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ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.

Is this the time, O church of Christ, to sound
Retreat? to arm with weapons cheap and
blunt

The men and women who have borne the
brunt

Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their
ground?

No! rather strengthen stakes and lengthen
cords!

Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth, with all its fulness, is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for him, great things expect,

Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

—Selected.

A LESSON IN LIBERALITY.—No. 2.

PAUL'S testimony was accepted as of great weight, because of the many revelations he had received. He knew better than did many others the necessities of the various places. But he was unwilling to take personal charge of the raising of the contribution for the relief of the saints at Jerusalem. He had been largely instrumental in causing it to be raised, but, lest any should find occasion to speak evil, Titus and his companions made the journey to Corinth; for there was no safe way of transporting money at that time.

The apostle refers to the fact that a year before, a gift had been pledged; but there had been no realization of this pledge. The apostle now had an efficient helper whom he could send out to the churches, reminding them of their pledges, lest they should fail to carry out their good resolutions. It was essential for the repute of the church that they should now make good the promise they had made a year before.

"For as touching the ministering to

the saints," the apostle continues, "it is superfluous for me to write to you; for I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready; lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

"God loveth a cheerful giver," and those who love him will give freely and cheerfully when by so doing they can advance his cause and promote his glory. The Lord never requires his people to offer more than they are able, but according to their ability he is pleased to accept and bless their thank-offerings. Let willing obedience and pure love bind upon the altar every offering that is made to God; for with such sacrifices he is well pleased.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work; (as it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he

hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

Many exceeding great and precious promises has the Lord made to the liberal:—

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; . . . the liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor."

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand."

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the

same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

"For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; and by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

There are some who are liberal with their gifts, and these gifts call forth the grateful praise of those who through them are given a knowledge of the gospel. The givers become the subject of the prayers of those who receive the benefit of the offerings made.

The Spirit of God is grieved when those church-members who have means withhold the offerings that would help the work to be carried forward rapidly and extensively. Will not our church-members become intelligent in regard to the needs of the missionary fields, and respond to the efforts that are being made to secure help for those workers who are laboring in difficult places? Who with Paul will seek to stir up the churches to a spirit of liberality for these needy fields? Not only in the South, but in many places the work is hard to carry, and the workers are compelled, as it were, to make brick without straw.

To all our people I bear the message: If we will be sanctified, soul, body, and spirit, to do the will of the Lord, he will walk in our midst as a light from heaven. Let there be a breaking up of every selfish method of labor, and let each help the other, as one great converted brotherhood.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE WRONG WAY TO WORK

SUPPOSE some cold morning you should go into a neighbor's house and find him busy at work on his windows, scratching away, and should ask him what he was doing, and he should reply,—

"Why, I am trying to remove the frost; but as fast as I get it off one square it comes on another."

Would you not say, "Why, man, let your windows alone and kindle a fire, and the frost will come off"?

And have you not seen people try to break off their bad habits one after an-

other without avail? Well, they are like the man who tried to scratch the frost from his windows.

Let the fire of love to God, kindled at the altar of prayer, burn in your heart, and the bad habits will soon melt away.

—*London S. S. Times.*

THE LARGE BOOKS

READ slowly, and *think* as you read:—

"If the book 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 Watchman, Jan. 16, 1906.*

"Let more time be given to the publication and circulation of books containing present truth. Call attention to books dwelling on practical faith and godliness, and to those that treat on the prophetic word. The people are to be educated to read the sure word of prophecy in the light of the living oracles. They need to know that the signs of the times are fulfilling."—*Test., vol. 7, p. 158.*

"The larger books should be sold everywhere. These books contain present truth for this time,—truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. Our canvassers are to circulate the books that give definite instruction regarding the testing messages that are to prepare a people to stand on the platform of eternal truth, holding aloft the banner on which is inscribed 'The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.'"—*Special Testimony, Dec. 6, 1902.*

"'Daniel and the Revelation,' 'Great Controversy,' and 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' will make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God has given his people. The angels of God prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people. . . . Of all the books that have come from the press, those mentioned have been of the greatest consequence in the past, and are at the present time. I know that 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation' has done a great work in this country [Australia]. I know also that the . . . books I have published have done a good work, and I praise the Lord for this. Other books have stood in their lot and place."—*Special Instruction Regarding Royalties, pp. 9, 12.*

