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"But O, forget not, while you pray,
'To push with all your might!
The least of you can push a pound,
And thus can speed the right."

NOTES OF THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

It has been some time since there has been any notice from the Southern Training School, not because we lacked interest, but because of circumstances not under our control.

In seven weeks the Training School will close for this year. The graduating class are making active preparations for commencement, which will occur April 25 to 28, inclusive.

Steps are being taken to perfect a permanent Alumni Association. The first meeting will be held during the commencement exercises this year. The principal of the school will be glad to hear from all former graduates of the institution. We are anxious to enrol each of these as members of the association, and desire them to report either in person or by letter.

At a recent meeting of the school board, plans were laid tending to increase our industrial features.

Our class in chemistry is doing excellent work this year. While the laboratory is not fully fitted up, yet it affords a very convenient place for their experimental work.

The special course being conducted by Professor Tenney occupies the afternoon hours. It is very well attended, and the students seem to be enjoying themselves.

The principal of the school will be glad to correspond with students who desire to attend school another year. It is not too early to be making preparations along this line. It will be remembered that last year an orderly course was arranged in our music department. This year we have our first graduate from this department.

If there was ever a time when our youth needed practical training for the work of God, it is now. Many opportunities are open for them. There is a lack of workers in every line. Men are needed who can be trusted, women who are faithful. The Training School is anxious to gather together a large

number of young people next year who desire a fitting for some of the different lines of the Lord's work.

The students of the school, and the brethren and sisters as well, were given a treat on Wednesday of last week in the form of a lecture from Dr. David Paulson, of Hinsdale, Ill. The doctor came to us wholly unexpected, and stayed for several hours. The talk in the early evening was certainly much enjoyed.

LOUISIANA

SINCE the conference at New Orleans, the writer has visited and held meetings with the churches at Jennings, Lake Arthur, Hayes, and Welsh, and the companies at Lake Charles and De Ridder, at which place a tent-meeting was held last fall. Brother I. T. Reynolds accompanied me until after the meeting at Lake Charles, when he left for the canvassing field.

We find the brethren in these places generally of good courage, and willing to do all they can to assist in the work; but we are few in numbers, and will require help to meet the pressing needs of the work just now. We are all lifting as hard as we can, and expect to lift until the work is done.

From here I shall go to New Orleans to attend to some matters that must be considered before Elder Horton leaves for Nashville, after which I expect to visit the remaining churches in the conference.

Pray for the work in this needy field, brethren.

E. L. MAXWELL.

RELIGIOUS-LIBERTY DAY IN FLORIDA

SABBATH, February 29 was religious-liberty day in Florida. A program was prepared, and so far as I have been able to learn, was carried out in all our churches.

Brother J. Russell Mitchell writes from Lakeland: "Brother Jack Mitchell read the paper prepared by you, after which five of our members took part in reading the tract by Elder Colcord on 'Principles too Little Understood.' After this was read, it was commented upon by quite a number of our assemblage, and much enjoyed.

"I then gave the Bible reading prepared by Sister Crisler, and I think all of us saw that true liberty is only to be found at the foot of the cross. We all counted the meeting a grand success, and I heard several say that it was the best meeting that we have ever had.

"It was voted that one of us see the depot agent and get permission to place a reading rack in the station, and keep copies of *Liberty* and other periodicals there. We are all of good courage."

Sister Edith Stephenson writes: "Well, Brother Whitford, we had a good meeting. All entered into it heartily, and we were so interested we hardly knew when to close. One suggested that we have another next Sabbath. Your program was carried out with a few added remarks. I gave each one a supply of tracts to circulate. I will also mail literature to our county sheriff and other official men. We have already been notified through the weekly paper not to work any more on Sunday, or arrests would be made; so you see it is a live issue with our company here, and if you could have listened to some of the remarks made in our service, you would have seen that we were reading, and obtaining information upon this important question."

