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## THE ATLANTA SANITARIUM

OUR brethren and sisters throughout the South will be interested to learn of the progress made at the Atlanta Sanitarium.

The interior of the building has practically been made over. Beginning with the basement, the treatment rooms have been remodeled, pipes changed and put out of sight, bath tubs readjusted, partitions altered, massage tables upholstered, and the whole finished in the most modern, up-to-date manner.

On the ground floor the kitchen has been enlarged to double its former capacity, and has serving table, china closet, flour bins, refrigerator, etc.

In the dining-room the woodwork is finished in cherry, the floor in dark oak, while the walls are harmoniously tinted in delicate shades. A few well-chosen fruit pictures adorn the walls. Nicely selected furniture and table appointments make the room one of the most attractive in the house.

The walls in the parlors are a restful green, rugs cover the floors, while comfortable seats, rockers, etc., encourage the thought of restful freedom.

The offices as well as the patients' rooms on all the floors are neat and attractive, the extremes of both cheapness and extravagance having been avoided. In fact, the aim and object continually kept in mind has been to avoid anything and everything that would savor of a reckless expenditure of means, but rather to have in every room an atmosphere of home restfulness and quietness. I must not fail to mention the verandas on the front and side, where patients in luxurious comfort while away many pleasant hours.

The improvements are practically completed, a little touching up here and there only remaining to be done, and the installing of the electric-light bath cabinets, which have been shipped and are now due to arrive.

During the camp-meeting an invitation was extended to the friends to visit the sanitarium. About thirty-five responded, and all were loud in their praises and expressions of appreciation of what their eyes were permitted to behold.

I am pleased to state, and the brethren and sisters throughout the Southern field may re-

joice in the assurance, that at last the Atlanta Sanitarium has been placed in good running condition, and is fully prepared to receive and care for patients; and they may with confidence recommend the institution to their friends and the public in general.

It will also be of interest to our people to know the names of those who are connected with the institutional work. Besides the writer, we have Dr. J. H. Neall, recently from Washington, D. C., who is in charge of the medical branch of the work; Mrs. Geo. J. Lovell (nee Miss Mabel Wood) who is very acceptably filling the position of matron; Geo. J. Lovell and Miss Alice Dart nurses, and Miss Mary Williams in charge of the culinary department. Brother and Sister Lovell are graduates of the Graysville Sanitarium Training School. Sister Dart is a graduate of the Nashville Sanitarium, having had several years' experience.

We are all of good courage, and have our sleeves rolled up, determined and expecting in the strength of the Lord to do valiant service for him. We desire the prayers and co-operation of our dear brethren and sisters for the success of the sanitarium work in Atlanta.

G. A. WILLIAMS.

## THE CUMBERLAND CAMP-MEETING

THE Cumberland Conference and camp-meeting is now a thing of the past, and as we look back upon it, our hearts are led to praise the Lord for his leadings, and for the blessings that came to his people as together we sought his favor and tried to lay plans for the advancement of his cause on earth.

The meeting was held at Cleveland, Tenn., and a noticeable feature was the fact that there were more present than attended the camp last year before the conference was divided. At the time when it was deemed best to separate the Kentucky half so as to form the new Kentucky Conference, some prophesied that this would cripple the work to a great extent; but our hearts were made glad as we saw the determination to press the battle to the gates and finish the work God has called us to do.

The workers in attendance besides those of the local conference were Professor Wilkin-

son, Elder Dowsett, Brethren Hansen, Van Kirk, and Cole, and the writer. There was a fair attendance from the town, and a live interest was developed as we gave the straight, telling truths of the third angel's message. Elder Pogue will follow up this interest.

The first Sabbath witnessed the deep movings of the Spirit of God, when almost the entire camp came forward for entire surrender, confession, and service. On the second Sabbath, when, after a study of the great field beyond, a call was made for those who would give themselves with all that they had for service either at home or in the foreign field, our hearts were rejoiced to see the large response, a step which we believe will mean much for the advancement of the cause in this conference through the year to come.

