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THREE THINGS

"Know this, ye listless denizens of earth,
Know this, ye seekers after joy and mirth,
Three things there are eternal in their worth.

"Love, that outreaches to the humblest things;
Work that is glad in what it does and
brings;
And faith that soars upon unwearied wings.

"Divine the powers that on this trio wait,
Supreme their conquest over Time and Fate.
Love, Work, and Faith—these three alone
are great."

THE MORNING CONSECRATION

At our first waking moment our hearts should be lifted to God for his help and blessing for the duties and perplexities and battles of the dawning day. Yesterday perhaps was full of disappointment and failure, and before us is something that terrifies us. At the very threshold of the day's conflict, lift your heart to the Father in heaven. Should discouragement at that time, and paralyzing fear, seem to overpower you, say, "O Lord, truly I am thy servant. Thou hast forgiven. Thou hast received. Thou hast helped me in trouble. I give myself to you, and all these burdens and cares and temptations and conflicts, for this day. Keep me according to thy promise each moment under the shadow of thy protecting wing. Help me to win some victory over my natural weaknesses, over the enemies within and without, to comfort and to bless some other soul in sorrow and darkness."

How can we begin the day without a thought of God? How can we begin the day without consecration to him of soul, body, might, mind, strength, and

heart? This morning consecration means a day of victory. Forgetfulness to give ourselves into his hands for the day may bring us in an unguarded moment into a snare. Shall we not pray at this time, and then without ceasing?

J. S. WASHBURN.

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS, did you ever think how much time you really waste in the course of a day? If not, try it some day. You will be surprised to see that the leak is so large. I do not refer now to time spent in good healthy sleep. That time is not wasted. It is the waking portion of life where there is greatest danger. Many a boy bemoans his hard lot, his lack of education, his meager advantages, who, if he should choose to do so, could by a careful conservation of his wasted minutes get a good education.

Much of our waste of time rises from lack of a definite purpose. Unless we have something really planned to occupy our spare minutes, we shall waste them. Thoughtlessly, aimlessly, like the butterfly flitting from flower to flower, we shall pass through the precious days of probation without having made preparation for the problems of life.

Girls, don't spend your time in the cheap small talk of the day nor in poring over the story paper. You are throwing away that which will be valuable to you.

Boys, instead of congregating at the corner grocery to make and take questionable conversation, better smuggle into your room a double barreled arithmetic and spend the time in arresting some

knotty problem in the rule of three. You will get more real fun out of it and infinitely more profit. Any boy who grows up to manhood without a good fund of general knowledge gives unmistakable evidence that he has wasted his time.

"Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours; each set with sixty diamond minutes.

"No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

T. H. J.

"THERE is a large number of professing Christians who do not really follow Jesus. They do not bear the cross with willing self-denial and self-sacrifice. Although making a high profession of being earnest Christians, they weave into the fabric of their characters so many threads of personal imperfections that the beautiful pattern is spoiled. Of them in effect Christ says: You boast of being rich and increased with supposed spiritual attainments. In reality you are neither cold nor hot, but are filled with conceit. Unless converted, you cannot be saved; for with your unsanctified wisdom you would mar heaven. I cannot endorse your spirit or your work. You do not act in accordance with the divine example, but are following a pattern of your own invention. Because of your lukewarm condition I must spew you out of my mouth.

"I, your Redeemer, know your works. I am familiar with the motives that prompt you to declare boastfully, in regard to your spiritual condition, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.' Thou 'knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.'"



FROM THE FIELD

THE OCTOBER COLLECTION

THE time is rapidly approaching when this October 5 collection will be taken up. Only for a brief period can we consider it in our papers, as the time is so short, and only for a little while the attention of the people can be called to it. But when the importance of the objects for which the collection is taken is considered, then truly we can discern the necessity for it. The education of poor people in the South, and those who have been wofully deprived of the educational advantages that many others have enjoyed is greatly involved in the taking of this collection. It was hard for the Israelites to make brick without straw. Armies cannot go forth to conquer without the sinews of war.

Neither can schools for the poor, for the unfortunate, be maintained without means. Schools in order to exist must have houses and rooms provided where schools can be convened. They must also have teachers to instruct them. These teachers cannot live on air. They have to have clothes to wear, and food to eat, and there are various other facilities which must be provided in order that they may carry on their beneficent work. Either our people in the North must earnestly assist in this work, or the work will be terribly crippled or stopped entirely.

The Southern Missionary Society has for years made it a special feature of its work to keep up these schools. Yea, they have founded other new enterprises of this sort, pushing out further and further into the dense fields of darkness and ignorance. This special work has had the strongest possible indorsement from the servant of the Lord. Many pages of strong appeals from her pen exist, filled with the most feeling, tender, earnest appeals to our people to help by their means to supply the needed funds to keep these schools in successful operation, so that the young people may grow up instructed in the way of love and salvation, and also that they may learn things that qualify them to become useful members of society with ability to help others. Can our dear brethren and sisters who have means pass by unnoticed, as the Pharisee and the priest did the man who fell among thieves, the poor unfortunate, most needy children in the South who are perishing, and who have no chance to secure an education?

The Southern Missionary Society, organized as a helpful agency to fill this position, has

in the past done a great deal of good in this grand work. Its affairs are now conducted in a most orderly manner, open at all times to a full inspection by any who care to know about them. It is simply a department of the Southern Union Conference. Its secretary, Elder C. P. Bollman, spends his entire time in supervising its operations. He has valuable helpers assisting him in the work. The chairman of the society is the president of the Southern Union Conference. We know of no good reason why such a management should not have the confidence of our people. But however safe and careful the management may be, they can do very little without means to use to accomplish the important objects for which the society is organized.

