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## "COME INTO LINE"\*

LAST night I seemed to be standing before a large number of people who were not united. One would stand back while another desired to go forward. They were not standing in unity with one another. I saw a heavenly being appear before them, and heard him say: "Come into line." No one is fighting a battle on his own charges. The Master of assemblies says, "Come into line!"

After this, I did not go to sleep again. I wondered whether in this meeting our brethren were coming into line. It is often very difficult for a large group of workers to come into full harmony one with another; but every one is to come into line, and fill his appointed place. May God help his servants to do this, is my prayer.

Although some may have followed their own way for a time, it is possible for them to return, and get into line. The Lord sees that it is not best for his children to be allowed to do as they please, and refuse to unite with their brethren who view matters somewhat differently from the way in which they may view them. He invites those who claim to believe the truths of his Word, to come into line while they still have opportunity to harmonize with their brethren. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

There are some who do not readily respond to the invitation to forsake their own way, and come into harmony with God's way. They prefer to follow a way of their own choosing. Those who wish to do so, have the privilege of continuing to walk in their own

unconsecrated way, but the end of that way is sorrow and destruction.

The Lord has men of his appointment whom he will use in his work so long as they allow themselves to be used in accordance with his good pleasure. He can never use any one who is seeking to humble some one else. Humble yourselves, brethren. When you do this, it is possible for holy angels to communicate with you, and place you on vantage-ground. Then your experience instead of being faulty, will be filled with happiness. Seek to relate yourselves in harmony with God's leadings, and then you will be susceptible to the movings of his Holy Spirit.

The Lord is coming. The end of all things is at hand. There remains but little time in which to develop character. Our experience, our testimony, our daily conduct, is having an influence either for good or for evil. Which shall it be, henceforth? Shall we choose to humble our hearts before God? Those who constantly advance in Christian perfection, from grace to grace, are a mighty, moving force for good in this world.

Often in the silent watches of the night I think of the sufferings of Christ in our behalf. Behold the Redeemer in the garden of Gethsemane. The thought of being separated from his Father was the burden pressing so heavily upon his soul. He felt as if he might be unable to pass through such an experience. "If it be possible," he prayed, "let this cup pass from me." So great was his agony, that "his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." It was for the sake of ransoming a lost world, that he passed through this agony.

While the Saviour was in the garden, the cup trembled in his hand. Should he refuse to drink? Only through his sacrifice could the sinner be saved. Should the divine Sufferer refuse to drink of that cup trembling in his hand? It was then that a mighty angel came to strengthen him, and he prayed, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

\*Portion of a talk before the Pacific Union Conference, Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 27, 1910.

At times when in great trial or pain, I think, What is the use of continuing to work as I do? But I am ashamed of myself as soon as such a thought as this passes through my mind. I see Jesus, my Redeemer, suffering in Gethsemane; I see trembling in his hand the cup that is to separate him for a time, as it were, from his Father; I see him suffering at the hands of cruel men; I see him smitten in the face, and suffering every indignity, and then mockingly commanded to show by a sign that he is the Saviour. Oh, what if he had refused to drink the cup of bitter agony he endured! What if his prayer had been answered! But God knew best, and strengthened his only begotten Son to endure the agony and the shame, and become a propitiation for the sins of a lost world.

In view of the infinite sacrifice made by the Son of God, what sacrifices are his followers making to-day? There must be more Christlikeness revealed in the daily life-practise. All are to be laborers together with God. There is a world to be warned, and all who name the name of Christ need to bring themselves into line with his divine purposes, that they may be prepared to co-operate with heavenly intelligences in giving the last warning message to the world.

As the believers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church come into line, laboring faithfully in neighboring towns and in country districts, and bearing a decided message in the great cities, they will see fruit of their labors. The truth will go forth as a lamp that burneth. Many will unite with them in seeking diligently to do those things that are in accordance with the eternal purposes of God. They will move in harmony with his opening providences, and will labor unitedly for the advancement of his precious cause in the earth. Soon, if faithful, they will see the gates of the city of our God swing back on their glittering hinges, that the nations who have kept the truth may enter into their eternal inheritance.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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#### FEBRUARY EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

ELDER W. H. SAXBY reports the busiest month since he has been in the State. Several expect baptism before the next quarterly meeting.

Elder E. H. Rees and family have located in New Orleans, where he will have charge of the Tract Society and publishing work.

