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CAREFULNESS REGARDING THE DOCTRINE

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THE counsel of the Apostle Paul to Timothy is good for us today. Paul's words are as follows, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." —1 Tim. 4:16.

The Lord, through His word, has given to the advent people lines of prophecy that clearly mark out events that are sure waymarks to the Holy City. These great prophecies all point to one grand event, the second coming of Christ in this generation. This message of Sabbath reform, the message of Malachi regarding tithing, the sanctuary, the judgment-hour message, the millennium, state of the dead, Spirit of prophecy, and other important truths all focus upon the soon coming of the Saviour. On these truths we are united and see eye to eye. This is as it should be. What a pity it would be if we were divided upon our interpretation of these cardinal doctrines.

There are other prophecies in the Bible that are not as clear, and here is where we must be careful. The writer is constantly hearing fanciful interpretations of certain prophecies, that it seems to me we should be careful not to stress too strongly. I think we should exercise care in the matter of attempting to tell just how the nations will line up in the battle of Armageddon. We do know from Revelation 16, and Joel 3, that in this Armageddon line-up, the heathen nations, referred to as the "kings of the east," will play a prominent part. We also know that there will be strife, war, and bloodshed all over the world just before the Saviour comes. We are safe in saying that all efforts to bring about a state of peace and safety among the nations have failed thus far, and that even if peace is declared for a time, it will be only a truce, as it were, before the coming Armageddon. We can state clearly that the final battle in earth's last war will be fought in Palestine, at Armageddon. There is no harm done in having our

own opinions, and at times we may express them, but we should be careful not to give the impression that our own views are necessarily those of the denomination.

The writer has recently read a little leaflet in which the author claims that Russia is to lead the nations against the land of Palestine. This brother has a right to his own opinion, but other men may not agree with him in his conclusion. It is not a matter of salvation with us just what we believe about certain interpretations of prophecies that are not clear to us as a people. Our counsel to our good people at this time is to cling tenaciously to the cardinal doctrines that hold us together as a people,—such doctrines as the Sabbath, state of the dead, sanctuary, judgment, tithing, second coming of Christ, millennium, Spirit of prophecy, health and dress reform, etc., and not permit ourselves to be swayed by those who may mean well, but who hold fanciful interpretations of subjects that are not in any way vital to our salvation.

Every wind of doctrine will soon be blowing, but the servant of the Lord has told us that the three angels' messages will be an anchor to God's people in this time of storm.

PROPHECY IS BEING FULFILLED

Daniel H. Kress, M. D.

MANY centuries had elapsed since the prediction was made: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zech. 9:9.

The time had arrived when this scripture was to meet its fulfilment, and so Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying, "Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose

him and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, *Because the Lord hath need of him.* And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, *The Lord hath need of him.* And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon." As he entered the city, there was great rejoicing. With one voice the people cried, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." Luke 19:29-38. Thus this prophecy met its fulfilment.

In the providence of God, all was in readiness beforehand; it seemed as if all the little details had been prearranged. Nothing was lacking for the prediction to meet with complete fulfilment. All the predictions concerning Christ's first advent met their fulfilment. God's prophetic word does not fail.

We are living in the last generation, the generation that will witness the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven, as King of kings and Lord of lords. A great work is to be done before the second advent of Jesus. The gospel is to be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations. The inhabitants of the world are to be warned of their impending doom, and of the shortness of time. The honest in heart are to be gathered out to receive a preparation that will enable them to meet their Lord with joy.

Upon whom will the burden of carrying the last message of mercy to the world rest? Who is to engage in the work of rescuing the perishing?

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come." All heaven is intensely interested in the finishing of the gospel plan. Angels are actively engaged in influencing men and women to choose the better part. The city of God, with its gates ajar, extends the invitation, "Come." "Let him that heareth say, Come." Every one who hears the solemn message for this time is to accept it, and in turn, is to give the invitation, "Come; for all things are now ready."

This work will not be carried to its completion by a few ministers of the gospel. They will act their part, but all the believers will take part in this ministry. It is written, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." There are many honest hearts that will respond to the impelling invitation coming from hearts filled with sympathy and love. Prophecy will again be fulfilled. Everything is now in readiness for its fulfillment. All that is needed is messengers that will do what they are bidden to do. There is need of men and women today whose hearts the Lord has touched, who in response to the command, "Go ye," will go and search out the polished diamonds and those in the rough, saying to all, come; the Master has need of thee.

Every one who responds to this invitation, "Come unto me," is followed by the commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," "and as ye go, . . . heal the sick." If we respond to the one, we must also respond to the other. Every one who comes must go. When all the members engage in active medical missionary work for friends and neighbors, doing unto them as they would be done by, we shall be surprised to find everything in readiness to meet the fulfillment of the predictions concerning this event, just as the two disciples sent by Christ found everything in readiness to meet the fulfillment of that event

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

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SELMA EFFORT

The Selma evangelistic effort closed August 11 with a strong interest still being shown in the meetings. The Lord blessed from the very beginning of the series, giving us a most excellent location in the very heart of the beautiful city of Selma. The interest held up well during the entire series even after the testing truths were given.

