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## LIVE IN THE SUNSHINE

Live in the sunshine, don't live in the gloom,  
Carry some gladness the world to illumine.  
Live in the brightness, and take this to heart,  
The world will be gayer if you'll do your part.

Live on the housetop, not down in the cell;  
Open-air Christians live nobly and well.  
Live where the joys are, and scorning defeat,  
Have a good morrow for all whom you meet.

Live as a victor, and triumphing go  
Through this queer world, beating down every  
foe.

Live in the sunshine, God meant it for you.  
Live as the robins, and sing the day through.

— Selected.

## CHRIST THE MISSIONARY'S EXAMPLE

God has given all heaven in the gift of Christ to our world; but the great gift is so interpreted as to work in behalf of Satan's schemes to annul the law of God, the very work that Satan began in heaven. God has given Christ to take the penalty of transgression, and die to ransom the world. This, his heaven-sent reconciliation, is to be proclaimed, and the condition of eternal life, that men obey the laws of the divine government. But when this message of mercy is proclaimed, Satan inspires men to scowl back in defiance, and exclaim, "Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways, O God."

God sends his delegated messengers to entreat attention. But too often their message is not respected. Hatred against the law of God has continued to increase in intensity. Men have beaten one of the messengers of God and killed another, and stoned another. New methods are continually devised to turn men away from the truth. The materials for the last great warfare are collecting. And as iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. As the occasion requires, the Lord gives more grace to his chosen, tempted, tried ones. Jesus knows the strength of Satan's temptations, and with every temptation he makes a way of escape.

Just prior to the crucifixion of Christ, the whole universe of heaven was with intense interest watching every move of Satan and his

evil confederacy. They were watching to see what move would next be made against Jesus, and what would be his action under the circumstances. He had carried the human nature triumphantly through every period of test and trial, assailed by the whole confederacy of fallen angels leagued with evil men. He finished his mission by committing his work to the human agents who were to carry it forward in his name. The message of repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, was to be given to a fallen world. Beginning at Jerusalem, it was to go to all nations, tongues, and peoples.

Christ has demonstrated that through his grace humanity can keep the law of God. He has demonstrated to the universe of heaven and to the fallen world, that, by the invitation of our gracious Sovereign, all who will believe on him may receive pardon, and be restored to the favor of God. He would take those whose course had been the most offensive to God, impart to them his divine power, place them in the highest positions of trust, and send them forth into the camp of the disloyal to proclaim his grace, and offer a full pardon to all who will turn from sin unto God. "Ye have not chosen me," he says; "but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

But let every one bear in mind that we are in no case to invite persecution. We are not to use words that are harsh and cutting. Keep them out of every article written, drop them out of every address given. Let the Word of God do the cutting, the rebuking; let finite men hide and abide in Jesus Christ. Let the Spirit of Christ appear. Let all be guarded in their words, lest they place those not of our faith in deadly opposition against us, and give Satan an opportunity to use the unadvised words to hedge up our way. Do nothing before the time. When God gives a close, cutting message, it will be his work, not prompted by the impulse of finite beings. Man's cutting and slashing with the two-edged sword will hedge up our way, so that we shall find doors closed and locked against us.

We all need more of the deep love of Jesus in the soul, and far less of the natural im-

petuosity. We are in danger of closing up our own path by arousing the determined spirit of opposition in men in authority, before the people are really enlightened in regard to the message God would have us bear. God is not pleased when by our own course of action we bar the way so that the truth is prevented from coming to the people.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

## HOW MAY THE HOME MISSIONARY WORK BE REVIVED AMONG THE LAY MEMBERS?

(THIS paper was read by Mrs. W. M. Crothers at the Bookmen's Convention held in connection with the recent session of the Southern Union Conference in Nashville, Tenn.)

"How may the home missionary work be revived among the lay members?" is the question to which my paper is expected to suggest a practical answer.

The question is a most important one; for at least two reasons: First, the Lord has said that upon the activity of our churches in home missionary effort depends the spiritual life and salvation of their individual members. For as soon as members cease to labor for others, they fail to appreciate the love and sacrifice of Christ for themselves, lose their burden for souls, and so cease to impart to others the knowledge of the truth. As a result, they will most likely neglect a personal study of the word, and spiritual decline is sure to follow until a sickly church is the result. The second reason is that because of the apathy of such a church, those that otherwise might be enlightened are left in darkness altogether, or else because of the inconsistent lives of the members, they will receive a false impression of the truth, and lose confidence in its sanctifying power and saving grace.

The question, "How may the work be revived?" implies that it has at some past time been in a more flourishing condition; for to "revive" means to bring back, to restore to a former better state, or condition. Usually when an attempt is made to revive a once prosperous enterprise which no longer flourishes, careful inquiry is made to discover and

remove the causes which have brought about the decline.

On this principle we should undertake the revival of home missionary work among lay members, and inquiry will, I think, show that the decline of this work is largely due to a falling off in spirituality and consecration among those that should carry it on. For missionary zeal will not be much in evidence when and where spirituality is at a low level. Working for others will do much to maintain spirituality where it already exists, but will not create it. Spiritual experience and life are the results of God's working in us, not of our working for some one else. He who reaches the hearts of others must himself be first vivified by the life-current from above.

Therefore the question how to revive missionary work among us, and revive it permanently, resolves itself into the question, "How may spirituality be revived among us?" And the answer to this primary question must rest most heavily upon those who are responsible for the care of the churches. But there are other reasons which contribute to the subsidence of missionary activity. Many times those who under favorable circumstances or conditions would do a good work, are idle or doing little, because of a lack of encouragement; of instruction in ways, means, and methods; of facilities; or of organization; and this latter is very essential, for few things succeed without proper system and efficient leadership. Along these lines we offer some suggestions.

First, each church and company of believers should be organized into a missionary society, which should include all members. The officers, who should be chosen by the church or society, should consist of a librarian—or missionary secretary as this officer is now called—who will act as treasurer and business agent; and a secretary, who will keep the records of the society and the minutes of its meetings, and assist the missionary secretary in planning work for each member. Where it seems best, other persons may be chosen to take charge of certain lines or departments of the work. The missionary secretary's duty is to see that every one brings in a report to each meeting, and to distribute and collect from the members the weekly missionary report blanks, on which all reports should be made. If the reporting is done each week, it will soon deeply impress the members with the great importance of the home missionary work, and its proper place in the service and work of the church. Verbal reports will of course be made in the meeting, and from the reports handed in to the missionary secretary each week, she will be able to make out her report each month to send in to the state secretary. The missionary secretary should also look after, arrange, and encourage the distribution of reading matter, such as periodicals, tracts, etc., and receive money, both donations and collections, for the support of the society's work.

