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SALUTATORY

THIS new paper appears as the organ of the Southern Union Conference, the medium of communication between the workers in this territory touching matters of state and union conference business. No argument is required to show that such an organ should exist. At the Southern Union Conference Committee meeting held in Chattanooga in May last, the following action on the subject was taken:—

“We recommend the establishment of a Southern Union Conference paper, to be an eight-page bi-weekly, at twenty-five cents per year; the expenses of publishing said paper to be prorated between the state conferences according to membership, they to receive credit for all subscriptions secured within their respective territories.”

Hitherto the *Watchman* has been made to serve as the Southern Union Conference organ; but it will be evident to all that the *Watchman* could not at the same time be both a missionary paper and a conference organ. We could not ask our faithful workers who go out every week to sell the *Watchman*, to go to the people with a paper largely filled up with Union Conference matters that would be of interest only to our own membership. The *Watchman* could not hope to succeed as a missionary paper under such circumstances; while as a conference organ merely, its present size would be much too large, and the paper would fall far short each year of paying expenses. That the *Watchman* should be a missionary paper we are assured through the spirit of prophecy. This instruction is given us:—

HOUR BY HOUR

God broke our years to hours and days, that,
Hour by hour,
And day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weight of life
Be laid across our shoulders, and the future,
rife
With woe and struggle, meet us face to face
At just one place,
We could not go;
Our feet would stop, and so
God lays a little on us every day,
And never, I believe, on all the way
Will burdens bear so deep,
Or pathways lie so steep,
But we can go if, by God's power,
We only bear the burden of the hour.
— George Klingle.

“The *Watchman* is to have a place in the field at large. It bears the message of truth as verily as do the *Review* and the *Signs of the Times*. . . . Let those who have had success in the circulation of the *Signs* and *Review* remember that the *Watchman* also has a work to do. It will accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work in all parts of the world. Its field is wherever subscribers can be found for it.”

So now the REPORT OF PROGRESS takes the place which has heretofore been filled as conference organ by the *Watchman* and the various state conference papers in the Southern Union Conference. And now we trust that all our workers in this Union Conference will help this paper to fill its appointed place, by making it their medium of communication with one another in all matters of mutual interest pertaining to the work in this field.

L. A. SMITH.

FISHERS AND HUNTERS

“FROM henceforth thou shalt catch men.” Luke 5: 10.

“Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.” Mark 1: 17.

“He ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.” Mark 3: 14.

“He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16: 15.

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4: 35.

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.” Matt. 9: 37, 38.

Reader, will you answer this prayer by saying, Lord, “here am I; send me”? “They that be wise [*teachers*, margin] shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness [Ps. 119: 172] as the stars for ever and ever.” Isa. 6: 8; Dan. 12: 3. See also John 4: 36.

“Behold, I will send for *many fishers*, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for *many hunters*, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.” Jer. 16: 16.

“The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser

in the field, there should be one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story-books, but to bring before the world the books containing truth essential for this time."—*Manual for Canvassers*,

p. 7.

"The important books containing the truth regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven, should be given wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and 'Great Controversy' are needed now as never before. They should be widely circulated, because the truth they emphasize will open many blind eyes.

"Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday law would not be where it is to-day."—*E. G. W., in Review and Herald, June 1, 1905.*

The Lord is pleading with his children daily, by the Holy Spirit, saying, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard;" for "the night cometh, when no man can work." "To-day, after so long a time; as it is said, To-day if ye will [*shall*, R. V.] hear his voice, harden not your hearts;" but say, Lord, "here am I; send me." Matt. 21:28; John 9:4; Heb. 4:7; Isa. 6:8.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

THE NEED OF A LIBRARY IN EVERY CHURCH

This article was prepared by Miss Ruby Roach to be read at the Young People's Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., Sabbath, June 8.

THOSE connected with the movement to evangelize the world in this generation should be the most thoroughly awake, well-equipped, sincerely earnest people living.

We need not dwell on the requisite consecration and the power of the Spirit, as these have been given primary consideration in this convention. But as a very important means to the desired end, we would emphasize the need of a library in every church.

The history of this movement alone testifies to the potency of the printed page as an instrument in God's hands for the teaching of truth, as is shown in the widespread influence of many books published by this people, specially the early ones, as "Great Controversy,"

"Patriarchs and Prophets," "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," and others.

As a factor in securing an education, all recognize reading as a prerequisite. It is the tool in the hands of the individual by which all branches of study may be pursued. Those who will be most benefited by the church library are the children and young people, though hardly less enjoyable and helpful will the older ones find it. And certainly the usefulness of the books will not be limited to our own people, but by judicious plans and work it may reach out to the communities in which our churches are located, and from them on and on indefinitely.

Those who cannot spend years in school, but must make some preparation for even a humble part in this work, would find it very helpful, and so we might expect great things from such an investment. Again, it is only a just and kindly provision for the young people, as all cannot own copies of the books to which they need to refer in almost every day's study, and by it they have recourse to volumes which they might otherwise never see. Thus may their tastes be cultivated, and so molded that they will in after life be capable of selecting wisely in their choice of reading as well as labor, having been spurred on by the inspiration that comes from coming in contact with the lives of great men, the truly noble and useful of all generations.

