

THE FLORIDA SANITARIUM

To the Florida Brethren

DEAR BRETHREN: As I was thinking of our sanitarium matter a few days ago, and how certain brethren had responded to our calls just at the time when we needed their help most, the words of Sister White, which I have heard her son repeat so often, came to my mind, "The need of the hour will be met by the coming of the man."

It has seemed to me for some time that our churches did not feel very courageous in regard to this sanitarium enterprise. This need has been met by the coming of the enclosed letter. You will note that Sister White says, "I desire our people in Florida to have the same encouragement and counsel" that was given those in Indiana. So we would be justified in reading Florida for Indiana and Orlando for Lafayette in the letter to Indiana.

Truly God has gone out before us, and let us "thank God and take courage."

R. W. PARMELE.

To the President of the Florida Conference

DEAR BROTHER: I have just read your article in the *Review*, and also your letter of June 18 to my son, regarding a place which you have found near Orlando where there is land and building that seems to be suitable for a sanitarium. I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe the time has come for Florida to have a sanitarium, so that the light which our sanitariums are established to reflect, may shine forth to the people of Florida, and to the many health-seekers who come from the Northern States.

Our time is short in which to do the important work of giving the last gospel message to the world. Therefore if there is opportunity to purchase at a moderate price, buildings suitably located and well adapted to the work we wish to do, let us improve the opportunity, and save ourselves the time, the care, and the anxiety that would be required in the work of erecting the buildings ourselves.

I hope that this property which you have described, and which seems to have been brought within your reach by the providence of God, will become the means of strengthening the work in Florida, and that it will become an important center of influence from which many well-trained medical missionaries shall go forth with the message of mercy to the unworked parts of the Master's great harvest-field.

Not long ago I wrote a letter to our people in Indiana regarding their effort to establish a sanitarium in Lafayette. I will send a copy to you, because I desire our people in Florida to have the same encouragement and counsel. Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

Importance of the Sanitarium Work

I have a message for our people in Indiana, and trust that it will be read to our brethren and sisters in every church in the conference. My heart is made glad as I hear of the efforts being made to establish a sanitarium in Lafayette. If the churches will unite heartily to carry to completion this good work that has been begun, very many will be benefited thereby.

The blessing of the Word will come to God's people as they perform acts of self-denial and self-sacrifice in order to establish a place where the sick may be healed, and where they may also become acquainted with the principles of health reform. The Lord would have these suffering ones have every advantage of learning the truths concerning this subject.

The message given to all our people regarding the "Extent of the Work," as published in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, pp. 51-59, I here repeat to you. Also a few words from page 62:-

"God has qualified his people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend his work until it shall encircle the globe. In all parts of the earth, they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of his work....

"Christ co-operates with those who engage in medical missionary work. Men and women who unselfishly do what they can to establish sanitariums and treatment-rooms in many lands will be richly rewarded. Those who visit these institutions will be benefited physically, mentally, and spiritually,— the weary will be refreshed, the sick restored to health, the sin-burdened relieved. In far-off countries, from those whose hearts are by these agencies turned from the service of sin unto righteousness, will be heard thanksgiving and the voice of melody. By their songs of grateful praise a testimony will be borne that will win others to allegiance to and fellowship with Christ.

"The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part. In this work are revealed God's nower, his holiness, his forbearance, and his unbounded love. Every true conversion glorifies him, and causes the angels to break forth into singing.

"We are nearing the end of this earth's history, and the different lines of God's work are to be carried forward with much more selfsacrifice than is at present manifest. The work for these last days is in a special sense a missionary work. The presentation of present truth, from the first letter of its alphabet to the last, means missionary effort. The work to be done calls for sacrifice at every advance step. From this unselfish service the workers will come forth purified and refined as gold tried in the fire...

"The Lord has signified that his work should be carried forward in the same spirit in which it was begun. The world is to be warned. Field after field is to be entered. The command given us is, 'Add new territory; add new territory.' Shall we not as a people, by our business arrangements, by our attitude toward a world unsaved, bear a testimony even more clear and decisive than that borne by us twenty or thirty years ago?

"Upon us has shone great light in regard to the last days of this earth's history. Let not our lack of wisdom and energy give evidence of spiritual blindness. God's messengers must be clothed with power. They must have for the truth an elevating reverence that they do not now possess. The Lord's solemn, sacred' message of warning must be proclaimed in the most difficult fields and in the most sinful cities,—in every place where the light of the third angel's message has not yet dawned. To every one is to be given the last call to the marriage supper of the Lamb. "In proclaiming the message, God's servants will be called upon to wrestle with numerous perplexities, and to surmount many obstacles. Sometimes the work will go hard, as it did when the pioneers were establishing the institutions in Battle-Creek, in Oakland, and in other places. But let all do their best, making the Lord their strength, avoiding all selfishness, and blessing others by their good works....

"Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known. Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work. As the right hand of the third angel's message, God's methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth."

"We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar-house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light-bearers to the world. To hide our light at this time is to make a terrible mistake. The message to God's people to-day is, 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'

"On every hand we see those who have had much light and knowledge deliberately choosing evil in the place of good. Making no attempt to reform, they are growing worse and worse. But the people of God are not to walk in darkness. They are to walk in the light, for they are reformers."

SELF-DENIAL AND VIGILANCE

Erroneous opinions, arrived at because of faulty education in the home, have been handed down by children to children's children, and habits of indulgence have been fostered which have resulted in ruined health to thousands. Our sanitariums are to be places where correct education can be given to many on matters that pertain to life and health. The habits of eating should be carefully guarded, that none shall make themselves sick by indulgence of appetite. The Lord is not pleased when his people, bought by the sacrifice of his beloved Son, thoughtlessly injure themselves by wrong habits of living. As we pass through this world, we should seek to instruct all who will be taught how to avoid and how to overcome self-indulgent practices.

