55	326.75	...	163.37	.21½
No. 3	D&R CK	110	61	102.50	.93	36.45	...	18.22	.16½
No. 4	MISC	54	66	65.00	1.20	25.25	...	12.12	.22½
No. 5	D&R	11	6	10.50	.95	10.75	...	5.37	.49
No. 6	D&R sofp	89	25	56.75	.61	15.50	20.00	7.75	.09
No. 7	CK	192	199	235.50	1.22	123.75	25.00	61.87	.32
No. 8	CK	174	70	79.75	.46	45.25	22.00	22.62	.13
No. 9	D&R CK	111	162	266.00	2.39	90.75	168.00	45.37	.40½
No. 10	BFL CK	52	29	41.50	.80	18.00	20.00	9.00	.17½

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

is undertaken. God is a God of order and system.

"Not with tame lifeless means is the work to be done, but with clear decided efforts and decision of character. Hundreds are waiting for the warning to escape for their lives; the world needs to see in Christians an evidence of the power of Christianity.

"Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. From every direction, from far and near, are coming calls for help. God calls upon his church to arise, and clothe herself with power."

Last week we told how the Individual Missionary Report blank should be filled out by each member. * This week we append the Librarian's Statement for a full month. With these new blanks, which have been prepared expressly for the librarians, it will be found very much easier to figure out how much missionary work the church does in a given month, than it was when the old quarterly blanks of three months were used.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

LIBRARIAN STATEMENT.

Missionary Report of the Church For Month Ending	190..
No. Local Tract Societies.	
No. Attending Society Each Week.	
No. Missionary Visits.	
No. Periodicals Loaned.	
No. Periodicals Given Away.	
No. Periodicals Sold.	
No. Books Loaned.	
No. Books Sold.	
No. Tracts and Pamphlets Loaned.	
No. Tracts and Pamphlets Given Away.	
No. Tracts and Pamphlets Sold.	
No. Letters Written	
No. Letters Received	
No. Bible Readings Held	
No. People Attending Readings.	
No. People Interested.	
No. People Accepted the Truth Through Readings Held.	

Remarks

Signed

At the recent camp-meeting held by the Tennessee River Conference, a great many good resolutions were made, and I shall earnestly pray that they will all be fully carried out by each church and each church-member, because every church-member is a member of the missionary society. I will quote these

resolutions, so that every member and every reader of the REPORT OF PROGRESS may have them:—

"Whereas, In the early days of this work the efforts of the missionary societies have proved a most efficient means of spreading the truth, therefore —

"Resolved, That we urge our churches everywhere throughout the conference to revive the missionary societies, and through them to seek to spread the truth by —

"1. Taking clubs of our papers, and sending them out to individuals.

"2. Following up this work by missionary correspondence.

"3. Keeping a reading rack in some public place supplied with reading matter on present truth.

"4. Doing personal work among our neighbors by use of the 'Family Bible Teacher.'

"5. Selling our literature set apart for the use of home workers.

"6. Engaging in missionary correspondence with those whose interest in present truth has been awakened by the efforts of the canvassers."

These are some of a great many resolutions that were passed, and our periodicals received a large share of attention. I would call your attention to the circulation of the *Watchman*, and the need of all our churches sending their subscriptions in now, as the *Watchman* subscription price will be raised to \$1.25 beginning with the first week in October. Will it not be better for every missionary society and every missionary member to send in orders at this present time, and so save this twenty-five cents?

The *Watchman* is our Southern paper, and has also entered the list as an aggressive missionary periodical, and we find the following instruction was received through the spirit of prophecy: "Should the *Watchman* occupy territory outside of the Southern States? One night I seemed to be in a meeting where this question was being discussed. . . . One of authority arose and said, The Lord God of Israel sees the selfishness of the human heart. Let those who are interested in our two older papers beware of allowing selfish plans to find a place in their work. The *Watchman* is to have a place in the field at large. It bears a message of truth as verily as do the *Review* and the *Signs of the Times*. You are to be careful not to hinder the *Watchman* in its work. It will accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work in all parts of the world. Its field is

wherever subscribers can be found for it."