Next comes the recording secretary. He or she, as the case may be, should always be present, to get all the information regarding the meetings; and he should be so fully alive

that his minutes will be filled with the most interesting items reported by the members, thus making them an encouragement to those who are timid, but wish to do something, and will, when from the weekly reports of the secretary they learn of the good experiences of other members. The eyes of the missionary secretary and the recording secretary should be interested in their work as well as their ears and thoughts.

A meeting should be held each week (usually in connection with the weekly prayer-meeting) over which the missionary secretary should preside. At these meetings individual members should report, as we have already mentioned, any work they have done during the week, and bring before the society any cases of interest which need especial attention or help, and which he cannot himself care for. In all such cases some qualified person should be detailed to render assistance.

Perhaps the chief corner-stone of home missionary work is the missionary meeting proper, where old and young meet together to wrap papers, write missionary letters, and relate to one another, while wrapping and addressing, the experiences of the previous week. Some of the best prayer-meetings I ever attended were those which immediately followed this working meeting, if I may so call it. Those we used to hold in New Zealand, and at the Training College in Washington, D. C., were among these. No better testimonies have ever been heard than those in which the speaker is able to relate his own experience along these lines during the preceding week. The re-establishment in any church of the weekly missionary prayer-meeting invariably inaugurates a new era in church missionary work.

Another great help in the fostering of missionary activity is the frequent holding of general missionary conventions. It is more advantageous, less expensive, and better all around to hold union meetings, in which the interest of home missionary work and the work of the Young People's Society are combined. At these conventions, in which two or more churches usually participate, many helpful ideas are interchanged, and inspiration is given, missionary service, however, being the key-note.

Again, we have the church-school pupils. These little ones should be included. The excellent work of the church school forms an important element in the revival of missionary work. Thousands of periodicals and small books are sold by the children, tracts are given away, and reading racks are well filled. It is sometimes the case that the zeal and courageous work of these little ones stimulates to reactivity the older persons who have become relax in their duties, so as to cause a revival in the adult missionary society. So let us encourage our little missionary workers to bring their reports, or give them to their teacher. In either case let us have the reports from them. I firmly believe that this branch of the work is pleasing to God, and that the work of the little ones is being reported by the angels.

In this, as in all other progressive work, the most inspiring feature is the promptness and eager desire with which the rank and file of our people will spring into line at the first

call of those leaders who are actually at work.

Great care should be taken in the selection of officers; for upon their consecrated zeal, energy, faithfulness, promptness, and fitness for their work and duties, the success of the society will largely depend, and they should have the hearty co-operation and support of the officers of the church. All meetings should begin on time, because we know that the angels are on time, and when we delay, they sorrowfully turn from the room, and can we wonder that we do not have freedom in such meetings? Never allow the meetings to grow monotonous.

After the organization of the missionary society, its interest should be just as carefully looked after by the conference as the church itself; for indeed it is the church at work. It has been suggested that a missionary agent be employed for this purpose; but we see no necessity for this. The president of the conference is also usually president of the tract and missionary society, and should therefore carry the same burden for this work, while the state secretary, the state agent, and every minister and church elder should feel it an important part of his duty, as he goes from church to church, to organize societies, and instruct and encourage them in their work. When the officers of the conferences take a proper interest in and identify themselves with this work, their influence will do much to revive it among lay members, and make it effective in its results.

The Testimonies tell us, "This present condition of weakness must not continue. Well organized work must be done in the churches, that their members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith, and increase their own knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it."

Let us bear in mind that however much we may talk of facilities for doing this great work, however earnestly we may devise means and methods, however perfect our system and organization, all of which is profitable and needful, yet if we have not the life of God within, if we have not the requisite consecration and faith, our endeavors will all be in vain. Our greatest need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit; for such an experience will revive the missionary zeal in our churches as surely as it did among the believers after the day of Pentecost, when they went everywhere preaching the gospel, and many were added to their numbers. Therefore—

We repeat that the proper answer to the question assigned to me, "How may the missionary work be revived among lay members?" is, Revive the spirituality of all laymen and laborers, and then take up the work along the lines suggested.

"Revive us again; fill each heart with thy love,

May each soul be rekindled with power from above."

## A SUNDAY-LAW CAMPAIGN

NEARLY all the Protestant ministers of the city of Washington, D. C., recently 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, is to induce Congress to pass a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

While I am an earnest advocate of everything that tends to promote the spiritual and moral welfare of humanity, I greatly deprecate all coercive legislation in the direction of Sunday observance, or any other religious rite or ceremony, as a violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the United States.

We freely grant the right to the clergy of the city of Washington, or any other body of men, to seek by all proper means to influence public opinion in favor of Sunday observance; but when they attempt to influence the Congress of the United States to exercise its law-making power to compel others to act in harmony with their religious views, we enter our most emphatic protest.

If this nation is great for one reason more than for any other, it is that its founders stood for entire separation of religion from civil government. They held that it was not right for civil government to legislate on religious questions. They believed that all men should be left free to follow the dictates of their own conscience in all matters pertaining to religious faith and practice. In any event they were not to be called upon to render an account to civil government as to how, when, or where they worshiped God. They believed that every man's relation to God was a direct relation, not sustained through any other man or number of men. In short, they believed that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God."—*Bible*.

This is the principle of government upon which this nation was established. While its founders recognized civil government as of divine origin, yet they believed in the total separation of church and state. In taking this position, they were in harmony with the Author of Christianity, who said, "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things which are God's."

Civil government was ordained by God to protect men in the enjoyment of their rights. Freedom of conscience in religious matters is one of these rights.

Sunday is a religious institution, therefore Sunday laws are religious laws. For the government to enact and enforce Sunday laws is for the government to enact and enforce religion. But to enforce any feature of religion by civil law upon the conscience, is not the protection, but the invasion, of rights. It is clearly a perversion of power committed to civil government.

