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DUTY

LAUNCH out into the deep,

The awful depths of the world's despair;
Hearts that are breaking and eyes that weep,
Sorrow and ruin and death are there.

And the sea is wide, and the pitiless tide

Bears on its bosom away—away,
Beauty and youth in relentless ruth

To its dark abyss for aye—for aye.

But the Master's voice comes over the sea,
"Let down your nets for a draught" for me!
He stands in our midst on our wreck-strewn
strand,

And sweet and royal is his command.

His pleading call

Is to each—to all;

And wherever the royal call is heard,

There hang the nets of the royal Word,

Trust to the nets and not to your skill,

Trust to the royal Master's will!

Let down your nets each day, each hour,

For the word of a King is a word of power,

And the King's own voice comes over the
sea,

"Let down your nets for a draught" for me!

—*Sunday Magazine.*

AN ESPECIAL MESSAGE

THE third angel's message is designed of God to accomplish a certain purpose in the world. It gives the most solemn warning contained in the Bible. It is designed to make a final separation between the righteous and the wicked. Those who receive it, and conform their lives to its requirements, will be prepared to meet God in peace; but those who reject it will "drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation."

Whenever God has sent warnings to the world, his object has been to warn the people of impending danger. When the flood was about to come, the Lord gave a message to the antediluvians, which, if heeded, would have proved

their salvation. When he would bring his people into the land of Canaan, he gave them special instruction in regard to what he would have them do. When they heeded those instructions, the Lord blessed them. When they murmured at the difficulties by the way, they brought upon themselves the judgments of God. If they moved forward with confidence and courage, the Lord fought their battles for them. It was the angels of God that overthrew the walls of Jericho, after Israel had done what God commanded them. It was God that stayed the waters of Jordan, when the priests stepped their feet into the edge of the river.

But their difficulties always multiplied when they neglected to move forward as God instructed them. When they conformed to the world and practiced its customs, they became weak, and were overcome by their enemies; but whenever they kept their minds upon the work that was before them, they were always successful in whatever they undertook. Even the sun and moon stood still, and the day lengthened, that they might gain the victory. All nature, heaven and earth combined to prepare the way before them when they kept their eye upon the work, and moved forward in the opening providence of God.

We have before us a special work, which embraces every phase of reform that is necessary to carry forward the work of saving souls. Hence taken as a whole, it may truly be said to be a missionary work. We have different missions in different parts of the world; but they all contribute to one end.

Schools are being organized in different portions of this and other countries. One object of these schools is to

prepare men and women to labor in the present truth. We have well-organized tract societies, the object of which is to give an opportunity for each and every person to bear some part in carrying forward the third angel's message of Revelation 14.

We should avail ourselves of every lawful means used by the world to spread our literature, to bring a knowledge of God before a judgment-bound people. Canvassing is but one feature of this work, and it is as important in the eyes of God as the work of the preacher who enters the sacred desk. The colporter, and those who obtain subscribers for our periodicals, perform a work of no less importance.

All these different branches constitute one great whole, and should be entered upon with zeal in this closing work. What position can I fill in the cause of God? is an important question for us each to consider. It is as necessary that he who canvasses, or acts as a colporter in obtaining subscribers for our periodicals, should have faith and courage if he would be successful, as it was for Israel to move forward when the cloud raised from the tabernacle. We should keep steadily about the work God has committed to us, faithfully discharging each day's duties in his fear. No selfish interest should come between us and the work in which we are engaged. God has sent angels from heaven to hold the four winds, that they should not blow upon the earth or the sea, until the servants of God are sealed.

Happy are those persons who can realize the importance of the work to that extent that they will, if necessary, sacrifice every worldly interest for the ad-

vancement of this truth. The difficulties which we meet only test our courage and faith. If we love the work better than we love our lives, then nothing will deter us from acting some part in the cause of God. Our eye should be single to God's glory. Our object should be to contribute to the success of the cause of our divine Lord in some manner. His Spirit has spoken; and the warning of Rev. 14:9-12 stands as firm as any in the Bible.

If there was ever a time when God called men in a special sense to enter upon his work, it is the present time. It is this generation that will witness the second coming of Christ. We live and move among the people who, if unprepared to meet God, will receive the seven last plagues. How important, then, that we are sanctified by the truth we profess. Any one part of the truth is not to be taken to the exclusion of others equally important, but it is the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. It embraces God's moral law, and all those principles which are taught by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

These are golden moments in which we live, and we cannot afford to waste one of them. Each moment well improved at the present time, will gain ages in the world to come.

S. N. HASKELL.

OBEDIENCE

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS: There is a Christian grace much to be desired, but which has come to be a rare quantity in the lives of young people. It is obedience. Not that ostentatious affectation of yielding, nor yet the grudging granting of favors asked or required, but rather the quiet, sweet, willing, earnest spirit of service, which finds delight in doing because duty calls.

It is said of Jesus that he returned to Nazareth, and was subject to Joseph and Mary. What sweet visions of the Christ-life do these words suggest! Can we imagine Jesus as a lad of sixteen with a heavy frown on his brow because Joseph refused permission to go to some social event of the Nazareth neighborhood? Can we think of him as stealing from home on Sabbath afternoon to attend a ball game? Was he peevish, petulant, fretful, and cross when his mother asked him to bring water from the well or aid in any of the household work?

What though he had been in the carpenter shop all day? What though his muscles were weary with the day's toil? Subject unto them! How much it means! And he is our example, dear boys and girls. Prompt, willing, cheerful obedience he rendered during his childhood, his youth, yea, his manhood; for he thought it not below him, when grown to man's age and stature, to continue in the little carpenter shop, and work for the help of the family. Missionary work?—Yes, indeed. His mind was weighed down with the stupendous task of seeking and saving the lost. But in the quiet Nazareth home he waited for the "time to be fulfilled," not idly, but with his hands busy with the daily tasks. "He learned obedience by the things which he suffered."