If we are believers in Jesus Christ, we shall seek to become intelligent as to how to keep the brain clear and active, that not a tittle of our influence be lost. We should seek to become laborers together with God by keeping the system in such a condition that it can render perfect service. It is poor policy indeed to ill-treat the digestive organs, upon which the happiness of the whole being so largely depends. When the stomach is disturbed, the mind is disturbed, and the brain nerve power is weakened. It therefore becomes a religious duty with every soul to learn the science of healthful living, to keep the question of diet in mind, and to treat the matter conscientiously.

The apostle Paul declares to us that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price. If we truly love the One who gave his life for us, we shall feel under solemn obligation to avoid disease. There is a solemn responsibility resting upon all, and especially upon our ministers and their families, to set a right example in the matter of healthful living. If our ministers would combine physical labor with their mental efforts, they would find great improvement in health and mental clearness.

The strength of the temptation to indulge perverted appetite can be measured only by the long-suffering of Christ in his long fast in the wilderness. Christ knew that in order to carry out the plan of salvation, he must begin the work of redemption just where the ruin began. Adam fell on the point of appetite. Christ took up the work of redemption just where the ruin began. The same is true of our experience. We are to begin the work of reform just where the work of degeneracy is so keenly felt.

To teach us how to overcome the temptations of appetite, Christ has given us the record of his own experience of nearly six weeks of fasting, followed by his wonderful victory over the power of Satan. In this experience Christ broke the power of appetite for all who will accept the aid of the divine power on which he relied. He made it impossible for Satan to destroy the human race through indulged appetite, and made it possible for men and women in his strength to live a Christian life. Those who believe in Christ must, like him, guard the appetite.

Study again and again the counsel given in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, regarding "God's Design in Our Sanitariums." From pp. 224, 225, I copy the following:—

"In the preparation of a people for the Lord's second coming, a great work is to be accomplished through the promulgation of health principles. The people are to be instructed in regard to the needs of the physical organism, and the value of healthful living as taught in the Scriptures, that the bodies which God has created may be presented to him a living sacrifice, fitted to render him acceptable service. There is a great work to be done for suffering humanity in relieving their sufferings by the use of the natural agencies that God has provided, and in teaching them how to prevent sickness by the regulation of the appetites and passions. The people should be taught that transgression of the laws of nature is transgression of the laws of God. They should be taught the truth in physical as well as in spiritual lines, that 'the fear of the Lord tendeth to life.' 'If thou wilt enter into life,' Christ says, 'keep the commandments.' Live out my law 'as the apple of thine eye!' God's commandments, obeyed, are 'life unto

those that find them, and health to all their flesh.'

"Our sanitariums are an educating power to teach the people in these lines. Those who are taught can in turn impart to others a knowledge of health-restoring and health-preserving principles. Thus our sanitariums are to be an instrumentality for reaching the people, an agency for showing them the evil of disregarding the laws of life and health, and for teaching them how to preserve the body in the best condition. Sanitariums are to be established in different countries that are entered by our missionaries, and are to be centers from which a work of healing, restoring, and educating shall be carried on."

Mrs. E. G. White.

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

MISSIONS IN CHINA (CONCLUDED)

The Religion of China

It is, to say the least, significant that the official establishment of Confucius as an object of national worship, the birth of Christ, and the introduction of Buddhism into the Chinese empire, should have occurred about the same time. There is a legend among the Chinese to the effect that about the time of the birth of the Saviour, the reigning emperor was several times warned in a dream that a wise man would shortly be born in the West, and he was advised to send an embassy to invite him to China. Another legend recites that the emperor dispatched an embassy, because of a remarkable expression of Confucius five hundred years earlier, to the effect that "the people of the West have a sage." This much is certain, an embassy was sent to the West into India, and the result was the introduction of Buddhism into the empire.

Buddhism has no distinct teaching of an immortal life. Buddhist temples are a feature of every landscape in China. They are to be found in scores in the large cities, by tens in the smaller, and by twos and threes in every market and village, while no hamlet is so insignificant as to be without its mud god, not unfrequently in a most shocking condition of repair.

In addition to what may be called formal temples for the worship of Buddha, there are innumerable wayside shrines to be met with all over the country, devoted either to the worship of that deity in person or to some subordinate inferior god in the Buddhist pantheon. The worship is always individual, there being no such thing as joint or congregational service known. The ordinary form is very simple and occupies but a moment. A worshiper comes in, buys for a few cash several sticks of incense from the priest, who lights them for him at the sacred flame. These are handed to the worshiper, who places them in a bronze incense-burner upon a table in front of the image of Buddha. He then prostrates himself upon a rug before the idol three times, each time knocking his head three times upon the floor, the priest meanwhile beating a huge drum or bell to attract the attention of Buddha. This worship is very simple,

inexpensive, and interferes with neither business nor pleasure.

While the emperor of China is in person the high priest of Confucianism, and requires that all office-holders, either in fact or prospect, should conform to this faith, the government is practically tolerant of all forms of religious belief. In the center of the province of Honan, which is to say nearly in the center of the Chinese empire, is a single village of Jews, who have through all the centuries quietly preserved their ancient ritual, and all the other forms of their national identity.

Are we who know Christ as zealous to carry his religion into all our home life, manners, and customs as are the Chinese to observe all their vain forms? Are father and mother as careful to control the pre-natal influences upon their children? Are they diligent to teach them to worship while yet in their tenderest years? Are we as tolerant of one another, and even of the veriest sinner, in proportion as the Chinese emperor is of those who differ from his views?

"Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

Mrs. W. M. Crothers.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

On the 3rd day of July I started for a tour among our churches. Sabbath and Sunday, July 3 and 4, were spent with the church at Lakeland. This church being composed largely of members recently come to the faith, it had not been fully officered. Some brethren of experience had recently located there, which made it possible to select a full set of officers. Brother P. Rothrock, formerly of West Salem, Ill., was chosen elder. By invitation of the Cumberland Presbyterian pastor, I was permitted to speak in that church Sunday morning and evening. At the close of the night service, the pastor very kindly invited me to occupy their pulpit at any time I could make it convenient.

Sabbath and Sunday, July II and I2, I was with the Bartow church. A good interest to hear was manifested, and on Sunday one sister was buried with her Lord in baptism.

The time from the 13th to the 21st was spent at Orlando, looking after sahitarium matters, quite full mention of which has already been made in these columns. I am glad to be able to say that we have secured the services of some physicians and nurses of years of experience in this cause. Among the latter is Miss Amelia Webster, whom many of our people will remember as having been connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium for so long a time.

A few days were spent at Palatka, making further arrangements for our camp-meeting, after which I proceeded to Windsor. A company of colored brethren and sisters have stood faithfully for the truth here for a long time, but have never been organized. With the assistance of Elder C. B. Stephenson, and our colored preacher, Brother Manns, ten of these were organized into a church.

With the exception of one day, the time from July 24 to August 6 was spent at Gainesville Our meetings were well attended, and all were blessed. Elder Stephenson joined me at this place, and continued with me until my last appointment. The church building was finished, freed from debt, and dedicated during our stay there. One was added to the church, and two others promised to keep the Sabbath.

Brooker was our next point. The Lord blessed here also. The building was freed from debt and dedicated, and one was added to the church.

The time from the 14th to the 19th of August was spent with the Jennings Lake church. At our last meeting, three came forward and united with the church. Two of these had not previously been Sabbath-keepers. One other promised to observe the Sabbath, but was not quite ready to make a complete surrender.

August 20 to 27 we were with the new company at Morristown. This company was brought to the truth as a result of tent-meetings held there last spring by Elders L. T. Crisler and Stephenson and Brother Branson. This is the place from which our colored preacher was driven last spring because some had begun the observance of the Sabbath, thus interfering with the turpentine industry. We were happy to be able to organize a church here, fully officered, and with eleven charter members. One brother deeded to our legal body a tract of land in the highest part of the little town, on which to build a church and school; and \$134.50 were pledged by the brethren and citizens toward the erection of the church building. Truly "they can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." I was greatly encouraged by my visit to this company, and believe they were too.

From this point Elder Stephenson was called home on account of sickness in his family, and I proceeded to Plant City, where Sabbath and Sunday, August 29 and 30, were spent. My wife joined me at this point, and spent these two days assisting in the meetings. She gave a lecture on health Saturday night, which was well attended and much appreciated. I spoke to the white brethren three times, received two members into the church, and baptized one.

Sister Ella Sanks and her associates have been conducting a school here for children of their race (colored). The Lord has blessed, and they have built up a good school. But it has required sacrifice and consecration. To our brethren in the North who have contributed to help our colored schools, I wish to say, Your liberality is much appreciated and is bearing fruit. By appointment the Tampa, Lakeland, and Bartow colored companies met at Sister Sanks' school in Plant City, and were organized into a church of sixteen members.

Summing up this two month's work, in addition to the matters of business attended to, two church buildings have been freed from debt and dedicated; money and grounds have been secured for one more building; three churches were organized; forty persons were taken into church fellowship on profession of faith and four by letter; five were led to accept the Sabbath truth, and two were baptized. I have personally enjoyed excellent health during this time, and feel as fresh for service as when the effort began. To our loving heavenly Father be all the praise.

R. W. PARMELE.

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE LAW

ONE of our canvassers in Greenville, S. C., Brother F. A. Evans, thought to improve the time by selling the Temperance number of the *Watchman* the evening after the Sabbath, Sept. 5. He was out only a short while when he was accosted by two policemen, who, finding him without a license, placed him under arrest, and took him to the guard-house. He gave five dollars bail for appearance in police court Monday at 12 o'clock.

On account of late trains, I was compelled to stop over in Greenville Sunday night, and so thought it best to remain until the case was settled. Brother Evans and I paid our respects to the mayor. The situation was explained to him, and he seemed to be quite indignant that any one should be arrested for selling religious and temperance papers. He immediately gave orders to the chief of police to return the bail to Brother Evans, and not to molest him in hiş work. The mayor gave him written permission to sell all the papers of a religious or temperance nature he desired to, but advised him after this to get his permission first, and thus avoid such trouble.

We are glad the work is onward in the state, and rejoice to see it steadily advancing. Let our laborers work with tact and discretion, and the Lord will abundantly bless them. H. B. GALLION, Field Agent.

THE FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING "Assemble the Children"

"BLOW the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet."

God bids his people call a solemn assembly, and with the bidding he gives instruction as to who shall assemble. Not only the elders, the bride, and the bridegroom are called, but the children are to be gathered.

Childhood is the time to implant in their plastic minds the noble truths of this last and solemn message. The impressions of childhood remain with us until the time of hoary hairs. How necessary, then, that the impressions of childhood and youth be molded by Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Each year, as we are drawing so near the closing of the final call to a fallen world, so near the coming of the Saviour to gather home the jewels, the children should receive our consecrated efforts and most earnest toil to win them to love their Redeemer.

Why should they be deprived of the campmeeting? Shall we leave them at home because of the trouble it is to make the necessary preparations to take them, or because of the much attention they require at the camp? There is no nobler missionary work than that of the mother. Every sacrifice of means, labor, and time bestowed upon the entrusted ones will be amply rewarded. Seize the golden opportunity of rescuing the little folks. Bring them to the camp-meeting, and let each child bring his Bible. Every child should have a Bible, and learn to use it.

