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CAMP-MEETINGS AND OUR PUBLICATIONS

In connection with our camp-meetings in past years, God's servants have improved many precious opportunities for instructing our people in practical methods of presenting the saving truths of the third angel's message to their friends and acquaintances. Many have been taught how to labor as self-supporting missionaries in their home communities. Many have returned home from these annual gatherings, to labor with greater zeal and intelligence than hitherto.

It would be pleasing to God if far more of this practical instruction were given the church-members who attend our camp-meetings, than has usually been given in years past. Our general workers and our brethren and sisters in every conference should remember that one of the objects of our annual gatherings is that all may gain a knowledge of practical methods of personal missionary work. This phase of our camp-meetings is outlined in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, as follows:—

"God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Saviour as 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.' John 1:29. We need to meet together and receive the divine touch, that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send forth from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters so trained that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand in regard to the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labor in the combined work of all."—Pages 32, 33. See also pages 49, 50.

In some of our conferences, the leaders have hesitated to introduce these practical methods of instruction. Some are naturally inclined

to sermonize rather than to teach. But on such occasions as our annual camp-meetings, we must never lose sight of the opportunities afforded for teaching the believers how to do practical missionary work in the place where they may live. In many instances it would be well to set apart certain men to carry the burden of different lines of educational work at these meetings. Let some help the people to learn how to give Bible readings and conduct cottage meetings. Let others bear the burden of teaching the people how to practice the principles of health and temperance, and how to give treatments to the sick. Still others may labor in the interests of our periodical and book work. And let chosen workers take a special interest in teaching many how to handle "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing."

Many have never learned how to sell the books dedicated to the advancement of our institutional work. But such should not excuse themselves. They should study diligently how they may do their part faithfully in connection with the circulation of these precious books. Our schools and sanitariums must be conducted on a high plane of efficiency, and a solemn responsibility rests upon us all to help place these institutions on vantage-ground by giving the relief books a wide circulation. God will be glorified by every one who takes an active interest in the work of placing these books in the hands of the multitudes who are in need of the saving truths of the gospel.

Our greatest burden should be, not the raising of money, but the salvation of souls; and to this end we should do all in our power to teach students how to lead souls to a knowledge of the third angel's message. When we are successful in the work of soul-saving, those who are added to the faith will, in turn, use their ability in giving the truth to others. When we labor diligently for the salvation of our fellow-men, God will prosper our every effort.

To the presidents of conferences, and to others in positions of leading responsibility, I would say, Let us do all in our power to impress upon the teachers connected with our educational institutions the great value of the blessings in store for those who seek diligently

to make the best possible use of the gift, "Christ's Object Lessons." Let us encourage the teachers to unite with many of their students in a prayerful study of "Object Lessons," preparatory to going out with the book in active field work. Let us help the educators to understand their responsibility in this matter. Let us do all we can to revive the "Object Lessons" work, and to inaugurate plans for an active campaign with "Ministry of Healing."

As teachers and students engage heartily in this line of work, they will gain an experience that will fit them to do valuable service in connection with our camp-meetings. Through the instruction that they can give to the believers in attendance, and through the sale of many books in the places where such meetings are held, those who have been in the school will be able to do their part in reaching the multitudes who need to be given the third angel's message. Let teachers and students nobly bear their share of the burden of showing our own people how to communicate the message to their friends and neighbors.

When we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are "laborers together with God." Whatever our position,—whether presidents of conferences, ministers, teachers, students, or lay-members,—we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies he has ordained for our use is the printed page. In our schools and sanitariums, in our home churches, and particularly in our annual camp-meetings, we must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency. With patient diligence, chosen workers must instruct our people how to approach unbelievers in a kindly, winning way, and how to place in their hands literature in which the truth for this time is presented with clearness and power.

My brethren and sisters, let us not become weary in well-doing. During his earthly ministry, Christ traveled on foot from place to place. Worn, as he often was, his human nature taxed to the uttermost, yet he was ever ready to heal all who came unto him, and to teach them the way of life eternal. Though often physically exhausted, he left

not his work. There was a world to be saved. He made every sacrifice possible in order that light and truth might shine forth.

The Lord God of Israel desires us to link up in holy union with himself, and exercise the living faith that works by love and purifies the soul. He desires that we shall be a working corps of laborers endowed with adaptability for his service; and to such he promises power to win a glorious victory for him.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Sanitarium, Cal., July 10, 1908.

THE FLORIDA SANITARIUM

Is no longer in prospect. It is an actual reality. For the past sixty-eight days we have been kept in suspense, not knowing whether we would be able to purchase the sanitarium we had in prospect at Orlando. One member of the Sanatorium Company was trying to buy out the others in order to furnish us the property; but some were refusing to sell, and so the fight continued between them until July 21, when the papers were made to Brother Shreve, and we are now ready to legally incorporate for the purpose of holding the property until it can be turned over to the Conference Association free from debt.

With the expenditure of but a few dollars to install a complete treatment outfit, and to fit up the doctor's office, we shall be ready for operations, and can at once accommodate twenty patients. We know that this will be a welcome announcement to some of our people who have been writing us to know if they can come on soon for treatment. We will formally open October 15, but in the meantime we hope to get ready to receive a few patients very soon.

Two lady physicians are coming from the North to take Dr. Parmele's practice in Tampa, and as soon as she can be relieved there, it is expected that she will come to Orlando to act as house physician in the sanitarium. We want to secure a male physician and surgeon who will be willing to take the building that the Sanitarium Company owns in the city of Orlando, and engage in general practice there, and make trips to the sanitarium, two miles out, as his services may be needed. This is a good opening for some one. Brethren, cheer up! God is working for us in this matter, I am sure. I never felt more sanguine of success in this enterprise than at the present time.

R. W. PARMELE.

DON'T BE BLUFFED

THE canvasser is often bluffed when he first approaches the prospective buyer by some such expressions as these: "O, you are a book agent, are you? You need not have stopped here; I never bought a book from an agent in my life." "You need not take time to show your book here; you will only be wasting your time," etc., etc.

