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WORDS OF COURAGE FROM MISSIS-

ONE writes: "I received your letter of the 23d and the tract [which was on the canvassing work], and was indeed very glad to get it to read. The Lord is truly good. He knows our need, and will send courage to us in the needed time. I want the Lord to use me in the best way to glorify him."

SIPPI CANVASSERS

Another writes thus: "I hope that I can get some one to go out with me, because the harvest truly is ready, 'but the laborers are few.' Matt. 9:37. Help me to lift up my eyes, and 'look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.' John 4:35.'

In another letter are these words: "The Lord blessed me last week. I was well, but lost time in walking some distance to my territory, yet I put in forty-eight hours. I think you want us all together to put in a thousand hours this month. I will do my best. The work is onward, I see, and I thank the Lord for putting me in the work."

Still another says: "Dear Brother, your good letter came safe to hand. I had just come in from a long walk, feeble and cast down in mind - came to the post-office, found your nice letter, read it, and my head was raised up, my soul was fed.

"I feel so much better from reading the leaflet on the canvassing work by Sister White. I learn from this what the Lord would have me do. It is good to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word."

"Brother Fry's letter, which you sent me, was enough to make any soul take fresh courage and put on new strength."

A sister canvasser writes: "I praise the Lord for my delivery; for I know that it was he that made the people even take some of the books. One minister told me Sabbath morning as I was on my way to church that he was well pleased with his book. He said 'that he did not regret his dollar a bit."

A brother writes: "I am enjoying the canvassing work well, and find it a real pleasure to enlighten the world with present truth by selling our good books. I also enjoy speaking words of comfort to the discouraged and weary ones. I find some who are longing for

clearer light than they now have. I feel the need of being renewed day by day."

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." HORACE G. MILLER. Ps. 126:6.

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

(Continued.)

Is It Possible to Live in This Way in Any Place?

THE next thought is that it is possible to live a beautiful life anywhere. There is no position in this world in the allotment of Providence in which it is not possible to be a true Christian, exemplifying all the virtues of Christianity. The grace of Christ has in it potency enough to enable us to live well wherever we are called to dwell. When God chooses a home for us, he fits us for its peculiar trials.

There is a beautiful law of compensation that runs through all God's providence. Animals made to dwell amid Arctic snows are covered with warm furs. The camel's home is the desert, and a wondrous provision is made by which it can endure long journeys across the hot sands without drink. Birds are fitted for their flight in the air. Animals made to live among the mountain-crags have feet prepared for climbing over the steep rocks. In all nature this law of special equipment and preparation for allotted places prevails.

And the same is true in spiritual life. God adapts his grace to the peculiarities of each one's necessity. For rough, flinty paths, he provides shoes of iron. He never sends any one to climb sharp, rugged mountain sides wearing silken slippers. He gives always grace sufficient. As the burdens grow heavier, the strength increases. As the difficulties thicken, the angel draws closer. As the trials become sorer, the trusting heart grows calmer. Jesus always sees his disciples when they are toiling in the waves, and at the right moment comes to deliver them. Thus it becomes possible to live a true and victorious life under any circumstances. Christ can as easily enable Joseph to remain pure and true in heathen Egypt as Benjamin in the shelter of his father's love. The sharper the tempta-

tion, the more of divine grace is granted. There is, therefore, no environment of trial, or difficulty, or hardship, in which we cannot live beautiful lives of Christian fidelity and approved conduct.

Instead, then, of yielding to discouragement when trials multiply, and it becomes hard to live right, or of being satisfied with a broken peace and a very faulty life, it should be the settled purpose of each one to live, through the grace of God, a patient, gentle, and unspotted life, in the place and amid the circumstances allotted.

The true victory is not found in escaping or evading trials, but in rightly meeting and enduring them. The questions should not be, "How can I get out of these worries? How can I get into a place where there will be no irritations, nothing to try my temper, or put my patience to the test? How can I avoid the distractions that continually harass me?" There is nothing noble in such living. The soldier who flies to the rear when he smells the battle is no hero; he is a coward.

