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A CALL TO IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN no less than five months Congress will again be in session, at which time the Johnston Sunday bill, which passed the Senate on May 16, 1908, may be brought before the House at any moment for final action. This fact should not be lost sight of by those who comprehend what it means should the House of Representatives pass this bill. The bill would then only lack the signature of the president to make it a law. This would doubtless be quickly affixed, and then it would become a law in the District of Columbia. The next logical step for the champions of Sunday legislation would be to prevail upon Congress to enact a national Sunday law. This, all can see, would be easily secured in view of the fact that Congress would then have committed itself fully to the question of Sunday legislation by the passing of the Sunday bill for the District of Columbia.

There should be delay no longer on the part of our conference officers and ministers in doing what they can to enlighten the people on this subject, with the hope of holding in check a little longer this proposed legislation. This can be done by securing appointments with the United States Congressmen in each of your respective conferences, and placing before them the dangers which lie beneath this whole scheme, to which they would commit themselves in favoring the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill.

Much depends upon our activity and earnestness whether this bill will become a law or not. We are confident, however, that many of the Congressmen have very little, if any, true conception of what is involved in this proposed measure. But if they could be so approached upon the subject by representatives of their own constituency before Congress convenes, they might be convinced of the dangers attending it.

The forthcoming issue of *Liberty* will be especially designed for our people to use in the present campaign in enlightening the people upon the subject of religious liberty, and preventing, if possible, the passage of this bill. This number of *Liberty* will be on the subject of the United States in prophecy. The Religious Liberty leaflets should be used in large

quantities, and also the Religious Liberty souvenir postal cards.

A copy of this forthcoming issue of *Liberty*, a set of the Religious Liberty leaflets, and a set of the Religious Liberty postal cards should be placed in the hands of every state, county, municipal, and town official. The same should be placed in the hands of attorneys, educators, and other public men, besides being sold as far as possible to all classes of people.

With a vigorous campaign along this line engaged in by all of our church-members throughout the United States, we can little comprehend what great good might be accomplished in enlightening thousands and thousands of people concerning the dangers of religious legislation which threaten us so seriously at the present time, and, too, in this way we might be able to defeat the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill for the District of Columbia now pending in the House of Representatives.

The time before Congress convenes is rapidly passing. What we do must be done quickly. We would urge that the officers of every church call a meeting at once, and plan for a vigorous religious liberty campaign in their respective communities. *Liberty*, the Religious Liberty leaflets, and the Religious Liberty postal cards can be ordered through your tract societies. Begin at once to pray and work while you have the opportunity to do so.

K. C. RUSSELL.

"AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM"

THE Lord has put the support of his work upon a systematic and just basis. It is "according to that a man hath," according "as God hath prospered him," that the Lord expects returns from his servants. The Lord has not bestowed his gifts alike. To some he distributes more than he does to others. He is *not* a hard Master, reaping where he has not sown. He does not expect returns from all alike. And if we all were only as faithful in returning to the Lord tithes and offerings in proportion as we have received from his bountiful hand, there would be no inequality of burdens, no one overburdened because of others failing in bearing their share

of the responsibility. Each person himself only knows to just what extent the Lord has prospered him.

It is not expected that our neighbor shall know the exact amount of our income. This is a matter between us and the Lord. It might possibly be also truthfully said that many do not even know themselves to what extent the Lord has blessed them. But ought they not to know? It would appear from 1 Cor. 16:2 that every man should take time each week to find out this thing for himself, and when he has done so, then and there to promptly lay aside a certain portion for the cause of God, "according as God [the week before] hath prospered him." "Upon the first day of the week [Sunday] let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Even one man's gains may be more one week than another; but how can he give "as God hath prospered him," unless *he knows* the amount? And how can he determine the amount without giving the matter definite thought and study? We believe thousands of dollars might be added to the resources of missions, bestowed where God wants resources expended, especially just now, in strengthening the forces out in the mission fields, if our dear brethren and sisters would do this simple thing as outlined in this text, at the beginning of every new week carefully recounting the blessings and prosperity of the week just past, and laying aside the sum appropriate to the prosperity. Then a continual, steady stream of support for the cause of God throughout the great world-field would be constantly flowing into the treasury. And if all would do this, there would be no lack. Many of the strong appeals for financial help would not be needed; for the treasury would be supplied.

Please consider carefully these words sent us by the Spirit of the Lord, directly upon this point: "God calls upon his people to awake to their responsibilities. A flood of light is shining from the Word of God, and there must be an awakening to neglected obligations. When these are met, by *giving back to God his own in tithes and offerings*, the way will be opened for the world to hear the

message the Lord designs it shall hear. If God's people had the love of Christ in the heart, if every church-member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested through earnestness, *there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions*; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter."—*Special Testimony*.

The doors of usefulness are opening, but really there is a lack of funds. Is it because too many have been sent on to the fields?—No one can say this is true. What, then? Is it possible some have lost the spirit of self-sacrifice? Have some withheld the tithes and offerings belonging to God? O, may every one truly awake to his responsibility in meeting the demands of the hour!

The Mission Board would be glad to send on thoroughly prepared young men and women who have volunteered for service anywhere God's providence shall send them. But because of a "lack of funds," they must wait. This responsibility in the judgment will be placed somewhere. It will be laid down at the feet of somebody. But that man who is now faithfully putting in to the cause, in tithes and offerings, "as God hath prospered him," will be free then, because he is free now, having complied with the requirements laid down by the Lord in his Word.