Oftentimes these expressions come from the best customers. They are often made in a kind of half joking way, and by people who know that they cannot well resist the chance to buy a good book. So keep cool, and use

tact, and you will often make a good sale. By all means persist in a very tactful manner to show the work, if they will grant you a *little of their time*.

Only a few days ago the writer met one of this kind of really nice fellows, who told me plainly that he would not buy any kind of book under any consideration. But by passing a few kindly remarks, I was finally able to show him the prospectus for "Daniel and the Revelation," and, true to his word, he would not order a copy, as he of course did not wish to be a story-teller; but he saw to it that his son ordered one, and then the third man appeared, and he helped me to sell him one. So do not be bluffed easily.

A. L. MANOUS.

FLORIDA ITEMS

LET all remember that short spicy items concerning the progress of the work are earnestly desired. Send them to Sister Stringer; but do not burden her with long articles. Boil it down. If you do not, she will have to. Let us remember there are nine other conferences that are entitled to space in the REPORT OF PROGRESS.

On Sunday, July 19, the Orlando church enjoyed an outing at the sanitarium. A photographer from Orlando made several pictures of the premises and guests, some of which we hope soon to reproduce in some of our papers. At noon twenty-eight guests were seated to an excellent dinner in the dining-room. Nine others enjoyed the "comforts" of the second table.

July 21 to 24, Elder Parmele spent in Palatka, looking after some further preparations for the camp-meeting. The same generous offers formerly given were voluntarily renewed to him as to ground and furniture. He expects to begin a tent-meeting there September 24, and continue until about November 1. Elder W. A. Westworth, our Union Conference president, has promised to unite with him in this effort. Let the workers, and all others who wish to do so, come a week early, and enjoy a "workers' meeting" together.

TO THE BRETHREN OF MISSISSIPPI

AS THE time for our camp-meeting is hastening on, I wish to say a few words to you in regard to the book and periodical work at this meeting.

We are hoping and praying that it will be a meeting marked by the presence of the Spirit of God, which will lead each one of us to renewed consecration in the Lord's service; and shall we not all plan and pray that this may be so? If it is so, there will be a demand for our literature, and to supply this anticipated demand, we shall have a supply of Bibles, song books, large subscription books, children's books, pamphlets, tracts, etc.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, I am very anxious that you all be at this annual feast of spiritual food, and that you bring a few dollars extra to purchase some of these precious books and tracts to take home with you and distribute among your neighbors.

Do you know what became of the twelve baskets of fragments which were gathered up after feeding the five thousand? On page 430 of "Desire of Ages" we read: "When the baskets of fragments were collected, the people thought of their friends at home. They wanted them to share in the bread that Christ had blessed. The contents of the baskets were distributed among the eager throng, and were carried away into all the regions about. So those who were at the feast were to give to others the bread that comes down from heaven, to satisfy the hunger of the soul."

What a blessed thing it would be if every believer in this conference could be at this camp-meeting to be held at Amory, beginning August 13 and lasting ten days. Would not all heaven rejoice at such a sight? And an equal blessing would result if every one in attendance would carry home to his friends and neighbors some of our good books and tracts to satisfy their hungry souls.

Begin right away to plan to be there sure, and be sure to bring a few dollars extra or bring your check book. Don't let common trifling circumstances keep you away from this meeting, and cheat you out of the blessings you will get and the blessings you can bestow on others at such a gathering.

I wish to say again that there will be on the ground a book tent with a good supply of our publications. We wish you to come to the feast, and be spiritually refreshed, and then take some fragments home to your friends.

H. G. MILLER.

THE CANVASSING WORK

I HAVE so often heard it said, "There is a time for all things," and this is the time for the canvassing work. I know whereof I speak.

I find the people are anxious to hear what I have to say and are seeking for light. On presenting my book, "Daniel and the Revelation," to them, and showing them how fast the prophecies are being fulfilled, they remark, "I believe it," but at the same time they are in gross darkness.

Brethren, sisters, don't you think it is time we were working earnestly? I have been in this work only a short time, but I have certainly had some grand experiences.

In coming to Eddyville, where I am at present engaged in this work, I could hear from every direction, "You will never take orders here; the people know the truth too well; it has been preached to them, and there have been some books sold too;" but I find they have just enough of the truth to make them want more.

Since I came, I have put in about ten hours, and have taken eleven orders among the best people here. Of course there is but little wealth here.

I had quite an experience with a believer of Christian Science, also one of the Millennial Dawn faith. I succeeded in getting an order from the latter, but in the afternoon on passing by, she called to me and asked me to stop, she wanted to see me. So she came out to the gate, and asked me if that was a Seventh-

day Adventist book. I told her it was published by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Then I asked her if she didn't believe in the prophecies. "Oh yes," she said, "I suppose all Protestant denominations teach the prophecies, but in different ways." I told her she would find nothing in the book that was contrary to the Bible. So she said, "All right; bring me the book; I want it."

I praise the Lord for this experience, and for the privilege of working in his cause. I feel there is no higher calling than the canvassing work, and if it is God's will, I expect to continue in this work. I am of good courage. I hope every canvasser is studying the Sabbath-school lessons for this quarter, as it seems to me they are especially applicable to us.

I am sorry to learn of some being discouraged in this work. I tell you we can't afford to give up. We are almost in sight of the promised land; but we want to "be strong and of a good courage; . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

My prayer is that the Lord may send more laborers into the field; for the harvest truly is ripe, and the laborers are so few.

DOLLIE H. CALLENDER.

A LETTER

THE following letter is from a canvasser in Kentucky. Notice how expressive of cheer, hope, courage, and faith it is. I place in italics such words as will help call your attention to the many good points I see in it:—

"I am so glad I have the pleasure of sending in my first report for the canvassing work. I started out last Wednesday with ———. We just had a fine experience. I feel that this is *the work* the Lord wants me to be in. I have just a small report this week, but I hope to have a better one next week. Pray for me that I may be faithful unto the end."