Sister Bendixen has returned home to Lake Charles, from the Nashville Sanitarium. We still have two patients there, Sister Bettie Saxby and Elder Maxwell. We hope both may be sufficiently benefited to return soon.

Sisters Wilson and Walker write encouragingly of their work in New Orleans.

Word has just been received that Sister Davenport,

mother of Brother W. P. McLennon, one of our faithful Bible workers in New Orleans, is very sick, and will have to undergo a serious operation soon.

Elder Saxby reports the mission full, and a new periodical worker in the city.

Sister Goodwyn writes that two of her readers have begun to obey.

Good interest is reported from Dodson where Brother Hanson is holding meetings.

From De Ridder, Brother Frank reports that eleven have promised to obey.

Brother Reynolds writes that he is laid up with a bad cold.

How about your pledge to the tent fund? The season will soon open.

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#### MISSED A TREAT

THOSE who failed to attend the canvassers' convention and institute which has just closed at Moreland, Ky., certainly *missed a treat*. It was the best ever held in the conference. All in attendance enjoyed it. There were eight canvassers present.

A. F. Harrison conducted a class on "Daniel and the Revelation," and the writer one on "Bible Footlights." Elder Burrill gave us some very practical lessons on health reform, which were much appreciated. There was preaching every night by Elders McVagh and Hayes. These services were attended by quite a number from the outside.

The canvassers gave some very interesting and inspiring field experiences. General instruction on the work was given by A. F. Harrison and the writer. H. E. Beck gave a few lessons on the rudiments of singing.

One thing commendable was the faithfulness and promptness in attendance.

This gathering was a success from beginning to end; and we believe the results will be far-reaching.

Six of the canvassers have gone to their fields of labor, and the other two will start soon.

Pray for these workers.

C. F. DART.

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#### KENTUCKY

THROUGH the missionary labors of Brother Horning two have accepted and embraced the Sabbath message. Here are some of the words of his letter to me. "Wife and I have accepted the great threefold message with joy. The first that I ever heard of this great truth was through Brother Horning about six years ago. I have made the prophecies a special study since that time, but did not step out until the second Sabbath in this year. . . . We are very anxious to receive baptism, and connect with those that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. My father takes the *Watchman* and we read it together.

I am going to take some of our papers soon. Brother Horning is the only one of our faith that we have seen. How we love him."

Three more received the Sabbath truth through the missionary labors of Brother and Sister H. U. Jacobs, of McKinney. A mother and daughter, who were relatives of Brother and Sister Jacobs, received the message. When they returned home to Ohio the mother told it to *her mother*, who also received it. There are three of them now in the same family.

They are looking forward to the time when they can receive baptism. This greatly rejoices the hearts of us all.

A. O. BURRILL.

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**MORELAND, KY., AND GRAYSVILLE, TENN.**

SINCE my last report I have attended the canvassers' institute at Moreland, Ky., and also the annual board meeting of the Southern Training School.

Elder Burrill and Brother Dart both live at Moreland, and they opened their homes and made it very pleasant for all the visitors. The institute was a very successful one. The class taking training consisted of eight men, all of whom expected to go directly into the field. Four were experienced veterans, and four are strong recruits, who under God can become efficient workers in the cause.

The meeting from first to last was a blessed season of refreshing and encouragement. The outlook for the canvassing work in Kentucky is bright. Besides Brother Dart and Elder Burrill there were present Brother A. F. Harrison, Elder Hayes, and the writer.

The members of the Kentucky Conference Committee in council with the other laborers present, decided to start a tract society, with headquarters for the time being at Moreland; and Sister Rebecca Landon was chosen to act as secretary until camp-meeting.

Public preaching services were held each evening, which were well attended. The interest was such that Elder Burrill decided to continue the evening meetings after the institute closed.

From Moreland I went to Graysville, Tenn., and spent Sabbath and Sunday there. On Sabbath, March 5th, the Graysville church pledged over twelve hundred dollars on the \$300,000-fund in about twenty minutes. It was a blessed experience, and the members and laborers felt happy. They overran their quota about three hundred dollars. I hope the churches in the Southern Union will follow the good example.