Sabbath, August 10, was a high day in the Selma church. At that time twenty-four precious souls were voted into the fellowship of the church subject to baptism. It was a most unusual group in that not one of the class had used tobacco. As a rule the majority have to gain the victory over this terrible habit and many times find that it still has a tremendous hold on them. We were happy that this class did not have this to overcome.

We feel greatly indebted to Brother and Sister Ashlock for their loyal and earnest

TITHE CORNER

Question: What should be tithed by city church members?

Answer: "When this message of tithe paying comes to a man in the city, it either finds him owning his own house, store, or some city property, having a bank account, or holding stocks and bonds, as well as receiving a weekly wage, or some definite sum from a business in which he has capital; or it finds him a wage earner, with no property or bank account. The real estate that a man in the city owns, whether houses or land, is surely a part of his substance, and subject to a definite money valuation. It never was tithed before, but a tenth of its value should be turned in as tithe as soon as the truth reaches this man. Any bank account should likewise be tithed, as well as paying a tenth on the interest that accrues from such accounts; for all of this is a part of his substance, as well as constituting sources of income.

"His weekly salary should be tithed, for that is a very definite income. I firmly believe that there are houses and lands, as well as bank accounts, stocks and bond investments, all over this country held by our people that never have been tithed. If this were done, just think what a mighty stream of tithe would flow into the Lord's treasury."

support of this soul-winning endeavor. Sister VanCampen comes in for her share of the reward for her untiring labors throughout the meetings. The members of the Selma church were most co-operative doing cheerfully all that was asked of them. Will you not pray with us that the large number who are still in the valley of decision may yet take their stand for the truth and be ready for the next baptismal service to be held in the near future.

C. F. Graves

PINE FOREST ACADEMY

Pine Forest Academy opens September 9. In these hectic, perilous days of military conscription in many lands, even looming on our own horizon, we need to follow closely the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy. In "Counsels to Teachers," page 127, we are definitely told that our children are to come before every other consideration. This last church, the rem-

nant, is being tested on where they will send their children for an education.

"Counsels to Teachers," pages 255, 374.

God is recruiting His army of selected youth, and He plans to march into the field of action in "the crisis at the end." "Education," page 262. Will you co-operate by sending your boy and girl to a school which is preparing soldiers of Christ, or will you take the fearful responsibility of losing your child to the world in secular schools?

Dear fellow-believer, the message in Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins," applies to this people throwing off the canker of worldly education, as well as other worldly practices. We can not claim to be a peculiar people unless we make every effort, and I repeat, every effort, to see our children placed in a safe haven where they may grow up under the influence of Christian teachers.

Young people are to have a special part in God's last-day message. Will your son and daughter be among those? We are told that, "when heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up."

Pine Forest Academy offers opportunity for Christian training. Work toward a Christian education now and enter Pine Forest Academy, September 9.

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Dear parents and members of the remnant church, consider this question, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Jeremiah 12:20.

Gideon E. Hochstetter, *Principal*

INGATHERING NEWS NOTES

Word comes to us from Elder Capman, the new Birmingham district superintendent, that their Ingathering forces are fully organized and that they are using every means available to raise their \$2300 goal. Elder Capman is using the house-to-house method on Sunday morning which he tells us is proving effective.

Oakwood Junior College just ordered a large supply of Ingathering papers and they are planning to raise well over the \$1000 mark. Last year they raised \$1200 and we feel sure that they can go over the top again.

Brother J. N. Richardson, who is now located in Mobile, is now fully established in his new field of labor and the reports from his churches indicate that they are entering into the campaign whole-heartedly.

We are happy to hear that Brethren Graves and Ashlock have baptized twenty-four members as a result of their effort in Selma and plan to have another baptism of fifteen. We can thank the Lord for these fine results.

Brother W. E. Adams is now in Meridian and reports that the Meridian No. 2 church is fully organized for the Ingathering work. They plan to be over the top before Workers' meeting.

Jackson No. 2 church unfurled their Ingathering banner, Sabbath, August 10. They plan to raise a large part of their goal in singing bands. They feel that this method has wonderful merits and brings splendid results.

Brother Street has not written us concerning his district but each one of his churches is reporting a nice sum indicating that they are organized for quick work.

Elder W. W. Walker states that on August 16 Pensacola reached its goal of \$725 in just two weeks. They plan to go on to \$1000. This is the spirit that will help our conference to go over the top.

Elder M. R. Garrett sends word from Mobile that they reached their \$1100 goal in just four weeks. The members are indeed very happy, and sang their victory song, August 10.

The Jackson white church has raised nearly \$600 toward their goal. We can look for Jackson to go over the top in another week or two.

CAROLINA

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CONSECRATION TO A TASK

The greatest thing that lies between Seventh-day Adventists and the coming of the Lord is a task—the carrying of the last warning message to every kindred, tongue and people in this world. The one campaign of the year which most effectively contributes to the spreading of this three-fold message is the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Every member of the church—every Sabbath keeper—should sense the importance of this campaign. The greatest need of each individual, to be successful in Harvest Ingathering, is not a gift of talk, but consecration. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chron. 29:5. Consecration is "the act of solemnly setting apart a person to the service of God."

"Who then is willing?" Willingness is the principal quality in Christian service. If you are not willing, you will not consecrate yourself, and it cannot be said that you are consecrated to the task before you, and without consecration, you will be a failure.

