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GIVING

EVEN as the Master at the well forgot
His own sore thirst in offering living drink,
So into naught your numerous needs shall
shrink
In giving good to those who have it not.
The mystery of ministry is this;
Who gives most blessing, gains the greatest
bliss. —Selected.



LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

GREATER and wiser efforts must be put forth to help the churches in our land. The elders and those who have leading places in the church should give more thought to their plans for conducting the work. They should arrange matters so that every member of the church shall have a part to act, that none may lead an aimless life, but that all may accomplish what they can according to their ability. It is in the working for others that we forget ourselves, but those that do nothing for their fellow men become morbid and self-centered, and time hangs heavily on their hands. It is very essential that such an education should be given to the members of the church that they will become unselfish, devoted, efficient workers for God; and it is only through such a course that the church can be prevented from becoming fruitless and dead.

It is those who are not engaged in this unselfish labor who have a sickly experience, and become worn out with struggling, doubting, murmuring, sinning, and repenting, until they lose all sense as to what constitutes genuine religion. They feel that they cannot go back to the world, and so they hang on to the skirts of Zion, having petty jealousies, envyings, disappointments, and remorse. They are full of fault-finding, and feed upon the mistakes and errors of their brethren.

This is the condition of the church of which Christ speaks when he says, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember, therefore, how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If, therefore, thou shalt not watch,

I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy." Rev. 3:1-5.

Let every member of the church become an active worker,—a living stone emitting light in God's temple. Those who bear responsibilities in the church should devise ways in which an opportunity will be given to every member of the church to act some part in the work. This has not been done in the past, and there are but few who realize how much has been lost on this account. Plans have not been formed whereby the talent of all would be employed in the service of the cause. The enemy is not slow in employing those who are idlers, and he uses the unappreciated talent of the members of the church for his own work.

A special work must be done for the children. Do not neglect the lambs of the flock. Christ said to Peter, "Feed my sheep," and again he said, "Feed my lambs." The best results would follow proper labor for the youth. Souls have gone to ruin that might have been saved if they had been labored for with perseverance and love. There must be a constant effort put forth both by precept and example to save our children. Do not think that scolding will bring them to the fold of Christ.

The youth are to be won by love. Be interested in them, speak with them, pray with and for them. Do not be found speaking light and trifling words, jesting and joking, but let your conversation give a holy evidence that you possess genuine piety. Those in whose hearts Christ abides by faith, know how to speak a word in season, they know how to pray with the sinner, they know how to present the truth as it is in Jesus. The lesson must be given in such a manner that Christ may receive all the praise. All that we have, all that we are, all that we can do, is God's; it belongs to him; therefore, when we give the best, and all there is of us, it is only that which belongs to God.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

A GOOD WORD

IN looking over our canvasser's reports for the past six months I find some very interesting things. I hope those who have dropped out because they thought failure stared them in the face, anyway, would note carefully the following:—

One canvasser in Tennessee took up a new book about the first of March. The book was "Great Controversy." He felt his need of divine help under the new conditions, and earnestly sought the Lord for help, and then worked.

During the six months following he reported to the State agent every week but four. He put in 855 hours, or an average for canvassing days, of 7½ hours daily. He reported orders to the amount of \$727.80, and deliveries \$721.75.

Now allowing a liberal shrinkage on his profits because of less discount on Bibles, etc., leaves an average of three dollars per day, or over \$60.00 per month. But this is only the money side of the question. His record also shows 525 books and Bibles placed in perhaps as many homes. He probably called at 1,000 homes, and told the wonderful story of Jesus' love. Now, dear reader, did you do as well during the summer of 1909?

C. F. PARMELE.



THE INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

MANY of our brethren and sisters in the Tennessee River Conference no doubt remember with pleasure the work of giving away the *Review and Herald* last fall, and soliciting means to support the work in other lands. Some of the good that has been done and the success that attended this ingathering, is told in the following words from a resolution passed by the General Conference a short time ago:—

"Whereas, The thanksgiving missionary campaign last year was a great success in bringing the truth of the message and its progress before the world, and in gathering in funds for the extension of our missionary work; therefore,—

"Resolved, That a missionary number of the *Review and Herald* be issued for 1909.

and that a vigorous campaign be inaugurated for its circulation, the date of the campaign to be fixed by the General Conference Committee."

The date for the beginning of this campaign and the number of *Reviews* to be issued in the first edition will be seen by the following resolution passed by them:—

"That the special ingathering campaign this year be launched November 1, as a harvest ingathering for missions.