If in the past we have brought condemnation into the soul because of withholding God's part, let the sin be put away at once by thorough repentance, and restoration (Luke 19: 8, 9; Eze. 33: 15) as far as possible, and from this time forward let us lay aside as "devoted" treasure, as he hath prospered us, God's tithe and offering each week. Very much depends upon our faithfulness in thus honoring and obeying the Lord.

T. E. BOWEN.

SHALL WE ATTEND CAMP-MEETING?

We have reached the time when many are asking the above question. Do we realize how much depends upon answering it correctly? To help all to realize the importance of the question, read carefully the following from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, page 38:—

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far bet-

ter for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

"Anciently the Lord instructed his people to assemble three times a year for his worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known his wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to his name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts; and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

"In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world.

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of his people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!

"This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do his work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey his commandments. Help those who are interested to attend; if necessary, providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accomp-

any you. God will do great things for his people. He will bless every effort to honor his cause and advance his work."

What would be the result if all our people would heed this admonition? Eternity alone can tell.

R. W. PARMELE.

AT OUR COMING CAMP-MEETINGS

Prepare for Happiness and Comfort

THE following suggestions are not all original, but quotations from some of our old pioneers in this work:—

"Our camp-meetings are important auxiliaries connected with the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and all who attend these convocations should regard themselves as tributaries to their success. In getting ready for the camp-meeting, there are essential considerations that demand proper attention. The tent and its equipments, the food supplies and their preparation, the clothing to be worn and the care that should be given to it, articles to take, and things that should not go—all may be studied with profit."

Our camp-meetings continue from ten days to two weeks, a period of sufficient length to subject campers to a variety of conditions in the matter of weather and health. Take your rubbers, your wraps, and an abundant supply of bed-clothes, because the chances are that all these will be needed at times during your stay in the camp. Provide well for rest, so that when the time comes for retiring, you may lie down on a bed with a mattress and springs arranged as homelike as possible. Sleeping apartments should be separated from one another and also from the sitting-room of the tent by curtains or screens. All details in regard to convenience, comfort, good taste, and propriety should receive attention, in order that our camp-meetings may prove to be occasions of helpfulness and good schooling to us. The clothing should be well kept. In fact, it should be religiously clean. Anciently when the Lord advised his people regarding their sanctification and readiness to meet him, he said, "sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes." Ex. 19: 10, 14.

We do not go to our camp-meetings to feast, yet we must eat food of good quality that has been properly cooked, else we cannot get the benefit from these occasions that the Lord desires us to receive. We should eat for strength, clearness of mind, and sweetness of disposition. If the camp boarding-tent furnishes such food, it is better to patronize it than to take the time and trouble of providing meals in the living tent. However, this question should be left for the various families to settle for themselves. The details of preparation are many, and of course these will need to be considered by the many who prepare to go. It should therefore be understood that some careful forethought is necessary if only sweet memories of the camp-meeting are to abide in the mind.

"Take to the camp Bible, hymn-books, Sabbath-school helps, and such other books as may be needed for reference while there. Pro-

vide the camp home with chairs, tables, rugs, lamps, cups, pails, basins, toilet supplies, pins, needles, thread, scissors, mirror, and various other articles that persons and conditions may demand."

"Take as many members of the family and as many friends as may be induced to go. But worldly cares, perplexities, criticisms, unbelief, hardness of heart, and such like have no right to a place where God's people convene."

Attend these meetings with courage in the heart, and with confidence in the third angel's message. Before going, decide to be present at as many services as possible, and to have good words for every good thing. Be assured that those who do these things will become fruitful in good works, and in due time have a home in the kingdom of God.

Still our camp-meetings have another object. The spirit of prophecy has so much to say along these lines, that it is only possible to mention one or two in this article: "We should feel that we are representatives of truth of heavenly origin. We are to show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We should ever bear in mind that angels of God are walking through the encampment, beholding the order and arrangement in every tent. To the large numbers of people who come to the ground, all the arrangements are an illustration of the beliefs and principles of the people conducting the meeting. It should be the best illustration possible. All the surroundings should be a lesson. Especially should the family tents, in their neatness and order, giving a glimpse of home life, be a constant sermon as to the habits, customs, and practices of Seventh-day Adventists."

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!"

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

GRAYSVILLE NEWS ITEMS

It may be of general interest to many and of special interest to some, to hear of matters as they are in Graysville.

Since the close of school, active work has been done in improvements. The new laundry building looks very neat with its fresh coat of paint, and the dormitory and academy also present a nice appearance. Brother George Orton is working at this.

The blacksmith shop, under the capable management of Elder Pierce, seems to be very busy. Very favorable comments are heard from various people as to the grade of work that is done here.

The sanitarium is enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. It is receiving patronage from a very good class of people. The new horse and carriage make very frequent trips to and from the depot.

Professor Van Kirk is now attending the Educational Convention at Cleveland, and

will also take up camp-meeting work for the season.

Professor H. S. Miller and Brother Dan Dillon are engaged in canvassing work. We were very much cheered by a visit from them last week, and were gratified to hear of the excellent success that they are having. Professor Miller gave us a timely discourse last Sabbath.