Very few people seem to realize that the use of force in matters which pertain to our relation to God and our duty to him, is inconsistent with the gospel of Christ, and that in the end, religious legislation means religious persecution. We believe there needs to

be a better and more general understanding of the great principles underlying human rights and liberties. Religious liberty is safe only while a knowledge of its principles is familiar to the people.

The demand that Congress shall pass a District Sunday law is not a movement in favor of a mere local affair. It does not concern simply the people of the District of Columbia, but is of national significance, and concerns the people of the whole nation.

When the Congress of this nation shall enforce religious institutions upon the people by law, the doom of religious freedom, the foundation of which is set like a diamond in the Constitution, will have been fixed; for the onward march will surely be, step by step, down the road of religious intolerance to religious tyranny. May voices everywhere be heard, saying, Let the American Constitution, wisely framed in the interests of civil and religious liberty, forever remain as our forefathers established it. Let the watchword of every man who loves liberty and his country be, *Freedom for all; oppression to none*.

Yours for our national and eternal welfare,  
CHAS. P. WHITFORD.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" AND  
"MINISTRY OF HEALING."—I.

ANOTHER most busy week is past, and I have seen O so many tokens of God's love and care. I have been selling that storehouse of good things, "Christ's Object Lessons," for several weeks now in connection with my other work. The Lord does bless the presentation of that book to the people; for I have been favored with as high as seven orders in one day for it, besides other orders. It looked to me as if that good book had been almost dropped by our people; but I could not feel in my mind it was the thing to do, so I have kept it up from time to time.

Last Sabbath I read a special testimony in regard to this book as well as "Ministry of Healing," and it is so good, so timely, and points out neglected duty so clearly in regard to the Lord's plans for these two good books, I will give some quotations that are so plain and forcible that I am sure they will be a help to others. It was a great help and encouragement to me. May it be the same to many.

A late communication from the spirit of prophecy says:—

"It was God's purpose that by the sale of 'Ministry of Healing' and 'Christ's Object Lessons' much means should be raised for the work of our sanitariums and schools, and that our people would thereby be left more free to donate of their means for the opening of the work in new missionary fields." "Wherever the work of selling 'Christ's Object Lessons' has been taken hold of in earnest, the book has done good."

"If our people will now engage in the sale of these books as they ought, we shall have much more means to carry the work in the way the Lord designed."

"The lessons that have been learned by

those who have engaged in this work have well repaid their efforts."

"Now our people should all be encouraged to take part in this special missionary effort." "My brethren, let us encourage our people to take up this work without further delay." "Why are our people so slow to understand what the Lord would have them do?"

"When this work is entered into with the earnestness which our times demand, the indebtedness which now rests upon our schools will be greatly lessened." "And then the people who are now being called upon to give largely of their means to support these institutions, will be free to turn a large part of their offerings to missionary work in other needy places, where special efforts have not yet been made."

"One point that should never be forgotten by our workers is that the Lord Jesus Christ is our chief director. He has outlined a plan by which the schools may be relieved of their indebtedness; and he will not vindicate the course of those who lay this plan aside for lack of confidence in its success." "When his people will come up unitedly to the help of his cause in the earth, no good thing that God has promised will be withheld from them."

"If our people would only realize it, there is no more acceptable work to be done in the home field than to engage in the sale of 'Object Lessons'; for while they are thus helping to carry out the Lord's plan for the relief of our schools, they are also bringing the precious truths of the word of God to the attention of the people."

"The indifference that has been manifested by some toward this enterprise is displeasing to God. He desires that it shall be recognized by our people as his method of relieving our schools from debt. It is because this plan has been neglected that we now feel so keenly our lack of means for the advancing work."

"I send these lines because I see that there is need of a deeper intuition, a wider perception on the part of our medical and educational workers, if they would get all the benefit that God intends shall come to them through the use of 'Object Lessons' and 'Ministry of Healing.' I ask you, my brethren, to read these words to our people, that they may learn to show the spirit of wisdom, and of power, and of sound mind."

I am glad to read these good, stirring words. They only came to my hands last Sabbath (November 30). I believed it was still God's plan that "Object Lessons" should be sold, so on this trip I took it along as a part of my canvassing work when I left Healdsburg and Oakland early in October. I had already taken eighty or more orders, or about \$100 or over in value.

One day at Lordsburg, New Mexico, some two years ago, I was favored with twelve orders for "Object Lessons" in three hours.

At times I start out and make it my duty to get the orders for "Object Lessons" for the day before I get other orders, even if it takes a good part of the day to do it. But one may say, "I can't afford it; I cannot af-

ford to lose so much time from my regular canvassing work." To this I would reply, "You can't afford *not to do it!*" Seeing what God's plan and will is concerning this book and "Ministry of Healing," you will not lose by it, in fact, it is a guarantee of the success of the other part of your work; it safeguards all the other branches of your work. I have had this demonstrated to me over and over again in my work of the last few years. I could tell some interesting, yes, many wonderful things I have seen worked out of God's tokens of love and care over the work.

One dear old saint of God, who is now living and actively engaged in the work, said: "When we make God's interests our interests, God then makes our interests his interests."

How wonderfully true this is. Many can truly testify to its marvelous fulfilment. I hope and expect soon to do the same or a similar work for the precious volume of truth, "Ministry of Healing." I am sure the Master will bless this also. I think it would be a grand, noble work if the students and canvassers from the colleges at Healdsburg, College Place, College View, Fernando, and all of our schools, and those working for scholarships, would take along "Christ's Object Lessons" or "Ministry of Healing" in their canvassing work during vacation, and set their mark to take at least one to three orders a day, or more if God so leads the mind and gives the success, for the book they choose to take. I believe this will be pleasing to God, and instead of detracting from the regular orders for other books on which dependence is placed to earn scholarships, it will be an assurance of success, of sure and ultimate triumph. *I know it.* I have seen it worked out so often, and I know we have the co-operation of the angels of God, and please the Majesty of heaven.

On this canvass of eight weeks, I will, I am sure, with God's help (James 4:15) have over 100 orders for "Object Lessons," or some \$130 worth in value. If every one of our people, or say only 50,000 of them, would set their mark to sell only one "Object Lessons" in one week, in one year of fifty weeks it would make the astonishing number of 2,500,000 copies! It is almost beyond computation the amount of good this would accomplish for our schools and our educational work. How easy. *No task at all,* if we take hold in faith, to sell one book a week. As stated before, I have been blessed in getting as high as from three to twelve orders in one day, all besides my other regular and successful canvassing.

