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## THE THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

WE are nearing our release forever from the bondage of sin, and just as God permitted the Israelites to take the wealth of the Egyptians, in order that they might have the necessary means to build the sanctuary and carry forward the Lord's work, so God would be pleased for us to gather means from the world around us to carry forward the closing work of this great message.

The "God of Israel" is not dead, and he who anciently "gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required,*" will go before his people during our Thanksgiving campaign, and give us "such things as we require" to carry this glorious message forward in the earth.

The silver and the gold all belong to the Lord, and he can impress those not of our faith to give of their money to support his work in the earth, just as easily as he can impress our hearts to go forth and ask for the money.

Let none feel timid about asking strangers to give for the support of our foreign missionary work. The Lord has promised that "strangers shall stand and feed our flocks" and "the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls." Why not give them an opportunity to fulfil this prophecy this month by going to these strangers with the special number of the *Review and Herald*, and showing them that the Lord has a mighty work going forward in the earth, and that he needs their money to carry it forward.

It was the wealth of the heathen united with the faithful work of God's people that anciently enabled Nehemiah to complete the building of the wall in fifty-two days. Nehemiah depended upon this help from strangers, or he would never have made the following request before he started in on his work: "If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah. And a letter unto Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city."

Nehemiah did not hesitate to ask a heathen king not only to aid the Lord's work himself, but also to have the governors assist in the work.

For years we have read Isa. 60: 1-5, and have expected the time would come when the "wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Why not see the beginning of the fulfilment of this prophecy in a marked manner this month by going to strangers with the special *Review and Herald*, giving them a chance to "minister unto thee"?

This is a new departure in our work, an advance move, an evidence that we are nearing the completion of the work. Let us go forward, brethren, and press the battle to the gates, and share in the final triumph of the third angel's message. S. N. H.

## THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

THE eighth annual meeting of the Cumberland Conference was held just preceding the camp-meeting at Cleveland, Tenn., beginning August 26. The camp was beautifully situated in an orchard about one block from the depot. Over fifty delegates were present at the conference sessions to participate in the business. One church was admitted.

Last January the Cumberland Conference, comprising East Tennessee and eastern Kentucky, was divided. Kentucky was organized into a conference, and East Tennessee is known as the Cumberland Conference. It now consists of twelve organized churches, three companies, and a number of scattered Sabbath-keepers. During the past year three new church buildings have been erected, and another is under process of erection.

Our working force on the pay-roll of the conference consists of two ordained ministers, besides the president, one licentiate (colored) and two Bible workers.

The Educational Department reported four church schools, situated at Cleveland, Copper Ridge, Mission Ridge Valley, and Brayton, and a family school at Knoxville, and an intermediate school at Daylight. The children of the Graysville church attend the normal department of the Graysville Academy.

Our field missionary agent reported a steady growth in the canvassing work, showing a

most encouraging increase, month by month, in the number of agents, and a corresponding increase in the sales made.

The Committee on Plans and Resolutions brought in the following important recommendations, which were voted upon and adopted:—

1. *Whereas*, The manifest blessing of God has attended our work and workers in a special manner during the past year,—

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to the Lord, and that we anew pledge to him the consecration of our time, talent, and means for the furtherance of his cause.

2. *Whereas*, The Lord has gone before this people, opening doors in all nations, so that there is opportunity to teach the truths of the third angel's message to all the world, and—

*Whereas*, We believe that this message is to go to all the world in this generation, and—

*Whereas*, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the opening providences of God may seem to demand; therefore—

*Resolved*, (a) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor greatly to increase the donations to foreign missions; that we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to ten cents a week per capita for our church-membership.

(b) That we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory, and forwarding the same as collected month by month to the Union Conference treasurer.

(c) That a Missionary Secretary be appointed, whose work shall include the writing of articles for the papers, and corresponding with individuals and churches in helping to raise this large foreign mission donation.

(d) That for the present we favor the Sabbath-school donations and the annual and mid-summer offerings of each church being applied on the above fund to make the average of ten cents a week for each church-member.

(e) That in each church a person be elected by the church to be known as the mission secretary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the distribution and collection of the missionary envelopes, and in every way to en-

courage the church in systematic giving for foreign missions.

3. *We recommend*, That every Seventh-day Adventist family in the conference subscribe for the *Review and Herald* and *Report of Progress*, and whereas the *Watchman, Liberty*, and *Life and Health* contain a message that is to go to all the world in this generation, we recommend that these periodicals not only be taken for our own homes, but that we make every reasonable effort possible to give them a wide circulation, by soliciting subscriptions, by taking them in clubs, or by selling them in our towns and cities.

4. *Whereas*, The Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the gospel ministry, and—

*Whereas*, The union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance of sharing their tithes with the mission fields of the world, and—

*Whereas*, It is evident from the tithes reported by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members in our conferences, therefore—

*Resolved*, That a special appeal be made by the officers of all the churches to give to this matter personal, prayerful attention, until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

5. *Resolved*, That we most heartily approve of the plan recommended to make November 22-28 a week for a special ingathering for the cause of God, and that we indorse the means suggested by the General Conference; and we further recommend that during said period the workers of this conference so arrange their work under the supervision of the Conference Committee, that they spend this time with the churches, acting as leaders in selling our literature and soliciting donations for the furtherance of the message.

6. *Whereas*, Following the counsel of the Lord to establish institutions in the South to disseminate our heaven-sent truths on health reform, and in an effort to further this line of work, the Union Conference management have established a sanitarium at Atlanta, Ga., therefore—

*Resolved*, That we extend to the Union Conference a pledge of hearty support and encourage them to take immediate steps to liquidate the indebtedness incurred in this undertaking.

7. *Whereas*, The message is to go quickly to all the world, and the Testimonies say that the old-time tract and missionary work should be revived, therefore—

*We recommend*, That our lay members be encouraged to take a more general interest in this line of work, and that our workers, as they visit the different churches and isolated members, do what they can to help them get started.

8. *Resolved*, That in view of the shortness of time and of the blessings that would come to the individual members of the conference, we urge upon our people the plan of each member making a daily, prayerful effort to bring one or more new members into the church during the year.

9. *We recommend*, That inasmuch as the conference committee has been authorized to solicit funds for the establishment of an "emergency fund" which shall be used to meet all expenses which cannot be rightfully taken from the tithe, and—

*Whereas*, The canvassers should carry tracts, etc., to give to those who cannot purchase books, and—

*Whereas*, Emergencies sometimes arise in the canvassers' work which place them in positions of temporary financial embarrassment, we therefore recommend that twenty per cent. of the donations to the state emergency fund be set aside for this purpose.

10. *Resolved*, That the Conference Committee be instructed to organize a conference church from the scattered membership in its territory, said church to have the same representation in the sessions of the conference as the other churches in the conference, such delegates being chosen from the membership present at said session of the conference by the regular delegates assembled.

11. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this conference that the Auditing Committee fix the rates of those who shall be employed as laborers for the ensuing year, and further—

*Resolved*, That the Conference Committee be empowered to fix such rates for those who may be employed during the interval between the sessions of the conference.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, J. F. Pogue; Vice-President, Cyrus Simmons; Conference and Missionary Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Pogue; Treasurer, R. L. Williams; Sabbath-School and Young People's Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Harrison; Field Missionary Agent, S. F. Reeder; Medical Secretary, R. A. Lovell; Religious Liberty Secretary, Cyrus Simmons; Assistant Sabbath-School Secretary, Miss Frances Kennedy; Educational Secretary, J. F. Pogue; Assistant, Professor H. S. Miller.

Conference Committee: J. F. Pogue, Cyrus Simmons, W. L. Bird, S. F. Reeder, R. L. Williams, A. D. West, and H. S. Miller.

New members of the Legal Association: R. L. Williams, A. D. West.

The following persons were granted ministerial credentials: J. F. Pogue, W. L. Bird, E. L. Sanford, W. W. Williams, C. G. Howell, Dr. J. E. Caldwell, O. C. Godsmark; Ministerial licenses: Cyrus Simmons, R. A. Lovell; Missionary licenses: Miss Maude Dortch, Mrs. Anna Agee-Hall, Mrs. A. F. Harrison, Mrs. W. W. Williams, S. F. Reeder, R. L. Williams, Lewin Jacobs, Mrs. Bertha Jacobs, Mrs. J. F. Pogue; Canvassers' missionary licenses: C. M. Emmerson, Ernest Haskell, D. W. Dillon, J. A. Caldwell, F. B. Sedore, J. W. Slade.

Elder W. A. Westworth, our Union president, was with us during the entire meeting, rendering valuable service in our business sessions as well as taking an active part in the preaching. His labor was highly appreciated by all. Professor Wilkinson also was present, doing valuable work with the young people, and preaching some excellent and timely discourses on the message for these times.

The other laborers outside the conference, whose presence was much appreciated, were R. T. Dowsett, V. O. Cole, L. A. Hansen, Professor M. B. Van Kirk, and A. F. Harrison.

The camp-meeting was the largest ever enjoyed by the Cumberland Conference, despite the division of the territory.

Nearly \$2,000 was given in cash and pledges to different lines of work, besides a number pledging to give the proceeds of a week's work to the Thanksgiving Ingathering.

The spirit of union and harmony that prevailed was refreshing to all, and as this conference enters upon another year's work, it is with the prayer that God may give wisdom and strength to accomplish great things in his noble work on earth.

MRS. J. F. POGUE, *Conf. Sec.*

### FLORIDA ITEMS

THE Sanitarium opened according to announcement, October 15, with very good prospects, the following named persons being among the patients: Mrs. J. S. Bishop, Sarasota; Mrs. Burt Haycock, Daytona; and H. G. Arkebauer, Ozello.

Dr. L. N. Sickler, the Sanitarium surgeon, arrived October 19. He is welcomed by all of the Sanitarium family.

Elder R. T. Dowsett, Elder and Mrs. Keck, Elder and Mrs. Webster, and Miss Anna M. Schofield were welcome guests of the Sanitarium a few days after camp-meeting.

Elder C. B. Stephenson and Brethren William Branson and C. P. Whitford are about to begin a series of meetings at Hastings.

Brother J. B. ... holding meetings in a school-house at Orange Mills.

Elders J. W. Manns and Page Shepard expect soon to hold a tent-meeting in Jacksonville for the colored. They are now binding off the camp-meeting interest at Palatka.

Elder R. W. Parmele expects to spend Sabbath, October 31, with the church and school at Fort Ogden, after which he and Brother Branson expect to begin a series of meetings at Leesburg.

### SOME THINGS ABOUT THE WORK IN FLORIDA

THE camp-meeting of Florida closed October 12th and the expression, "It was the best camp-meeting I ever attended," was heard from many present. Truly the Lord did come very near his people. Many victories were gained, and Florida should feel very thankful for this good meeting.

At that time, and on the other side of the town, the colored brethren were holding their annual meeting. From what could be seen and heard, it was very evident that the Lord was not partial in distributing his blessings. At the close of the camp-meeting, eleven from the colored camp manifested a strong desire to learn better how to work for their Master in selling the printed page, so a canvassers' institute was organized. The earnestness and zeal which they manifested in applying themselves to close study, has shown something of their appreciation of the instruction given.

Some had been praying that the Lord would

teach them how to do better service for him, but did not know that their prayers would be answered in this way. At this writing, the institute has just closed, and it could be easily seen and felt that the presence of the Lord was in every meeting.

Brother C. V. Achenbach rendered valuable assistance in this meeting. We endeavored to give the instructions as to the requirements of canvassers in a close and pointed way, especially on such points as not allowing ourselves to become involved in debt, putting in faithful time, etc. While this instruction was being given, it was noticed that all seemed to be affected, and some were weeping. It was evident that it would be well to change the order of the meeting, and give all an opportunity of expressing their feelings. This was done, and every one expressed deep sorrow for having wasted so much time from the work in the past. Also, as it was shown in the studies that "we should shun debt as the leprosy," they testified that by the Lord's help, they would not become entangled in that yoke of bondage — *debt*.

We were glad to see the interest manifested in the canvassing work by this people, and if faithful, we believe the Lord will help them to reach many of their people through this channel. Are there not others who would like to have a part in this work?

V. O. COLE.

**GREENVILLE, S. C.**

AFTER our annual camp-meeting at this place, our tent was repitched on Perry Avenue, and a course of meetings opened. This meeting was well attended from the first, the usual attendance running from one hundred to three hundred and fifty. Our meetings opened August 14 and lasted eight weeks and two days, closing October 11, with a large audience and a deeply stirred people. Greenville has never before been so deeply stirred with the third angel's message. The meeting had continued three weeks when the first fruit of the effort appeared. At this writing about thirteen to fifteen are obeying the Sabbath truth; but the exact number cannot be ascertained yet, as I hear a rumor that some in the surrounding country are stirred, and are beginning to obey. It begins to look as if the droppings of the latter rain were beginning to fall on the part of God's vineyard where this rain is most needed. Surely if God don't work for us in South Carolina, how can we ever warn all these cities? "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." The question, "What hath God wrought?" can be answered best by the simple invitation to Nathaniel, "Come and see." The same mighty working that then caused Nathaniel and others to go and see; the same holy influence that caused the "Greeks" to say, "Sir, we would see Jesus;" that caused Zaccheus to climb a sycamore tree; the same power that attracted the multitude on the day of Pentecost, has the same attractive influence yet when it is at work. This is the power that is to finish the work.

A message like that of John the Baptist is

ours to give. A part of his message to "the cities of Judah" was, "Behold your God." He was privileged at the culmination of his message to point out the Christ at his first advent, in the words, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." At the culmination of this message, we can point out the Christ at his second advent.

Before John was ready to point out Jesus at his first advent, a work was to be done to smooth the way and straighten the road for his appearing. *This is our present work*; it is the "day of his preparation." In John's day it was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord;" now it is the cry of a mighty angel (or messenger) with a strong voice. The record is that "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan." Must the multitudes be stirred in this time? "It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void thy law;" and when God gets to working, the people come to see what the matter is.

Brethren, pray for the work in Greenville.  
R. T. NASH.

**PALATKA, FLA.**

OUR camp-meeting (colored) closed Sunday night, Oct. 11. The last days were particularly interesting and eventful, the celebration of the ordinances fittingly binding off the ten days of convocation. The happy faces and the moist eyes revealed the telling effect upon the people of this service, while the warm handshakes bore witness to the presence of God's Spirit, binding in love this "remnant" people. Seven went forward in baptism on this date, these with one the Sunday before, made an addition of eight dear souls.

A little less than one hundred dollars was taken up in cash and pledges. The sum is small, but we sincerely hope to increase it many times more, God helping us.

Elder J. M. Manns was set apart for the gospel ministry, Elders Parmele and Westworth officiating; the former delivered a profound discourse on the order and sacredness of the work of God, and Elder Westworth followed with an impressive charge. The writer was voted ministerial credentials. The state agent found a live interest in the canvassing work, which led to a ten days' canvassers' institute. The result will, I believe, do much to encourage them to be alert and faithful.

The outside attendance continues to be very encouraging; while a talk with some of the convicted ones leads to the belief that some will accept the truth. Praise ye the Lord.

PAGE SHEPARD.

**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 your-

**CANVASSING REPORT  
For Week Ending Oct. 17, 1908  
Southern Union Conference**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Debit
<b>ALABAMA CONFERENCE</b>				
J L Pope.....	BFL BS	5	\$12 00	
<b>KENTUCKY CONFERENCE</b>				
H Beck.....	D&R	29	8 10	1 60
J P Foree.....	D&R	29	7 20	1 10
Mrs Alice Reynolds..	BFL	46	21 50	
M Wheeler.....	BFL	32	14 60	4 60
R A Crider.....	D&R	16		30 50
Chas Romines.....	D&R	24		59 25
J F Crockett.....	BFL	21	8 50	5 00
M J Weber.....	BFL	6	9 00	
<b>MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE</b>				
W H Haddon.....	D&R BFL	36	43 20	5 20
J S Fry.....	D&R	24	3 35	25 50
Ella Johnson.....	CK NTP	34	5 00	18 65
A A Johnson.....	CK D&R	24		27 90
Virgil Smith.....	D&R	20		10 70
C A Wood.....	BFL	5	11 00	
<b>TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE</b>				
C H Chenault.....	D&R	50		122 00
J T Eaton.....	D&R	38	23 45	20 00
Amanda Gahr.....	D&R	7	1 65	13 00
R H Hazelton.....	D&R	17	20 20	4 00
Mammie Moore.....	D&R	37	18 20	50 75
C H McColrey.....	D&R	45	36 65	1 05
Alice Patton.....	D&R	26	13 35	7 05
<b>RECAPITULATION</b>				
Alabama Conference.....		5	12 00	
Kentucky Conference....		203	68 90	102 05
Mississippi Conference...		143	62 55	87 95
Tennessee River Conf....		220	113 50	217 85
Total .....		573	256 95	407 85

**Southeastern Union Conference**

<b>CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE</b>				
M J Weber.....	BFL	44	104 95	
E A Clarke.....	D&R	18	5 30	
J A Caldwell.....	BFL NTP	25	2 10	27 55
Mrs MCStephenson	BFL	24	10 50	
Carl Mathews.....	BFL	27	27 50	6 00
<b>FLORIDA CONFERENCE</b>				
Callie Rainwater.....	BFL	11	14 00	10 00
A L Manous.....	D&R	5		2 50
Mrs J J Jobe.....	BR BS	11	6 50	1 00
J A Kimmell.....	GC BFL	42	48 10	50
J D Andrews.....	GC	48	20 00	3 00
Albert Benson.....	D&R	13		8 50
Albert Cochran.....	D&R	42	23 85	1 35
Mrs A L Manous.....	D&R BS	11	8 00	1 00
W D Hughes.....	MISC	15	70	70
J J Jobe.....	BR BS	31½	35 25	4 50
Julia Carter.....	BFL			3 00
Hines Carter.....	BFL	8		3 00
H L McDaniel.....	D&R	8	2 50	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE</b>				
W E Lanier.....	D&R BS	32	18 00	
G L Kerley.....	D&R	27	1 10	60 10
H B Tilden.....	D&R	24	12 10	88 10
R L Underwood 2w.....	D&R	73	35 00	12 50
Alby Paul 2w.....	CK	79	32 25	5 25
M Woodall 2w.....	CK	77	36 50	4 50
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE</b>				
Henegan Reaves.....	BFL	12	14 00	
Mrs A C Tinsley.....	COL	15	9 55	6 25
S H Swingle.....	sofd sofd	28	1 75	50 25
James A Brown.....	CK	47	24 50	7 25
J B Rise.....	D&R	42	137 00	137 00
G S Vreeland.....	DOFA	17		28 45
Wm C Rahn.....	sofd sofd	25	23 75	6 00
<b>RECAPITULATION</b>				
Cumberland Conference..		111	122 85	27 55
Florida Conference.....		27	27 50	6 00
Georgia Conference.....		245½	158 90	39 05
North Carolina Conf....		312	134 95	170 45
South Carolina Conf....		186	210 55	235 20
Total .....		881½	654 75	478 25

self more fully with God's work for this time?  
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## GENERAL MEETINGS IN ALABAMA

Elkwood ..... November 6 to 12  
Birmingham ..... December 25 to 30

THE November number of *Life and Health* is at hand, neat in appearance and up to the standard in every way. The table of contents shows an excellent variety of articles on live, practical, and interesting subjects, and when you read them, you are not disappointed as to their value. This number will surely be a good seller.

WE have received a neat four-page circular, announcing the Florida Sanitarium. Two of the pages present very good photo-engravings of the main building and Lake Estelle. The fourth page gives some of the advantages of this sanitarium, situated in the pleasant and healthful climate of this land of fruits and flowers, as follows:—

"A competent corps of physicians and nurses in constant attendance.

"A carefully prepared hygienic dietary.

"The quiet rest of a country life amid lofty trees and lovely lakes.

"As remedial agents, electricity in various forms, hydrotherapy, massage, Swedish movements, vibratory treatment, etc., all administered by trained nurses, under the direction of experienced, reputable physicians. Surgery will be employed when necessary.

"No contagious, incurable, or offensive cases will knowingly be received or retained. A religious influence pervades the institution."

The circular is free on request.

For further particulars, rates, etc., address The Florida Sanitarium, or L. E. Parmele, M. D., Orlando, Fla.

## THE S. P. A. FIRE

NUMEROUS letters have come to us during the past few days inquiring if the Southern Publishing Association plant has been burned down. We are very glad to reply to all such inquiries and state to any others, We have had no fire. The old building which was formerly occupied by us on Jefferson Street, but which we vacated nearly three years ago, and have since sold, was burned about two weeks since. Newspaper reports stated that it was the S. P. A. factory. We are glad to state to our many friends that our factory and plant

are safe, and we are prepared to fill orders for any of our denominational publications.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

THE present address of Elder E. W. Webster and family is 2104 Mitchell Street, Tampa, Fla. He desires that clean copies of our English and Spanish papers and tracts be sent to him, post-paid, for city mission work. He also requests any of the readers of this paper who may have friends in Tampa whom they would like to have him call on with the object of getting them interested in the truth, to send the names and addresses of such persons to him.