Are those days of gentle, patient, uncomplaining obedience less important than the times when surrounded by mocking multitudes he wore the old purple robe and received the buffetings of the hateful and hating multitude?

To be obedient to parents is to learn the lesson of obedience to God. To be loyal to parental government, is to fix the habit of loyalty to the government of the universe.

One of the prominent characteristics of God's last people is that they keep the commandments of God. Will any of this remnant company be children?—Certainly. How will they have developed such characters?—They will have been obedient to parents, and thus learned obedience to God.

T. H. JEYS.

QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL CANVASSING

FIRST among the qualifications necessary to success I will mention conversion; for genuine conversion means to have the Spirit of Christ. If we have that, we have the next important requisite, *i. e.*, the spirit of service; of love, and of self-sacrifice.

"Canvassing for our literature is missionary work of the highest order and should be conducted from a missionary standpoint," based upon the two great laws given in Matt. 22:37-39, *i. e.*, love to God and love to our fellow-man.

This means greater love for souls than for dollars, greater desires for the spread of this message than for worldly comfort and ease. Such a love makes us

honest with our God, our fellow-men, and ourselves, and will give us the rare quality of true politeness, making us kind-hearted and cheerful.

Another essential qualification for the canvasser is to *feel, believe, know*, that God is calling him to this work. We can know this, my brother and sister; for God's words are yea and amen. "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." We by faith know this work is of the Lord, and we are commanded to let our light shine. It gives immense solemnity to life when each one of us believes that God is depending on us to do some work for him which is indispensable to the highest good of his kingdom.

Having the above qualifications prepares and strengthens in us the *third* trait, which is courage and faith. What power is there on earth that can overthrow and cast down the man of faith and courage, who believes that he is doing the very work God would have him do, who does not enter the work just to try it, but enlists until the war is over or until the Master lays him to rest or to some other work?

Such a one need never falter or be cast down; for all the power and resources of heaven are at his disposal. "Is there any thing too *hard* for the Lord?" He commands, "Be strong and of good courage." "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law." "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

"Remember that it is only by a daily consecration to God that you can expect to become soul winners."

The canvasser needs a knowledge of the book he is selling. He should so familiarize himself with it as to turn instantly to any special subject or feature, and be prepared to give a clear and comprehensive idea of its contents in an easy, natural manner. His own heart should be so filled with the message contained in the book that his hearer may be impressed with its importance.

"His strength, his courage, his success, will depend on how fully the truth presented in our books is woven into his own experience and developed in his

character. When his own life is thus molded, he can go forward, representing to others the sacred truth he is handling."

The canvasser should realize that he is not his own, but that he is "bought with a price." His time, talents, energies, and ambitions should all be bound to the horns of the altar. His ambition should be to do the greatest good to the greatest number possible; his energies should not be expended on matters of minor importance. His talents of mind, voice, or other gift should be cultivated and used to the glory of God.

His time, the most valuable of all God's gifts, should be used economically and wisely, remembering the Lord will give full reward for full time.

Good business methods are necessary to success; slovenly business habits have brought many to bankruptcy.

"Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

I. T. REYNOLDS.

PROPHETIC STUDY

"PROPHECY and history should form a part of the studies in our schools."—*Christian Education*, p. 212.

"The book of Revelation, in connection with the book of Daniel, especially demands study."—*Education*, p. 191.

"If Daniel's visions had been understood, the people could better have understood the visions of John."—*Early Writings*, p. 231, last ed.

"Whoso readeth [Daniel's prophecies], let him understand." "They that be wise shall understand." "And they that understand among the people shall instruct many." See Matt. 24: 15; Dan. 12: 10, R. V.; 11: 33.

"All who accept positions as educators should prize more and more the revealed will of God so plainly and strikingly presented in Daniel and the Revelation."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 131.

"God has given these things [the things revealed in the prophecies] to us, and his blessings will attend the reverent, prayerful study of the prophetic Scriptures."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 234.

"Christ directed his disciples to the words of the prophet Daniel concerning events to take place in their time, and said, 'Whoso readeth, let him understand.'"—*Great Controversy*, p. 341.

"The perils of the last days are upon

us, and we should watch and pray, and study and heed the lessons that are given us in the books of Daniel and the Revelation."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 128.

The book of Revelation "is indeed a revelation given for the especial benefit of those who should live in the last days, to guide them in ascertaining their true position and their duty."—*Early Writings*, p. 231.

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 61.

"As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 133.

"If the books of Daniel and the Revelation were studied with earnest prayer, we should have a better knowledge of the perils of the last days, and would be better prepared for the work before us. We should be prepared to unite with Christ and to work in his lines."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in the Watchman*, Jan. 16, 1906.

"Blessed is he that *readeth*, and they that *hear* the words of this prophecy [of Revelation], and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand." "Behold, I come quickly; blessed is he that *keepeth* the sayings of the prophecy of this book." See Rev. 1: 1-3; 22: 7, 10.

"Says the prophet, 'Blessed is he that readeth'—there are those who will not read; the blessing is not for them. 'And they that hear'—there are some, also, who refuse to hear anything concerning the prophecies; the blessing is not for this class. 'And keep those things which are written therein'—many refuse to heed the warnings and instructions contained in the Revelation. None of these can claim the blessing promised. All who ridicule the subjects of prophecy, and mock at the symbols here solemnly given, all who refuse to reform their lives, and prepare for the coming of the Son of man, will be unbled."—*Great Controversy*, p. 341.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

OF GOOD ADDRESS

A BUSINESS firm advertised for a man to take an unusually desirable and lucrative position. The requirements were stated at some length, and among other things it was said that the man must be "of good address." This requirement was emphasized by the words in italics: "This is imperative."