The questions should rather be, "How can I pass through these trying experiences and not fail as a Christian? How can I endure these struggles and not suffer defeat? How can I live amid these provocations, these reproaches and testings of my temper, and yet live sweetly, not speaking unadvisedly, bearing injuries meekly, returning gentle answers to insulting words?" This is the true problem of Chris-MRS. W. M. CROTHERS. tian living.

(To be continued.)

ELKMONT, ALA.

WEDNESDAY, May 20, Elder E. Van Deusen and the writer went to Elkmont to pitch the tent, and Brother and Sister Ross S. Lindsay arrived the same morning from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to help us in the music and caring for the tent, and Brother Lindsay was to canvass the adjoining territory for one of our books.

We began meetings Thursday night with a fair attendance. Friday night the tent was We continued the meetings for eight full. weeks, and closed with just as good an intere est and attendance as at any time. We held sixty-five services, gave about eighty Bible readings, and made about one hundred and

forty family visits. Brother Lindsay did well in selling "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" among the people; and we scattered lots of Signs, Watchman, and tracts covering the different points of the faith. Our tent expenses were \$14, and our collections, \$32.70. Wednesday, July 15, we took our tent down, leaving about twelve keeping the Sabbath. Of course there is much to be done for them yet, and eternity alone will reveal the results of the effort. The Lord surely worked, and to him we give all the praise.

Mrs. Van Deusen joined us the latter part of the effort, and we all thought it best for Elder and Mrs. Van Deusen to remain and carry on the effort by holding cottage meetings and visiting from house to house. There was no room vacant in the village that they could get, so they pitched a small tent in a nice dooryard, and they are working hard to carry the interest on.

Brother and Sister Lindsay and myself came with the tent to Wooley's Springs, a farming district twelve miles east of Elkmont. Our attendance so far has been good. Brother Lindsay is having good success taking orders for "Bible Readings." We are of good courage. Remember us and the work here.

A. J. HAYSMER.

BIBLE WORK IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

My wife, daughter, and I arrived in Memphis to assist in the work with Elder J. S. Washburn, on July 13. As Elder Washburn had not arrived, we all went to work selling the WATCHMAN from house to house, and taking time, where the truth had previously entered, to try to cultivate the soil where the seed had been sown. I have had some very interesting visits. I have found many persons who are reading this truth and enjoy our literature. Of course I have met some bitter opposition; but I pass it by.

I feel that the sisters who have faithfully worked in selling our large books will be greatly rewarded. I have seen "Daniel and the Revelation" in many places. From reports given me there have been thousands of dollars' worth of literature giving this truth plainly, placed in the homes of the people in Memphis. From all appearances, this city is surely ripe for hearing this last gospel message in love. We know that it must be told over and over; but there is a limit to God's mercy to those who will not obey.

We have our desire as far as location for the tent is concerned. We begin hauling and preparing to pitch the tent Aug. 3, hoping to begin meetings on the evening of Aug. 7. Pray for the work here, brethren. This is a great city. I have met a number of people here that never heard of the Seventh-day Adventist people.

It has been decided to hold our camp-meeting here October 1-10, this being the time of the Tri-State Fair, when wonderfully large numbers of people will come here seeking pleasure, money, and to see. Now, dear brethren, will you not each make a big effort to come and do all that you can to interest some one else in this truth? Bring, to give away, all the literature containing the truth that you have. Also come prepared to sell all you can to those who are visiting. Let us all work, watch, and pray, until the work is finished.

Remember there is sure victory where we all have a mind to work. WM. J. KEELE.

WORK IN TENNESSEE

DEAR fellow workers, I have very much enjoyed reading the reports of your experiences in the work. I watch for REPORT of PROGRESS from week to week to learn of the progress of the work, and the location of the different workers.

Some of you know that I was left at Hustburg to follow up the work after camp-meeting last year. I spent the winter building a church in that place, and visiting and holding meetings with the people. With this I am sending a photograph of this new church building, so that our people will have a chance



The Hustburg Church

to see how it looks, as it stands upon the same ground where the camp-meeting was held.

Now we have this church completed except seating and the pulpit desk, and we certainly ought not to leave it without these. Those who belong to this church have done all they can, as they are poor, and most of them are When we started out to build last sisters. fall, we got pledges from many in and around the place, enough to build all but the seating; but just as we were to collect, the money panic came, and \$100 of these pledges we have not been able to collect. But as we had the building started, and the material on the ground, we could do nothing else but go ahead. But the ones from whom we bought the material could not be put off, and so the building committee had to go to the bank and get \$100 to settle for the material. That will soon have to be met.