Besides the schools to be kept in operation, the society lends a helping hand to assist in building meeting-houses where small companies are brought out into the truth who are unable to build them alone. Much of such valuable work has been accomplished already. Crying need exists at the present time for just such buildings. In some cases these little church buildings are constructed so that the upper room is used for church purposes while the basement of the building is used as a school-room. These buildings are not costly, but neat, comfortable, creditable, and a wonderful blessing to the struggling little companies who have accepted this unpopular truth.

Then, again, in the Southern Union Conference the collection to be taken October 5 will also be used to assist the Oakwood Training School near Huntsville, Ala. A great change for the better is being inaugurated in connection with that school. The change is no great and wonderful sudden affair that has taken place, but rather quite a number of minor circumstances all in the line of improvement.

1. The seeming calamity of the burning down of the old building, which has been since replaced by a far better one, really worked for the good of the institution. The people everywhere were aroused to sympathy in its behalf, and there has been an increase of interest in its work.

2. A medical department has been created in the school, and a good physician has been employed to train nurses as well as to help the suffering. This is a very important change for the better. Also a small sanitarium is to be installed.

3. The quality of the students has been greatly improved. Instead of boys and girls in the school, we now have young men and women who are of sufficient age to realize the value of education.

4. There has been a change for the better in the management of the farm and the raising of the crops. Efforts are being made to improve the fertility of the soil. Such a farm as the one there should be developed until it will raise all that it is possible for the land to produce. When this is done, it will be

quite a recommendation to the school. This can be done, and should be done, and *must* be done. We trust that the efforts will not slacken until the desired results are reached. Other improvements also are being made.

Now, brethren and sisters, do you want to help us to bring around these splendid improvements, and thus make our Huntsville School a grand success? Then begin by helping us with a large October collection. We are most earnestly solicitous in regard to these matters. We have set our hearts on seeing this Huntsville School a great success. It has had a hard and checkered experience in the past, and has passed over very many hard spots. Never did it seem as hopeful as it does now. The writer has long been before this denomination. He is one of the "old hands," and has held many and important positions in connection with this cause. He has had to do with many important enterprises. How many of them have turned out to be failures? If he has any judgment or understanding of such matters, this institution is just entering upon a career of prosperity. If our people will help us over a few more hard spots, we are sure that they will not have occasion to regret it. Help this very important department in the Southern Union Conference by a liberal collection Sabbath, October 5.

Geo. I. Butler,
President Southern Union Conf.

THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE fifth annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in connection with the camp-meeting in the town of Boyce, La., July 19-28, 1907. A pleasant grove had been secured, and accommodations were arranged for all who wished to come. Meals were served in a building located a short distance from the grounds. Delegates from nearly all the churches and companies were present, though not so many as all would have been glad to see.

We were privileged this year to have with us an officer of the General Conference, Elder Spicer, Secretary of the General Conference and Mission Board. Brother Spicer entered actively into the different phases of the meeting, and his services were much appreciated. There was also with us Elder R. W. Parmele, who represented the publishing house of this field. He and Dr. Lydia K. Parmele came at the first of the meeting and rendered valuable services. Prof. J. E. Tenney, the educational secretary of this field, was also present, much to the satisfaction of all. Elder Rees, the Southern Union Conference auditor, also contributed to the success of the meeting.

Conference sessions were held during the day, as well as revival services, young people's meetings, and health and temperance talks by Dr. Parmele. The evening meetings were devoted very largely to doctrinal discourses, and some interest developed. Eight persons were baptized in Red River, whose shores bordered near the camp-ground.

The reports of the different departments showed an encouraging condition. One

church had been organized at Newellton, and on motion it was admitted into the sisterhood of conference churches. Another company will soon be ready for organization at Jennings and another at Hammond.

As this was an annual meeting, the election of officers took place, resulting as follows:—

President, S. B. Horton; Secretary and Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Saxby, of Welsh, La.; Secretary of Sabbath School, Young People's Work, and church schools, Miss Kate C. Bickham, of Hayes, La.; Field Missionary, I. T. Reynolds, of Pineville, La.; Secretary of Religious Liberty Department, S. B. Horton, office 810 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans; Conference Committee, S. B. Horton, H. S. Roach (Shereveport), M. D. Broussard (Hobart), C. A. Saxby (Welsh), I. T. Reynolds. The Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists: M. D. Broussard, E. E. June, H. S. Roach, C. A. Saxby, H. E. Heald, L. P. Broussard, and S. B. Horton.

Subsequent to the adjournment of the conference the Executive Committee met, and adopted the following plans:—

1. That the large tent be continued at Boyce to give further opportunity for hearing the message on the part of the people of the village.

2. That a tent effort be made at DeRidder, to be conducted by Prof. W. E. Straw and B. L. Roberts.

3. That Miss Kate C. Bickham be relieved of the office of Sabbath-school Secretary on account of her other duties as teacher, etc., and that Miss Ruby Roach be invited to take the office thus vacated; provided that the compensation usually allowed be equally divided.

At a meeting of the Louisiana Conference Association the following actions were recorded:—

Officers of Board of Trustees: President, S. B. Horton; Vice-President, H. E. Heald; Secretary and Treasurer, W. P. McLennan.

On motion of H. S. Roach and seconded by C. A. Saxby the president was authorized to negotiate a loan of sufficient sum to meet the note of \$1,500 against the New Orleans property, which will become due Sept. 1, 1907.

The Office of both the Conference and the Association is No. 810 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Conference:—

1. *Whereas*, The blessing of the Lord has attended the work in the Louisiana Conference during the past year, giving success to the laborers so that one new company has been joined to the sisterhood of churches, and another is reported as ready for organization; success has attended the efforts of the faithful canvassers for both books and papers; the fruits of the labors of our church-school teachers and Young People's societies are apparent, advance moves have been made in our work in New Orleans, in which our general organizations are taking part; and our laborers have been kept in health; therefore—

Resolved, That we express our deep grati-

tude to God for his prospering hand, and the blessings that have attended the work in our conference the past year.