Only those consecrated to the task should engage in Harvest Ingathering. The Holy Spirit can use only the consecrated workers as His instrumentalities.

Success will come to the consecrated worker. "The laborer for souls needs consecration, integrity, and tact. Possessing these qualifications, no man can be inferior; instead, he will have a commanding influence for God." *"Gospel Workers,"* p. 111

It is said that when Stanley found Livingston in the heart of Africa, he begged him to go home. There seemed to be every reason why he should go back to England. His wife was dead, his children were living there, he was getting to that age where the shortest march wearied him, and he was often compelled to halt many days to recover strength after his frequent attacks of prostrating illness. Moreover, he was destitute of men and means to enable him to make practical progress. In the face of all this he said to Stanley: "No, no; to be knighted as you say, by the Queen, welcomed by thousands of admirers, yes—but

impossible. It must not, can not, will not be. I must finish my task."

He was consecrated to his task. May this kind of consecration grip the heart of every child of God who expects to meet Jesus when He comes.

"The same devotion, the same consecration, the same subjection to the claims of the word of God that were manifest in Christ, must be seen in His servants." *"Gospel Workers,"* p. 111.

H. E. Lysinger

INGATHERING IN CAROLINA

The week of August 11-17 was a hard week for Carolina. The storm struck the city of Charleston and proceeded northward across the conference. Much damage was done to crops and bridges and, of course, the heavy rains retarded the work of Ingathering somewhat. But in spite of the bad weather, we gathered in over a thousand dollars. For this amount we are very thankful. We are looking forward, however, to some \$1500-\$2000-weeks soon.

We need the help of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Carolina Conference. Have you begun working? Hundreds of our people are hard at it. Won't you, dear friend, if you are not already at work, begin at once? We have sent papers and material to every conference member and we are asking them to get at least the Minute-member goal of \$12.05. We can't ask less.

The Raleigh No. 1 church is still going strong. Mrs. C. B. Burch, the missionary leader, has the church well organized for work. We are informed that every junior is hard at work in Raleigh with Ingathering. Florence and Darlington are over the top. We congratulate these churches and thank Charlotte Weeks for her excellent help in getting these churches over the top.

Brother Green, one of our young preachers in the colored department, is beginning an extensive campaign among the churches in Elder Singleton's district. We look for one church right after the other to go over quickly.

Let us not forget to work for souls. Many interested people are found each year by visiting them in the interest of Missions. Be on the look-out for these people and follow up the interest.

J. M. Cox

I read, I study, I examine, I listen, I reflect, and out of all this I try to form an idea into which I put as much common sense as I can.
—Lafayette.

FLORIDA

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The new school term starts on Tuesday, September 3, 1940. The dormitory and resident students will register on the first and second, and the Orlando bus students will register at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The first chapel exercise will be at 10:30 A. M. on Tuesday, September 3, followed by short assignment classes and the distribution of textbooks. All textbooks will be issued to the students by the teachers at the first class meeting.

We are glad to report that several new teachers are joining our staff for the school year of 1940-1941. Mr. and Mrs. John Lauer, of Atlantic Union College, have already arrived and taken up their work. Mr. Lauer will serve as preceptor and Bible teacher and Mrs. Lauer will be registrar, secretary to the principal, and teach commercial subjects. Miss Vera Lester has joined our faculty to teach music and Spanish. Miss Lester has formerly served as preceptress at Union Springs Academy. She has been taking graduate work in music during the past summer. Miss Mary Philmon, a graduate of the Loma Linda School of Dietetics, will serve as matron and school nurse. Mr. Fleming, who has been on leave of absence since last January, doing graduate work, will return to take up his duties again this fall.

The entrance fee is \$35 as usual, and no students will be registered this year who have unpaid old accounts or who have not paid the entrance deposit.

The outlook is very encouraging for a fine group of students and we ask your prayers that this may be the best school year in the history of Forest Lake Academy.

K. A. Wright,

Principal and Business Manager.

RIDGE DISTRICT EFFORTS

The small membership in each of the four churches of the Ridge district: Avon Park, Bartow, Ft. Meade and Wauchula, are glad now to be having the second effort in the district this year; namely at Ft. Meade, and everyone seems much encouraged with the results the Lord has given.

The first effort was held in Avon Park with Brother Standish Hoskins assisting, aided by Miss Ruby Allen and Sister Burnett of Wauchula, who gave very faithful and loyal help with the ushering

and distribution of announcements throughout the effort. Thirteen souls have already followed their Lord in baptism and we trust this number will be multiplied soon.

The effort now in progress at Ft. Meade has been well attended from the first night. On Sunday nights, because of the overflow crowds, and in spite of additional loans of fifty seats, we have found it necessary and advisable to have reserve seats for our regular attendants during the week.

Last Sunday night we had a big jury trial on the "Change of the Sabbath," and a large number of people signified their determination to keep the true Sabbath.

Brother Philip Lemon is assisting in the effort and is at present conducting seven interesting community Bible schools in connection with the effort. Sister Ruby Allen, who was baptized with the class at Avon Park, and plans to attend Southern Junior College this fall, is in charge of the ushering, ably assisted by Misses Elizabeth Martin, Lillian Razor, and Vera Cox. Brother Elvin Long is rendering excellent service in managing the bookstand, operating the stereopticon, etc.