If this large number of two and one half million copies were equally divided between "Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing," see what a grand, glorious work would be done. I do hope our dear, good canvassers and workers everywhere, whether in college or out of school, will make these two good dedicated books a part of their regular work. I am sure the Lord will be pleased, and we will bring blessings on our own pathways, and to the needy cause of truth. Let us all have faith and begin this work at once and never become discouraged.

WALTER HARPER.

## TRACT AND MISSIONARY MEETINGS

### ADDITIONAL METHODS

ONE of the best methods of opening up a missionary correspondence is to send copies of our periodicals or tracts, accompanied with an earnest invitation to consider certain articles or paragraphs. For example, we write such a letter, sending a copy of our pioneer paper, *the Watchman*. The letter obviates the difficulty often experienced in mailing periodicals, that of persons refusing to accept them, fearing a bill will follow. The invitation is read, and then the paper will usually receive a welcome.

### PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE

Think of the opportunities in private correspondence. One lady recently, in correspondence with a friend in South Carolina, mentioned receiving the *Watchman*, and began sending the paper each week. In a little while she received an answer to her letter containing the good news that the paper was gladly received, and this friend was not satisfied until she had passed it on from home to home in her neighborhood, and all her friends were pleased with the paper. So much for just one copy of the *Watchman* and its work. Only the judgment can reveal the results.

We know of two missionary societies whose members are taking up the missionary work and correspondence in this way:—

A list of names—perhaps of persons who have purchased copies of our books—is secured from the missionary secretary. For convenience, the names are kept in a small card list, each name with spaces for a record of letters written, etc., kept on a separate card. Here is a sample card from the list before any records are made:—

Name and address .....	
Date of first paper sent.....	
First letter written by.....	Date
Second letter .....	"
Third letter .....	"
Reply received .....	"

Correspondence with each person is taken hold of by the members under the direction of the secretary, who keeps the list, and sees that records are properly made. Each reply is reported, and recorded on the card. This simple system keeps the secretary in touch with the work, makes reporting easy, and is a help in planning for continuous and aggressive effort.

The members of these societies are very busy people; however each week time is taken for wrapping, addressing, and mailing a large club of papers. This is the only way that this can be done, and make it a complete success. "Let the churches awake before it is everlastingly too late. Let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called. Your social meetings, now tame and lifeless and spiritless, will be vitalized by the Holy Spirit. Sinners will be converted. They will be touched by the word of truth, and will say, as did some who listened to Christ's teaching, 'We have seen and heard wonderful things to-day.'" "I appeal to the churches in every conference: Stand out separate and distinct from the world—in the world, but not of it,—reflecting the bright

beams of the Sun of Righteousness, and in faith carrying light into all the highways and byways of the earth." "Workers together with God, you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom. You are to be God's living agents, and angels are commissioned from Christ to sustain, strengthen, and uphold you in working for the salvation of souls."

### SAMPLES OF LETTERS WRITTEN

The samples of letters to accompany the first paper, here given, may contain suggestions which will help you in similar work:—

"This will introduce to you one of my best friends, the *Watchman*. I have been acquainting a number with the *Watchman* during the past few months. As my list at present is not full, I take pleasure in giving you also an opportunity of becoming acquainted with this friend of mine.

"I believe it will prove a true friend to you as well, as it tells you about the very things that people wish to know to-day. It tells the meaning of the great events taking place in the world to-day, not what men say, but as made clear by the Bible prophecies referring to our time. This is only one special feature. It has many.

"I shall be glad indeed to know how you enjoy my friend's visits. The papers will not cost you anything, as I have already paid for them in advance.

"Yours very truly,  
(Mrs.) \_\_\_\_\_."

"DEAR FRIEND: I take the liberty to address you in regard to the *Watchman*, which paper I have had the pleasure of sending to you for the past few weeks. Since I have been informed by a friend that you are interested in religious literature, I felt sure you would enjoy the splendid articles, especially those dealing with current events and their relation to us and this time. This is a day of strife and commotion, when we must all face the question, 'What do these things mean?'

"If you are pleased with the paper, and care to read other copies, I would deem it a favor to be allowed to mail them to you free of cost.

"Hoping to receive a reply from you at an early date, I am,

"Yours truly."

You will be interested in some replies received. Here is one:—

"I received your letter, also the *Watchman*. I appreciate reading the paper very much, and you may send it to me longer if you wish. Are you the man I bought a book from a few months ago?

"Yours truly."

Note how this letter opens the way for another letter, and perhaps later, other literature.

Here are others:—

"I have just received your letter of the 13th. I do like the *Watchman* very much, and will read the papers and hand them to others to read."

"We receive the *Watchman* you send from time to time, and enjoy reading them, especially my husband, as he has more time to devote to reading."

Thus you see the opportunities in this work—

1. It brings a blessing to the individual writing.
2. In a personal way others are invited to investigate the truth.
3. This work can be made a special feature of the continuous practical work of the missionary society.
4. It offers special opportunities for those who cannot get out with literature, to have an active part.

#### DOING MISSIONARY WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE

Did you ever hear of the crippled child, who, although confined to his room above a busy street, made himself happy by writing Scripture texts on bits of paper, and dropping them out of the window, with the hope that some one might be led to Christ. Perhaps he did not think that some one might not be pleased with his handwriting—he had a love for souls, and was improving his opportunities.

Our opportunities for such work are far greater, as we have the texts and comments upon them already printed in convenient form to accompany our written invitation to read.

Let us think about the little cripple boy and his work. Think of the far greater facilities God has given us for bringing the truth to others. Contemplate what may be accomplished by writing encouraging missionary letters, accompanying them with our truth-filled periodicals. Shall we not improve our opportunities NOW?

“The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth. Not all are called to personal labor, but all are called to do something by their prayers and their gifts to aid missionary work. I call upon the church to pray earnestly that you may understand your responsibilities. Are you individually laborers together with God? If not, why not? When do you mean to do your heaven-appointed work?”

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

## FROM THE FIELD

### HOW DO YOU KNOW

BUT that the Lord is calling *you* to the canvassing work? Farmers know that it is important to get the seed planted now, and they will not allow themselves to be diverted from planting at this season of the year, because they know the harvest depends on the seed being sown at the right time. “The seed is the Word.”