Mrs. R. G. Stringer.

NOTES FROM GEORGIA

THE camp-meeting held in Atlanta closed some days ago, and I remained to follow up the interest. We held our closing meeting last Sunday night. The weather was so unfavorable for several days after the campmeeting closed that the meeting was nearly broken up; indeed, we did not have meeting every night on account of the rain.

The grounds are all cleared up now, and the tents stored. We are planning to send one tent company to Macon and one to Savannah, and Elder Sebastian has his tent pitched here in Atlanta, with Brother Dent, from Brunswick, to assist him.

The workers are starting out with courage and hope, and I trust they will be remembered by all in prayer. It is our purpose to push the work as fast as possible, and by the cooperation of all, a great and good work will be done.

Sunday, August 30, a goodly number of persons gathered on the banks of a beautiful pond here in Atlanta, and witnessed to the solemn rite as six precious souls were buried with their Lord by baptism.

I trust the churches and companies will not overlook the fact that the third Sabbath in each month is set apart for a donation to be made for the work in Georgia. It is hoped that each one will contribute as freely as consistent to this fund, that we may have means in the treasury to be used for various interests in our home conference. G. W. WELLS.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

YESTERDAY, Sabbath, September 5, was a good day for church No. 2 in Memphis, Tenn. Four were added to our list of members. It would interest you to see how these people take right hold of the work. They pay a good tithe, make a good Sabbath offering, and are taking right hold of the ten-cent-aweek plan. They show their interest by the way they are working. They pay their own hall rent; and when a minister is not present, they go right along with their meetings. And while the enemy has come in among them, and done all he could to uproot them, they stand the deeper rooted in the truth. If I am not mistaken, not one has been lost from this little flock.

This church is much helped by the fact that the camp-meeting will be here October 1-10. The street and car line I cannot name yet, Jut will in my next article.

Brother C. M. Kinney is here, and doing

good work among his people. We were glad to meet him at church Sabbath. He is selling the "New Testament Primer," and has four hundred orders for the same. He will likely be here all winter. We look for Bethren Murphy and Jordan of Mississippi this week to help get ready for the camp-meeting. We look forward to this meeting with much interest, and believe it will meet with much success.

The plans for the work among the colored people in our conference the coming year are beginning to mature, and that which has hindered this year we trust will not be in the way another year. W. R. BURROW.

TENT EFFORTS AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE IN FLORIDA

It has been some time since the readers of **PROGRESS** have heard personally from my work. I am thankful to report that I am still in the blessed work and of good courage. My wife and I have been continually holding meetings and Bible readings all the year. Since May 19, Brother C. G. Manns has been with us, and his assistance in the work is much appreciated.

Since May 29 we have been steadily working in Gainesville, with the exception of about two weeks which we spent in Windsor, holding meetings with that company before their organization into a church. Our tent effort in Gainesville was very encouraging. Eight new ones took their stand for the truth. There are several others who are thinking of keeping the commandments of God, and I have reason to believe that some will take their stand soon.

During our meetings this last spring and summer, thirteen have taken their stand for the truth. We trust that these will develop and become firmly rooted and grounded in the truth of God. Many in Gainesville who have listened to the sermons and Bible readings say that we have the truth for this generation, but their convictions are not yet deep enough to lead them to step out and obey the truth. We trust that the efforts put forth will result in many of these fully uniting with the people of God.

My soul finds delight in working for the Master. I am blessed of God as I am striving with my small ability to break the bread of life to my dear fellow-men. Let us pray that the Lord may send forth more laborers into the vineyard.

I trust that all our colored brethren and sisters are planning to attend the camp-meeting so soon to convene at Palatka. Let this be the best meeting that we have ever held. Let us all come to the camp-meeting with hearts consecrated to God to do his service. Let us leave all difficulties behind, and attend the meeting not to settle old affairs of unimportance, but to get our spiritual strength renewed, so that we may be better prepared to labor for those around us. Let those who have not been baptized, and want to be, come to the meeting prepared for baptism.

We are promised good help again for our camp-meeting. J. W. MANNS.

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THE baby conference (Kentucky) has a record of books delivered as follows:---

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This is a splendid growth. April was all gain over March; then May more than doubled; June nearly trebled May's report, while July almost quadrupled June's, and the August report nearly equals all the preceeding months.

This is certainly good, and we do praise the Lord that he has so graciously blessed this work. But past blessings will not suffice. We do not want the work to run down, or even to stand still. It will, however, if we relax our efforts. Two canvassers have been compelled to leave the work on account of their health. Two have quit for the time being, and others will soon leave for school.

Where are others to take the place of those who quit? Let me hear from you. And let us who remain redouble our efforts, and keep up the record. C. F. DART.

McKinney, Ky.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READ-ING COURSES

EVERY earnest, craving soul may advance continually in the pathway to intellectual attainment. God has ideals for the youth today that are "higher than the highest human thought can reach." And his ideals are enablings to those who yield wholly to him. Some are striving to attain. Are you pressing onward to a better goal?

"The heights by great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight; But they while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night."

In this upward toil, few companions render better service than good books. They make the poorest of us heirs to the wisdom of all time. With them we may penetrate the heavenly expanse; with them we may follow the explorer's course or the warrior's raid; we may look back through the avenues of ages, or we may look into the future and behold what is yet to come. They comfort us in the hour of distress, and revive our courage when we are in the shadow of despair. Says Sir William Waller, "In my study I am sure to converse with none but wise men, but abroad it is impossible to avoid the society of fools." Men and women whose lives have bettered the world pay heavy tribute to good books. Such books have helped them, first in determining to make the most of themselves and their opportunities, and then in doing so. Such books will help you.