The visit of Elder W. A. Westworth was very much appreciated. Besides delivering the baccalaureate address for the sanitarium graduating exercises, he preached on Friday evening. This being regular prayer-meeting night, he spoke of the Lord's prayer, and many interesting things were presented. While he was here, board meetings were held to consider important questions pertaining to the conduct of institutional work.

The absence of Brother G. A. Williams is noticed, but we are pleased to know that he is doing good work in connection with the Atlanta Sanitarium. Miss Mary Williams recently accepted a place in this institution, and we were glad that Miss Alice Dart also could render timely and needed help.

Mrs. Nettie Sharp was elected church treasurer to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Brother Williams.

Mrs. Stella Slaten resigned her work as librarian in order to take up her duties in connection with the sanitarium training class. Her place is filled by Sister G. H. Baber.

Our church clerk, Mrs. John H. Dortch, is endeavoring to keep in close touch with absent members, and reports some favorable results. She, and the rest of us, would be very glad to hear frequently from these.

Elder Smith Sharp is improving the opportunity he has of spending a little time at home doing garden work, and occupying himself as occasion offers. His counsel and help are available to the church, and his readiness to help is appreciated.

We were pleased to notice in the audience the night of the graduating exercises, the Misses June and Empress Brickey and Ida Gray. These, with Miss Alice Dart, formed an interesting group, inasmuch as they were representatives of the only other class of nurses graduated in the South, they having received their diplomas at Nashville some two years ago.

A short visit at home is being made by Bertie Jacobs. We also note in our midst Earl Baber. These young men expect to graduate as physicians before long.

Among visitors in town are Brother Purvis and his family from Minnesota, and Brother Coyne and his family from Florida.

Among the attendants at the summer school, we noticed Miss Bertha Lea of Cleveland, Miss Sophia Termier recently from Louisiana, and Miss Foote and Mr. Elmer Shields from South Carolina.

Professor R. V. Corey and his wife are spending a vacation with friends in Indiana. The school farm is showing the results of some hard work, and the appearance of its crops is giving occasion for favorable comment from various sources. L. A. H.

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

Gratuitous Distribution

"BLESSED are ye that sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:20. Under this heading we might speak at length concerning the opportunities for the distribution of these silent messengers. They are innumerable, and the servant of the Lord must be "instant in season and out of season."

You talk with a friend or chance acquaintance about the terrible storms, earthquakes, wars, political upheavals, etc., and he shows an interest in these things. Take advantage of this interest, and hand him a tract such as "Coming of the Lord," "Signs of the Times," etc. The conversation you have had and the interest he has shown, will ensure the reading of a short tract of this kind.

The question of religious teaching in the state schools or the passing of Sunday laws may be under discussion. This will give an opportunity to place our good religious liberty tracts in their hands. A person may say that he has no interest in religious matters; our health and temperance tracts may appeal to such an individual. You may be riding on the car, leave a tract on the seat or hand one to your fellow-traveler. You may drop into the public library or reading-room, leave one of these silent messengers on the desk or table. You call at the busy man's office or at the store, leave a leaflet on the desk or the counter. When you pass through parks or gardens, leave a tract here and there on the seats.

You may be a farmer going to town for supplies, take along some of the leaflets and place them in wagons and buggies. You may be a busy housewife; keep a few tracts on hand, and give them to your neighbors and friends as they call and visit.

You may visit the hospitals, asylums, prisons, and other like institutions, and leave them there. Everywhere, if we will watch for opportunities, we may find ways and means for scattering these leaflets.

We will give one instance of what one bundle of tracts did.

What a Bundle of Tracts Did

Most of our readers are acquainted with Brother E. H. Rees, and as he was attending a meeting of the executive committee of the Southwestern Union Conference, he related the following interesting narrative, which shows what the circulation of a few tracts may do:—

"At the first camp-meeting held in North Carolina, we had a missionary meeting, and while we were holding the meeting, a man and his wife stepped into the back part of the tent, and I noticed they were interested in what we had to say. Our meeting had not been in session long until a sister got up and produced a little bunch of tracts, yellow with age, sewed together, and she said, 'Somebody sent me these tracts, and I embraced the truth from them.'

"Her husband said that he embraced the truth from reading those tracts. And then another arose and said the same thing, and

another, until eight persons in that congregation had testified that they had received the truth from those tracts. They all lived in the same neighborhood. The meeting closed, and the strange woman who had stayed in the rear of the tent stepped forward to the woman who had spoken first, and facing her said, "Do you know me? I am your sister who left North Carolina twenty years ago. We sent you those tracts." You never saw such a greeting as they had there, and we all wept in sympathy with them. "Yes, we are the ones who sent you the bunch of tracts. We lived in Kansas, and when we sent those tracts, we were so poor that we wondered how we should get the postage to send them. We prayed that the Lord would help us, and he gave it to us, and we sent the tracts."

Dear brother, dear sister, would you enjoy such a meeting and such a greeting as this? You can have it; if not in this life, in the world to come? And how?—By the simple means of giving or sending away a few tracts.

Who will secure a bundle of tracts and trust the Lord to save souls as a result?

(Bundles of tracts should be on hand to be sold; 12-cent packages should be easily secured from the tract society, suitable for this work.)

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

FROM ONE TO TWENTY

THE Lord is at work in Kentucky. It is indeed gratifying to see the progress that has been made in the past three months.

We began with one inexperienced canvasser, and now I have just sent off a report of twenty. I do praise the Lord, who has answered my prayers beyond expectation. This is the way God always does.