Our subscription books contain special truth (seed) for this time. The harvest depends on sowing the seed at the right time. *Now* is the time. “The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests.” “I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ.” “The canvassing work is a *most* successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?”—*A Call for Canvassers, E. G. W.*

We are on our way to Henderson, Ky., to prepare for an institute there which will begin at an early date in May. At its close, we will hold one for two weeks at Louisville, Ky. Besides the writers, we expect to have A. F. Harrison, the general missionary agent of the Southern Union Conference, at both of these places.

Then in June we expect to hold an institute at McKinney, Ky. All who expect to attend any of these institutes will please notify C. F. Dart at once at Henderson, Ky., R. F. D. No. 4, care Walter Jones.

A Sabbath-school convention will be held in connection with these institutes. So plan to come, brethren and sisters, and let us do all we can to make a success of this work.

A. O. BURRILL, *President,*

C. F. DART, *Field Missionary Agent.*

### NORTH CAROLINA FIELD NOTES

THE Conference Committee met at Salisbury, N. C., April 1. Beginning at one P. M., our council lasted until dark. We all first accepted an invitation to dine at the home of Sister Brown. After dinner we were given the use of her parlor for our meeting.

Many important and interesting questions were discussed. While on some topics there was a difference of opinion, there was also a manifest disposition to draw together. Nothing but words of love and cordiality were spoken, and as we separated, it was with a sense of appreciation of the privilege of counseling together.

All members of the committee were present except Professor Beech, who was unavoidably detained at home. Brother H. B. Tilden, our state agent, was also present, and counseled with us with regard to the interests of the canvassing work. This important branch of our message must be constantly studied, and as the work goes on, new and broader plans must be laid for its advancement.

Brother Tilden reports the prospect encouraging for an excellent work during this summer. He has adopted the “company plan” for this season. Most of his canvassers are in one place with him. Those who are new and inexperienced, he helps by counsel and encouragement. All are benefited by the opportunity to meet with others engaged in the same work to talk and pray together. Let all our brethren remember this work by prayer and by liberality. A kindly letter written to those who are out on the firing line, may result in setting in motion waves of enthusiasm that will never stop. Go do it now.

Among the many items of interest discussed, I may mention the following:—

The first choice of time and place for camp-meeting is Lexington, N. C., August 13-23. Unless some unforeseen conditions arise, this will be the announcement for our annual conference. Let every one immediately begin to lay plans to come.

The following named places were recommended as places for tent efforts the coming tent season: Raleigh, Durham, Lincolnton, Eufola, Greensboro, Lexington.

It was planned to hold an educational convention at Eufola, N. C., May 5-10. An earnest effort should be made to attend by every teacher, either actual or prospective. Also many parents should avail themselves of this opportunity of counseling together concerning that most important question, the proper education, and ultimately the salvation, of our children. Sister E. B. Rogers, our educational secretary, will be in charge. Correspondence concerning the convention should be directed to her at High Point, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.

It was recommended that efforts be made to establish treatment rooms at some suitable point within our state. This I regard as very important indeed. While, with our small constituency, it is hardly possible to undertake real sanitarium work, it is possible for treatment rooms to be established and operated in such a way as eventually to be self-supporting, and an honor and help to the other branches of our work.

From Salisbury, I went to Albemarle, N. C. Here some have been passing through trial by sickness and in other ways. During the meetings held here, I spoke to them of the fact that every trial, properly understood, is intended to do its part in bringing to us that perfection of character which God desires for us, and which he sees we lack.

Some not of our faith were present and were interested. The believers expressed themselves as full of courage and determination to press forward.

While at Salisbury, I met Sister A. E. Brensinger and her son Howard, and Sister Mattie Reynolds. They have been canvassing in that city. By reason of the panic, they find it difficult to make their usual number of sales. Let us pray for these and other canvassers, and preface our prayers by liberality.

I go soon to visit the company of believers at Siler City.

T. H. JEYS.

### CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ITEMS

THE Missionary Ridge Valley church has recently had an addition of one to their membership.

Elder W. L. Bird and Brother Milo Emerson are holding a series of meetings near Dayton, Tenn., and several have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

One of the brethren of the Graysville church recently made a visit to Soddy, a neighboring village, and found a number of individuals interested in reading the *Watchman*, and the Graysville church are supplying them with the same.

Brother A. D. West has just closed a successful term of church school at Cleveland, Tenn.

Brother Sam Moyers, the manager of the Graysville school farm, is progressing nicely with his work, and will soon have the large field ready for corn at planting time.

The treatment parlors at Knoxville, conducted by Brother and Sister R. A. Lovell, are doing a flourishing business.

Sister Maude Dortch, one of our Bible

workers, has returned to Cleveland after a two weeks' vacation at her home in Graysville.

Brother Milo Emmerson has been taking a course of treatment at the sanitarium; but we are pleased to report that his health has so improved that he has returned to his field of labor.

The children and young people of the Cooper Ridge church have been given ten cents each to be invested in anything they see fit. One third of the proceeds will be given to foreign missions, and the remainder will be used in the support of their church school another year.

One sister was baptized at the Knoxville church last Sabbath, and Sister Anna Agee-Hall was pleased to have present at the service one of her Bible readers who has just begun the observance of the Sabbath. She seemed to enjoy the quarterly service very much.

J. F. POGUE.

#### GREENVILLE, S. C.

I AM having a good experience with one dear family where I hold Bible readings. Last Sunday the subject was, "The Sure Word of Prophecy." On account of the rain, there were not as many present as we had hoped to see; but those in attendance manifested a good degree of interest. To-day our study is on "The Great Image of Daniel 2." I hope, with the Lord's blessing, to show the meaning of these things to us upon whom the ends of the world are come. The work is onward here. We are continually meeting those who are interested, who are seeking for light and truth. Brethren and sisters, remember the work in Greenville in your prayers, that we who are here may rightly represent this blessed truth, and help to prepare the way for the coming camp-meeting. And then it will be only a little while, when, if we are faithful, we shall all be gathered home.

F. A. EVANS.

#### WINCHESTER, KY.

I NEVER had thought of such a thing as entering the canvassing work until Brother A. F. Harrison came here to canvass, and he induced me to take it up. I am so glad now that I am engaged in this grand work. I am just a beginner, but the Lord has greatly blessed me.

