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THE THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

We have given the plan proposed by the General Conference for raising a large donation for mission work during the week of Thanksgiving. We trust that, having the plan before them, our readers will begin without delay to plan with reference to it. This week we give the next instalment of a leaflet prepared by the Missionary Department of the General Conference.

Why This Plan Was Adopted

The calls which come to the Mission Board every day are so imperative, that our brethren are in duty bound to put forth every possible effort to supply the most urgent needs. As the urgency of the situation has been pressed more and more upon the General Conference, several of our leading men have been under conviction that the time has come when the denomination should and can consistently appeal to the outside world for assistance in carrying forward the missionary work in foreign fields.

In the past our funds for aggressive work have been raised almost entirely by our own people. Our doctrines have been in some respects so unpopular that it has seemed necessary that we should support our own enterprises, and indeed, at the beginning of this work, it was supposed that the truth of the third angel's message was so unpopular that it would always be necessary to give away our literature; but finally when the Lord impressed some of our leaders that the time had come to sell this literature, they undertook to do it, and great results have followed. The sale of our literature has become a great strength to the general work. May it not be so, to some extent, in the raising of funds by donations from those outside of our ranks? There seem to be, both in the Scriptures and in the spirit of prophecy, intimations that the time would come when the Gentiles would bring their gifts for the proclamation of the gospel. For many years other denominations have gone outside of their membership to secure funds for foreign missions and their various institutions. The Salvation Army has raised some magnificent sums of money during their annual self-denial week. We are informed that they have raised in Great Britain alone

about \$1,000,000 for their relief and charitable enterprises during that one week. The Methodists during the past two years have succeeded in raising something over \$4,000,000 through their efforts in soliciting all people for contributions for their foreign work.

There is wealth in the world which belongs to God's cause, and not only would this wealth be a help in supporting the great work of the Lord to-day, but the people would themselves be blessed in the giving; and we, who know the Lord's message for to-day, and what the duty of the people is, have a responsibility in urging upon them their obligation to God and to his gospel work.

DO CAMP-MEETINGS PAY?

It has been a question in the minds of some, "Do camp-meetings pay?" This question can be answered correctly only in view of eternity. It is therefore proper to ask, "What do camp-meetings accomplish?" Well, let us see.

According to reports in a recent number of the *Review and Herald*, there were ninety-six candidates for baptism at one camp-meeting. It is to be presumed that the most of these persons were converted on the camp-ground.

It has been estimated that each convert brought out at our regular tent-meetings in new fields costs one hundred dollars. The cost of bringing into the truth ninety-six persons at this estimated expense would be \$9,600, and yet no one questions but that tent-meetings pay. It is hardly probable that one camp-meeting costs \$9,600, and if it did not, then more is accomplished by the camp-meetings than by the tent-meetings.

This same number of the *Review* reports four hundred and thirteen candidates for baptism, the most of whom were baptized on the camp-ground.

But the conversion of sinners is not all, by any means, that is accomplished through the influence of camp meetings. Many of us who have been trying to walk in the footsteps of Christ, and live consistent godly lives in Christ Jesus, are greatly encouraged and strengthened in our purpose to live the truth better in our homes and before our neighbors and friends, and this is of itself a very important

consideration in answering the question, "Do camp-meetings pay?"

But this is not all. At the camp-meeting every department of the work receives careful consideration, and important steps are taken to extend a knowledge of the truth into regions beyond. As these questions are discussed, and reports read indicating what is being accomplished at home and abroad, our brethren gain a more perfect knowledge of the work, and to them this is another source of courage and strength.

The reports of camp-meetings held the present year indicate that they have been seasons of unusual power and profit. Many people living in the vicinity of these meetings have heard the message for the first time, and some of them have received the truth and been baptized.