One day last winter a man tried to secure for a friend fresh from school a position in which he could support himself and a widowed mother. The gentleman to whom he applied heard his statement of the young man's abilities, and then asked, "Is the young man of good address?"

The friend was compelled to state that the applicant for the place was somewhat lacking in polish, and that, while he "meant well," he did not always create a pleasing impression on strangers. He was a trifle boorish, and indifferent to many of the small courtesies of life.

The merchant shook his head and said, "Then he would not give satisfaction here. I am very particular regarding the address of those in my employ. A great deal can often be gained by mere good address. It is in many cases a sure passport to the good opinion of others. I have learned that this is true in my business life."

Most men who have succeeded in life have discovered the great value of good manners, and all boys should early learn that a good address is one of the most pleasing accomplishments. Some one has written: "A fine courtesy is a fortune in itself. The good-mannered can do without riches, for they have passports everywhere. All doors fly open to them, and they enter without money and without price. They are as welcome in every household as the sunshine. And why not? They carry light, sunshine, and joy everywhere. They disarm jealousy and envy, for they bear good will to everybody. Bees will not sting a man covered with honey."

Good address is something more than an affectation of the fine manners of others. One may observe all the rules of good form and still lack good address, for the reason that genuine kindness, friendliness, and warmth of heart are necessary to really good address.—*Well-spring*.



FROM THE FIELD

BAKER'S MOUNTAIN, N. C.

In reporting progress from our small corner, the writer wishes to express gratefulness to God for the great step forward at our good camp-meeting at Thomasville. To him it was a season of unusual preciousness, calling back "the former days," and pointing forward to the still better to come. It was with deep regret that we left the interested ones at that place, but feeling that duty called but in one direction at one time, we surrendered.

Since returning home, it has been our privilege to set apart our dear Brother Burton Church to the office of elder of the church at Hickson, the Holy Spirit witnessing freely on the occasion, as all testified.

At Toluca a few meetings were held last month, and a deeply interested company are awaiting further meetings this month. Whatever may be said of Elder Shireman's work there, one thing is sure, his neighbors are desirous of listening to the truths he has held before them in a godly life.

In our own locality we are pressing on with good cheer, but wish to delay further report till something more decided may be accomplished. The battle is on; let us each to his task with undaunted courage.

ALBERT CAREY.

Hildebran, N. C.

HUSTBURG, TENN.

SOME weeks ago I wrote a short article, telling how the work is going here at Hustburg, Tenn.

The lumber for framing the new church has been sawed and is all on the ground, and the foundation is now laid. In land, work, lumber, and money we have about \$650 pledged. The church will be 26 x 40 feet. In the rear there will be an annex of four feet, making room for the pulpit. A porch has been planned to extend four feet in front, covering the doors, making the total length 48 feet. Built in this way, and with its gothic windows, it will make one of the nicest little churches in the country. We very much desire to build clear of debt, and I think we will, God being our helper.

Meetings have been held over Sabbath and Sunday with fair attendance ever since camp-meeting. The truth here has been opposed by the different denominations one after another, but it won't down; it has come to stay. While the Methodist Episcopal and Christian or Disciple churches were opposing us, we were

out begging money to build this house. The company of workers here have been of the best of courage, and best of all God has added his blessing to help us in holding up the light of truth.

Our Sabbath-school numbers all the way from twenty-five to forty. Last Sabbath after Sabbath-school, the Lord came very near to us in the preaching service. God helped, and over twenty testified to the goodness of God in giving us this truth, some saying, "I am thankful to God for the last message of mercy, and by his help I shall hold out to the end."

On Sunday night Brother Spaulding spoke on the mark of the beast and the seal of God. At the close of his sermon, some came forward and said, "I must obey. I see this as never before." When the church is completed, we hope to have Elders G. I. Butler and J. S. Washburn with us a few days, at which time we will organize a church.

The work here has been heavy; in fact, those engaged in Bible work and visiting have been kept busy from the first. Pray for the work here.

W. R. BURROW.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

THE seventh annual session of the North Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Thomasville, N. C., Aug. 15 to 25, 1907. The reports of the different departments indicated that the past year has been one of steady progress. Especially encouraging was the advancement made in the canvassing work, the book sales having been more than double those for the preceding year.

The Treasurer's report showed that the receipts for home and foreign work were \$833.79 more than for the preceding year. After settling with the conference laborers at the close of the year, a small surplus remained in the treasury.

The following resolutions were adopted by the conference:—

Whereas, The Lord has greatly blessed our conference during the past year in bringing into the truth precious souls; and by increasing our tithes and offerings, and in many other ways, therefore—

Resolved, That we express our gratitude for these blessings, and consecrate ourselves anew for further service.

Resolved, That we express our sympathy for our dear Brother Armstrong in his sad bereavement.

Resolved, That we take immediate steps to replenish our tent and camp-meeting fund.

Resolved, That we at this time make provision for the liquidation of the indebtedness on "Christ's Object Lessons": (a) by taking books and paying cash for the same; (b) by donations and pledges to be paid at some definite time.

Resolved, Further, That those societies and

individuals owing for "Christ's Object Lessons" still be held responsible for this obligation; and that all remittances on such accounts, after the debt has been paid, be used for educational work in North Carolina.

Resolved, That we favor the continuation of the fourth-Sabbath-home missionary meetings; and that we approve of the plan of the state society in furnishing studies to be used in these meetings.

Whereas, The Lord has said that it is a fact that our papers are accomplishing more for the spread of the message than even the work of the ministers, and—

Whereas, The *Watchman* is especially adapted to the work in this field, therefore,—

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the plans for a larger circulation of the paper; and pledge our hearty co-operation to this end, by: (a) subscribing for the paper ourselves; (b) securing subscriptions from others; (c) selling the paper weekly; (d) taking clubs for missionary work.