May the Lord bless us in looking after the needs of our youth, and saving them from the mixed current of good and evil which they will find in the literature of the day, that they may not forsake "the fountains of living waters, and hew them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

THAT TENT-MEETING

AS THE season for our tent-meetings is now here, it will be in order to make some suggestions about doing house-to-house work in connection with such efforts. All who have had experience in tent-meeting work know the importance of keeping every home well supplied with literature while the meetings are in progress. To do this successfully requires no small effort, but it always brings gratifying results. To get in touch with every family in the vicinity,

and to keep in touch with them every day during the meetings, is a very important matter, and one that should never be neglected. It is well for us to bear in mind the fact that we may never have the privilege of passing that way again; hence the importance of making a supreme effort to warn every soul while the opportunity is given. To assist in doing this I suggest the following plan as being very practical, and one that is almost sure to bring the desired results.

On going into a new place, first ascertain as near as possible the number of families living within a reasonable radius of the place of meeting. Then supply yourself with as many sets of the "Family Bible Teacher" as you have families in the vicinity. The day you begin your meeting, begin also the work of visiting the people. Make it a point to see that every family is supplied *each day* of the meeting with a lesson dealing with the *subject spoken on the previous evening*. Say, for instance, the subject of Christ's second coming is spoken on; the next morning take lesson No. 5 to each home, telling them that it deals with the subject of the previous evening, and urge a careful reading of the lesson. At the same time announce the subject for the following evening, and invite each family to attend the meetings. This method will not only insure the largest possible attendance, but has the advantage of making your work doubly effective. The following recent testimony from brethren who adopted this plan will be of interest:—

"The first few evenings a very fair audience came out to hear. After the first three meetings, the congregation began to fall away, and about the sixth meeting there were only about nine or ten adults besides those of our own faith. We saw that something must be done or the meeting would have to close. We counseled together, and decided to send for enough sets of the 'Family Bible Teacher' to place in each home in the town each day.

"Having some of the numbers on hand, we took up the work at once. As we carried the readings to their homes, we had a chance to visit with the people a few minutes, and invite them out to the meetings. As far as possible, we gave them a printed reading on the same subject that was preached on the night before. This placed them on friendly

terms with us, and nearly all promised to read the leaflets and come out to the meetings.

"This has been repeated every day for nearly a week, and from the very day we began this work the congregation began to increase, and now the tent is full every evening. At our last meeting we had a tent full, although many had to come in the rain.

"One good feature about this method is that it seems to bring out the very best people of the town, and another is that it reaches the class that it is impossible to get out to any other meetings."

But says one, "Where would the money come from with which to pay for the literature?" I believe the Lord wants the work done in the most effective way possible, and that he will supply the means when we are willing to walk out in faith, taking advantage of the opportunities given us. Adopt the method of taking up a collection every evening, and there will be means enough with which to pay for the literature. I am confident that the Lord will move upon the hearts of the people to give liberally when we first give liberally to them. Brethren, try this plan, and I am sure you will be greatly pleased with the results. Our last tent effort will be held before a great while, and now as never before we should lay our plans to make our work the most effective possible.

W. H. GRANGER.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

WE are told that "we do not obtain a hundredth part of the blessing we should obtain from assembling together to worship God," and that "our perceptive faculties need sharpening. The fellowship with one another should make us glad. With such a hope as we have, why are not our hearts all aglow with the love of God?" Also: "Some have failed to see the real importance, not only of attending religious meetings, but also of bearing testimony for Christ and the truth. If these brethren do not obtain spiritual strength by the faithful performance of every Christian duty, thus coming into a closer and more sacred communion with their Redeemer, they will become weaker in moral power. They will surely wither spiritually, unless they change their course in this respect."—*Testimonies*, 6:362; 4:539, 540.

Is it not wisdom, therefore, to try to search out the true cause of the almost universal indifference on this subject, and to apply the remedy if found? Why is it, then, that we have so light an appreciation of the privileges we enjoy, and why is it that so few attend church meetings, coming in a condition that will enable them to be actual contributors to a success?

The outcome of a religious meeting must, of course, largely depend upon the character of the individuals present, the place they occupy on the program, and the relative value of the contribution of each participant. The council is, "Make the social meetings of the church as interesting as possible. Let every one present feel that he has a duty to perform in the meeting."—*Testimonies*, 7:190.

The question is, "Why cannot each professing Christian present at a church meeting drop naturally into his or her proper place in the program, and so, all united in a spiritual harmony, ensure a profitable meeting?" The answer, though a simple one, seems to have been strangely overlooked.

We are told that "the scheme of salvation is a wonderful science, to be studied," that "the worship of God is a trade that has to be learned," and that "the truth becomes our stock in trade" (see *Home Missionary*, December, 1894; *Review and Herald*, September 10, 1895; "*Testimonies*," 7:71.).

From these statements we may safely conclude that the reason why our church meetings are, as a rule, lamentable failures, spiritually, is because the professing Christians attending them, as a body (there being of course exceptions), have failed to study the scheme of salvation, and have neglected to become master mechanics (or people who have learned the trade of the worship of God). Therefore, being workmen that need to be ashamed—babes feeding on the milk of the word, instead of strong men and women in Christ Jesus, employing the truth as their "stock in trade"—they are not accustomed to taking an active part in the carrying on of church meetings to the glory of God, neither are they proficient as church workers, and so able to apply a personal experience in filling acceptably their appropriate places in such gatherings. The result is that the meetings contain few burden-

bearers, or master mechanics, and the load of unbelief is too heavy to lift in order that the blessing of God may enter.

