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LIGHT

LORD, send the light,
Not only in the darkest night,
But in the shadowy, dim twilight,
Wherein my strained and aching sight
Can scarce distinguish wrong from right—
Then send thy light.

Teach me to pray;
Not only in the morning gray,
Or when the moonbeam's silver ray
Falls on me, but at high noonday,
When pleasure beckons me away,
Teach me to pray.

—Selected.

PUT IT OFF.

Put what off?

That tale of fault-finding and criticism. Don't tell it yet. Save it. If it is really worth telling, it will keep; and if it should prove untrue, and uncharitable, and bitter, and something you would be ashamed to remember to have spoken, how glad you will be that you put it off.

Sometimes you will be tempted to engage in some questionable amusement. Put it off. Wait a little. If right and perfectly proper, time will make it all clear and plain. You will lose nothing by giving your conscience the benefit of the doubt.

The hasty angry word.

I have known many to be sorry for having spoken angrily, but have never known of any one who expressed sorrow for having waited until afterward to speak. Put it off. All the unhappiness and bitterness, the jealousies and heart-burnings, the strifes and contentions, the evil surmisings and evil speakings, are better to wait till to-morrow. Put them all off.

T. H. JEYS.

DO IT NOW

Do what now?

Whatever it is that the Spirit of God is telling you to do. Write that letter of encouragement that you have thought of so many times, but have put off till a convenient season. Go do that now. The confession of a fault that you have resolved to make—do

that now. It will water your soul, and soften the heart of the one to whom you speak, if spoken in the proper spirit.

Subscribe for the *Review* and *Watchman*. You will lose much every day that you neglect it. Each week these heaven-appointed messengers are filled with the very manna of truth for all who read. Subscribe. Do it now.

Pray in secret. Pour out your soul before the Lord. Talk to God as to a dear friend. Don't be formal, but speak up; for our God wants you to form the habit. Do it now.

Give yourself to the work of God. Make the matter definite. Make a contract with the Lord. If the way does not open, no matter—the Lord looks out about the opening of the way.

If the Lord is calling you, give yourself. Do it now. Improve your time. The hours that have been wasted would prove a hoard of wealth if they had been saved. The only time you can have for this is the ever-living present. Do it now.

Have your sins forgiven. No matter what your past experiences have been, whether pleasant or otherwise. "Except a man be born again," said Jesus—not "has been," but "be."

Now, just now. Do it now.

Be happy. The Lord desires it. Your own soul cries out for it. There is no reason why it should not be. But many poor unhappy souls look out upon a world of sorrow and distress and feel that they must somehow wait till the "sweet by and by" for their happiness. Be happy. Do it now.

T. H. JEYS.

GEORGIA'S RESOURCES AND ADVANTAGES.

AREA.

"GEORGIA, the last settled of the original thirteen states which united under the Federal Constitution to form the American Union, is the largest in area of all the states east of the Mississippi River, . . . embracing 59,475 square miles."

POPULATION

"The total white population in 1900 was 1,181,109, and the total negro population was

1,034,998. There were besides 204 Chinese, 1 Japanese, and 19 Indians. The foreign population numbered 7,603 males and 4,800 females, a total of 12,403." The total estimated population for 1907 is about 2,600,000.

COUNTIES.

"Georgia has 146 counties, enjoying such privileges of self-government that one of the United States government publications speaks of them as so many little commonwealths."

BANKS.

"By the report of the state treasurer for the year 1906, there were in Georgia 83 national banks with a paid-in capital of \$8,076,700, and individual deposits of \$29,561,709. There are 418 state banks with \$16,906,292 capital, and over \$42,000,000 deposits."

MAIL FACILITIES.

"Not only do the cities and towns of Georgia have the best of mail facilities, but through the bounty of 'Uncle Sam,' the farmers in every section have the rural free delivery, which furnishes them letters and daily papers on date of publication."

EDUCATION.

