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TO-DAY

Sow, For the hours are fleeting,
And the seed must fall to-day;
And care not what hands may reap it,
Or if you shall have passed away
Before the waving corn-fields
Shall gladden the sunny day.

-A. Proctor.

THE SUPPORT OF GOD'S WORK MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WITH the passing of another year, we have come to the time when a general call is being made for an offering to be taken up in all our churches, Sabbath, October 5, for the support of our colored work in the Southern States.

One of the most important branches of this work is the establishment and maintenance of mission schools. The great need for this educational work has often been plainly pointed out. There are few more in need of the elevating influence of the truths of God's word than are the majority of the colored people in the South. They must be taught to read the Scriptures for themselves, and to understand what they read.

We cannot pass by lightly, as a matter of minor importance, our duty toward the negro race. God has made man his brother's keeper, and will hold him responsible for this great trust. He has taken man into union with himself, and has planned that men shall labor in harmony with him. He has provided the system of beneficence, that man whom he has made in his image may be self-denying in character, like Him whose infinite nature is love. He has appointed man as his almoner, to distribute the blessings he has given him.

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich." God has done for our good all that a kind Heavenly Father could do. He appeals to humanity whether he has failed in a single instance to do all that he could do for the highest interests of man. "Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?"

We can show our appreciation of God's merciful dealing with us in no better way than by giving liberally for the support of his cause in the earth. In the system of beneficence enjoined upon the Jews, they were required either to bring to the Lord the first-fruits of all his gifts, whether in the increase of their flocks or herds, or in the produce of their fields, orchards, or vineyards; or they were to redeem it by substituting an equivalent. How changed the order of things in our day! The Lord's requirements and claims, if they receive any attention, are often left till the last. our work needs tenfold more means now than was needed by the Jews. The great commission given to the apostles was to go throughout the world and preach the gospel. This shows the extension of the work, and the increased responsibility resting upon the followers of Christ in our day.

God is not dependent upon man for the support of his cause. He could have sent means direct from heaven to supply his treasury, if his providence had seen that this was best for man. He might have devised means whereby angels would have been sent to publish the truth to the world without the agency of men. He might have written the truth upon the heavens, and let that declare to the world his requirements in living characters. God is not dependent upon any man's gold or silver. He says, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." Whatever necessity there is for our agency in the advancement of the cause of God, he has purposely arranged for our good. He has honored us by making us co-workers with him. He has ordained that there should be a necessity for the co-operation of men, that they may keep in exercise their benevolence.

What I have said in the past should be repeated. The colored people deserve more from the hands of the white people than they have received. There are thousands who have minds capable of cultivation and uplifting. With proper labor, many who have been looked upon as hopeless will become educators of their race. Let our people arouse, and redeem the past. The obligation to work for the colored people rests heavily upon Shall we not try to repair, as far as lies in our power, the injury that in the past has been done to these people? Shall not the number of missionaries to the South be multiplied? This field lies at our very doors, and in it there is a great work to be done for the Master. This work must be done now, while the angels continue to hold the four winds. There is no time to lose.

The Lord calls upon his people to make offerings of self-denial. Let us give up something that we had intended to purchase for personal comfort or pleasure. Let us teach our children to deny self, and become the Lord's helping hands in dispensing his blessings. If there was

ever a time when sacrifices should be made, it is now. Those who have money should understand that now is the time to use it for God. Let us send in our offerings with thanksgiving, and with prayer that the Lord will bless the gifts, and multiply them as he did the food given to the five thousand. If we use the very best facilities we have, the power of God will enable us to reach the multitudes that are starving for the bread of life.

STAY YOUNG

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS: There is a sore evil in the world to-day - one that threatens to rob us of all our boys and I have noticed it much of late. Others have observed the same. the manifest tendency of the times for our young people to never be boys and girls! As soon as they have gone a little past the age of babyhood, they seem suddenly to consider themselves adults. That delightful period of human existence known as youth seems to be regarded as undesirable, and to be abbreviated and brought into the least possible time. What more beautiful sight could be desired than to behold the boy, though he be two or three inches taller than his mother, engaging in the pleasant pastime of a good old-fashioned romp with younger brothers and sisters, with father and mother also participating? What more delightful than to see the girl just budding into womanhood, willing to find her pleasure, not in the giddy whirl of society, but in the common duties and simple pleasures incident to child life?

Life is lived too fast these days. There is a feverish haste, and undignified hurrying on to new experiences, that leaves no time for the preparation necessary to the proper discharge of the new duties assumed so prematurely. Don't be too fast about throwing aside the pleasant privileges of childhood in order to enjoy the greater liberty promised those who are no longer children. not over-hasty to cast from you the restraints and restrictions of parental care and authority. All soon enough you will be made to wish for a father's counsel or a mother's loving touch on aching brow as in the days of your care-free childhood.

Ah, my dear boys and girls, remain boys and girls as long as possible!

FROM THE FIELD

HENDERSON, KY.

ELDER WALTER JONES has been holding a series of meetings at Henderson, Ky., and much good has been accomplished. Two persons were baptized in the Ohio River, Sabbath, September 7.

The Henderson church is the first in the conference to start church-school work this year. Miss Nellie Travis of Graysville, Tenn., is employed as the teacher. Fourteen were enrolled the first day. Bright prospects are before this church, and it is hoped that they will improve every opportunity for the advancement of the cause at that place.

