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## A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

We have been here with the church in Atlanta for two Sabbaths already, and have spoken to them. They seemed to be highly pleased to have us with them. The Lord was present by his Holy Spirit in a good degree, and we felt encouraged, and many of the brethren who were present expressed their interest. We are all glad that at last something is going to be attempted for the city of Atlanta and the state of Georgia. We have long desired to see such an effort made. This has seemed very desirable for a long time, but with our limited resources it has been impossible.

The writer, while speaking on both occasions, felt impressed that we ought to have a special season of prayer and fasting that the Lord would prosper the work here in a marvelous way. In the earlier days of our labor, days of prayer and fasting were appointed many times, and they were seasons of great spiritual refreshment and profit.

There are many examples in Bible history of instances where God has marvelously worked for his people when they have had seasons of prayer and fasting. When John's disciples complained that because they had to fast, they thought that Jesus' disciples ought to fast also, Christ said, in substance, How could they fast when the Bridegroom was with them? But after awhile the Bridegroom would be taken from them, and then they would fast.

### *Bible Instances of Fasting and Prayer*

There are some remarkable instances in the Scriptures of deliverance that has come after earnest prayer and fasting.

## THE PEACE HE GIVES

WHAT is the peace that Jesus had?  
He said, "My peace I give;" and then  
Went out to bear from cruel men  
The scourge, the buffeting, the cross,—  
To bear the world's great load of sin;  
And had he peace?—Yes, peace within.

This is the peace that Jesus had;  
A peace that gave him power to bear  
The dreadful cross, and all the woes  
Inflicted by his cruel foes,  
Without a murmur; but his prayer  
Was made for those who placed him there.

This is the peace that Jesus gives:  
A peace that helps us follow him  
And suffer, and yet feel within  
A calmness that the world knows not;  
He does not give an easy lot,  
But peace within—sweet peace within.  
—*Selected.*

Sometimes God has poured out his Spirit in a marvelous manner. The ten days of fasting and prayer before Pentecost are a good example of this. The disciples engaged in earnest prayer and supplication, and the Lord heard them; and there were three thousand souls brought into the truth in one day.

Then some years after this the devil became wroth at the success attending the work, and cut off some of the leading men. He had James put to death and Peter put in prison. Peter was so imprisoned that it was thought there was no possible way in which he could escape. He had a soldier on each side of him to whom he was chained, and was placed behind heavy iron doors. But a united prayer went up from a little company that night, and they continued in supplication and prayer for him. They plead with the God of heaven to re-

lease him, so that he could go on with the work that he had begun. And what an answer came! One of the holy angels came down from heaven and opened the prison door, and Peter's chains fell off, a death sleep fell upon the soldiers, and Peter arose and put on his sandals, and went to the house where they were praying for him. They could not believe that it was truly the one that they had been asking the Lord to release. That was the answer that came to prayer. God works in a mighty way for his people when they ask him in faith, believing that he hears and answers prayer.

### *The Present Need*

Brethren and sisters, is n't this a time when we need much of the power of God? Is n't this a time when we need to fast and pray? And especially here in this state of Georgia, where the work has been almost standing still for the past ten years, and where it seems as if scarcely anything can be accomplished,—and this the largest, most populous, and richest state in the South? It seems as if the power of Satan is stronger in this state than the power of God, and yet we know that this is not true. God is the same. His power has never changed. We need to have more of his power to help us break through the crust here; for it seems as if but few have been brought into the truth in this state for some time.

### *Sabbath, July 20*

I have laid this matter before the president of the Georgia Conference, and he favors having a special season of fasting and prayer. I laid the matter before the church here at Atlanta yesterday, and by their unanimous vote it

was decided that such a season should be held. So I feel authorized to appoint Sabbath, July 20, two weeks from the present time, as a day for special fasting and prayer in the interests of the work which we are about to start here in the city of Atlanta. We request that throughout the state of Georgia, those who love the truth and are interested in its progress will spend the day, as far as consistent, in abstaining from their regular food, and in prayer for the work here in this city.

Of course in making this appointment, we do not wish to bring any special pressure to bear upon any one. Every one may fast or not, according as he sees his duty; but we ask that all who have the interests of the work truly at heart will pour out their souls before God that this work may move with mighty power, and that something will be accomplished which will be to the glory of God. We ask that God will bless the work here in a special way. We ask that he will be with us and clothe us with his Spirit, that we may bring souls into the truth, and that the work in this needy state may make an advance move. We wish to make this a serious and solemn matter.

We wish to say further that though this appointment is made especially for the state of Georgia, we wish our brethren and sisters all through the South who have an interest in this work, and this special effort that we are putting forth in Atlanta, to join with us in this season of prayer and fasting for the work in this needy place. We shall appreciate all earnest prayers that are offered in behalf of the work here. We want the blessing of the Lord with us. We feel that it is time for the Lord to work. We wish to come into harmony with the Lord, so that he can work through us and something can be accomplished.