"Georgia is well provided with schools, both public and private. The public-school system is an excellent one, and is constantly being improved. . . . The number of pupils enrolled in 1902 was 258,984 white and 216,359 colored, being a total of 439,645."

RELIGION.

"The leading Christian denominations are well represented in Georgia, the Baptist and Methodist being the most powerful in numbers, wealth, and influence. The Baptists have a total active membership of 368,000. . . . The Methodists have 272,000 members. . . . The Presbyterians have 18,000 church members. . . . The Congregationalists have 4,714 members. . . . There are 7,976 Episcopalians. . . . The Disciples of Christ have 9,805 members. . . . The Roman Catholics have 20,000 church members. . . . The Hebrews in Georgia number about 6,200."

TOPOGRAPHY.

"Georgia, embracing 59,475 square miles, lies between the parallels of 30° 21' and 39° and 35° north latitude, embracing 4° 38' 21". This fact would itself insure variety of climate and productions. This variety is increased by

the topography of the country; the northern section containing mountains of from 3,000 to 5,000 feet above sea level, and having an average elevation of more than 1,000 feet, while Middle Georgia ranges from 180 to 500, and in a few instances to 1,000 feet above sea-level, and Southern Georgia has an average elevation of from 100 to 500 feet."

EIGHT CLIMATE BELTS.

"Of nine climate belts found in the United States, eight are represented in Georgia, the lowest having a mean annual temperature of less than forty degrees, the highest, of between 70 and 80 degrees."

"Nearly all Middle Georgia is in a climate zone of between 60 and 65 degrees."

"Southern Georgia has a climate ranging between 65 and 70 degrees." "For the whole state the mean July temperature is 81.8 degrees."

ATLANTA.

"Atlanta, the capital and largest city, near the border of Middle and Northwest Georgia, situated on a ridge with an average elevation of 1,050 feet above sea-level, has a mean annual temperature corresponding to that of Washington, St. Louis, and Louisville, the winters being warmer and the summers cooler." "Atlanta . . . is now the largest city between Washington and New Orleans," having a population of about 135,000.

RAINFALL.

"The annual average rainfall for Georgia is 49.3 inches. The highest is at Rabun Gap, 71.7 inches, and the lowest is at Swainsboro, 39.4 inches. At Atlanta it is 52.12 inches. For Middle Georgia the average annual rainfall is 49.7 inches; for East Georgia, 41.4 inches, and for Northwest Georgia 60.3 inches."

THE TURPENTINE BUSINESS.

"Georgia stood ahead of all the states in the manufacture of turpentine and resin in 1900, and exported 14,623,328 gallons of spirits of turpentine and 1,408,928 barrels of turpentine, resin, and pitch."

STOCK RAISING.

"Stock-raising is very profitable to those engaged in it. In North Georgia the slopes of the mountains and hills are well suited to the grazing of stock, and the long level stretches of the wiregrass, or Southern Georgia section, are especially suited to this purpose. . . . In 1900 the total value of all live stock on farms, including poultry, was \$35,200,507, and the total value of all domestic animals not on farms was estimated at \$2,281,059, making in all \$37,481,566." A. L. MANOUS.

WITHOUT MURMURING

THE Lord does not wish any service or any gift from him who renders it unwillingly. It is the cheerful, willing heart, that joyfully accepts every call of God as an opportunity, and not as an unpleasant duty, that delights the tender, loving heart of our kind Father in heaven. How he appreciates our affection and our love! How he longs for our joyful, cheerful service, our willing gifts; and it is not because he needs the gift, but because we need the blessing that comes through the door that is opened in the great heavenly bank to receive our gift.

Never do we deposit in that blessed bank, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through or steal, but there comes to us a blessing worth infinitely more than the little gift which we have made, though that little gift may seem large to us. But what is it at best to Him who holds the wealth not only of the world, but of all the starry heavens, at his command?