This has stirred up the wrath of the dragon. He is on hand to hinder and discourage. Look out for him. He will come in a guise least expected.

Dear fellow canvassers, you will be tempted as never before. The most of you are just beginning, your first delivery is just before you, and will likely be over by the time this reaches you; some will do well, and others may not do as well, while possibly some may make a seeming failure, and decide you are not cut out for a canvasser. Of course you are not if you make such decisions on that basis. You are not cut out for a canvasser or much of anything else.

The greatest achievements of the world have been accomplished after apparent defeat and failure time and again. The plan of salvation has been an apparent defeat for six thousand years; but it is to end in the most glorious triumph there ever has been.

Your patience will be tried severely. Will the Lord be able to refer to you and say, "Here is the patience of the saints"? No matter how you are treated, your "good nature should never fail." No matter how discouraging, "he [the canvasser] should take a cheerful, hopeful view of every perplexity."—*Manual for Canvassers*, p. 20.

Of all things, do not go home. Write me a letter, telling all about how you feel, your

situation, etc. I will take pleasure in helping you in any way I can.

We must not let the work run down. We want to keep it up to its present standing. I can't do this, but you can by staying in the field.

C. F. DART.

EUFOLA, N. C.

It gives me much pleasure to report the good meetings now in progress at this place. For the first two weeks another tent-meeting held some of the attention, but for the past week the attendance has been steady and increasing.

Sabbath was a day long to be remembered by the little company here. Following the morning service came a revival effort, and the scene witnessed in the tent was one of those battles between mighty angels of God in opposition to the efforts of the fallen foe. As angels of darkness were beaten back, wave after wave of blessing passed over the congregation, and every soul in the tent that had not before stood firm came forward, mostly for the first time in their lives. A number who had never kept the Sabbath were in this company. So mighty was the movement that as the gray haired and the sturdy youth sought God, little children came weeping, and crying and rejoicing mingled, as fifteen of these dear souls were presented before God that he might prepare them for the solemn scenes just before us.

Three services were held Sunday, the last having a large attendance, but each a deep and solemn interest. There are a number of very interested families, and we ask your prayers that the good work may go forward.

It is only due to add that this good work is the outgrowth of the several years of patient effort put forth by Elder J. O. Johnston to establish here the Eufola Academy of Industrial Mechanics. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Pray that the work may progress to the gathering in of many precious souls.

July 13, 1908.

ALBERT CAREY.

TO SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN KENTUCKY

THE first of the year I wrote in regard to the different Sabbath-schools and the isolated members, so that I might be able to get in touch with all of each in our conference. I think I have learned of all of the schools, but I am sure there are isolated members throughout the conference whose names I have never been able to get. I have asked different Sabbath-school officers for these names, and have received several; but I am not satisfied with this. It seems to me that there surely must be more. I am certainly interested in the isolated ones who have not the privileges that the majority of us have, so I feel it my duty to write again in regard to this matter. Now, I am not interested simply for the offerings they might give, but for themselves. The matter of offerings takes care of itself; but they do send in donations more liberally than the members who attend the Sabbath-school.

Now, I would certainly like to have the

name of every isolated member in this conference on our Home Department list, so as to be able to give them an idea of what is being done from time to time. I am sure we should be more interested in these members. I have recently had the opportunity of meeting with an isolated family and holding Sabbath-school, and O, what a feast it was to all present! We took up twenty-five cents donations for missions. I expect to have the privilege of meeting with them again soon, I am glad to say. On leaving, they each remarked, "This has been a feast to my soul," and it certainly was to me. I had learned of one of these sisters before, and had written her, but little did I think then that I would have the privilege of meeting her on such an occasion; but I find that "all things work together for good," etc.

Just another thought: I hope each Sabbath-school and the canvassers of the Kentucky Conference will kindly refer me to any isolated member of whom they know or hear. It was through one of our canvassers that I learned of the sister of whom I have spoken, so you see canvassers can do more than just to sell books.

I hope I shall be kept busy for awhile now, hearing, as a result of this article, from those who are isolated. Please give it one thought, and see if you, dear reader, can't help work up this important line of work in this conference. There is a work for each one of us to do.

DOLLIE H. CALLENDER,
S. S. Sec'y of Ky. Conf.

R. F. D. No. 2, Henderson, Ky.

KENTUCKY

MORELAND.—At McKinney five received baptism, one of whom was a member before. The four were youth from the church. The people of the town would come and hear, but it reminded us of the prophet: "They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." We thought best to find a different field.

We moved our tent eight miles north one week since. We have a beautiful beech grove with an abundance of shade. Our tent is filled to overflowing almost every evening, and many sit in their buggies on the outside. The weather has been fine except one night. Soon we shall reach the testing truths for this generation.

Sister Russell has joined our working force. She has an attack of chills and fever, but we hope that these will soon be overcome. The brethren from McKinney come down upon special occasions to assist us with the music. Elder J. M. Irvin and Brother Davis have a tent at Junction City, five miles north. I understand that they have only a slight interest, and are thinking that they will find another field soon. At Louisville nine or ten have offered themselves for baptism, and to unite with the church. This is the fruit of the Bible work and tent-meetings. Our missionary agent reports as follows:—

"Twenty canvassers reported \$1,003 worth of orders taken, and \$195 delivered in June. We expect to double this report in July in orders taken, and quadruple in deliveries, and to add one or two more canvassers to the number." This is a cheering word from Brother Dart. Brethren Harrison and Dart have begun a good work with our printed matter, and God is blessing all the laborers in the book work. There are others that should go out with the printed page. We must not stop. A cheery report comes from Sister Dollie Callender. She finds many minds that are inquiring after light as she goes from house to house with the printed page.