Another very encouraging feature connected with camp-meeting work is the raising of means to carry forward the work. At the California camp-meeting seven thousand pounds of books were shipped to the camp-ground, and more than one thousand dollars' worth were sold. At one camp-meeting twenty-five thousand dollars was pledged and given to carry forward the final proclamation of "the everlasting gospel" to the ends of the earth with all possible haste.

And now in conclusion we ask, in view of the good that is accomplished through the influence of camp-meetings, Who will dare say that camp-meetings do not pay?

CHARLES P. WHITFORD.

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

Where Do We Learn These Lessons?

(Concluded.)

We are at school here. This life is disciplinary. Processes are not important: it is results we want. If a tree grows into majesty and strength, it matters not whether it is in the deep vale, or on the cold mountain peak, whether calm or cold nurtured it. If character develops into Christ-like symmetry, what does it matter whether it is in ease and luxury or through hardship? The important matter is not the process, but the result—not the means, but the end; and the end of all Chris-

tian nurture is spiritual loveliness. To be truly noble and godlike we should be willing to submit to any discipline.

Every obstacle to true living should, then, only nerve us with fresh determination to succeed. We should use each difficulty and hardship as a leverage to gain some new advantage. We should compel our temptations to minister to us instead of hindering us. We should regard all our provocations, annoyances, and trials, of whatever sort, as practice-lessons in the application of the theories of Christian life. It will be seen in the end that the hardships and difficulties are by no means the smallest blessings of our lives. Some one compares them to the weights of a clock, without which there could be no steady, orderly life.

The tree that grows where tempests toss its boughs and bend its trunk, often almost to breaking, is more firmly rooted than the tree which grows in the shaded valley, where no storm ever brings stress or strain. The same is true in life. The grandest character is grown in hardship. The best men the world ever reared have been brought up in the school of adversity and hardship.

Besides, it is no heroism to live patiently where there is no provocation, bravely where there is no danger, calmly where there is nothing to disturb. Not the hermit's cave, but the heart of the busy life tests as well as makes character. If we can live patiently, lovingly, and cheerfully amid all our frets and irritations day after day, year after year, that is grander heroism than the farthest-famed military exploits; for he that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city.

This cannot be accomplished without the continual help of Christ. Each one's battle must be a personal one. We may decline the struggle, but it will be declining also the joy of victory. No one can reach the summit without climbing the steep mountain-path. We cannot be borne up on any strong shoulder. No one, not even God, can carry us up. Heaven does not put features of beauty into our lives as the jeweler sets gems in clusters in a coronet. The unlovely elements are not removed and replaced by lovely ones like slides in the stereopticon. Each must win his way through struggles and efforts to all noble attainments. The help of God is given only in co-operation with human aspiration and energy. While God works in us, we are to work out our own salvation. He that overcometh shall be a pillar in the temple of God.

We should accept the task with quiet joy. We shall fail many times. Many a night we shall retire to weep at Jesus' feet over the day's defeat. In our efforts to follow the copy set for us by our Lord, we shall write many a crooked line and leave many a blotted page, blistered with tears of regret. Yet we must have through all a brave heart, an unflinching purpose, and a calm joyful confidence in God. Temporary defeat should only cause us to lean on Christ more fully. Heaven is on the side of every one who is loyally struggling to do the divine will and to grow into Christ's likeness. And that means assured victory to every one whose heart fails not.

"If only we strive to be pure and true,
The foam of the sea will lower its crest,
And the weary waves that we used to
breast
Will sob and turn, and sink slowly to rest
With a tender calm all over and through."

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

GREENSBORO, S. C.

I WISH to express through the columns of our dear little paper my gratitude for the blessings received during the tent-meetings held at this place. The Lord will surely reward his servants who so faithfully labored for the salvation of souls in this city. There are some interested ones who, we believe, will step out in the glorious truth yet before it is too late. We are still trying to hold up the banner of truth. My husband has been selling papers right along. Last Sunday he went out and sold twenty-five in a very short time. The children also have been selling the *Watchman*, and enjoy the work. Some of the interested ones say they expect to attend our camp-meeting. Sister Inez Underwood, who has been with us since the first of May, has been doing faithful work canvassing for "Best Stories" and "New Testament Primer." I praise the Lord for sending this message to Greensboro. Pray for the work here.