Elder L. H. Crisler writes from Jacksonville: "The Baptist minister of the first church, with a membership of over six hundred, sounded the tocsin last Sunday morning for an inquisition. I heard him, and after the service I introduced myself as the Seventh-day Adventist pastor of the city. Of course he was very glad to see me. The next morning I wrote him a note, and gave him to understand that I considered his position on civic righteousness unscriptural, anti-Baptist, and non-American. Of course I did so in the most cordial way. I enclosed Wheeler on Baptist Principles, and asked him to acknowledge receipt. But I have heard nothing from him. So the fight is on. We shall use only spiritual weapons. We expect to flood the city with religious-liberty literature soon."

Twenty-seven years ago this message came to us as a people: "In the near future we shall see the Protestant churches unite with the world and with the papal power against

commandment-keepers." This prophecy has been literally fulfilled the past winter in the city of Washington, D. C. Nearly all the Protestant ministers of the city united with the Catholic clergy in an effort to secure the better observance of Sunday; and one of the methods proposed by which to accomplish this result, was to induce Congress to pass a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

It is evident that we are very near the great crisis, when to stand true to principle and loyal to God will require an intelligent knowledge of the Scriptures, a firm faith, and an undying love for truth. I trust that our dear brethren and sisters throughout the state will seek most earnestly to become intelligent concerning the principles of true Christian liberty.

Will those who have not reported to me the result of their religious liberty meeting, kindly do so at their earliest convenience.

CHAS. P. WHITFORD.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

We spent one week with our people in this city. We found a home with Brother and Sister Bivins. For several years they have opened a portion of their home for services, and cared for the visiting laborers. This has been a pleasure to them. The meetings for the white church were held in their home while we were with them. They had arranged to go to McKinney to live. Brother Myers had just sold his home and bought a farm near Danesville; so he is leaving the city. Several were granted letters to other churches. This leaves the present number small.

Lexington is in the midst of the blue grass belt. Brother and Sister Warren Lathram have moved from the Pacific Coast and built a home there. Brother Lathram has been holding Bible readings, and I had the pleasure of meeting several of his readers, some of whom had begun to keep the Sabbath. One was desiring baptism, which we hope to administer in a short time. We asked this brother to take the lead of the Sabbath-school and meetings until further arrangements may be made.

The meetings will now be held at Sister Honakers, 337 Walnut Street. The future for this church looks bright. Brother Lathram has come here to do missionary work, and the Lord has blessed him in this. There are eighteen names enrolled on the church record, and ten others keep the Sabbath.

The colored church has twenty-five names upon the church record. They have a neat little church building upon a good street. They have been doing good work, as may be seen by the financial report for 1907. The tithes were \$431.79 (\$17.27 each); first-day offerings, \$39.42 (\$1.58 each or an average of three cents per week); the \$150,000 fund, \$19.38; home missions, \$50.60; second tithe, \$100.44; collection in envelopes, \$34.82; general collections, \$49.57; on church debt, \$90.75. The total for all things was \$817.78, and the average for each member for the year was \$32.71. This is the best financial showing of any church that I have visited in this confer-

ence; yet none of these members are rich. They are common people, but are blessed with a mind to do for the Lord. One of the members is a lawyer, and another a doctor. The latter graduated from the medical school at Battle Creek. She has practice among the white as well as the colored people. Their elder is a member of the conference committee, and an ordained minister in our conference. Their Sabbath-school was well conducted. I was much rejoiced by what we saw and heard.

There are in our conference many thousands of these colored people who must hear this message. I have no doubt but that they will respond to the last call. "The last call was carried even to the poor slave, and the pious among them poured forth their songs of rapturous joy at the prospect of deliverance." This is to transpire at the coming of Jesus. "Early Writings," page 278.

Where we go, the brethren are donating to the tent and camp-meeting fund. This shows that they are interested in having this message go to all the people. There are encouraging, promising omens that the brethren in the North will send to this conference a minister, a Bible worker, and an assembly tent, with support for one year, at least. Let us pray that the Lord will give us wisdom to work in his way this season.

A. O. BURRILL.

MORRISTON, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 14 we began a series of meetings at the above place. At first our congregations were only fair, and there was considerable opposition. But by the time the meetings had been running two weeks, an excellent interest was aroused, which still continues.

The Sabbath question was presented early in the meeting, and several made up their minds to obey. In a closing appeal, one Sunday night, when the messages of Revelation 14 were presented, nine arose to their feet. One of this number was the mayor of the town. We have counted up nearly twenty who have expressed themselves as intending to keep the Sabbath. This does not mean, however, that they will accept the truth; for when we present the testing points of tobacco and health reform, a general sifting takes place as a rule.