How cheerfully, joyfully, then, should our people unite to finish the great work of raising the \$150,000 fund, which is now hastening on toward completion. The following words come to us from the one through whom God has spoken to this people for many years. They are dated at Sanitarium, Cal., March 8, 1907:—

"My dear brethren and sisters, let us every one make a covenant with God by sincere self-denial and self-sacrifice, that we may help in extending the truth to many places. The Lord will certainly bless all who do his will without murmuring or complaining."

J. S. WASHBURN.

HOW TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

(A paper read at the Canvassers' Institute held at Hildebran, N. C., beginning December 17.)

AS THE canvassing work is a missionary work, those who follow it should be actuated by a missionary spirit. Those who have the presence of God with them will be enabled to overcome many difficulties that could not otherwise be overcome. He has promised that his angels shall go before the canvasser.

In order to do successful work, one should be master of his book. He should know well the book which he is handling. We cannot teach that which we do not know.

We should also feel the importance of the book. It is difficult to impress upon the mind of another that which is not stamped upon our own. Again we should not only know and feel the importance of the book, but be able quickly and intelligently to show those portions of it that would be most striking and interesting. Much depends upon starting right.

Neither should one depend altogether upon a former knowledge of the book. A real canvasser continues to study the book, that he may gain new thoughts and may keep refreshed and enthused.

Always be kind and courteous. Show that you are a Christian. Then people will respect your work because of your sweet Christ-like nature. Never half do your work. Always canvass your territory well. If to-day your success is not good, begin to-morrow just where you left off to-day. Never skip territory unless there is some very good reason for doing so. While appearances do not look favorable, you do not know the heart of the people who live in those houses which look so imposing, and as a rule the house which is back from the street or road is the best place to go.

Believe all good reports and disbelieve as many bad ones as possible. Do not be easily discouraged; for if God is your partner, he knows no failure. He has promised that "as

thy days, so shall thy strength be." Be economical in living. Do not live beyond your means. By all means avoid debt, and never get behind with the publishers. Debt is the thief that steals hope and courage and oft-times hurts faith. Always be energetic; never allow idleness to get control. Solomon says, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings." "Keep sweet" and "keep moving" should be the canvasser's motto. W. E. LANIER.

THE CANVASSING WORK

(A paper read at the recent canvassers' institute at Hildebran, N. C.)

THE Lord gave the word: the company who published the tidings are a great host. Servants of the Lord under the influence of the Holy Spirit have by means of the pen presented to the world the momentous truths of the Bible for the last days,—truths of which the people at large, both in the various religious denominations and out of them, are ignorant. Hence to place these truths in the hands of the people can be none other than missionary work.

It is true that we may be actuated by various motives to enter the work; but this does not alter the fact that there is only one true motive for entering this great harvest-field, and that is the gathering of sheaves for the heavenly garner. The Lord has plainly told us that "the canvassing work, when properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."

If we should as a body resolve that from henceforth we would carry on this work strictly from a commercial standpoint, what would be the result? We would soon find ourselves out of a job. The Lord would take the work out of our hands, and give it to others who would carry it on according to his plans; for he has told us that the canvassing field *must* be worked from a missionary standpoint. Angels from heaven could be delegated to give the last message of mercy to the world, but this great privilege the Lord is extending to you and me. The call is loudly sounding, "Who will go forth with our publications?" and whoever responds must have his lips touched with a live coal from off the holy altar, and his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

There are many ways by which the Lord could supply the needs of the canvasser, even if he did not make a cent at the business; but his plan is that the books be sold at customary prices and the canvasser receive a good commission. The people would not appreciate the publications so much if they did not have to pay for them, besides it would not be businesslike to go around promiscuously giving away books and papers. It is right to carry on the Lord's work in a businesslike way.

As a rule the financial remuneration to the canvasser is in proportion to the amount of time and energy invested in the work after a careful preparation. But the Lord may see fit sometimes to withhold financial success for a time, to prove his servant whether or not he is working from the right motive, and if he is, he will submit to the proving. If made of

"WHEREVER you go, never go where you fear God's questions being asked you, 'What dost thou here?'