"Our large books could be sold if our canvassers would take up this work earnestly, filled with the realization that these books contain precious instruction that God has intrusted to us that we may give it to the world. . . . Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of saving souls. Will you not try it? Will you not do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should be sown broadcast through the world? Will you not place them in the homes of as many as possible? Think of how great a work can be done if a large number of believers will unite in an effort to place before the people, by the circulation of these books, the light that the Lord has committed to us to be given them."—*Words of Encouragement to Workers, pp. 5, 8, 9.*

"The important books containing the truth regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven, should be given wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and 'Great Controversy' are needed now as never before. They should be widely circulated because the truth they emphasize will open many blind eyes.

"Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday law would not be where it is to-day."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review, June 1, 1905.*

"A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping where there is opportunity."—*Manual for Canvassers, p. 67.*

"Young men and young women who should be engaged in the ministry, in the Bible work, and in the canvassing work, should not be bound down to mechanical employment."—*Test., vol. 8, pp. 229, 230.*

Our whole state, the great "Empire State of the South," with its millions, is almost wholly unworked for the large books above mentioned, the very books which contain the special light for this time, and the very books which God has

said should be sold everywhere just now. There is also plenty of good territory here for other good books.

We have a great work before us, and not many workers; but we are of good courage because the Lord has blessed and is blessing the efforts that have been and are being, put forth. Now if you, dear reader, should, through the Spirit of God working upon your heart, hear the Macedonian cry, "Come over into Macedonia [Georgia], and help us," "harden not your hearts," but send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I, send me." ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

CHRISTIAN MEMORIALS ARE FOR CHRISTIANS

If the first day of the week be really the "Lord's day,"—a memorial of the resurrection of Christ,—then, like all Christian institutions, it belongs to the church, and should never be enforced upon unbelievers. It would be as much out of gospel order for one who does not believe in Christ to celebrate his resurrection, as it would be for him to partake of the memorials of our Lord's death. God does not wish unbelievers to observe his ordinances. They are designed to be an expression of *faith*, and "whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

When ancient Israel forsook the Lord, and still kept up a formal observance of his ordinances, the Lord rebuked them, saying, "Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting." Why were these things an abomination unto the Lord? Had he not commanded their observance?—He had; and when properly observed, they were a blessing to the people, and an honor to God; but the trouble was that this people were "laden with iniquity," their hands were "full of blood." Isa. 1: 11-17. Their profession of religion was only a pretense.

To force an ungodly man to keep the Sabbath is to compel him to act the hypocrite. The same would be true of the Lord's supper. "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." 1 Cor. 11: 29. The Lord calls sinners to repentance, and offers them salvation full and free; but he wishes no hypocritical pretensions.—*R. S. Owen.*

SUNSHINE VERSUS SHADOW

"WHEN you come to think about it, on this old terrestrial ball,
Rimmed with roses in the springtime, heaped
with fruitage in the fall;
Though we all were born a growlin'—
though we're axle-deep in doubt,
There is really very little for the world to
growl about.

"When you come to think about it, did your
growlin' ever pay?
Did it ever bend a rainbow—chase a thun-
der cloud away?
Don't it deafen all the angels when they
try to sing and shout?
Don't they know that there's but little in
the world to growl about?"

WHAT IF YOUR LOT IS HARD?

THAT submission to one's lot means that one should sit helplessly before sorrow and disappointment while weeks and months pass by, is a terrible misapprehension. Life should be growth. These trials come to us that we may conquer them, wrest power from them. To yield faint-heartedly is surely ignoble, for there is no life so barren, or hard, or sorrowful, that it does not hold some door to wider living, if we will but seek it.

Is it loneliness that closes about us and shuts joy from our days? Have we tried honestly and patiently to touch other lonely lives? Is it because we have no time for study that life seems so hard and barren? A friend of working girls advised them to learn a poem as they went to and from their work instead of simply reading street-car advertisements. A verse, a line of poetry, a single noble thought every day—who of us could not make time for this, if we would? And how rich a harvest one short year would give us? Is it poverty that is eating the gladness from our days? It is hard; but there are things within our reach that no gold could purchase for us—friendship, the power of an upright life, the joy of earth and sky. Dare we, with all we have within reach, bemoan our poverty?