I also feel to ask our brethren and sisters everywhere who are interested in the work in the South, and who may read this notice, to join with us in this season of prayer and fasting. We feel sure that the Lord will be with us and that the work will accomplish good. We do not wish to make any mistakes; we want to do the work just as the Lord would have us do it.

#### *The True Source of Power*

We have long since come to the place where we have felt that the finest music

and eloquent speeches and all these extraneous helps do not bring souls into the truth. It is the power of God in his word that moves souls. We shall try to have music that will be as good as we can secure, and we will try to have everything as neat and orderly as we can, yet we shall not depend upon these things, but upon the Spirit of God, which we trust will be with us, to bring success to the work. May the Lord help us all as brethren and sisters, and may his Spirit be with us and help us.

G. I. B.

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### AN APPEAL

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Now, as never before, the great and wonderful work of this message is to be carried on.

Our periodicals are to be distributed by men and women in all stations and walks in life. *Young and old are to act a part.*

We have, as it were, been asleep regarding this matter.

Let every one professing the name of Christ act a part in sending forth the message, "The end of all things is at hand, prepare to meet thy God." Our publications should go everywhere. The circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased.

It is our duty now to employ every possible means to help in the proclamation of the truth.

We are to work as we have never worked before. The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. Satanic agencies, though unseen, are working to destroy human life.

Now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought to the notice of the people; *the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay.* We need to arouse to our duties.

Just now, when people are thinking seriously, literature on the meaning of the signs of the times, wisely circulated, will have a telling effect in behalf of the truth.

God's judgments are abroad in the land.

Now is our opportunity to make known the truth to the people.

The Lord is soon coming. In fire, in flood, and earthquake, he is warning the

inhabitants of this earth of his soon approach.

*We have no time to lose.* We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the time of judgment is near at hand. Carefully prepared literature on the significance of the scenes we are now witnessing is to be circulated everywhere.

O, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done. *A thousand times more work for God might be accomplished if all his children would fully consecrate themselves to him, using their talents aright.*

The councils of heaven are looking upon you, who claim to have accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, to see you make known the salvation of God to those who sit in darkness.

Every Christian, high or low, rich or poor, learned or ignorant is to talk of the kingdom of God, to speak of Christ and him crucified to those who are in ignorance and sin.

If the curtain should be rolled back, you would see souls perishing in their sins, and the church idle, indolent, unsympathetic, absorbed in selfish interests.

The Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth.

There should be companies organized and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character for the divine similitude.

From town to town, from city to city, from country to country, the warning message of present truth is to be proclaimed.

Wake up! wake up! my brethren and sisters, and enter the fields in America that have never been worked.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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### THE POWER NEEDED

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THE power needed by a conference for the accomplishment of our God-given work is not the power of numbers, or the power of wealth, or the power of social influence. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." It is the "power from on high" that we need.

Numbers, wealth, and influence have their worth in this great work; but without the "power from on high" they are utterly impotent, and all is "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." Whatever else we may have or desire, we must realize that the greatest need of all, and that alone which gives success, is the power of the Holy Spirit. No preacher or people can effectually witness for God or this truth without this power.

We ought more fully to appreciate and honor the Holy Spirit as it operates for the conviction and conversion of men. After three years or more of personal fellowship and instruction with the Master, and listening to his wonderful words and watching his divine methods of dealing with men and presenting the truth, the disciples were not fitted to go on with their work until they were endued with "power from on high."

But when the power came, "they were all with one accord in one place," and they were all "filled with the Holy Ghost." One sermon, and it, as recorded, consisted largely of quotations from Scripture, together with the *personal* testimony of the believers present, was effective for the conversion of three thousand souls in one day. Why may we not look for, and expect, a pentecostal feast at our camp-meetings?

"The disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day. So it may be now. Let Christians put away all dissension, and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come."

"The church has long been contented with little of the blessing of God; they have not felt the need of reaching up to the exalted privileges purchased for them at infinite cost."

Selfishness, criticism, tale-bearing, murmuring, malice, envy, pride, foolishness, and such like shut from us the Holy Spirit and its power.

May we be determined not to let our annual camp-meeting pass, and we return to our homes as barren of the Spirit of God as are the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. But with burning desire let

us come up to these feasts, and seek God for his grace and power.

"The Lord rejoices over his people. He delights in them. He is their surety. He will beautify all who serve him with a whole heart with the spirit of holiness."

GEO. W. WELLS.

*Alpharetta, Ga.*

#### THE REMEDY FOR COLDNESS

THE Lord defines the proper and the only remedy for spiritual inefficiency:—"Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confessing and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now."—*Review and Herald, March 2, 1897.*

This personal work must be done, of course, in the closet, alone with God. If successfully accomplished, the apprentice in the worship and service of the Lord will come forth a power for good in the hands of the Master, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (his stock in trade) the word of God, the truth.