In Estill County, where I am at work, I find the people very clever and kind. They generally seem glad of the privilege of seeing the book. So far, I have secured orders for "Bible Footlights" from over two thirds of the people, besides selling some helps. I have just had my first delivery of ten orders, and only lost one. I sold three extra, making twelve books delivered with ten orders.

I never paid any attention before to the canvassers' reports in the papers; now I look for their reports the first thing.

I enjoy this work so much. I have taken it up as my only business, and I intend to stick to it. The Lord is good to give me a part in this glorious work.

ASA DAVIS.

#### REPORT AND OUTLOOK OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION

THE following is a report of the canvassing work for the Southeastern Union Conference during the month of March, 1908, with the exception of Florida and the Cumberland Conference. Their reports for January and February, not having reached us in time to be previously reported, are included in this.

Conf.	Agents	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Value Del'd.
Cumb.	7	643	500	\$658.60		\$658.60	\$93.95
N. C.	8	348	178	207.00	\$30.00	237.00	21.50
S. C.	10	733	661	725.90	8.85	734.75	258.75
Ga.	8	459	144	198.00	92.10	290.10	376.60
Fla.	3	144	266	213.15	67.45	280.60	100.30

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Thus we find for the month of March, South Carolina, which is the youngest (or baby conference in our Union), is in the lead; the Cumberland follows next with her work rapidly rising; while Georgia, the great Empire State of the South, which has been so long in the background with her canvassing work, now ranks third, and is rapidly coming to the front.

North Carolina is growing slowly, and we trust that all the canvassers in this conference may be faithful in sending in prompt reports, so as not to come behind in any good thing.

For some time Florida has been without a state missionary agent. The result has been, as one has expressed it, "The canvassing work twice dead, plucked up by the roots." The Testimonies say, however, that this work is to be revived, therefore it must be so. At this writing, I am here at Orlando, in the midst of an interesting canvassers' institute with seven in attendance. This is a beginning; though it may be a small one, yet we look for better days in Florida. The Conference Committee has just met and elected Brother C. V. Achenbach as their missionary agent, and if some of the other conferences fail to move on, I do not believe that this conference will always remain in the rear.

In conclusion I wish to say that the outlook is good. Our courage is good, the Lord is good, and to him be all the praise.

V. O. COLE.

#### LOUISIANA'S CALL TO THE SOUTHERN WORK

DEAR brethren and sisters in the northern and central states, I desire to make an earnest appeal to you in behalf of the work here in the South.

The work has already been too long neglected, so that much that might have been done years ago with ease will soon need to be carried forward under great difficulties and against much opposition. But at present the angels are holding the winds of strife, and nowhere in the United States can books be more readily sold than in the South.

For many years the South has been forging rapidly to the front. Men and means have been pouring in. Farm crops have brought good prices, wages are good, and labor abundant.

We want to say a word regarding the needs of Louisiana, with her 46,000 square miles of land, 59 parishes (or counties), and 1,500,000 inhabitants. The climate is good, and the death-rate is far below that of many states in the Union. The people are peaceful, courteous, and ready to extend their hospitality to the stranger.

New Orleans, the metropolis of the South, has a population of over 300,000, and only one regular worker! There should be a score. Of the fifty-nine parishes, about twenty have never been entered by canvassers or heard the living preacher, while many of the other parishes have only been touched by our workers.

Thousands have never had their attention called to the great saving truths of the three-fold message. Daily they are passing to the grave unwarned, while many of our people are enjoying the full rays of this glorious gospel in states where all have had opportunity to hear it. Yet have they the spirit of the Master, when they are unwilling to leave the society of our people, and go out into the highways and byways to give the light to those in the darkness of error?

All our canvassers who are doing faithful work are making a splendid showing. The people seem anxious to get religious reading matter; and wherever it is sold, there is an earnest desire to hear the living preacher.

There are many state conferences in the northern and central states that have nearly as strong membership as the entire Southern Union Conference. Your territory has doubtless been worked and reworked by the canvassers, and all have had an opportunity of knowing the truth, while at your doors are a mixed multitude, white, colored, French, Italian, Spanish, and others in deep darkness as touching our message.

Is it possible that our people are losing faith in the words of the Lord's prophet? Are they losing an interest in the spread of this great message, and "saying in their heart, My Lord delayeth his coming"? Is the missionary spirit dying out among us? In either case we stand on dangerous ground, and must get back to "the good way, and walk therein."

Following are a few quotations from the Testimonies regarding the work here:—

"I have a message to bear in regard to the Southern field. We have a great work to do in this field. Look at its destitution of ministers, teachers, and medical missionaries. Consider the ignorance, the poverty, the misery, the distress of many of its people. And yet this field lies close at our doors. How selfish, how inattentive, we have been to our neighbors! We have heartlessly passed them by, doing little to relieve their sufferings.

"If the gospel commission had been studied and obeyed by our people, the South would have received its proportionate share of ministry. If those who have received the light had walked in the light, they would have realized that upon them rested the responsibility of cultivating this long-neglected portion of the vineyard. . . . All that men as missionaries for God can do for this field should now be done."—*Vol. 7, pp. 56, 57.*

"This work must be done now; while the

SOWING AND REAPING

Gal. 6:7.

LIFE is not a fairy bubble  
To be filled with fancies gay;  
'Tis not given us to squander  
In vain glory and display;  
Life is given for a purpose,  
And our moments, as they pass,  
Make for us eternal blessing  
Or eternal loss at last.

Passing quickly, O how fleeting,  
How uncertain are our days!  
There is nothing in profession,  
'Tis our thoughts, our lives, our ways,  
Weighed in God's unerring balance  
Are our purposes and plans;  
Character alone has value,  
Priceless, precious, in his hands.

EMMA P. NULTON.

once command obedience to religion, and the next step will be to define religion. We are fast bringing our republic to an empire."

And still another says, "Liberty of conscience is a natural and inviolable right. It is a disgrace to human nature that a truth of this kind should stand in need of proof; therefore I take it that any law which has a tendency to violate this right is a bad law from any standpoint, morally or legally, under our Constitution."

Others write as follows:—

"I am in sympathy with your views as expressed in your letter of recent date in regard to religious liberty."

"I have received regularly the magazine entitled *Liberty*, and have read it with much interest. Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in the matter."

"Like yourself we are opposed to religious legislation."