I like to receive just such letters as the above, don't you? But then every one is not "cut out" to write such good, spirited letters, and so "can't." Kentucky canvassers can.

C. F. DART.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

WHEN a national calamity is upon us, and the fact becomes known that the army or navy is far from having sufficient men to carry out what seems to be a necessary policy to maintain the national honor, how quick is the response from patriotic hearts all over the country. Do men in such an hour refuse the call because their own business may be jeopardized? Do not the lawyer, doctor, merchant, and farmer respond to the call, leaving good business and ease for poor pay and hardships? Such men have the highest respect of their fellow-citizens.

Doubtless we have often dreamed how we would do if the opportunity only came our way, how, like Paul Revere, we would dash from village to village to sound the alarm; or like Lafayette, would spend our money as well as ourselves helping another people in a laudable struggle for right.

Now we, God's remnant people, are in actual conflict with a strong foe. Our numbers are far too few. Opportunities for splendid victories in cities, villages, and country are in great abundance. Facilities for quick training are all in readiness; but where are the loyal believers to step in and fill up the ranks? Are they occupied with affairs of their own while the opportunities are rapidly closing? Will not the earthly treasure, cherished at so great a cost, crumble to dust in that great day, and leave us to mourn for the true riches?

Like the armies of great nations, our canvassing work needs a constant stream of volunteers to keep the work moving in perfect order. And quick work is being done by earnest recruits. One boy of fifteen, with very little training in an institute, and one day with the writer in the field, sells over \$150 worth of "Coming King" in four weeks. An agent of more experience delivers early this month seventy-six books, postpones six, and loses only two orders. Our lady agents in the cities have not fared very well, but it is difficult for them to work the country. Is not this a silent, though strong appeal to the brethren to "hasten to the front"?

How is it with you, my brother? Can you not now, just now, when soldiers are so few we can hardly "keep step," press in and help swell the loud cry of victory? Come, hurry; the bugle still sounds, the battle is on. Soon you may not be needed, and then you will have more time for yourself than you want. Visit your nearest recruiting officers at once, and enlist while you can. C. F. PARMELE.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

THE time for our September examination on the history of our denomination and the cardinal points of our faith, is drawing near. We trust that every young man and woman in our conference is preparing for this examination. To some it may seem to be a waste of time and a needless expenditure of energy to prepare for this examination, but it is not. It is absolutely necessary that we understand the history and fundamental truths of this message. The burden of the work is soon to fall upon the shoulders of the young people; and they must have a thorough knowledge of the truths for this time. For this reason, at the recent convention held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, plans were laid for the adoption of certain resolutions, which if carried out will enable the young people to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh . . . with meekness and fear."

The recommendation provided "that the members be encouraged to reach a standard of attainment, which, on passing an examination in the history of our denomination and the cardinal points of our faith," will entitle them to receive a certificate of attainment; also that the quarterly report shall give, not only the regular membership, but also the number who have received "certificates of attainment."

"The General Conference Young People's Department shall prepare questions once every six months, and in response to orders shall

send them to the young people's secretaries of the local conferences," or to the church elder.

"The church elder or some one appointed by him shall conduct these examinations during the first weeks of March and September of each year.

"The papers shall be sent to the local conference young people's secretary, and he shall grade the papers, and issue to those passing, a certificate of attainment."

The books we are to study are "Bible Footlights" or Johnson's "Bible Text-Book" and Elder Loughborough's book on "The Great Second Advent Movement." These are all good books, and will be a wonderful help in preparing for this examination.

We are very anxious that every young man and woman in the conference shall take the examination, and thus obtain the certificate of attainment spoken of in the resolution.

We would be glad to answer any questions that you would like to ask on this subject.

MRS. BERTHA B. LOWRY,

Mis. Vol. Sec. of Young People's Work,
St. Bethlehem, Tenn.

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

OPENING SONG: "There is Sunshine."

Prayer: Several sentence prayers.

Minutes.

Song or Quartette.

Scripture reading: Psalm 119:65-72.

Subject: Helps for Worried Week Days. (Let the reader note carefully the many excellent and helpful thoughts, and strive to bring out distinctly some which he knows may be a help to some one present.)

Is it possible to live in this way in any place?

Where do we learn these lessons?

Reports.

Collection.

Closing Hymn.

Helps for Worried Week Days

WE have only successfully acquired the art of living a Christian life when we have learned to apply the principles of religion and enjoy its help and comfort in our daily life. It is easy to join in devotional exercises, to quote promises, to extol the beauty of the Scriptures; but there are many who do these things whose religion utterly fails them in the very places and at the very times when it ought to prove their staff and stay.

All of us may go out from the sweet services of the Sabbath into a week of very real and very prosaic life. We must mingle with people that are not angels. We must pass through experiences that will naturally worry and try us. Those about us, either wittingly or unwittingly, annoy and try us. Many a young Christian must mingle with those who do not love Christ. Every one meets many anxieties and worries in ordinary week-day life. There are continual irritations and annoyances.

The problem is to live a beautiful Christian life in the face of all these hindrances. How can we get through the tangled briars which grow along our path without having our hands and feet torn by them? How can we live sweetly amid the vexing and irritat-

ing things and the multitude of little worries and frets which infest our way, and which we cannot evade?

It is not enough merely to get along in any sort of way, to drag to the close of each long wearisome day, happy when night comes to end the strife. Life should be a joy, and not a burden. We should live victoriously, ever master of our experiences, and not tossed by them like a leaf on the dashing waves. Every earnest Christian wants to live a truly beautiful life, whatever the circumstances may be.