"Prayer—O how is this precious privilege neglected. Prayer is the strength of the Christian. Do not neglect secret prayer, for it is the soul of religion. With earnest, fervent prayer, plead for purity of soul. Plead as earnestly, as eagerly, as you would for your mortal life, were it at stake. Remain before God until unutterable longings are begotten within you for salvation, and the sweet evidence is obtained of pardoned sin. . . . Ye give up too quick. Ye let go too soon, that arm."—*Testimonies, 1:504, 163.*

We are cautioned also not to rush hastily into the presence of God. Angels veil their faces as they approach him. A short reading of Scripture is suggested as the proper preparation—"The reading of the word of God prepares the mind for prayer."

Surely one coming to a church meeting after such experiences will be a light and a lifting force. No long prayers, bringing in the entire world; no dry tedious testimonies; or what is as bad, a

dogged silence throughout the meeting; but instead, as opportunity offers, there will be a short crispy prayer, a brief live testimony, full of praise and faith, coming from a heart brimming over with the love of God, and all will realize that that soul has been with Jesus and learned of him, and their faith will be strengthened, and they will be comforted and refreshed from the presence of the Lord.

"Christ impressed upon the disciples the idea that their prayers should be short, expressing just what they wanted, and no more. . . . One or two minutes is long enough for any ordinary prayer. . . . All should feel it a Christian duty to pray short. In private prayer all have the privilege of praying as long as they desire, and of being as explicit as they please. They can pray for all their relatives and friends. *The closet is the place to tell all their private difficulties and trials and temptations.* A common meeting to worship God is *not* the place to open the privacies of the heart."—*Testimonies, 2:578, 581.*

Suppose, now, that we, one and all, resolve that from this time we will take an active part in every meeting we attend, where it will be proper to do so, and that we will first seek God in the privacy of our homes, asking for grace and wisdom to fill our proper places in such meetings. What a change would come over the worshipers, especially at the social, prayer, and other church meetings. Let every one come prepared to take part in the praying and the song service, and to bear testimony if asked, and to bring nothing into the meeting which will cast a cloud on a soul present, but that in our words, our deportment, and our faces we will show forth the fact that it is good to serve the Lord, so others will be led to inquire the reason for our peace and happiness, and we can point them to the God of all comfort from whom we learned the sweet lessons of faith.

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Be strong and of good courage. In order to fight successfully, a soldier must have courage and strength. Of ourselves we are weak and feeble. But we have the promise, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*



# FROM THE FIELD

## A VISIT TO MADISON

A SHORT time ago the writer with his family had the pleasure of visiting the Madison school. The drive from the city was a very restful, pleasant one, and there is on the Madison school farm an air of rest and peace that is truly refreshing. I do not mean that those who are there are not very busy. However, we were there on the Sabbath day, and greatly enjoyed the opportunity of becoming more fully acquainted with the situation.

An excellent class of young men and women are there preparing for work. They are young people of somewhat mature age, who are especially preparing to become teachers. Already this school is sending out its branches, and we believe it is going to be a great blessing to the work in the South.

The place is improving under skilful and intelligent work to bring it to an advanced state of cultivation. We trust and believe that it may become an object-lesson to the good people of the South, and enlighten many not only intellectually, but in methods of work, and of producing from the soil all that God intended should be produced in this state of imperfection since the fall. We pray that those conducting this school may be greatly encouraged and strengthened to continue in the good work by the sympathies and prayers and gifts of our brethren everywhere who are interested in the great work to be done in the South.

J. S. WASHBURN.

## WORDS OF GOOD CHEER

A FEW days ago I called at one of the most wealthy homes of the city, and sold a *Watchman*. The lady said, "Call in a few days; after reading this number, I may subscribe." Later she gave me a year's subscription for the paper.

It will take quite a long time to fill all the requests, "Come again and see me." I sold a paper to a family who love to read the Bible, and were interested in the Sabbath question. They too subscribed for the *Watchman*, and we gave them some Bible readings. The mother, two daughters, and the grandmother keep the Sabbath. Three weeks ago the grandmother went to visit the great-grandmother, a lady ninety-two years old. She told the simple story of Christ and the Sabbath, and now she too is keeping it.

What a wonderful truth we have, reaching the honest in heart here and there, satisfying the need of each who receives and obeys. May heaven's blessing rest upon the editors of the *Watchman*.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Gastonia, N. C.

## THE TENT-MEETING AT HURSTBURG, TENN.

At this time, July 8, our meetings are still in progress, with good attendance and much interest. The people are a little slow in taking hold of the testing truths of the message, but some are doing so. A number are keeping the Sabbath and are trying to bring themselves into harmony with the whole message.