THOS. ROWE.

NOTES OF PROGRESS

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107: 1, 2.

We have been asking the Lord to revive the missionary spirit in our midst, to raise up workers to scatter the printed page, and he has answered our prayers, and stands ready to do much more for us when we properly relate ourselves to him.

Now here in North Carolina we have many things for which to give thanks unto the Lord. I wish to mention a few of these, that others may rejoice with us.

The Lord has blessed us in health and strength, so that during the conference year now passed not one of our canvassers has been laid upon a sick bed.

In this conference we are blessed with open doors to receive our good books, and plenty of territory ready to be worked.

Quite recently four consecrated workers have joined our canvassers' band, and are now actively engaged in the work.

During our recent camp-meeting, the canvassing work received more attention than at any other camp-meeting that I ever attended. We had one period each day in the large tent. This, it seems to me, was very proper; for the Lord tells us that there is no work more important than the canvassing work.

Our book work here is steadily growing, as will be seen from the following figures:—
Value of books sold in 1905......\$1,362.00
Value of books sold in 1906...... 2,009.00
Value of books sold in 1907...... 3,860.00

This is for each conference year, which ends June 30. These figures represent not orders taken, but books delivered. This means that we distributed sixty thousand more pages of precious truth in 1907 than in 1906.

While this is far below what we ought to be doing, yet to know that the work is steadily growing is encouraging, and is a source of gratitude to our heavenly Father.

Our good camp-meeting is now in the past, and we have well begun on another conference year. Let us each one press earnestly on to greater victories, with a determination to make it the most successful year of our in the control of the control of

As success attends our efforts, let us ever femember the words recorded in Ps. 115:1:
"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

HORACE G. MILLER.

FIELD NOTES FROM NORTH CAROLINA

OUR North Carolina camp-meeting is past. It is expected that others will report the business of the conference. I will mention here some points of special interest.

We had ideal grounds, well shaded and pleasant, far enough removed from the city so that we were not disturbed by the city life. These grounds were given us to use free. The weather was all that could be desired. We were favored in many ways by the citizens of Thomasville. Chairs were furnished free by the school board; and the use of our lumber was donated, our only expense being transportation to and from the grounds. We feel that God has given us favor with the people.

The interest among the people continues. Brother Crawford and myself stay to continue the work. Already six have signified their intention of walking in the light. We are very desirous of getting these and others well rooted in the truth. The attendance is not now very large, but is constant.

Dr. Albert Carey, assisted by Professor Beech and others, labored for the young people. Two meetings were held daily, and were well attended, not only by the young people of the camp, but also by the young of the neighborhood.

A good spirit of unity and earnestness prevailed. On each Sabbath of the meeting, revival services were held, and almost every one in the camp reconsecrated himself to the finishing of the work. As the tender, melting Spirit took possession of hearts, wrongs were confessed and forsaken, old misunderstandings were healed, and brotherly love prevailed. I was specially rejoiced to see some who had for some time carried a self-imposed burden of darkness go free in the Lord. As the solemn messages from the Lord were read, all seemed to feel truly that time is too short now to be wasted in trifling with petty jeal-ousies and strife.

Elder Butler spoke of the present status of the \$150,000 fund, and our people did what they could, and will continue to lift until thework is done. The matter of our old "Object Lesson" account was considered, and definite plans were adopted to wipe out the present debt.

The camp dining-tent was well patronized, and not without good reason. Brother Killen and Sister Hunter, with their faithful helpers, did much to make our meeting a success.

Good, healthful food tastefully prepared plays no unimportant part in the spiritual progress of such a gathering. The laborers from abroad were Elders Butler, Spicer, Parmele, and Van Kirk. All of our local workers were present.

Our brethren went back to their homes refreshed and with their hearts enlarged. On the last day of the meeting, four candidates were baptized. Others will receive baptism on returning home.

As we enter the work of the new conference year, it is with hope and courage, and the conviction that this is to be a year of progress, though doubtless also one of severe conflict.

Later.

Since our camp-meeting at Thomasville, I have been holding meetings to follow up the interest here awakened. It is a long, hard pull with many perplexing conditions. Any one who has remained on the ground at the close of a camp-meeting knows that as one by one the brethren of the camp fade from view, an indescribable feeling of depression comes, from which it is difficult to rally. The people who have been attending the services from the neighborhood also feel the depression, and many times their interest wanes, and their faces are not seen at the subsequent meetings.

Dr. Albert Carey staid a few days to help, and his presence was much appreciated; but later other duties called him away. Brethren Killen and Crawford went to Stovall with their tent, and thus I was finally left entirely alone. But the Lord has been a very present help.

There were a few days when it seemed that it was not of any use to continue. The attendance dropped down to six or eight who were specially interested; and yet for the sake of these few it was felt that some effort should be made. A special program was arranged, covering a week, and bills were printed announcing the same. This resulted in increasing the attendance somewhat, though it has never been large since camp-meeting. Now it averages about forty listeners. Many acknowledge the truth, but seem powerless to obey. I long for more of the power of God, that I might "compel them to come in."

Good reports come from the tent at Stovall. A healthy interest seems to be developing.

Following the camp-meeting, Elder Armstrong held a week's meeting at Greenboro for Greenboro church No. 2, with others who came in from other points. The believers there were much encouraged and strengthened.