"A little child, when asked what it was to be a Christian, replied, 'For me to be a Christian is to live as Jesus would live, and behave as Jesus would behave, if he were a little girl and lived at our house.' No better definition of practical religion could be given. Each one of us is to bear himself just as Jesus would if he were living our little life in the midst of its actual environment, standing all day just where we stand, mingling with the same people with whom we must mingle, and exposed to the very annoyances, trials, and provocations to which we are exposed. We want to live a life that will please God, and that will bear witness on its face to the genuineness of our piety."

How can we do this? We must first recognize the fact that our life must be lived just in its own circumstances. We cannot at present change our surroundings. Whatever we are to make of our lives must be made in the midst of actual experiences. Here we must either win our victories or suffer our defeats. We may think our lot hard, and may wish it were otherwise, that we had a life of ease and luxury, amid softer scenes, with no briers or thorns, no worries or provocations. Then we should be always gentle, patient, serene, trustful, happy. How delightful it would be never to have a care, an irritation, a cross, or single vexing thing.

But meanwhile this fact remains—that our aspiration cannot be realized, and that whatever our life is to be made, beautiful or marred, we must make it just where we are. No restless discontent can change our lot. We cannot get into an elysium merely by longing for it. Other persons may have other circumstances, possibly more pleasant than ours, but here are ours. We may as well settle this point at once, and accept the battle of life on this field, else, while we are vainly wishing for a better chance, the opportunity for victory will pass.

The next thought is that the place in which we find ourselves is the place in which the Master desires us to live our lives.

"Thou can'st not to thy place by accident: It is the very place God meant for thee."

There is no haphazard in this world. God leads every one of his children by the right way. He knows where and under what influences each particular life will ripen best. One tree grows best in the sheltered valley, another by the water's edge, another on the bleak mountain-top, swept by storms. There is always adaptation in nature. Every tree or plant is found in the locality where the con-

ditions of its growth exist, and does God give more thought to tree and plants than to his own children? He places us amid the circumstances and experiences in which our life will grow and ripen the best. The peculiar discipline to which we are each subjected is the discipline we severally need to bring out in us the beauties and graces of true spiritual character. We are in the right school. We may think that we would ripen more rapidly in a more easy and luxurious life, but God knows what is best; he makes no mistakes.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

MISSIONARY REPORT

BELOW will be found a missionary report from five churches in the Alabama Conference,—Marlow, Mobile, Montgomery, Elkwod, and Oaklevel,—for the six months ending June 30, 1908:—

Missionary visits	234
Periodicals loaned	21
Periodicals given away.....	941
Periodicals sold	66
Books loaned	18
Books sold	35
Tracts and pamphlets loaned	102
Tracts and pamphlets given away.....	657
Letters written	38
Letters received	53
Bible readings held.....	137
People interested	40

If the other churches had been doing missionary work too, how many more souls might have had the opportunity to hear or read the "third angel's message." In the little leaflet, "Missionary Work by Correspondence," we are told, "If all would realize the necessity of doing to the utmost of their ability in the work of God, having a deep love for souls, feeling the burden of the work upon them, we should see hundreds engaged as active workers who have hitherto been dull and uninterested, accomplishing nothing. They have felt that there was nothing of importance in this tract and missionary work,—nothing worthy of their especial interest. Yet it is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do. All can do something. Some can do more than others, but all should become intelligent as to how they can work most successfully and methodically in spreading the light of truth, by scattering our publications. . . . Our sisters, the youth, the middle-aged, and those of advanced years may act a part in the closing work for this time; and in doing this as they have opportunity, they will obtain an experience of the highest value to themselves."

Those who cannot give Bible-readings will find in the "Family Bible Teacher" an excellent substitute. In the REPORT OF PROGRESS dated July 7, under the title, "Missionary Siftings," a plan is given how to work with this and other tracts. Let each missionary society in each church study it, and do what they can to follow it, and thus scatter the precious seeds of truth. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

HELEN MCKINNON.

SHOULD CANVASSERS GIVE BIBLE READINGS ON DOCTRINAL SUBJECTS?

SHOULD canvassers give Bible readings, especially on doctrinal subjects? This is often asked, and as there is much importance attached to a correct answer, and precious souls are at stake, it is thought well to let the Testimonies of God's Spirit answer; and though it may cut across the preconceived ideas of some, yet it is sincerely hoped that no one will allow preconceived ideas or opinions to outweigh a plain "Thus saith the Lord," coupled with sound judgment, and the practical experience of some who have been long in the work.

In "Canvassers' Manual," p. 31, are these words: "As the canvasser visits the people at their homes, he will often have opportunity to read to them from the Bible or from books that teach the truth. When he discovers those who are searching for the truth, he can hold Bible readings with them. These Bible readings are just what the people need."

There is a danger that some of our canvassers will stop reading just here, and take this paragraph as a license to preach or give Bible readings promiscuously, and on doctrinal subjects; but let us read a little further:—

"Some who labor in the canvassing field have a zeal that is not according to knowledge. Because of their lack of wisdom, because they have been so inclined to act the minister and theologian, it has been almost a necessity to place restrictions upon our canvassers. . . . Be careful not to arouse a combative spirit, or excite prejudice by introducing controverted points of doctrine. You will find enough to talk about that will not excite opposition, but that will open the heart to desire a deeper knowledge of God's Word. . . . When the canvasser enters upon his work, he should not allow himself to be *diverted*, but should intelligently keep to the point with all diligence. . . . If the canvasser walks with God, if he prays for heavenly wisdom that he may do good and only good in his labor, he will be quick to discern the needs of those with whom he comes in contact. He will make the most of his opportunities to *draw souls to Christ*, not dwelling upon doctrinal subjects, but upon the *love of God*, his mercy and goodness in the plan of salvation. In the spirit of Christ he will be ready to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

"The great need of the soul is to know God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent. The Bible abounds in practical lessons, which the canvasser may safely present. If he can by this means impart a knowledge of practical religion, he will be feeding the people, who need just such precious food."

In this last paragraph we see that the canvasser may safely present "practical lessons," not the doctrinal. Does not this indicate very strongly that there are some lessons that it is not safe to present?

