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## AIM HIGH

AIM high, even though your point you miss, Some higher mark you gain by this, Than if, lest failure should befall, You took no lofty aim at all.

— Herbert.

#### TRACT SOCIETY MEETINGS THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY (Continued.)

Communications from the Secretary .- The missionary secretary is also a medium through whom the tract and missionary department of the conference communicates with the church, and is also frequently the channel through which the conference itself, the publishing house, and other organizations, communicate important matters to the members. Plans are being constantly developed by our general workers for the benefit of the churches and the advancement of the truth. As these are sent out from time to time, it is very important that they lose none of their force in passing through the missionary secretary's hands, but rather that they receive a new impetus in the hearty co-operation of the missionary secretary.

One week there may be a special issue of the Watchman to circulate; next week it may be to talk up some new tract or pamphlet that should be widely circulated just now; then there may come along a request to see that every family of our people is supplied with REPORT OF PROGRESS; a few weeks later an urgent appeal for funds for some special enterprise is made. As these various plans and suggestions are presented, let the missionary secretary give them all due consideration. Do not become discouraged because there are so many different lines to push, but rather take courage in the thought that our work is so wonderfully arranged and adapted to the capabilities of every one that all can act a part in it.

#### RELATION TO THE CHURCH

To Encourage Individual Effort.— The missionary secretary should not only study the plans submitted by those in the state office, or by others representing various phases of our work, but he should study the members as

well, with a view to giving to each one that line of work for which he or she is adapted.

If the missionary secretary would have a working church—a church in which all the members are engaged in personal effort for others—he must put forth earnest personal effort for the members, becoming acquainted with the situation and the capabilities of each one, and encouraging, instructing, and placing work within the hands of all.

There is no work that will yield greater returns; for in addition to the work done in the extension of the third angel's message, the workers will themselves be built up and blessed, and the whole church strengthened. Many, through lack of confidence or interest, are standing idle in the market-places. These should be set at work. Let your motto be, "Something for each one to do." Some can do a variety of things, but all can do something, for God has given to every man his work.

The timid and retiring should be induced to take up some simple line of work for which they are best adapted, until confidence is established, and they are prepared to launch into the broader fields. Those needing instruction should be so taught that they can act some part, and those who have not the interest to put forth the effort for themselves should be labored with until they catch the inspiration to join the ranks of workers.

Even invalids, if they are not entirely helpless, can have a part in this work. They should be shown that they can engage in missionary correspondence. One invalid sister, who was confined to her couch, raised up a church of over thirty members in this way. If possible, place them in communication with other invalids who do not know the truth. A chord of sympathy may thus be struck, through which some souls may be saved. Invalids can often earn considerable money for missionary purposes by making articles for sale.

It has been our observation that where we have a good, active, energetic, wide-awake, thorough-going secretary, and a church elder who will co-operate with the missionary secretary in the missionary work, there we have a church that is accomplishing something for the advancement of the truth. A missionary secretary should never sit down and mourn

because more is not accomplished, and because this brother or that sister is not doing something in the missionary work, but he should — SUGGEST PLANS OF WORK.

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He should go from individual to individual, and labor with them until they are all at work. The missionary secretary should also bear in mind that when the members have, been set at work, his responsibility has just begun. It is very important that he keep in the closest touch with the workers and their work, and be prepared to encourage, direct, and instruct whenever necessary.

In our larger churches, where the work of the missionary secretary is more than one individual can carry, it is an excellent plan to have a missionary committee of three or five members, including the missionary secretary, appointed by the church, to have the special care and oversight of the missionary meetings and work. We know of one church where this works very nicely. This missionary committee holds a regular weekly council to plan for the missionary meetings, and for the aggressive missionary work in the church. Each member of this committee represents some special line of work, such as missionary correspondence, work with our tracts and periodicals, canvassing for our smaller books, cottage meetings, hospital work, etc. Their aim is to get all of the members to take up work in some one or more of these lines, those representing these different phases leading out and instructing in the work.