Though I had planned to close the effort here about September 22, yet at this writing (September 19) I do not see my way clear to do so. The time to stick to a work is when it is pulling hard. If abandoned when trembling in the balance, souls may fail to decide, and resting down, they lose their interest and anxiety and finally all love for the truth. May the powers of darkness be beaten back, and the light of the glorious truth of God burst through the clouds of sin, error, superstition, and indifference.

HALCOM, KY.

It is a pleasure to give a brief report of the work done in Elliott Co., Ky., this year.

Through reading the Watchman, sent by the missionary society at Graysville, Tenn., quite an interest was aroused at this place. Later a call came to the conference for ministerial help. After carefully considering the matter, it was thought best to send some one to finish the work our beloved paper had started.

The writer came to this place May 8, and commenced to hold meetings in a school-house which was offered him. The meetings were continued each night for about eight weeks, and a goodly number commenced to keep the Sabbath and follow in other lines of duty as the light was shown them.

We are laying plans to build a church house, and hope within two months, by God's prospering hand being over us, to have it completed. We have received some help from the brethren and sisters in different parts of the Southern Union Conference. This has been highly appreciated by us, who are not able to bear the burden by ourselves. We all feel to praise God that there are those of like precious faith who love one another and desire to help others. The donations which have been received are appreciated; others will be appreciated just as highly.

We are glad to report between twelve and twenty who are in harmony with this truth, all because God impressed the missionary society with the importance of sending his great truth out to this people. To his name be all the honor and praise. May God impress all churches in every place with the importance of establishing missionary centers; and may the old-time tract society work be speedily revived.

M. E. EMERSON.

AN INDIVIDUAL REPORT

OUR good camp-meeting is now in the past. and a new year, with all its privileges, opportunities, and blessings, is before us. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

A portion of the year I was out of the state, and later spent one month among lonely Sabbath-keepers, and cooking for those attending the canvassers' institute. I have also had the privilege of making 226 visits, 968 calls, selling 865 papers and distributing 656, besides taking 30 subscriptions to the Watchman and 15 to the Messenger. Missionary letters written, 108; readings held, 60; pages sold or loaned, 7,424.

Two ministers each gave me a yearly subscription to the Watchman; later each bought a book. At one place I sold a paper and held Bible readings, and since January the mother and grandmother have been rejoicing in the truth. They have written and sent literature to relatives living in another state, and now they write that these also are keeping the Sabbath.

I am so happy to have a part in the closing work. I greatly desire to be more faithful, and consecrated daily to the Master's service. Not by might nor by power, but only by the

Spirit of God will the work be done. Come, sisters of North Carolina, let us take heed to the words of the Master found in Rom. 13:11, 12. Let us seek to make the coming years the best. There is joy in the Master's service.

MOLLIE MILLER.

Gastonia, N. C.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Those who have so kindly contributed to the Spartanburg church fund in answer to the appeals which appeared in the *Watchman* will be interested to know that half of the total amount needed is already paid with interest, and we have in the treasury about one third of the amount needed to meet the next \$200 note, which is due October 8.

We believe the Lord is working for us, and hope to be able to meet the notes as they become due.

Our camp-meeting closed Sunday evening. We were privileged to have with us Elders G. I. Butler, W. A. Spicer, R. W. Parmele and Dr. Parmele, and Professors Van Kirk and Blake; also Brother Miller, state agent for North Carolina, spent a few days with us. We all enjoyed the blessing of God under their ministry.

During the camp we were organized into a conference with Elder R. T. Nash as president. We trust the organization will, with the Lord's help and his Holy Spirit's presence, make us more efficient soul-winners in the third angel's message.

Some not of our faith, but who are studying for themselves, camped with us on the ground part of the time. We hope to see them soon decide for God and his comandments and government, having it written in their hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Monday morning, August 19, after the camp had broken, Brother Nash called all who were present together for a workers' meeting, and read to us instruction found in Vol. 6, page 73, and to our glad surprise at least fourteen were found willing to remain, some at a sacrifice, and continue the meeting, still keeping seven tents standing, and making a very good camp-meeting appearance.

Brother and Sister Martins of California arrived at this juncture, and their timely help was much appreciated, as Sister Martins is a trained nurse as well as a Bible worker, and her talks and demonstrations of treatments were received with the deepest interest.

The self-sacrificing effort of our brethren and sisters has been honored of the Lord, and night after night from twenty to thirty interested ones have lingered after the meeting to inquire and get more light on the subjects presented. It has been truly inspiring to see the Lord work. As the workers have visited, read, and prayed with these interested ones, the Lord has come very near, and our own souls have been watered. Our brethren and sisters who have enjoyed this precious experience are very happy in the Lord, and would not have missed it for anything. We have tasted how good it is to follow the Lord's instruction implicitly.

· Six have decided to keep the command-

ments of God and the faith of Jesus, and many more are studying, some trembling in the balance. Pray for them, and us too, that wisdom may be given to lead to right decision.

Brethren Nash, Crothers, and Carey are conducting the meeting, which may last about one week longer. ELIZABETH MCHUGH, 120 Seay St., Spartanburg, S. C.

THE BURDEN OF REVIVING THE MISSIONARY WORK

The burden of reviving this important work should rest upon every one of us and upon every church in America.