BIBLE NAME FOR THE LOCOMO- TIVE

AMONG Oriental Jews there is a widespread belief that the recent opening of the railway from Joppa to Jerusalem is a sure precursor of the coming of the Messiah.

The foundation for the opinion is said to be Isa. 66: 20, "They shall bring all

your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord."

The Hebrew word which is translated "swift beasts" is *Kirkaroth*. The roots of this word are found in 2 Sam. 6: 14, in connection with David's peculiar swaying dance, and also in the common Hebrew word for furnace. Hence the derived meaning, "a swaying furnace."

As the prophet in holy vision was permitted to look down the stream of time and view the ingathering of the Israel of faith, among the many different vehicles used by God to bring people into contact with the truth was a very strange and rapid conveyance, the forepart of which swayed and carried fire. So he called it "a swaying furnace." What a picturesque expression for a locomotive in rapid motion!—*H. E. A. Minchin, in Caribbean Watchman.*

PREACHING FOR A CROWN

THE REV. MR. DAVIES, sometimes called "The Welsh Apostle," was walking early one Sunday morning to a place where he was to preach. He was overtaken by a clergyman on horseback, who complained that he could not get above half a guinea for a discourse. "O sir," said Mr. Davies, "I preach for a crown!" "Do you?" replied the stranger, "then you are a disgrace to the cloth."

To this rude observation he returned this meek answer: "Perhaps I shall be held in still greater disgrace, in your estimation, when I inform you that I am now going nine miles to preach, and have but sevenpence in my pocket to bear my expenses out and in; but I look forward to that crown of glory which my Lord and Saviour will freely bestow upon me when he makes his appearance before an assembled world."—*Selected.*

How can a man learn to know himself?—By reflection never, only by action. In the measure in which thou seekest to do thy duty shalt thou know what is in thee. But what is thy duty?—The demand of the hour.—*Goethe.*

"HE who takes not counsel beforehand will surely fail in accomplishing his projects."



FROM THE FIELD

"HAND in hand with angels
Through the world we go;
Brighter eyes are on us
Than we blind ones know;
Tenderer voices cheer us
Than we deaf will own;
Never, walking heavenward,
Can we walk alone."

TRACT AND MISSIONARY WORK

Some General Hints.

To do acceptable work, it is necessary to know what our tracts contain, in order to select such as will be appropriate or to know just what to give at just the right time. When you do not know that a person is interested, it is usually better to use the smaller tracts. Select tracts dealing with the second coming of Christ, or the unsettled condition of affairs at the present time. These are not likely to arouse prejudice. It is not advisable to introduce doctrinal subjects until your readers are somewhat acquainted with other literature. Use a plentiful supply of good, practical tracts, such as "Justification by Faith," "The Way to Christ," "The Benefits of Bible Study," "The Coming of the Lord," and "Signs of the Times." Let your readers become impressed with the fact that Christ is all and in all, and that you are not anxious simply to convince people of doctrinal points. Be courteous, charitable, and considerate, quiet, unobtrusive, giving no occasion for prejudice by word or manner. Above all things, bear a personal testimony to the saving power of Christ in your daily life. Without this, everything else would be in vain.

Periodical Work.

The personal delivery plan of using the *Watchman* or *Life and Health* is certainly one of the most effective ways of developing an interest; for it gives the worker an opportunity of learning that the truths which the paper contains are being received.

A regular canvass of the individual is first made, with the request for a trial subscription for three or six months. The worker then explains to his customer that these papers will be delivered personally each week. The very promise of a true missionary calling each week is often sufficient to secure the order, even though the customer may not be so much impressed with the value of the paper. Therefore how important it is that the worker go

with just the right preparation, which can only be gained by communion with God.

Another plan is to sell the paper from door to door, taking a definite territory and working it systematically. Because you have been refused once at a house, do not omit to call again. Oftentimes a paper will be purchased at the second call. Always meet the people pleasantly, and even when they manifest opposition, be courteous and gentle. Though you may not sell a paper, your manner will make an impression.

Before presenting the paper each week, read it yourself, so that you can point out articles that are likely to interest your readers. Use judgment in this. All are not interested in the same subjects.