Whereas, The Lord has said that in the finishing of this work there shall be delay no longer, and—

Whereas, In the early days of the cause the tract and missionary work proved a most efficient means of spreading the truth; therefore—

Resolved, That we encourage our churches everywhere to revive the missionary societies and return to former methods of work, by: (a) keeping a reading rack in some public place supplied with literature; (b) using the "Family Bible Teacher" and tracts in neighborhood work; (c) taking clubs of the *Watchman*, *Liberty*, and *Life and Health*.

Resolved, That we urge the study and circulation of our religious liberty literature, especially the magazine *Liberty*; and that the conference officers be authorized to make a call for funds with which to supply members of the state legislature with this magazine.

Recognizing the organization of our young people into working societies as one of God's important agencies for the accomplishment of his work in the earth, and thankfully noting the blessing of the Lord upon this branch of the conference work, therefore—

Resolved, That (1) with renewed zeal we take up the work of organizing our young people into working bands, and in every way possible encourage them to aggressive missionary effort; (2) that we gladly adopt the name Young People's Missionary Volunteers, as chosen at the recent convention at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Whereas, The Lord calls upon parents to train their children for the work of the Lord, and calls for the youth to dedicate their lives to service, therefore—

Resolved, That we do our utmost to build up home and church schools in our conference; and that we encourage the youth among us to enter our training schools to secure a training for service in the cause.

Resolved, That a five-days' teachers' institute be held in our conference at some suitable time and place; and that all our teachers be urged to attend; the expenses of the institute to be provided for upon the same general plan as our canvassers' institutes; that the insti-

tute be in charge of the State Educational Secretary; and that an invitation be extended to the Educational Secretary of the Southern Union Conference to attend.

We recommend, That a more determined interest be shown in the study of health principles, both in the home and in church capacity; and that our people assist our health enterprises by interesting prospective patients to patronize them.

Resolved, That we encourage the circulation of the *Christian Record*; and pledge our interests and effort in getting this paper into the hands of interested blind people.

Whereas, The members of the Southern Educational Company Board have tendered their resignation to this conference, therefore —

Resolved, That in so far as this company is custodian of conference property or funds, we accept the resignation, and ask that property held in trust be transferred to the Southern Union Conference Association.

In the deliberations of the conference we were favored with the presence and counsel of Elders G. I. Butler and W. A. Spicer, and other visiting brethren. The above recommendations were not simply "passed," but were earnestly considered, and in each instance a call for funds was the signal for immediate action. Thus for the tent and camp-meeting fund, \$103.60 was raised in cash and pledges; state religious liberty fund, \$8.65; work for the blind, \$4.00; canvassers' institute fund, \$10.83; and \$150,000 fund, \$212.50. Provision was made to entirely wipe out our indebtedness to the Southern Conference Association and Southern Publishing Association for "Christ's Object Lessons," amounting to \$241.81. Of the brethren and sisters it may truly be said that "to their power, . . . and beyond their power, they were willing of themselves;" and we had the evidence of God's blessing and approval.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: President, T. H. Jeys; Vice-President, D. T. Shireman; Executive Committee, T. H. Jeys, D. T. Shireman, W. H. Armstrong, B. A. Rogers, J. W. Beach, T. J. Woodall, F. A. Slate; Secretary and Treasurer, Jessie V. Bosworth; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Alice Church; Field Missionary, Horace G. Miller; Secretary Educational and Sabbath-school Department, Mrs. Emma B. Rogers; Secretary Medical Missionary Department, Frank Paul; Secretary Religious Liberty Department, T. H. Jeys.

Credentials were granted to T. H. Jeys, D. T. Shireman, J. O. Johnston, Albert Carey, W. H. Armstrong, and H. R. Shelton; ministerial licenses to J. W. Beach, George Crawford, W. L. Killen, and J. S. Killen; missionary licenses to Horace G. Miller, Mollie R. Miller, Jessie V. Bosworth, Emma B. Rogers, and Frank Paul.

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Sec.*

CLEVELAND, TENN.

THE effort following the recent camp-meeting at this place gives promise of success. The rumor is current that the place is stirred as never before. Men are seen in groups on the streets and in the stores, discussing the sub-

jects presented nightly at the tent. A goodly number have expressed publicly a determination to come out of Babylon, and to connect with the people who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Surely the Lord is going before his messengers, preparing hearts for the reception of his truth for this time. To him be the praise.

J. F. POGUE AND G. H. BABER.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN GEORGIA

THE following is a report of the canvassing work in Georgia for the month of September, or rather for the four weeks ending September 28. This report shows eight canvassers in the field, but it is misleading without some explanation. We have only four regular canvassers. Half of the number shown in the report are not here any more. Some have gone to other fields, and some to school; so we only have five now, and one of them has only commenced.

We have some, however, who are not regular canvassers. Some of these report one hour, some two, and one as high as fourteen for the month. They are classed as "irregular" agents in the report. But it will be noticed that the Lord has wonderfully blessed these irregular workers, their sales being \$21.05, or \$1.00 an hour. May God bless all such efforts.

Report for Four Weeks Ending September 28.

Agents	Hours	Val. Ord's	Val. Del.
Agent No. 1	96	\$80.75	\$75.25
Agent No. 2	22	21.50	15.80
Agent No. 3	48	15.50	35.25
Agent No. 4	15	1.00	13.70
Agent No. 5	44	.50	140.00
Agent No. 6	21		49.50
Agent No. 7	34	47.50	30.50
Agent No. 8	33	31.00	13.50
Irregular	21		21.05
Totals	334	\$197.75	\$394.55

The reader will doubtless notice that the canvassers have not put in full time. This is accounted for by two reasons. First, all our workers have been in attendance at the camp-meeting nearly half of the month, and some are still helping in the meetings at this writing. Second, some did not stay here all the month, and some did not commence at the beginning of the month.

All things considered, we think the Lord has been very good to us. We are of excellent courage, and fully expect to see the work triumph here. It must go forward. It is the Lord's. Brethren and sisters, let's help in this grandest of all work; and soon we shall receive our reward. What do you say?