One important item of the revival of home missionary work is the proper organization of the tract society. It should have its officers, and these should be appointed by the church.

We should have a leader to see that every meeting is held on time, and that a proper program is supplied each week, and of such a nature that it must be instructive and educating. Then comes the librarian, whose duty it is to see that every one brings in a report to the meeting, and to distribute and collect from the members the weekly missionary report blanks. If this is done each week, it will soon deeply impress the members with the great importance of home missionary work and with its proper place in the service and work of the church. They should also attend to the distribution of the reading matter, the Watchman and tracts, and receive moneys, both donations and collections.

Then comes the reporting secretary. He or she should be there to get all information regarding the meetings that are being held, and be so fully alive that the reports will be filled with the pith of the reports given, making them an encouragement to those that are somewhat timid, but wish to say something, and will when they hear the good reports of our secretary read from week to week. The eyes of the librarian and secretary should be interested as well as their ears and thoughts.

Then we have the work of the four secretaries of the four departments: the Foreign Missions, the Home Missions, the Health and Temperance, and Religious Liberty. These four branches of the work should be so in touch with one another, that it is almost impossible to know where one begins and the other leaves off. The study of foreign fields, and the giving of our means to them, has a reflex action on our attitude toward the home field. It therefore helps to stimulate a greater interest in the home missionary field and work. When our members see the great unwarned regions beyond, it creates in their hearts the desire to hasten the finishing of the work in the home lands, that all the energy and means of God's people may be spent in spreading the message in the great beyond.

Perhaps the chief corner-stone of home missionary work is the weekly missionary meeting proper, where old and young meet together to wrap papers, write missionary letters, and relate to each other, while wrapping and addressing, the previous experiences of

the week. The best prayer-meetings I ever attended were those which immediately followed this working meeting, if I may so call it. The ones that were held in New Zealand also at the Washington Training College in Washington, D. C., were among some of the best. No better testimonies have ever been heard than those in which the speaker is able to relate actual experiences in home missionary work during the preceding week. The reestablishment in any church of the weekly missionary prayer-meeting invariably inaugurates a new era in church missionary work.

Another great help in the fostering of missionary activity is the frequent holding of general missionary conventions. It is more advantageous, less expensive, and better all around to hold union meetings in which the interests of the home missionary society work and the work of the Young People's Society are combined. At these conventions in which two or more churches usually participate, many helpful ideas are interchanged, missionary service, however, being the keynote.

Again, we have the work of the church school pupils. These little ones, and indeed the older pupils also, are included. The excellent work of our church schools forms an important element in the revival of this branch of the cause. Thousands of periodicals and small books are sold by the children, tracts are given away, and reading racks kept filled. It it sometimes the case that the zeal and courageous work of these little ones so puts to shame the older ones who may be neglecting their duties as to cause a complete revolution for the better in the adult missionary society. So let our little missionary workers be allowed the privilege of bringing their reports to the missionary meeting, or giving them to their teacher. In either case let us have reports from them, because I firmly believe this work is pleasing to God, and that the angels are reporting this part of the work too.

As in all other aggressive work, the most inspiring feature of it all is the promptness and eager desire with which the rank and file of our people spring into line at the first call of the leaders who are actually at work themselves

"This present condition of weakness must not continue. 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."

Let us bear in mind that, however much we may talk of facilities for doing this great work, however earnestly we may devise means and every good effort and method, however perfect our organization and system—all of which is profitable and needful—yet, if we have not the life of God within, if we have not the necessary consecration and faith, our endeavors will all be in vain. Our greatest

need is that revival which follows the baptism of the Holy Spirit—a baptism given only on condition that the gift be used in his service.

M. H. Tuxford.

FREE SAMPLE PAGES OF THE NEW __CHURCH_SCHOOL_READERS

THAT the new church school readers — True Education Readers Nos. One, Two, and Three — are appreciated is evident from the fact that almost 4,000 copies have been ordered to date. To those who have examined these readers this is no surprise because of the following facts:—

- 1. The first three of this series put the child in possession of a complete key to the English language.
- 2. They also include all the work in language, spelling, Bible, nature study, and physiology that need to be taught up to and including the third grade, or school year.
- 3. They are attractively and helpfully illustrated.
- 4. They are admirably adapted to home study.
- 5. And above all else, they familiarize the child with the most important Bible truths.

The other numbers of this series,—there are seven in all, one for each of the first seven grades or school years,—are not yet ready, but it is hoped they will be this year.

Representative Opinions.

Here are the opinions of a few of our leading educators as to the value of this series:—

Frederick Griggs, Chairman Educational Department, General Conference, says: "From the examination we have been able to give to the readers, we feel no hesitation in most heartily recommending them. We believe that the series, when it is fully published, will be not only thoroughly pedagogical, but will be most highly valuable in the way of truth teaching."

C. C. Lewis, President Union College, says: "I was very much pleased indeed to receive a copy of the True Education Second Reader, and to read your letter in regard to it. I will do all I possibly can to aid in the circulation of this series of books. I am glad to know that there are to be seven in the series—one for each grade. I believe that this will be a great help to our church schools throughout the world."

Prof. J. E. Tenney, of the Southern Training School, writes: "The copy of the new Educational Reader is at hand. I am very much pleased with it. I shall ask our Nashville house to keep these readers in stock, and shall encourage their use in all the schools of the Southern field. To my mind, they are the most perfectly adapted to our school work of any readers that have been brought to my attention."