At the bottom of this same page (34) we further read: "We need far less controversy, and far more presentation of Christ. Our Redeemer is the center of all our faith and

hope. Those who can present his matchless love, and inspire hearts to give him their best and holiest affections, are doing work that is great and holy. By *diligence in canvassing*, by faithfully presenting to the people the cross of Calvary, the canvasser doubles his usefulness. . . . God will impress those who are longing for guidance. He will say to his human agent, Speak to this one, or that one of the *love of Jesus*. No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness, than angels of God draw near, to soften and subdue hearts. Often doctrinal points are presented with no special effect; for men expect others to press upon them doctrines; but when the matchless love of Christ is dwelt upon, his grace impresses the heart."

But, says one, what shall we do when we find people who are sincerely seeking for light, and they urge us to tell them all about our doctrine; for they may never get a chance to hear the truth again? Well, I am glad that this is answered in this same paragraph. It says this: "There are many who are sincerely seeking for light, who know not what they must do to be saved. O, tell them of the *love of God*, of the sacrifice made on Calvary's cross to save the perishing. Tell them to place their will on the side of God's will; and if any man will do his will, he shall *know of the doctrine*, whether it be of God."

Those who have long been in this department of the work can truly say that their experience is in perfect harmony with this testimony. The canvasser should make it his business to *sell the books*; then let these books give the doctrine. Any other plan may seem to work well for a while, for dwelling upon doctrine may create an interest on the part of the people, or rather, excitement, or curiosity to find out something new; but when the light dies away, as it nearly always does, it is like a torch light that is carried through a country in a dark night. It may light up around you for a moment; but after it passes by, the darkness is greater than ever.

So many have been stirred in this way by the canvasser who could only remain with the seekers after light long enough to give them a real desire for the truth; then the light would pass on, with no one to follow up the interest. So the poor souls are left in the hands of men who, like birds, snatch up the little seed that is sown, then drift back to the world in a worse condition than at first. Brethren, let us work as the Lord has told us.

V. O. COLE.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

CHRIST has purchased us by the price of his own blood. He has paid the purchase money for our redemption, and if we will lay hold upon the treasure, it is ours by the free gift of God.

"How much owest thou unto my Lord?" It is impossible to tell. All that we have is from God. He lays his hand upon our possessions, saying, I am the rightful owner of the whole universe; these are my goods. Consecrate to me the tithes and offerings. As you bring in these specified goods as a token

of your loyalty, and your submission to my sovereignty, my blessing shall increase your substance, and you will have abundance.

God is testing every soul that claims to believe in him. All are entrusted with talents. The Lord has given men his goods upon which to trade. He has made them his stewards, and has placed in their possession money, houses, and lands. All these are to be treated as the Lord's goods, and used to advance his work, to build up his kingdom in the world. In trading with the Lord's goods, we are to seek him for wisdom that we may not use his sacred trust to glorify ourselves, to indulge selfish impulses. The amount entrusted varies, but those who have the smallest gifts must not feel that because they are small, they can do nothing with them.

Every Christian is a steward of God, entrusted with his goods. Remember the words, "Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Let us be sure that we are not robbing God in any jots or tittles; for much is involved in this question.

All things belong to God. Men may ignore his claims. While he bountifully bestows his blessings upon them, they may use his gifts for their own selfish gratification, but they will be called to give an account for their stewardship.

A steward identifies himself with his master. He accepts the responsibilities of a steward, and he must act in his master's stead, doing as his master would do were he presiding. His master's interests become his. The position of a steward is one of dignity, because his master trusts him. If in any wise he acts selfishly, and turns the advantages gained by trading with his lord's goods to his own advantage, he has perverted the trust reposed in him.

The Lord has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and voluntary gifts of all his people. The one who proclaims the message of mercy to fallen men has another work also, to set before the people the duty of sustaining the work of God with their means. He must teach them that a portion of their income belongs to God, and is to be sacredly devoted to his work. This lesson he should present both by precept and example. And he should beware that he does not by his own course lessen the force of his teaching.

That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular pur-

poses. This subject is not regarded as it should be. Under no pretext is the money paid into the treasury of God to be used for the benefit of any one in temporal affairs.

God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. He does not design that his work shall be crippled for want of means. That there may be no haphazard work and no error, he has made our duty on these points very plain. The portion that God has reserved for himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which he has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in any emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit even in what they may regard as the Lord's work. God has shown honor to men in taking them into partnership with himself in the great work of redemption.

The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain and apply it according to his own judgment because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself whatever he thinks is his due. Let him not give his influence to any plans for diverting from their legitimate use the tithes and offerings dedicated to God. They are to be placed in his treasury and held sacred for his service as he has appointed.

God desires all his stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements. They are not to offset the Lord's plans by performing some deed of charity, or giving some gift or some offering, when or how they, the human agents, shall see fit. It is a very poor policy for men to seek to improve God's plan, and invent a makeshift, averaging up their good impulses on this and that occasion, and offsetting them against God's requirements. God calls upon all to give their influence to his own arrangement. He has made his plan known; and all who would co-operate with him must carry out this plan, instead of daring to attempt an improvement on it.

"Thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always." This was to be a continual offering, that the house of God might be properly supplied with that which was necessary for his service. His people to-day are to remember that the house of worship is the Lord's property, and that it is to be scrupulously cared for. But the funds for this work are not to come from the tithe.

A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement.

God will judge for these things. One reason that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others would reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe; but a great mistake is made

when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers. There should be to-day in the field one hundred well-qualified laborers where now there is but one.

The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for himself. It is to be brought into his treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserved portion.

Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, "I will not longer pay my tithe; for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work." But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful because others are not doing right.

Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi, and see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into his treasury, more laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry, were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld tithes, or made use of them to support other lines of work.