Whatever the pastime in which you engage, For the cheering of youth or the solace of age,
Turn away from each pleasure you'd shrink from pursuing,
Were God to look down, and say, 'What are you doing?'"

sisters at Brayton are glad they can have some part in this last closing work. Truly God is finishing the work in the earth. The truth is going as it never has gone before.

The writer will commence meetings near Evansville, Tenn., February 9, and he most earnestly desires the prayers of God's children for the success of the work at that place.

M. E. EMMERSON.

NORTH CAROLINA

real stuff, he does not get all blue every time he seemingly fails, and resolve to quit and go at something more remunerative. Nay, verily, his purpose is fixed, his feelings and motives do not change with every circumstance. When the canvasser goes out and exchanges the load on his shoulders for a load in his pocket, it is nothing strange that his heart is happy and glad. The strange part is that when he fails to do this, his heart is still glad,—glad that no matter which way the wind blows, the work is the Lord's, and he is able to take care of both his work and worker.

Seeing that we are called to so high and holy a calling, even to a position equal to that of the gospel minister, let us seek to become workmen that need not to be ashamed. Let us yoke up with the great Missionary and learn of him; for his own dear neck will make the yoke easy for ours, and his infinite strength bear the load, making it light for us. "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him."

MATTIE S. REYNOLDS.

BRAYTON, TENN.

THE writer had a very pleasant visit with the Brayton church Sabbath and Sunday, February 1 and 2. Brayton is located on the mountain five miles from Graysville. The truth found its way to this place some six or seven years ago, and at the present time there is a membership of about fifteen or twenty. These brethren and sisters love the truth, and seem to be doing all they can to get it before the people.

Sabbath, February 1, was Religious Liberty day, and we enjoyed an excellent meeting. God came very near, and impressed us deeply with the importance of this great work.

The night following, the writer spoke on the second coming of Christ. A good interest was manifested. At the close of the meeting, opportunity was given for a testimony meeting. Nearly all in the house responded by telling of their courage in God, and of their faith in the finishing of the work in this generation. Others requested prayer in their behalf.

The Sabbath question was taken up Sunday night. All present seemed deeply interested. Some were moved to tears as they considered how God's Sabbath is being trampled under foot of men, who were created in his own image.

I am glad of the prospects for future work at this place. I believe when a meeting is held here several will come out and join themselves with God's people. The brethren and

SABBATH, February 1, I spent with the church at Greensboro, N. C. For many months this little company have been laboring under some discouragement. Their numbers are small, and with some the home cares have been such as to hinder regularity in church and Sabbath-school attendance. Others are situated at such a distance as to make difficult a regular attendance. At this time new officers were selected for the coming year; and those present expressed themselves as desirous of pressing on in the work of God. The church will be strengthened by the addition of three families whose membership has heretofore been held in other churches. At this meeting I had the pleasure of the presence of Brother H. B. Tilden, our newly selected state canvassing agent. Brother H. G. Miller, our outgoing agent, was also present to help Brother Tilden get hold of the work in our state. I esteem it a privilege to speak a few words of a personal nature regarding these two men. Under Brother Miller's efforts, this most important branch of God's work has been built up in our state until now our book sales are more than quadruple what they were three years ago. As he goes from us, it is with the confidence and esteem of his brethren and a prayer for his success in his new field in Mississippi. When the call came for an experienced man for that field, we felt that while we should feel the loss, we were glad that our brethren there could have the services of one so faithful; and also that we have already on the ground one so well qualified to step into the work here and be successful. I bespeak for Brother Tilden the hearty co-operation of our brethren as he now assumes the duties and responsibilities of his office.

I returned Sunday, February 2, to Archdale. It was there decided to close their school. I am now at my home in Spero, and shall start in a few days out into the field once more.