Prof. E. D. Sharpe, Normal Director Pacific Union College, says: "After having examined the True Education Readers Nos. 1, and 2, I take pleasure in stating that I consider them, as far as matter and arrangement, to be first-class, and for our Christian schools the very best that have been published.

"We shall be glad to use them in our Normal Department, and recommend them to any others that may be desirous of securing readers. Wherever I go this coming season, I shall try to interest our people in them. I trust that the Lord may bless you in making these books what they should be, and placing them in the homes of the people."

W. D. Curtis, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, writes: "I have examined books I and 2 of the True Education Reader Series, and am pleased with the mechanical make-up. They are of a convenient size, and seem to be well bound, two very important points in text-books for primary grades. The paper is good, the type large and clear, and the illustrations attractive.

"The development, which means much to the teacher, is worthy of more than a passing notice. The phonic, word, and sentence methods are the most natural, and hence most readily grasped by the pupil. His ear is trained by the phonics, and his eye by the word and sentence methods.

"The plan of correlating language, geography, spelling, writing, physiology, Bible nature, and to a certain extent, number work, is one which will be hailed with delight by the overburdened teacher; as at least a partial emancipation from an over-crowded daily program, while the patrons will accept it as an economical feature of the series.

"Another praiseworthy feature of the readers is, the authors, in the selection of subject-matter, have drawn from the true and beautiful in nature and the Bible. This is so far removed from the general plan of the school readers now on the market, which are filled with fairy tales, adventures, and fiction, that the True Education Reader Series occupies a unique position in the field.

"There is no doubt but that they will come into general use in the schools of the Lake Union."

Free Sample Pages.

If you wish to examine into the plan of the readers more closely ask the Pacific Press Publishing Co., Mountain View, Cal., for free sample pages. They will be sent promptly. Description and Prices.

The books are profusely illustrated and strongly bound in cloth.

No. 1 contains 204 pages, at 75c., post-paid. No. 2 contains 256 pages, at 75c., post-paid. No. 3 contains 304 pages, at 90c., post-paid. Where Obtainable.

These books may be obtained from any state tract society, or from the Review and Herald Publishing House, the Pacific Press, and the Southern Publishing Association and their branches.

ELLISVILLE, MISS.

I came to this place September 10. At a place four miles south of Ellisville I found a large settlement of colored people. Here there is a Baptist preacher who has accepted the whole truth. He has bidden farewell to whisky, tobacco, and pork. Of course these little gods were his right-hand friends, and

very dear to him, but he saw that in God's word we are told, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." He desires to obey the Lord; therefore he is willing to put them all away. He has also accepted the tithing system. This man now desires baptism. I believe he can do much for the truth when he gets fully established in it. Pray for him, that the Lord may use him somewhere to glorify himself.

Thomas Murphy.

HOW TO REACH THE BIRMINGHAM, ALA., CAMP-MEETING

First, be determined to attend, and where there is a will there is a way. If you come by the L. & N. Railroad, when you arrive at the depot, walk one block to the corner of 1st Ave. and 20th Street, and take either the Highland Ave. car or Lake View car to the camp-ground. If you come by some other railway to the union depot, take a railroad terminal car, get a transfer of the conductor, and ask him to put you off where you can get either of the above named cars to the camp-ground.

Bring your baggage checks, and hand them to our baggage man at the camp-ground, and he will haul your trunks and baggage both ways at a moderate price. The grounds are high and dry and very pleasantly located, and everything possible will be done for your comfort and happiness. A large corps of outside workers will be present to assist in making the meeting a success, and thorough advertising will be done through the city, and we are hoping for and expecting the largest and best camp-meeting ever held in this conference.

Come, brethren, and enjoy this yearly feast. C. C. Webster.

1125 N. 17th Street, Birmingham, Ala.

OUR GREAT NEED AND HOW TO SUPPLY IT

During the past summer I have attended eight encampments,—six camp-meetings and two teachers' institutes. At all of these meetings there has been an excellent attendance from the outside. At each place I have felt that I would like to stay and assist in developing the interest, but could not

In addition to these manifestations of interest to hear the truth, the hearts of our brethren who have attended these meetings have burned with a desire to have the truth proclaimed to their neighbors. But while the harvest is great, the laborers are few, so many calls have gone unanswered. One great need is more laborers. How shall we supply it? More laborers would mean more expense, and more money would have to be raised to meet this expense. This would make a greater demand upon our churches for funds. But if we had plenty of means, where would we find the laborers? The Southern Union Conference has been trying for a long time to secure more laborers for this field, but has many times been disappointed. So again I ask, How shall this need be supplied?

A minister who is competent to present every phase of the truth clearly, and in a way that will not soon be forgotten, has volunteered his services. To all who will give this minister a proper invitation, a favorable response will be given. Do you want the truth presented to your neighbor? If so, send in your invitation, accompanied by the subscription price of the *Watchman* for each interested neighbor, and you will receive a prompt response.