Untiring efforts should be made to induce the brethren and sisters to work, and to keep a record of what they do. Faithful reports, carefully prepared, glorify God; they become a source of encouragement to others; and therefore a potent factor in the upbuilding of the church work. They are also absolutely necessary as a matter of business, that the local society may know what use is made of the tracts, etc., with which the church supplies its members, and that the state society may be able to make out correct quarterly and yearly statistics, from which the activity of the churches and the progress of the work may be determined. God commands us to be "not slothful in business;" and when the officers of the church request the members to make a note of the number of pages of tracts

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given away and other work performed, it becomes the duty of each to regard the request. These principles should be impressed upon the mind of each worker. The missionary secretary should supply the members with blanks for reporting each Sabbath morning.

It would be a very good thing for every member to keep a little note book in which to enter all literature received from the missionary secretary and to make a note of the way it is used. If pains were taken to keep such a record carefully, it would be a very easy matter to fill in the report blank at the end of the week.

The missionary secretary should obtain a list of the members of the church, with their addresses, and see that this is kept up to date. This is essential for reference in ascertaining whether every member is a working member.

From what has been said with reference to the missionary secretary's work, it will be seen that the office is an important one, therefore a responsibility rests upon the church to select the best material available, be it brother or sister, to occupy this position. For convenience, however, we have referred to the secretary as a brother, whereas most of our secretaries happen to be sisters.

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#### THE FORT OGDEN CHURCH AND IN-TERMEDIATE SCHOOL

I RECENTLY made my first visit to the Ft. Ogden, Fla., church and intermediate school. This school is located about half a mile from the station at Ft. Ogden, and consists of fortytwo acres of land, with three buildings, a school building, a dormitory, and a building for kitchen and dining-room. The school is but one year old, and is yet somewhat primitive; but there seems to be a good prospect of a substantial growth. It is in a quiet place, and ought to be a power for good.

As a Board, we felt that the school is entitled to the best talent obtainable; for in sending children away from home to receive a training, we know that our people want to feel that they are in good hands. We believe that the faculty that has been elected is thoroughly competent, and that under their care the school will enjoy abundant prosperity. Prof. B. D. Gullett, the principal, has had years of experience as a teacher, and at the time of his election was teaching at a salary nearly double the highest price that we felt we could possibly pay. He is willing to sacrifice thus financially for the good of the cause of education in our ranks, despite the fact that he has been urged to remain in his present school, with a still greater salary. Brethren, shall we not recognize this sacrifice by a liberal patronage of the school?

We consider ourselves fortunate in securing the services of Sister Leighton as matron. Sister Leighton's heart is in the cause of the third angel's message, and she comes to us well recomended. We believe that under her motherly care those who reside in the school home will be well provided for. Let our churches take a special interest in this school, and send your young people to be trained for service for God. Write B. W. Spire, Ft. Ogden, Fla., for the announcement.

R. W. PARMELE.

#### GRAYSVILLE, TENN

- THE Graysville church is the largest in the Cumberland Conference.

During a recent visit to this church, we talked over a plan which we think will help to spread the message, and also develop live, active workers in the cause of God. The plan which we are endeavoring to carry out in all our churches is this: The church will select some special locality near by to which our literature will be regularly sent. Weekly visits will be made to these localities by different individuals; and as soon as the interest is sufficiently developed, a public effort will be made by some one from the church, school, or sanitarium. If the interest demands it, and it is so desired, a regular conference laborer will connect with them, giving his time and help to the same.

In this way we hope to see new interests springing up in various directions, and in course of time be able to organize little churches and companies from the earnest efforts put forth.

It is encouraging to have the co-operation of this large church, and we shall watch the plan with interest.

Let us be faithful in tithes and offerings, that God's work may not be hindered. Place your sons and daughters on the altar of service, that they may be used where God wants them.

The finishing of the work in this generation is our watch-word. Brethren, pray for the work in the Cumberland Conference, and work while you pray. J. F. POGUE.

#### MOBILE, ALA.

SINCE coming South, I have spent some of my God-given time in missionary work. I have enjoyed it greatly, and have had many rich experiences.

I have sold 2,300 of our different papers, and 50 of our small books, besides distributing a large number of our papers free, principally among the colored people. Let no one think that I take any honor to myself. To God be all the praise. I have not done the work in my own strength.

Mobile has some precious jewels, many of whom I have found. On the street one day, I met a lady who told me she was always blessed in buying my papers.