## BIBLICAL AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

At our last conference, we were advised to hold a Biblical institute in Louisville, Ky., commencing about December 1, and continuing for a period of four months.

The object of this institute will be, first, to give an opportunity for the study of the Scriptures and history.

Second, the study of composition and proper reading.

Third, There will be also a drill each day in selling our literature.

Elder E. G. Hayes, who has had successful experience in teaching and training in all of these lines, will act a leading part in conducting this institute. He is now permanently located at 116 E. Jacob Street, Louisville, Ky. Those desiring to become better acquainted with the truth, and how to meet the people and sustain themselves by the sale of our literature, are requested to correspond with him.

Brother C. F. Dart, who is among our most successful missionary agents, will be at the institute a good portion of the time to give a training in the sale of our literature. I have recently received a copy of a Testimony from Sister White urging us to enter the cities in our conference. While we seem to be but a handful, and have but little means to prosecute this work, I am sure the Lord would not ask us to do a thing that was impossible.

No doubt, he sees many young people who, if consecrated and trained, would become successful in winning to Christ souls in these cities.

A. O. BURRILL.

## A WEEK'S SACRIFICE

"THANKS be unto God for his *unspeakable gift*." "This is the free gift" that "came upon *all men* unto justification of life," for which we are to give thanks unto God. It rightly, then, belongs unto *all men* to be thankful. And especially does it belong unto those who have "*tasted* the heavenly gift" to be thankful. This "*heavenly gift*" was *God's sacrifice*; "the Lamb of God," "brought as a lamb to the slaughter," slain upon Calvary, tasting "death for every man," to take away the sin of the world."

On God's sacrifice was "laid the iniquity of us all," making "*him to be sin* for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Thus Christ was made a *sin-offering* for us. All our labor and

prayers could not atone for sin. Neither could the "fruit of the ground" or "corruptible things, as silver and gold," redeem us. Neither was it "possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." It took no less than the "*precious blood of Christ*," that "speaketh better things than that of Abel," as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, to speak our sins forgiven—the great debt paid in full. Who can fathom the depth of such a sacrifice or estimate the cost? We read about those who have made a covenant with God by sacrifice. Now the cause of Christ calls upon us *all* to sacrifice *one week of time* for the closing work of the gospel. The *measureless time* of eternity would not have atoned for a single soul. The great atonement was provided at an infinite cost. Will any of God's people refuse to sacrifice one week for him who said, "Love one another *as I have loved you*."? November 22-28 will tell.

R. T. NASH.

## AT THE HEART OF THE WORK

It has been my privilege to attend the sessions of the Southern Union Conference Committee at Nashville, which have just closed. Many things of interest to the cause were considered. All connected with the work seemed to be filled with courage and hope for the work.

I spent Sabbath at the Madison School, where a conference was in session. The reports of the work spoke courage and hope. Elder Haskell gave a most encouraging sermon on faith in the morning, and Elder Irwin spoke on the progress of this message in the afternoon. These aged servants of the message were an inspiration to the younger workers. From the Madison School we hope to see many laborers go forth to the different fields of work.

Word comes from Brother J. A. Chiles, of Lexington, that he has visited the Huntsville school with his daughter, and was so well pleased with the school that he has left his daughter there. I am sure that this will prove a blessing to her and to the school.

A. O. BURRILL.

## KENTUCKY AND REPORT OF PROGRESS

EVER since this paper has been published, it has been sent to our conference. The expense for its publication has not been met by the subscription price; but it is necessary to have some means of communication with all our people, that you may know what is being done in this field.

It costs our conference about eighty-five cents a year for each copy of the REPORT OF PROGRESS; but the publishers, the Southern Union Conference, and the Kentucky Conference agree to send the paper for fifty cents a year. All need the paper, and we most earnestly request our local elders, leaders, and all, to see that this valuable paper visits every family in our conference. Send in your subscriptions to Clara Russell, Milledgeville, Ky.

A. O. BURRILL.