But you say, "I am not financially able to do that." Then suppose you pursue the following course: You do a little work to prepare the way. (You will be paid in money and blessing for this work.) Then Sister White will present to your neighbors the subject of the "Kingdom of Christ." Elder Daniells will speak to them on "The Work of the Holy Spirit." Elder Spicer, whom many of you have heard at camp-meetings this summer, will show them how the world-wide missionary movement is a sign of the end of all things. Elder G. B. Thompson will tell them of the judgment work that is now going on in heaven. Elder K. C. Russell, whom many of you remember seeing last year, will present "Christ and the Sabbath." Elder Washburn will show that we obtain life and immortality only through Christ. Elder Butler will explain the three messages of Revelation 14. Elder Bollman will show for what we may look,-peace or war. Professor Magan will tell them about Armageddon. Brother L. A. Smith will show what the second coming of Christ means to the faithful, and the writer of this item will give the order of events in the second coming of Christ, explaining the one thousand years, etc.

Now, dear reader, do you begin to see how to supply that need? All of the above mentioned subjects will be considered in the forthcoming special of the *Watchman*. It will be beautifully illustrated in colors, and will sell readily. Send in your order at once, so no time will be lost.

Nearly all phases of the message in one paper! Just think of it! Give it a wide circulation.

R. W. PARMELE.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The seventh annual session of the Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held August 20-22, 1907, at Cleveland, Tenn., just preceding the camp-meeting at that place. There were fifty-five delegates present, and some visitors. Three churches were admitted. Eighty-five new Sabbath-keepers were reported, though not all these are as yet members. The present membership in the conference is something over 630, divided among the (now) twenty-one churches. There are

also about fifty-five or sixty meeting weekly in seven unorganized companies. There are nine church buildings in this conference with a prospect of three or four more in the near future. There are plans on foot also for running about three new church schools in addition to those which have been conducted heretofore, making altogether one intermediate, five church, and two mission schools with an attendance of about 185. There are also twenty-seven Sabbath-schools with a membership of 612, meeting weekly within our boundaries. There are five Young People's societies with a combined membership of 97.

The conference pay-roll includes four ministers and one licentiate, and sometimes four and sometimes five Bible-workers. This includes the paid officers, excepting the secretaries, only one of whom has any considerable employment. Two ministers and two Bible workers devote their entire time to the work among the colored people.

Notwithstanding the generally poor crops in this part of the country, the tithe shows but little decrease during the last eight months, being an average of \$7.47 per member for the eight months, as against \$12.18 per member the previous twelve months.

Other interesting statistics cannot now be given, owing to the fact that few, if any, expected the conference year would be changed to end August 31 instead of December 31 as heretofore. Thus the various departments are not yet prepared with summaries, or with general reports. The conference is doing a good work in the support of two native workers in African missions.

The work of the Young People's societies is growing. Some of the old-fashioned church missionary societies have been revived, and are doing a noble work. We trust there may be more, and that they may greatly increase in usefulness. The medical missionary work is having much prosperity, for which all are thankful. In addition to several individuals working in a private way, there are found in flourishing condition the Sanitarium Treatment Parlors at Knoxville, Tenn., and the Graysville Sanitarium at Graysville, Tenn. The latter is now planning on enlarging their capacity for patients by building a cottage for some of the helpers, and five or six tents are being placed for immediate necessities.

The following officers and committees were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: President, J. F. Pogue; Vice-President, Cyrus Simmons; Executive Committee, J. F. Pogue, Cyrus Simmons, W. W. Williams, S. M. Jacobs, W. L. Bird, A. F. Harrison, A. M. Minnis; Conference and Field Secretary and Agent, E. B. Melendy; Associate Secretary. Mrs. E. B. Melendy; Secretary of Sabbathschools and Young People's work, Mrs. A. F. Harrison; Assistant Secretary of Sabbathschools and Young People's work, Miss Flora Dortch; Religious Liberty Secretary, M. B. Van Kirk; Educational Secretary, E. B. Melendy; Medical Secretary, L. A. Hansen; Assistant Medical Secretary, R. A. Lovell; Treasurer, S. M. Jacobs; Incorporators for Legal Association, the members of the Executive Committee; Auditors, Ben Auten, H. U. Jacobs, A. D. West, R. A. Lovell, R. L. Williams, A. Schellberg.

The following were granted the indicated papers of recognition, with the understanding that they do not imply conference employment, many being in private and institutional employment, as well as in the employ of the Southern Union Conference: Ministerial credentials, J. F. Pogue, W. L. Bird, E. L. Sanford, J. F. Brice, Smith Sharp, R. M. Kilgore, W. W. Williams, Prof. J. E. Tenney, G. H. Baber, Prof. M. B. Van Kirk, Dr. J. E. Caldwell, E. W. Webster, H. W. Pierce, C. G. Howell, Prof. H. S. Miller, Dr. O. C. Godsmark; ministerial licenses, R. A. Lovell, Cyrus Simmons, Milo E. Emerson, A. F. Harrison, L. A. Hansen, Dr. A. J. Hetherington; missionary licenses, Mrs. Clara Russell, Miss Maude Dortch, Mrs. Anna Agee Hall, Miss Minnie Hildebrand, Mrs. A. F. Harrison, L. A. Jacobs, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitman, E. B. Melendy, Mrs. Mettie Lenker, Miss Annie Horning, Mrs. W. W. Williams, S. M. Jacobs, Mrs. Anna Hansen, Mrs. A. J. Hetherington, A. M. Minnis.