We are told that "the convocations of the church, as in camp-meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain."—*Review and Herald*, March 2, 1893.

"The promise of the gift of the Spirit of God is felt as a matter to be little considered by the church. It is not impressed upon the people, and the result is that which might be expected—spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension, and death. Minor matters occupy the mind and soul, but divine power, which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, which would, if possessed, bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, although it is offered to us in infinite plentitude.

"Just as long as the church is satisfied with small things, they are disqualified to receive the great things of God. But why do we not hunger and thirst after the gift of the Holy Spirit, since it is the means whereby the heart may be kept pure? . . . It is all essential for the Christian to understand the meaning of the promise of the Holy Spirit just prior to the coming of our Lord Jesus the second time. Talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it, for the Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit than parents are to give good gifts to their children."—*Review and Herald*, December 15, 1892.

"Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his sanctifying Spirit, and transfuse the vital principle from himself to his people. . . . Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving his Holy Spirit he is giving to them the glory which the Father gave to him, that he and his people may be one in God. . . . Let us dwell much upon these points before the people, that their ideas may be enlarged, their faith increased. They should be encouraged to ask largely, and expect without a doubt the riches of his grace; for through Jesus we can come into the audience-chamber of the Most High. Through his merits we have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Oh, that we may have a deeper experience in prayer. With confidence we may come to God, know-

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FROM THE FIELD

TO THE BRETHREN OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEN you received this paper to-day, and tore off the wrapper, possibly you expected to read the *North Carolina Messenger*. Instead you hold in your hand the REPORT OF PROGRESS. Of course you wonder what it is, how it is, whence it is, and for what it is. It is proper that you should know. Others have explained as to the general purpose of this paper throughout the Southern Union Conference. It remains for us to explain its relation to North Carolina.

In our work with the *Messenger*, we have felt gratified at the hearty support and cooperation of all our brethren. We have ever realized that a means of communication should be had by which the brethren throughout the field could keep in touch with one another and with the work. Up to the present time this need has been supplied by our little *Messenger*. When at the late meeting of the Union Conference Committee it was decided to issue a union conference organ, it at once became a live question as to how we of North Carolina should relate ourselves to this advance movement. It is at once plainly evident that two papers of the same general nature may not successfully occupy the same territory at the same time. After as careful thought as we were capable of giving, aided by all the counsel available, a line of action was determined, which, briefly outlined, is as follows:—

1. That the subscription list, good will, and patronage of the *North Carolina Messenger* be transferred to the REPORT OF PROGRESS.

2. That without extra cost to our present subscribers the REPORT be furnished to them for the time of their unexpired subscriptions.

3. That all our workers and brethren be encouraged to contribute to the columns of the REPORT in the same hearty manner that they have heretofore shown toward the *Messenger*.

It will be observed that by the arrangement here outlined, the following advantages will be had: 1. Our people of North Carolina will still continue to receive just such communications and information as has heretofore been sent to them through the *Messenger*; 2. In addition to this, they will receive much interesting and instructive information with reference to the work among our sister conferences of the South; 3. Instead of receiving the paper once a month, they will now receive it

once in two weeks; 4. Instead of four pages, they will now receive eight pages at each issue.

In view of the unifying influence of such an organ, coupled with the considerations already named, it is thought best to merge the *Messenger* into the REPORT. So now you hold in your hand the proper and legal successor of the little *Messenger*. In taking leave of our readers in this capacity, we desire to give the assurance that our hearts are still in the work. We are thankful for the uniform kindness and consideration that has ever been accorded us by our readers. Whatever of commendation there has ever been for our little sheet is due in great part to our workers in the field, who have largely made it what it has been. We earnestly bespeak for the REPORT the same kindly consideration. And now, turning our eyes forward, let us hope and expect that God's special blessing will be over this advance step. Let us loyally step into the new plans, and by the help of the Lord go forward from victory to victory.

T. H. JEYS,
JESSIE V. BOSWORTH,
Editors.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION AT CHATTANOOGA

ALL the benefits that are to be derived from a gathering of the people in any capacity are not at once apparent. In a religious meeting there may be manifest tokens of God's presence and blessing, but the real measure of good is to be found in the lives of those who enjoyed the benefits of the meeting. It is so with the Educational Convention that has recently closed at East Lake, Tenn. If our schools throughout the South are better organized and do more systematic and efficient work than before; if our teachers have here received an inspiration that will lead them to greater earnestness and to an exhibition of greater ability as teachers, then the convention has been a success. We believe this will prove to be true. Time will tell.

Bible services were conducted daily besides public religious services nearly every night. The forenoon hours were devoted to regular class work. In the afternoon several engaged in the sale of different periodicals, and thousands of these were placed in the homes of the people. The *Watchman* and the *Bible Training School* were the leading periodicals sold, but a few besides these were distributed. Some who had never engaged in this work before received great blessings from doing so at this time, and will carry to their schools the blessings gained by the experience.