What are we going to do about these instructions? Are we going to let some one else do this work, and so lose the blessing there is in it for those who are anxious to do the work, but are sometimes hindered because they wait until they see those who are older take hold? Satan would have us do this, and to believe there is plenty of time in which this work may be done. Read Isa. 60: 1, 2.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD.

CANVASSING REPORT

Of the S. U. C. for Two Weeks Ending Aug. 9, 1907

NAME	Name of Book	Hours' Work	Total Value	Value B'ks Delivered
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
C C Howell	1 wk. D&R	16	15 00	92 75
C A Griffith	3 wks. sofp	106	109 75	
O A Priege	CK	70	25 55	102 30
R I Keate	CK BS GP	83	63 10	116 75
L W Dortch	1 wk CK MISC	18		58 50
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
A K Baker	BR&B	100	116 50	
L D Van Voorhis	BFL NTP	42	41 00	35 50
Bertha Adkisson	BFL	56	15 00	25 25
L S Melendy	CK NTP	25	33 00	22 25
O L Dart	3 wks. BFL NTP			107 00
M J Weber	1 wk. GC	36	54 00	75
J A Caldwell	1 wk CK NTP	9	4 75	2 50
Goldie L Baldwin	CK	42	24 80	23 80
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
C M Tucker	GC	72	52 00	23 00
W A Robison	CK	33	35 75	9 75
E C Dettweiler	CK	64	17 90	33 10
T H Dobb	MISC	63		17 50
J H Robison	sofp	8	8 00	7 25
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
H F Courter	CK	43	26 00	4 25
Mrs A L Manous	D&R	27	31 50	1 00
J A Kimmel	D&R	61	116 00	7 00
E R Button	D&R	54	137 50	7 70
Mrs E R Button	CK	29	43 50	5 75
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
Daisy L Berry	1 wk. CK BS GP	30	17 75	1 00
Ethel Row	CK BS	28	19 50	3 50
I T Reynolds	MISC	36	40 00	60 00
O F Frank	1 wk HBOFMM	26	165 00	7 00
Mrs A E Frank	1 wk. BR		19 00	15 05
Florence Thompson	1 wk MISC	30		20 75
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
H G Miller	GC	41	15 50	15 25
Goldie McRae	1 wk MISC		4 25	4 25
Ira Young	CK	59	63 00	7 50
Mattie S. Reynolds	CK	44	34 00	6 10
W E Lanier	sofp	73	5 75	7 75
O B Newton	CK	29	42 75	48 17
	CK	33	16 25	35 25
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
H B Gallion	CK	55	59 75	26 75
Mrs H B Gallion	1 wk. CK	15	4 45	52 45
S. H Swingle	1 wk. sofp	20	42 50	50
F A Evans	1 wk. sofp	29	45 00	7 00
J B Rise	1 wk. CK	32	2 75	13 25
Mrs E A Wing	1 wk CK sofp	4	7 00	9 00
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
Mrs B A Philpott	1 wk D&R NTP	8		15 25
Chas. Romines	1 wk. D&R	40		85 00
J T Eaton	1 wk. BFL	12		34 70
Roy Romines	1 wk. BFL	10		20 00
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference		293	213 40	370 30
Cumberland Conference		310	289 05	217 05
Florida Conference		240	113 65	90 60
Georgia Conference		214	354 50	25 70
Louisiana Conference		150	261 25	107 30
North Carolina Conf.		279	181 50	124 27
South Carolina Conf.		155	151 05	108 95
Totals		1,841	1,564 40	1,044 17

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CAMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

MISSISSIPPI	Aberdeen	Sep. 27 to Oct. 3
ALABAMA	Birmingham	October 3-13
FLORIDA	Tampa	October 10-20

ELDER J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH has moved from Mountain View, Cal., and his address is now Healdsburg, Cal.

ELDER E. W. WEBSTER, who has resided at Dayton, Tenn., R. F. D. 2, has now moved to Graysville, Tenn., and his address will be Care Sanitarium, Graysville, Tenn.

H. C. BALSBAUGH, 821 South Sixth Street, Paducah, Ky., would like copies of the *Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Life and Health*, tracts, etc., for missionary work. Send post-paid.

A SPECIAL temperance number of *Life and Health* has been prepared for September. This is now ready to mail. It is a 40-page number, and will be sold to agents in lots of twenty-five or more copies for three cents per copy. It will retail for ten cents per copy.