It was the general opinion that this was one of the best meetings ever held in this conference. Perfect unity prevailed. Truly a spirit of love and regard for the brethren was seen as never before.

Among others, resolutions of acknowledgment were voted to certain citizens of the place, for the free use of land and water for the encampment.

J. F. Pogue, President, E. B. Melendy, Secretary.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READ-ING COURSE

It is undoubtedly true that few things influence our lives as much as that which we read. This being the case, we at once recognize the importance of reading only the best literature. Especially is this true in youth, the seed-sowing time of life, for we must reap as we sow.

"The mind occupied by commonplace matters only, becomes dwarfed and enfeebled. If never taxed to comprehend grand and farreaching truths, it in time loses the power of growth."—Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 519.

The apostle Paul's admonition to the young man Timothy, "Give attendance to reading," comes down the ages to the youth of our time with undiminished force.

For the benefit of our young people, the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference has been asked to conduct a reading course, thus assisting the young in the choice of good books. For this year, the reading course will consist of three books, the first to be studied is "Early Writings," by Mrs. E. G. White. At once, we who have had some experience in this message exclaim, How singularly appropriate that our youth everywhere should now study "Early Writings"! The early experiences and views of this chosen servant of God and the brief history of the great controversy between Christ and Satan,

cannot fail to interest every lover of truth, young or old.

The second book, "Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, is a work on modern missions, giving a brief description of every land and its people, together with a short biographical sketch of the lives of the leading missionaries to each country. This will be supplemented by the use of the map and a general study of our own missions in these lands from the booklet "Outline of Mission Fields."

The third book, "Pastor Hsi, One of China's Christians," by Mrs. Howard Taylor, is an intensely interesting narrative, showing the marvelous working of the power of God in behalf of the Chinese through one of her sons.

This course will be conducted through the Youth's Instructor, beginning October 1, and will continue eight months. All who desire to take the course should at once send their names for enrolment to their respective conference young people's Missionary Volunteer secretaries. No tuition is required. only expense will be the subscription price of the Instructor and purchase of the books and map. The Youth's Instructor is 75c. per year; "Early Writings," 75c.; "Into All the World," cloth, 50c.; paper, 35c.; "Outline of Mission Fields of Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board," free; world map, showing prevailing religions, 15 x 27 in., 45c., mounted 65c.; "Pastor Hsi," cloth \$1.00, paper 50c. Examinations will be sent out at the close of each book, and all who satisfactorily complete the course will be granted a certificate by the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

Among the young people in the Southern Union Conference there ought to be a great many who would avail themselves of the benefits of this reading course. To those who long for an education, but cannot go to one of our schools, I would say, By all means embrace this opportunity for home culture.

Parents, interest your children in taking this course. In the place of the light reading that is a curse to the world, give them this that will be a blessing. There is but a short time until the course begins. Will you not decide now to take it, and begin at once to arrange for it? Some one has remarked, "If you allow yourself to rest satisfied with present attainments, however respectable they may be, your mental garments will soon look threadbare." Franklin said, "He who empties his purse into his head, puts it where no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Order your books and map of the Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn., and send your name for enrolment to your Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

Mrs. Mettie S. Lenker.

THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING

WE have secured a beautiful grove high and dry, directly on the car line, in South Highlands, Birmingham. We trust that all our people who can possibly do so are planning to attend this important meeting. Let each

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church select its delegates, one for each organization, and one for each additional fifteen members, and see that they are at the meeting on time. We have made arrangements with one of our brethren to haul all freight and baggage at a very low price. Bedsteads, springs, chairs, etc., can be rented. Bring plenty of bedding, wraps, etc., to make yourselves comfortable. Write to Elder C. C. Webster, 1125 N. 17th Street, Birmingham, Ala., a few days before you leave, telling him what line you are coming over and what time you will arrive, and some one will meet you

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| The daily program will be as follows:- |
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vassing, colporter, and church work daily. This will be an important meeting. Come and enjoy the feast.

A. J. HAYSMER.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE Report of the Young People's and Sabbath-School Convention, held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, July 10-21, should be in the hands of every one who has to do with the Young People's or Sabbath-school work or is in any way interested in these departments.

The mighty forward movement on the lines of young people's work will surely be an inspiration to those who read the report. The solidity of the foundation on which it is built gives us confidence in the superstructure.

Secure a copy and read it, that as the work of God advances, we may each advance with The papers which were read, the most of which are here given, together with the recommendations passed, will be a great help to those engaged in either of these departments of work.

Order at once before the edition is exhausted, of the Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn. Price ten cents.

Mrs. Mettie S. Lenker.

WHAT MIGHT BE

"If all the lamps that might be were lighted, And should steadily blaze in a line, Wide over the land and the ocean What a girdle of glory would shine! How all the dark places would brighten! How the mists would roll up and away! How the earth would laugh out in her gladness.

To hail the millennial day!"

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CAMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

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IRVING E. BAKER, Cedaredge, Delta Co., Colo., would like copies of the Watchman, Signs, Instructor, Life and Health, and also tracts, for free distribution. Send post-paid.

THE church at Mena, Ark., could use for missionary work one hundred copies or more a week of our papers and periodicals, also tracts. Send, post-paid, to Mrs. Cora M. Hedley, Mena, Ark.