A Catholic lady asked me to remember her in my prayers. Another one bought two of my papers, and seemed to be well pleased with the work I was doing. When I arose to go, she stroked my face kindly. I suppose that meant a blessing for me.

One bright morning I took an armful of *Signs* and *Life and Health* and started out, not knowing which way to go. I asked for guidance of the Lord, and was directed to a place that I had before passed several times, thinking it not worth while to spend my time there; nevertheless I obeyed my Guide. As I

rang the bell at one house, a kindly-looking lady came to the door. I offered her *Life* and *Health* first, thinking it would open the way for the other papers, but seeing I had the *Signs*, she took one from my arm and said,-"These people are in the right.- They keep the right Sabbath. The time will come when we will-all have to keep the seventh day." She further said, "My husband bought one of these papers some time ago. We read it - compared it with the Bible, and found they corresponded word for word. Since that time, we all believe the seventh day is the Sabbath."

I sold her some papers and "Steps to Christ," and took her subscription to *Good Tidings of the Messiah*. This is a large family, quite well-to-do, members of the Presbyterian Church. Let us all earnestly pray for this family, that they may see the importance of taking a decided stand for the truth.

We need more workers in Mobile, and a house of worship. We could soon raise up a flourishing church here.

I regret very much to give up the work in Mobile; but my circumstances are such that I will be obliged to return to the North in a few weeks.

May God add his blessing to the work.

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Mrs. S. M. Bennett.
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#### THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT VICKS-

BURG, FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH I.

THE conference convened at nine A. M., our President, Elder F. R. Shaeffer, calling the meeting to order. After singing and a few earnest prayers asking God's guidance and blessing during the conference, Elder Shaeffer reviewed briefly the past year's work, pointing out that amid difficulties and perplexities God had richly blessed our efforts.

Our churches were all represented, and members of each present, with the exception of three.

There were present from the Southern Union Conference Elders Geo. A. Irwin and C. P. Bollman and Brother A. F. Harrison. Elder W. S. Lowry, of Tennessee, and Brother H. G. Miller, of North Carolina, both of whom had recently moved to our state, were present to partcipate in the deliberations of the conference.

It was truly encouraging to listen to the reports of our laborers from different parts of the state, and note God's leading hand in using them to win souls for him. We were also favored by having present at our conference Sister Anna Knight, a worker of our state, who has spent some years as a missionary in India. She is teaching a school at Soso, Miss., but expects to return to India in a year or so.

Elder Irwin's counsel and instruction throughout the meeting was truly meat in due season for us. Every branch of the work was given consideration. Our educational work is advancing, the report showing three new mission schools this year.

Brethren Harrison and Miller put life into the canvassing work, and as a result some good canvassers are to be seen in Mississippi this year.

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Our election of officers for the conference year resulted as follows: For President, W. S. Lowry: Secretary, F. R. Rogers; Treasurer, L. V. Crawford; Corresponding Secretary, Jas. Bellinger; Secretary Educational Work, F. R. Rogers; Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. L. V. Crawford; Secretary Religious Liberty Work, F. R. Shaeffer; State Canvassing Agent, H. G. Miller. Executive Committee: W. S. Lowry, F. R. Shaeffer, L. V. Crawford, H. G. Miller, Thos. Murphy, Page Shepard, F. R. Rogers.

The work of the conference passed off most harmoniously and pleasantly. God's blessing attended us, and we were sorry when we had to separate, yet thankful that we could return to our labors better prepared, full of courage and zeal to do the Lord's work.

F. R. ROGERS.

#### THE TAMPA, FLA., CHURCH NO. 2

THERE are two who have just started out to keep the Sabbath. One is the school teacher whom I mentioned in a previous article. She will make a splendid worker. It is remarkable how the Lord has led this class of Sabbath-keepers to do missionary work and bring souls into the truth. Last Wednesday, the 11th, we spoke to the children who are being educated by Mrs. Adams, the teacher.

Tampa is an excellent field for house-tohouse labor. We have more than we can do. Sabbath morning, March 14, we organized a Sabbath-school in East Tampa for those members who cannot very well attend church No. 1. In the afternoon I spoke to the colored Sabbath-keepers; the sermon was followed by a very interesting social meeting. Many said they were determined by the help of the Lord to live the truth as they never had hitherto.