Besides the Bible Evangelism class now being conducted by Sister Grace Guthrie in Avon Park, practically every helper and church member in Ft. Meade is enrolled in a similar class in connection with the effort.

Much fruitage is expected in the future from these classes as we prepare for the harvesting of the honest in heart in the Ridge district. Some very providential openings have appeared as a direct answer to prayer for the Holy Spirit's preparation of the hearts of the people to receive the message here. We feel assured of a rich harvest as a result.

Ernest A. Lemon

Elder Chapman is in the office after a trip in the southeastern part of the conference. He reports finding our people of good courage, and the work is onward. At West Palm Beach he found Elder Bank's meeting well attended and a group to be baptized the next night. In Key West he visited Sister Roberts who, although lonely since the death of Brother Roberts, is of good courage. That night he spoke at the colored church there. Sabbath was spent in Miami where a very enthusiastic Sabbath school program was given. This Sabbath school has seen marked gains in every line this year. One encouraging feature was the Teachers' Training course where seventeen recited one of the lessons of Sec-

tion No. 2. They plan to finish the entire course before the close of the year. The afternoon missionary meeting was well attended and several good reports were given of activity during the previous week.

Brother Meintzer, district leader in Bradenton, was a welcome caller at the office. He gave a very encouraging report from his church effort held in Palmetto. Elder Whelpley was with him on Sabbath, August 17, and baptized twenty-two persons, eighteen as a result of this effort and four from the Sarasota effort held earlier in the year. This brings the fruit from the Sarasota effort up to twenty-five persons, making the total of baptisms for that district forty-seven for this year.

Elder J. B. Locken is also a welcome caller at the office. He will soon be visiting you in your church and home as he now has charge of the Book and Bible House on wheels. We feel you will be awaiting his visit with interest.

We are happy to announce that two tent efforts will soon be started. Elder Whelpley, leader of the Tampa district, will begin his effort in Dade City, Sunday night, September 8.

Brother Hastings, leader of the West Palm Beach colored district, begins his effort in Delray Beach early in September.

Brother Harvey, of the Book and Bible House, has just completed an itinerary among some of the churches in the interest of small books which are on special sale. His experience shows that there is a great need among our people for such literature to be used in missionary work.

In this same connection he met with very good success in presenting other Bible House projects to public librarians and colleges in the state. We feel his contact with these people is an opening wedge to get our truth-filled periodicals and books in the hands of many readers. In one instance we might mention that the State Library supervisor is working with us in a definite way to place *Life and Health* in every library in the state.

"Much can be told about the character of a person by the way he laughs, and what provokes him to laugh. Any fool can laugh at other people's mishaps. Laughing at risqué jokes denotes the lowest form of intelligence and character. Laughing at danger denotes courage. Laughing at superstition, custom, or tradition denotes intelligent progress. But the one who can laugh at himself displays true character and real understanding."

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

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NEWS NOTES

Elder C. A. Wilhelm of Chattanooga reports under date of August 14 that he baptized eleven persons and took one in on profession of faith. Two of the candidates were from Dalton and will be taken into that church. The others were from Chattanooga. He says it is interesting to note that eight of those baptized were brought in as a result of a definite "Win One" campaign conducted by the Y. P. M. V., Society.

Elder G. Medairy in his letter of August 19, says, "I am planning for another baptism on the 31st. I am not sure how many, but am sure of four, and possibly nine. . . . I am taking out a number for Harvest Ingathering Tuesday. We already have over half our goal in Graysville and expect to be over the top this month."

Brother C. A. Lynes writes from Brunswick, "We have fifteen who have taken their stand so far and the prospects are bright for many more. We are working to get others who are in the valley of decision to take their stand on the side of right."

Elder F. H. Stevens, writing from Quitman, Georgia, about Brother Tony Kelley's effort, says they have moved the tent and again have their meetings going with the loss of only one night. Elder Stevens says thirty-four adults have signed the decision card, besides about twenty-five children. Let us pray for the success of this effort.

Elder Keate spent Sabbath, August 17, with the church at Dahlonega. It was very encouraging, he reports, to see the good work going on there. Brother and Sister T. D. Strickland have located at that place and are leading out in the work. A new spirit has come into the work. The members have taken new courage and are fixing up their building preparatory to doing aggressive missionary work in that community. The church has been re-roofed; most of the building has been restrained on the outside. It is planned to build a school room right away and add a vestibule with a belfry to their church building for more of a church appearance. Dahlonega is planning to have a good church school this year, taught by Sister Strickland. It probably will be very small

to start with but they are expecting it to grow. Even though Dahlonega is busy raising money for their church improvement, they are expecting to raise their Harvest Ingathering goal.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

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NASHVILLE NO. 2 CHURCH

The Nashville No. 2 Church is active in all departments. This year the able leader of the Home Missionary Department arranged a great literature campaign in which we make house-to-house visits, giving the *Good News* leaflet to the people. After we have taken *Good News* to them for eighteen weeks we begin mailing *Signs of the Times* to the interested ones. Since launching this campaign we have baptized two precious souls into this message; and these people are now active members of the church. We must thank Mr. Yoshio and Victor Seino who, with a group of friends all from Madison College, gave one of the finest programs we have ever seen or heard, the offering of which was used to carry on this literature campaign. Continue to pray for Nashville No. 2 church.