You have read of good books inspiring young men and women to be a blessing in the world. You recall how they influenced Moffat, Livingstone, Wesley, and a host of others. Years have robbed these books of no power. A few months ago the conversation of some students drifted into a discussion of the value of good books. Among the many who expressed gratitude, one young man said, "'Steps to Christ' gave me hope when I was about to give up everything."

Napoleon said, "Show me a man that reads good books, and I will show you the man that moves the world."

Clay remarked, "When I was a boy, I was poor, and my mother was very poor; but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book, and to this more than anything else I owe my success in life."

Franklin exclaimed, "A dollar in the head is worth five in the pocket, and you might say fifty on the back, because that in the pocket will get out, and that on the back will wear off, but that in the head grows sharper by constant use."

The dividend we draw from time invested in reading good books depends upon the thoroughness and thoughtfulness with which we peruse them. Hasty reading robs the memory of its power to grasp and to hold, but systematic study, into which the whole mind enters enthusiastically, increases the mental and moral stature of the reader.

To aid the youth in good reading, the Missionary Volunteer Department is offering Reading Courses. The lessons assigned will assure systematic study, and the test questions in each lesson demand that the reading be done carefully.

COURSE. NO. 2

The course this year consists of two books. "Great Controversy" will occupy nearly three fourths of the time. In this wonderful book history and prophecy clasp hands, and give a panoramic view of events relating to God's people from the dawn of the Christian era until the final consummation. Every youth should be familiar with the historical facts and the gospel truths with which this book is packed. Says the Master, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The other book is "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." The author has made a careful study of Africa, and his book visualizes splendidly many great events, many unsolved problems, and many historic movements. It gives much information on numerous questions as to races, customs, politics, and the missionary outlook.

The course will be conducted through the *Youth's Instructor*. It will begin the first week in October and continue for eight months. All who desire to take it should send in their names for enrollment to their respective conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries. No tuition for the work is required. Three reviews will be given, and the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department will grant a certificate to each one who satisfactorily completes the course.

We hope many will join us in the course this year. You are busy; so were Lincoln, Greeley, and Garfield. Yet they sandwiched into the hard-working days a few minutes for study. This is the way many of our most useful men and women are made.

Plan to take the course. Do not follow the path of least resistance. Progress is better than pleasure.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

FLORIDA ITEMS

DR. ELSIE MARTINSON, of College View, Neb., arrived in Tampa September 2, to take Dr. Parmele's practice, thus releasing Dr. Parmele for work at the sanitarium. Dr. Martinson is a graduate of the same class as Dr. Parmele, but she has just spent a year in postgraduate work at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago. We extend to her a most hearty welcome to our field.

Quite a number of inquiries regarding campmeeting rates have been received. We have made application, and from a letter recently received we are led to expect the same rates we had last year,—one and one thid fare for the round trip. Definite announcement concerning this will be made soon. Watch for it.

The following laborers from outside our conference are expected to attend our camp-meeting: Elder W. A. Westworth, president Southeastern Union Conference, Elder R. T. Dowsett, auditor Southeastern Union Conference; Brother V. O. Cole, Southeastern Union Conference field agent, Brother L. A. Hansen, Southeastern Union Conference Medical Secretary, and Miss Amelia Webster. Miss Webster will be remembered by many of our people as a leading nurse of the Battle Creek Sanitarium for many years. She comes to take a like position in our new sanitarium.

Dr. L. N. Sickler, of Little Rock, Ark., has accepted a position as surgeon and male physician in our sanitarium. Dr. Sickler comes highly recommended by some of the best surgeons in the United States. His mother, who is a graduate nurse of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, will also connect with the work of this institution. They will arrive about the first of November.

There will be a dining-tent on our campground this year under the charge of Brother Wm. Branson, where meals will be served the same as last year. The sanitarium will be represented at our camp-meeting by a "Sanitarium Tent," with Dr. Parmele and Miss Webster in charge. The sanitarium will open for patients immediately after the camp-meeting, with "The Grand Opening" taking place October 15. Those wishing to come to the institution can thus attend the camp-meeting, and go from there to Orlando. Write for the announcement, addressing The Florida Sanitarium, Orlando, Fla.

Our tent for youth's and children's meetings at camp-meeting has been ordered, and will be ready for use this year. We trust there will be a large representation of our youth and children this year. We are making a strong effort to secure the best help for these meetings that there is in the denomination, and there is some prospect of success.

From a report from Brother C. G. Manns we take the following: "During our meetings in Gainesville, the place was stirred, and we were called in council in the presence of eighteen ministers to prove from the Bible only, What about true Sabbath-keeping? We were glad of the demand from them, that they may know the truth about the Sabbath. May God, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before his presence, give us to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Are you going to the camp-meeting this year?

I aim to be there. I have not missed a camp-meeting for some time. What are we going for? to receive a spiritual warming? Then are we lukewarm or cold and going to be revived? Better be revived before we go. Step into the furnace, and be purged of all dross, and have our hearts glowing, then when we meet at the camp-meeting we will not have to warm ourselves by the fire of others. Come, brethren, let us warm up.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The seventh session of this conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Lake Charles, August 6 - 16. There were seventeen delegates present, representing eight of the eleven churches in our conference.

As the officers for the ensuing year have already been reported through the columns of PROGRESS, it will not be necessary to repeat that in this report.

The report of the Sabbath-school secretary showed a membership of 290, and offerings to missions for the year \$277.63. Two schools were reported as giving all their donations to missions.

The treasurer's report showed the sum of \$2,671.18 tithe for the year, that being \$9.54 per capita.