MRS. B. F. BAREFOOT.

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 SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

THE first camp-meeting and conference since its organization was held by the South Carolina Conference July 24 to August 3 in the City Park, one-half mile from the center of the town.

The evidences of the help of the Lord and a willingness to bless his people were strongly manifested. Several new churches with a combined membership of fifty-seven were admitted into the sisterhood of churches. Steps were taken to advance the work in many lines, not the least of which was to put into the field a state canvassing agent who will spend all his time under the direction and pay of the conference. Brother Gallion was chosen for this important place, and we believe good results will be seen from this change in the policy of the conference.

Several new names were added to the can-

vassing force. The conference decided not to press their school proposition at this time, and are taking hold in commendable shape to help by sending students to the Southern Training School at Graysville.

Elder R. T. Nash was re-elected president, with Brethren Carey, Scott, Gallion, Raffn, and Johnston as a conference committee.

The laborers from outside the conference were Elder R. T. Dowsett, the conference auditor, secretary, and treasurer, Brethren L. A. Hansen and V. O. Cole, and the writer.

The various lines of our work all received attention. The health studies conducted by Brother Hansen and the missionary studies by Brother Cole were especially beneficial, and we trust will stimulate our people to more consecration along these lines.

On both Sabbaths the moving of the Spirit of God was seen, making these blessed days even more blessed as we were drawn nearer to the Lord.

A glad scene on the last Sunday morning was the burial with their Lord in baptism of four candidates in the little lake near by.

The tent effort being held by Elder Sydney Scott at Greenville in another part of the town from the camp is being blessed of God. There is a nightly attendance of from three hundred to five hundred, and a good interest prevails, which will, we believe, result in souls saved in the kingdom of the Master.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

CANVASSERS' TESTIMONIES

THE following are some of the good testimonies compiled from the canvassers' letters. They are a good index to the spiritual and physical condition of the canvassers, so I will pass them along.

1. "In four hours the Lord helped me to sell fifty copies of the *Watchman*, which amounted to \$5.00. I like to work hard." This worker is a little girl.

2. "I had another good week, and am of good courage in the Lord. Truly the Lord is good to Israel." This canvasser worked fifty-four hours this week, and took fifteen orders for "Great Controversy;" value, \$43.00.

3. "I have had a good week, and am feeling well. The Lord is with me. I have got over my heart trouble, at least I don't feel it any more." This brother is some sixty-five years old, and worked forty-nine hours last week, taking orders amounting to \$43.60.

4. "I worked four hours last Monday, and took two orders for 'Daniel and the Revelation' (marb.) and delivered one 'Best Stories.' This is my first work in a long time, owing to illness." We are glad this sister is out again, and trust her health will remain good.

5. "I have not a very big report this week, but am thankful for the degree of success the Lord has given me. I have had some good experiences this week. Surely the Lord is good to the canvassers. Isn't Brother ——— having good success?" This brother worked forty-three hours and took \$39.00 worth of orders.

6. "My first report is not large on paper or in purse, but is rich in goodly experience and fair in prospect. I am forced to see the leadings of God in every step of the way since I left the Pacific Coast to the present moment." He took \$34.20 worth of orders in thirty-eight hours.

Let us carefully read Prov. 3:1-4, and see what it takes to "find favor and good success [margin] in the sight of God and man."

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent*.
54 Beecher St., West End, Atlanta, Ga.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

AFTER leaving Palatka, I went to Gainesville, and was joined by Elder Stephenson, July 24. We spent the Sabbath with the Gainesville church, and Sunday, July 26, drove to Windsor, where we organized a colored church of ten members. This company has remained faithful for a long time, and the time had fully come for them to be organized.