From Elder E. G. Hayes has just come the word, "I am getting anxious to start to our new field of labor as quickly as possible. We held meetings here [Sioux Falls, S. Dak.] the past three days, and four were added to the church upon profession of faith and baptism. . . . Twenty-two of our students took their stand for the truth during the year, and nearly every one of them was baptized during that time." Elder Hayes was the principal of the academy. We hope that it will not be long before we can have a similar experience with our youth in this state. I am encouraged to believe that the canvassing field will furnish the money for some of these youth, that they can have the cash to form such a school. Where are the young people that want to attend school the coming year?

We are now sending out the temperance number of the *Watchman* to the W. C. T. U. for free distribution in this conference. My daughter is here, helping me with the correspondence. Pray for the work of the Lord in all its branches in Kentucky.

A. O. BURRILL.

THE COURAGE THERMOMETER

I HAVE been looking at the canvassers' thermometer of Kentucky to see where their courage is; and I am happy to say that nearly all are registered from a "good" to a "full" degree in the shade; while one or two are a little cool, there isn't a single one as low as the freezing point. I will pass it along, and let you see for yourself:—

"I am full of courage."

"I have had one of the best weeks yet, not in orders, but in experience."

"I am not well, but am on foot."

"I am of better courage than I ever was before in all my experience. The truth grows more precious to me every day."

"I do pray that I may not fail or become discouraged. I do thank God that it is as well with me as it is."

"I have been sick. Have not done much this week. Have had some very bad territory, too. Pray for us."

"Well, the dear Lord has been with me the past week."

"I canvassed two days, and did n't take any orders at all. But I did n't get discouraged. I like the work better than I thought."

"I am glad to report to you again. Here is a nice week's work, \$62.10. I find a few

that seem to be coming into the truth from the books which I have already delivered."

"I will just have three orders to report this week, but have had some good experiences with the people."

"We are engaged in an excellent work. Nearly everybody seems to believe the things we tell them about the book are true. We are very thankful to God for giving us so many orders under the present situation."

"I did not start out to get discouraged."

C. F. DART.

SOUTH CAROLINA

I WELL remember in time of war how the daily bulletin was put up in public places to bring news from the battlefield. How has gone the conflict? How many were captured, and how many have surrendered. We would leave our work, and read and talk about it all the time.

If that should occupy so much of our time and attention, how much more important is this last conflict against the powers of darkness. The few workers in South Carolina realize this, and are putting on the armor a little tighter, and the Lord has especially blessed us the past month in the canvassing work.

The prospering hand of the Lord is in the state in blessing the farmers with a good outlook for crops, and the possibilities are good for a fall delivery. If we only would use these golden opportunities that the Lord is granting us.

As we look over the field, we cannot but say with our Saviour, "The harvest is great, and the laborers are few." The larger part of the counties in the state have never been worked. And we would say to you what Judah said to Simeon in Judges 1:3.

W. C. RAHN.

TENT-MEETINGS IN CHICAGO

NEARLY five weeks have passed since we pitched a 35 x 50-foot tent on the north side of this big city, at the Roscoe Boulevard and Hayne Ave. near River View Park. Elder C. Weber and myself spent our time inviting the Germans to come out, and at night we held a meeting. The attendance has not been large; but we have hope that the Lord has blessed our work among the thousands of my own nation.

I am enjoying my work since I left the dear Graysville school. I must say again that the four years I spent there was time well spent. The preparation I received for the work of the Lord has been a blessing to me. We need young men to enter our schools, to take up the study of the Bible. There should be hundreds preparing for service in the fast-whitening harvest-field. "Who will go?" is the great Master's call. Parents should be stirred to see that their children receive a good Christian education. This is an urgent matter. Time is short, and missionaries are needed in home and foreign fields. OTTO H. SCHULZ.

SELMA, ALA.

OUR tent-meetings here are in progress. The colored people are afraid of their ministers, but our attendance is increasing, and some are interested in the precious truth. But the enemy is on hand as usual. Some burglars came into our tent while we were asleep, and took all the money I had and Brother Lawrence's best clothes; but we are going right ahead giving readings during the day and preaching at night.

A tent company of four or six would help greatly in giving character to our work. We hope and pray that that will be the case in the near future. If prayer was ever needed for the conversion of souls, it is now, and we sincerely ask all our people to pray for us, that many souls may be won from the enemy's ranks in this "needy field."

T. B. BUCKNER.

SELLING THE WATCHMAN

I AM much encouraged by the reports of others, so thought I would write too. I ordered a hundred copies of the Temperance Number of the *Watchman*, and went to Lake Charles, La., with my papers, and other papers and tracts. I began selling them Monday, June 8. I worked hard, and the Lord greatly blessed. I wanted to sell them before the election came off next day. When night came, I only had twenty-six left, and I readily disposed of them Tuesday morning. I also distributed the tracts and other papers, and came home rejoicing in the Lord.