"That the paper be printed on *Life and Health* stock, 32 pages, and that the publishing house be authorized to purchase sufficient stock for 500,000 copies."

This great campaign that begins November 1, 1909, I trust will be one of the most busy times that we have ever had in the Tennessee River Conference. Let every elder or leader of a company see to it now that his brethren and sisters all know about this ingathering, and have their number of papers ordered as soon as they are out and ready. Send in your orders to Brother Thomas Pavey, telling him plainly how many you want, and when to send them.

The blessing that many received last year in this ingathering will, I have no doubt, encourage others to put forth a stronger effort this time. Let no hand slacken their hold on this work at this all-important time. Read the *Review* and all our papers that speak of this work, and by the grace of God catch the spirit of doing something, and doing it now.

W. R. BURROW.

Pres. Tenn. River Conf.

GREENWOOD, MIES., CAMP-MEETING

THE grandest camp-meeting ever held in the State of Mississippi for colored people, was held at Greenwood, August 19-29. The tents were pitched on the most commodious, picturesque, and salubrious site in the city. The weather was propitious throughout the entire meeting. The attendance of the outside people was so large the tent could not accommodate them. Of our people, there were from forty to forty-five upon the ground. Of our white brethren there were present Professors F. R. Rogers, W. J. Blake, O. R. Staines, and H. G. Miller, our Sate canvassing agent. Their presence and help were invaluable.

The Spirit of the Lord was present in all our meetings, both day and night. There was not a note of discord among us. Sabbath, August 28, Brother N. B. King was set apart for the ministry by the laying on of hands. Sunday morning at 5 A. M. ten souls were buried with the Lord by baptism. Sunday night at the close of the meeting an appeal was made to those who desired to keep all of God's commandments, and in response to the appeal five stood up. We can truly count on three of these as strong Sabbath-keepers.

Our free-will offering was \$2.55. The Sabbath-school donation was \$7.00. The general donation was \$20.80 and the tithe, \$53.55. From these figures you can see that the Spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of

the colored people to push this work from now until the end.

Do not let any of us, who were present at that meeting plan to die, but rather plan to be at the next camp-meeting, and begin to plan now.

I am quite sure all who were present at that meeting went back home much better prepared to labor for the salvation of souls.

Now may the Spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ watch and guide each one of you.

THOS. MURPHY.

DICKSON, TENNESSEE

OUR tent-meetings still continue with a good interest. The tent was filled last night. A number of new faces were present, and those who were our first hearers seemed anxious to hear and learn as at the beginning. Ten or more are keeping the Sabbath. More than twenty were present last Sabbath, taking part in the study, and the social meeting.

My review of the pamphlet, entitled, "The Sabbath and Seventh-Day Adventism," by L. S. White, last Friday night, called forth a storm of challenges for a public debate, which caused quite an excitement at the close of the meeting. The pastor of the Christian Church announced a review of my talk for Sunday afternoon at his church. To this we paid no attention, not even to hear his reply. This effort to interrupt and impede the progress of our meetings has only enlarged our audiences, and increased the desire to hear this message.

Brother and Sister H. C. Balsbaugh are now settled here. He starts out in the canvassing work, while she is engaged in giving Bible readings.

We are all well, and thankful that God is giving me strength to conduct the public services, to do my part in the singing and visiting, and care for the tent and lighting plant. Brethren and sisters, still pray for the work and workers here.

R. M. KILGORE.

AMORY, MISSISSIPPI

AFTER spending about five days at our good camp-meeting I was called home by telegraph because of my sister's illness. I am glad to say that after seven weeks of suffering she seems to be a little stronger but not yet able to hold up her head, but we hope she will soon be up again.

As soon as I arrived home I found it necessary for me to take charge of the work on the Pine Grove School farm, which I did, and have been busy almost night and day since, gathering in the crop, ceiling the school-room, and getting it ready to paper. We will have a lovely schoolroom for our students this winter, and as fast as possible the whole building will be ceiled and papered. Brother E. O. Parker donated paper enough to cover the whole building. We are all very grateful to Brother Parker for this liberal donation. He also sent us a fine organ to be used in the school.

School will open about Oct. 1, 1909. Let

all our people in Mississippi and Alabama who have children old enough to attend this school, begin to get them ready, for in a few more days the school will begin. The tuition and board will be \$10.00 per month. Students who so desire will be given sufficient work to defray all or nearly all their expenses. Let each student bring with him bedding enough for one bed, and such other articles as they desire to make their room look home-like.