God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent. Let the work no longer be hedged up because the tithe has been diverted into various channels other than the one to which the Lord has said it should go. Provision is to be made for these other lines of work. They are to be sustained, but not from the tithe. God has not changed; the tithe is still to be used for the support of the ministry. The opening of new fields requires more ministerial efficiency than we now have, and there must be means in the treasury.

Those who go forth as ministers have a solemn responsibility devolving upon them which is strangely neglected. Some enjoy preaching, they do not give personal labor to the churches. There is great need of instruction concerning the obligations and duties to God, especially in regard to paying an honest tithe. Our ministers would feel sadly aggrieved if they were not promptly paid for their labor; but will they consider that there must be meat in the treasure-house of God wherewith to sustain the laborers? If they fail to do their whole duty in educating the people to be faithful in paying to God his own, there will be a shortage of means in the treasury to carry forward the Lord's work.

The overseer of the flock of God should faithfully discharge his duty. If he takes the position that because this is not pleasant to

him, he will leave it for some one else to do, he is not a faithful worker. Let him read in Malachi the words of the Lord charging the people with robbery toward God in withholding the tithes. The mighty God declares, "Ye are cursed with a curse." When the one who ministers in word and doctrine sees the people pursuing a course that will bring this curse upon them, how can he neglect his duty to give them instruction and warning? Every church-member should be taught to be faithful in paying an honest tithe.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

THE General Conference Committee at its council in April recommended that thanksgiving week, November 22-28, be set apart as a time for a special ingathering of funds for foreign mission work. Since that time the officers of the General Conference and other members of the General Conference Committee have been developing a plan whereby this ingathering may be made as successful as possible. After much thought and prayer, the following plan has been arranged, accepted, and is now recommended to our people everywhere.

The Plan

That thanksgiving week, Nov. 22-28, 1908, be set apart by our people, and consecrated to an active effort throughout the week in gathering a thanksgiving offering for foreign missions, from friends and neighbors, and indeed from all who can be reached during that season.

That a foreign mission number of the *Review* be issued as the medium for communicating the most interesting and attractive features of our foreign mission work to the people solicited.

That this number of the *Review* be filled with descriptions of our mission work; incidents showing the providence of God in the mission field in bringing souls to Christ, and containing numerous illustrations showing the schools, mission houses, and photographs of missionaries.

That as large a number of these papers as can be used to advantage be furnished free to every one who will enter heartily into the work of collecting donations.

That copies of this missions number of the *Review* be given freely to friends and neighbors, relatives and tradespeople; and that in presenting the papers, a brief and interesting statement be made of the great work being done in heathen lands, especially in China, Japan, India, Africa, and the islands of the sea; then with confidence let every one be asked by the solicitor to make a liberal thanksgiving offering to help carry the gospel light to those who are less favored than we are.

That these funds, when collected, be sent

to the conference treasurer, the same as all other mission funds collected and donated by individuals and children.

That the publishers of our evangelical papers lay plans for their periodicals, so that they will not bring out any special numbers during the last six months of 1908, thus leaving the field free for a great undivided movement in circulating this free mission number of the *Review*, and in collecting funds for missions.

That this plan be clearly presented in detail at all general gatherings, such as camp-meetings, conferences, and conventions, also in all the churches.

That the various features of this plan be frequently presented from now until thanksgiving week in the columns of the *Review*, *Signs*, *Watchman*, and in all our union conference and state papers.

That local conferences so arrange their work as to give as much attention as consistent to the presentation of this plan, and organization of the work in the local churches, and among the isolated members in each conference.

That each conference, in addition, place its laborers during thanksgiving week so that each one may act as an organizer and leader in this special work.

That we talk liberality, and appeal for large gifts, and believe that God will work upon the hearts of the people and incline them to give of their abundance for foreign missions; and that by every means within our power, we unite in making this effort an epoch in the history of our efforts to raise money for the advancement of the cause of God.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CAMP-MEETINGS

THE first camp-meeting under the auspices of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Wright, Mich., in September, 1868. It was a somewhat uncertain experiment, owing to the fact that camp-meetings, as frequently conducted, were of doubtful utility because of fanaticism and other disturbing elements.

The promoters, however, inspired by the thought that it was in a beautiful grove that man first listened to the voice of God, and that the very spirit of paradise abides still beneath the shady bower, together with an earnest desire to promulgate the gospel by every possible means, were led to venture the experiment. This experiment was so satisfactory that such gatherings have increased from year to year, until in 1885 fifty were held in different parts of the United States. The present year that number will be more than doubled. Not only in the United States, but in Northern and Central Europe, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, these orderly camps will bear witness to the ever-extending work of the closing message of the gospel. About twenty-five of these meetings have been held in Florida, and we can point to these annual gatherings of the past with no feelings of regret in the matter of order and decorum, while the success which has attended them in the conversion of sinners and

removal of prejudice from the minds of persons who have only known this people through the medium of their doctrinal enemies, have been sources of encouragement.

The people come together, not merely for an outing, but to seek a closer walk with God; to counsel and lay plans for the furtherance of the gospel, and to be a blessing to their fellow-men. They believe that they bear an important message to the world, and that as of old, God is pleased to give his blessing when his people make sacrifices to come together to unitedly call upon his name, and consecrate themselves anew to his work.

C. P. WHITFORD.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

We have been in Memphis almost two weeks. While there are many here who know this truth and do not want to hear it, there are others who desire to read and learn more of it, and still others who have never heard it.

Our sister canvassers for "Daniel and the Revelation" have been doing an excellent work. Many of those good books have gone into the homes here, and are still going.

We were greatly shocked at 1 A. M. by a telegram bringing the sad news of the death of Sister Mamie Moore's father, who died Sabbath, July 25. She took the train at 6:35 A. M. for her home, about three hundred and twenty miles distant. She expects to be gone about three weeks. Her address for three weeks from date (July 26) will be Bee Springs, Ky., Edmons Co. She has our love and sympathy as Christian workers.

Pray for the work at Memphis.

WM. J. KEELE.