Three who have never made any profession of religion have taken their stand for the truth and desire to be baptized. One man, a large turpentine owner, who had not been to church in seven years, is a regular attendant and under conviction. Another, whom the churches for twelve years had worked with in vain, to get him to attend, astonished the community one Sunday night by attending, and he says he is coming again. What a wonderful truth we have to work upon the hearts of men!

Ten days ago Elder C. B. Stephenson joined us in labor, and we certainly appreciated his services at a time when we were so badly in need of help on account of physical infirmities. We have many times united in sweet service for the lost and perishing, and are

thankful for this renewed privilege. The writer finds that he cannot stand it to preach night after night, on account of being so susceptible to colds, which settle on the lungs. Because of this, we have reluctantly yielded to the advice of friends and kindred to lay down the field work for a few months, after this effort, and engage in physical labor. We trust it will be only a few months when we can again resume the work we love so well.

We are glad to have associated with us Brother W. A. Branson of Orlando, Fla., who is just entering the ministry. His faithful work in canvassing and assistance in the meetings bespeak for him a good future in the Lord's work. We wish that many of our young men would covet a burden for souls, and develop into useful laborers for the perishing.

In connection with our services we have, on three afternoons in the week, a children's and young people's meeting, conducted by my wife. Among these we have two Sabbath-keepers already.

We, as a company here together, earnestly desire the prayers of our people, that some witnesses for the truth may be developed here.

LEROY T. CRISLER.

TENNESSEE RIVER EVENTS

THE prospects for some good recruits in the canvassing work grow brighter as the days pass by.

Sister Mabel West, recently from Wisconsin, and now at her new home at Fountain Head, will more than likely be in attendance at the Institute.

Some good material from Springville is confidently expected to join our force of workers. No talent is too good to be used in the work of placing the treasure of truth in the homes of our fellow-men.

Elders G. A. Irwin and W. R. Burrow, and C. F. Parmele spent Sabbath, March 14, at Hazel, Ky. A very profitable time was reported. Some of the students are seriously thinking of taking up the canvassing work. For the most part, the students here are too young for the work.

The parting word of the train-man is, "Don't forget your packages," but we say, "Do not forget the Canvassers' Institute, April 15-30."

LAST DAYS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DECEMBER 4 was a stormy day, snowing and blowing. My husband was finishing his delivery, and I was busy packing. The next morning (4:30) found us on our way to the depot. At 6 A. M. we were in Charlotte, and after eating our home-prepared breakfast, we called to see Brother Hege and his wife and mother, also Brother W. E. Lanier. At 11 o'clock we were on our way to Cornelius, where Brother Harrison Stillwell met us, taking us ten miles in the country to their home, where we had spent happy hours together talking of God's goodness. Father and Mother Stillwell are among the "lonely ones," and we always looked forward with pleasure to

our annual visit with them. We remained four days. The neighbors came in Sunday evening, and my husband held a meeting with them.

December 11 found us at Eufola at the hospitable home of Elder J. O. Johnston. We called upon our brethren and sisters at this place. My husband spent one night at the home of Brother and Sister Robinson, meeting me at Catawba. Going on to Hildebran, with the assistance of Professor Beach, Sisters Poole, Merritt, and others, we were soon nicely located preparatory to the beginning of the canvassers' institute, December 17.

I enjoyed my part of the work—cooking. These three weeks were days of real spiritual refreshing to me. The fellowship with those of like faith and pleasant association with the canvassers will long be remembered. Our brethren and sisters were liberal in gifts and offerings. We left no debts and about \$5.00 in the treasury for the next institute.

January 9 "good-bys" were said, and all departed to their fields of labor. My husband went to the Nashville meeting. I visited our brethren and sisters in Hildebran and Hickory, spending one night at Newton with Sister Amos, a lonely Sabbath-keeper. She gave me her subscription to the *Review* and REPORT OF PROGRESS.