The people are really anxious for us to hold our camp-meeting here. They propose to haul all the tents, baggage, and people to the place and back to the railroad free of charge. I am sure there would be a large outside attendance if we could hold the camp-meeting here, and it would help greatly to bring those to a decision who are interested.

Brother Eaton is having good success selling our books in the neighborhood where our tent is located. The people know that they are Adventist books, too. Pray for the work here.

W. S. LOWRY,

Denver, Tenn.,

GENTRY LOWRY.

## AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT

DEAR BRETHREN, the old Cowpens battleground is a very noted place, where one of the decisive battles of the Revolution was fought one hundred and twenty-six years ago last January.

I came to this place last November to help build up the work which Brethren Nash and Carey had begun. Some time ago we began to build a small church under some discouraging circumstances, there being very little means. But we have gone ahead by faith. Since the work began on the building, others have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

Brother R. T. Nash was here recently and rendered some very helpful service, and the outlook is fair to organize a church, and if possible to have them ready before our camp-meeting at Spartanburg only sixteen miles distant, which will be a great source of strength to the new converts.

I gave the lot for the church building, and have done a great deal of work on it, besides other expenses. We have it closed in and are holding meetings in it. It needs ceiling and painting, and I make this appeal to all our dear brethren and sisters who feel like lending a helping hand to meet this expense. It is a worthy cause, and all contributions will be gladly received.

PETER SAILOR.

June 25, 1907.

SINCE Brother Sailor wrote this appeal, he has fallen asleep in Jesus, but if the means were furnished to get the material to finish the church, I will see that it is finished and the paint put on. I am interested in the cause at the old battle-ground and want to see the work go on. Had Brother Sailor lived, I think the church would have been organized before camp-meeting, and it may yet if Brother Nash can get time to come down here. All money should be sent to MRS. M. J. SAILOR, *Cherokee, S. C., R. F. D. No. 3.*

JAMES A. BROWN.

## WERTH, ARK.

WE have been holding tent-meetings in this place and in school-houses near by. About forty have been convinced on the Sabbath, and some are already keeping God's holy day. Six ministers undertook to break up our meetings; but after a seven-days battle, they left the field clear, with nearly all the people except a small class offended with them on account of the way they acted and spoke.

LESLIE LITTLE.

## OUR CHURCH MISSIONARY MEETINGS

"THUS saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16.

"Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, a way not cast up." Jer. 18:15.

Early in the history of our work nearly all believers felt burdened to do their part in extending the message. Every one wanted a part in the work, and in those days a great deal was accomplished along the line of the circulation of our literature. And thus the tract and missionary work originated. Even the younger ones felt enthused, as they saw how energetic the older ones were in giving out tracts and periodicals.

The people were so in earnest as they accepted the truths that they had to talk them. They wrote to their friends concerning them, they sent tracts and papers filled with this message, and I can remember how the children would send their little letters and papers from New Zealand to America, and the pleasure it gave them when answers were returned.

Through the tract and missionary society work, this message was sent far and wide, and while so sending, the workers prayed for those for whom they labored. By these means believers increased and multiplied.

Let us go back to the old paths; and receive the "well done" from the Master. Let us send out our tracts and papers filled with the truths we so dearly love. Let us return to our "first love," and let us pray that our own souls may be burdened for those who have never tasted that God is good, nor felt his converting power resting upon them. Then as we

go to work for others, the old-time missionary zeal will revive, and a new life will come into our churches.

There is much to be said along these lines, but space will not permit. In future articles, plans and methods to carry on our work in a systematic way will be presented, so that results will in a little while be seen, and fruits for earnest labor will appear.

"Revive us again; fill each heart with thy love;

May each heart be rekindled with power from above."

M. H. TUXFORD.

#### CANVASSERS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

THE book work is onward in South Carolina, notwithstanding the numerous difficulties which we are compelled to meet from time to time. As evangelistic canvassers, we feel that we are engaged in a very important work, and that we are in a school. Being, therefore, in a school, we aim to learn the lessons to be found in every disappointment and perplexing problem; and I want to say that those who canvass in this field are not those who consult the personal pleasure or financial benefit to be derived therefrom. I said those who canvass in this field. There are some who come here to try canvassing, and shortly decide that personal comfort or money matters are things demanding immediate attention.

We have many wants here. Stripped of rhetorical euphony, some of our wants are these: Earnest, consecrated, God-fearing canvassers, those to whom the word *duty*, in this message, appeals with greater force than anything else in the world. We want those who, after *trying* awhile, will not be misled by an overwhelming desire to leave the canvassing work and go to preaching. We want men and women who will burn all bridges behind them, and come here to stay, who will accept the places assigned them, and who will not murmur if their official capabilities are not at once recognized. Moreover, we want those who have common human natures and human faults, but who will overlook the defects of others, and remember the hole out of which they themselves were digged.