As every good cause has its enemies, so has the cause of temperance. Many refused to buy, and some bought two papers at a time. One man said, "I am in the whisky business, but I will buy a paper." I said, "I hope you won't stay in it all your life." One gentleman in his office asked me if I thought moderate drinking was wrong. I told him I did, and gave my reasons. He asked me several questions, and I told him we must all give an account to God for our conduct here. As I did not have my Bible with me, I gave him some citations on the subject from memory. He set them down, and said he would certainly read them. He seemed interested about the matter.

MRS. MOLLIE LITCHFIELD.

THE TEMPERANCE NUMBER IN CHARLOTTE, N. C.

SINCE I came here, eight or ten articles have appeared in the papers, some two inches long, some two columns, but all containing more or less of the message. To-day (July 14) Mr. Banks gave me free thirty lines in the *Charlotte News* in favor of the temperance number of the *Watchman*, and was glad to do so. I am growing more at home here now, and the people are cordial.

Last Friday I closed my door, and, committing all to God, went out to sell the temperance number of the *Watchman*. I fixed up as best I could, and put on a *Watchman* badge. I went to most of the principal places;

about all I said, as I held up a clean copy before the people, was, "Will you buy a copy of the *Watchman* against the liquor traffic?" Thus in the heat, upstairs and down, all day I went, and though some cursed and some blessed, by night twenty-four people could read that lovely paper in their own home. I remember especially four places where I sold one,—at the post-office, express office, the Y. M. C. A., and to some doctors.

T. C. HEGE.

AN INTERESTING EVENT

MARRIED, by the writer, June 21, 1908, at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. N. C. Freeman, Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Marion Kelly of Birmingham, and Miss Phynia Smith of Bethel, Wis. Sister Kelly has been one of our most faithful and efficient church school teachers.

C. C. WEBSTER.

LEACH, TENN.

LAST Sabbath and Sunday, July 4 and 5, I was called to the Leach church to unite in marriage Sister Laura Brown to Mr. Benly Carter. This was to unite one of our sisters to one not of our faith, a thing I had not yet done, and my first thought was not to do it. On reconsidering, I made up my mind to do it because I had known Mr. Carter all his life, and knew him to be a good boy, so I wrote that I would come.

Strangely and surely God leads us; for soon after we came on the ground, we met Mr. Carter and had a good talk with him, and just before he was married, he came and told us that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and wanted to go from the marriage to the water and be baptized. This was good news to us all, and it was a good day for the Leach church. Our work is onward, for which we feel to praise the Lord.

W. R. BURROW.

OBITUARY

GORDON.—On May 24, 1908, Brother Charles Gordon, aged seventy years, died in New Orleans, La. Brother Gordon came to New Orleans a few years ago, and accepted present truth in process of time, uniting with the second church of that city. His birthplace was Missouri. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss, but she sorrows not as might others who have no hope. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

S. B. HORTON.

"THE GREAT CONTROVERSY"

WRAPPED in this leather is one of the greatest messages God ever gave to the human race. The two inches between its covers span the entire history of sin. Indited of heaven, ratified by the Holy Spirit, and bequeathed to the children of men, it cuts like a two-edged sword, and pours in a wealth of healing balm. It contains the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Here the contro-

NO, DON'T

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DEAR fathers, don't scold.

The shoes will grow old, and the clothing wear out;

'Tis by no means at all worth scolding about. Your burdens will be like the sands of the sea, And nothing is what you might wish it to be; You'll be jostled and pressed, and perplexed and distressed;

You'll wish for a place and a period of rest; The children won't do as you might wish them to;

All things will run wrong, and the prospect look blue.

But, fathers, don't scold,

O don't scold!

Dear mothers, don't scold.

There'll be dust on the carpet from John's dirty feet,

And Mary and Polly will fail to be neat;

They'll make a great racket; for quiet you'll plead;

And after you've spoken, they'll fail to take heed.

All over the garden the chickens will scratch: The seed will not sprout; the eggs will not hatch;

The doors will blow open; the house-plants will freeze;

John's suit will wear out at the elbows and knees.

But, mothers, don't scold,

O don't scold!

Dear brethren, don't scold.

Brother A is too slow; Brother B is too fast; Brother C never sees till the chance has gone past;

Brother D is contrary; F and G are perverted; H, I, J, and K are not soundly converted; While all of the rest, whether child, man, or woman,

Are all full of faults, decidedly human.

In short, to come quickly and right to the point,

The world and all in it are quite out of joint.

But, brethren, don't scold,

O don't scold!

T. H. JEYS.

versy is portrayed, the two ways revealed, Paradise restored brought to view, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

Its truth is present, its field world-wide, and its purpose to prepare hearts for eternity. It is going to the palaces of kings, and to the hovels of the slave. It has crossed the Atlantic and the Pacific. It has gladdened hearts in every continent on earth, from the frozen zones of the northland to the sun-kissed tropics. The German, Danish, Swedish, and French can peruse its truth-laden pages, as well as their English-speaking brother.

I have seen its pages worn through, its covers read off, and its leaves read out. I have seen it ground under heel of man, and pressed to the bosom of a hungry soul as a mother caresses her darling child. It has been cast to the flames, and yet gained victories. I

have seen it bring conviction to hearts, tears to the eyes, men to their knees, and struggling souls to Christ. It has brought the wanderer home, the prodigal to his Father, and the lost sheep to the fold.

It makes no mistakes, is never out of date, needs no revision, and tells the same sweet story to every heart. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

It contains light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is a map for the traveler, a staff for the pilgrim, a compass for the pilot, and a chart for the Christian.