Professor Moyers and wife of Graysville, Tenn., who are expected in a few days will have charge of the school this year. May God move the hearts of parents to send their children and the students to improve the opportunity of preparing for a place in the Master's vineyard. The young people are needed in the work, and God has opened up the way to educate them. Let us sacrifice and give them the training. For several weeks I have planned to join Elder W. S. Lowry in a tent effort at Purvis, Miss., but the work here has detained me until now. I expect to be with the tent in a few days. Dear brethren, pray for our school this winter, and for the work in this needy field.

Your brother in Jesus,

JAMES BELLINGER.

NASHVILLE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Treasurer's Report for Month of July, 1909

CASH RECEIPTS

Tithe	\$259.24
First-Day Offerings	1.30
Foreign Missions	5.60
Sabbath-School Offerings	7.25
Church Expense	10.36
Poor Fund55
Tract and Missionary Account.....	5.15
Mid-Summer Offering	70.00
Stereopticon Fund	8.70
Furnace	6.50
Scholarships25
Tenn. River Conf. Acct. Bible Worker	16.00

Total

\$390.90

MARK STIVERS, *Treas.*

THE above July report of the treasurer of the Nashville church was unavoidably left out of last week's paper. Also others were held back for lack of space.

LOUISIANA NOTES

SOME who were not heard from at the time we sent in our experience meeting are now heard from.

Sister Frances Goodwyn says, "The work is New Orleans is onward. The Lord has abundantly blessed the efforts put forth, and here and there we see the result of some long-ago effort, and we rejoice that we have had some part in these labors."

Brother Willie Eckerlie has arranged to connect with the Graysville sanitarium for the purpose of taking the nurses' course. Let us follow him with our prayers.

Sister Edna Walker has returned, and reports a pleasant trip, but says: "I had a greater desire to come back and help close up the work so we can all go to our eternal home."

Brother Reynolds reports the organization of a Sabbath-school at Pineville, and also two new canvassers who will take the field soon. Let us all hold our canvassers up to the throne of grace by our prayers.

Do not forget the fourth-Sabbath offering for the emergency fund. A good lift by us all will place us on our feet in this matter.

Is it not inspiring to see the work advancing in our State? This advance is only made possible by the continued faithfulness of each member. Our brethren at the battle front must be kept supplied by our tithes and offerings. They are sacrificing to labor there, and we love this message enough to sacrifice to sustain them in their efforts. Thus we are all together laborers with God.

Then there is our ten cents a week for missions. We in Louisiana are going to sing the jubilee song before long, and at the same time we are keeping up our share of the work in the great wide harvest-field.

To-day we "sow in tears;" in the "sweet by and by," which is drawing very near, we expect to "reap in joy."

Yours for the finishing of the work.

E. L. MAXWELL.

KENTUCKY

Canvassing News Notes

BRETHREN WEBER and Beck will canvass Adair County.

Brother Wheeler of Glasgow is ill, and unable to canvass at present. Pray for him.

Brother Carmichael returned from camp-meeting to Harlan County, and is having good success with "Desire of Ages."

Brother Alexander took \$36.75 worth of orders for "Daniel and the Revelation" in a little over a day.

Brother Whittier is having fine success delivering in Garrard County. He is delivering over ninety per cent. of his orders.

Brother Taylor has already sold and delivered \$239.05 worth of books during his vacation, and has a small delivery yet to make.

Sister Allran, who has been canvassing Covington and Newport this summer will soon leave to attend the Southern Training School.

Brother Arey expects to go to Oklahoma.

Brother Ethington has just had a small delivery in Casey County. He delivered over ninety per cent. of his orders.

Brother Harris has taken over \$100.00 worth of orders in Scott County while engaged in his own work during the past four or five weeks.

The writer has had good success delivering books in Boyle County for Brother Philmon who was called to Georgia by the illness of his sister.

C. F. DART.

"THEY helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage."

THE COLORED CAMP-MEETING FOR ALABAMA

I WISH to say through the REPORT OF PROGRESS a few words to our colored people in Alabama about the camp-meeting to be held in Sylacauga, Ala., Oct. 7-17. In the last REPORT OF PROGRESS we mentioned that perhaps we would have to postpone the camp-meeting for a few days. But this is not necessary, and the meeting will be on the above date.