When possible to do so, take subscriptions for the papers for three, six, or twelve months, the longer the better; for then you are sure the people will receive the regular visits of the paper for a term, during which they may be led to a knowledge of the truth.

In the cities and towns these papers may be sold on the streets and in the shops on Saturday nights. The streets are usually thronged with people on this night, who are often ready purchasers of the papers. This work should be done by more mature members. It is not well to send the youth, especially the young women, among the associations that they will find on the streets on Saturday nights, unless accompanied by older people.

These papers can be used in missionary correspondence with our own friends and strangers. They can and should be used in the hospitals and benevolent asylums. They should be in reading-rooms, sailor's missions, and any other institution in which we can place them; in reading-racks at depots, on steamers, and in all other suitable places. The housewife can take a club, and sell or give one to each tradesman who calls at the house. Periodicals can be used in as many ways as tracts. Be ready and watchful, and many opportunities will present themselves.

Our Periodicals to Our People.

The foregoing plans are for the individual worker in working for the public. But the missionary secretary has a duty toward the church-members in regard to our periodicals. We should see that every family is a subscriber to *REPORT OF PROGRESS*, *Watchman*, and *Life and Health*. No family can afford to be without the valuable instruction given through these papers. In the event of a family being too poor to subscribe, an effort should be made to get some one who has more of this world's goods to subscribe for them. Food for the soul is as essential as food for the body.

As far as possible, the secretary should endeavor to arrange for every family to have access to the *Review and Herald*, our General Conference paper. Several families might club together to subscribe, and pass the paper around. They can thus keep in touch with

the rapid progress the truth is making throughout the world.

Work with Our Books.

We have a large variety of books dealing with the truth in its many phases. These should be circulated as widely as possible, and a wise missionary will be ever watchful to get the church-members to work with them. Some may make a systematic canvass for some of the small books, such as "Story of Joseph," "Gospel Primer," "His Glorious Appearing," "Bible Studies," and others. These can be readily sold from house to house, and many of the young people can take part in this work, thus earning money for other lines of missionary work that are not remunerative. In every city and town, the men who are connected with forming and administering the laws, should be provided with a copy of the little book, "Rights of Man." The excellent little books written by Dr. Wood-Allen, "Teaching Truth," "Almost a Man," and "Almost a Woman," should be introduced where there are children.

Others can sell the larger books. Any member who desires to make a regular business should work under the direction of the state canvassing agent. But this work should not be confined to them. Let the church-members watch for opportunities to dispose of these books. Invite your neighbors to studies from "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." After a few readings you can probably sell one or more copies or go to their houses and use the same book. Leave a copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Coming King," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Christ Our Saviour," or "Desire of Ages" at a home, with a polite note, asking that the book may be looked over, and saying that it will be called for on the following day, when, if desired, an order can be given for a copy. Select good houses for this plan, where the book will not be likely to be soiled or damaged. Do you know any invalids — I mean chronic invalids? Introduce to them some of our excellent health works. Use the tact God has given you, and watch for opportunities to meet the needs of the people.

One of the most important phases of this line of work is to get our own people to purchase our books for themselves. The missionary secretary should, in a tactful manner, learn what books each member has, and then endeavor to add to them until, as far as possible, every member has all the writings of the spirit of prophecy, including a complete set of the "Testimonies for the Church," and such books as those spoken about before in this article, with the addition of "Here and Hereafter," "Great Second Advent Movement," and such other books as they can afford. As new books are issued, they should be introduced to the church-members, and orders taken.

Our Health Publications.

People are frequently met who, when asked to buy religious literature, will say they have no interest in religion, and who will not take it as a gift or a loan. In such cases, do not argue the matter. Say, "If you are not interested in religion, I have reading matter on a subject in which I feel sure you are inter-

ested," and present some one of our health tracts, periodicals, or books, according to the nature of your work. Our health literature may often be used as an entering wedge, where otherwise we would fail to arouse any interest. Therefore always carry some health tracts with the religious ones.

In our next article we will have something to say about the methods to be used in missionary correspondence.

Mrs. M. H. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

WORK IN MOBILE, ALA.

It affords me much pleasure to add our small testimony to the list of progress. Our company, which resulted from a tent effort, was organized into a church last August. Its development since has been marked with success, for which we are grateful to our heavenly Father.