We need at least \$125 to seat the house and fence it in to keep stock away from it (for everything runs loose here), thus making \$225 we need in all. Cannot some send from \$1.00 to \$5.00 to us and help this new company to get a start? As soon as I have time, I will go back and try to raise some more from those not of the church; but you know how that is after the building is up. They think we can now pay it ourselves. So let us all lift a little, and thus show our new brethren and sisters there that we have an interest in them.

I have spent a great deal of time on the church, for which I expect no pay, besides putting in all the money I could spare. Now will not many others help a little, if not more than fifty cents, and it will be done. The people of the place are proud of the building, and say it is the best in the county, so you see it is a credit to us as a people; but if we now leave it without seats, it will not speak well for us.

While I was at home, we had a good quarterly meeting. The members are growing spiritually, and I expected at this time to baptize some, but on account of sickness in one family, the baptism was postponed. But when I go again, I think there will be several ready.

Those who wish to help may send the money to J. S. Rooker (our treasurer), Johnsonville, Tenn., R. F. D. 1, and it will be used right.

July 17 I returned to our tent in Shiloh, from which I had been absent two weeks, and found that the brethren thought it best to move to another place. So the Monday following, the tents were packed, loaded on wagons, and sent to St. Bethlehem. I stayed behind for a few days to visit the people and see if I could not place some books, and I was well repaid for so doing; for I put a "Bible Footlights" in almost every house, and had many glorious experiences reading and praying with the people. I found them ready to receive me with open doors and hearts. Some wept as they told me that they believed we had the truth, and as soon as they could get the books and study it out a little more for themselves, they would obey.

Brethren, we are entering the loud cry, and soon the work will be done, and we, if faithful, will be gathered home.

Friday, July 24, I came on to St. Bethlehem, where we are now pitched, but will return in a week to deliver the books and do some more work in Shiloh. V. J. SPAULDING.

A PERSONAL LETTER

No DOUBT some have wondered why they never hear anything of my work any more. It is not because I have not been at work, for I have; neither that I have not been enjoying spiritual blessings, for the Lord has been with me and blessed me, and I have been enjoying the work, and have also seen some fruits as a result of my labor.

I am of good courage, but I do not feel like writing about my work now.

I suppose many have heard of the sorrow that has come upon me at this present time. I am on my vacation home, but it is not the happy visit that I was expecting this summer; for my home is a very sad place now. One

of the most precious souls on earth, to me, has just been laid away.

I received a telegram July 26, one o'clock A. M., to come home, that my father was dead. died 3:30 o'clock July 25. He was only sick one day

This shock was almost unbearable; but the, Lord has sustained me: and knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God, I can say, "Thy will be done," not mine.

I have hopes of meeting my father in the first resurrection. He has been in the truth over sixteen years, and made many friends wherever he went. He often expressed himself as being so glad that Jesus was soon coming to gather his faithful ones home. He looked forward to this with great joy.

He and my mother accepted the truth at the same time. My mother is left a widow with eight little children to care for, the oldest being a girl sixteen years old, the next a boy fourteen, but he has the ways of a man, and he is willing to do.

My address now is Bee Spring, Ky., but after the middle of August write me at Memphis, Tenn., 584 North Dunlap Street, where my place of labor is as a canvasser.

MAMIE MOORE.

FLORIDA ITEMS

SISTER JOSIE CLEMENT, of Bartow, who has been spending the summer in Baltimore, returned home last week.

Brother C. P. Whitford lately attended the trial of one of our brethren in North Carolina indicted for Sunday labor. The clouds of persecution are gathering round.

Elder Parmele organized a church of eight members at Windsor, July 26. Two others were to unite soon, and others are in sight. Brother L. E. Cunningham is elder of the church.

The church at Gainesville was dedicated last Sunday. They have their church fixed up very tastily.

Sister C. T. Baker, of Punta Gorda, has moved to Live Oak, and is there distributing papers and tracts to friends and neighbors, some of whom are interested and inquiring after the truth. There is one other sister in the place, and they meet regularly for Sabbath-school.