January 21, at 5:30 P. M. I arrived at Gastonia, and it was restful to know that I was nearing my home—the little upper room. At the post-office I found letters awaiting me, among them one from Nashville, Tenn., calling us to Mississippi. I then thought, "Where is home?" Little did I think when I was returning home that I was so soon to leave dear old North Carolina, and perhaps never see my brethren and sisters again. We sold forty *Watchman* and distributed fifty-six, and gave away many pages of tracts. We left Gastonia February 18, on our trip stopping twenty-four hours at Greenville, S. C., with the canvassers in their institute.

We arrived, February 20, in Jackson, Miss., our new field of labor. We are glad to be where the Lord leads. May the blessing of heaven rest upon all my dear brethren, sisters, children, and youth in North Carolina, and make each a blessing.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

703 S. Congress St., Jackson, Miss.

HOW IT WORKED

In a copy of the *Youth's Instructor* of last year we found a most interesting account of a lady not of our faith, who, becoming somewhat disturbed on the Sabbath question, went to a prominent member of her church for help. The gentleman said he did not then have time to sit down and talk it over with her, but would send her something to read on the subject.

Soon after he was passing through a railway station, and saw a reading rack that our own people had placed there. In it he saw a tract entitled, "Seven Reasons for Sunday-Keeping." Thinking this was just what he wanted, he eagerly took it from the rack, and without reading it himself, mailed it to the lady. The reading of this tract set her right, of

course, for she is now an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This demonstrates that one little tract may be the means of saving a soul. Try it.—M. H. T.-C.

FLORIDA ITEMS

THE Fort Ogden school board has elected Brother B. D. Gullett principal; and Sister Leighton, of South Lancaster, matron. This makes a strong faculty, and we have good reason to expect a large attendance.

Elder R. W. Parmele began a series of meetings in Orlando Thursday night, March 12. It is intended that this meeting shall run through the conventions and canvassers' institute to be held in Orlando, April 2 to 20.

Four persons united with the Jacksonville church March 7, making seven additions in all since November. Five of these are new converts. A number of others are deeply interested. Let the good work go on.

TRACT SOCIETY MEETINGS

THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

THE secretary of the tract and missionary department of the church holds an important office. More of the life and prosperity of the church depends upon the extent to which this officer performs the duties devolving upon him—or her—than many realize. Let us consider some of the responsibilities resting upon the one occupying this position, and how they can best be discharged.

The work of the missionary secretary may be divided into two general divisions, and these subdivided something as follows:—

1. Relation to the state tract society.
 - (1) Communications to secretary.
 - (2) Communications from secretary.
2. Relation to the church.
 - (1) To encourage individual effort.
 - (2) To promote interest in the missionary meetings.
 - (3) To keep the accounts.
 - (4) To look after the finances.

RELATION TO THE STATE TRACT SOCIETY

Communications to the Secretary.—The missionary secretary acts as a medium of communication between the church and the tract and missionary department of the conference. Often almost all that the state secretary knows of the missionary operations of the church is learned from the missionary secretary. This is especially true of the more distant churches.

It is important, therefore, that the missionary secretary keep in close touch with the officers of the state society, acquainting them with every detail of the work. The missionary secretary that communicates most frequently with those at headquarters about the work in his church, stands in the best position to receive help in the way of instruc-

NOTE.—The term missionary secretary is used to designate the officer heretofore known as the church librarian, which title does not correctly represent the work which devolves upon this office. We think if the term "missionary secretary" were generally adopted, it would convey a better idea of the scope of the work falling to this officer.