A great interest was manifested by all in the different exercises of the day, and so far as they could reasonably do so, all availed themselves of the benefits offered.

Elder and Sister Haskell were with us for about ten days, and gave most excellent Bible instruction. Elders Kilgore, Horton, and Pogue also assisted in this line of study.

Aside from the reviews of the branches usually taught in our primary schools, much was accomplished in the formation of plans for the systematizing of our school work. One very important step in this direction was the adoption of a series of uniform text-books. In another article we shall give a list of these books, and make some explanations concerning them. We hope these books will be used in all of our schools in this Union Conference, and thus much expense of time and means incident to frequent changes in books be avoided.

The convention prepared a brief manual for the use of our schools. This gives considerable information regarding our educational work in general, and gives specific direction for the organization of small schools, and suggestions regarding the conducting of such a school. The work to be done in the different grades represented in our more elementary schools is also outlined, and many suggestions are offered regarding the use of the books which were selected for uniform use. We hope this manual can be published soon, and be placed in the hands of all teachers and patrons.

Other plans were laid having in view the further unifying of our school work. These are briefly embodied in the following recommendations, which were unanimously adopted:

1. Recognizing the need of thorough qualification on the part of our church and mission school teachers,—

We Recommend that each teacher be urged to read at least two books on some phase of education each year; and that for the present year these books be "Education" and "Welsh's Talks to Teachers."

2. *We recommend* that two grades of certificates be granted. The first grade being issued to those who pass a satisfactory examination on the required branches, and complete the books of the reading circle for the year; this certificate to be good for a term of two years, and to be renewed in case the holder has been engaged in successful teaching.

The second grade certificate, good only for one year, shall be issued to those who fall below a minimum grade in not more than two of the required branches, or who fail to complete the books assigned in the reading circle.

A permit may be granted at the discretion of the Educational Secretary of the Union Conference to other persons who have not passed the examination. This permit shall be good for one term only and for a specified school, where the services of such teacher may be requested.

3. *We recommend* that all certificates and permits be issued by the Educational Department of the Union Conference, and endorsed by the Educational Secretary of the local conference.

4. *We recommend* that persons holding diplomas from the Normal Department of one of our Training Schools be granted a certificate upon presentation of such diploma.

5. *We recommend* that the Educational Secretary of the Southern Union Conference prepare questions on the books of the reading

circle, and grant a certificate to those who can satisfactorily answer them.

6. That a committee composed of the Educational Secretary, the Superintendent of the Mission Schools, the Principal of the Southern Training School, and two church school teachers appointed by the other three members of the committee select the books to be read each year hereafter.

7. *We recommend* that the Department of Education arrange to supply the schools of the Southern Union Conference with suitable uniform registers in which to keep permanent school records.

8. *We recommend* that the one session plan be adopted in our primary schools, except where conditions render such a course impracticable.

9. *We recommend* that all teachers be urged to report promptly to the Educational Secretary of the conference in which they may be engaged; and that the blanks already approved by this Convention be employed in making such reports.

10. *We recommend* that each teacher solicit in the community in which she may be engaged a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each pupil under her instruction, the same to be sent to the Treasurer of the Union Conference, and to be a fund for defraying the expenses of future educational conventions.

11. That we request the Union Conference to retain any sum that may remain after paying the expenses of this Convention as a fund to assist in meeting the expenses of future meetings of like nature. J. E. TENNEY.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Cowpens Battle Ground.

I HAVE just visited this place, spending Sabbath and Sunday with the believers there, and I was surprised to meet some of our aged sisters who, although the weather was rainy, had walked over three miles to be present.

It will be remembered that one year ago Brother Carey and I held meetings in this place, and that a number at that time took their stand for the truth. Others have since united with the company in obeying. Among these is a deacon who is also clerk of the New Pleasant Baptist church. This brother's name is now up for trial in that church for keeping God's Sabbath and attending our meetings. May all pray that Brother Skruggs may have wisdom and boldness as he speaks in behalf of the faith once delivered unto the saints.

Brother Peter Sailor, lately from Indiana, settled at this place last fall, and has encouraged the company and labored faithfully to erect the chapel we had decided to build. This 18 x 24 ft. chapel, with extension in the back for the rostrum, is now enclosed, and we held our meetings in the unfinished building.

The Lord came preciously near as we spoke to this hungry company. As they spoke in the after-meeting, their testimonies showed that they were filled with zeal and determination to press the battle until, victorious, they

shall stand with the people of God upon Mount Zion. They told of struggles with the enemy and of victories gained.

I look forward with deep interest to the time when this little company will be fully ready for organization. We shall look for a good representation from them at our state camp-meeting to be held at Spartanburg, S. C., this year, Aug. 8-18. Let all the brethren and sisters in the state *remember this date*, and plan to attend this important meeting.

Our camp-meeting fund needs replenishing before the time arrives for this meeting. The South Carolina Mission Field is looking for every brother and sister in the state to *do the best* possible to make the coming camp-meeting what it should be. We expect the best meeting ever held in the state. Let all pray and work to this end. R. T. NASH.

FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.

HAVE just finished canvassing this town, and to-morrow will go to Lewisburg, Tenn., to canvass that place. It has seemed to me while working here that this place was fully ripe and ready to receive our books. How many places are waiting to have the truths contained in our good books brought to them. The people here have treated me very kindly, and have wished me success as I leave this place for another town.