I am glad to receive some very encouraging reports from our irregular canvassers, those who can only work from one to twenty hours a month. Some, however, do more. I wish every Sabbath-keeper in the state would send me a report at least once a month. I am sure that there are not many, if any, who do not sell some book or paper during the month.

One of these God-fearing workers says, "I made a short visit to — during the tabernacle meeting and while there sold two 'Best Stories,' and I believe I could have sold others if I could have stayed longer." I trust

this dear sister may soon give her whole time to the canvassing work.

Another sister says, "I still feel encouraged. I have been doing a little work with my tracts. My cook is sick, and I have all my housework to do; but I feel that I must do something." And that is true. We must all do something. The servant of the Lord says, "No one will ever enter heaven who is not a laborer together with God."

I quote from another very encouraging letter: "It is with pleasure I use these few moments in writing to you on a subject of so much importance. Though I have done but very little, yet I believe I have some interest in the canvassing work. I have been at work some with 'Coming King.' It seems that the way has been opened up so I could do something this fall. . . . I have worked only a few hours, but have succeeded in taking three orders and delivering one before leaving." This report also shows victory. Let the good work go on.

Another sister writes: "This month I have given away 27 copies of the *Watchman*, 11 *Signs*, and 63 small tracts, held 9 Bible readings, and taken some orders. Sold 13 'New Testament Primer,' \$3.25; 4 'Steps to Christ,' 2.00; 5 'His Glorious Appearing,' 1.25; 4 'Gospel Primer,' 1.00; 4 'Seer of Patmos,' 4.00; 2 'Best Stories,' 1.00; 3 'Christ Our Saviour,' 1.50; 1 'Story of Joseph,' .25; 2 'Coming King,' 2.00; 2 'Paradise Home,' .50; 1 'Capital and Labor,' .25; 2 sets 'Family Bible Teacher,' .30; total number of books, 43; total value, \$17.30."

"I do hope and pray that I may be able to give more time to the work in the near future. I do receive such blessed experiences scattering the printed page." "I believe many precious souls would stand for this truth; had they some one to make them know and understand it. I am burdened for this needy field."

Is not this an encouraging report? I tell you, brethren, when the Lord lays a burden on his people to work, they will work at all hazards. They will not wait to have the way all smoothed over and polished before they start. Let us pray for the real genuine burden for souls. If we would receive blessings, we must do something. Read Matt. 21:28; Isa. 6:8; Eccl. 11:1-6; Ps. 126:6; Rev. 22:12.

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MINUTES OF OUR TRACT AND MISSIONARY MEETING.

THE meeting of the tract and missionary society of the North Side branch of the Nashville church was held in the chapel of the Publishing House, Oct. 9, 1907.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and passed, the president took up the work of the hour.

The subject to be studied was "Home Missions," but the secretary who had charge of the paper, was unavoidably absent, so Elder Burrow, who was with us, was invited to speak to the members. He spoke about the work our tract societies should be engaged in,

spreading the tracts and papers like the leaves of autumn. The members should take up work with the *Watchman* either by selling it or giving it away, for the reason that the paper is filled with the truths we so dearly love. Let us pray that our souls may be burdened for those who have never tasted and felt the converting power of God resting upon them. Even as we work for others, the old-time missionary zeal will revive, and a new life will come into our homes and churches.

He also spoke about being faithful in reporting. Sister Tuxford said a few words on the same subject. She said, "To us as a people has been committed the task of giving the last warning message to a perishing world. To do this intelligently, we must have organization, in order that the work may be properly divided. Those upon whom the responsibility of directing the work has been placed, must know what has been done and what is being done, in order to plan properly for what has yet to be accomplished.

"The apostles reported their work, and it was missionary work, too. 'And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done for them' (Acts 14:27), declared all things that 'God had done with them.'

"Angels in heaven carry writing materials, and set down their work, and report it. Of one angel to whom the Lord gave a commission to labor for souls, it is said that he carried a writer's inkhorn, 'And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.' Eze. 9:11. This was written that we upon whom the ends of the world have come might learn a lesson.

"We expect to have our report of work inserted in the next issue of REPORT OF PROGRESS, so we would like to have every one faithful in giving in their reports to the librarian, and the other societies, seeing our good work, may take a lesson. It is the Spirit of God that inspires us to do even the smallest missionary work."

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Harris.

M. H. TUXFORD, *President*,
BRO. HALL, *Secretary*.

"NOT."

HAVE N'T you noticed that when the minister visits the church, so many people don't know just what to do that will be regular, proper, and such as will be in every way satisfactory? And have n't you also noticed that there are some who do know just what to do? I have; and observing thus, I am resolved to set down for the benefit of my brethren some plain simple rules which if carefully followed cannot fail to have their effect.

1. As soon as you hear that a minister is coming, find out who he is, and suggest that you would rather hear any other man in the conference than him. This will cause yourself and the rest of the church to more highly appreciate his efforts.

2. When the time comes when he is to arrive, stay away from the station; for he might

think you wanted him to come to your home, and thus cause you some trouble and hinder you about your work. Besides, it is the elder's or deacon's place to attend to such matters any way.

3. When time for meeting arrives; be late to the services, or absent yourself from most of them. If every one should turn out, it might cause the minister to be proud; and humility is something that is very becoming in a minister.

4. As occasion affords, be sure to tell him all about your trouble with Brother A. and Brother B.; for if you don't, Brother A. and Brother B. will tell their side of the story, and will influence him to be on their side. Besides, how can he preach the message if he don't know the facts?

5. If he does n't immediately espouse your cause, it will show that he has no spirituality or sanctified judgment, or that Brother A. or B. has been sneaking around and telling him something and got him all prejudiced against you. Since he does not encourage you to tell him all your troubles, it is plain that he is on Brother A.'s side.