T. H. JEYS.

Love, the basis of creation and redemption, is the basis of true education. This is made plain in the law that God has given to us as the guide of life. The first and great commandment is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." To love him, the infinite, the omniscient One, with the whole strength, the mind, and heart, means the highest development of every power. It means that in the whole being—the body, the mind, as well as the soul—the image of God is to be restored.

Since God is the source of all true knowl-

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NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W H Waite.....	CK BS	35	\$25 00	\$1 00
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
J A Caldwell.....	BFL MISC	8	12 90	13 90
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
T H Dobb.....	MISC	24		7 45
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
S G Dent.....	BFL MISC	23	59 20	6 40
David A Fisher.....	MISC	19	14 20	3 30
Mrs A L Manous.....	MISC	3		1 00
E C Rogers.....	CK BS	35	25 75	37 50
C D Wolff.....	CK	48	47 00	38 35
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
A B Cheek.....	BR CK	40	56 35	5 35
G S Rogers.....	D&R	30	14 00	4 00
Jas H Anderson.....	BFL	22	11 60	10 00
Wm Olmstead.....	BR GC	21	60 75	
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
Horace Miller.....	CK	17	18 50	7 25
Mattie S Reynolds.....	D&R	17	12 25	25
H B Tilden.....	CK	26	23 75	1 75
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
S H Swingle.....	sofp	21	37 00	1 00
D M Smith.....	CK	30	6 00	13 85
F A Evans.....	sofp	17	20 70	6 35
H B Gallion.....	CK	28	11 70	3 70
Mrs H B Gallion.....	CK	27	13 00	9 00
J B Rise.....	CK	36	15 00	1 25
Mrs E A Wing.....	CK sofp	13	20 75	7 50
Ira Young.....	CK	5	7 50	4 50
H Martin.....	CK	32	14 35	23 00
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
Mrs F T Wales.....	MISC	18	13 00	5 50
Mamie Moore.....	D&R	11	1 50	32 25
Mrs B A Philpott.....	D&R MISC	12	70	6 25
R H Hazleton.....	D&R	20	17 25	
Wm J Keele.....	WATCHMAN	44	19 80	19 80
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference.....		35	25 00	1 00
Cumberland Conference.....		8	12 90	13 90
Florida Conference.....		24		7 45
Georgia Conference.....		128	146 15	86 55
Louisiana Conference.....		113	142 70	19 35
North Carolina Conf.....		60	54 50	9 25
South Carolina Conf.....		209	146 00	70 15
Tennessee River Conf.....		107	52 25	63 80
Total.....		684	\$579 50	\$271 45

edge, it is the first object of education to direct our minds to his own revelation of himself. Adam and Eve received knowledge through direct communion with God; and they learned of him through his works. All created things, in their original perfection, were an expression of the thought of God. To Adam and Eve nature was teeming with divine wisdom. But by transgression man was cut off from learning of God through direct communion, and, to a great degree, through his works. The earth, marred and defiled by sin, reflects but dimly the Creator's glory. It is true that his object-lessons are not obliterated. Upon every page of the great volume of his created works may still be traced his handwriting. Nature still speaks of her Creator. Yet these revelations are partial and imperfect. And in our fallen state, with weakened powers and restricted vision, we are incapable of interpreting aright. We need the fuller revelation of himself that God has given in his written word.—E. G. W.

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We have found it impracticable to publish the lengthy minutes of the Southern Union Conference in this issue of REPORT OF PROGRESS. Look for them next week.

News comes from the southern district of India of a community of a thousand Tamil-speaking Christians who are keeping the Sabbath. How pertinent the query, "What hath God wrought?"

FROM the *Pacific Union Recorder* we learn that Brother H. H. Winslow, who was for a number of years connected with the Pacific Press Publishing Company, and later acted as secretary and treasurer of the Southern California Conference, has sailed for China, where he will take up the work of secretary and treasurer of that great mission field. Shanghai will be Brother Winslow's headquarters.