The work of the tent effort cannot be truly estimated. Speaking to Lawyer Smith of this city a few weeks ago, he said, "You all have done a great deal of good here. You must come and see me. I want to talk with you." Lawyer Smith is one of our prominent gentlemen here.

The ministers are our worst enemies; yet the Lord has blessed us and given victory over two. One who did quite a deal of fighting and would burn our papers when his wife got them to read, is now thoroughly convinced, and is publicly proclaiming the truth. The other is on the verge of joining us with his whole congregation. He needs faith and courage, and most of all our earnest and fervent prayers. Quite a number of others are interested, and one joined us the first Sabbath in the year, and I hope ere long to be able to report other new believers.

Not having a house of worship yet, we are selling the specials and giving the proceeds to our building fund. Our mission school has enrolled a total of about eighty students. Brother D. M. Jackson is doing good work with it. The students are selling the *Youth's Instructor*. The outlook, on the whole, is good. The horizon becomes cloudy at times, but our Captain is guiding.

We sincerely desire to be remembered by all in their intercessions at the throne of grace.

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ARTICLES ON THE SOUTH

THE *Watchman* is a live and valuable missionary journal. It occupies a very important position in our denominational literature. This is appreciated by many, as its rapidly increasing mailing list testifies.

Many doors in the South are already closing to the truth. On account of conditions in this field, Sister White has written much about the difficulties of carrying on the work here. Professor Magan has a good understanding of conditions in the South, has had experience in lecturing on the South, and has had an intimate association with Elder W. C. White and Sister E. G. White in studying the whole situation and devising the best possible means

of presenting the truths concerning the South. These facts, in order to be circulated freely and effectively throughout the country, must be published in the South. This shows the wisdom of establishing the Southern Publishing Association and the *Watchman*. "The *Watchman* is to have a place in the field at large. It bears the message of truth as verily as do the *Review* and the *Signs of the Times*."

The publishers of the *Watchman* have arranged with Professor Magan to write for its columns on the conditions and missionary opportunities in the South. His first articles along this line will be on the race question. They will begin in the *Watchman* of February 4. Other kindred topics will be considered in his articles, which will run throughout the year. Professor Sutherland will also have a series of articles, beginning soon, on the history of educational effort in the South. All these articles will be of more than ordinary interest. Their publication is essentially the publication of present truth. Our people must understand these conditions, or fall behind in the message.

This is a favorable time to begin subscriptions to this good paper. Not only should our own people study these things, but others should be interested. The study of these articles will lead to an appreciation of the third angel's message. Subscriptions should be sent at once. Order through the tract society or direct of the *Watchman*, Nashville, Tenn.

A STATEMENT OF FACTS

Concerning the Late Newspaper Reports about Adventists in Battle Creek.

DURING the past two years, multitudinous have been the press reports respecting Battle Creek Sabbath-keepers, and the writings of the servant of God, Mrs. Ellen G. White. These bitter diatribes have been of a very sensational nature, always notoriously false, and of a character calculated to lessen the standing of the Tabernacle congregation in the esteem of the public. These offensive reports always first appear in a scurrilous sheet in this city, and are then taken up by the Associated Press and scattered from ocean to ocean. Here at Battle Creek these maudlin paragraphs do not seem to make any permanent impression, and so after a temporary excitement, all is comparatively quiet again.

But knowing that our loyal people away from Battle Creek must be perplexed by the strange things they read, it has been deemed advisable to make a few statements for their personal benefit. And first let it be noted that false brethren generally have considerable to do in starting these scandalous reports.

Within a short time the press of the land has been agitated with the most atrocious and misleading reports about the Tabernacle people, and a communication that came from the pen of our venerable Sister E. G. White, now past eighty years of age. The present furor started in this way: the pastor of the church, Elder N. N. Campbell, had received a communication from Sister White relating to matters in the church at Battle Creek. This he read at the

mid-week prayer and missionary meeting. This gathering was larger than usual, the Sabbath-keepers of the district having been invited to be present. And now what followed? Right after the meeting, some Tobiah or Sanballet hied away to the news desk of a certain paper in town, and the following afternoon that sheet, with flaming headlines, and a grossly false article underneath, started a story which, for aught the writer knows, has been reprinted in every paper in the country.