I met an influential gentleman on the street this morning, and he said, "Well, you have sold a lot of books here, and they will do a heap of good."

As I read the good reports of our workers from time to time, it inspires my soul with new strength and courage, and I have wished that I might only say something to encourage others. I cannot find words to express my thankfulness to the Lord for what he has done for me in this place. What he has done for me, he can do for others who go out by faith, trusting in his name. I am trusting, and expecting God to keep me of good courage, and as I go, a lone stranger, to another town, I feel confident that the Lord will give me kind friends there as he has in other places. I praise his name for the success he has given me in this little town of about three thousand inhabitants.

In the 389 hours I have worked in Fayetteville, the Lord has enabled me to place 375 books in the homes of the people. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will water the seed sown here, and that at last some dear souls may be saved in his kingdom.

MRS. B. A. PHILPOTT.

June 24, 1907.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

FROM various quarters come words of commendation of the plan that has been inaugurated by the *Watchman* to collect and preserve suitable quotations bearing on the different points of our message.

The president of one of our conferences says, "It will be of untold value to our workers."

The secretary of one of our Sabbath-school departments wrote a few days ago, suggesting that all our young people should secure copies of the Scrap-book, saying that it would educate them into being more observant of items published in our papers, and would prove of value to them in after years. We heartily endorse these sentiments, and believe that this plan would also be a source of encouragement to them to take hold of the work, and use the matter thus placed in their hands.

Many of our brethren, who are not actively engaged in the work, have written that they wish to preserve the excellent matter contained in the *Watchman*, and others of our papers, and desire one of the Scrap-books for that purpose. So it is evident that the *Watchman* Scrap-book plan is "of interest to all."

The first edition of the books is entirely sold out. The books composing the second edition are a little larger, a little better gotten up, and will be furnished for sixty-five cents or two new yearly subscriptions and fifteen cents for postage. These books are sold at practically their exact cost, the object being to assist our people in preserving the valuable matter that will be published in the *Watchman*.

Address, *The Watchman*, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

GEORGIA

An Appeal.

AS I WALK the streets and through the suburbs of this great city of Atlanta, and see the excess in eating, drinking, and building, and the wickedness increasing daily, these words of the Saviour come to my mind: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

These words of the Lord are true and are fulfilling. When he spoke of things in the future, they were sure to come; for he knew whereof he spoke. When a friend tells us some fact or describes some event, how quickly we believe him. The Lord has given us a true picture of these last days, and we can see that the times now are like those in the days of Noah and Lot.

The Lord has given us a work to do in these last days. We have a truth to proclaim, and he also calls upon us to build memorials to his name. "These memorials are to stand in many places as witnesses to the truth." "When the Lord shall bid us make no further effort to build meeting-houses, and establish schools, sanitariums, and publishing institutions, it will be time for us to fold our hands and let the Lord close up the work; but now

is our opportunity to show our zeal for God and our love for humanity."

"We are to be partners in the work of God throughout the world. Wherever there are souls to be saved, we are to lend our help, that many sons and daughters may be brought to God." The end is near, and for this reason we are to make the most of every entrusted ability.

In Atlanta house-to-house work has been carried on for about six or seven years, and there is not a meeting-house for this people in the city or even in the state. The size of our meeting-room is 14 x 13 feet; its furniture consists of 34 chairs, a small melodeon, a table, and a fireplace. If all the members are present, there is no room for visitors.

Brethren and sisters, we are in need of a building; will you help us now? We cannot bear alone the burden of erecting a house of worship; but if you will help us, we believe that before long we shall be able to say, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded to make. . . . So the people were restrained from bringing; for the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much."

Send donations to Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tenn., or to Mrs. W. H. Sebastian, 401 Chapel Street, Atlanta, Ga., stating that your contribution is for the Atlanta building.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

OBITUARY OF MRS. BEALA BRANDON-LAWRENCE

Mrs. LAWRENCE, formerly Beala Brandon, was born near Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 10, 1882. She was fair and beautiful in looks, and more so in disposition and character. She attended the Villia's School for awhile, and then the Huntsville Academy. Later she attended the Oakwood Academy, and embraced the doctrines held dear to every Seventh-day Adventist. Her life after that was a useful one.

She graduated in 1901, and engaged in school work for several years. With the aid of her melodious voice and her education, she did much wherever she went. Her voice was instrumental in bringing souls to the true knowledge of Jesus.

She was united in marriage, in 1905, to Mr. J. H. Lawrence, a missionary from the West

Indies. Her life since has been a continual sacrifice for souls. They labored together in Mississippi, Birmingham, and Mobile, where in the heat of a great battle for souls, she was asked to lay down her life, and await the coming of the dear Saviour. This she did cheerfully, May 31, 1907.

Her last days and hours were her most consecrated ones. As the grim monster death was laying hold upon her, she, forgetting herself, prayed most earnestly for the progress of the third angel's message. She leaves a sad, but hopeful husband, her mother, four brothers, and three sisters, to mourn her loss. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Halladay, who performed her marriage ceremony, not quite two years ago.

F. W. HALLADAY.

IS GOD PARTICULAR?

THE Saviour said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13, 14.