Sabbath, the 21st, we also had a very spiritual social meeting, which was attended by a colored Methodist minister. He said that the Seventh-day Adventist people are more in earnest than his own people, and that he was open to conviction regarding the Sabbath truth, and was determined to search for light. He is a fine minister. Doubtless we can count on him as a Sabbath-keeper. We thank the Lord for the privilege of laboring for this J. F. BAHLER. class.

#### ΤO THE VOTING BRETHREN OF NORTH CAROLINA

Does the above title look strange? Does it remind you of the secular papers and the strife and pulling of partisan politics? It is not often that such a caption becomes necessary in our literature, but just now in North Carolina the conditions justify the expression.

Soon there is to be held in our state an election to decide whether the sale of intoxicants shall be prohibited. No other questions are combined with this to embarrass the voter. It is a rare opportunity offered our brethren to put themselves on record on this important question. I call on every Seventh-day Adventist in North Carolina to carefully plan to vote the sentiment that I am sure each one entertains.

It has, been truthfully said that our brethren are usually indifferent to political questions. There is a reason for this which it may be somewhat difficult for the worldling to understand; but what can be said if on this question of temperance we also show ourselves indifferent? I am persuaded better things of you, my brethren. Let us each, to a man, express our desire that the demon of drink be banished. In time to come, when men shall say that we are not in favor of any reform, let us have our record in this case to point to as *brima facie* evidence that we are willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with other workers for all true reform. Be sure, my brethren, we shall surely need just such evidence.

And why should we not do this? Shall we, like James and John, be found forbidding others because, forsooth, "they walked not with us"? We are admonished by the spirit of prophecy to work and labor for temperance; to unite with workers of other denominations in this good work.

Vote, my brethren. Vote for the prohibition T. H. JEYS. of the liquor traffic.

### THE MESSAGE IN OUR YOUNG CON-FERENCE

SOUTH CAROLINA was recently organized into the Southern Union Conference; but since the Nashville meeting, its family relation has been changed to the Southeastern Union. This conference has had very little work done in it, which accounts for the small number of Sabbath-keepers. The work among the whites is far in advance of that among the colored people. The population of the state is 1,340,316, of which 848,000 are colored; so the negro population, according to the last census, has a majority of nearly 300,-000. Some cities in the state have a population of three fifths Afro-Americans. Among this race in this state there are not over thirty-five sound Sabbath-keepers who can be reckoned as Seventh-day Adventists.

I was changed from the Alabama Conference to this one to do all I can in this neglected field. We have bright prospects for a great work in building up the numerical strength in this conference. Recently four have taken a stand for the truth as the result of Bible work done at Sumter, S. C. Among this number is a public school teacher, who has been keeping the Sabbath for nearly two months.

One thing that will hinder our work somewhat is the lack of a tent for field work. We are struggling to get means to buy one at once, to be ready for field work by May 10. The tent will cost \$140. I have donated the first five dollars, and have been impressed to ask the public for assistance; but the fear strikes me with force that if such a request is made, no one will pay any attention to it, as calls have been made so frequently for means. I am here to labor, with no tent for field work. The South Carolina Conference is not able to purchase one. What must I do? If there were no money in the world, I would say to my soul, Hush, and be at ease; but

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there are some who wish to help buy a tent for the colored work in this state. The devil led off in the secession from the government of God; the message is to bring rebellion in line with it once more. Who will help do this by donating on our tent fund? Send donations to the treasurer, Mrs. Champlin, Box SYDNEY SCOTT. 67, Campobello, S. C. Sumter, S. C., Box 412.

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#### NOTICE.

THE address of V. O. Cole from this time on will be Riceville, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 4. Brother Cole is the general canvassing agent for the Southeastern Union Conference, and is now located at this place. All correspondence intended for him should be addressed as above.

To THE readers of REPORT OF PROGRESS especially, and to all other persons who are interested in the rapid promulgation to all the world of the truths which it represents, the completion of which work will mark the end of this fallen world's dark history of sin, suffering, sorrow, and disappointment, we have a few words to say.