2. *Whereas*, The Lord has said that there shall be delay no longer in the finishing of this work which is to extend to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and whereas in the early days of this work the efforts of the missionary societies 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 out papers 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.

3. *Whereas*, The Lord has said that if there is one work of more importance than another it is that of getting our literature before the people; and whereas our time for labor is growing short, and it is evident that the work will close first in the South, therefore—

Resolved, That during the coming year we will give greater encouragement to the canvassing work:—

(1) By engaging in it ourselves, either entirely or in part.

2. By our prayers, our sympathies, and if need be, our means, encouraging others to enter and continue in the field.

4. *Resolved*, That we indorse the plans recommended for a larger circulation of the *Watchman*, and promise to co-operate in this—

(1) By subscribing for it ourselves.

(2) By securing subscriptions for the journal.

(3) By engaging in the sale of the paper as far as consistent. And we hereby recommend to the Conference Committee the selection of suitable persons to devote their entire time to missionary work and the sale of the *Watchman* in the large cities of our conference, and that such persons be remunerated for their services by a reasonable number of copies of the *Watchman* supplied by the conference.

5. *Whereas*, The Southern Publishing Association has offered a year's scholarship to those selling \$200 or \$210 worth of books, and turning in the entire proceeds; therefore—

Resolved, That we will encourage our youth to take advantage of this plan, and will assist them in the accomplishment of the undertaking in every way possible.

6. In view of the encouragement and mutual help that is received in reports of the progress of the cause in our own and sister conferences, be it—

Resolved That we heartily indorse the move

made by the Southern Union Conference in starting the bi-weekly paper called REPORT OF PROGRESS, and pledge to it our share of support.

7. *Whereas*, Continual efforts are being made by would-be National Reformers to secure such legislation as will abridge the rights of conscience, therefore—

Resolved, That we encourage our people everywhere to earnest efforts to enlighten the public in reference to the real issues at stake by—

(1) Becoming subscribers to the publication called *Liberty*, and securing subscriptions from others.

(2) Supplying this journal to all the members of the legislature in the state regularly, and that the expense for the legislature subscriptions be met by the conference.

(3) By engaging regularly in the sale of the paper.

(4) By giving the Religious Liberty Leaflets a wide circulation.

(5) By using the public press as a means of disseminating the truth concerning this question.

(6) By encouraging our Young People's Societies to place into the hands of other young people the Special Christian Endeavor number of *Liberty*.

8. *Resolved*, That we seek to arouse the public to the evils of intemperance, and to create a public sentiment that will demand the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

9. *Whereas*, In the providence of God a building for mission headquarters has been secured in New Orleans, we do hereby express our deep gratitude for this advance move, and—

Resolve, That we will do our part toward meeting the purchase price and maintenance cost of the same.

10. *Whereas*, Funds are frequently needed in the operation of the cause, for which it would be inappropriate to use the tithe, therefore—

Resolved, That we consider the General Conference as a general fund.

11. *Resolved*, That a fund be raised by voluntary contributions and pledges to be used for tent and camp-meeting expenses.

12. In view of the shortness of time and the rapidity with which this work is closing and the urgent necessity of speedily finishing the work of raising the \$150,000 fund—

Resolved, That we make an earnest effort to complete Louisiana's quota before the close of this meeting.

13. Since there is now in our conference a legally organized body known as the Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, in which it is safe to vest the titles to our denominational property; and since in these days of apostasy and death the titles otherwise vested render the properties insecure to the cause of God; therefore—

Resolved, That we urge the necessity of the titles of all denominational property located within this conference being vested in the Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and urge those having these mat-

ters in charge to take immediate steps to accomplish this end.

14. The attention of the delegates has already been called to the fact that our canvassers are continually finding isolated persons who have become interested in the truth, some of whom can neither write nor read writing, therefore—

We recommend, That a laborer or some laborers be chosen to spend the entire time in following up the canvassers and by personal visits instructing such persons in all points of the message.

15. The General Conference and the Southern Union Conference have dealt very liberally with the Louisiana Conference, rendering us financial assistance, providing for this meeting efficient public laborers, and giving assistance otherwise, therefore—

Resolved, That we do hereby express our gratitude for these favors, and press on more faithfully than ever for the closing of this work.

16. *Whereas,* The summer season is the busiest time of the year, and the weather very warm and oppressive, therefore—

We recommend, That the Conference Committee carefully consider the advisability of holding the next camp and conference meetings during the fall or winter months.

17. *Whereas,* We have during this meeting been accorded many courtesies by the city officials and the citizens of Boyce, therefore—

Resolved, That we hereby express to the said officials and citizens our hearty thanks for their many favors.

18. *Whereas,* The general press of the state of Louisiana has given us kindly notice and the New Orleans *Picayune* and the Boyce *Advertiser* have opened their columns to reports of our meetings, therefore—

Resolved, That we take this means of expressing to these journals our gratitude for courtesies thus extended. And we instruct our Secretary to forward copies of this and the former resolution to the two papers named with the request that they be given publication.

19. *Whereas,* The Lord has spoken so definitely concerning the education of our children and youth, and the results of Christian education are very apparent in this conference, therefore—

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to greater activity in establishing church schools and give to them a large share of our sympathies, prayers, and means.

20. *We recommend,* That our churches everywhere encourage the young people to bear responsibilities by inviting them to lead out in the hour of worship, and to hold office in our Sabbath-schools and churches.

21. *Whereas,* The convention of young people assembled at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, have adopted the name Young People's Volunteer Missionary Department for the work of the young people, therefore—

Resolved, That in harmony with this the work in Louisiana be given the new name.

22. *We recommend,* That our Sabbath-schools be encouraged to hold local conventions the coming fall and winter.