People who think they have found a broad way to heaven, often halt at this text, and say, "O well, that does not mean that I am to do this or that; for God does not want me to have to suffer, as I would have to if I kept his commandments."

Such persons should stop to think that it was one sin that started rebellion in heaven. It caused the fall of Satan and the host of sympathizing angels, and in the end will be their destruction.

One sin, one act of disobedience, on the part of our forefather, Adam, brought sin and death into a world, that, with all things that it contained, God had pronounced "very good." The consequences of this one act grew until "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," and the earth was washed by the waters of the flood.

Doing one thing that God had told them not to do, caused the death of Nadab and Abihu. Lev. 10:1, 2.

For not believing what the Lord said, the children of Israel turned back from the bor-

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ing what it is to have the presence and power of his Holy Spirit."—*Signs, October 3, 1892.*

But, in the day of the latter rain, God says this to the unskilled workmen who have not received the former rain, "Unless we are daily advanced in the exemplification of the Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it."

"The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection. . . . Many have, in a measure, failed to receive the former rain. . . . They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. They are making a terrible mistake."—*Review and Herald, March 2, 1897.*

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der of Canaan, and wandered forty years in the wilderness, until all but two, who were twenty years old when they left Egypt, had fallen in death.

For one sin Moses was barred from leading Israel over Jordan into the promised land and died upon Mount Pisgah.

One act of Achan in taking "the accursed thing" caused his terrible death in the valley of Achor. Joshua 7:10-26.

Saul did not obey the voice of God to destroy all the Amalekites, and he was rejected from being king of Israel. 1 Sam. 15:1-23.

One act on the part of "the presidents of the kingdom, the governors and princes, the counselors and the captains," in plotting against Daniel, resulted in their being torn to pieces by the lions.

Jonah's peculiar and trying experiences resulted from disobeying God in one thing.

Because he was unwilling to do what the Saviour told him, the rich young ruler turned away "very sorrowful." Luke 18:18-23.

One act of the Jews in refusing to accept Christ as their Saviour and King, made them guilty of his death, and caused their rejection as a nation.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 10:11. And, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

HUGH J. GRAHAM.

Miss ELLA BRONSON, Marlette, Mich., R. F. D. No. 2, would be pleased to receive, post-paid, a continuous supply of our denominational tracts, to be used in a reading rack.

STATE AGENT'S REPORT

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THE \$150,000 FUND

A CRY FOR HELP

A CRY as of pain,
 Again and again,
 Is borne o'er the deserts and wide-spreading
 main,—
 A cry from the lands that in darkness are
 lying,—
 A cry from hearts that in sorrow are sighing.
 It comes unto me,
 It comes unto thee.
 O what—O what shall the answer be?

Oh! hark to the call,
 It comes unto all
 Whom Jesus has rescued from sin's deadly
 thrall:
 Come over and help us! in bondage we lan-
 guish;
 Come over and help us! we die in our an-
 guish.

It comes unto me,
 It comes unto thee.
 O what—O what shall the answer be?

It comes to the soul
 That Christ has made whole,
 The heart that is longing his name to extol;
 It comes with a chorus of pitiful wailing,
 It comes with a plea that is strong and pre-
 vailing,—
 "For Christ's sake" to me;
 "For Christ's sake" to thee.
 O what—O what shall the answer be?

We come, Lord, to thee;
 Thy servants are we;
 Inspire thou the answer, and true it shall be!
 If here we should work, or afar thou shouldst
 send us,
 That each one may be
 A witness for thee,
 Till all the earth shall thy glory see.

—Selected.

PENTECOST.

AFTER the day of Pentecost, there was abun-
 dant means in the Lord's treasury. The Holy
 Spirit brings the love of God into a man's
 soul. That love of God takes away the covet-
 ous disposition, and gives a generous, tender
 heart.

Pentecost will be repeated. A flowing tide
 of means, now held back, will come into the
 treasury. However, the individual who re-
 ceives the Spirit of God will manifest a will-
 ingness to place the means God has deposited
 with him back into the Lord's hands.

Read the following blessed, hopeful view
 sent to us by the Holy Spirit:—

"Recently, in visions during the night sea-
 son, a representation passed before me.
 Among God's people there seemed to be a
 great reformatory movement. Many were
 praising God. The sick were healed, and
 other miracles were wrought. A spirit of in-
 tercession was seen, even as was manifested

before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds
 and thousands were seen visiting families, and
 opening before them the word of God. Hearts
 were convicted by the power of the Holy
 Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was
 manifest. On every side doors were thrown
 open to the proclamation of the truth. The
 world seemed to be lightened with a heavenly
 influence. Great blessings were received by
 the true and humble people of God. I heard
 voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there
 seemed to be a reformation such as we wit-
 nessed in 1844.

"Yet some refused to be converted. They
 were not willing to walk in God's way. And
 when, in order that the work of God might be
 advanced, calls were made for liberal free-
 will offerings, some clung selfishly to their
 earthly possessions. These covetous ones be-
 came separated from the company of believ-
 ers."

J. S. WASHBURN.

BENUMBED

WE are on enchanted ground. Heavy slum-
 ber is upon many of the Lord's people. Even
 as just before the dawn men sleep heavily, so
 now the enemy is making a desperate effort to
 so numb our sensibilities that we shall not
 realize the day in which we live. The calls
 of God for means are answered, O so slowly.
 Shall we not realize the importance of the fol-
 lowing solemn words given to us, as we be-
 lieve, by the Spirit of God?