It chronicles the past, enlightens the present, and penetrates the future. It rings with the song at the martyr's stake, and victories of the reformers, the trumpet of the missionary, the shout of the redeemed, the harps of gold, and the chant of the angels. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice its teachings to be holy. Read it slowly, carefully, and prayerfully.

CHAS. G. BELLAH.

THE MISSISSIPPI CAMP-MEETING

THE time for this meeting is fast approaching, and I trust all our people are making every preparation to attend, and will be on the ground the first day of the meeting. Remember the date, August 13 to 23. The place is Aberdeen.

That you may see the importance of camp-meetings and of attending them, I will quote a few words from Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 31: "The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation." And these meetings "have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people."—Page 32.

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth."—Page 38. If there is any conference in the world that these words will apply to, it is the Mississippi Conference, for we are very few; so let all of us obey what the Lord is saying to us through his servant.

Again on page 39, we read: "Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"It would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect this opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible." I

hope none will plan to stay away from the camp-meeting this year. Come, parents, and bring the youth and children; they need the good of the meeting.

We will try to have tents enough for all. I would be glad to hear from every one that expects to be there, and will want a tent. My address is Starkville, Miss.

W. S. LOWRY.

GOING BACK

ON a recent visit to one of our churches which was torn asunder some years ago by the inroads of some mistaken teachers and views in opposition to the third angel's message, I asked one who had turned his back on the truth which he at one time delighted in, his reasons for the step he had taken, and if he were fully satisfied with the position he now occupied.

"Well," said he, "I was so torn up at the time of that trouble we had here which divided the church, and led so many of us to doubt that we had been led into the truth, I became discouraged, and gave it all up, and went back to the Baptists."

Well, my friend, I am sorry that you decided in that way, but I am pleased that you admit, and realize that in taking that step you have "gone back" and not forward. That was no deception played upon you, or a false voice that called you out of the darkness of error, and led you into the light of the third angel's message, causing you the joy and rejoicing of heart that it did.

Now, my brother, how much have you gained by "going back"? "Why, from your standpoint I have not made an advance step, I have 'gone back' to pork eating, using tobacco, tea and coffee drinking, and Sunday-keeping; in fact, I am a man of the world, and very much engaged and interested in state affairs and politics."

But, my brother, how much have you gained by "going back"? "To be honest, I must say that I have gone back spiritually; I am not what I once was."

Now let us see what you have lost, and how stands the movement you turned your back upon at that time. The third angel's message has been going forward with leaps and bounds, till its voice is heard in every quarter of the globe, and the believers in this message have greatly multiplied since you were with us.

We now have a general conference, composed of twenty-two union conferences, all organized and working successfully in all parts of the world, besides several unorganized mission fields. In all of these we have prosperous educational and medical institutions planted and growing. The tithe received yearly now amounts to nearly \$1,000,000, and about the same for missions. There are today about 80,000 church-members, and they are found in all parts of the world. So you see that Rev. 14:6-12 is being fulfilled, and where are you, and those you affiliated with? There is certainly a long distance to that point where you decided to "go back."

What about the prospect of you and your

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people being ready to meet the Son of man upon the white cloud? You see the separation is widening, and the distance between us increases daily.

"Yes; I see it; I know it; I feel it."

R. M. KILGORE.

ELDER W. J. TANNER, who is now left alone in Hayti, writes that there is great danger of a sudden uprising of the people at any time. He says: "All indications that the human mind can take in make it clear that if trouble once breaks out here, we shall be in danger. This seems to be the general impression among all foreigners. I feel, however, that we are better protected than those who may see strength in the presence of foreign warships; for are we not right where God put us in order that we might carry on his work? I would not exchange the confidence that this knowledge gives me for the presence of a Pacific fleet. Nevertheless, to be away from home under such circumstances is more or less of a strain on one." And the Mission Board has no one to send on to connect with him in Hayti. Souls, even under these trying conditions, are accepting the truth. He further adds: "At the present time we are more in need of help than ever. The work is more than holding its own among those who have accepted the Sabbath the past two or three years, and is making gains in new places, as, for instance, Port de Paix, where we now have a little company who have been observing the Sabbath only a few weeks. Letters from there tell me that the past few weeks three or four have begun the observance of all the commandments, so that now we have a company of seven or eight in the capital also, a place where we have as yet done no public work. These are calling for a visit and baptism."

Be resolutely and faithfully what you are. Be humbly what you aspire to be. Man's noblest gift to man is his sincerity, for it embraces his integrity.—Henry D. Thoreau.

Mrs A L Manous....	D&R	3		3 75
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Charley Allran	BFL	40	54 15	3 05
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R A Crider.....	D&R	34	21 00	2 00
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Warren Judson	D&R	39	64 20	10 35
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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1908

The Southern Union Conference

LOUISIANA, Lake Charles..... Aug. 6-16
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MISSISSIPPI, Jackson (col.) Aug. 27 to Sept. 6
ALABAMA, Cullman..... Sept. 3-13
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NORTH CAROLINA, Lexington..... Aug. 13-23
CUMBERLAND, Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 26 to Sept. 6.
SOUTH CAROLINA, Greenville, July 24 to Aug. 2
KENTUCKY Sept. 24 to Oct. 4
FLORIDA, Palatka..... Oct. 1-12
GEORGIA, Atlanta..... Aug. 6-16

A NOTE from Elder A. O. Burrill states that the Kentucky camp-meeting is to be held Sept. 24 to Oct. 4, but the place of meeting has not been fully decided upon.