CANVASSING REPORT

One week ending March. 6, 1908

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
M J Weber.....	BFL GP	26	48 00	
Walter Kirkham	BFL	29	23 20	
James Donaldson	BFL NTP	12	14 90	2 40
J A Caldwell.....	BFL MISC	9	4 80	85
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
T H Dobb.....	MISC	18		4 25
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
E C Rogers.....	CK BS	25	18 00	29 50
C D Wolff 2 wks.	CK BS	112	54 75	170 00
Sallie Mae Vansant.....				
.....2 wks	CK BS	10	16 75	
J D Andrews.....	CK	9		3 00
Mrs L C Tolhurst	PAPERS			6 50
David A Fisher.....	MISC	15	1 50	7 00
Mrs A L Manous.....	D&R	1		2 00
P R Rainwater.....	BFL	13	19 00	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Asa Davis	BFL	23	23 50	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
IT Reynolds 3wks.....	BFL	26	36 00	17 00
ABCheek 2wks.....	BR CK BS	55	5 75	52 25
CLCollison 3wks.....	BR D&R	120	17 60	17 60
EdwinBooth 2wks.....	CK	6	10 75	2 50
WmOlmstead 3wks.....	BR GC	79	79 25	58 75
G S Rogers.....	GC	8	15 00	4 25
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
H B Tilden 2 wks.....	CK	30	28 65	33 65
Mattie S Reynolds.....	D&R	20	5 00	50
W E Lanier 2 wks.....	D&R BS	73	59 00	4 95
Celia McDonald	sofp	14	11 35	1 35
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
H Martin	CK	40	52 70	17 70
J B Rise.....	CK	42	30 50	14 00
Mrs E A Wing.....	CK sofp	14	11 00	4 50
H B Gallion.....	CK	26	30 00	8 50
Mrs H B Gallion.....	sofp CK	23	21 00	1 50
F A Evans.....	sofp	33	34 00	5 00
S H Swingle.....	sofp	23	31 00	6 00
Ira Young	CK	29	12 05	4 05
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
Amanda Gahr	D&R	22	25 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	26	45 70	2 25
Mrs Alice Patton.....	D&R	20	9 50	3 24
Wm J Keele.....	WATCHMAN	38	23 15	
RECAPITULATION				
Cumberland Conference..		76	80 90	3 25
Florida Conference.....		18		4 25
Georgia Conference.....		185	110 00	218 00
Kentucky Conference....		23	23 50	
Louisiana Conference....		294	164 35	152 35
North Carolina Conf....		137	104 00	40 45
South Carolina Conf....		230	222 25	61 25
Tennessee River Conf....		106	103 35	5 49
Grand Total		1,069	\$808 35	\$485 04

tion and encouragement from the office, as the information furnished them in reference to the condition of the work in the church enables them to give the information that will tend to build up and strengthen the work. We would recommend that each missionary secretary make it a point to write to the state secretary as often as once a month under ordinary circumstances, and oftener when occasion demands.

In addition to this correspondence on missionary lines, it devolves upon the missionary secretary to conduct a business correspondence with the office, which should include all orders for supplies, remittance of money on account, etc. On this feature of the correspondence, instruction will be given elsewhere.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

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AFTER March 20, 1908, the address of V. O. Cole will be R. F. D. 4, Riceville, Tenn.

ELDER GEORGE A. IRWIN and Brother I. A. Ford left Nashville for Chicago on the evening of March 18. They go to attend a session of the Lake Union Conference, also a meeting of the managers of the various publishing houses. From Chicago Elder Irwin will return to Washington, D. C., where the meeting of the General Conference council will be held next month.

I AM now in Kentucky, ready for business, and shall be glad to visit or correspond with any that expect to enter the canvassing work. I find that a large portion of the state has not been affected by the money panic at all, and the very part, too, that has scarcely been touched by the canvasser. So we rejoice that the Lord has preserved this section in shape, so it can be canvassed at this time. The only sad thing is, we have not the canvassers to put in this field. The Lord is calling for workers for this field. Who will respond? Address me—

C. F. DART.

McKinney, Ky.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN FLORIDA

THERE is to be held at Orlando, Fla., April 2-5, a Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention. This is the first state convention we have ever held, and of course are desirous of its being a real success. We give you, and any one else interested, this personal invitation to come and enjoy the feast.

An interesting program has already been formulated, and if this meeting meets our anticipations, it will result in rich spiritual blessings that no one can afford to miss. Make up your mind to attend, and we will do thee good.