THE JACKSON, MISS., CAMP-MEETING

DOUBTLESS most of you, perhaps all, know about our camp-meeting to be held in Jackson, Aug. 26 to Sept. 6. Now I wish to stir up your minds that you may be ready. The necessity of the meeting is beyond question. There is a crying need that our people be schooled into an effective working force. From a hesitating and disjointed mass of weaklings, we are to be converted into an effective force of Christians, strong in faith and able to battle in the army of the Lord.

In ancient days God refused the cowards and weaklings. Calebs and Joshuas are the class now needed to win victories. We must meet strength with strength, the cunning craftiness of the enemy lying in wait to deceive, by the invincible Word of God. "Let your light shine." The purpose of the camp-meeting is to "consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works." And the heavenly admonition is, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." May the Lord make duty plain, and you be willing in the day of his power.

PAGE SHEPARD.

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CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference

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CANTON, MISS.

EIGHT days have quickly passed since we held our first service. Though coming at a time when the people had become surfeited with tent work as carried on by the "Holiness" people, there has been a steady growing interest; and despite the fact that a Methodist conference meeting and a Baptist revival are in progress, we are having a very encouraging attendance. Among the interested ones are two Baptist preachers of prominence who have expressed their appreciation of our service freely and publicly. A beautiful feature of our stay here is the unusual interest of the children, who come out and take part in our service. Organizing themselves, they banded in a Sabbath-school class, offering themselves for service. We are truly grateful. That a consecrated teacher who could play and sing could do a good work here, we feel certain.

Pray for us and for the work, that eternity may reveal jewels gathered here to the praise of God, to whom be glory and honor and blessing, world without end.

PAGE SHEPARD

N. B. KING.

ELDER J. L. SHAW, in a recent letter, mentions the Tamil Sabbath-keepers in southern India. He says: "I do not think our correspondence has overestimated the opening there. I have never seen such an opening anywhere in India. My only fear is that we will not meet the situation and do what should be done. They are ready to deed us a little land upon which to build. If we can get in among them, and teach them the truth, taking on as little responsibility otherwise in the way of taking over their school work and putting up buildings, etc., as is possible, I believe our work will make far more permanency in the end." A good man and his wife should be sent to connect with Brother James in labor for these Tamil Sabbath-keepers. But the man and the funds—?

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Georgiamay Cruise ...	CK	20	3 00	8 50
J D Andrews 2 wks...	GC	78	43 00	16 50
S G Dent 2 wks....	BFL BS	37	39 50	39 50
Albert Benson	D&R	39	39 25	
G T Carter.....	D&R	4	18 00	
Wm McConnell.....	CK	43	28 00	4 00
Clyde Bowen	BFL BS	10	50	50
Gustav T Ellingson....	GC		3 50	3 50
Sallie Mae Vansant..	CK BS	10		48 50
Mrs A L Manous....	D&R	3	2 50	1 10

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Inez Underwood	BS	16	1 35	35
W E Lanier.....	D&R BS	15	2 00	17 90
Guy L Kerley.....	D&R	52	35 50	2 50
R L Underwood....	D&R BS	25	4 50	

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

H B Gallion.....	D&R	27	20 00	30 00
Mrs E A Wing....	CK sofp	25	6 35	5 50
S H Swingle....	sofp sofp	25	36 00	5 00
G S Vreeland....	dofA GC	32	53 00	5 50
F A Evans.....	sofp sofp	24	61 75	5 75
J B Rise.....	D&R	21	2 50	5 00

RECAPITULATION

Cumberland Conference..	337	159 00	9 00
Florida Conference.....	181	251 45	25 75
Georgia Conference.....	244	177 25	122 10
North Carolina Conf....	108	43 35	20 75
South Carolina Conf....	154	179 60	56 75

Total .. 1024 810 65 224 35

Southern Union Conference

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

W C Wales 2 wks D&R L&S	50	148 50	22 00	
W H Swait.....	BFL	23	22 00	
W A Nelson.....	BFL BS	49	60 75	1 25
E A Wood.....	BFL	22	18 00	
R F Thompson....	BFL BS	54	88 80	
B J Griffiths.....	BFL BS	41	78 00	9 00
Mrs M L Ivory 2wks..	BFL	119	22 90	8 50
Mrs A L Woods 2wks..	BFL	15	12 50	
I W Peevy 3wks....	BFL	47	44 05	13 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Anna Schnitzler	CK	13	8 00	
Warren Judson	D&R	33	6 00	15 00
J P Foree.....	D&R	6	6 00	80 00
V Todd	D&R	20	16 50	17 90
Hannibel Beck	D&R	49	12 00	42 00
M J Weber.....	BFL	56	126 50	
A Catlanach	D&R	41	7 50	10 70
Charlsey Allran	BFL	39	39 85	3 80
Dollie H Callender....	D&R	34	17 50	
Ruth Etta Jones.....	CK	31	11 50	
M Wheeler	BFL	44	13 50	98 75
Miles McGrew	CK	30		66 50
R A Crider.....	D&R	36	29 75	2 75
Chas Romines	D&R	26	2 50	46 50
James Dutch 2 wks..	D&R	44	3 50	26 95

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C L Collison.....	BR D&R	80	48 65	48 65
W E Lane.....	CK	10		66 00
Wm Olmstead	GC	29	5 00	15 00
O F Frank.....	D&R	7	15 00	15 35

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

H G Miller.....	D&R BFL	28		24 00
W H Haddon.....	D&R	28		25 00
A A Johnson.....	CK	21	28 75	2 75
Ella Johnson	CK	11	19 20	3 50
Lewis Thomas	BFL	28	6 40	7 90
Louise B Jackson....	stoc	7	3 50	
J S Fry.....	D&R	48	31 75	2 10

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C H Chenault.....	D&R	52	22 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	34	39 45	6 75
Mrs Alice Patton....	D&R	13	5 85	5 20
R H Hazelton.....	D&R			46 50

RECAPITULATION

Alabama Conference....	420	495 50	54 25
Kentucky Conference....	502	299 60	410 85
Louisiana Conference....	126	68 65	145 00
Mississippi Conference...	171	89 60	65 25
Tennessee River Conf...	99	67 30	58 45

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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1908

The Southern Union Conference

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ALABAMA, Cullman..... Sept. 3-13
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NORTH CAROLINA, Lexington.... Aug. 13-23
CUMBERLAND, Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 26 to Sept. 6.
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FLORIDA, Palatka..... Oct. 1-12

ALL of our readers will desire to circulate a large number of *Liberty* No. 3, now ready to mail; for it contains the straight third angel's message associated with the act of the United States Senate in passing a District Sunday Bill during its last session.