H. Coffey

NEWS NOTES

On Sabbath, August 17, Professor Libby spent the day with the Fulton, Kentucky, Church in the interest of a young people's rally. A number of young people not of our faith were present at this rally and manifested a real interest in the program. The church was nearly filled during the all-day meeting, and an excellent spirit prevails in that growing company. Brother Wesley Richardson and Brother Eli Layton have the good will of the members there and are planning to do some lay evangelism during the coming months. This church is definitely interested in Christian education, and the members are making plans for the establishment of a school. They also have a Master Comrade class looking forward to the day when they will be invested. On the occasion of Professor Libby's visit there were twenty-five subscriptions pledged to the *Youth's Instructor*. We see better days ahead for the Fulton church and wish to express appreciation for their loyalty to all phases of the message. In the evening after the Sabbath, Professor Libby visited with the

school board of the Paris church as they studied problems incidental to the beginning of a possible school in their midst. Because of the weather, he was unable to visit the Mount Vista school, now in session.

How about sending in your twenty-five cents for the special thirteen-week subscription to the *Youth's Instructor*? Some young person needs that gift from you. This paper is a soul winner among our youth. Invest today.

Several hundred persons began to read the Bible through in January. Were you one of them? If so, are you faithfully completing your resolution? Be sure to finish the task; it will pay.

Remember September 3—the opening date of church school. We are expecting to find your children there at that time.

THE VOICE OF S. P. A.

During the present camp meeting season publishing house workers made contacts with practically every union in the United States. Elder Shultz left Wednesday morning, August 14, for Michigan and Elder Christman, for Indiana. Elder Burwell's present itinerary takes him to camp meetings in the Texico and Arkansas-Louisiana Conferences. Elder Tucker just returned from New Orleans where he attended a regional meeting. His next appointment will take him to the Northern Union where he will attend the Iowa meeting.

A letter from Elder Burwell, who is attending camp meetings in the Southwestern Union, reports that literature sales are prospering, the only difficulty being that the demand exceeds the supply of books provided at some of the meetings.

Book Department orders received up to August 20 equalled the sales for the entire month of August in 1939, and excellent orders from the field during the remainder of the week represent a substantial gain over the figure for the corresponding period last year.

In fact the orders for a single day totaled more than twelve 100-pound freight shipments, eleven of which went to various parts of the S. P. A. territory—convincing proof of the determined and consecrated endeavors of our colporteurs and conference workers all over the Southland to satisfy the universal hunger for spiritual food in these distressing times. Included in this large quantity of literature sent out in one day were 317 copies of "*Bible*

Readings for the Home Circle" and 180 copies of "Our Times and Their Meaning" as well as other subscription books.

Besides these encouraging records in our own territory, large shipments left the publishing house during the week bound for Australia, the Canal Zone, the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press, and the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Such manifestation of divine blessing comes to all who share the burden of the literature ministry as a grateful reward and a high challenge.

The practical popularity of "Diseases of Food Animals" by O. S. Parrett, M. D., is evidenced by the fact that the first edition is exhausted after only a few months and the second is going through the factory. It's only a dime and a half.

This week a new book under preparation for the Sabbath School Department entitled, "Sabbath School Ideals" is going to press. The book will be ready for circulation by the first of September and will form a part of the 1940 Sabbath School Reading Course.

Your Book and Bible House Secretary has arranged some wonderful literature bargains for you. Single books and combination bargains on vital inspirational, educational and devotional subjects await you. A post card will bring you full information. Ask also about the special missionary package.

While calling on prospective Ingathering contributors, don't forget you may be the "messenger of salvation" to them. Don't fail by overlooking the opportunity of literature distribution in addition to the paper or singing band leaflet. Get names and addresses for follow-up work also.

FOSSIL FOUND ALIVE

Everyone remembers the story of the Frozen Horses that appeared in an issue of the *Signs of the Times* last year. It has been impossible up to now to reprint it, but something is coming in the September 3 *Signs* on evolution that is almost as unique, possibly more so to some. It is a story by Benjamin F. Allen, entitled, "Fossil Found Alive." It is about those monkeys that were recently found in a certain tropical place which check up precisely with a species of monkeys of which fossils have been safely guarded. They are supposed to have lived 50,000,000 years ago; and the theory of evolution has been strengthened by their having lived. But, lo and behold, now in this year 1940, A. D., the same monkeys, so far as species go, are

found to be alive and thriving. Pictures of them add point to the story.

There are some other wonderfully attractive and strong features in this two-color issue: "Americanism in Peril," by J. Edgar Hoover; "Gunpowder in the Bible," by Elder Taylor G. Bunch; "Is Christianity Just a Fire Escape?" by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. These are live titles introducing strong prophetic articles giving the truth for this time. And there are several other very fine articles. The cover of this issue pictures the Stars and Stripes carried by Boy Scouts, a very fitting cover in these days when loyalty to government needs to be impressed. This issue will sell readily. The *Signs* is so widely known that it is everywhere called for. We would encourage the sale of this color number of September 3 for the regular price of ten cents. Quantities can be provided for \$4.00 a hundred, U.S.A., currency. Order early of your Book and Bible House.