The time is drawing very near, and I hope you are all planning to attend. We expect good help, and a good meeting. We may have a few cool nights, so bring plenty of clothes and bedding. We expect to be able to get some rooms for those who desire them, especially for those who have small children. There will be a dining-room where those who desire to do so can get meals. But come prepared to care for yourselves if you can. There will be tents for all who want them at a very reasonable rent. There will be cots that you can rent. We hope to see all of our colored people at this meeting.

A. J. HAYSMER.

INDUSTRIAL MANUAL OF UNION COLLEGE

For years Union College has been developing a system of industrial education, which is now in a measure perfected. The means employed are Industrial Studies, Trades, Domestic Work, and General Labor. The detailed description of these subjects constitutes the four leading chapters of a fifty-page pamphlet entitled, "Industrial Manual of Union College." Another chapter describes in detail the Academic-Industrial, the Agricultural, and the Domestic Science Courses. Since this pamphlet is the outgrowth of practical experience as well as earnest and long continued study, we hope it may be of use by way of suggestion to other schools as well as to teachers and others interested in industrial education. It will be sent post-paid for ten cents in stamps, or by the dozen for five cents each. Address President's Office, Union College, College View, Nebraska.

TO UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS

We very much desire to get the names and present addresses of all who have ever been connected with Union College. Our records are out of date, and it is probable we could reach only a few of our old students with the addresses on our books. Please write the undersigned as soon as you see this, and add a word about your present work, your country and its people, and your courage. We want to send you something interesting about "Old Union."

C. C. LEWIS.

College View, Nebraska.

NOTICE

LET all who are interested in the Pine Grove Intermediate School at Amory, Miss., remember that this school will begin October 5th. For further information address Prof. Sam Moyers, Amory, Miss. W. S. LOWRY.

CANVASSING REPORT Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Sept. 10, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Lyndon Taylor	BFL	43	\$	\$65 00
Edward Whittier	CK	40	1 00	55 25
Sans Philmon	CK	29	6 00	39 00
C F Dart	CK	14		30 50
Z S Arey	BFL	80		29 25
W P Ethington	BFL	10		19 50
Charlsey Allran	BFL	26	5 00	3 00
H C Carmichael	Dofa	30	61 50	
Luther Alexander	D&R	45	36 75	
M J Weber	BFL	50	36 15	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
Gertrude Evans	BFL	26	9 75	
M Simmons	BFL	30	40 00	
W D Bush 2 wks.	CK	61	108 75	
C L Collison 2 w.	BR D&R	76	144 50	4 25
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
R H Hazelton	MISC	30	25 00	1 35
Wm Keele	PAPERS	33	20 05	24 50
Mamie Moore	D&R	23	19 45	2 85
G W Powers	CK	53	14 50	1 50

SUMMARY

Kentucky Conference	365	146 40	241 50
Louisiana Conference	193	302 90	4 25
Tennessee River Conf.	139	79 00	30 20
Totals	697	\$528 30	\$275 95

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For August, 1909

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Del.	Grd Total
Ala.	14	650	493	\$741.75	\$393.20	\$1134.95
La.	12	634	360	658.45	372.95	1031.40
Ky.	12	1094	413	690.25	290.25	983.11
T. R.	7	610	417	447.15	283.85	731.00
Miss.	8	543	225	405.35	176.35	581.70
Total	53	3531	1908	2942.95	1519.21	4461.06

I am unable to draw comparison of the canvassing work between August of 1908 and the above report. I was away from home visiting my aged father, and did not have the facilities for so doing.

You will notice that for the month of August we did not reach the three-thousand mark. I am very sorry to see the heavy decline just at this time. But part of it was caused because of three camp-meetings in the month. We hope to see a much larger report for September. Let every one pray that the Lord will do mighty things for Israel at this time.

Alabama took the lead this month, but the rest of the States were very close behind. I shall watch with interest to see who will come out ahead for September. But now that Brother Keate has decided to break the monotony of single life and has married him a wife, it does look as if Alabama should lead out for the rest of the year. We wish them success.

A. F. HARRISON.

Report of Progress

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NEWS COLUMN

BROTHER and Sister N. L. Hill who, until recently, were connected with the Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., arrived in Nashville the 22nd inst. to take an important part in the work for the Southern Publishing Association. Brother and Sister Hill have been long in the faith, and have had an experience in the work which fits them to render efficient and valuable service. They will also be appreciated as members of the church and of the family of believers in Nashville.

ONE of the new converts at Sulphur Springs, Ala., has entered the canvassing work, and is having good success. His name will soon appear in the canvassing report. Brother Lindsay also writes that another lady has taken a firm stand for the truth, and that the entire company is "growing in grace and the knowledge of the truth."