Among the resolutions adopted were the following :---

I. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for the prosperity that has attended the work of the third angel's message in Louisiana and in all the world, and hereby renew the consecration of all our powers of body, mind, and goods to the pressing of the work to complete victory.

2. Resolved (a) That we indorse the plan of raising by the Seventh-day Adventist people during 1908, for missions, a sum equal to ten cents a week per member, and that we pledge ourselves and recommend all our churches to do all in their power to make this plan effective in Louisiana.

(b) That we pledge our co-operation and support in the Missionary Ingathering Campaign this fall, either by giving one week to the distribution of the missions number of the *Review and Herald* and soliciting of funds for the work in heathen lands, or else giving our regular income for that week to this purpose.

Whereas, A great temperance movement is passing over the country, and —

Whereas, We as a people have had great light through the spirit of prophecy on the principles of true temperance reform,— 3. Resolved, That we make a special effort to let the world know that we are indeed a temperance people by uniting, as far as we can without violating our faith, with the W. C. T. U. and other temperance organizations in the temperance movement.

Whereas, The sale of Life and Health can be made a threefold blessing, first, as a missionary effort, second, as a means of support, and third, as a help to our sanitariums,—

4. *Resolved*, That all our people be urged to sell this good paper.

Whereas, A large number of people have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth through the faithful efforts of the canvasser, and the great object in our work is to .bring souls to an acceptance of the truth, and —

Whereas, Much effort has apparently been lost by not following up the work of our can-vassers,—

5. We recommend, (a) That strenuous efforts be made to hold tent-meetings wherever our canvassers have created an interest.

(b) That the practice of our Young People's Societies in sending our publications to those who have purchased our books be pushed forward with great zeal.

Whereas, All of our canvassers and those starting out in the work need the benefits arising from a canvassers' institute, and many cannot spare the time and means to attend, and —

Whereas, Our faithful canvassers at times become hard pressed for means to meet the necessities of life through sickness or other unavoidable causes,—

6. Resolved, That a canvassers' fund be raised by subscriptions and donations to meet the above calls, and that 25% of such funds be used to furnish our canvassers with tracts, etc., for distribution in their work.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has stated that papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping this message for this time continually before the people,—

7. We recommend, That our people make it a point to place the Watchman and Review and Herald in each Seventh-day Adventist home, and that clubs be taken by our Y. P. M. V. societies and churches for sale and free distribution.

Whereas, We have in our book "Hymns and Tunes" a collection that cannot be surpassed for beauty, pathos, and spiritual expression,—

8. *Resolved*, That our people use "Hymns and Tunes" in all our churches and campmeeting services.

9. We recommend, That the plan of taking a fourth-Sabbath offering for the emergency fund be continued during the coming year, and that each church be urged to raise \$5.00 per month if possible.

10. We recommend, That each church elder make a personal effort to secure the payment of a full tithe from every member of his church.

Whereas, There is a large number of young people in this state who are not of sufficient age to attend college, and yet who need a training that the church schools are not able to give, and,--

Whereas, There is not in the state any school suitable for this purpose, therefore —

11. Resolved, That we encourage the establishment of such a school within this state at the earliest opportunity.

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA

News and Notes

THE new church building at Asheville is nearing completion, and it is expected that the dedication will take place the first of October.

Two of our young men, Brethren Maitland Woodall and Alby Paul, both of Archdale, have joined our canvassing corps, and in company with Brother R. L. Underwood are located at Lexington.

Brother James P. Allran, who delivered over \$250 of books near Charlotte in August, after a short stay at home in Hildebran, has returned to his field to take orders for a November delivery.

Brother and Sister W. H. Moynor came to Asheville from the Institute at Huntsville, Ala., the first of August. Brother Moynor is canvassing, and his wife is teaching a church school at that place.

Those in attendance at the camp-meeting had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Elder M. H. Brown, recently from California. He and his wife and his son, Elder G. M. Brown and family, have located at Greensboro. Brother George Crawford, of Lenoir, writes September 4 of an encouraging experience in the field. He had canvassed two days, taking eight orders for "Daniel and the Revelation." JESSIE V. BOSWORTH.

ALABAMA

Brethren A. L. Kiehnhoff and H. L. Waters have gone to work in Monroe County with "Bible Footlights." Monroeville, the county seat, is their headquarters at present.

Miss M. Walsh has taken up the paper work in Mobile. Sister Walsh is devoting all her time to the giving of the third angel's message. At present she is selling *Liberty*.

In Pensacola Miss L. Smith has taken up the paper work. This sister has just accepted the truth, and is now anxious to give to others the truth she has received. Little Brother Wilford Paulson is working with his father at this place, selling our small books and papers.

In Birmingham Mrs. C. Miller is now selling weekly a club of one hundred *Watchman*. Sister Miller has sold a large number of our papers in the past. Sister Maud Ivory has joined her husband selling "Bible Footlights" at this place; too.

Brethren Nelson and Thompson have finished canvassing Etowah County, and are now working in Marshall County. These two brethren have done very faithful work, and we are sorry that we will soon lose Brother Thompson, as he is going to return to school. Still we are glad he is preparing himself for more effective service for the Lord.

We have also had four workers from the Huntsville school doing some canvassing in our state, but two have returned to their fields of labor, and I understand the other two will soon do the same.

We are expecting a number to take up this work soon. We have reached a time of the year when every possible effort should be made for the circulation of our literature. This is the time above all others when money is most plentiful through the country, and when our books sell most readily. These facts lay upon us a responsibility which we should consider carefully and prayerfully, and every believer in this great message should do all in his power for the advancement of this work.

Those who have the maps which I sent out some time ago can add the names mentioned in this article, and any one who wishes a map of the state, showing the location of our workers, can get it for the asking.