For all such persons a place of hard labor is open. South Carolina earnestly invites workers. You who read this, can you not "come over and help us"? Correspond with Brother C. F. Dart. H. B. GALLION.

Campobello, S. C.

#### THE PLAN MEETS WITH FAVOR

A LETTER just received from one of our oldest ministers contains the following: "I shall feel quite an interest in your scrap-book enterprise as it progresses, I am sure. I think it was a happy thought you took on when you conceived the idea. I have been gathering items for a scrap-book these many years, fifty years, of my connection with the message, till I have such a book quite on the encyclopedia order, and I may send in some items. I suppose, though, all I have may

come to you from the extensive field of informants before you. I'll keep a close eye on that department of your good paper awhile, and then if after a time matter I have in stock doesn't appear, you'll doubtless hear from me.

"I have quite a volume of matter in my scrap-book in written form that I've often wished was in printed form, and this may be my golden opportunity to realize my desire. Who knows? You will probably receive quite a volume of matter from me, as time and circumstances will permit, if others do not supersede it by getting in such matter as I have ahead of me."

These scrap-books may be obtained, post-paid, for 65 cents or two new yearly subscriptions to the *Watchman* at \$1.00 each and 15 cents for postage. Address—

THE WATCHMAN,  
24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

#### SOME COMPARISONS

SOMETIMES the best way for us to get our bearings, and really know whether we are making progress or not, is to take a look backward over the journey that we have traveled. The degree of our progress can best be understood by comparing it with the progress of past years. The following figures we believe will be of interest:—

At the close of business at the Southern Publishing Association, on June 30, we found that we had shipped out books during the first six months of this year, amounting to nearly 53 per cent. more than we shipped during the corresponding period of 1906. To be more specific, our shipments last year during this time amounted to \$36,044.01. This year, during the same period, the shipments were \$55,068.39, a gain of \$19,024.38. At this rate of progress, should the same ratio continue for the next six months, our shipments this year will amount to over \$125,000. This shows that the canvassing work is increasing. A goodly number of canvassers are now in the field, and they are meeting with excellent success. If there is a single canvasser at work anywhere who is not having success, and is discouraged because of surrounding conditions, we do not know where that individual is.

The Lord has put it into the hearts of some of our brethren and sisters in our large northern and western conferences to come over and help us. We were made happy by the return of Brother Wm. H. Rahn from California to South Carolina, who recently returned, bringing his family with him. He writes that they are nicely located, and meeting with good success in their work. More recently Brother and Sister Button, from California, located in Atlanta, Ga., perhaps one of the hardest places in the South in which to sell our publications. He has only been in Atlanta about two weeks, and his first week's work was only 29 hours and his orders amounted to \$68.50. Another brother and sister from California are expected to arrive in a few days, on their way

to South Carolina. We were favored for a few weeks by having with us Brother Walter Harper. He sold many copies of "Great Controversy" in North Carolina during his short stay there. His reports have already been published in the *Watchman* and *Review*.

There are several others, whom we would like to mention by name, who have located in North Carolina and other states, as well as a goodly number to the "manor born," who have entered upon the work this year. Evidences on every hand are seen, showing that the Lord has set his hand to the work, and that there shall be delay no longer.

During this same period of time the circulation of the *Watchman* also has increased correspondingly. The first issue in January, 1907, there were only 6,200 copies printed. The last issue in June, there were 12,000 copies printed, and these were hardly sufficient to meet the demands. The *Watchman* has been demonstrated to be the easiest selling periodical issued by the denomination. One lady in Nashville recently sold 180 copies on a Saturday night after the Sabbath. She is selling the *Watchman* in the street railway transfer station, and never sells less than one hundred in a day. Another sister reports two hundred sold in two hours. There are scores of ladies who might engage in the sale of the *Watchman* very profitably, from a pecuniary standpoint, and who by thus doing would be scattering seeds of truth which would spring up and bring forth fruit for the kingdom.

We are glad to see the work thus rapidly advancing. We can lift up our heads and rejoice, for the coming of the Lord draws near. The Spirit of God is being poured out upon all who will receive it, and be used by it in the advancement of the third angel's message.

This large increase in the circulation of our publications was more than we anticipated, or dared to hope for. We have been obliged to run our press-room and bindery until late into the night most of the time for the past two or three months, in order to keep up with the demands made upon us for our publications. The workers, however, have all been glad to work over time, and to do everything they could in order that no canvasser should be disappointed in receiving books on time. A number of the employes at the Publishing House have caught the canvassing spirit, and some have gone out into the field, and others would like to go if their places could be supplied in the Publishing House.

A letter received from Brother R. L. Pierce, manager of our Fort Worth branch, states that there was an increase of 56½ per cent. in the sales of that branch during the first six months of 1907 over the sales of the corresponding period of 1906.