A spirit of consecration of means was evident as the various calls were made. For the missions beyond a donation of over \$700 was made; \$875 for the Atlanta Sanitarium; \$150 for the home expense fund, besides some others of minor importance. Considering the size of the conference, we feel that this was a very liberal response financially. Elder Pogue was unanimously elected president again, and he and his committee have set themselves toward the most progressive policy the conference has yet known. A spirit of zeal permeates the rank and file of the people, and we anticipate rapid growth for the church in East Tennessee.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

## THE FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING

THIS meeting will be held in Palatka, Oct. 1-12, on the banks of the beautiful Saint John's, for our white brethren, and in another part of town for our colored brethren. The camp for our white people is about three blocks south of the Arlington Hotel, and for our colored people about three blocks northwest of the court-house, in a large colored settlement.

Elder Stephenson began negotiations for reduced railroad rates several weeks ago, and my last word from him indicated that we would be able to secure a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. The hackmen have agreed to carry passengers to or from

the camp for 20c, and trunks at the same price.

We shall have the best of help this year. In addition to four of our Union Conference laborers, who have already been mentioned, word just received brings the good news that Prof. M. E. Kern will be with us. Prof. Kern is at the head of our denominational Young People's Work, and his labors in their behalf have been greatly blessed of God.

Having been daily associated with Professor Kern for two years on the faculty of Union College, I greatly rejoice that we are to be blessed with his labors. Dear brethren and sisters, do your utmost to secure a large attendance of our young people.

We consider ourselves very fortunate also in being able to secure the help of Elder Page Shepard for our colored camp-meeting. I have never personally met Elder Shepard; but judging from all reports, I feel sure that with his and Brother Mann's labors, we shall have an excellent meeting for the colored people this year.

Anciently the Lord required his people to meet three times a year for his worship. He assured them that no man would molest their homes while they would be thus absent.

In Heb. 10:25 we are exhorted to attend assemblages of God's people. The Testimony recently published in these columns shows how important these annual gatherings are. Shall we not then expect a large attendance of our people at both of these meetings this year?  
R. W. PARMELE.

#### BAKER'S MOUNTAIN, N. C.

OUR tent-meeting opened here Sunday night, Sept. 13, with a good audience and good attention. Elder Shireman spoke to the people the first night, and the Spirit of God wrought upon the people as he dwelt on the nearness of Christ's coming. The tent is beautifully situated in the school grove, and everything is favorable for a good meeting. Pray that souls may be garnered in. ALBERT CAREY.

#### GADSDEN, ALABAMA

WE have just closed our tent effort in this place, and are glad to state that our labors have been crowned with success, notwithstanding the many obstacles which the enemy laid in our way. From the very first day we pitched our tents till the last day of our meetings, we encountered stubborn opposition from certain disagreeable people who live in the neighborhood of our tent. They protested strongly against our pitching in their locality, first to us, then to the owner of the grounds, and at last to the city authorities.

Their efforts were fruitless all around; we remained nearly two weeks longer than our appointed time, until a dozen souls accepted the truth, ten were baptized, and many are deeply interested. It is indeed gratifying to know that men, however strongly influenced by Satan they may be, "can do nothing against the truth, but for it," and one of the surest signs of success in the Lord's work is opposition by the servants of Satan.

Let us push our work right along, be cir-

cumstances what they may; we are certain that "they that be with us are more than those that be with them."

D. E. BLAKE.

316 Foster St., Nashville, Tenn.

#### FLORIDA ITEMS

ELDER W. R. PARMELE and his wife have moved to the sanitarium at Orlando.

Brother F. T. Coyne and his family have returned home from their summer's trip North.

The sanitarium has undergone some marked improvements during the past few months. An addition has been placed on the main building, and the cottages were repainted. Sunday, Sept. 13, the Orlando church turned out in a body, and while the sisters "cleaned house," the brethren were engaged in laying a clay walk from the main building to Lake Estelle. Everything will be in apple-pie order for the opening immediately after camp-meeting.

#### NOTES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

ELDER W. H. ARMSTRONG recently conducted a series of meetings at the Battle Ground church. Two were baptized and united with the company. Brother and Sister Armstrong have now returned to their home in Columbia.

Elder R. T. Nash reports a good interest in his tent effort at Greenville.

Elder E. W. Carey has begun tent-meetings at Aiken.

Brother H. B. Gallion made a two-days' stop at Campobello last week in the interest of the canvassing work. He occupied a part of the time of the Wednesday night prayer-meeting with matters of importance in that line of work.

The mission school at Charleston opened Sept. 8 with Brother Hancock as teacher.

Mason Jackson will conduct a mission school at Greenville.

We know all are interested in the Thanksgiving Ingathering for Missions. Please send in your order *at once* for the Mission Number of the *Review*, that is to be given out then, as some little time is required to print the papers and get them to you.

Are you using the Weekly Offering envelopes in your company? If you are not supplied, send your order to the conference office.

Since camp-meeting a Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers has been organized at Greenville with eleven members.

If there are young people in the state who are interested in missionary work, and do not live near enough to a society to meet with others regularly, we will be glad to enroll you as a member of the State Department. Send your name and address to ELIZA WARNER.

Campobello, S. C.

#### A CONVENIENCE FOR CAMP-MEETING

##### THE FIRELESS COOKER

DOUBTLESS many of us have during the last two years read in various papers descriptions of the fireless cooker; how they are made and how to cook with them. We may not feel like giving them credit for all that is said of

them, because of their simplicity; but I trust that many of us have tried them. They are all they are said to be. They save fuel and heated rooms, and relieve the busy wife from spending so much time in preparing the meals.

Time is one of the most precious talents of which we will have to render an account. Let us improve every opportunity of economizing it that it may be used to the service of God.

At our camp-meetings we desire to receive as much as possible from all of the many meetings during the day; but if there is one meeting above another that revives, and from which we gain rich experiences, it is the early morning meeting. We cannot afford to miss this devotional service, yet many who find it necessary to do their cooking at the camp-meeting, lose these morning meetings. Why not make use of the fireless cooker? With a small oil or gasoline stove, the food can be prepared and put in the cooker the evening before; and when the breakfast hour arrives, it will be thoroughly cooked and warm.

They are so simple any one can make them, so inexpensive all can afford one, and so small that they can be carried in a trunk. A description of the cooker can be found in the August number of *Life and Health* and in the *Review and Herald* of September 3.

Try them.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER.

#### A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

THE believers in West Tennessee and Kentucky are to be favored soon by a very well-planned camp-meeting, and a much-needed workers' meeting to begin six days earlier, or Sept. 24, and run through the entire time of the camp-meeting. Good help is to be there for all lines of work, such as Sabbath-school, Young People's Volunteer work, cottage meetings, and colporter and canvassing work. It is earnestly hoped that every lover of the message in this conference will try to come, and that such as can hereafter devote *all* of their time to the work may be sure to be there during the entire time. We shall endeavor to give full instruction to canvassers, and help them get started at once. Our ranks are thinning greatly just now, because of some going to school or teaching. There is a golden opportunity this fall for beginners in country territory. Come, brother, and join us in the good work while such favorable opportunities are ours. C. F. PARMELE, *Field Agent*.

#### THE COLORED CAMP-MEETING IN FLORIDA

DEAR brethren and sisters, the time is fast approaching for our camp-meeting, which is to convene at Palatka, October 1-12, and we trust that all are making preparations to attend. We all know that the camp-meeting is one of the most important and effective methods of arresting the attention of the people and reaching all classes with the gospel.

I trust all our brethren and sisters in the southern part of the state will be present. Satan may suggest that it will cost too much. Say to him, as Christ our Saviour said, "Get thee hence, Satan."

**CANVASSING REPORT**

**For Week Ending Sept. 5, 1908**  
**Southern Union Conference**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
R B House.....	BFL BS	37	\$49 50	\$2 00
A L Kiehnhoff.....	BFL	50	54 00	
H A Lynd.....	CK BS	41	33 50	3 50

We are promised some good help. Do not leave the children behind. We hope this will be the best meeting ever held in Florida. Why should it not be? If we will all come having our sins all put away, reconsecrating our lives to God, we shall find the Lord precious to our souls.

All who may desire family tents please address Elder R. W. Parmele, Palatka, Fla. Let some of our brethren who can sacrifice the time come and assist in erecting the tents. We expect to have a dining-tent.

Come all to this annual spiritual feast.

J. W. MANNS.

**THE FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING**

THE usual excursion rates to our camp-meeting have been promised on the certificate plan. Be sure to get a *standard form certificate* when purchasing tickets. If a through ticket cannot be had, get a certificate at each junction, so the entire trip will be covered. Pay full fare going. One hundred certificates are required to secure the reduced rate.

Upon arriving in Palatka, should there be no one there to meet you, take any bus at the station and ask them to take you to the campground. Upon arriving at the grounds, pay the bus man 20c. Do not pay more, for we have their agreement to carry passengers for that rate. Bring your checks to the campground and give them to our baggage man. We expect Brother W. A. Robison to look after the baggage. We have organized our camp-meeting force as follows:—

- H. A. Shreve, superintendent of camp.
- W. G. Dick, treasurer of the camp.
- C. B. Stephenson, transportation agent.
- C. V. Achenbach, manager of book stand.
- Wm. Branson, manager of dining-tent.
- W. A. Robison, baggage master and lumber man.

Keep this list for future reference. It will be a help to you when you reach the campground. R. W. PARMELE.

**REPORT OF THE NASHVILLE MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

**Held in the Church on Fatherland St., Sept. 12, 1908**

SABBATH, Sept. 12, 1908, a missionary program was presented in the church at 11 o'clock, the preaching service being omitted.

Brother Horton opened the meeting with an interesting reading on the "Missionary Gospel." He gave out slips of paper to some of the members, containing the questions and texts, and as he read the questions, each member responded quickly with the answer, some reading from the Bible, and others repeating their text.

The "ten-cent-a-week-plan" was next considered by Brother Knox, and if all our people respond to this appeal, the treasury of the Mission Board will receive a good, substantial donation at the end of this present year. Are we willing to respond?

The other two readings were taken in charge by Brother Spear and Pastor McVagh, both of the readings proving interesting, showing that our foreign missions are involved in

many perplexities, and need financial help as well as workers. Still the workers are full of courage, and mean to give the "gospel straight." Dr. Selmon says, "If the Lord could make apostles out of poor fishermen, he can make full-fledged Seventh-day Adventists out of some of these Chinese." But this requires us to give of our means.

In harmony with plans that had already been laid, report blanks were handed out by the deacons as they took up the collection. Next Sabbath these report blanks will be taken up by them, and they will pass out another set at the same time. Let us remember these reports. Be faithful in sending them in, because those upon whom the responsibility of directing the work has been placed must know what has been done, in order to plan properly for what has yet to be accomplished.

The apostles reported their work, and it was missionary work too. "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them." Acts 14:27.

It was said of the angel that "he reported the matter." Angels in heaven carry writing materials, and set down their work, and report it. Of one angel to whom the Lord gave a commission to labor for souls, it is said that he carried a writer's inkhorn: "And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me." Eze. 9:11. This was written that we might learn a lesson.

Let us not forget our contributions. The year following the introduction of the envelope plan for weekly contributions to missions, there was a gain of more than forty-five thousand dollars in mission funds. Since that time the receipts have fluctuated. When we become alive to our opportunities in the home field, there will be no question about the support that will be given to the foreign fields. It may be that each member can only do a little, but all the "littles" make a grand total. It is the Spirit of God that inspires us to do even the smallest missionary work. Let us as a church "awake before it is everlastingly too late. Let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called. When faith lays hold upon Christ, the truth and its claims will bring delight to the soul."

While the collection was being taken, the choir rendered appreciative and appropriate music. The amount collected for home missions was \$490.

The meeting was brought to a close by a benediction from Elder Horton.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS, *Church Missionary Secretary.*

Carl Matthews.....	BFL	34	36 00	2 00
W A Nelson.....	BFL BS	44	66 10	50
P W Paulson.....	BFL	33	33 50	6 25
R F Thompson.....	BFL BS	38	35 50	
H L Waters.....	BFL BS	33	40 75	
D C Wolfe 2 wks....	BFL		23 00	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Charley Allran.....	BFL	30	19 05	1 05
H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	17		68 05
R A Crigger.....	D&R	40	47 75	4 25
Asa Davis.....	BFL	40	45 05	
James Dutch.....	D&R	41	6 55	14 05
Mrs Alice Reynolds.....	BFL	19	8 55	11 05
Chas Romines.....	D&R	40	68 00	14 15
Mattie Thornton.....	CK	30	30 70	35
S N Yates.....	CK	34	23 16	1 00
M J Weber.....	BFL	37	53 00	2 35
M Wheeler.....	BFL	41	28 55	10 05

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
A B Cheek.....	BR D&R	23	19 30	
C L Collison.....	BR MISC	40		65 75
Wm Olmstead.....	GC	24	6 00	16 00
I T Reynolds.....	D&R	28	18 50	2 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
E C Clark.....	CK	20	14 00	1 00
J S Fry.....	D&R	10	5 00	
W H Haddon.....	BFL D&R	22	15 50	2 00
A A Johnson.....	CK	2	2 00	12 00
Ella Johnson.....	CK NTP	39	5 00	15 00
Virgil Smith.....	D&R	34	23 25	3 25
Lewis Thomas.....	BFL	28	19 30	4 80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
Amanda Gahr.....	BFL D&R	11	10 75	
R H Hazelton.....	D&R			23 50

RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference.....		310	369 85	14 25
Kentucky Conference.....		369	330 36	115 30
Louisiana Conference.....		115	43 80	84 25
Mississippi Conference.....		155	84 05	38 05
Tennessee River Conf....		11	10 75	23 50

Total .. 960 838 81 275 35

**Southeastern Union Conference**

FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
Wm K Achenbach.....	D&R CK	34		39 00
Maggie Achenbach.....	CK	22		13 05
W H Branson.....	MISC	34	1 00	73 35

GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
J D Andrews.....	GC	49	14 50	50
Albert Benson.....	D&R	20	75	22 50
G T Carter.....	D&R	1	3 50	
Hines Carter Jr.....	BFL	14	12 50	
S W Carter.....	BFL	5	11 00	
A Cochran.....	D&R	45	41 55	70
Georgia Cruise.....	MISC			5 35
Lillie Dekle.....	BFL	24	30 50	
L E Hamilton.....	CK	20	41 50	3 25
Mrs A G Holmes.....	D&R	10	6 00	6 00
Mrs A L Manous.....	D&R BS	10	10 50	
A L Manous.....	MISC	2		3 75
Wilson McConnell.....	GC	34	3 50	
J A Sudduth.....	BFL	40	32 50	8 00

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
Guy L Kerley.....	D&R	38	5 50	75
Alby Paul.....	CK	14	10 35	35
Chas Peden.....	D&R	34	13 50	9 75
R L Underwood.....	D&R	32	23 00	3 50
M Woodall.....	CK	6	9 00	

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
W H Abrams.....	BFL	24	34 00	
J A Brown.....	MISC	15		14 40
Mae Foote.....	BFL	29	12 00	
Mrs H B Gallion.....	D&R	15	20 00	
H B Gallion.....	D&R	4	5 00	
Mr & Mrs H Martin.....	CK	65	24 35	12 50
Priscilla Poyas.....	BFL	2	4 00	
W C Rahn.....	sofp sofp	28	46 75	6 75
J B Rise.....	D&R CK	38	68 00	2 00
Ira Young.....	D&R CK	44	48 00	3 00
S E Wright.....	D&R	4	10 00	

RECAPITULATION				
Florida Conference.....		90	1 00	125 40
Georgia Conference.....		274	208 30	50 05
North Carolina Conf....		124	61 35	14 35
South Carolina Conf....		268	271 35	38 65

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# Report of Progress

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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. P. BOLLMAN has just returned from a trip through Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin in the interests of the Southern Missionary Society. He has been very successful, and secured substantial aid in cash and pledges. The Southern Missionary Society had, at the close of last year, eighteen schools under its care, and this year opens with twenty-eight schools in operation, and good prospects for increasing usefulness. We trust our readers will remember this line of work with good substantial donations at the October collection.

## NEWS NOTES FROM TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

SISTER EDITH WADE has been asked to take the school at Springville, Tenn. She has accepted the position, and school will begin right away.

At Hustburg, Tenn., they have fifteen students enrolled for a church school, and are calling for a man and his wife to locate with them, and take their school. Here is an opportunity to do much good; who will accept?

The camp-meeting at Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 1-10, bids fair to be one of the most important meetings ever held in our conference. A letter from Brother Irwin states that he will bring with him from Washington Brother G. B. Thompson or K. C. Russell to attend our meeting. The interest here in the tent-meetings is good; hundreds are in attendance. The donations have about reached the one-hundred-dollar mark. A collection is taken every night. Let our brethren and sisters throughout the conference show their interest in this work by coming to camp-meeting and taking part in the work now.

Brother and Sister G. G. Lowry have joined the company of workers in Memphis. Their

address is corner Union and Cooper Streets, S. D. A. Tent.

Fully two hundred people stood on their feet the night of the 6th of September to show that they believe the Bible teaches that the seventh day is the Sabbath. And on the night of the 13th a good number rose, signifying by this act that they intended to keep it. Brother Washburn had just spoken on "Who Changed the Sabbath?"

Brother and Sister Balsbaugh, of Paducah, Ky., will come to Memphis to sell *Liberty*. They have ordered five hundred copies to sell during the workers' meeting and camp-meeting. Two hundred copies of the September number of *Life and Health* have been ordered to be sold by Bonnie Wade and Jessie Burrow; others will sell the *Watchman*, the *Signs*, and *Review*.  
 W. R. BURROW.

## SOUTH CAROLINA, NOTICE

REPORT OF PROGRESS is being sent to as many Adventists in South Carolina as we know of. It contains reports of the work in our own and neighboring conferences, and gives notice of many matters of special importance to each company and individual. The conference has sent it to many of you for a time without your solicitation, that you may learn its value and desire its visits so much that you will become a regular subscriber. The price is only 25 cents a year, and should be sent to South Carolina Conference, Campobello, S. C. If you do not desire the paper longer, let us know, and your name will be taken off the list. If any desire the paper, and are not able to pay for it, let us know, and we will make arrangements for all such.

ELIZA WARNER, *Sec. and Treas.*

## ALABAMA

We have just received word that the Reading Course for the young people will commence the first week in October. The books to be used are "Great Controversy" and "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." The studies will be conducted through the *Youth's Instructor*.

Most of our homes probably have the "Great Controversy," and no doubt most of us have read it; but we will be richly repaid by another careful study of it. "Daybreak in the Dark Continent" can be obtained in paper covers for forty cents, cloth fifty cents, post-paid. It is a study of the missionary work in Africa, and is intensely interesting.

"Reading maketh a full man," a principle which Paul recognized when he admonished Timothy to give attendance to reading. The books we read have a tremendous effect upon our thinking and upon our character. The mind is the best possession we have, and we should exercise the greatest care in its use."

These two books with the *Youth's Instructor* will be all that is required for the Reading Course this year. Those wishing to take the course should send in their names and addresses, and any information desired will be gladly given.  
 HELEN MCKINNON.

## THE WORK IN LOUISIANA

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Believing that you are all interested in the onward march of this message, and that you each consider yourself a part of it, I have taken this opportunity to set before you something of the details of the work in the state at the present time.

By the blessing of God we have been able to conduct two tent efforts this season, and a third is now in progress with every promise of excellent results. Where these meetings have been held, souls have embraced the truth, and there will be churches organized as a result.

Your hearty response to the call for means to create an emergency fund in the spring, has enabled us to meet each payment on the New Orleans property on time. This donation each month will have to be kept up for some time yet, and we hope to have your co-operation as in the past.

Up to the time of camp-meeting the debts of the conference had been reduced about seven-hundred dollars from what they were in February. As these debts are lifted, we are free to push the field work more rapidly. This, I am sure, we are all anxious to see done.

For all that has been done I am very thankful to our heavenly Father, and I am sure that this is the sentiment of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the state. Now for a glance at our work for the future.

There are calls coming in from all parts of the state begging for a minister to follow up the interests that have been created by the canvassers and in other ways. I have a dozen of these on file at this moment. Of course we have not the workers to fill these calls at once, but even if we had, we have not the means to support them in the field.

Yet they must be answered soon. Jesus is coming, and our work must be done. I have carefully gone over the lists of church-members, and have compared them with the amounts of tithe paid by each church, and I find in them evidence that leads me to conclude that there is a lack of faithfulness in this matter on the part of some of us. Every one of the one hundred families in the different churches ought to pay at least fifty dollars per year in tithes. As it is, we do not average twenty-five dollars a year per family. Surely we do not want to be found in the condition of those described in Mal. 3:8, 9. Let us all fulfil the next verse diligently.

At the present time we are behind with the workers, an average of three months' pay. And this, too, when they are receiving a very small wage in comparison with what many in the churches receive. Teamsters and carpenters receive more than any of us. And third grade teachers get more than twice as much as our best Bible workers. Still, the workers do not complain. They are willing to sacrifice that this precious message may be given. I am praying that God may impress you to make as great sacrifices, and to pay a full tithe, that there may be means to carry this work to completion, that we may all go home to live with Jesus.  
 E. L. MAXWELL.