One Sabbath-school sent in their report for last quarter with an expense item. The next week a remittance came from the school to cover same, and saying that they had passed a resolution not to use any more of the offerings for the school's expenses, but that all should go to missions. Why not profit by the example?

The little company at East Palatka has been encouraged by the addition of one new member.

Sister Francis Williams writes: "I had forty copies of 'The Story of Joseph.' I began canvassing, and in one hour sold five copies, and in the same length of time the following day sold four. The day following I sold five and took orders for five more. In ten days I had only nine books left. Sister

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending July 25, 1908

Southeastern Union Conference

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Rosa Monroe is also selling the books, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing us. The books were sent from Nashville for the building of our church."

Geo. Bishop, the secretary of the Ft. Ogden Sabbath-school, submits the minutes of their school last Sabbath, and says further that at the beginning of the quarter the superintendent called on the school for one dollar (average) each Sabbath all through the quarter, at the same time giving some special matter on offerings - our duties with reference to them, and God's regard for them. In almost immediate response the offerings came up, and they are doing better than their dollar right "The offerings last Sabbath were along. \$1.75. A goodly number of choice memory verses were well recited by members of the school, each one showing the lesson for the day, although written in days of old, to be 'present truth' for our own times and lives."

OF his recent visit to Burma, Elder J. L. Shaw, in a recent letter, says: "I had an interesting trip to Burma, and found the work going forward in that field in a very encouraging way. The message is really getting root there, and some time I hope that a conference may be organized in Burma. I visited Rangoon, Moulmein, and Meiktila. In each of these places a short series of meetings was held, and in all eight souls were baptized. The workers in Burma are an earnest little band. Our prayer is that God may double the number of Sabbath-keepers there this year. This is rather a large request, but it shows the faith of the workers in that part of the vineyard."

Let all join with them in prayer that this addition may be made in the land of Judson.

TO THE COLORED SABBATH-KEEPERS IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

THERE will be a camp-meeting held at Jackson for the colored people, beginning August 7 and lasting ten days.

I hope every colored Sabbath-keeper, man, woman, and child, will be there.

There will be tents pitched on the ground, and the rent will be reasonable. All who would like a tent to live in will do well to write to Elder Thos. Murphy, Ellisville, Miss., asking about it.

Come one, come all to this great feast of good things; for the Lord is going to be there to bless his people. Don't leave the children behind. There will be special instruction for W. S. Lowry. them.

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## **CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1908**

The Southern Union Conference MISSISSIPPI, Amory...... Aug. 13-23 MISSISSIPPI, Jackson (col.) Aug. 27 to Sept. 6 ALABAMA, Cullman...... Sept. 27 to Oct. 4 TENNESSEE RIVER, Memphis..... Oct. 1-10 ALABAMA, near Mobile...... Oct. 8-18

The Southeastern Union Conference

North Carolina, Lexington..... Aug. 13-23 CUMBERLAND, Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 26 to Sept. 6.

FLORIDA, Palatka..... Oct. 1-12

A LETTER from Elder W. R. Burrow, president of the Tennessee River Conference, states that the camp-meeting for this conference will be held at Memphis, October I to IO. The Tri-State Fair will be held there at this time, and will be attended by many thousands of people from all over the country, and plans are to be laid to meet these people, and reach them with the truth. This bids fair to be one of the most important meetings ever held in the conference. Are you planning to attend? Reduced fare is confidently expected.

LATE copy once more. Announcements, appointments, and all other important church matters, unless they will be out of date before they can reach the reader, appear in the next paper after they are received. Sometimes we have had pages that were ready to go to press, made over to get in short announcements. Lengthy articles should reach the office as early as Wednesday, and appointments should not reach us later than Friday. We aim to have PROGRESS mailed Tuesday morning, the day it is dated; yet this would be impossible if we were to open its columns on Monday morning to several articles, long and short. And they come, sometimes on Tuesday, with an urgent request that they appear in the next issue. Then are we greatly troubled and not a little perplexed.

# THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING

THE annual session of the Cumberland Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 26 to Sept. 6. The first two days will be devoted to the business of the conference. Officers for the coming year will be elected, and such plans will be laid for future work as can properly come before this body. The first business <u>session will be held Aug. 26 at 2:30 P. M.</u> We trust that all the churches have elected a full set of deligates, and that their credentials will be promptly forwarded to the conference secretary, Mrs. J. F. Pogue, Byington, Tenn.

Tents will be rented at the usual rate, and orders for the same should be promptly sent to A. D. West, Cleveland, Tenn.

Come aside, brethren, one and all, from the busy toils of life, and let us seek the Lord together, that he may pour out his Spirit upon us, and that we may receive the refreshing he has in store for those who seek him. The perils of the last days are upon us, and we need a special blessing from the Lord in order to meet the trials of these last days.

J. F. POGUE.

# THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE LEGAL ASSOCIATION

THE second session of the Legal Association of the Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 27, 1908, at 2:30 P. M. Two trustees will be elected for the coming year, and such other business as would properly come before the association will be transacted. J. F. POGUE, President.

## NOTICE

A CAMP-MEETING for the colored people will be held at Cleveland, Tenn., immediately following the white camp-meeting.

We trust that all our colored brethren will take notice and make a special effort to be present at this meeting. We are endeavoring to secure good help, and we trust there will be a full attendance of our colored brethren, and that this meeting will give a new impetus to the colored work in our conference.

J. F. Pogue.

# CAMP-MEETING FOR THE COLORED BRETHREN IN ALABAMA

It has been decided to hold a camp-meeting for the colored people at Selma, Aug. 26 to Sept. 6. Elder T. B. Buckner and Brother J. H. Lawrence are holding a tent-meeting there, and seven have taken their stand for the truth. The attendance is still good, and others are interested. To have the camp-meeting here will strengthen the work, and as Selma is a central location, we trust our colored brethren will improve this opportunity. The enemy will suggest many excuses for staying at home. But our camp-meetings are a source of great help to our people; and as we draw nearer the end, we need the help that these annual gatherings can give us.

As the time is almost here, let all now plan to attend. I shall be glad to hear from all who desire tents. A. J. HAYSMER, Elkwood. Ala.

### MEMPHIS, TENN.

YESTERDAY Brethren Washburn and Keele and myself began looking for a suitable place for tent-meetings in Memphis. We found one on the East End car line and the corner of Cooper and Union Avenues, with one big shade tree. We all thought it the place, and began at once to find out to whom it belonged, and soon gained the desired information. We met at the church for prayer, and asked the Lord to give us this place. He did; it cost us nothing but the asking. Wonderfully God can and will work for us if we unitedly ask him to.

The place for our camp-meeting will be near here, and it will be held October I - IO. We are glad to know that so many are now inquiring and making ready to attend this meeting. We feel it will be one of the most important meetings ever held in our conference, and we trust all will turn their efforts in the direction of getting ready to attend this annual camp of the Tennessee River Conference. We expect to have much to say about this meeting in the future.

W. R. Burrow.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

BECAUSE of conflict in the time of delivery as planned for by many of the canvassers, and also on account of the date for the camp-meeting in the Cumberland Conference, the opening of the Southern Training School has been postponed to September 16.

It is planned to give the full nine months' work, as outlined, by holding an occasional extra afternoon class, and thus the student will secure the full nine months' work at the expense of only eight and one half months. We are planning for a full school. Plan to be on hand Wednesday morning, September 16. M. B. VAN KIRK, Principal.

### THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

## To the Churches, Companies, and Isolated Sabbath-keepers

No DOUBT you think I ought to have been around to see you before this time. I will say that I have been very busy in tent-meetings all the spring and summer in new fields, and as soon as the tent season is over, I will be around to see you, and get better acquainted with you in your own homes. W. S. LOWRY.

# A CANVASSING EXPERIENCE

I RECEIVED the last books you sent me, and sold them like hot cakes, and have taken orders for a number besides; in fact, I have taken orders at nearly every house. I never knew what the joy of the canvasser was until I spent a few days at it myself.

V. J. SPAULDING.

Wanted — At the Hazel Industrial Academy, a cook. The work is such that the person doing it can take two or more studies. Write for particulars to —

Hazel, Ky.

THOS. D. ROWE.