J. R. Ferren

THE VALUE OF OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Among those with whom we had been studying for several months before the bombings in Chungking in the early part of this year, was the Inspector General of Customs, and an employee in the radio department of the Field Headquarters of the Army—both well-read and educated men.

About a year before returning to the States on furlough, while on a boat during an itinerary, I fell into conversation one day with two judges connected with the Central Government. At first I thought it a polite gesture when they offered to visit our home, but I was surprised to see them there a few days later. They readily made arrangements for Bible studies which were continued for some time, and they also attended the Sabbath service at times.

We find the best minds in mission lands being awakened by events as they are taking place today, but to meet such takes a far different and more thorough knowledge than one must have to meet those who have previously been Christians of other denominations. We missionaries are called upon to meet minds as well-read and intelligent as people anywhere. We meet those who know all of the standard objections to our peculiar truths as well as the questions which are raised by modernists and critics.

The work in the Theological Seminary has been a great benefit to me in making a better preparation to meet the needs of the higher classes in China. The work in

Near Eastern Antiquity has given much good material for meeting the critics of the Bible. The study of the Sanctuary and Hebrews, where we have reached our conclusions by class discussion and research, has greatly clarified the matter of the Atonement, in which I must admit I formerly took many things for granted. Now when the question is asked, "Just how does Jesus save me?" I believe I shall be better able to answer it as well as many other questions often asked by those who barely know the name of Jesus, but nothing of the Plan of Salvation.

I received great personal benefit from the studies here in the Seminary. A much firmer foundation has been laid for advancement, not only in personal study, but also in my own Christian experience.

Cecil B. Guild

ALUMNI LA SIERRA COLLEGE

October 3, 1922 was the birthday of La Sierra. One of the blessings for which we are most thankful is that many of the children of La Sierra are now scattered over the world living and preaching the Message. Whatever your profession or station in life, and wherever you are, we want to reestablish connection. To that end we are asking you to start the new custom of hearing from you every year on October 3.

Please write, telling where you are, what you are doing, and other items which will be of interest. Address Keld L. Reynolds, La Sierra College, Arlington, California.

WEDDING BELLS

WALKER—BOYD—On August 14, at 8:00 P. M. Miss Velma L. Walker and Charles A. Boyd were united in marriage at the Graysville church, with Elder G. Medary officiating. Mrs. Kitty Gamble sang two solos, and a duet was rendered by Mrs. Clarence Haskell and Mrs. Brown Gordon. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Paul Walker. Mr. J. P. Cunningham was best man, Miss Barbara Walker was the bridesmaid, and the matron of honor was Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, sister of the groom. Bobby Gordon carried the Bible and little Carol Haskel was flower girl. Our best wishes go with this couple.

The Journey's End

HUDSON—Leslie West Hudson was born November 22, 1897 in Wenonah, New Jersey, and died at his home in Miami, Florida, after a brief illness, on August 9, 1940.

He accepted this message under the labors of Brother Allen Walker some years ago and has remained faithful ever since.

He sleeps today in the Lord Jesus awaiting the glorious resurrection morning when the Saviour shall call forth His sleeping saints.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Interment was made in the Miami Memorial Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George A. M. Hudson, and one brother, Earle R. Hudson.

C. R. Gibbs

Report of all Mission Funds given in the conferences of the Southern Union during the first seven months of 1940 compared with the first seven months of 1939.

	1939 Amt. given	1939 Weekly Av. Per Mem.	1940 Amt. given	1940 Weekly Av. Per Mem.
White				
Alabama-Mississippi	\$ 9,314.30	.185	\$11,862.48	.223
Carolina	11,165.30	.227	14,528.88	.271
Florida	28,449.94	.280	33,033.54	.314
Georgia-Cumberland	13,796.19	.175	18,893.11	.228
Kentucky-Tennessee	13,096.35	.154	17,673.36	.198
Colored				
Alabama-Mississippi	3,273.28	.136	3,322.16	.135
Carolina	2,674.41	.127	2,649.92	.126
Florida	3,787.54	.129	4,209.59	.146
Georgia-Cumberland	2,467.06	.103	2,565.14	.109
Kentucky-Tennessee	2,754.46	.160	2,411.83	.134
Total White	75,882.08	.208	95,991.37	.250
Total Colored	13,218.30	.129	15,158.64	.131
GRAND TOTAL	90,839.13	.189	111,150.01	.222

EATON—The Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Sanitarium Church, was saddened on July 15, by the death of James William Eaton. James was the eleven-year-old son of Sister Naomi Cobb-Eaton. He received all his education in church school since his mother accepted the Third Angel's Message, just as he was old enough to start to school. James experienced a wonderful conversion during the past school year. While participating in the young people's week of prayer he gave his heart to Jesus, and on May 13 he followed his Lord in baptism.

Hope and courage was brought to the bereaved family and friends, after his drowning on July 12, by Elder C. V. Anderson, assisted by the church pastor. The uniting of loved ones at the soon coming of Jesus enables those who mourn to know that the Lord does all things for the best.