23. *Whereas,* Much light has been committed to this people on the subject of health and temperance, therefore—

Resolved, That we urge our people everywhere to more fully inform themselves regarding these principles, by carefully studying our denominational literature on the subject; that special study be given "Ministry of Healing," and that we subscribe for *Life and Health*. We further recommend that these principles be more fully followed out, so that by precept and example we may impart to those not of our faith the light on this subject.

S. B. HORTON, *Pres.*

THE NORTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

THIS excellent camp-meeting is past, and so far as the writer could ascertain, it was the general consensus of opinion of ministers and people that it was the largest and best camp-meeting ever held in the state. The North Carolina Conference is not one of our largest state conferences by any means. Probably one hundred and twenty-five of our people enjoyed the benefits of the meeting.

Elders Spicer, Parmele, and the writer were present as general laborers from abroad. Elder Walter J. Blake was present to represent the interests and needs of the Huntsville School and to secure pupils for it. This school needs the very best class of mature pupils obtainable, and the pupils greatly need the school. We were very glad to have Elder Blake, the principal of the school, attend the camp-meetings throughout this field to present the importance of this institution in them. We hope it may result in drawing pupils from all parts of this Union Conference. This is as it should be.

Elder Van Kirk, the principal of the Graysville School, was also present, representing that prosperous institution.

We reached the ground from the South Carolina meeting Monday noon. The meetings preceding were spoken of as being very spiritual, and there was an excellent influence prevailing.

We had in the past attended several camp-meetings in the state, when there seemed to be a lack of union existing. All seemed to feel that the lines of difference had been obliterated in this meeting, and a blessed state of union prevailed throughout. How sweet and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity. The spirit of union and love is the very thing that will prepare God's people for the final closing of the work and the loud cry of this message. This spirit ever characterized the loving relationship existing between the Father and the Son, and between the holy angels in all their heavenly intercourse. The apostles and others just previous to the pouring out of the pentecostal shower, were "all with one accord in one place." Not a jar existed. They had been seeking God most earnestly, and his Spirit came with power in response. The spirit of Satan has always been the spirit of selfishness, the spirit of criticism, fault-finding, discord, contention, strife, hatred, bitterness, and self-

seeking. It is blessed to have the former and sad to have the latter. All felt it was good to be at the camp-meeting. A precious spirit of union prevailed. Some old difficulties were settled and amicably arranged.

Elder T. H. Jeys was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. The canvassing work has made marked and rapid growth the past few years. The number of believers also has been increasing. Still there is chance for improvement in the evangelical work of preaching the third angel's message "in the regions beyond." This must ever be, in this movement, the leading object. The vast territory unentered in this great Southland demands the most vigorous efforts to enlighten those who know not the message. Nothing can take the place of this. The Testimonies teach that our own people must look after the prosperity of the believers already in the truth, while the great work of our laborers is for the unwarned masses.

The revival meetings were earnest seasons of seeking after God. Many came forward for prayers. Tears of repentance and confession were shed. Old wounds were healed, and God's blessing brought a precious experience to hearts who surrendered to him. Six were baptized on the closing Sunday. The place of meeting was very pleasant. It was a very beautiful grove just in the outskirts of the pleasant little city of Thomasville. There was quite a fair attendance from the city nights and Sundays.

In closing we can hardly refrain from mentioning one item not often included in a camp-meeting report. Yet it is worthy of being mentioned often when the proper conditions occur. Under the efficient management of Brother W. L. Killen, we had the best arrangement and food to supply the wants of the campers and the visitors we have ever seen. Some three years ago we had his services at a similar meeting in Florida with like results. Good, nutritious, well-cooked food was served in abundance at the rate of fifteen cents a meal. There was no room for any reasonable person to complain. The camp was almost entirely free from sickness. All seemed to be perfectly satisfied with the treatment they received. So satisfactory were the arrangements that almost the entire camp chose to eat at the tables set, as they found it preferable to trying to prepare their own meals. In this way they had no trouble whatever in getting their meals on time, so they could attend all the meetings promptly.

It is a pleasure to speak in behalf of the traveling ministers who attend not one camp-meeting merely, but eight or ten camp-meetings in succession. They surely appreciate such treatment as we received in North Carolina. We could wish that every camp-meeting could have the services of Brother Killen to manage their eating arrangements. And another interesting item, the financial results came out on the right side of the ledger. There was a profit of some twenty or thirty dollars to the conference, and everybody was pleased. It is a proper thing to recognize such service when we find it.

THE CLEVELAND, TENN., CAMP-MEETING

THIS camp-meeting was held August 22 to September 1, in Cleveland, Tenn. Those best informed were sure that two hundred of our people, first and last, had the benefits of the meeting. Of course some came to the first of the meeting and stayed until about the middle, then went home so that other members of the family could come and enjoy the last of the meeting. The congregations in the middle of the meeting were not so large as on the Sabbaths and Sundays. Some forty tents were pitched on the ground. The encampment was on open ground in close proximity to the little city of Cleveland, not a tree near by. This place was selected so as to be convenient for the citizens, as it was hoped by this means to secure good congregations. These hopes were very fully realized. Throughout the meeting the attendance from without was excellent, and many of the people seemed to be much interested.

The writer arrived on the ground Monday A. M., and in a very little season later was in the desk, speaking to those present. The spiritual atmosphere seemed free, and the speaking easy. The Lord's Spirit was present, and the word seemed to touch hearts. Elder Parmele came from the North Carolina meeting early enough to be at the first part of this meeting, but he left for the Atlanta meeting to be present at the very first part of that. Elder Tenney participated in the labors of the meeting, but was not present many days. Elder Spicer and the writer remained until the last day.

The business meetings of the conference were held a day or two earlier than the regular appointment, so that no time was spent in the regular appointment in considering business items. Some liked this arrangement, and others did not like it so well. There was no interference of business matters with spiritual interests; yet the business was all done by the delegates with very few of the laity present. It must be evident that the general interests of the conference would be far less understood and receive far less attention than if they were discussed in the presence of our people generally. Then they become conversant with all that is done in the conference, and they know why such and such things are done.

Elder J. F. Pogue was re-elected president of the Cumberland Conference. Elder Pogue, formerly of Minnesota, has been laboring in this conference for a year and a half, and God has blessed his labors. A goodly number have embraced the truth under his ministry. His presidency has been successful, and there is a better degree of union in the conference than has been seen for years. All seem to be in harmony.

The Cumberland Conference is having a good degree of prosperity of late. Many workers are manifesting a good degree of interest in the canvassing work. Our periodicals are being circulated more of late, and many signs of an awakening are apparent. Every such omen is encouraging.

The Graysville church-members probably outnumbered all others present. The cause seems onward at Graysville. The Sanitarium, now about finished, is filled with patients, so that nurses and other helpers have to be housed outside of the institution. The addition to the school building is rapidly approaching completion. The heating apparatus for school building and dormitory is to be installed, so that the school premises will be greatly improved. The evidences of prosperity in the sanitarium certainly are very encouraging.

The last Sabbath of the meeting was a day of great blessings. The talk of Elder Spicer in the early morning meeting was most excellent. The writer spoke at 11 A. M. on Christ's counsel to the "little flock." Luke 12. This counsel is to that people who are waiting for the Lord to come after the "wedding" has taken place in heaven. Then he comes to take his people to the "marriage supper of the Lamb," when Jesus will come forth to serve them. Then will he set those "miles of tables" of which the servant of the Lord speaks, loaded with the heavenly fruits of that heavenly land. Other things also were mentioned, — the class who say, "My Lord delayeth his coming," and put off the coming of Christ, being swallowed up "with the cares of this life," and who lose their love for the blessed truths which we as a people have believed, and have sought to impress upon all hearts.

Elder Spicer gave the people "meat in due season" in the afternoon, and there was a blessed revival service. Fully one hundred came forward for prayers. Many confessions of sin were made, and tears flowed freely. It was an excellent meeting. Ten were baptized. There was a large attendance from the city at the night services.

The early morning service on Sunday was taken up in efforts to raise the \$150,000 fund, or the share of it belonging to the Cumberland Conference. In each camp-meeting earnest efforts have been made to secure liberal contributions to this fund. The matter was laid before our brethren and sisters clearly, and the importance of raising our portion was made emphatic. Our brethren have taken hold nobly, and we have great hopes that if our people at the remaining camp-meetings do as well, the balance will be raised. That will be a grand day for this poor Southern field. Then we can all shout for joy. Upwards of \$370 was pledged to be paid before the first day of next January.

Then after breakfast we had a rousing good interest considering the canvassing work and especially the circulation of the *Watchman* in the various towns and cities of the Southern Union Conference. It was one of the most stirring meetings we have had thus far. A good many are getting ready to move out in this important branch of the work. The meetings on Sunday were well attended by the citizens of Cleveland. Altogether this camp-meeting was considered to be the most important one ever held in the conference. There was seen the greatest spirit of union. No criticisms were heard; all seemed to be well

pleased, and hopeful of excellent results in the future.

The Cumberland Conference is one of the very strongest conferences in the Southern Union, doubtless the wealthiest of all. The Graysville church is the largest and wealthiest church of any in this Union Conference. May the Lord help it to lead out strongly in the very good work.

G. I. B.

ENCOURAGING OMENS

Remember October 5.

THE work which we represent in the world is moving with most encouraging rapidity. Our work in this country has been doubling every ten years, but the indications are that it is now advancing at a rate even more rapid. In countries outside of the United States, the work is developing still more rapidly than in the United States. In the South our membership has been doubling every five years. In proportion to the membership, the South has a larger number of canvassers in the field doing successful work than any other part of the United States. The work for the colored people also is moving on most encouragingly. A report from Sidney Scott, which appeared on page 17 of the *Review* of August 22, gives such encouraging indications that it ought to thrill every one interested in this work with new courage and determination to do the missionary work that is needed to be done for this people more earnestly, wisely, and hopefully than ever before. I can do no better than to quote certain portions of this article:—

"The work in the Southern field is moving on rapidly. The work for the white people is far in advance of that for the colored. . . .

"The Southern field is a great missionary field, with peculiarities not found in any other place. The soil is very stubborn. Prejudice is great. In the South are some precious souls who will respond to the truth when it is presented. . . .

"The negroes of the South are not all worthless, as some newspapers put it. There are many who are intelligent, cultured, and refined. Some own good property, with money in the bank. The writer knows of one whose wealth, in cash, is three hundred thousand dollars. The negroes pay taxes on sixteen million dollars' worth of property; and this has been acquired since the Civil War. There are many large schools for the colored people.

"Fifteen years ago there were not over twenty colored Seventh-day Adventists south of Mason and Dixon's line; but to-day there are seven hundred. Twelve years ago there was only one colored Seventh-day Adventist church; to-day there are fifty. Fourteen years ago there were only two ministers; to-day there are forty-five in the United States. The tithes of the colored people last year in the United States amounted to five thousand dollars; fifteen years ago it was not over fifty dollars. One year ago there was no sanitarium for the colored people in the whole denomination where modern methods were used;

to-day there is one in Birmingham, Ala., with Dr. L. C. Isabel as chief physician. Thirteen years ago we had no colored Seventh-day Adventist physician; to-day we have five practicing, using modern methods. . . .

"Is any one sorry he has donated means to the colored work? Up to seven years ago, there was never a tent-meeting held for colored people; to-day there are six tent companies in the field, in charge of colored ministers. Five of these are south of Mason and Dixon's line, and one north. By the time this reaches the readers of the *Review*, the number will be increased to nine. . . .

"The Lord is coming in this generation; millions of the South's black population must hear the truth. Cast your bread upon the Southern sea, with your gifts and offerings doubled. 'Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power.'"

An annual collection is taken for the work among the colored people every year. This time that collection falls on Sabbath, October 5. That there may be an earnest and generous donation is of the utmost importance to this work. Our people send money and men to carry on the work in Africa. It should be remembered that in our own land are those who need the truth of the third angel's message as much as those in Africa, and that through a peculiar providence they have been brought to our own doors that they might receive God's saving truth, and send the same back to their own native land. What a training field for missionaries to Africa the South must and will become before the close of this work!

There is one thing to which I wish to call attention; that is, that while \$50,000 from the \$150,000 fund has been given by our people for the work in the South, it should be remembered that nearly forty thousand dollars of that amount was appropriated for the building up of institutions for the white people, and only a trifle over six thousand dollars went directly to help the work for the colored people. It is true that all these institutions helping the work here in the South will indirectly help the work for the negro, yet another fact should be considered, and that is that while the attention of our people has been absorbed in the raising of the \$150,000 fund, one third of which came to the South, many who had been giving regularly their donations for special work among the colored people, have not given so much as formerly for that specific work, and thus, strange though it may seem, the donations for the special work for the colored people have been cut down very much during the raising of the \$150,000 fund. This was the peculiar and probably unlooked for result of the effort to raise this donation of fifty thousand dollars for the South; and yet those who have been especially interested in the work for the colored people have realized, and do now, that unless a special effort is made at this October collection, financially the work for the colored people will be more crippled for lack of means than for a long time before.

We know that the attention of our people is still absorbed in the raising of this \$150,000

fund, and many may have an impression that a great work has been done for the colored people in the raising of this fund. We would call the attention of such to the above facts, and most earnestly request the largest donation on October 5 that has ever been given to this special work. There are many difficulties in the work here, and these difficulties will increase.

This is the home of the American negro, and there are many problems and difficulties in connection with the work that cannot be understood by those who are not on the ground. The South holds within its borders a most excellent class of people. The white people are intelligent, hospitable, and friendly. They have done much for the colored people. No one in the North should misunderstand the situation here, but all should unitedly lift mightily to help solve the great problem which can only be successfully worked out by the gospel through the uplifting and educating power of Jesus Christ in this last glorious message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Who will help? Remember. Do not forget to be ready against the day of this collection, October 5.

J. S. WASHBURN.

SOUTH CAROLINA

OUR camp-meeting held at Spartanburg, S. C., August 8-18, has been very successful both as an inspiration to our own people and as a channel of light to those who attended from the city and the surrounding country. A good number have acknowledged the truth, and some have begun to obey. The attendance from outside at night has been excellent. The 40x60 foot tent has been overflowing nearly every night, and the attention could hardly be surpassed.

Our visiting brethren aided much in this meeting, and the impression left on the minds of the people through their labors will help us greatly in our future work. Our missionary operations in all the world, as related by Elder W. A. Spicer, opened the eyes of many as to the rapid strides the message is making in all lands.

Elder G. I. Butler occupied the eleven o'clock hour each day while here, relating the early experiences of the Advent people. We value this knowledge, imparted to us by this experienced and tried servant of the Lord.

We were also blessed with messages direct from the throne through the instrumentality of God's own appointing. How thankful this people should be for the light and timely instruction received through the spirit of prophecy. Surely this gift shines out more clearly, and this people are only strengthened, by the terrible time of shaking we are now experiencing. The old ship, though somewhat shattered, is plowing her way through the icebergs toward the heavenly port.

During this meeting the South Carolina mission field was converted into the South Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and launched by experienced hands. And although her soldiers are few, every gun is

loaded, and every man at his post for the awful conflict. We would therefore inform our Union Conference that South Carolina is on the field, as we hope and pray, to do her part and never shirk duty; and South Carolina is looking for every church-member in the state to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Be faithful in seeking God; faithful in studying your Bibles; faithful in teaching your children; faithful in supporting your church school; faithful in assembling together in Sabbath-school and meetings; faithful in your canvassing work, Bible work, and preaching; faithful to God in paying your tithe; faithful in letting your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and be led to glorify your Father which is in heaven.

At this writing, August 30, our tent is still up and the services well attended each night and on Sundays. Those who take part in the preaching are W. M. Crothers, E. W. Carey, and the writer. Sisters McHugh and Martin are giving health talks and F. A. Evans and Sister Dart are holding children's meetings.

Spartanburg is stirred with the message. Pray for the work here. R. T. NASH.

SOUTH CAROLINA

THE prospects of the future progress of the truth among the colored people in this state are very encouraging.

The almost impenetrably dark clouds of opposition which seemed to settle wherever we tried to plant the standard of truth are shifting, and all along the line we are seeing the light beaming from interested and earnest hearts.

We have just closed a successful camp-meeting session in Spartanburg, leaving many who before were indifferent to the truth, deeply interested, and we believe that some of these will take their stand for it.

On account of the urgent calls for help from the little companies in the southern part of the state, I had to leave the interest in Spartanburg for the present.

I spent several days in Darlington with the little band there. A sister from the adjoining town joined us Sabbath, the 24, ult., and we had a very enjoyable day.

We who are blessed with the privilege of association with others of like precious faith, can hardly realize what such a privilege is to those who are isolated; to these the words,—
"Mid scenes of confusion and creature complaints,
How sweet to my soul is communion of saints,"
have a deep significance.

We had meetings every night while in Darlington, to which the neighbors were invited, and the response was very gratifying. The last night the room was well filled with an earnest, interested audience, who listened attentively to a study on the judgment, many of them expressing their deep interest in the study at the close.

I left the company strengthened and encouraged, and determined, not only to be more

faithful to the Lord themselves, but also to do all they can to bring the truth before their friends and neighbors.