The work is going forward rapidly throughout the entire field, and yet we believe that we have really only commenced. A statement from the spirit of prophecy says that "a thousand times more work for God might be accomplished if all of his people would fully consecrate themselves to him, using their talents aright." This shows the great possibili-

ties for us as a people, and may God help us to realize these possibilities, and "consecrate our service this day unto the Lord."

I. A. FORD.

Manager Southern Pub. Assoc.

#### OUR WORK

It seems at times, as we hear our brethren and sisters talking about the work, as if the Lord had quite a number of vineyards and many kinds of work. The minister talks, prays, and preaches as if the ministry was the principal thing. The Bible worker talks about the Bible work and prays for the Bible workers. The canvasser talks and prays for the canvassers and their work as if that was the only line of work. —Now is this wrong?— Yes and no.

Let us see: Christ tells us that the field is the world. Again he employed laborers, and sent them into his vineyard at the third, sixth, ninth, and even the eleventh hour. It was his vineyard not vineyards. It is all right for each one to push the work in which he is engaged, and push it hard, but he should not consider that line as *the work*, or that spot as *the field*. The wise man says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." In the record of Christ's life and work here on earth we read of preaching, Bible work, medical missionary work, and carpentry; and in all of this work we can see but one thought, one object, and that was the salvation of souls and the finishing of the work. So it is to-day. There should be with us only one field, one work. Each department,—preaching, Bible work, canvassing, educational work, medical missionary work, farming, etc.—is a branch of the one great work. When we take this view, and to see the work finished is the one aim, it will prosper. If we can sell a book, visit our neighbors, or give of our means, it is part of the one great work.

I presented a noted doctor with a copy of "Ministry of Healing." Here is his answer, "Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind remembrance. I have much to be thankful for. I have read a large portion of the book, and will soon finish it. It is helpful and simple," etc.

While at Winston last fall I succeeded in getting the members of that little church interested in selling our small books. They have already sold over three hundred, and are still selling. Cannot others do likewise? Those who have a part in the work, if only by giving away a paper or tract, loaning or selling a book or paper, may thereby gain an experience that will at last enable them to sing the song of "Moses and the Lamb." So let us all use every opportunity to sow the seeds of truth,—by voice, the printed page, or by deeds of kindness. In whatever way we can, let us labor to win souls and glorify God, and thus help finish the work.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

#### CANVASSING AT MONROE, N. C.

SISTER ILA NEWTON and I came to this place early in June. As we were strangers here, and knew not where to go, we sought the Lord for guidance before leaving the waiting room; and in a few hours we had made kind friends who helped us in finding a home in a pleasant, friendly family. Sister Newton has been keeping the Sabbath since our camp-meeting at High Point last year. She is of good courage, and enjoys the work very much.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us both from day to day, especially in helping us to take orders for books. The people receive us kindly, and sometimes insist on our coming back to see them. We are happy in the service of him who has said, "Lo, I am with you alway." Our little home is indeed a sanctuary, where not only two abide, but we are ever conscious of the presence of the Third.

Dear sisters, are there not some more of you whom the Lord is calling out into his service? Some one is waiting for a book who may never get it if you fail to carry it to them. The Saviour is still desiring to go about in his people "doing good." I love to go where he goes, to abide where he abides. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isa. 40:29.

MATTIE S. REYNOLDS.

#### A CANVASSING REPORT

I WILL report my work in the canvassing field during the spring months.

I have canvassed on Walden's Ridge near Spring City, and during the strawberry season around Evansville in Tennessee Valley. On the mountain delivery I had an unusual experience in this respect; I had 55 orders for miscellaneous publications, and delivered 112, or 200 per cent. This surpassed anything I have ever known in my canvassing experience, not in value of orders, but in the percentage of books delivered.

I find the people very kind and hospitable as a rule, and there are good openings for meetings in several localities. In one place, where I attended Sunday-school, I was called upon to give a talk, and an appointment was made for the afternoon. The house was well filled, and I gave a Bible study on "The Promise of the Earth to Abraham and His Children."

The Lord has given me favor with the people wherever I have been, and I hope the publications scattered will accomplish good, and be as "light sown for the righteous," and as seed sown in good ground. I wish a minister could follow up the work in some of these localities, for the field truly is ripe.

During the berry season, I was picking berries near Evansville, and looking after orders and book sales at the same time.

There is quite an interest in that locality, and a good opening for meetings. There is one man keeping the Sabbath, who runs a country store, and many others in the neighborhood are interested in the Sabbath. The

man where I picked berries is thoroughly convinced on this subject, but has never been converted. He is anxious for meetings to be held. Elder Kilgore held meetings in this locality a good many years ago, and several have mentioned these meetings to me. I have scattered a good amount of reading matter in this locality.