WE should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest. The heart of God is moved. Souls are very precious in his sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world he was crucified. God gave his only begotten Son to save sinners, and he desires us to love others as he has loved us. He desires to see those who have a knowledge of this truth imparting this knowledge to their fellow-men. Now is the time for this last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of this truth at the present time; but how long will it continue?—Only a little while. If there ever was a crisis, it is now. — *Testimonies*, 6:16.

NOTICE TO CANVASSERS.

THE Young People's Society at Nashville desire the names and addresses of interested persons who have purchased our publications, for the purpose of corresponding with them and sending them further literature. It is believed that the number of conversions as a result of the sale of our literature can be greatly increased, if the work with those who purchase is followed up judiciously.

We hope that the canvassers will improve this opportunity. Those who desire to cooperate in this way will please send to the Southern Publishing Association for blanks

prepared especially for the purpose of reporting missionary names.

Names and addresses should be sent to Miss Ada Evans, care Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

TO EVERY ONE HIS WORK

NOTHING is more beautiful and inspiring than to see united and concerted action on the part of those who are engaged in the accomplishment of any great work.

It may be a large building is being erected. Scores of workmen are employed. Some are unskilled, and are assigned to the plainer, but no less important tasks. Others are gifted artisans, and to them is given such duties as call for the employment of special talent. Thus there is given "to every man his work."

The call to labor is given, and every man bends to the task assigned. There is no lack of harmony; there is no working to cross-purposes. In the mind of the architect there is a complete building, beautiful and perfect in every detail. It is enough for each workman to know that he is following the plans of the chief mechanic. Gradually the work progresses until it stands in all of its completeness, an honor and a praise to him who designed it, and a source of great joy to every one who had a hand in its erection.

Is it not so in the mighty work assigned to us? A task involving a greater number of interests was never undertaken. However limited a person's capabilities may be or circumscribed his influence, there is still something for him to do.

The message of truth for this time involves the physical, mental, and moral well-being of every soul. The good tidings of physical perfection go hand in hand with the blessed news of the beautiful development of the mind; and in harmony with these every one is to learn of that higher life which comes only from a knowledge of God and his truth.

Such a work gives ample scope for the exercise of every gift. The three-fold message having to do with the the three-fold nature, to go to all the world in this generation, is a brief statement of the work to which we have placed our hands under the direction of our great Leader.

The call to labor has come. The tocsin of earth's impending doom is sounding. Let every soul who believes the message now exercise his gift, in whatever capacity it may be, for the finishing of the work.

J. E. TENNEY.

EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE

THE second sentence in the quotation that closes this article is one of the most striking that has ever come through the spirit of prophecy. It ought to be committed to memory by every Seventh-day Adventist. It comes in a special appeal for the work in the South, and we are very grateful that our brethren have shown their interest in the \$150,000 fund, and that the South has received its \$50,000. This has been a great blessing to the work here in this field. We trust it will be the beginning of a brighter day for the

South. We are grateful beyond expression for the help thus given.

"Let us now arise, and redeem the time. Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message. That which we see of the needs of the millions of colored people in the South calls us to our duty. We are not to become dispirited and disheartened over the outlook. The Lord lives and reigns. And he expects us to do our part, by training for service, and by sustaining in the field those who are best fitted to labor for the colored people. To our every effort he will add his blessing. His faithful servants in charge of the various lines of work, will be given wisdom to discern talent, and to train an army of workers to labor with courageous perseverance for their own race. There is work to be done in many hard places, and out of these places laborers are to come. The field is opening in the Southern states, and many wise, Christian colored men and women will be called to the work. The Lord now gives us the opportunity of searching out these persons, and of teaching them how to engage in the work of saving souls. When they go into the field, God will co-operate with them, and give them the victory."

J. S. WASHBURN.

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Prepared by A. L. Manous.

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"THE man who seeks one thing in life, and but one,

May hope to achieve it before life is done;
But he who seeks all things wherever he goes,

Only reaps from the hopes which around him he sows,

A harvest of barren regrets."