Returning to Gainesville, we continued nightly services until the 6th of August. On Sabbath, August 1, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. The Lord came near to his people, and some not of our faith, who were present, were deeply moved. One sister testified that she wanted to be enlightened if she was keeping the wrong day. We did our best to impart to her this light by public labors and personal visits, and we hope for fruit. One other promised to keep the Sabbath, and one was added to the church.

The brethren had worked and sacrificed to finish their building, that it might be dedicated to God. It had been nicely ceiled, and provided with a new rostrum, with matting, a nice pulpit (A sister about sixteen years of age had bought the pulpit with her savings), two nice pulpit chairs, and eighteen very fine pews. The church had also been newly painted, and looked very nice, when on Sunday night, August 2, it was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God. When it was announced, before the dedicatory prayer, that \$61.00 were still owing on the furnishings, and a collection was being taken to meet this, a sister came forward and donated the full amount of the debt. She had already lifted heavily, but announced that she desired the entire collection of the evening, which amounted to about \$10.00, to be used for painting the ceiling and other improvements. That meeting seemed to me like the meetings of our people in my boyhood days.

We are now just finishing a week's meeting at Brooker. This, too, has been a blessed occasion. On Sabbath, August 8, the ordinances were celebrated. Some who had been in the truth for eight years were present to engage in these ordinances for the first time. On Sunday, August 9, this building was freed from debt, and dedicated to the service of God.

We leave here on Friday, the 14th, for Jennings Lake. We have three more points to make in this circuit, at two of which we hope to organize churches.

Brethren, there is "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." Let us take courage, and "bestir ourselves."

R. W. PARMELE.

HELP WANTED

THE above caption attracts the attention of every idle man, but in this instance our need is so pressing that we want the attention of both men and women, busy and idle. We have a good position to offer with big pay. Reliable firm. Unlimited capital. But the compensation, though large, should not be your motive for accepting this position.

All along the line there is a great dearth of laborers in this cause. Help is wanted in almost every branch. To supply this help the ranks of our canvassers are continually drawn upon. The reason is obvious. The canvassing work is the most excellent training school among us. In it one gets a training for any other line of work. And because of the excellence of this school, we naturally look to it for recruits for other lines of the work. Hence the many calls for recruits for the canvassing field.

For instance, much as we wish to build up the canvassing work in Florida, and thus make true a misprint that appeared in my recent report in the *Review*, it seems inevitable that we must draw heavily upon the ranks of the canvassers this fall. We fear we shall have to call for six canvassers to fill positions as preachers, teachers, and sanitarium helpers. These six have been tried in the canvassing work, and we know them to be competent and reliable. Where are the recruits to take their places?

Do not say you cannot canvass. That is to say you cannot work in the cause of God. It is to limit the Holy One of Israel. Says the Spirit of God, "All of the requisite tact and talent will come as you put the armor on." Perhaps you could not canvass in your present condition. But to fit you for this work, we have planned the following:—

Our camp-meeting this year will be held at Palatka, in a most beautiful spot fronting on the St. John's River, from the 1st to the 12th of October. This place is heavily grassed with Bermuda grass, and is well shaded with live oaks. It is only about three blocks south of the Arlington Hotel, in a nice neighborhood. Owing to its surroundings, the camp will be provided with modern conveniences. This is an excellent place to "put the armor on." Following the camp-meeting we will have a canvassers' institute on these grounds. A series of meetings will be in progress, in which Elder Westworth, our Union Conference president, has promised to assist, and Brother V. O. Cole, our Union Conference canvassing agent, will have charge of the institute work. Write Brother C. V. Achenbach, Orlando, Fla., telling him you will be present for these gatherings, to obtain a fitting for the Lord's work. Matt. 20:6, 7.

R. W. PARMELE.

TO THE CHURCHES IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR brethren, we are truly living to-day in the very closing scenes of this world's history. There are many omens that we are on the very verge of eternity. Soon, soon each case of both the dead and the living will come before the great tribunal. How shall we pass that solemn test?