S. McCormick

ROWLAND—Brother Gude Barnes Rowland was born in Henderson, Kentucky, March 3, 1873, and passed to his rest at his home on Oaks Road, McCracken County, Kentucky, Friday, August 9, 1940, at the age of 67 years. He leaves to mourn his passing, his widow, Mrs. Sallie Rowland, one daughter, and three sons.

In 1921 this message of a soon-coming Saviour reached Brother Rowland and he accepted it, uniting with the church in Paducah, Kentucky. Brother Rowland was faithful in Sabbath observance until the time of his death, and it is with sorrow that we shall miss him. We believe that he rests until "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

V. W. Esquilla

**SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
READING PROGRAM**

Assignments for Thirty-Fifth Week, August 25-31

VOLUME: "The Ministry of Healing"

"The Coworking of the Divine and the Human" pages 111-124

"The Physician an Educator" pages 125-136

August 25	111-114	August 28	121-124
August 26	114-117	August 29	125-129
August 27	117-121	August 30	129-133
	August 31	133-136	

GEM THOUGHT

"Too little attention is generally given to the preservation of health. It is far better to prevent disease than to know how to treat it when contracted." "Ministry of Healing," p. 123.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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For Rent: Furnished house. Five rooms completely furnished, practically new, next to campus of Forest Lake Academy, \$20.00 per month. Fine place to live and send your children to the Academy. Address E. W. Bradley, Route 2, Maitland, Florida.

SCHEDULE OF OFFERINGS

To Be Observed in All Churches

Pastors and Church Elders:

August 24, Local Expense
August 31, Local Expense

Announcement should be made each week of the purpose of the offering to be taken at the Sabbath morning service.

THE COLPORTEUR EVANGELIST

I. M. Evans - - - Union Field Secretary

Report for week ending Aug. 17

Ala.-MISS.,	V. R. Johnson, Field Sec.			
Name	Book	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
Milton Norrell	GH	44	53.45	1.00
D. L. Chappel	OT	40	41.00	.50
Mrs. Cora Gordon	WAT	36	10.90	10.90
Lamar McDaniel	WAT	33	36.25	8.00
Mozella Brown	WAT	33	10.20	10.20
Roma Brown	WAT	33	7.50	7.50
Arabelle Pitts	WAT	32	6.20	6.20
Mabel Howard	WAT	31	10.70	10.70
R. J. Cook	HR	25	40.08	2.75
Mrs. Nellie Tully	MAG.	20	8.75	6.75
A. J. Jones	HR	20	14.75	2.15
Mrs. E. Capps	BML	20	4.25	3.10
Richard Murrelle	MAG.	13	3.00	3.00
Walter L. Pearson	BML	11	3.00	
Mozetta Billingsley	HR	5		9.75
Susie Kelly	HR	5	8.50	5.65
William Shepherd	MAG.		10.00	10.00
TOTALS		401	268.53	98.15

Carolina,	A. C. McKee, Field Sec.		
*Wm. H. Philpott	BR	58	206.25
W. H. Coffman	OT	50	141.00
*Myrtle McGee	OT	47	39.75
John Hines	OT	40	61.95
James Lewis	OT	40	65.50
Irma Shaw	OT	29	47.50
Ethel Bowen	MAG.	24	14.60
Raymond Manuel	OT	22	16.25
E. B. Whittier	OT	20	27.25
M. Brownlee	OT	20	6.00
Grayson McDaniel	OT	13	10.50
Beatrice Watson	RJ	9	2.25
Willie Hancock	OT	5	12.75
TOTALS		377	651.55

FLORIDA,	A. E. Deyo, Field Sec.		
Geo. W. Nolen	RB	98	102.00
H. T. Barnhart	BR	52	55.75
H. F. Lester	BML	42	16.25
D. & C. Waldo	BR	36	47.50
Katherine Lang	MAG.	30	6.60
W. B. Wynn	BR	29	49.00
TOTALS		287	277.10

Ga.-Cumb.,	J. R. McWilliam, Field Sec.		
†Mrs. C. Jones	Mag.	171	14.00
H. W. Tipton	BR	65	226.25
Fred Meister	HLPS.	62	169.67
Wilham Kiker	OT	60	66.50
E. E. Goforth	OT	56	69.95
J. R. Clark	BR	51	109.00
A. J. Sharpe	GC	33	22.40
Mrs. O. Craig	MAG.	29	55.00
Perry Priest	BR	29	53.70
Walter Echols	BR	29	37.20
Mrs. A. J. Sharpe	BR	19	41.00
Mrs. D. Waldrip	BR	13	11.75
F. D. Pattee	BR	5	14.50
TOTALS		622	344.05

Ky.-Tenn.,	C. L. Chastain, Field Sec.		
C. C. Hughes	BR	50	79.50
D. E. Kenyon	BR	43	61.75
R. E. Wilson	W	43	46.00
J. H. Berry	BR	40	72.75
R. B. Sheets	BR	36	6.25
K. A. Browning	BR	35	16.50
Mrs. A. J. Marple	W	32	15.70
Antoinette Higgins	W	31	31.30
M. Pitchford	HR	28	21.00
Marian Satterlee	W	24	16.60
Mabel Howard	W	23	13.10
Willard Knight	OT	24	43.25
Aubra Chastain	BR	20	47.25
Ruby Simmons	W	13	13.30
*H. P. Service	MIS.	90	108.35
Annie Mae Chastain	W		3.60
TOTALS		532	596.20