It presents the true principles of religious liberty upon which this nation was established, and through which it has been prospered; the history of the Church of Rome and the formation and the work of the papacy are portrayed in contrast with these principles; the image of the papal government being developed in the United States government in fulfillment of prophecy is clearly set forth; and it reveals the meaning of present movements, and clearly places the issue between the law of God and the commandments of men.

In the glaring light of prophecy and present developments, this nation is shown to be rapidly developing an image to the papal government, and making enforced Sunday observance the mark of loyalty. It is a timely issue, and all our people should unite in giving it a large circulation.

Send to us for circulars containing prices and special rates to agents.

TEACHERS, SCHOOL BOARDS, AND PARENTS; ATTENTION

A LIST of the text-books and helps recommended by the Text-book Committee for use in grades one to nine inclusive, showing the cost of each book, has been prepared and may be obtained free from any office of the Southern Publishing Association, by asking for descriptive circular entitled "What the School Needs." All the books listed in this circular may be purchased from the Southern Publishing Association at the price stated.

Do not delay preparation for the coming

school term, but plan thoroughly to systematize the school, and seek to have every pupil provided with the proper books. Write at once for the above circular.

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.

BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

THOSE who had the privilege of attending the Bookmen's Convention held in Nashville during the past winter listened to much valuable instruction on nearly every phase of the book work. Representative book workers were present from all the Southern states from North Carolina to Texas. Forty-five papers were read and discussed. The discussions, the resolutions passed, and other minutes of the Convention all appear in this book of 152 pages. Those who are interested in the circulation and sale of literature bearing on the Advent cause ought to give this Report a careful reading. It is pointed and interesting. The pamphlet will be sent post-paid, to any address on receipt of only ten cents. Address the Southern Publishing Association.

CANVASSERS' MANUAL

THIS valuable book has been out of stock for some time, and it is with pleasure that it is announced again. The "Manual" was prepared as a companion for every evangelistic canvasser, and has brought courage and comfort to many when their work has gone hard. Its timely instruction will help the beginner through difficult experiences. All who follow the counsel given will realize success in their work. This book is a compilation of the most important writings of Mrs. E. G. White on the canvassing work. It contains 73 pages of small pocket size, well bound in limp leather with red edges. Price, 25 cents. Address the Southern Publishing Association.

THE MISSISSIPPI CAMP-MEETING

THE time and place for our camp-meeting have now been definitely decided, and in a little while we shall greet one another on the camp-ground at Amory, Miss. How I wish that every one of our dear people in this conference could be at this meeting.

In the fourteen years of my experience in this message, I have missed but one camp-meeting, and then only because I chose to spend those days in canvassing rather than go to the camp-meeting, and even in this I do not say I made a wise choice. These meetings have cost me many dollars, but I know it has been means well invested.

As the time of this meeting is rapidly approaching, I am wondering who and how many will be there. Dear brethren, I hope

you will decide to come, and that you will at once begin to plan carefully and prayerfully that you may not be hindered.

It will cost you a few dollars, I know; but there will be dollars left which you have earned, and which you have not used, when you are through with this old world. The dollars you use in going to camp-meeting are that much treasure laid up in heaven.

If you come to camp-meeting, some of your vegetables may spoil, and some of your chickens may die; yet there will be enough left for the world's supply. Dear brethren and sisters, let us plan to come to camp-meeting.

It was decided at our annual conference in February that there would be a canvassers' institute in connection with our camp-meeting. This will be held after the camp-meeting, and I do hope and pray that a goodly number will be there to stay after the meeting to get the benefit of the instruction given. Brother Harrison, our general canvassing agent for the Southern Union Conference, will be with us.

We need workers badly in this field, and I do hope a number will come to this meeting and institute to consecrate themselves fully to the Lord, and enter into active service for him who has done so much for us.

There will be a supply of books, Bibles, papers, and tracts.

Let us all come praying that the Lord will abundantly bless us; and fit us for service.

H. G. MILLER.

CANVASSING FOR "MINISTRY OF HEALING" AND OTHER WORKS

I AM now in Coos Bay County, Oregon, busy canvassing. In connection with my regular work, I take along on this trip that good jewel casket of truth, "Ministry of Healing." I try to sell one or two (or more) copies of this book a day as missionary work for the Lord, the same as I have done at intervals for years with "Christ's Object Lessons," and God does bless the efforts put forth.

The Lord has spoken of these two "devoted" books, of his plans for their use in relieving our institutions, and how this work of late has been neglected. If all our canvassers would only take along one of these books each day, either "Ministry" or "Christ's Object Lessons," and take orders, say one or two a day, as missionary work for the Master, and deliver the same time they deliver other books, I am sure God would be pleased. It would not detract from their regular canvassing work, for God will bless it, so as to more than make up for it. In fact, I have found it a safeguard of the regular work, an insurance policy, as it were, of its ultimate triumph. I have secured from one to eight orders a day for "Ministry," and one to eight and a dozen a day for "Object Lessons," besides my other regular canvassing work. I see so many tokens of God's love and care, that I wish all students everywhere working for scholarships would adopt this plan. I am sure it would work, and they do much good and be greatly blessed.

WALTER HARPER.