It will be a splendid number to sell, and we trust our churches will take an active interest in its circulation.

For further information concerning this special number of *Life and Health*, see the second page of the *Review* for August 8.

Send all orders for the temperance number to the state tract society.

TAKE NOTICE

WILL our subscribers, when sending in money or names for REPORT OF PROGRESS, be particular to tell just which conference should be credited the amount, as this will save trouble in the future, when the amounts will have to be adjusted to the different conferences. If you will do this, we shall feel grateful.

M. H. T.

FLORIDA, ATTENTION!

W. H. HALL, Bartow, Fla., has resigned his position as state conference treasurer, and Mrs. R. G. Stringer, Bartow, Fla., has been appointed to fill the unexpired term. So please make all checks, drafts, money orders, etc., payable to Mrs. R. G. Stringer, Bartow, Fla., as Brother Hall will be in California, and will be hard to reach.

L. H. CRISLER, *Conf. Pres.*

FOUND!

FOUND in the ministers' tent at the Denver, Tenn., camp-meeting, a copy of "Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8," bound in red Russia, limp covers. The book, which contains no name or other mark of identification, will be sent to the first claimant upon receipt of six cents to pay postage.

C. P. BOLLMAN,
North Station, Nashville, Tenn.

NOTICE

THE work of the Southern Publishing Association is growing so that it must add to its force of workers. This makes a splendid opportunity for young people to learn the trade and become permanent workers in the message, by helping to prepare the literature being circulated by canvassers and others. At the present time, there is an opportunity for several young women to connect with the work in the book bindery. Persons are desired who have had a good Christian experience, and who can furnish references from their home churches.

This opportunity is not open to persons who wish to spend a few weeks here and then take up something else, but those who desire to thoroughly learn the trade and continue with us so long as their services may be needed.

For further particulars, address Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

DOES IT PAY?

IN these times of prosperity, when employment is easily found and good wages are paid in all lines of work, it is interesting to note by the actual statistics given, that those who engage in the spread of the third angel's message by selling the printed page are able to make as good wages as individuals working at trades, besides having the more enduring treasures laid up in heaven.

A study of the state agents' report of the Georgia Conference shows that nearly all received a much larger compensation than they could have received working at an ordinary trade. Another interesting thing in connection with the report, is that those who are handling the large book, "Daniel and the Revelation," made the best report. We call especial attention to this, and recommend to our canvassers who have had an experience, that they use large books as far as consistent.

In conversation with one of the state agents in this field, a few days ago, he stated that he believed "Daniel and the Revelation" was one of the easiest selling books that we have. From the experience of canvassers this statement has been fully demonstrated.

The canvassing work is continually increasing, yet there is room for many more to engage in it. As we near the fall of the year, let us remember that this is the very best season of all to enter into the work heartily and roll up a large list of orders to be delivered between the present time and Christmas.

Any who read this and are interested in

the work should write to their state agent. If you do not know who your state agent is, write to this office, and we will cheerfully give you the information.

I. A. FORD.

TRAINED LIBRARIANS

IN view of the great need of more thoroughly qualified and trained librarians, and to assist the churches in leading out in missionary work, in the distribution of tracts, the use of the "Family Bible Teacher," taking subscriptions for papers, and the sale of our forty-per-cent. books, I think it would be well if in each of our churches we could select a suitable person for this work, whose duty shall be to visit and by actual canvassing and house-to-house work, as well as by oral instruction, train suitable persons for this work.

It would be well for all our librarians to procure a copy of the book, "Missionary Ideas." Study it carefully and seek to arouse a special interest in missionary work. This book is very suggestive, and cannot fail to be a help to every missionary worker whose heart is filled with a sense of his mission in the world. This missionary work should have the same fostering care as the other departments of the conference. The price of "Missionary Ideas" is sixty-one cents, post-paid, and it can be procured at this office. Please send all orders to us.

M. H. TUXFORD.

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 offerings 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 quite largely made up by the children.

A statement dated March 8, 1907, sent out in the interest 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.

PUBLICATIONS WANTED

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

N. B. KING, Clarksdale, Miss., desires copies of *Our Little Friend* for free distribution. In all cases send postpaid.