The coming of the Lord, with all its blessings, rewards, inexpressable joys, which will never end, our right to the tree of life, and other delights which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard," and which our comprehension has never grasped, will not come until "this gospel of the kingdom has been preached for a witness unto all nations." And this work must be done by human instruments, who are instructed, guided, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Many would be willing to work if "they only knew how." For some time past we have been publishing in REPORT OF PROGRESS articles dealing with, and giving instruction and helpful suggestions along, many lines of home missionary work, and also how to organize, carry on, support, and maintain church missionary societies and meetings, articles which if studied and practiced, would be helpful.

For the worker's convenience we now propose to print this matter in the form of a booklet, if a sufficient number desire a copy at 25 cents each to pay for the cost of printing and distributing the pamphlet. Will every one who wants a copy please send an order at once to the undersigned. If a sufficient number of orders are received to justify its publication, the booklet will be issued at an early date, so please send in your order at once.

If it is thought desirable, we would add another chapter to the booklet, dealing with the subject of keeping accounts with the state tract society and individuals, as so many are unable to do this according to the methods of our denomination. This chapter would not make the book any more expensive.

MRS. M. H. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

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#### NOTICE TO CANVASSERS

A FEW weeks ago we announced in REPORT or Progress that the Young People's Society of Nashville would be glad to receive names for missionary work. If our canvassers will look over their Prospectuses, and send us in the names of persons who have bought books, stating what books they have bought, and telling something about these individuals that will be helpful to the one who should write to them, and will send the names and the information regarding them to either Mrs. M. H. Crothers, or to Miss Ada Evans, care of Southern Publishing Association, it will be much appreciated. Miss Evans is the leader of this department of the Nashville Young People's Society, and Sister Crothers, as perhaps all the readers of this paper know, is missionary secretary of the Southern Union Conference.

If more names come in than can be used by the Young People's Society, Sister Crothers will be glad to use them in her work. We believe that the efforts of our canvassers can be supplemented in this way to most excellent advantage. If those who have purchased books should receive a letter, calling their attention to some things in the book, it may start them to reading it with greater interest. Then, too, the WATCHMAN will be sent to these individuals, and will be a regular visitor, for a time at least.

We hope this matter will be remembered by all our workers.

#### THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

Ir is with pleasure that the writer begins the work of field missionary in this conference; first, because it is a needy field, and after that because of the hearty co-operation of the conference committee and all the people. At a recent meeting of the committee it was decided to hold a two-weeks' institute for beginners especially, from April 15 to 30. Now that I am in the field assisting those at work, and hunting for new canvassers, I am just glad to have this course of instruction coming on so soon. A good many in our field are feeling that they must make no longer delay, but enter now. Those whom I may miss in my rounds should write me.

We will have the assistance of Brother Harrison a good share of the time at the institute, and a minister all of the time. We have a good field in which to work, and will endeavor to surround each worker with conditions most conducive to success. More about it later, watch the paper for it, and write me at Madison, Tenn.

C. F. PARMELE, Field Missionary.

SUCCESTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT ORLANDO, FLA., APRIL 6=20 FORENOON.

8: 30. Devotional.

8:45. Talk on principles of canvassing.

9:30. Study of books and practice work.

10:15 to 10:30. Recess.

10:30. Health study. Dr. Parmele.

10:45. Papers and discussions. (Preaching Sundays.)

AFTERNOON.

2 to 6. Field work.

The afternoon program will be varied by occasional demonstrations in the treatment of common ailments, given in the Sanitarium treatment rooms; demonstrations conducted by Dr. Lydia E. Parmele for ladies and Brother C. V. Achenbach for gentlemen. 7: 30. Preaching.

PAPERS.

I. Importance and Sacredness of the Canvassing Work, V. O. Cole.

2. Things that Contribute to Success and Failure in the Canvassing Work, Wm. Branson.

3. How to Make a Good Delivery, R. A. Highsmith.

4. Importance of Accurate Accounting, J. Russell Mitchell.

5. The Relation of Canvassers to the Publishing House, I. A. Ford.

6. The Relation of Canvassers to the Ministry, L. H. Crisler.

7. Reminiscences of the Early Days of the Canvassing Work, Geo. I. Butler.

8. City Canvassing, C. F. Parmele.

9. Resident Canvassing with Our Papers, Mrs. M. J. Hotchkiss.

10 The Scholarship Plan, R. W. Parmele.

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