R. I. KEATE, State Agent.

MISSISSIPPI'S PART IN THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To the Missionary Volunteers and All Young People of Mississippi

Please Give Attention

A BEGINNING has now been made by our young people in Mississippi toward raising one scholarship of the above mentioned fund. That will be \$150, only one one-hundredth of the whole amount to be raised. Perhaps the mark is set a little higher than the stretch of our own purses; but I believe it is our privilege and duty to go to persons of the world, and solicit shares and smaller or larger offerings for this fund.

It will require sixty shares of \$2.50 each to raise the one scholarship. At our campmeeting held at Amory, sixteen shares were pledged by the young people present, amounting to \$40. One society has already paid one share. There are quite a number of other young people in the state who have not pledged anything yet. Let us all take hold, and see if we cannot raise the amount of one scholarship.

Go to your friends and acquaintances of the world, and solicit for it. I have some small leaflets explaining this fund which can be used to aid in that, and if any wish some, please send your names to me at once. It is desired by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department to close up this fund by November I, so as to have it out of the way before the Thanksgiving Ingathering for November 22 - 28 this fall. Therefore please try to cancel your pledges by that time if at all possible, but otherwise send it in by Jan. I, 1900, the date mentioned at camp-meeting.

It would be well for those who try soliciting to take some of the educational numbers of the *Instructor*, and as you sell them, give out one of the little leaflets explaining the Endowed Scholarship Fund, and tell them that is the object of your selling the papers. Then ask if they would not like to give something

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending Aug. 29, 1908

Southern Union Conference

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The Republican convention was in session at that time. In an hour or so she passed, and said, "Forty sold, and I am going for more." Soon sixty more were sold (all she had). She then got forty of me, and worked till IO P. M. and sold them. Thus from 9 A. M. to IO P. M. Thursday, she sold \$14 worth, and she is about forty-five or fifty years old, too. Sisters, don't you think some of you might better locate in Charlotte? I do.

I made it as pleasant as I could for her, and she appreciated it. There is a lady here quite interested. Sister Frost stayed at her house that night, and since Sister Frost left, the lady paid me a visit, and says she never saw a lady more lovable. Two men, one a dairyman and the other a cotton-mill man, desire to keep the Sabbath. They both say another camp shall not pass without their presence. Each bought some books.

TOM C. HEGE.

AN OPEN LETTER

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN FLORIDA: I am at this writing enjoying a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of God on the Cleveland, Tenn., camp-ground.

If I can judge what the Florida camp-meeting will be by what I have seen and heard here, I can confidently assure you, one and all, that those who attend it will *see* and *feel* such a manifestation of the power of God's Holy Spirit as will quicken them to greater activity and usefulness in the service of God.

We all need the help and blessing of God, brethren, and from the light God is sending us through his chosen servants at this campmeeting, it is just as plain as that two and two make four that it is only those who make a covenant with him by sacrifice that will go through to the promised land. The Lord is working for his dear people at this meeting, and they are cheerfully responding to his loving call: "Come unto me," "I will be your God, and ye shall be my people."

After a powerful discourse Sabbath forenoon, August 29, delivered by Brother Westworth, about one hundred persons separated themselves from the congregation, thereby expressing a desire to seek God, obtain the forgiveness of all their sins, and give their lives entirely to his service. It was a scene upon which all Heaven must have delighted to look.

Brethren, do not fail to attend the Florida camp-meeting.

Pray for me, and may God bless you. Titus 2:13. C. P. WHITFORD.

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more than the price of the paper for it. Some who have means might be willing to give one share at least, and of course any smaller or larger amounts would be accepted. This is the plan which I have in mind to follow personally. Other papers could be used, but the August 18 number of the *Instructor* will be especially appropriate, as it deals with Christian education, and the fund is to help educate missionaries for foreign lands.

I am informed that one society in California has given one scholarship, and that at the Kansas camp-meeting three scholarships were raised in twenty minutes. That sounds good and pretty big; but while those young people are more in numbers and better able to raise such amounts, we will not stand off in the background and do nothing because we can't compete with them. We have already made a good start-we have ventured out for some money. Now let us see that we get it. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Our success depends upon the strength of our purpose; and "if we would make much progress, we must use much diligence." In this effort we should bear in mind that "a postponed task more toil begets, and borrowed money pays no debts."

For every share given, a certificate will be issued to the donor. Therefore I desire that all who give shares should send in their names, so I can know how many certificates to order. It will also be best to send the amounts to our conference treasurer first, so that it may be recorded and due credit given for work done in that line.

MRS. MARY M. CRAWFORD. Box 29, Vicksburg, Miss.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

MONDAY, August 24. I arrived back in Charlotte from the camp at Lexington. The railroad company smashed my wheel; the rain soaked my little organ to pieces, and soaked the bottom of my camera box loose, and my nice camera and plate-holders with camp pictures fell out in the rain and floated away in the dark. I had quite a load to gather up and hasten on with; but I soon got to the store and wiped all dry as best I could, and in a couple of days I again had all in shape. Only one plate got broken. The following pictures are good: The ministers only at camp; the ministers and a few others at camp; dinner at the dining-tent; group of all at camp; another group of all at camp; camp scene, long row of tents and big tent; and several baptismal scenes. If any would like some of these pictures, send 16 cents in stamps for each one, and state which you want. The stamp will be used to send out the new tract, "To My Moravian Brethren."

Thursday Sister Frost arrived *en route* to Atlanta by way of Columbia, S. C. Her visit was certainly acceptable. She knew Brother Hege by the *Signs*, tracts, and papers in the window. I knew her as soon as I saw her arms full of *Life and Health*. Owing to the many days' rain, she was some discourgaed; but after a bit of rest, she asked me to pray for her, and started out to sell *Life and Health*.