6. Continue to pity yourself and condemn others; for this will prove you an individual of a refined and sensitive nature, and will show the minister and all the brethren that you are all right, and the other is all wrong.

7. Lastly, hold stiffly and firmly to your position, for you are right. Do not admit that you may be wrong; for this will weaken your influence, and Brethren A. and B. would never get done exulting over you.

If these rules are carefully followed, there cannot fail to be an effect. It may not be just all that is desired by the minister and the brethren, to be sure; and even your own poor heart may not be fully satisfied. If so, a judicious rearranging of the "nots" in this article, with the addition of a few more, may so change the meaning of the rules, that, when followed, the results will be more satisfactory. Try it.

T. H. JEYS.

PASS NONE BY

A SHORT time ago I went out to deliver three books, one "Daniel and the Revelation" and two "Coming Kings." I delivered the "Daniel and Revelation" and one "Coming King," but on account of sickness had to postpone the other book.

On my way back I saw an old gentleman mending harness; and while I was yet some distance from him, thoughts like these came to my mind, "He is a sorry-looking fellow and cannot read; therefore there is no use wasting time with him." When I reached him, I spoke to him, but still did not expect to show him the book. We passed a few words, and he asked me what I was selling. I told him a Christian book. "Well," he said, "I can't read, but I would like to see the book." I showed it to him, and he became very much interested at once, and said, "I have some children in California who can read, and I would like to have them read that book. What is it worth?" I told him, \$1.00. He took the book and paid for it.

I believe the Lord has taught me a lesson by this experience not to pass any one by, though he may be unprepossessing and unable to read. We must give them a chance to hear the message, and some of them will quite often buy a book.

J. A. KIMMEL.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

PERHAPS some are not acquainted with the forward steps that have lately been taken in the young people's work. It has been made a department of the General Conference, and Prof. M. E. Kern of College View, Neb., has been chosen chairman of the department, and Miss Matilda Erickson of Washington, D. C., secretary. This organization in the General Union, and local conferences is to be known as the Young People's Volunteer Department, and in the local churches as the Seventh-day Adventist Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers. Secretaries have been appointed in every conference to look after the work in their respective fields, and in many churches societies have been organized and they are doing good work.

A convention was held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, July 10-20, in the interests of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Work. Many of our leading workers were present and took an active part in studying the work and laying plans for its advancement and especially for the young people's work.

A report of this convention has been published and is now ready for distribution. It consists of papers on different lines of the Sabbath-school and young people's work, on Bible characters, addresses, talks, and the resolutions that were passed. The papers that were read were most excellent, and are worth many times the price of the booklet, which has been made very low that it may have a wide circulation. The price is only ten cents. Young and old should read this report, and become familiar with this line of work. It may be ordered from any of our publishing houses.

One of the resolutions passed at the convention reads as follows:—

Resolved, That we favor the publication of a reading course for our young people through the columns of the *Youth's Instructor*.

This reading course has been arranged to begin October 1. The first book to be read is "Early Writings." A book so well known needs no introduction. It is especially adapted to our young people, and covers the whole field of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. It costs 75 cents.

The next book in the course is "Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells,—a work on modern missions which treats of every land and people in the world, giving the area of the field studied, describing their people, religion, and language, and giving biographical sketches of the leading missionaries to each field.

The third book studied will be "Pastor Hsi," by Mrs. Howard Taylor. This is a sketch of a life that shows the wonderful power of God over sin. Pastor Hsi was a wicked Chinese student who was converted

to Christianity. The book is full of encouraging experiences which he met in his opium refuge and evangelistic work. Both of the last two books may be had in paper covers for 85 cents.

The reading course will continue eight months. All who desire to take it should send in their names for enrollment to their respective conference secretaries. At the close of each book, examinations will be sent out, and all who satisfactorily complete the course will be granted a certificate.

Young people in this great Southern field, will you not take this reading course? The Lord says, "Especially will the youth who have been accustomed to reading novels and cheap story books receive benefit by joining in evening family study. Young men and women, read the literature that will give you true knowledge, and that will be a help to the entire family. Say firmly, 'I won't spend precious moments in reading that which will be of no profit to me, and which only unfits me to do service for others. I will devote my time and my thoughts to acquire a fitness for God's service.'" — *Testimonies, Vol. VII, p. 64.*

I want to hear from all of the young people in the Cumberland Conference on this point.

Mrs. A. F. HARRISON.

SHOULD WE REPORT?

Does the Lord so desire? Is there encouragement in it? Are we working in harmony with the angels in it? From those who have given up the world and accepted the riches of the world to come in its stead, we expect a willingness that cannot be found elsewhere, to follow the counsel of the Lord. It is certain that there are thousands of papers and pages on present truth coming into the churches which are never again reported. I do not believe, brethren and sisters, that you destroy all these; I cannot believe this; yet they are not reported. There are some who faithfully report, some are indifferent, and some question the duty of reporting at all.

Angels in heaven carry writing materials, and set down their work, and report it. Of one angel to whom the Lord gave a commission to labor for souls, it is said that he carried a "writer's inkhorn." "And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the ink horn by his side, reported the matter, saying, 'I have done what thou hast commanded me.'" Eze. 9:11. This was written that we upon whom the ends of the world have come might learn a lesson. The apostles reported their missionary work: "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them" (Acts 14:27) — "declared all things that God had done with them." Chap. 15:4, also verse 12. They reported their miracles; but it was always what the Lord had wrought.

Many weak hands that had almost relaxed their hold, have been strengthened for a new effort by seeing even a small report from another. If you alone have done the work, let it drop; but if God has sent you, tell it, and he will be glorified.

Some are not where they can attend the missionary meetings, and their report may be small. They may not see any immediate results of their missionary efforts; but this is with the Lord. He says, "Sow thy seed. . . Thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that." Eccl. 11:6. It was said of the angel that he "reported the matter." He had done as he was commanded, reported his work.