It will be observed that the name of Prof. P. T. Magan appears as associate editor of the Watchman. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we chronicle this fact. Professor Magan's connection with, and experience in, the work in this field fits him to fill such a position on the Watchman editorial staff.

In addition to this, his acquaintance in the North and West, and his occasional visits to those parts of the field, will give still greater prestige to our paper in those localities.

One especially valuable feature of his connection with the paper will be his contributions relative to our particular field, for the enlightenment of our readers outside our Union Conference.

Many of our brethren do not know what we have in this field, so do not comprehend our needs. It is hoped that the articles which we expect from the pen of Professor Magan will result in awakening a much deeper interest in the progress of the cause in the South.

FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING

THE Florida state camp-meeting will be held at Tampa, Fla., October 10 - 20.

Elders G. I. Butler, W. A. Spicer, Smith Sharp, and others will be present as speakers from outside of the conference.

We expect this to be the largest and most important camp-meeting ever held in Florida. We urge all our people throughout the state to make an effort to be present.

L. H. CRISLER, President.

NOTICE TO THE NASHVILLE CHURCH

Owing to special circumstances, the quarterly meeting of the Nashville Seventh-day Adventist church No. 1 will be held Sabbath, September 28, instead of the first Sabbath in November as is the usual custom. Will all absent members please notice this? A cordial invitation is given all members to be present on this occasion.

Church Board.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE, NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the fourteenth annual session of the Florida Conference will be held Sunday, October 13, 1907, at 9:00 A. M., on the camp-ground at Tampa, Fla.

L. H. CRISLER, President.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

The first session of the Florida Conference Association will be held at Tampa, Flå., in connection with the camp-meeting, Oct. 10 - 20, 1907. The first meeting will be at 9 A. M., Oct. 17, 1907.

C. V. ACHENBACH, President.

NOTICE TO GEORGIA

Some important changes in the officers of the Georgia Conference were made at our recent camp-meeting in Atlanta. I trust our brethren will bear in mind the changes made, and thus avoid confusion.

Sister Clara C. Phillips, who served us so faithfully last year, as secretary and treasurer, asked to be released this year, because of pressing duties laid upon her in connection with the Atlanta Sanitarium.

The services of Brother M. L. Woodall have been secured to fill this position. Brother Woodall will need no introduction to our brethren in Georgia, as he has filled this place very acceptably in our conference before. All moneys coming to the Georgia Conference, tithes, offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, pledges, etc., should hereafter be sent to M. L. Woodall, 26 Beecher St., Atlanta Ga., West End.

A. L. Manous, whose address is 602 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga., was chosen to act as secretary of the Religious Liberty department, and state canvassing agent. I trust all our people will take special interest in these important lines of work, and will report to Brother Manous the number of books, papers, and tracts sold, that we may know the amount of work being done in Georgia.

Brother C. F. Curtis was elected to fill the place of Secretary of the Medical Missionary Department. His address is 243 S. Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Rochelle Philmon, 69 Pine St., Gainesville, Ga., is still Secretary of the Young People's work and Sabbath-school department.

Dear brethren, our hearts were warmed and filled at our good camp-meeting. Many of us renewed our covenant with God, and he breathed into our hearts a desire to serve him better. Let us not forget our vows, but fill in our time in a way that will tell for the ad-

vancement of the message. God expects greater things of us than ever before, and he stands ready to impart grace and power to work as we yield to the Spirit's influence. Let us do our best for God until this blessed work is closed up, and we are gathered home.

GEO. W. WELLS, President.
Alpharetta, Ga.

NOTICE FOR ALABAMA

I wish to say a few words to those who are receiving Report of Progress. After it was decided to publish the paper, we did not have time to write to all our people before the list was required. But knowing that you were anxious for just such a paper, and especially when you could get it for only twenty-five cents a year, I took the liberty of sending in your names. You have now received several copies, and can judge as to the value of such a paper. We have heard nothing but the highest praise so far. I am sure vou desire it to continue coming to you. If so, you can send the subscription price to Miss Helen McKinnon, Fort Payne, Ala. If you do not desire it, let her know, and she will have your name taken off the list. If there are any who desire the paper, and are not able to pay for it. let us know, and we will make arrangements for all such. A. J. HAYSMER.

Elkwood, Ala.

FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING Date, Oct. 10 - 20.

A LATE ruling requires an attendance at our conference of one hundred persons holding standard form certificates, in order to procure the one third plus 25c. return fare. Heretofore they required only fifty.

Had it not been that there is every evidence of an unusual attendance at this meeting, we should not have attempted to secure the concession.

From present indications, if all are faithful in procuring the standard form certificates, there will be no difficulty. See your local agent some time before the meeting, and request him to be sure to have a supply of the standard form certificates.

Tickets purchased more than three days before or more than two days after October 10, will not count. Remember this.

Those who desire a tent or room should be sure to send in their application to L. H. Crisler, Tampa, Fla., Seventh-day Adventist camp. Floored tents will cost double. State whether you want tent floored. The camp will be on nice high ground. Hay for filling ticks will be furnished as usual.

On arriving in Tampa, take the Michigan Avenue street car to Florida Avenue. Then walk two short blocks north on Florida Avenue to camp. Bring checks to camp if you fail to see our representative at the depot.

Do not fail to attend this meeting. Elders Butler, Spicer, Sharp, Tenney, and others will be present.

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

L. H. CRISLER.