The following is a report of sales during the past spring: "Coming King," 33; "Gospel Primer," 36; "New Testament Primer," 39; "Best Stories," 9; "His Glorious Appearing," 16; "The Story of Daniel," 2; "The Seer of Patmos," 2; "Daniel and the Revelation," 2; "Making Home Happy," 7; Bibles, 9; Testaments, 13; Miscellaneous, 43; Total, 211; value, \$111.70.

It is truly a blessed privilege to have a part in carrying the pages of truth to the homes of the people. I hope many more will prove this by experience. ERNEST HASKELL.

#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

WE are truly grateful to our workers for replying so readily to the many letters we have been sending out regarding the "Old-time Missionary Work." We append a few items from some of the letters received. The first is from M. B. VanKirk, Graysville, Tenn.:

"I may say that the church at Graysville, has a regular weekly missionary meeting, and about one hundred copies of the *Watchman* are mailed every week. And from this effort and through the labors of one worker in Kentucky, a good church is being raised up in one place. I believe the Graysville church is trying to keep in line and our pastor is an earnest missionary worker. You may count on me to co-operate with you in this line of work."

A letter received from Brother Haysmer speaks of a cordial interest in the Alabama conference, of which he is president, in reference to reviving the old missionary methods. He says, "We have tried to revive it, but we have not got it where it must be. I think we should get all of our members to use clubs of *Watchman*, and scatter leaflets and tracts." I believe, too, we should begin to form societies, and have old and young take part in the work by writing letters, mailing papers, and house-to-house visiting.

Sister M. S. Lenker, writes from Graysville, Tenn.:

"I shall be glad to co-operate with you in any way that I can in this good work. I have been trying to do what I could to kindle a missionary spirit among the young people, and hope that you will be able to revive the old-time missionary spirit among the older people; for I believe there are many in our churches who will be glad to work if some one leads out and teaches them how."

The field missionary of the Louisiana Conference writes from New Orleans:—

"Often have I deplored the fact that under present and past conditions, during the time I have been in the book work, much of the

seed sown by the canvassers has 'rotted under the clods' because of not being watered later by missionary efforts.

"For the past six months I have been making special efforts to get one or more in our different churches to take up missionary correspondence with persons who seem favorable to the truth, those with whom our canvassers have labored. This work we feel is of prime importance in the Southern field."

Why cannot other churches do the same, and so pass along the good work, both spiritually and financially?  
M. H. T.

#### NEWS NOTES

THE brethren of Archdale and Spero met together on July 4 at the home of Brother B. A. Rogers, Spero, N. C. A short interesting program was given by the young people and others, at the close of which an offering to missions was taken up. Dinner was eaten in the grove, and all seemed to rejoice for the liberty that July 4 stands for, and also for that greater liberty given in Jesus Christ.

BROTHER ROY SLATE, of Kernersville, has been quite ill with fever. At last report he was better.

THE young people's society of Archdale will make it their special burden to aid in the meetings at Thomasville by canvassing and visiting, being present as much as possible at the services, singing, praying for success, etc. This effort will be a blessing, both to the meeting and themselves.

#### LURAY AND GIFFORD, SOUTH CAROLINA

LURAY is the home of Dr. M. B. Monsen, who came South several years ago to do self-supporting missionary work. In a remarkable manner the Lord opened up the way for him to study medicine at Charleston, S. C. During this time his companion died, leaving two little boys to his care. He took these to his mother in Norway, and resumed his work in Charleston until he graduated, both in medicine and in pharmacy. While in school at Charleston, he lived the truth. Thus the Sabbath of the fourth commandment was brought to the attention of many.

Dr. Monsen decided that South Carolina was as needy a field as he could find, and began practice at Luray, S. C. He advised many of his patients to discontinue the use of meats and recommended a liberal use of fruits. Some styled him the fruit doctor, but in spite of his peculiarities religiously and as a doctor, his practice grew until many times he has been obliged to turn off cases. He says God called him to be a physician, and it is evident that he has not been forsaken by the One who called him.

Elder Carey moved his family to this place a few months ago, and opened meetings in the Christian church at this place, preaching on Sundays, presenting subjects on the coming of Christ, preparing their hearts for the testing

truths. He also held Sunday meetings at Gifford, about four miles distant.

June 26 I came to help Brother Carey in giving the testing truths at these places. The Lord has blessed in presenting his word. One family at Luray has decided to keep next Sabbath. Brother Carey, who is following up this work, will be able to tell later more of the entire result of the meeting.

At Gifford we were just coming to the testing truths, and we cannot look for decisions until later, but there seemed to be a deep interest on the part of a few.

I was very thankful to see how well the work was opening up under the labors of Brother Carey, and we are both grateful to God for sending the doctor before us to lay such a good foundation for the work now being done.

We expect a good representation from Luray at our coming camp-meeting.

R. T. NASH.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP-MEETING

ALL who attend our camp-meeting should let us know in time, so that a place can be arranged for them. Tents will be rented for about \$2.00, and straw will be on the ground at a reasonable price. We will also have bed-springs to rent to those who desire them. Let all arrange to bring bedding, towels, etc.