From Darlington I came on to Charleston to make preparations for starting a school here this fall.

The Lord has blessed us in securing a suitable place in a fine neighborhood, and the prospects are very bright for a successful school. We have secured some seats at a reasonable rate; the man from whom we bought them gave us a reduction on learning the purpose for which we want them.

We are of good courage in the Lord and in the speedy triumph of the truth. We feel sure that these encouraging conditions are evidences that the Lord is finishing his work, cutting it short in righteousness, and we certainly desire, and intend to have a part in this glorious work.

D. E. BLAKE.

236 Coining St., Charleston, S. C.

STATUS OF THE CANVASSING WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

BELOW is a part of the report of the canvassing work as given at the recent camp-meeting at Spartanburg.

For the seven months of the present year, twelve agents have reported.

Hours work	4,362
Orders	4,396
Value books delivered	\$2,061
Profits per hour	22 I-2c.

For fiscal year ending July 31, 1907.

Agents reported	12
Hours work	9,115
Orders	6,155
Number of books delivered, including helps	6,235
Value of books delivered	\$4,728.02
Profits per hour	26c.
Approximate number of pages	2,000,000

This is nearly four pages to every one in the state that can read.

There is a gain over the last fiscal year of more than \$2,000 worth of books delivered, and 10 cents more profit for each hour's work. We do praise the Lord for this.

The above success is due, not to the amount of money in the land, but to the faithful efforts of devoted, consecrated workers.

C. F. DART,

Field Missionary Agent.

MINUTES OF TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

THE second meeting of the newly organized tract and missionary society of the Nashville Seventh-day Adventist church was held in conjunction with the weekly prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening, Aug. 28, 1907.

A paper from the pen of the society's president was read by her. The theme considered in this reading was, "The Duties of Officers." The organization of this society is a step in the right direction, for the Lord has said to us through the Testimonies, "Well organized work must be done in the churches, that their members may understand how to

impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it."

This good reading closed with the thought to be borne in mind that though *means* and *methods* may be devised by the society, and its *organization* and *system* be *perfect*, yet if its members have not the life of God within, have not consecration and faith, all endeavors will be in vain.

The plan of taking a club of *Watchman* for missionary use, either by mail or judicious distribution, was proposed by the president. This met with the hearty approval of all present, and it was agreed that a club of three hundred could be used and wisely handled by this society.

Brethren I. A. Ford, Wallace, and Dortch, and Sisters Baxter and Tuxford subscribed to take twenty-five copies each week, making a total of 125 copies of the *Watchman* weekly, opportunity remaining for subscriptions in subsequent meetings, as 175 are yet required to complete the club of three hundred.

The meeting adjourned with singing.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD, *President*,

MRS. CURTIS, *Secretary*.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

A BROTHER in the Mississippi Conference writes in a most encouraging way about the missionary work, and the prime reason why the most of the societies have about died out, and that is the debts very many of them have had to carry in the past. Let us abolish the credit system, and by so doing we shall save any amount of trouble to ourselves and the publishing house, and so be an independent society. This brother says:—

"I was quite well acquainted with the operations of our tract societies of fifteen years ago, having served as local librarian for several years, and I believe this work should in the main have continued, and that in most places it needs reviving.

"We have one strong local society. We had a small society in Vicksburg, but our librarian has moved away. But to my mind one very perplexing thing which did much to break down this work was the credit business. Nearly every society got into debt to the state societies, and they to the publishing houses, and it took years for the few faithful ones to lift this load of debt. I cannot say that I think this credit business should be revived. It is a wrong education for our people. Some object to reporting; but I see no reason for this, as the spirit of prophecy has never condemned it. It seems to me the Young People's Society and the regular church tract society should simply be departments of the same work."

In answer to a letter written to Brother I. T. Reynolds, he says, "Until my return

home I will not be in a position to send you any more names for correspondence. In fact, our societies in Louisiana are getting so well aroused to the importance of missionary correspondence that they are using about all the names I have at present."

This is truly encouraging, to know that the Lord is impressing some of the tract and missionary members to do this work, and the Lord will bring the blessing to every heart that is pushing out, and working for the salvation of souls.

Mrs Mary M. Crawford writes:—

"I can say that I am heartily in favor of this line of work and will do all in my power to see that something is done about it in this conference. However, I have been trying hard to get the young people of our denomination in Mississippi to do more missionary work. Some of our Young People's Societies are doing excellent work in scattering papers and tracts. The need of holding regular missionary meetings, and of planning and working together as a church for enlightening those in the darkness of error, should be presented to them in a strong light. As churches, we need to be constantly at work for those around us, and the more systematically we work the better.

"Certainly there is a need of reviving such work. The church-members need to be aroused to their duties along such lines, and it may take a great deal of *blowing of trumpets* to awaken them. But if once thoroughly aroused, they will do something, I'm sure. Such work needs to be systematized and carried on regularly."

Brother Killen writes from Thomasville, N. C.:—

"Well, I hardly know what to offer as a suggestion in arousing an interest in active missionary work among our people. We must do something, and that soon, or we shall find that we are losing ground, and this will never do. In the Archdale church we have an excellent company of young people, who need to be set to work. They have received some instruction, but they need to be set to work distributing papers and tracts, writing letters, and mailing reading matter. This can be done.

"Now I will tell you what I am doing. I have three children, the eldest is eleven, next six, and the next three years of age. I am getting a club of the *Watchman*, and have my children sell them each week, and they sell them each one from the least to the greatest. They enjoy it, and I expect to see them do it all their days. The eldest has been selling papers and tracts ever since she was three years of age. I would like to see the churches doing this work."

These letters are very encouraging, and we shall see the churches at work in a little while.

M. H. T.

We are obliged to omit the canvassers' report this week, owing to the absence from the Office of those responsible for its preparation. We are extremely sorry to disappoint our friends in this matter.