THE Misses McDonald and Lackey, who are engaged in selling the *Bible Training School* in large cities, have been spending a few weeks in Nashville by way of a vacation. They report excellent success.

A LETTER from Elder E. W. Carey states that the tent-meeting at Laurens, S. C., was to be closed Sunday, July 12, and a few days later the tent company expected to proceed to Greenville, to help in making preparations for the camp-meeting which opens there the 24th inst.

THIS news item from Florida could not be conveniently used last week, so we give it here:—

“Brother C. V. Achenbach is visiting the churches in the interest of the canvassers’ institute to follow the camp-meeting. Incidentally he is securing orders for ‘Ministry of Healing.’ Several recruits for the canvassing work have been secured, and a number have promised to attend the institute.”

LITERATURE FOR NAVY YARD

WANTED, late, clean copies of the *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, *Youth's Instructor*, and *Little Friend* for free distribution in the U. S. Navy Yard reading rack. Three thousand people of all nationalities to be supplied. Send all literature to A. V. Dyberg, 220 Main Street, North Vallejo, California.

HOW LIFE AND HEALTH IS GOING

DURING the last week's run of the June number of *Life and Health*, the publishers received one wire order for 2,000 copies, another for 1,500, and a third for 500 copies. A letter order for 1,000 copies reached the publishers every day throughout the week. Orders for 500 copies were frequent. Orders for 100 copies, with comparatively few for less, swelled the output during the week something over 15,000 copies. There are now over 1,200 persons who sell *Life and Health* by single copies as they find time and opportunity. Some of them are devoting their entire time to the sale of the journal. These are averaging from \$3.50 to \$7.00 per day profit.

ETERNALLY AT IT

WHEN it comes to supplying ourselves and families with the necessities of life, we are eternally at it.

Our children may wear out their shoes and hats sooner than we expected, and our own clothing may not wear as we hoped it would; but at the sacrifice of dollars all these must be replaced. Our farm tools and house fixtures; our furniture and dishes; our harness and wagons; our well rope and bucket; our constantly lowering flour barrel and cruse of oil, must give place to fresh supplies at the sacrifice of much money. For petty pleasures for ourselves and children; for worthless toys and toothsome desserts, many dimes are spent. In the busy whirl of daily supplies, dimes are small things, and dollars are not large. God's work is now calling for dimes. A constant supply of these is now needed to replenish a constantly lowering treasury. Let no lover of present truth forget to spend one dime a week in the cause of missions. Let us go at it as we go at the work of supplying the daily necessities of home life. Until the third angel's message has reached every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; until every darkened land is lightened with the glory of the mighty angel, let us not slacken our hand, but keep eternally at it. R. T. NASH.

LOUISIANA

QUITMAN.—The writer visited this place last spring in answer to a call from Brother Cheek, who had been canvassing in the parish, and whose work had created an interest. At that time meetings were held for ten days, when it was thought best to close and hold a tent-meeting in the summer.

This was done, and the tent-meeting began June 15, continuing four weeks. During the latter part of this time services were held three times each day. The Spirit of the Lord came very near many times during the meeting, and several are victors over their evil habits and appetites.

At the present time thirteen are keeping the Sabbath, and as many more are almost persuaded. Pray for these precious souls, brethren, that they may all gain the victory and be saved at last.

I was reluctantly compelled to leave to make necessary arrangements for the camp-meeting. I would have remained two weeks longer if it had been possible. But God will watch over his work, and he never slumbers or sleeps. E. L. MAXWELL.

SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL OPENING

THE vacation days are fast passing, and the time for opening school is hastening on. September 2 is the date set by the board, and the term has been lengthened to nine months, which will bring the close May 12, 1909.

Our calendar is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready before long for those desiring a copy. Broad plans have been laid for the scope of the coming year's work. The rapid advancement of the message calls for the training of our capable young men and women, who are consecrated and have the love of the cause at heart; but in order to fill acceptably the many calls now coming, there must be first a training of the recruits, that they may do effective work. Will not you, my dear young man or woman, carefully consider this need?

The Training School board and faculty are straining every nerve to make this school year the banner year to date.

We are glad to say that not a member of the graduating class last year was unconverted. All were Christians, and were enjoying the fellowship of Christ. Three of the young men are now engaged in the gospel ministry, one in the German work in Chicago, another in the Cumberland Conference, and a third in the Tennessee River Conference. The crying need to-day is for educated and cultured young men to enter the ministry. Two other young men are planning on taking the medical course. One of the young women has commenced the nurses' course, and another plans to teach in one of our schools. Another plans to take further work in advanced music study with a view to teaching music in our schools. Letters from others of the class tell of hopes and prospects regarding the matter of engaging in some branch of the work.

The students who are canvassing for scholarships are enjoying the blessing of God and much success in their work, and many new ones are entering the canvassing ranks to earn scholarships.

Young people, now is your opportunity to prepare for effective work in the Master's cause. My heart rejoices when youth consecrate themselves to God and become effective workers. If God is calling you to enter his service, don't delay! Now is the time for preparation. M. B. VAN KIRK.

MRS. H. C. BALSBAUGH, 821 South 6th St., Paducah, Ky., would appreciate late, clean copies of the *Watchman*, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, and children's papers, to be used among intelligent white Bible readers. Send post-paid. This is a reading people, and she cannot supply their calls.