How is it in the churches? Are all in perfect unity one with another, or are we divided and pulling apart? Are we on every Sabbath assembling ourselves to the house of worship?

Now we are called to assemble at Jackson, August 27 to September 2. Just as the Jews went every year to Jerusalem, the Lord would have us attend our camp-meeting in Jackson, that we may get our spiritual strength renewed, and that we may more fully understand one another, and be prepared to guard against evils that are coming upon us. Let no one say that he cannot come; sacrifice some of your time and money for this grand occasion. Remember you may never have such an opportunity again. So let all the church come; and do not fail to bring your children, as there will be a program every day for them.

There will be plenty of tents on the ground for all. Board will be at the lowest possible rate—from twenty to twenty-five cents a day. Let all come. THOS. MURPHY.

THE ALABAMA COLORED CAMP-MEETING

THERE will be a camp-meeting for the colored people held in Selma, Ala., Aug. 26 to Sept. 6. We hope that all our colored brethren and sisters in the state will attend. The interest is good here; and some dear souls have accepted the truth.

We desire very much to have as large a representation of our churches as possible. Selma is the best central location for our camp-meeting. Begin now to plan, brethren and sisters, to come over and help us to strengthen the work in this important place.

Get your hearts right before God before coming, so that he can fill us with his Spirit, and we may help to save souls and be refreshed ourselves.

T. B. BUCKNER,
J. H. LAWRENCE.

GOOD NEWS

ONE of our young canvassers relates one little item of "good news" in her letter accompanying her good report.

She says, "I have heard good news from some of the books ["Coming King"] that I have delivered." "I have heard that one young man said it was the best book he ever read; he has read it twice, and is reading it again."

There are many honest souls who are hungry for the truths with which our good books are laden. Are there not others in Georgia who wish to enter the canvassing work? If so, let us hear from you.

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent*.

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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1908

The Southern Union Conference

MISSISSIPPI, Jackson (col.) Aug. 27 to Sept. 6
ALABAMA, Cullman..... Sept. 3-13
KENTUCKY, Moreland..... Sept. 24 to Oct. 4
TENNESSEE RIVER, Memphis..... Oct. 1-10
ALABAMA, near Mobile..... Oct. 8-18

The Southeastern Union Conference

CUMBERLAND, Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 26 to Sept. 6.
FLORIDA, Palatka..... Oct. 1-12

THE Canvassing Report does not appear this week. Its omission is unavoidable.

THE manager of this Office, Brother I. A. Ford, is absent, attending the Georgia and North Carolina camp-meetings.

A CHANCE TO HELP SOME ONE

A New "Christ's Object Lessons" Campaign

FROM observation and information at hand from several sources, we are convinced that there are a number of "Christ's Object Lessons" out in the field; these books are lying unused and spoiling, and the purpose for which they were given is not being realized. Individuals as well as churches have these books in hand, and but little effort has been made recently to dispose of them.

Now we have a proposition to make to all who have these books in hand: To those that own books that they have not been able to sell, we ask that they be given to the work of education outright; that is, send to Professor Van Kirk, Graysville, Tenn., the number of books that you have that you are willing to donate, and the management of the school will see that they are used in a special arrangement, which is calling for a large number of these precious truth-bearers. If you have books that are simply charged to you, return them to the same party, freight or express paid, and we will cancel your indebtedness and use the books.

An arrangement has been made and is being set before the camp-meetings of this Union, whereby we believe that a fourfold blessing will be obtained—to the seller, to the school, to the student whose expense is fur-

nished by the sale, and to the buyer of the book.

Now we trust that those who have these books on hand will attend to this matter at once and get the obligation discharged, and at the same time help the school management to do effective work in the education of workers for the Master's vineyard.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

WHO HAS A BETTER BUSINESS?

DURING the "hard times," without capital invested, who has a business that will net him \$70.00 profits per week? We answer: Our good, hustling *Life and Health* agents. Seventy dollars a week was received as profits by one individual during July, and it can be done during August just as well. Who wants to try it?

The Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C., is now sending out *each week* 50,000 copies of our various periodicals. This is a gain of more than 25,000 copies since the removal to Washington. In three weeks' time the July edition of 45,000 copies of *Life and Health* was ordered out. A large edition of the August number is being run.

The largest single order received for the July number of *Life and Health* was for 3,000 copies. The largest number ordered in one mail was 4,250 copies. The largest number sold by one person in three weeks was 3,000 copies, making a net profit of \$210.00 to the worker. Many of those who work only as they have time and opportunity report twenty-five copies per hour, making a net profit of \$1.50 per hour.

In view of the good that *Life and Health* accomplishes wherever it goes, and the liberal remuneration it furnishes the worker, who can find a better business than soliciting for it?

Write for particulars.

THE TENNESSEE RIVER CAMP-MEETING

OCTOBER 1-10 is the time now arranged for our camp-meeting and annual conference this year. Memphis has been selected by our committee as the place. The Tri-State Fair, held here, will give us on the railroad (I am told by one in authority) one fare plus 25 cents at least.

Some may think Oct. 1-10 a little late; but remember that Memphis is in the southern part of the state, and often the warm, clear weather continues until the middle or last of November. Besides this, it places our camp-meeting at a time when it will not interfere with any of our tent-meetings now running.

For the past twelve or fifteen years, our camp-meetings have been held in the months of July and August, sometimes, I think, in the first of September, and often they have hindered or broken into one of our tent-meetings and spoiled the work. So we have planned to avoid this interference this time.

Memphis will be the place for both the white and the colored camp-meeting. Brother

M. C. Strachan, our colored laborer, will be here to take charge of the work among his people. We expect valuable help from the General and Union Conferences, and trust our brethren and sisters everywhere in our conference will make an earnest effort to attend this meeting. Many in Arkansas and Mississippi can attend this meeting; and while the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee are having a Tri-State Fair, cannot the conferences of these states join in an effort to reach with our papers and books the many thousands that will come to this city at this time? We invite them to help us plan and execute this work.

Elder J. S. Washburn has now begun his meetings in our 50 x 70 foot khaki mammoth tent on the corner of Cooper Street and Union Avenue, the East End car line running close by. Those acquainted with this city know this to be a good community, and a splendid place to advertise our work. We hope many of these people will be stirred to hear more about this truth by the time of the camp-meeting. Let our brethren and sisters everywhere pray for this work.

W. R. BURROW.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

THOSE of us who have been so fortunate as to attend have enjoyed an excellent meeting. We sincerely hope that those who could not attend have sought the Lord at their homes, and have been blessed with us.

While we had a considerable rain, the campers were made quite comfortable, and enjoyed a rich feast. How near the Lord comes to his people when once a year they meet together to seek his face!

Some changes have been made, which all our brethren should take note of. H. B. Gallion of Anderson, S. C., is our state canvassing agent, and Miss Eliza Warner of Campobello, S. C., has been elected to the offices of conference secretary and treasurer, secretary of the Sabbath-school and Young People's work, also educational and missionary secretary.

The Conference Executive Committee now stands as follows: R. T. Nash, E. W. Carey, Sydney Scott, W. C. Rahn, H. B. Gallion, and A. A. Johnson.

Please remember now to send all moneys for tithes, offerings, etc., to Miss Eliza Warner, Campobello, S. C.

Elders Carey and Armstrong and myself are following up the interest created by the camp-meeting. We expect soon to move our tent to another part of the city and continue the work here. Elder Scott is located in another part of the city, and has a large interest. His attendance is good in spite of bad weather. Let all join in prayer for the work and workers at Greenville.

Elders Westworth and Dowsett and Brethren Hansen and Cole from the Union Conference, rendered valuable assistance during the entire meeting. We will at any time welcome them back to our state.

R. T. NASH, Pres. S. C. Conf.