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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

THE church school in Nashville opened Monday, September 9, with Miss Eloise Williams as teacher.

THE sad intelligence has just reached us of the death of Elder N. W. Allee, at Keene, Texas, September 3. A fuller report will be given later.

IN the last issue of REPORT OF PROGRESS, several important articles had to be left out for want of space. Some of these have appeared in the *Watchman*; others have necessarily been reserved for the present issue of PROGRESS.

ON another page is given a report of one of the weekly missionary meetings held in Nashville. It may perhaps be a suggestion to the secretaries of other societies in the preparation of brief comprehensive reports.

A REQUEST comes in for tracts on the law of God, the Sabbath, and spiritual gifts. These are wanted at once, as they are to be used in connection with a revival meeting now in progress, in which the believers speak in unknown languages. Send, post-paid, to Mrs. Ola Alvin Covert, Tampa, Fla., care Tampa Preparatory School, Masonic Hall.

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*.

IS THE *Watchman* a weekly visitor at your home? If it is not, it should be. In it you get from week to week the very best thoughts of men who rank among our best writers. They meet you around your fireside, and first one and then another gives you his word of warning, instruction, hope, or cheer. Can you afford to dispense with these weekly visits? Don't you want to know what these men are telling of Bible truth and fulfilling proph-

ecy? The subscription price of the *Watchman* will soon be raised, and now is the time to subscribe. Until October 1, subscriptions will be taken at the old price. After October 1, the price will be \$1.25. Now is the time to subscribe.

HAVE you thought how this truth is going? Read the following item, clipped from the *Southwestern Union Record*, and see what one branch of it, the publishing work, is accomplishing:—

"Our publishing houses are now sending out books, tracts, pamphlets, periodicals, etc., in thirty-one different languages, and literature in other forms is prepared in Arabic, Basuto, Armenian Greek, Cantonese (China), Amoy dialect (China), Greek, Hawaiian, Kaffir, Maori, Samoan, Swahili, Tamil, Tongan, Turkish-Armenian, and Yiddish, a total of fifty-one different languages. There are twenty-two publishing houses with estimated assets of \$650,000, employing approximately 400 persons. There are 1,068 persons engaged regularly in the circulation of literature."

You see the message of the third angel is preparing for the time when the whole earth shall be "lightened with his glory."

THE following is from a letter recently received from Brother E. R. Palmer, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department:—

"Brother Rogers has just completed his statistics for 1906, and finds that the sale of our literature, books, tracts, and periodicals, totals for that year \$824,000. By looking up the record, I find that \$819,000, the record for 1891, is the highest total attained previous to 1906. Therefore, dear brethren, we passed all previous records last year, and the splendid record we are making this year is altogether an advance move.

"Now for this year as compared with last: The summaries for May, June, and July, 1906, were as follows: May, \$36,800; June, \$46,300; July, \$52,018.04. The summary for May, 1907, was \$51,097.51, and for June, \$65,816.23. The record for July has, of course, not yet been reported, but judging from the past it will compare very favorably with last year. The summary for June, as you see, is above \$65,000 as compared with \$46,500 for the same month last year. This is \$13,000 higher than any previous record, the best previous record having been for July, 1906."

TRAP THE MILLERS

THE millers and moths and other flying insects that congregate around our lamps these summer nights, to annoy and hinder the speakers and singers in our gospel tents, can be trapped and effectually destroyed, by filling a deep plate—a pie-tin—with strong soap-suds, and setting the lamps in these plates on the pulpit. Low-bowl lamps will work better than tall ones.

I have tested these traps, and so pass the scheme along to my brethren who are tormented and plagued as we have been. Try it.

R. M. KILGORE.

THE FINISHING OF THE FUND IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

WHEN it was announced that \$6,000 of the \$150,000 fund was to be raised in the Southern Union Conference, I felt that it was my special duty to see that at least \$465 of this sum was raised in the Graysville church. After consultation with the church officers, a committee consisting of nine active members was appointed to solicit each resident member, and two sisters were appointed to correspond with each non-resident member. About once in two weeks the committee had a meeting to consult and to report progress, and some two months ago we were able to report that over \$500 had been raised. I have not given the details of our plan because I think it is the *only* plan, or that it is to be universally adopted. It worked well with us; some other plan might work better where the circumstances were different.

I have been asked by the president of the Southern Union Conference to devote my time to the finishing of this enterprise in this conference. We are far past the middle of this effort; we are about two thirds through. I feel confident that if all the money that has been paid in to the church treasurers had reached the state treasurer, we would not lack much more than \$1,500 of the \$6,000 assigned to us.

There is every reason why we should rally as one man and finish this work without delay. A sense not only of duty, but of gratitude appeals to us. The raising of the \$150,000 was undertaken by a large and representative body of our leading brethren after much prayer and counsel, and \$50,000 (one third of the entire fund) was set apart for the Southern work, and this *has been appropriated* from the very first money raised, and we are now enjoying the benefits of it, each one of our institutions in the South having received all that was apportioned to it except the Graysville school. That school is waiting for the remainder assigned to it. The managers have begun the addition to the school building, have it up, and the roof on, and we are within a short time of the opening of the school, and are waiting for this money to be raised.

At the Tennessee River Conference we raised \$400 of the remaining \$600 still due from that conference, so that this conference is only \$200 short of its quota. We confidently expect this will be raised within a very few days.

The Cumberland Conference still lacks over \$500 of having raised its share. I hope that we shall be able to raise this at the camp-meeting at Cleveland before its close.

Brethren in the Southern Union Conference, let us rally and make short work of this. We are well able to do it. It will bring a blessing. We shall all go forth with renewed courage and energy for whatever God has for us next after assisting in finishing this great work in which we are engaged, and then we can all go home.

SMITH SHARP.