The Southern Training School board elected the faculty for the next year, and decided to build a boys' dormitory, and to begin at once so as to have the building ready for use before school opens in the fall. Professor VanKirk was again chosen to act as principal and Professor Baber as business manager. The

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**For Week Ending March 5, 1910**

**ALABAMA CONFERENCE**

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	30	\$21 50	\$17 50
Arthur Nelson .....	BFL	15	14 50	
I W Peevy.....	BFL	36	1 50	24 50
Geo W Brown.....	BFL	45	18 25	4 75
R Roberts .....	BFL	35		11 80

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

M Wheeler .....	D&R	20	50	31 50
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**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

W H Haddon.....	BFL	40	12 15	40 00
J S Fry.....	D&R	37		38 25
Virgil Smith .....	D&R	35	15 20	4 20
Everett L Marley .....	D&R	42	34 75	60 75
H G Miller.....	D&R	27	12 50	
S A Oberg.....	GC	42	85 00	

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

H C Balsbaugh.....	DofA	17	6 10	15 10
R H Hazelton 2 wks.....	MISC	53	36 50	8 40
J S Moore.....	MISC	66	11 25	6 00

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conference .....	161	55 75	58 55
Kentucky Conference .....	20	50	31 50
Mississippi Conference .....	223	159 60	143 20
Tennessee River Conference..	136	53 85	29 50

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Totals .....	540	\$269 70	\$262 75
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principal's report showed that seventy per cent. of the graduates of the Training School are now actively engaged in some branch of the Lord's work. Pray for the school and for those bearing responsibilities, that from it the Lord will send many more laborers into the harvest. The outlook is most encouraging.

C. F. McVAGH.

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**MEMPHIS CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE**

SUNDAY night closed a ten-days institute at Memphis. Of our old workers there were in attendance Sister Mamie Moore, and Brethren Chenault and McColeary. The first part of this meeting was not attended by the church-members as well as we had hoped; but the interest came up from day to day, until Sabbath the 12th, when there were talks made on the growth and importance of this work. After the service about twelve persons signified their willingness and intention to take part in the book work now, or soon.

A good spirit has prevailed all the way through the institute, and I am sure that only the future can tell the results of work done at this time. Faithful work

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was done by all the workers present to lift up the canvassing. Brethren Parmele, Washburn, and the writer attended from the first, Brother A. F. Harrison coming about the middle of the meeting. Brother C. F. Parmele will remain here as long as necessary to follow up the interest, and to train workers for the book and paper work.

We hope to see our force of workers greatly increased this year. Our tract society, with Brother Pavey as its secretary and treasurer, with headquarters at Hazel, Ky., is now ready to receive orders and do business without delay. We trust this will be the busiest year in all our work.

W. R. BURROW.

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## TENNESSEE RIVER ITEMS

OUR canvassing work has been very much retarded by sickness and absence of some of our canvassers to attend general meetings.

Brother G. W. Powers and his entire family have been sick with typhoid fever. All are much better.

Brother C. H. Chenault has been laid up for eight weeks because of a cut on his shin with an ax. He is well enough to be present at our Memphis institute.

Sister Mamie Moore has suffered two weeks with a very sore throat, and was kept at home. This is an unusual experience for Sister Moore.

Brother Marlatt had to go to Nashville Sanitarium for some treatment.

Let others close up the ranks.

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## CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

THERE will be a canvassers' institute for the colored workers, beginning April 6th at 8:30 A. M. The Lord willing it will be held at Vicksburg in the

Seventh-day Adventist chapel or mission house, which is located at 209 Fayette Street.

Brother Harrison, our general agent, will assist me; and we want to have one of the best institutes we have ever held in this conference.

We will give some financial assistance to those who come, and *go into the work*.

Those coming should not fail to write me at once, so a definite understanding can be had, and arrangements made.

I trust a goodly number will attend and prepare for the work. We surely are in great need of consecrated workers.

Come and let us study God's Word together, that we may know better how to do his work.

H. G. MILLER.

Box 205, Grenada, Miss.

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## SPECIAL HEALTH FOOD NOTICE

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Montgomery .....	\$ 92.10
Attalla .....	89.69
Individuals .....	83.06
Long Island .....	81.21
Marlow .....	69.84
Oak Level .....	49.43
Birmingham .....	33.71
Mobile .....	25.83
Elkwood .....	12.45
Citronelle .....	12.00

Total ..... \$549.32

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE, Treas.

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As Elder Maxwell expects to be home soon, all mail for him should be addressed to Hammond, La.

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It is no argument that Christ is not in the ship because tempests and storms arise.