UNION TOTALS	2219	2137.43	1464.67
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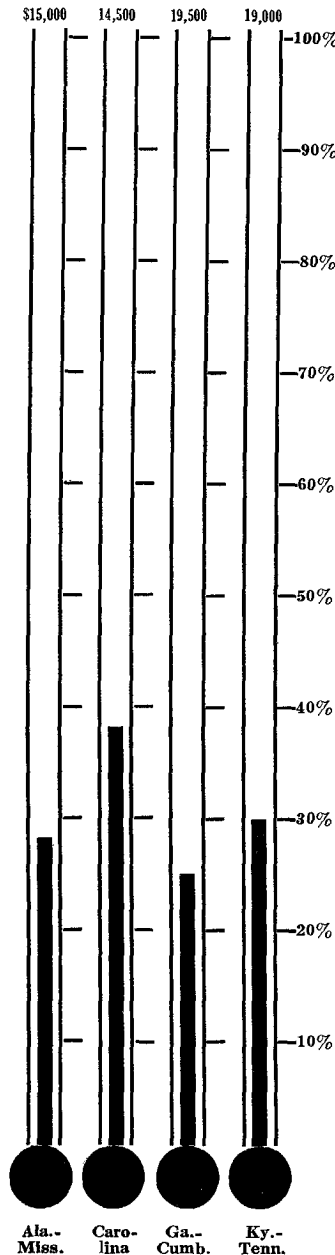
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OUR RADIO LOG

- WTJS, Jackson, Tennessee
1310 Kilocycles
Speaker, Donald F. Haynes
The Bible Forum
Sunday, 3:00—3:30 P. M.
Our Times and Their Meaning
Thursday, 3:00—3:15 P. M.
Behind the Headlines
Daily except Friday
10:45—11:00 P. M.
Evensong
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
5:15—5:30 P. M.
- WDBO, Orlando, Florida
Dial 58
Speaker, G. A. Coon
"Know Your Bible Better"
Sunday, 1:00 P. M.
- WJNO, West Palm Beach, Florida
Speaker, E. C. Banks
"The Bible Made Plain"
Sunday, 1:45 P. M.
- WTSP, St. Petersburg, Florida
Daily, 12:45 P. M.
Sunday, 2:05—2:20 P. M.
- W PAD, Paducah, Kentucky
1420 Kilocycles
Speaker, V. W. Esquilla
Thursday and Sunday, 1:30 P. M.
- WISE, Asheville, N. C.
Speaker, R. E. Griffin
Daily except Mondays and Saturdays
12:45—1:00 P. M.
- WORL, Knoxville, Tennessee
Dial No. 131
Speaker, W. E. Lanier
Every Sunday morning, 8:15
- WFTL, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
1400 Kilocycles
Speaker, Allen Walker
Voice of Truth
Sunday, 2:05—2:30 P. M.

HARVEST INGATHERING

THERMOMETERS



right now in the very midst of this important soul-winning campaign for God, and our Heavenly Father is blessing the faithful efforts of His dear people in raising their Harvest Ingathering. Look at the thermometers! The mercury is rapidly rising. Where is your conference in relation to its full goal? How about your church? If it hasn't yet reached its goal, are you doing everything you can to do your part?

Kentucky-Tennessee, you will notice, is leading this week in total amount raised, while Carolina continues to lead out in per cent of goal raised.

From Carolina comes the word: "In spite of hurricanes, rain, etc., we had an exceptionally good week, and \$1,011.27 was reported for the week, making our total \$5,599."

We are happy to know that the Pensacola church with a goal of \$725 has gone over the top. We wish to pass on congratulations to this church, and all others which are being added to the Honor Roll this week.

If we do our part in the Harvest Ingathering, go right out and visit people and tell them what God is doing and ask them to help in this good work, the Lord will bless our efforts with success. We will be blessed, the people we meet will be blessed, and the mission fields will receive help. Can God depend upon you to do your part?
B. M. Preston

GLEAMS OF VICTORY

Are you one of that HONORED GROUP that have the distinction of having raised at least a Minute-man goal in the Harvest Ingathering? Almost hundreds of our people are being added to that long, honored list every day and every \$12.05 is the amount of a Minute-man goal this year, and that is within the reach of every Seventh-day Adventist. If you haven't raised your goal yet, start right out and plan to raise at least that much during the next week.

Yes, the reports again this week are most encouraging. Our conferences are

CHURCH HONOR ROLL

Church	Goal
Ala.-Miss. Pensacola	725.00
Carolina Florence No. 2	62.00
Darlington No. 2	27.00
Ga.-Cumb. Brayton	15.00
Gainesville	100.00
Deer Lodge	100.00
Harriman	100.00
Ky.-Tenn. Fountain Head	215.00

HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT

Week Ending, August 17, 1940

Conference	Goals	Totals	Per cent of Goal	Per Capita
Alabama-Mississippi	\$15,000.00	\$4,300.79	28.6	\$1.65
Carolina	14,500.00	5,599.00	38.6	2.07
Georgia-Cumberland	19,500.00	4,889.63	25.0	1.29
Kentucky-Tennessee	19,000.00	5,702.32	30.0	1.44
		20,491.74		