LEROY T. CRISLER,

Secretary Missionary Volunteer Dept.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS

At a meeting of the school board some weeks ago a unanimous vote was taken to hold a summer school of about six weeks in length, to open about the 5th of May. This summer school is being planned to meet the needs of church-school teachers from both the Southern Union and the Southeastern Union conference. All teachers who come recommended by their conference president will be granted free tuition. The cost of room

and board will be light. It is probable that arrangements will be made so that teachers who desire, may take up regular class work along some lines of higher study, and they will be granted credits for what work they do the same as though it were in the regular Training School session. I shall be glad to hear from young people who desire to attend this summer school. More definite announcement will appear in a few days.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

NEWS NOTES FROM SOUTH CARO-

FEBRUARY 29 and March 1 were spent by the writer and Brother Wm. Rahn with the Battle Ground company. Quite marked advancement has been made by some in this company, while others have gone through some severe trials and heavy conflicts with the enemy of our souls. Satan seems more determined in his efforts as we near the end. He will drag every soul down to ruin that he possibly can. Let each of us learn where our strength lies, and lean on Christ for victory over every evil habit and besetting sin. All seemed to take fresh courage for the mastery in all things. Let all of us remember this company in prayer, that they may all be ready for organization at our next visit to them.

Brother Frank Koyel and I spent Sabbath and a part of Sunday, March 7 and 8, with the Cherokee company. Here we were encouraged to see real advancement in many things, yet some victories must be gained before all in this company are ready for organization. This we hope for soon. Brother Foster at this place has a little boy very sick of blood poisoning. Let all pray earnestly for the recovery of this child.

Dr. David Paulson, on his way to Rock Hill to deliver four lectures to the state school, called at Spartanburg long enough to deliver one lecture in our church. All appreciated very much his thoughts on health and temperance, and were sorry his stay could not be longer.

On account of the resignation of H. B. Gallion as state agent in South Carolina, Wm. C. Rahn has been chosen by the Executive Committee to take his place. Brother Rahn's address is Spartanburg, S. C., R. F. D. 5. All who are interested in the canvassing work in this state should take note of this address.

Night after Sabbath, March 14, the temperance program is to be rendered at Campobello by the church school. We expect a full house and an interesting and instructive time.

On February 26, at the home of Brother Rahn, Elder W. H. Armstrong and Miss Gertrude Uhri were united in marriage. Miss Uhri had made the Bible work her choice, and we have reason to believe will make Elder Armstrong a valuable companion in his work. Elder and Mrs. Armstrong will make their home in Columbia for the present.

We hope all our people will now begin to remember the "tent and camp-meeting fund." A large summer's work is before us with our tents. A few dollars in this line of work means a great deal to the cause of God and to the souls who need to know this truth.

Let those who have been blessed by tent and camp-meeting efforts now do all they can to help bless others.

A good new tent will be needed this summer for our colored work. Elder Scott calls for this to use in his city campaign. He should have it. If others outside our state would like to help in getting this tent, the help would be thankfully received. Let all remember that South Carolina has a heavy colored population, who must have a chance to hear the third angel's message.

These and all other conference funds should be sent to Mrs. E. C. Champlin, Campobello, S. C. R. T. NASH, Pres. S. C. Conf.

FLORIDA

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

THE last quarterly report of the Sabbath-school Department has some pleasing and interesting features. There was a marked increase in membership, and the average attendance was better than in previous quarters.

The resolutions passed at our last camp-meeting regarding this department of the work are gradually being carried into effect. More than one half of the schools are now giving all their donations to missions.

The donations for the last quarter were \$158.93. Of this sum \$135.93 has gone to the regions beyond to carry the truth to those less favored than ourselves. We are glad that through the agency of the Sabbath-school we can go into all the world, teaching the gospel.

We trust that the coming quarter will make a still better record, and that soon we can say, Every school in the conference is giving all its donations to missions.

CONVENTION.

Our Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention is soon to be held in Orlando, commencing April 2, and continuing four days. A canvassers' institute of two weeks will follow.

Let us work and pray for this important meeting. Now as never before we need to seek and study to know the best way of doing the work the Lord has entrusted us to do. While he is not dependent on us to do this work, yet he is depending on us, and we should appreciate the privilege. "In union there is strength," and as Solomon said, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." So let us rally and come to this meeting, seeking for showers of spiritual blessings, that we may have a better preparation for the work given us to do.

Especially do we want to see the youth there, and as an army may we all stand shoulder to shoulder and step together in advance.

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." All things show that it is nigh, even at the door. So let us make a united effort to have this meeting one that will be for the uplifting of the work in the Florida Conference.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER.