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MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

GETTING HELP FROM THE BIBLE.—CONCLUDED

How Should the Bible be Read?

No ONE can afford to dispense with the old-fashioned way of reading the Bible through consecutively. It is well to do this every year. Some open at random and read whatever comes under their eye, without method or plan. Others read over and over a few favorite passages. In both cases large portions remain neglected, and are never read at all. Reading the whole volume in course, in regular portions, we become familiar with every part, and discover the very richest things in places where we least expected to find any beauty or blessing.

But in addition to this it is well to pursue other special methods. Topical reading is excellent. We select a subject, and by the aid of concordance, reference books, and textbooks, find out all the passages in the Scriptures which speak of it or throw any light upon it. Thus we learn what are the doctrines of the Bible. In this way we may bring all the teachings of men to the bar of God's truth; we may refer all questions that arise in our own minds as to belief or as to duty to the infallible test; and thus we shall build our personal creeds, not on the formulated statements of theologians, but on the simple word of inspiration.

In the daily life of each one there arise peculiar questions and experiences on which we want light or in which we need counsel and guidance. These should be taken at once to the divine Word. Thus we bring the Book of life into our daily history. We make it our counselor, our lamp, our guide. This leads to another method of reading and study which is very profitable and which yields great help. The habit of having a verse for the day has also been adopted by many, and has been a source of great comfort. Either out of the morning's chapter, or selected in some other way, let one verse be taken, fixed in the mind, and carried all through the busy day in thought and meditation. It will often prove a fountain of water, a bright lamp, or a rod and staff before the day comes to a close. It is impossible to estimate the influence of a simple passage thus held a day in the thoughts. It is

an angel of comfort in sorrow. Then its influence, as it pours its soft, pure light all through the life, hour after hour, is full of inspiration, and purifies, cleanses, and sanctifies.

Why Should We Read the Bible?

Then it is necessary to read the Bible, not alone to know the will of God, but that we may do it. If it is not the guide of our life, it is nothing to us. Its truths are to be applied. If we read the beatitudes, we are to compare ourselves with their divine requirements, and seek to be conformed to them. If we come upon a word that rebukes any habit or spirit of ours, we are straightway to make the needed amendment. We are to accept its promises, believe them, and act as believing them. We are to allow its comforts to enter our hearts and support us in sorrow. There is nothing written in the Bible merely for ornament or beauty. Every word is practical. There is no truth in it that has not some bearing on actual living. When we come to it eager to know how to live and ready to obey its precepts, we shall find it opening to us its inmost meaning.

We are told that the Bible must be spiritually discerned. Only a spiritually-minded reader finds the truest and best things in it. We must bring to it a certain kind of knowledge. This is true in all departments of life. Many persons never see anything lovely in nature. They will stand amid the most picturesque landscapes, walk amid the rarest flowers, and witness the most gorgeous sunset splendor without a thrill of pleasure or an expression of admiration. They have no sympathy with nature. There are many that will pass through a grand art gallery, rich with paintings and statuary, and see nothing to arrest their attention, while others will spend days in study of the works of art that are stored there. Some knowledge of art and an interest in it are necessary to the appreciation and enjoyment of paintings and statuary. In like manner, he that would find the beautiful things in the Scriptures must have a mind and heart prepared for it. Hence the more of the divine life we have in our souls, the more will the sacred pages reveal to us. It is not so much intellectual acumen and fine scholarship that we need as spiritual culture,

love for Christ, and the warmth of devotion.

A young lady purchased a book and read a few pages, but was not interested in it. Some months afterward she met the author, and a tender friendship sprang up. Then the book was dull no longer. Every sentence had a charm for her heart. Love was the interpreter. So to those who do not know Christ personally the Bible seems dry and uninteresting. But when they learn to know him and to love him, all is changed; and the deeper their love for him becomes, the more do the sacred pages glow with beauty and light.

It is good to stow away in our hearts, all along the bright years of youth, the precious truths of God's Word. In visiting the Mammoth Cave the guides place lamps on their heads and in their hands before entering. It seems a very useless thing to do, to carry these pale lights while walking in the full blaze of noonday; but as one moves down the bank and enters the cavern's mouth, quickly the splendor of daylight fades away, and then the lamp flames begin to shine brightly. We soon find how valuable they are, and how necessary. Without them the visitor would be lost in the thick gloom and in the mazes of the cave. So God's promises and comforts may not seem needful to us in the brightness of youth and in the days of health and gladness; they may then seem to shine with but a pale light. But as we move on, we shall pass into shadows—the shadows of sickness, of trial, of disappointment, or sorrow,—and then their beauty and splendor will shine out and prove the very joy and strength of our souls.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

SUCCESS OR FAILURE, WHICH?

No LITTLE has been said concerning success in the work of God. What is to be said of one department in this respect, can be said of every department.

Not by the people of God only, but by Satan, the canvassing work to-day is regarded as a most valuable means of reaching the people with the truth for this time.

"The canvasser is engaged in an honorable business." "The work is a good one, the object high and elevating." The enemy of

all righteousness, being awake to these facts, seeing that the circulation of literature bearing the signet of the Eternal is a detriment to his cause, is doing all he can to hinder this branch of the work. "Truth and error are both in the field, striving for the mastery. The champions of truth will have a fierce conflict."

We have reached the time in our experience in the work parallel to that of Joshua as he entered the land of Canaan. There were giants in the land. They knew all about Israel. "And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land." Joshua 2:1. These men were recognized as soon as they entered the land. Verse 2. Rahab said to the spies, "All the inhabitants faint because of you." Verse 9.

There are giants in the land to-day, and in order to be able successfully to meet these opponents, we must have a daily experience in the things of God, and rightly value the responsibility resting upon us. It was thus that Joshua was prepared for the great work that God gave him to do. "Observe," God said, "to do according to all that is written therein, . . . and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8. Thus we see that as "to do" is the only ground upon which success is secured, not "to do" is the only step to failure. The only difference is that one does, and the other does not. They are in the field together. Success is at work, and Failure sitting on a stump. Which is preferable?

Many a soul in the field is waiting for the Word.—

"Over and over the cry is heard,
'Come, and bring us the saving word.'
Over and over the message rings
From the loving lips of the King of kings,
'Go and tell them—'tis my command—
Go and tell them in every land.'
And while one soul of the sons of men
Waits for the word from the lips or pen,
We who have heard it must tell it again."
H. B. TILDEN.

THE KENTUCKY CAMP-MEETING

THE first camp-meeting of the Kentucky Conference was held at Moreland, Ky., on the Q. & C. R. R., in a beech and chestnut grove, with beautiful pastures stretching out in front of the camp and the knobs in the background; their uplifted peaks, crested with pines, and their sides covered with foliage in beautiful tints, a blending of colors that the most skilled artist would but fail to imitate, made a scene beautiful and grand. Perhaps the feelings born of such a scene are akin to those of the psalmist when he exclaimed, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." It seemed that we were not alone in giving praise, but nature was proclaiming God's glory, and expressions of the loveliness of his character were painted on every dying leaf. A goodly number were in attendance. All seemed to enjoy the meeting, and they felt to praise the Lord as they recounted the blessings which have come to our conference in the past few months in the way of tents and workers and the care the Lord has had for the work in this field.

Two hundred dollars was subscribed on a fund for securing tents for the coming year. The Cumberland Conference gratuitously furnished us with family tents for this meeting, and we were comfortably provided for.

Elders Irwin and McVagh were with us through the greater part of the meeting, and their help was much appreciated. The stirring lessons on the spirit of prophecy by Elder Irwin were faith-inspiring, and should have been heard by all our people in the conference.

Elder A. O. Burrill was elected president for the coming year, Mrs. Clara Russell secretary and treasurer, and Miss Dollie Callender Sabbath-school and Young People's secretary.

Seven went forward in baptism. Elder Burrill will remain to look after the interest, and organize a church if the interest remains such as to warrant it. He has moved over from McKinney, so as to look after the work here. It was decided for the workers to continue to look after the interests which have been created during their summer's work.

The many calls for work showed that the field is ripe for the harvest. The harvest is great, and the laborers are few. We need to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers.

WALTER JONES.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

ONE of our sisters sends in the following report of work done with the special *Watchman*:—

Hours worked, 68; papers sold, 944; value, \$94.40. This gave her a profit of about \$1.00 an hour, to say nothing of the good these papers have done or will do in helping souls toward the kingdom of God.

Of our people in Georgia I wish to ask, Are there not some who have a burden to take up this *Watchman* work and push it? We wish we had one or more such workers as the above in each of our larger cities.

Let us hear from you, if you are or can be interested in this work.

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent*.

54 Beecher Street, Atlanta, Ga.

THE NASHVILLE VOLUNTEER SOCIETY

THIS society is composed of twenty-eight members. The programs at our meetings consist of short Bible studies, reports of the mission fields, experience meetings, and other devotional exercises.

As the report below will show, we are engaged in active missionary work, and are making still broader plans. Our society consists of several bands for special work, each with a leader. First is our prison band, consisting of those who go each Sunday to teach the Bible to the prisoners in the state's prison. Then comes the paper band, who distribute papers gratuitously. Two young ladies have thus distributed thousands of copies on the market to the farmers who come from miles around. Good results have followed this work.

The paper-selling band consists of students who sell the *Watchman* and *Life and Health* on Saturday nights and at other spare moments. The Lord has blessed these efforts,

not only in the good done by the papers, but in a spiritual and financial way to the students themselves, who are paying their own way. As high as nine dollars were made in one day by one student during the state fair with the *Temperance Watchman*.

The Christian help band is doing work among the poor and also helping to furnish curtains, rugs, etc., to the colored sanitarium, which is now getting ready to open. The society has also pledged itself to raise ten dollars per month toward the support of a worker among the colored people of Nashville.

While something is being done, yet there is room for greater devotion to the Lord's work, as upon the young people must fall a large share of the burden of the message for this time.

Report for Quarter Ending Sept. 29, 1908

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| Letters written | 31 |
| Letters received | 8 |
| Missionary visits | 154 |
| Bible readings held | 98 |
| Subscriptions taken | 3 |
| Papers sold | 545 |
| Papers mailed | 3,770 |
| Books sold | 6 |
| Books lent or given away..... | 15 |
| Pages tracts given away..... | 1,289 |
| Hours of Christian help work..... | 77 |
| Articles clothing given away..... | 25 |
| Meals provided | 6 |
| Offerings to foreign missions..... | \$1.00 |
| Offerings to home missions..... | \$46.50 |
| Offerings to local society work..... | \$3.95 |

L. M. SPEAR, *Leader*,
MARGARET OWEN, *Secretary*.

THE LORD'S LEADINGS IN LOUISIANA

WEEK by week we see revealed more and more clearly to us as a people and as individuals, how the Lord is taking those who are working for him step by step through trying experiences to teach us to walk by faith, and not by sight, thus preparing us to stand in the time of Jacob's trouble, when we must stand without an advocate in heaven.

One of our canvassers writes regarding the sickness, rain, etc., preventing their work, also the large majority of Catholics; and as a result of much hard work only twenty-one orders were secured in a large town. But one Catholic family, man and wife, through their efforts had taken their stand for the truth, proving that "your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Another faithful canvasser relates this experience:—

"Most of the men folks had gone to the fair at C. I was going northward to my territory, looking for a place to stop. I came to a road that was coming in from the southeast, and was impressed to take it. It led me to the house of a negro, who told me it was one mile to the first white man's house. When I reached there, the man was gone to the fair. His wife directed me to the next house a mile and a half away, and it was now getting dark, and I was calling myself a fool for yielding to such impressions to leave the main road. On reaching the next house, there was no one at home, and it was quite dark. I did not know what to do, but started for another house, which I found a mile further on. Here,

again, the man was gone to the fair. The lady said she was *sure* I could stay at the *next* house, so I went on only to get another refusal; but I was kindly recommended to the man's father-in-law's as a good place to stay. Here I said I'd sleep in the barn before I'd go any further. He told me to come in; so I had a good rest that night, but was murmuring in my heart for such a trial.

"But God was leading me, if he did lead me off and away from my territory three miles into another parish. This was Friday morning. The Lord had led me into a neighborhood where eight good people are searching for the truth. They had become disgusted with their church (Baptist), and had withdrawn from that body, by which they are now persecuted. They were meeting each Sunday under an oak tree, searching and praying for light.

"I stayed Friday night, Sabbath, and Sunday. It was truly a blessed Sabbath for me and for them. It being rainy, we all put in Sabbath and Sunday talking. They are very anxious to hear our preaching and the message in full. I felt so ashamed at my murmurings when I realized that the Lord in his goodness was only leading me to answer their prayers for light, and in it give me such a glorious experience and such a good place in which to keep his Sabbath."

Dear reader, there are many honest souls seeking for light and truth; what are you doing to answer their prayers? Do you know you are doing the very work the Lord has called you to do? or have you buried your talent? Read Eze. 3:17-19.

I. T. REYNOLDS, *Field Missionary.*
Pineville, La.

GREENVILLE, S. C.

We have had a grand series of meetings here in Greenville, and through the help of the Lord have gained good results. It did not seem best to close, but we had to on account of the weather, as it has grown quite cool for tent work here. We closed Sunday night, Oct. 4, with about four hundred people present, and some have written to the elder and asked him to continue the meetings a little longer.

We have organized a Sabbath-school of twenty members, and others are interested and may take a stand for God. We earnestly desire the prayers of the people of God that this work will continue to progress, and that we may not become discouraged, but may press forward to the mark of the high calling.

W. M. JACKSON.

BROTHER J. L. SHAW, speaking of the publishing work in India and of their plans, says: "Our publishing work is destined to occupy a very large place in the evangelical work in India. Our little press at Karmatar is altogether inadequate to the needs of the work. It is impossible for us to have workers canvass for our literature unless we can supply them with what they need. We need another press, and Marathi and Urdu type for printing tracts and pamphlets, in addition to the other

CANVASSING REPORT

For Two Weeks Ending Oct. 3, 1908

Southern Union Conference

| NAME— | Book | Hours | Value | Deliv'd |
|----------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|
| ALABAMA CONFERENCE | | | | |
| Benj Griffiths | BFL BS | 86 | \$161 50 | \$19 00 |
| H L Waters | BFL BS | 33 | 18 50 | |
| R B House | BFL BS | 32 | 9 50 | |
| D V Barnes | BFL | 61 | 32 50 | |
| W A Nelson | BFL BS | 67 | 129 00 | 5 50 |
| Mrs M J Shaffer | BFL | 45 | 33 80 | 1 00 |
| H A Lynd | CK BS | 100 | | 133 40 |
| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE | | | | |
| S N Yates | CK | 17 | | 23 85 |
| M J Weber | BFL | 26 | 5 00 | 23 00 |
| J T Crockett | BFL | 2 | | 6 00 |
| Warren Judson | D&R | | | 18 00 |
| Mrs Alice Reynolds | BFL | 20 | 10 60 | 29 70 |
| O L Dart | sofp | 10 | 2 50 | 4 20 |
| James Dutch | D&R | 37 | 21 35 | 2 90 |
| Charley Allran | BFL | 14 | 9 65 | 1 40 |
| Mattie Thornton | CK | 7 | 4 60 | 70 |
| M Wheeler | BFL | 83 | 30 25 | 21 25 |
| H E Beck | D&R | 82 | 34 20 | 6 90 |
| J P Foree | D&R | 90 | 64 25 | 2 25 |
| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE | | | | |
| Mrs W M Eaton & son | BFL | 32 | 13 10 | 2 10 |
| O F Frank | D&R | 15 | 26 50 | 20 00 |
| Wm Olmstead | GC | 17 | | 17 50 |
| I T Reynolds | D&R | 31 | 17 50 | 5 00 |
| A B Cheek | D&R BR | 30 | 24 00 | |

literature that we are planning in other languages."

THE NASHVILLE CHURCH TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Balance Sheet for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1908.

| RECEIPTS | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cash on hand July 1, 1908 | \$13.02 |
| Received on weekly pledges | 43.73 |
| Second Sabbath collections | 7.17 |
| Individual donations | 3.85 |
| Tract and periodical racks | .12 |
| Total cash received | \$67.89 |
| EXPENSES | |
| For <i>Watchman</i> | \$21.00 |
| Tracts | 11.15 |
| <i>Liberty</i> | 3.70 |
| <i>Life and Health</i> | 2.80 |
| To church treasurer for Bible worker | 13.50 |
| Wrappers and paste | .40 |
| Paper and postage | 1.20 |
| Car fare | .60 |
| Cash on hand | 13.54 |
| Total | \$67.89 |

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| <i>Net Worth of Tract and Missionary Society</i> | |
| Cash on hand | \$13.54 |
| Stock on hand | 5.50 |
| Total | \$19.04 |

| Literature Used in Reading Racks | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Watchman</i> | 695 |
| <i>Liberty</i> | 85 |
| <i>Life and Health</i> | 50 |
| <i>Review and Herald</i> | 37 |
| <i>Signs of the Times</i> | 15 |
| Pamphlets | 90 |
| Temperance Tracts | 422 |
| Evangelical Tracts | 1,900 |
| <i>Liberty</i> Tracts | 424 |

| Literature Mailed | |
|---|-----|
| <i>Watchman</i> | 350 |
| <i>Liberty</i> | 30 |
| <i>Life Boat</i> | 100 |
| <i>Life and Health</i> | 33 |
| <i>Bible Training School</i> | 31 |
| Sets of <i>Liberty</i> leaflets and <i>Liberty</i> sent to leading merchants and lawyers of Nashville | 50 |
| Mrs. W. M. CROTHERS, <i>Missionary Sec.</i> | |

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

| | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----|-------|-------|
| Lewis Thomas | BFL | 34 | 19 05 | 3 50 |
| Parmelia Sparks | D&R | 10 | 9 00 | |
| Mary E Mundy | BFL | 14 | 10 85 | |
| Delia Wilson | stoc | 9 | 7 80 | |
| Louise B Jackson | BFL stoc | 12 | 7 00 | 1 50 |
| W H Haddon | mo/H | 49 | 37 70 | 1 05 |
| H G Miller | D&R | 34 | 7 50 | 5 50 |
| A A Johnson | CK NTP | 42 | | 28 47 |
| Ella Johnson | CK NTP | 39 | 5 00 | 31 00 |

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

| | | | | |
|--------------|-----|----|-------|-------|
| R H Hazelton | D&R | | 19 35 | 97 00 |
| J W Slade | D&R | 32 | 25 20 | |
| G A Slade | D&R | 21 | 16 25 | 35 |
| C H Chenault | D&R | 22 | 32 10 | |
| J T Eaton | D&R | 85 | 62 30 | 16 25 |

RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Alabama Conference | 424 | 384 80 | 158 90 |
| Kentucky Conference | 388 | 182 40 | 140 15 |
| Louisiana Conference | 125 | 81 10 | 44 60 |
| Mississippi Conference | 243 | 103 90 | 71 02 |
| Tennessee River Conf. | 160 | 155 20 | 113 60 |

Totals 1340 \$907 40 \$528 27

Southeastern Union Conference

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

| | | | | |
|--------------|---------|----|-------|------|
| E A Clarke | D&R | 81 | 56 55 | 1 50 |
| J A Caldwell | BFL NTP | 32 | 16 30 | 35 |
| C M Emmerson | BFL | 40 | 60 20 | |
| A K Baker | BR | 55 | 93 00 | |
| F B Sedore | D&R | 44 | 56 15 | |
| A D Day | BFL | 19 | 4 35 | 35 |
| Fred Meister | BFL | 43 | 36 70 | |

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

| | | | | |
|--------------|-----|----|-------|-------|
| Carl Mathews | BFL | 42 | 15 00 | 21 10 |
|--------------|-----|----|-------|-------|

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

| | | | | |
|----------------|---------|----|-------|-------|
| Mrs A L Manous | D&R | 57 | 30 50 | 8 05 |
| J J Jobe | BR BS | 49 | 98 50 | 8 50 |
| A U Cochran | D&R | 82 | 49 70 | |
| Albert Benson | D&R BS | 64 | 18 00 | 19 25 |
| J D Andrews | GC BS | | 57 75 | 1 50 |
| Georgia Cruise | CK MISC | 24 | 2 50 | 29 00 |
| J A Kimmell | GC | 7 | 12 25 | 3 35 |
| W D Hughes | CK MISC | 27 | 1 00 | 2 50 |
| Mrs B M Sevier | D&R | 10 | 16 00 | 16 00 |
| J A Sudduth | BFL | 10 | 7 00 | 11 50 |
| Myrtle Maxwell | D&R | 13 | 5 00 | |
| H L McDaniel | D&R | 30 | 31 00 | |

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| M Woodall | CK | 52 | 21 55 | 1 55 |
| H B Tilden | D&R | 40 | 94 50 | 50 00 |
| Guy L Kerley | D&R | 100 | 87 75 | 3 75 |
| R L Underwood | D&R | 81 | 53 00 | 6 00 |
| Alby Paul | CK | 42 | 35 50 | |
| Chas Peden | D&R | 27 | 26 00 | 7 50 |
| W E Lanier | D&R | 43 | 39 50 | 2 50 |
| J P Allran | CK | 30 | 38 80 | 3 80 |

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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|-----------------|-------------|----|--------|-------|
| H Martin | CK | 67 | 32 35 | 44 85 |
| S H Swingle | sofp sofp | 72 | 71 25 | 31 50 |
| Ira Young | BFL | 78 | 48 00 | |
| F A Evans | sofp sofp | 40 | 28 75 | 33 30 |
| Mae Foote | BFL | 22 | | 73 50 |
| Wm C Rahn | sofp sofp | 71 | 102 50 | 22 75 |
| J B Rise | D&R | 99 | 136 50 | |
| A A Johnson | D&R | 50 | 113 00 | |
| W J Dyer | BFL D&R | 41 | 19 00 | |
| Roger Tinsley | NTP | 7 | 6 30 | 1 05 |
| Mrs A C Tinsley | COL | 26 | 11 40 | 17 65 |
| Mrs H B Gallion | D&R | 7 | | 27 50 |
| Simpson Sanders | CK | 10 | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| G S Vreeland | 5w dofa D&R | | 10 40 | 20 20 |
| Rose Lull | w'CH MISC | 40 | 1 00 | 1 00 |

RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Cumberland Conference | 314 | 323 25 | 2 20 |
| Florida Conference | 42 | 15 00 | 21 10 |
| Georgia Conference | 373 | 329 20 | 99 65 |
| North Carolina Conf. | 415 | 396 60 | 75 10 |
| South Carolina Conf. | 630 | 585 45 | 274 30 |

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GENERAL MEETINGS IN ALABAMA

Birmingham December 25 to 30
Oaklevel October 30 to November 5
Elkwood November 6 to 12

ELDER G. B. THOMPSON, of Washington, D. C., attended the camp-meeting in Memphis, Tenn., and on his way home made a brief stay in Nashville.

LAST week, in speaking of Elder R. A. Underwood's arrival in Nashville, we stated that he was president of the North Pacific Conference; but that was an error—not the printer's; Elder Underwood is president of the Northern Union. Our own Union Conference president, Elder G. A. Irwin, is here; also Elder W. A. Westworth, president of the Southeastern Union, and J. W. Christian, president of the South Dakota Conference. All these will attend the annual meeting of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Training School. And others are expected.

THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE

THE Alabama conference will be held at Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 25-30. There are many important matters to be considered at this meeting aside from the election of the conference officers. We trust that all our churches will select their delegates at once. You are allowed one delegate for each church organization, and one for each additional fifteen members. We have appointed the conference at this date, so that we can get the holiday rates. The general meeting appointed to be held at Birmingham will be postponed until the conference convenes.

A. J. HAYSMER, Pres. Ala. Conf.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE PETITIONS

WE are anxious that all our people who can do so shall engage in the petition work, and we are anxious also that these petitions and the work connected with them should accomplish the most possible good. After they are circulated, it is not our desire that the petitions should be forwarded to us, but that they should be retained by those circulating them until Congress convenes, and then forwarded, with brief, appropriate, well-written letters, to the Congressmen in the national House of Representatives representing the respective

districts in which the petitions have been circulated.

We think this a far better plan than to have all the petitions sent to the officers of the Religious Liberty Bureau in Washington, and by them forwarded to these representatives. Legislators like to hear from their constituents. We therefore earnestly request all our brethren and sisters circulating petitions to bear this in mind, and act accordingly. The next session of Congress convenes on Monday, December 7. The petitions can be forwarded then or any time after that date during the session, which closes March 4.

W. A. COLCORD,

Secretary Religious Liberty Bureau.

TO MEDICAL MISSIONARIES IN THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

ALL Seventh-day Adventist physicians and nurses in the Cumberland Conference are requested to send in their names to the medical secretary, together with any interesting items of experience of mutual benefit. Have you been able to see God's hand leading you? Tell it. Is the work in your hands progressing? Tell it. Do you wish to identify yourself more fully with God's work for this time? Tell it. R. A. LOVELL, Med. Sec. Cum. Conf. 510 Walnut Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

AN ADDED OPPORTUNITY

JUST sixty years ago, November 18, while bowed before God asking his blessing upon our pioneer paper, the *Review*, Sister White saw in vision this paper as a stream of light encircling the world. As a foundation to all of our literature, the beginning of this paper was bathed in tears and blessed through prayer, and through all these intervening years it has borne a message of truth. Sixty years ago it was sent out free to all who would receive it, and in response, money flowed in to more than defray all expenses.

How fitting, then, upon the sixtieth anniversary, again, in faith, to send out this messenger of truth free upon a mission of light and love to all who will receive it. Through the Thanksgiving number of the *Review* an opportunity will be offered for a most blessed experience to all who, in faith and prayer, avail themselves of it. As a consecrated offering to foreign missions, this effort will place in the homes of friends, neighbors, and the public at large, several hundred thousands of this truth-filled paper, and bring into the depleted treasury of the Foreign Mission Board a large sum of money with which to carry forward the many missionary enterprises now under way in the world's most needy fields. Surprising results are awaiting all those who, in faith, follow the plan outlined by the General Conference Committee for this great missionary campaign. It means far more than many are able to comprehend.

It has been demonstrated that nineteen out of twenty among all classes respond to our invitations when soliciting for missions. Men and women everywhere are waiting and are ready to help us for the asking at this time. How consistent, then, upon this Thanksgiving

anniversary to let the dear old *Review* fulfil the words of the angel to Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." "The hands of Zerubabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it." Under God the *Review* has been an important factor in establishing and maintaining the gospel of the third angel's message. It is reasonable to expect, therefore, that it should bear an important part in this closing work. Those who take part in this Thanksgiving missionary effort will reap some of the blessings and the power of God in their lives that has attended the *Review* since its dedication by tears and prayer sixty years ago. They will also bring a knowledge of the message, and through this, salvation to some who might never be saved in the kingdom without the work they may do at this time. Let all plan to have an active part in it.

JASPER WAYNE.

THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

THE time has arrived for another report of the canvassing work in our union conference. I am sorry that with a force of sixty-two workers we have not done more, but there are some reasons for a falling off. You know that our school at Graysville began the 16th of September, and quite a number of our boys and girls started for that place; while a few others who are teaching began their church schools. So not all of the sixty-two workers were able to put in full time. But nevertheless we did a business of over five thousand dollars, and we expect to do better than that this month.

During the month of October we expect to deliver a fine lot of books, and that is the thing that counts in this warfare.

We are now beginning to plan for the coming year, and I trust that not a single worker will drop out during January, February, and March of the coming year. There are many reasons why we cannot afford to do this. But one of the main reasons is that the Lord is soon coming, and now is the time to warn the world, and I am sure that if we believe this message, we will not do as we have done this year. We scarcely began our work until the 1st of April. We must not do that way in the year 1909. We must advance with a firm determination to complete this work as quickly as possible. I shall be glad to hear from those who have made up their minds to allow nothing to hinder them from pushing their work the first of the year.

We are now in our last camp-meeting, held in Alabama. The interest is good, and they are planning to lead out again this coming year. Let us give them a good chase.

The work done in the Southern Union Conference in September is as follows:—

| Conf. | Agents | Hrs. | Orders | Value | Deliv. |
|---------------|--------|------|--------|----------|----------|
| Miss. | 9 | 620 | 183 | \$380.15 | \$113.80 |
| La. | 7 | 496 | 137 | 367.35 | 228.45 |
| Ala. | 21 | 1366 | 780 | 1504.40 | 710.30 |
| Tenn. River | 7 | 325 | 81 | 225.60 | 389.15 |
| Ky. | 18 | 1272 | 534 | 802.00 | 349.40 |

Total 62 4080 1715 \$3279.50 \$1791.10
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