Dear brethren and sisters, keep a faithful account of the work that you do. If it is but one of the small streams, see that it finds its way to unite with the larger streams, and in this way all will be carried together. A body of water has never been collected so large that it was not made of little drops. Send a report of your work, giving God the glory. See that tracts and papers do not accumulate in your homes. Read them and pass them on. Keep them nice and clean for the purpose. Give a full report, and it will be blessed of God. "A good report maketh the bones fat." That means it is encouraging.

"Speak ["tell of it," R. V.], . . . ye that sit in judgment and walk by the way. They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel [missionary work in the villages]: then shall the people of the Lord go down to the gates." Judges 5:10.

Telling of your work, then, will cause others to start out. Let us renew our faithfulness in reporting.— *Selected.*

DE RIDDER, LA.

BRETHREN W. E. STRAW and B. L. Roberts came to this place after the camp-meeting, and, pitching their tent in a nice pine grove, began meetings August 16. Elder Horton was with them a few days, also Sisters Hattie Smith and Frances Goodwyn, who engaged in Bible work. The writer came September 19, and shortly after Brother Roberts left for school. (Brother Straw had already gone.)

The meetings continued till October 13. A good interest was manifested almost all the time. The Baptist pastor attempted to tear down the work done by preaching two sermons on "Why I Am Not an Adventist." The writer reviewed the last of these at the tent, fully 250 persons—including several Baptists—being present. A lady writing from Plano, Ky., who had seen the pastor's announcement in the papers, sent to the editor a reply to the pastor's question, "Why I Am Not an Adventist," which was published in full.

As a result of the work done thus far, fourteen are keeping the Sabbath, while a number of others are interested. Sister Goodwyn remains to continue the Bible work, and Sister Smith has a mission school started that promises good results.

Pray for the work in western Louisiana.

E. L. MAXWELL.

CANVASSING REPORT

Of the S. U. C. for Two Weeks Ending Oct. 4, 1907.

NAME	Name of Book	Hours Work	Total Value	Value B'ks Delivered
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
O A Prieger	CK BS	82	47 75	99 40
R I Keate	1 wk. CK BS	41	45 50	
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
L W Dortch	1 wk. CK	15		100 75
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
T H Dobb	3 wks. MISC	116		34 00
J H Robison	1 wk. sofP	3	2 75	1 75
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
A L Manous	CK MISC	17	20 50	3 00
Mrs A L Manous	D&R	24	48 50	10 50
J A Kimmel	CK	62	66 00	66 50
M L Woodall	D&R	45	31 00	13 00
L E Hamilton	1 wk. CK	20		15 00
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
J P Campbell	sofP	56		32 50
G S Rogers	1 wk. D&R	35	35 50	15 00
Daisy L Berry	CK	76	55 00	27 00
C L Collison	1 wk. BR D&R BFL	46	21 80	21 80
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
R E Putney	4 wks. NTP & BIBLES	117	97 40	38 50
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
O B Newton	1 wk CK sofP	11	11 25	11 25
Ira Young	CK	60	20 00	13 25
Mattie S Reynolds	CK	48	24 75	3 75
H G Miller	1 wk. GC	3	2 50	1 00
	CK	25	9 50	91 50
W H Brown	1 wk sofP CK	31		90 50
R L Underwood	CK sofP	75	36 75	42 40
Celia McDonald	sofP	51	67 25	16 00
W E Lanier	D&R	73	63 95	19 55
Ola Newton	1 wk. CK BS	5	3 25	25
Bertha Graham	1 wk. CK	10	3 25	25
Viola Graham	1 wk. BFL	11	3 50	
Mollie Miller	1 wk. STC	21	9 50	9 50
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
E R Button	D&R sofP	39	34 00	
Mrs E R Button	sofP NTP	35	49 60	
H Martin	CK	98	156 75	62 50
Mrs H Martin	1 wk. CK	3	6 75	3 25
Mrs E A Wing	CK BS	45	115 75	23 50
J B Rise	CK BFL	76	61 50	13 25
W P Darnell	CK	62	70 05	11 05
H B Gallion	1 wk. CK	38	4 00	62 00
Mrs H B Gallion	CK	52	41 00	88 00
A A Johnson	1 wk. CK	31	3 00	60 75
F A Evans	1 wk. CK	43	38 50	11 00
C L Belue	1 wk. CK sofP		5 00	100 00
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
J T Eaton	1 wk. BFL	34	34 85	3 50
Mamie Moore	D&R	60	40 60	45 20
R H Hazelton	D&R	42	38 60	
W R Hanson	D&R	39	25 70	24 55
Emma G Jones	sofP NTP	18	32 75	
Mrs Martin Thorn	sofP	18	25 95	70
Amanda Gahr	D&R	11	16 00	
Mrs Alice Patton	D&R	7	28 50	
Wm J Keele	1 wk. BS	10		15 75
A K Baker	BR & BIBLES	65	153 50	33 00
Dollie Callender	1 wk. D&R	6		15 00
H C Balsbaugh	sofP	75	72 55	
W T Dawson	1 wk. BR	10	20 00	
Richard Hook Sr.	MISC	48	25 60	
M J Weber	GC GP	67	53 25	31 20
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference		123	93 25	99 40
Cumberland Conference		15		100 75
Florida Conference		119	2 75	35 75
Georgia Conference		168	166 00	108 00
Louisiana Conference		213	112 30	96 30
Mississippi Conference		117	97 40	38 50
North Carolina Conf.		424	255 25	289 20
South Carolina Conf.		522	585 90	435 30
Tennessee River Conf.		510	567 85	168 90
Grand Total		2,211	1,880 70	1,372 10

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THE address of Elder Geo. W. Wells, president of the Georgia Conference, is changed from Alpharetta, Ga., to No. 77 Beecher St., Atlanta, Ga.

THE current number of *Liberty* is ready for distribution. This issue deals with the outlook for religious liberty in this country, in view of the papal theory of government and the attitude of Rome toward the Constitution of the United States. This is a subject that cannot fail to interest, especially those who view it in the light of prophecy.

WE learn from the *Review and Herald* that in Bangalore, South India, where Elder J. S. James is stationed, several have taken a stand for the Sabbath. The teacher of whom Brother James is learning the Tamil language, is just on the point of accepting the truth. The readers of the *Watchman* will remember that Elder J. S. James is the author of four very interesting articles on "Life in India," which have just appeared in that paper.

THE Bible has been translated into so many of the languages of the earth, that it is now accessible to ninety-five per cent. of the people. And now the Bible societies are planning for the other five per cent. This year the British and Foreign Bible Society has added eight new languages to its list. These languages are spoken in provinces of India and China, in districts of the Philippines, and North and South Africa and in the New Hebrides Islands.

THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

NEARLY one month has passed since the opening of the fall term of the Southern Training School. The weather has been beautiful, and very much in our favor, as we have been obliged to keep school in a building only partly finished. The carpenter work is now nearing completion, however, and we shall soon have things in convenient shape. Our enrolment has been very gratifying as to numbers. We have more now in regular attendance than the total enrolment of last year. The class of students as a whole are cheerful, industrious, and a most excellent spirit seems to prevail.

Classes have been formed in all the work offered for the fall term, and nearly all of

the classes are well filled. New students continue to arrive, and we expect to be crowded to our fullest capacity before the winter is over.

We trust that the brethren and sisters in their homes will remember the school in their daily devotions. We ask your co-operation in interesting students in our work.

The special course announced in the calendar for Bible workers and church elders will be outlined in the near future, and already several persons have signified their intention to be present and take that course.

M. B. VAN KIRK, *Principal*.

NOTES FROM NORTH CAROLINA

THE Hickory church school began the first Monday in October with Sister Alice Bond as teacher.

A Sabbath-school convention was held at Hildebran the last Sunday in September, the schools at Hickory, Toluca, and Baker's Mountain participating. Two sessions were held, and the occasion was one of pleasure and profit. As per appointment, these schools expect to unite in an Ingathering service Sunday, October 27, to be held at Hickory.

Brother Tom C. Hege writes encouragingly of the work at Charlotte. In addition to his work in the store, he was enabled to scatter some seeds of truth during the month of September, and reports the following: 7 missionary letters, 1,024 pages tracts given away, 172 papers distributed, 72 *Watchman* sold, 21 Bible talks, 5 books sold.

J. V. B.

AN ADVANCE MOVE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

It has been said that "wherever in history we mark a great movement of humanity, we commonly detect a young man at its head or at its heart." Our youth are to have their share in the closing work of the gospel, and it is a source of great encouragement to see strong young men and women enlisting in the service. One of our workers under appointment for the foreign field, recently visited several churches where we have large numbers of young people, and it was his testimony that

he had never seen such an interest among the youth in giving themselves to the gospel work.

From field, vineyard, and workshop, as well as from the schools, is to go forth an army of workers to proclaim the message. They will prepare while they work, and work while they prepare. Two things are absolutely essential for these laborers, from the worker around home to the canvasser and minister,—first, a knowledge of the fundamental truths of the third angel's message; and second, an acquaintance with the wonderful providence of God in the history of the Advent movement.

The General Conference Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention this summer decided to establish in connection with our Young People's Work a "Membership of Attainment," consisting of those young people who can pass an examination in the subjects mentioned. This standard is erected that all our young people may attain to it. An examination will be given twice each year in all our churches where there is a call for it. The first one will be held during the first week in March, 1908. The examination in Bible doctrines will be based on our present series of Sabbath-school lessons, "A Synopsis of Present Truth," the special Bible readings series of the *Signs of the Times*, and "Our Truth" number of the *Instructor*.

The examination in denominational history will be based on the "Great Second Advent Movement," by Elder Loughborough. Those who desire may obtain a series of lessons on this book by writing the undersigned, enclosing stamp. These lessons will help many to get a better understanding of the book.

Let all our young people determine to reach this standard. The enemy is marshaling his forces for the last great conflict. As soldiers of Christ, we must make some definite preparation for the warfare. Let us arouse from our lukewarmness and enlist in the service.

Let all our church elders, workers, and older people everywhere, take an interest in this general movement on the part of our young people, encouraging them in it.

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College View, Neb.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN GEORGIA

THE following is a report of the canvassing work in Georgia for six months and three weeks ending August 31:—

Agent	Book	Hrs	No. of orders	Val. of orders	Val. of bks del	Profit on bks del	Profit per hr
No. 1 (J. A. K.)	D&R S of P	691	204	\$868.75	\$385.90	\$192.95	\$0.25
No. 2 (R. L. U.)	CK	766	283	425.00	326.75	163.37	.21
No. 3 (Mrs. A. L. M.)	D&R S of P	137	50	102.25	28.50	14.25	.10
No. 4 (L. E. H.)	CK	271	170	314.00	156.25	78.12½	.28
No. 5 (Eld. H. F. C.)	CK	224	97	99.25	50.50	25.25	.10
No. 6 (R. E. B.)	D&R CK	197	311	449.25	149.50	74.75	.38
No. 7 (Mrs. E. R. B.)	BFL CK	115	122	146.00	33.00	16.50	.14
No. 8 (Irregular)	MISC	250	313	210.00	168.65	120.03	.50
Totals		2,651	1,550	\$2,614.50	\$1,299.05	\$685.22	\$1.98
Average		331	194	\$326.93	\$162.38	\$85.69	\$0.25

Agent No. 2 finished delivering August 1. The others were not through delivering August 31.

The number of orders does not include helps. The value of orders and books delivered includes helps.

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