WE were recently favored with a call from Brother Yosheo Tanimoto, of Hiroshima, Japan, who has been for some time a student at the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington, D. C. He is now lecturing in different cities, on the Japanese empire, his conversion from Buddhism to Christianity, and other interesting and edifying subjects, thereby enlightening the people regarding the conditions prevailing in heathen lands, their susceptibility to the gospel influences, and at the same time earning money with which to finish his education and fit himself for efficient service in the cause of the Master he has learned to love.

THE last two weeks have witnessed the largest shipments of books that have left this office for many months.

Our stock of books is becoming greatly reduced, and in many cases we are entirely out, books being packed for shipment direct from the factory.

LOUISIANA CHURCHES, NOTICE

ANOTHER quarterly meeting season has come, and I am sure we all have much for which to be thankful. God has blessed us with a good camp-meeting, and the work is advancing in every part of the State.

SUMMARY OF WATCHMAN SALES

BELOW, we give a summary of *Watchman* sales during the month of August of the current year. It reveals an increase above the month of July. It will be seen from this report that Texas is the banner State as 3,476 copies of the magazine were disposed of in that conference.

We trust that these figures from the entire field may be increased until the *Watchman* shall enjoy the position to which it is entitled by common consent.

We trust also that the States concerned in this table will study the situation with the view of endeavoring to increase the number of *Watchman* being taken in their territory.

State	No.	Value
ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE		
Maine	30	\$ 3.00
Vermont	25	2.50
New Hampshire	7	.70
Massachusetts	250	25.00
Rhode Island	7	.70
Connecticut	85	8.50
New York	424	42.40
Totals	828	82.50
COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE		
Pennsylvania	67	6.70
New Jersey	103	10.30
Delaware		
Maryland	17	1.70
Virginia	17	1.70
West Virginia	113	11.30
Ohio	559	55.90
District of Columbia	54	5.40
Totals	930	93.00
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE		
Indiana	315	31.50
Illinois	460	46.00
Michigan	1158	115.80
Wisconsin	667	66.70
Totals	2600	260.00
CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE		
.. . . .	204	20.40
SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE		
Kentucky	392	39.20
Tennessee	943	94.30

These quarterly meetings are like oases in the desert,—they are occasions where we may rest from the burdens of life, while we enjoy a feast of brotherly love and charity.

As a preparation for the solemnities of the services held, let us ask ourselves some such questions as these: Have I lived as near to my Saviour as I should? Am I ready to meet Jesus? Have I been faithful in holding family worship, in attending meetings, in tithes and offerings? Then let us seek earnestly for God's forgiving, sanctifying grace that we may be purified from our sins.

Not many more of these services will be held before we shall be invited to "sit down at his table in his kingdom." A few more dusty journeyings, and we shall rest in "our Father's home."
E. L. MAXWELL.

Alabama	1390	139.00
Mississippi	425	42.50
Louisiana	154	15.40
Totals	3304	330.40
SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE		
North Carolina	79	7.90
South Carolina	155	15.50
Georgia	248	24.80
Florida	203	20.30
Totals	685	68.50
SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE		
Arkansas	40	4.00
Oklahoma	953	95.30
Texas	3476	347.60
New Mexico	153	15.30
Totals	4622	462.20
CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE		
Missouri	115	11.50
Kansas	175	17.50
Colorado	776	77.60
Nebraska	390	39.00
Wyoming	18	1.80
Totals	1474	147.40
NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE		
North Dakota	64	6.40
South Dakota	57	5.70
Minnesota	84	8.40
Iowa	139	13.40
Totals	344	34.40
PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE		
California—Nevada		
Southern California	779	77.90
Utah	4	.40
Arizona	10	1.00
Totals	793	79.30
FOREIGN AND MISCELLANEOUS		
.. . . .	1816	181.60
Grand Totals	18500	\$1850.00

PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI

FROM the camp-meeting at Meridian I shipped the tent to this place in answer to a call from a Sabbath-keeping sister who lives here. We began our meeting August 31 under very unfavorable circumstances, and the weather has been very stormy ever since we began. The people here are afraid of storms since the tornado that came the 24th of April, 1908, and destroyed most of the town, and killed about eighty-three people.

Notwithstanding all this, we have had a regular attendance, but not large at any time. Several have desired to keep the Sabbath, and others are in the valley of decision. The writer is alone in the work here so far as human help is concerned, but the Lord is with us, and he only knows what the result will be.

Remember the work here at the throne of grace.
W. S. LOWRY.