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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1908

The Southern Union Conference KENTUCKY, Moreland...... Sept. 24 to Oct. 4 TENNESSEE RIVER, Memphis..... Oct. 1 - 10 ALABAMA, near Mobile...... Oct. 8 - 18 The Southeastern Union Conference FLORIDA, Palatka..... Oct. 1 - 12

General Meetings in Alabama
Birmingham October 23 to 28
Oaklevel October 30 to November 5
Elkwood November 6 to 12

ELDER C. F. McVAGH is in Nashville at present, after a somewhat prolonged absence attending camp-meetings.

Do Nor skip the article on "The Florida Sanitarium." It states principles of general interest on healthful living and medical missionary work.

THE state conference missionary secretaries of the Southern Union Conference are requested to send in their reports to the union conference secretary by September 20 if possible; they should reach her by the 25th at the latest. Direct, Mrs. W. M. Crothers, care Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN FLORIDA

As some of you are aware, your secretary has changed his address to Lexington, N. C. For this present quarter, please send in all your reports to the above address.

We are sending out the report blanks a little earlier this quarter, so as to have our annual report ready for the coming camp-meeting. After this meeting, you will doubtless have a new secretary.

In reviewing the record of the past two years, we note that our young people's work has nearly doubled itself. I wish here to thank all of you for your hearty co-operation and excellent service, and I trust you will manifest the same zeal in the future, and heartily support the one who shall be placed at the head of this branch another year.

Now that we have our new tent about paid for, let us cancel every penny of indebtedness by camp-meeting, and then rally to the raising of a scholarship in the Washington Seminary. This is foreign mission work of the truest type, and no better disposition could be made of our offerings.

It has been my privilege to attend the North Carolina camp-meeting. On the ground were a nice company of bright young people. We had some good meetings with them, and best of all we were glad to see some start right out into the canvassing work. Service is the call of the hour for our young people, and we hope that many of you may decide to enter some branch of the Lord's work in Florida.

"Live for something, have a purpose, And that purpose keep in view; Drifting like a helpless vessel, Thou canst ne'er to life be true.

"Many a wreck that strews life's ocean, If some star had been their guide, Might have long been riding safely, But they drifted with the tide."

LEROY T. CRISLER, Sec. Missionary Vol.

BOOK SALE

THE Southern Missionary Society has in stock about one hundred volumes of "Man the Masterpiece," which have been donated to be sold for the benefit of the colored work. These books are all of the old edition, and can be recommended as being free from anything objectionable, and as a useful book for any home. As our canvassers are no longer handling these books, and the Society is in need of money, they are offered at the very low price of \$1.25 each, postage paid. They are all bound in sheep, and formerly sold for \$3.75 each. They must be disposed of as soon as possible. Who will donate to the work the price asked, \$1.25, receiving one of the books in return? Send your order with remittance at once. If more orders are received than can be filled, the first orders received will be first filled, and cash returned to those who can not be supplied. Each person may have as many copies as he wishes to pay for, as long as they last. Send your orders and remit-W. M. CROTHERS, tances to-

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DO YOU WANT A PREACHER TO VISIT YOU?

I wonder how many of the Louisiana readers of this article are missing the good things that are appearing now in the Review? Did you know that the Review in your home means that you are entertaining the best preacher in this denomination? and at a cost for his weekly visits of only three cents, or \$1.50 per year. When you read the Review, you get the best of spiritual food; you get the "latest" Testimonies; you get the full report of the canvassing work for the whole world (and it is simply wonderful, too); and best of all among all good things, you get the reports of the onward march of this last message in the mission fields. Can you afford to do without it any longer?

Then there is your neighbor. You need something to give to him that he may know why you are so different in your belief and practices. Why not take the *Watchman*, so you can loan it to him to read? You will no doubt be able to secure his subscription for it in a short time, and may be able to lead him into the truth by its means.

Have you sickness in the family? Then you need *Life and Health*. Or even if you are not sick, your friend is, and you have been wondering how to approach her with the message. Study how to treat common ailments from *Life and Health*, and then go to her home and teach the life-giving health principles that God has given us, and you will find the way to her heart.

Is there any one in your community who advocates Sunday laws — who would like to see you forced to give up the Sabbath? You will find an answer to his arguments in Liberty. It is full of good things in this line. Get it.

The Watchman will cost you only \$1.00 a year, Life and Health is 75 cents, and Liberty, a quarter. Order from the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

E. L. MAXWELL.

CAMP-MEETING NOTES

LET every one remember to bring bedding, towels, and such things as you think you will be sure to need on the camp-ground. You can pack some fruit to bring it safely if you will take the care to do so. You are allowed 150 pounds of baggage. Put all your baggage in one box or trunk, with good rope or leather handles; strap it well, so as to give the agent or baggage master no trouble.

THE workers' meeting will precede the campmeeting, beginning the 24th. Let every one in the work and who may expect to enter the Bible work, canvassing, or paper work be sure to be here in time.

Sister Mamie Moore has returned to Memphis to take up her work in this city again. All were indeed glad to see her; but we all sympathize with her in her sore affliction, the loss of her father.

A CAMP-MEETING for the colored people in the Tennessee River Conference will be held in Memphis, Tenn., October I - 10. Brethren Murphy and Jordan of the Mississippi Conference will be on hand early, to render valuable help. Brother C. M. Kinney is here now. Will not our colored brethren and sisters throughout the conference make a special effort to attend? We expect valuable help from other places to assist in this meeting. Let all who come buy a ticket to the Tri-State Fair, which will cost one fare plus 25 cents. Come, bringing angels of heaven with you, and expecting a great blessing from the Lord.

W. R. Burrow.

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