"As a people, we have been benumbed.
 Matters of but little importance have been
 brought in to absorb much means and precious
 talent. There are some whose hearts are
 responsive to the calls of God. But some are
 investing capital in enterprises that give no re-
 sults in the salvation of souls. Such enter-
 prises are snares of the enemy.

"The great enemy of souls would be pleased
 if we were kept busy with things of but little
 importance, and lose our present opportunities
 for labor. We need now to awake out of
 sleep, and to labor earnestly to warn those in
 the highways and in the byways. Soon the
 work will be finished, and now is our time to
 labor with intense energy and untiring in-
 dustry."

J. S. WASHBURN.

A CHEERFUL GIVER

THE Lord loves him who gives gladly, cheer-
 fully. He asks nothing from the grumbling,
 complaining giver. It is not that God is poor
 that he asks us to give. It is for our sakes,
 that we may lay up treasures in heaven, where
 neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where
 thieves do not break through or steal.

Under the heading, "The Lord Loveth a
 Cheerful Giver," dated March 8, 1907, we find
 the following given by the Spirit of God:—

"I address the members of all our churches.
 We are living in a special period of this earth's
 history. A great work must be done in a
 very short time, and every Christian is to act
 a part in sustaining this work. God is calling
 for men who will consecrate themselves to the
 work of soul-saving. Those who desire to

be regarded by God as liberal should devote
 mind and heart,—the entire being—to his
 service. When we begin to comprehend what
 a sacrifice Christ made in order to save a per-
 ishing world, there will be seen a mighty wrest-
 ling to save souls. O, that all our churches
 might see and realize the infinite sacrifice of
 Christ!"

J. S. WASHBURN.

SOUTH CAROLINA

WILL do her part June 29 on the \$150,000
 fund. This is the time for our mid-summer
 offering, and this year it is to be applied on
 the large fund now being raised to establish
 institutions and extend the message where
 most needed. Isolated Sabbath-keepers may
 send their offerings directly to Mrs. R. T.
 Nash, Campobello, S. C. We fully expect all
 lovers of present truth to do what they can
 Sabbath, June 29. We shall look with interest
 to know how well you will lift upon this
 occasion.

Do not forget the Camp-meeting fund. The
 time is drawing near when this fund will be
 needed.

R. T. NASH.

COVETOUSNESS is an evil of gradual develop-
 ment. Achan had cherished greed of gain
 until it became a habit, binding him in fetters
 well-nigh impossible to break. While foster-
 ing this evil, he would have been filled with
 horror at the thought of bringing disaster upon
 Israel; but his perceptions were deadened by
 sin, and when temptation came, he fell an
 easy prey.

Are not similar sins still committed, in the
 face of warnings as solemn and explicit? We
 are as directly forbidden to indulge covetous-
 ness as was Achan to appropriate the spoils of
 Jericho. God has declared it to be idolatry.
 We are warned, "Ye cannot serve God and
 mammon." We have before us the fearful
 doom of Achan, of Judas, of Ananias and Sap-
 phira. Back of all these we have that of
 Lucifer, that "son of the morning," who, covet-
 ing a higher state, forfeited forever the bright-
 ness and bliss of heaven. And yet, notwith-
 standing all these warnings, covetousness
 abounds.

Everywhere its slimy track is seen. It cre-
 ates discontent and dissension in families; it
 excites envy and hatred in the poor against
 the rich; it prompts the grinding oppression of
 the rich toward the poor. And this evil exists
 not in the world alone, but in the church. . . .
 Many a man comes steadily to church, and sits
 at the table of the Lord, while among his pos-
 sessions are hidden unlawful gains, the things
 that God has cursed. For a goodly Babylon-
 ish garment, multitudes sacrifice the approval
 of conscience and their hope of heaven. Mul-
 titudes barter their integrity, and their capa-
 bilities for usefulness, for a bag of silver
 shekels. The cries of the suffering poor are
 unheeded; the gospel light is hindered in its
 course; the scorn of worldlings is kindled by
 practices that give the lie to the Christian
 profession; and yet the covetous professor
 continues to heap up treasures. "Will a man
 rob God? Yet ye have robbed me," saith the
 Lord.—Mrs. E. G. White.

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CAMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA	Boyce	July 19-28
GEORGIA		July 25 to August 4
TENNESSEE	RIVER CONF.	August 2-10
	Waverly (Tenn.)	
SOUTH CAROLINA		August 8-18
	Spartanburg	
NORTH CAROLINA		August 15-25
	Lexington	
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE		
	Louisville, Ky.	July 18-28
	Cleveland Tenn.,	Aug. 22 to Sep. 1
MISSISSIPPI	Aberdeen	Sept. 27 to Oct. 3
ALABAMA	Birmingham	October 3-13
FLORIDA	Tampa	October 10-20

ON a recent evening one of our workers in Nashville sold 180 copies of the *Watchman* in three hours' time. Many others might have equal success with this paper if they would only try.