"In reply to yours of recent date, will say that I am in favor of the principles for which you stand, and opposed to religion legally enforced."

It is truly encouraging to know that there are very many good people who see clearly the evils of religious legislation; and who have the courage of their convictions to speak out decidedly against any assumption of power not strictly invested by the Constitution of the United States. CHAS. P. WHITEFORD.

AN INTERESTING ITEM

THE Probate Judge of Troy, Ala., has written the following letter to the publishing house:—

"Your favor of February 28 at hand. Thanks for the Catalogue. I bought the 'Seer of Patmos' from a young lady, traveling agent for your house, several weeks ago. I am organizing a class of twenty-five members to study the prophecies. We meet next Sabbath [Sunday]. Hope you can send me 'The Story of Daniel the Prophet' in time to use at that time." He also ordered the following books: "Daniel and the Revelation," "Desire of Ages," "Great Controversy," "Marvel of Nations," and "The Lover's Love."

The way the people buy our books and such

angels continue to hold the four winds there is no time to lose. The Lord has long been waiting for human instrumentalities through whom to work. How much longer will he be obliged to wait for men and women to respond to the call, 'Go work to-day in my vineyard'? Messengers of mercy are needed, not merely in a few places in the South, but throughout the whole field. Rich and poor are calling for light."—*Id.*, p. 220.

"Then He who has authority arose, and called upon all to give heed to the instruction that the Lord has given in regard to the work in the South. He said, 'Much more evangelistic work should be done in the South. There should be a hundred workers where now there is but one.' Let the people of God awake. Think you that the Lord will bless those who have felt no burden for this work, and who permit the way of its advancement to be hedged up?"—*Id.*, p. 224.

"The Lord desires the desert places of the South, where the outlook appears so forbidding, to become as the garden of God. Let our people arouse and redeem the past. The obligation to work for the colored people rests heavily upon us. Shall we not try to repair, so far as lies in our power, the injury that in the past has been done to these people? Shall not the number of missionaries to the South be multiplied? Shall we not hear of many volunteers who are ready to enter this field to bring souls out of darkness and ignorance into the marvelous light in which we rejoice?"

"God will pour out his Spirit upon those who respond to his call. In the strength of Christ they may do a work that will fill heaven with rejoicing."—*Id.*, p. 230.

Dear reader, does not the Spirit say to you, "Go"? Do you find it in your heart to keep this command to work the Southern field? "Come over and help us." I shall be glad to correspond with any who feel a desire to assist in closing up the work in the South. Address— I. T. REYNOLDS, Pineville, La. Field Missionary.

WHAT PROMINENT MEN OF FLORIDA THINK OF RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION

To ENCOURAGE all our people to circulate religious liberty literature, I wish to say that I have received about seventy-five communications from leading representative men in our state who express themselves as standing for that principle in our national Constitution which declares, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

The following are extracts from a few of the many letters received:—

"I desire to return you my thanks for reading matter touching the intolerant spirit and efforts of some of our people in various localities, which lead to a subversion of the principles of the Constitution of our fathers. I am in hearty accord with you in your opposition to this infraction of the grandest and most sublime organic law ever framed by any people. Accept my sincere congratulations for the splendid work you are doing, and command me if I can aid you in any way."

Another gentleman writes: "Let the state

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
E A Keate.....	BFL CK	29	\$26 00	
Mrs W R Elliott.....	BS	6	5 50	
W R Elliott.....	D&R	60	65 00	1 50
W C Wales.....	D&R	16	81 00	
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
Walter Kirkham.....	BFL	21	13 20	
M J Weber.....	BFL	24	24 00	2 00
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
T H Dobb.....	MISC	34		5 25
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
Mrs Onie Henderson.....	D&R BS	38	42 00	4 00
C M Emmerson.....	BFL	16	34 75	
Mrs L C Tolhurst.....	WATCH			1 50
David A Fisher.....	MISC	16	3 00	1 50
S G Dent.....	MISC	9	7 25	9 00
Sallie Vansant.....	CK BS	10	10 00	1 00
Mrs A L Manous.....	D&R	21	20 50	4 00
Miss Georgie Cruise.....	CK	2	1 00	
Mrs R O Terry.....	D&R	4	1 50	
Elihu Cheek.....	CK	10	14 50	
Aaron T Cheek.....	CK	26	12 00	
M L Woodall.....	D&R	8		60
J D Andrews.....	GC	49	35 00	2 50
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Asa Davis.....	2 wks. BFL	26	39 70	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
I T Reynolds.....	2 wks. ....			
.....	BR BFL CK	45	82 00	50 00
Wm Olmstead.....	2 wks. GC	39	18 50	15 75
O F Frank.....	2 wks. D&R	37	82 80	25 67
A B Cheek.....	2 wks. BR CK BS	49	50 40	3 75
C L Collison.....	2 wks. BR D&R	80	107 20	107 20
Mrs Ida Walker.....	D&R	6	2 50	
John P Campbell.....	sofp	18	27 50	
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Lewis Thomas.....	BFL	20	25 00	
Anna Knight.....	2 wks. D&R	9	36 10	
Horace G Miller.....	D&R	1	1 50	1 50
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
W E Lanier.....	sofp	29	20 50	
O B Newton.....	MISC	20	15 25	5 00
Guy L Kerley.....	D&R	37	18 25	1 25
Chas Peden.....	CK	31	17 00	3 00
Mattie S Reynolds.....	D&R	17	4 50	7 00
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
F A Evans.....	sofp	15	2 00	29 00
H Martin.....	CK	40	32 70	16 35
D M Smith.....	CK	39	30 60	6 60
Jra Young.....	BFL	43	27 00	1 00
Mrs H B Gallion.....	sofp	21	15 70	2 20
Mrs E A Wing.....	CK sofp	35	28 70	14 40
H B Gallion.....	CK	43	42 80	6 80
J B Rise.....	CK D&R	35	27 50	8 00
S H Swingle.....	sofp	18	3 60	50 75
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
Chas Romines.....	D&R			36 75
Mrs Alice Patton.....	D&R	19	35 65	
Richard Hook, Sr.....	MISC	40	19 75	
Mamie Moore.....	D&R	32	42 30	1 85
Amanda Gahr.....	D&R	7		13 90
J T Eaton.....	BFL	20	9 25	7 25
H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	35	45 05	3 25
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference.....		111	177 50	1 50
Cumberland Conference.....		65	37 20	2 00
Florida Conference.....		34		5 25
Georgia Conference.....		209	181 50	24 10
Kentucky Conference.....		26	39 70	
Louisiana Conference.....		274	370 90	202 37
Mississippi Conference.....		30	62 60	1 50
North Carolina Conf.....		134	75 57	16 25
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Tennessee River Conf.....		153	151 90	56 00
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incidents as the above clearly indicate that the Lord is at work, and that this message will soon be finished. R. I. KEATE.