This did great injustice to the Seventh-day Adventist people. A prominent lawyer remarked to one of our ministers that many persons would give the sheet starting such slanders an opportunity to prove in the court that their statements were true. If the things referred to had appeared under their legitimate heading, "The Liar's Department," no one would have been misled. As the matter now stands, there having been no denial of these insolent articles, many of the readers will probably be left to believe what the papers printed. To show how grossly false these statements are, a few of the misstatements are here mentioned. *But note that nothing of this sort is found in the "Testimony" referred to.*

First, that Battle Creek's obliteration is predicted as an event of the immediate future; that Adventists should sell their homes and buy no more furniture here; that the gathering at which the message was read was a secret one; that the doom of this city is sealed; that those who would be saved from the destruction should leave on the first fast train; that men and women wept at the thought of having their homes swept away from under them, or bought up by the wicked at great sacrifice to themselves; that the Seventh-day Adventist believers were directed to buy no more food than was necessary to last them until the time of their exodus, and so forth *ad nauseam* to the end of the ridiculous tale.

When the misrepresentations above referred to first came out in the public prints, it was felt that as a church we should make a public protest; but finally it was deemed best to write out this statement for publication in our conference papers for the information of our own people.

Another report that has just made the tour of the public press is to the effect that our pastor, Elder Campbell, has purloined the stenographic report of an interview between the head physician of the sanitarium and two of our church workers, and made a number of copies of the same. The simple facts concerning this matter, which our foes are trying to make so much capital out of, are as follows:—

On October 7, two of the officers of the church called upon the physician above referred to, to learn how he felt about continuing his connection with the church. This interview lasted seven consecutive hours, and the doctor had the report typewritten, making a ponderous document of 179 pages. This was soon in the hands of a number of persons who were unfriendly to the church. Later it was loaned to a sister in the church, who took it to the pastor, and he, having permission to keep the same over night, had his stenographer, with

the assistance of others, make several copies of it. This was done to enable the church officers to reply to the statements made by those who had already read the report, and were making public comments in regard to it.

The doctor had previously written twice to the writer suggesting the advisability of printing the report of the interview for the benefit of the public; consequently the furor which he and his sympathizers are raising over this matter is puerile in the extreme.

The foregoing are the plain, unvarnished facts in the case.

G. W. AMADON, *Church Elder.*

COMPLAINTS: HOW TO PREVENT THEM

[Read at the King's Messengers' Grand Rally, Healdsburg, Cal., Nov, 23 to 25, 1907.]

To COMPLAIN: "To give utterance to expressions of grief, pain, censure, regret; to lament; to murmur; to find fault. To make a formal accusation. To grumble, deplore, murmur."

The habit of complaining is nearly "as old as the hills;" for it was only a short time after creation that Adam, our paternal ancestor, entered his first (and, consequently, the world's first) formal complaint against another member of the human family—his wife. Said he: "The woman . . . gave me of the tree, and I did eat." Gen. 3: 12. Mother Eve then took up the strain and entered her complaint: "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." Cain was the next fault-finder, his complaining against faithful Abel finally resulting in actual murder. Thus, at the outset of human history, it was conclusively proved that hatred, and not love, is the mainspring of all unjust complaints or criticisms, knowingly uttered.

Reaching still further into past history, we find that the spirit of complaining, as manifested by Lucifer in the courts above, resulted in all of our woes, and caused the eternal ruin and loss of Satan himself and a large portion of the angels of heaven. And since that great rebellion the devil's sole occupation consists in the manufacture, night and day, of unjust complaints to God against the sons of men. In fact, his true official title is "the accuser of the brethren." And his Satanic majesty has succeeded so well in his work that all humanity has become permeated with the spirit of complaining.

Just Complaints.

However, though the majority of complaints are to the discredit of their authors, yet we do not wish to be understood as saying that all complaints are uncalled for. On the contrary, we believe that complaints are of four kinds: 1. Chronic complaints; 2. Those arising through misunderstanding; 3. Unjust complaints; and 4. Just complaints.

In the sense that we shall discuss them this morning, they may also be divided into two other classes: 1. Those made by the agents to and against the tract society; 2 Those made by the tract society to and against the agents.

How to Prevent.

In this proposition, as in all bodily ills, "an

ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

1. The best preventive of all is a spirit of love in the hearts of both the agents and those in charge of the tract society. Let us always remember this everlasting truth, that "*love interprets, hatred misunderstands, the actions of others.*"

2. The second step to be taken is a clear understanding or agreement between both parties, as to the duties and obligations of each with reference to the work to be done. A signed contract endorsed by both the tract society and the agent is an excellent means of forestalling complaints.

3. The third and last step to be taken, is the fulfilment by each of the contracting parties, of all promises made.

4. A few more principles in the prevention process may be enumerated:—

(1) Tact and courtesy in the treatment of each other, whether in person or by correspondence.

(2) The prompt and accurate filling of all orders sent in by the agent.

(3) Faithfulness on the part of the agent, both in the careful working of all territory assigned, and in prompt payments to the tract society after each delivery.

5. The best method of preventing the pernicious activity of the chronic complainer is perhaps to eliminate him altogether from the problem at the outset of the campaign. If, however, he should in some way slip through all of the required tests and examinations, he should be given the regular treatments already mentioned until he becomes converted.

In conclusion, the sources of complaints being so many, and the fact that criticisms are likely to hail from so many different quarters, leads us to the belief that the only true prevention consists in right doing by all concerned.

"To know all is to forgive all."

A. J. S. BOURDEAU,
Sec. Cal. Tract Society.

AN EXAMINATION OF REASONS FOR SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

(Continued.)

The Use of Tracts.

1. ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and all the doctrines men should believe in, are therein revealed.

Reasons:—

(1) Redemption is greater than creation; therefore we should keep the first day of the week in commemoration of the resurrection.

(2) The disciples met on the first day of the week to commemorate the resurrection.

(3) After eight days Jesus met with his disciples.

(4) The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost, the first day of the week.

(5) Paul broke bread on the first day.

(6) Paul commanded the church at Corinth to take public collection on that day.

(7) John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

(To be continued.)

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SOUTH CAROLINA

I WISH to call attention again to our canvassers' institute to be held at 317 Buncombe Street, Greenville, S. C., Feb. 6-20, 1908. This institute means much to the work in this state, and I earnestly request your prayers for its success. Some good liberal donations will do much toward making your prayers effective.

C. F. DART,
 317 Buncombe Street, Greenville, S. C.

AT THE HAGUE

THE nations met to talk of peace and of its many charms,
 Each told the rest he thought it best that all lay down their arms,
 That spears be beaten into plows, war-steeds turned out to grass,
 That guns be changed to pipes arranged for water or for gas;
 "A worthy deed," they all agreed, "for peace we are athirst."
 But each one said he'd wait until the others disarmed first.

—San Francisco Argonaut.

"Victory belongs to the most persevering."
 —Napoleon.

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THE canvassers' institute to be held at Greenville, S. C., begins February 6; that at Atlanta, Ga., February 26.

THE next number of REPORT OF PROGRESS will be issued at the regular date, February 11, and thereafter the paper is to be a four-page weekly.

THERE is to be a collection for the religious liberty work on Sabbath, February 1. The work is important, and should be well supported.

THE newly elected Board of the Nashville Sanitarium consists of the following: G. A. Irwin, C. F. McVagh, L. A. Hansen, J. D. Caldwell, W. A. Wilcox, C. P. Bollman, S. B. Horton.

ELDER S. B. HORTON, secretary of the Southern Union Conference and of the Religious Liberty Department of that conference, is to make Nashville the headquarters of his official duties.

THE following named brethren were chosen directors for the Southern Publishing Association for the coming year: G. A. Irwin, C. F. McVagh, I. A. Ford, L. A. Smith, R. Hook, Jr., C. P. Bollman, and W. A. Wilcox.

ELDER E. L. MAXWELL takes Elder Horton's place as president of the Louisiana Conference, and Elder A. O. Burrill of South Dakota, takes the presidency of the Kentucky Conference. Elder W. S. Lowry, of the Tennessee River Conference, goes to labor in Mississippi. Brethren H. G. Miller and C. F. Dart, who have been doing excellent work as canvassing agents in North and South Carolina, have been assigned, the former to Mississippi, and the latter to Kentucky. H. B. Tilden takes up this branch of work in North Carolina and H. B. Gallion in South Carolina. Elder L. T. Crisler goes to Georgia, and Elder G. H. Baber to Florida.

At the session of the Southern Union Conference which has just closed in Nashville, the conference was divided, the new one taking the name of the Southeastern Union Conference. The Southern Union retains the Tennessee River, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana Conferences with the new Kentucky Conference. Elder G. A. Irwin, of Washington,

D. C., is president of the Southern Union Conference; Elder C. F. McVagh, of Pennsylvania, is vice-president. The Southeastern Union Conference comprises the Cumberland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida Conferences with Elder K. C. Russell, of Washington, as president, Elder Geo. W. Wells as vice-president, and R. T. Dowsett, formerly secretary, treasurer, and financial agent of the Wisconsin Conference, as secretary and treasurer. We expect to give full details of the conference proceedings soon.

FLORIDA NEWS NOTES

The third Sabbath in March will be "Florida Day." If you do not know what that means, watch for future announcements.

As yet we have not succeeded in securing a state agent, but we hope to within a short time. Our new Union Conference agent will attend our institute.

The colored church at Lakeland are erecting a church building. This church is not strong in numbers, but they are proceeding bravely with their church building work.

The Orlando church is planning to dedicate their new building by the first of April. There are three new church buildings in Florida almost ready for dedication, Tampa, Orlando, and Port Orange.

Elder R. W. Parmele has been delayed in Graysville for a few days to help finish up the affairs of the old Southern Conference Association. He expects to be in Florida by Sabbath, February 8.

Word comes from Bartow that some are deeply interested in the truth as a result of meetings and Bible work there by Brother Manns. Some have already promised to keep the Sabbath.

The No. 2 church at Jacksonville is contemplating the erection of a church building. We hope that they will be successful in their endeavor, as it is sadly needed. Any help that could be extended would be greatly appreciated.

A Young Peoples' and Sabbath-school Convention, and doubtless a canvassers' institute in connection, will be held about the first of April. The time and place will be announced later.

Will not all church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents begin now to work up an interest in these conventions? Please write to Elder Parmele at Bartow, telling of any who might be induced to enter the canvassing work.

Another new typewriter is sadly needed by our faithful secretary and treasurer. The machine she has been using has been in service so long that it is quite unreliable. It is not right for us to require the tale of the brick without furnishing the straw. Brethren, can we not raise money enough to buy Sister Stringer a new typewriter?

If you have not yet subscribed for the REPORT OF PROGRESS, send in your subscription at once to Sister Stringer. The paper is to be

continued as the organ for both the Southern and the Southeastern Union Conference. We want every Sabbath-keeping family in Florida to become readers of this paper. How else can you keep in touch with the work being done in our conference?

Elder C. B. Stephenson writes: "Some manifest quite an interest. A few have begun the observance of the Sabbath. . . . I am visiting and doing house-to-house work this week. Am preaching some three miles west of Medart. Having a very good attendance." Elder L. T. Crisler has returned from the conference at Nashville, and will begin a series of tent-meetings at once at Blitchton. Brother Wm. Branson will assist him.

From a letter just received from Elder L. H. Crisler, we extract the following: "To-day we called on a United States Immigration officer at his office in the P. O. building, and arranged to meet at his office for a Bible reading this coming Friday. Our wholesale grocer is getting interested, also his brother-in-law. The work is opening up here very nicely." The same letter states that the grocer and his wife, mention of whom was previously made, seem to be firm in the truth.

Brother C. P. Whitford is making good use of his new typewriter, in writing articles for the papers in Florida, and in correspondence with men of influence upon religious liberty questions. We had to borrow the money with which to purchase this typewriter. A sufficient amount was pledged at camp-meeting; but it did not seem wise to delay the work to be done, waiting for the money to come in. Will not those who made pledges at the camp-meeting, forward the same as soon as possible to the conference office?

"TO BE true to the best that lies in our power,
To be true to the right, is the need of the hour."

W. HENRY GEORGE, Albemarle, N. C., would like to have copies of our denominational papers sent to him, post-paid, to be used in missionary work.

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MRS. LELIA RAY, Laurens, S. C., desires copies of the *Watchman* and other denominational publications sent to her address, post-paid, for free missionary distribution. She is the only Adventist in her city, and the conference president seems to have hopes of pitching a tent there next summer, if the interest will warrant it.