MEMBERS of the Cumberland Conference will please note that the camp-meeting at Cleveland, Tenn., is the general camp-meeting for that conference; while the meeting at Louisville, Ky., is of a local character.

WE would request those working with our papers to send reports of their work to this office, the same as do the book canvassers. We want to publish these reports for the instruction and encouragement of those who are afraid to begin work with the papers.

ON the 26th inst. Elder Geo. I. Butler, accompanied by his stenographer, Brother Earl Tenney, left Nashville for Atlanta, Ga., where a series of tent-meetings is to be held this summer. He expects to have able ministerial help and a strong corps of Bible workers, canvassers, etc.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

A Brief Statement of the Present Status of the Spartanburg Church Enterprise.

THE first \$200 note is paid, and about \$100 is in the treasury toward the next note, which is due August 8. Of the \$600 called for, about \$100 has been received. \$500 more is needed, and we hope to get \$200 of this in the next two weeks, so as to be able to do the repair work needed before our camp-meet-

ing. May the Lord put it into the hearts of his people to help us just now.

The Spartanburg church is lifting nobly, and we cannot express the gratitude we feel toward those who are helping us from abroad.

R. T. NASH.

TO OUR PEOPLE IN FLORIDA, GREETING

MANY of us have missed our little state paper, the *Florida Bulletin*, very much. Since it has been discontinued, we have devised various ways of communicating with our people, none of which has been very satisfactory. But the Southern Union Conference Committee at its last meeting voted to issue a small paper which will serve the purpose very nicely, and will fill a long-felt want.

Its name, THE REPORT OF PROGRESS, tells the whole story. Its price (25 cents per year) is very reasonable, and I am confident that every Seventh-day Adventist family will want to send in their subscription at once. Let the isolated ones and the elders and leaders see to it *at once*, that everybody sends in a subscription, and address, plainly written, to our state treasurer, W. H. Hall, Bartow, Fla., so that we will not miss the first number of this new comer.

We shall all want to read the reports of progress, not only from our own state, but from every other state in the Southern Union Conference.

Let *progress* be our watchword. The lessons being given on the Testimonies throughout the state by the writer are being received by those who are determined, by the grace of God, to triumph with the message. They are meat in due season; for we read in Vol. 6, page 267, "Make regular organized efforts to lift the church-members out of the dead level in which they have been for years. Send out into the churches workers who will live the principles of health reform. Let those be sent who can see the necessity of self-denial in appetite, or they will be a snare to the church. See if the breath of life will not then come into our churches. A new element needs to be brought into the work."

Is this to you the testimony of Jesus?

Let *promptness* and *progress* be the watchword.

L. H. CRISLER.

LOUISIANA ANNUAL MEETING

THE fifth annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with a camp-meeting in Encampment Grove at Boyce, La., July 19-28. This will also include the first annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, notice of which is hereby given. Election of conference officers and other business will be considered.

Boyce is located on the Texas & Pacific Railroad about 200 miles from New Orleans, 120 miles from Shreveport, 113 miles from Lake Charles, and being a few miles from Alexandria, which is a junction point of the T. & P., Southern Pacific, Iron Mountain,

Red River Valley, and Watkins Road, it is favorably located for an attendance from all parts of the state.

Churches will elect delegates and send names to Mrs. D. F. King, Shreveport, La., as soon as possible. We expect Elders J. S. Washburn, R. W. Parmele, Prof. J. E. Tenney, and others from abroad to assist at the meeting.

Tents will be provided for campers and a dining tent will be conducted. Campers will be expected to bring bedding, including straw tick or mattress. Those intending to come will confer a great favor if they will notify the undersigned as soon as possible.

The first conference session will be held Friday, July 19, at 9 o'clock A. M.

S. B. HORTON, *President*,

870 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING

OUR camp-meeting this year is to be held August 2-10, in Waverly, Tenn. This is a nice little county seat of about eighteen hundred inhabitants, having but one railroad, the N. C. & St. L. Rates have been granted us—one and one third fare plus twenty-five cents. Certificates are good if secured within three days before the meeting begins (August 2) or two days after the beginning, not including Sunday. Let all notice carefully the time to get your tickets and certificates, that you may be sure to get the rates home.

All who want tents to live in should write to Brother Gentry Lowry at once. The rent on tents will be about as usual, from \$2.00 per tent up. If you desire your tent to have flooring, just say so when you write to Brother Lowry.

Brother Lowry and his son Gentry are conducting a tent-meeting a few miles from this place. They report an excellent interest here, many times there being more people than can find seats. Brother Lowry writes that quite a good number have begun the keeping of the Sabbath. The interest in the meetings near Glasgow Junction, Ky., conducted by Brethren Jones and Spaulding, continues good, although these tents have been located where they are some six weeks or more.

We hope to see, and believe we shall see, a good company at each of these places, brought out and firmly planted in the truth. A workers' meeting will begin at Waverly, Tenn., August 19. We hope to have this whole country set ablaze with the *Watchman*, and other means of advertising the truth, by the time the camp-meeting proper begins. Let our brethren and sisters everywhere come, bringing the good Spirit of harmony and union with them.

W. R. BURROW.

Mrs. W. T. DRUMMOND, Macon Ga., Route 5, desires to have tracts, the *Watchman*, and *Signs* sent to her for free distribution. Address as above, post-paid.

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