# Report of Progress

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ORDERS for "Suggestions to Tract Society Workers" are coming in. You will find it a helpful booklet. If you have not ordered it, you should do so at once.

THE treasurer of the Nashville church, Brother W. A. Philpott, has resigned his position, as he is about to leave the place. Brother M. Stivers has been appointed to succeed him, and all money designed for the treasurer of this church should be sent to Mark Stivers, care of this Office.

ELDER W. B. WHITE, president of the Northwestern Union Conference, and Elder F. M. Burg, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, spent Sabbath, the 11th inst., in Nashville. They were on the way to Washington, D. C., where the General Conference Committee meet this month.

THE canvassers' institute of the Tennessee River Conference opened at Nashville on the morning of the 15th. The state agent, Brother C. F. Parmele, thought it best for the old canvassers to remain at their work, so few of them are present; but five or six new recruits are preparing to enter the field, and others are expected. The interest at the institute is good.

HAVE you ordered a copy of our proposed new pamphlet on tract society meetings and work? Several have done so, among them the missionary secretary of the Northern Union Conference, who thinks it will be very useful indeed to missionary workers. The price is small, and all tract society workers, whether officers or not, will find it an aid in doing faithful, intelligent work. The orders should come in promptly and freely. Address all orders to Mrs. W. M. Crothers, at this office.

THE May number of *Life and Health* is now ready to mail. It is not only attractive in appearance, but highly important in contents. It touches many phases of the diet question, establishing the foundation principles of health through a proper diet, and demonstrating that, "as we eat, so we live."

Those who are circulating it will be doing the best possible service to humanity, and paving the way for the reception of greater truths, after the mind is clear and the con-

science quickened through the preparatory results of health reform.

Selling *Life and Health* is a good, dignified, and lucrative business. Over a thousand agents are now working for it, and are making good wages. Send for sample copy, suggestive canvass, and special rates to agents. Order all supplies through the state tract society.

## BACK NUMBERS WANTED

SEVERAL kind friends have responded to the recent request for back numbers of this paper; the papers thus sent have been much appreciated. More copies of Numbers 1, 3, 11, and 14 of volume one are still needed. Any one having these numbers which they are willing to dispose of will confer a favor on the publishing house and friends who have special use for these papers by mailing them to Lyman D. Randall, care of Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

## SOUTH CAROLINA, TAKE NOTICE!

THE resignation of Sister E. C. Champlin made it necessary for the Conference Committee to elect another in her place. Mrs. R. T. Nash has been persuaded by the committee to take the work of the offices made vacant by this resignation. So all moneys intended for the treasury of the South Carolina Conference should be sent to Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C. All correspondence concerning the Sabbath-school work or the Young People's work should also be addressed to Sister Nash.

E. W. CAREY,  
Sec. of the Conf. Com.

## WORDS OF CHEER FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

ONE of our new canvassers, new in the faith and having the first full week's work just completed, writes: "This week has been the most complete week of good experiences that I ever saw in all my life. The Lord has surely been with me, and I have asked him to stay with me all the time. It has been a week of success so far as taking orders is concerned,"—\$52.50 in 39 hours.

This is indeed a good record for the first week, and it is very encouraging to see how God helps the canvassers as they go from house to house with the printed page laden with present truth. Let us hear from others who want a part in this work.

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent*.  
602 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

## A GOOD TESTIMONY

I DESIRE to say just briefly through the columns of REPORT OF PROGRESS, that I feel that the benefit that I received from the Florida Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention, held at Orlando, Fla., April 2 to 6, is inestimable. There were twenty-five subjects discussed, and on each one I received new light and strength; and I hope that we may be enabled to hold another the coming year.

W. G. DICK.

IN another part of the paper will be found an article on the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing." Of these important books Sister White says, "I am constantly seeking to present before our people the great advantage to be gained by handling the books donated for the benefit of our schools and sanitariums. A lively interest should be kept up in this campaign; for it is a work of seed sowing." Read the article, and see what one live canvasser is doing with these important, truth-filled books.

## THE HAZEL INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

IT was my privilege to attend the closing exercises at the Industrial Academy, Hazel, Ky. This school is within the territory, and was originally connected with the Tennessee River Conference. The school farm is beautifully located about one and one half miles from the village of Hazel. The only building at present completed is a dormitory building, 36 x 52 feet. This has been the home of the principal, T. D. Rowe, and his family, and eighteen students during the past school year. In addition, there are fifteen students resident in the village, making the total enrolment thirty-three. The average attendance has been thirty. Although all the sessions have been in a tent erected for the purpose, no sickness has marred the school, and a good spirit prevailed in the Home and among the students.

In the eve, April 7, a fine class of young people who had completed the preparatory course rendered in a very commendable way a simple but entertaining program in the church in the village. The neighbors turned out in force, showing by their presence and good attention their respect for the school management and appreciation of its work.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

I was much interested in this feature of the report, and great credit is due therefor to the faculty and the Conference Committee. The farm of 52 acres is paid for in full, also the building now on the place, which cost about \$1,500. The school, by the most rigid economy, has paid all its running expenses, maintaining at the same time the health and co-operation of all the students and family. In addition, they have been collecting funds and paying some old debts. The debts are all wiped out, and \$350 has been collected for another much-needed building. Some of the students will remain and cut timber on the place and go forward with the new building. The Board made an earnest appeal for a little help, and pledged that with \$500 outside help they would dedicate the new building free from debt also. This is certainly a worthy cause, and a worthy spirit to encourage. Any one wishing to contribute to the \$500 asked for, could send it to the Tennessee River Conference, Thos. E. Pavey, Treasurer, Hazel, Ky.

C. F. McVAGH.

J. M. RAINES, R. F. D. 2, Blythewood, S. C., desires late, clean copies of the *Watchman* and other denominational publications sent post-paid for free missionary distribution.