We will have a dining-tent where seven meals can be had for \$1.00. This will accommodate those who do not desire to board themselves.

We expect the president of the Southern Union Conference and other able help from abroad, besides our home laborers.

Come and bring your friends with you.

R. T. NASH.

#### FIELD NOTES

DURING June I spent several days at home, helping in the harvest. After some time away from home, it is a real rest to lay aside for a time the ordinary routine, and labor with the hands. I certainly appreciate the privilege of good, hard, honest labor. It is good for the muscles, nerves, and brain. Refreshed, invigorated, and rested, one can, after such a change, buckle on the harness anew with increased energy.

I am now at Thomasville helping to pitch the tent. Brother W. L. Killen will conduct meetings here, with the help that the Archdale brethren can give. I shall probably, about July 15, begin meetings at Lexington. This, it will be remembered, is where the camp-meeting is to be held. I hope our brethren throughout the conference will pray earnestly for the success of the meetings at both places.

Several notes of inquiry are received concerning reduced railroad rates to the camp-meeting. I will say that we are trying to arrange for reduced rates, but no definite conclusions have yet been reached. Due notice will be given to all just as soon as we are certain what the outcome will be. I hope

that all will be making earnest preparation to come to this very important meeting.

The third angel's message is now swelling to the loud cry. Progress is the order all along the line. Our canvassing work is making most excellent headway, and yet we want to see it going with still greater strength. We hope to have some very enthusiastic canvassers' meetings, and to see some of our good brethren, both young and old, go forth from the camp-meeting to engage in this work. We are constantly receiving new recruits, and our workers are having success. Word from three different places where I have lately labored reports requests for baptism. Thus the work is onward, and we have no occasion for discouragement. At Stovall, where Brother Killen lately held meetings, the interest is good, and many citizens are asking that he return. This call should be answered.

It was my privilege last Sabbath, July 6, to receive into the Archdale church a brother who had known the truth for twelve years, but who, by reason of trials, had for a time given it up. He had united with another denomination, but his heart was not at rest. At last he now decides to cast in his lot with those of whom it can be said, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God." We all rejoiced as he thus came back to the fold. Next Sabbath I shall have baptism at that place. Some who came into the truth at the High Point camp-meeting will go forward in this step.

There will be a dining-tent on the campground this year, where good wholesome meals can be had at as low a price as consistent. Arrangements will also be made by which those who desire to do so can board themselves. I shall be glad to answer any inquiries with reference to plans, etc. I should like to hear soon from those who desire to rent tents. The renting price is \$2.00 for the entire time; 50 cents additional for flooring.

T. H. JEYS.

#### LAREDO, TEXAS

AT the close of a five weeks' meeting at Laredo, we buried fifteen candidates beneath the yielding waves of the Rio Grande River. We did not organize the company into a church, but hope to do so soon. There are about twenty Sabbath-keepers here.

We are now arranging to pitch a tent at Rockport, a small town on the Aransas Bay, and spend the time here until our state camp-meeting, which will begin August 1. The heat is very oppressive here in the southern part of the state, if one gets away from the bay front.

The people are very kind, and seem anxious for us to begin our meetings. I trust they are ready for the closing message, and that ere we shall close our efforts here, we may be able to report at least a few to be added to the number that are to be gathered out.

This is a glorious work, and we feel honored of the Lord in having a part in it, and we desire to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. W. M. CUBLEY,

M. B. CUBLEY.

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## CAMP-MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA	Boyce	July 19-28
TENNESSEE RIVER CONF.	Waverly (Tenn.)	August 2-10
SOUTH CAROLINA	Spartanburg	August 8-18
NORTH CAROLINA	Lexington	August 15-25
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

NOTE that the address of Elder Geo. I Butler is now 375 Woodward Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

THE Georgia camp-meeting has been postponed. Look out for a future notice.

A. L. MANOUS, Decatur, R. F. D. No. 3, requests that no more papers be sent him, as he has a supply sufficient for present needs.

"AN APPEAL," by Mrs. E. G. White, on another page, is from a recent testimony. It is of importance enough to demand a more than ordinarily careful reading.

Do NOT fail to read the important article on "A Day of Fasting and Prayer." Surely every Seventh-day Adventist in the Southern Union Conference desires to see the work in Atlanta a marked success, and will unite in seeking God to this end.

THE tent-meetings at Atlanta opened Thursday evening, July 11. The location is pleasant and the outlook encouraging. We trust that our readers will all take an active interest in the day of fasting and prayer, appointed for July 20, and that many earnest prayers will be offered for the success of the work in beautiful Atlanta, the metropolis of the Empire State of the South.

OUR readers will not fail to notice the articles by Sister M. H. Tuxford in this issue of REPORT OF PROGRESS. Sister Tuxford has come here to labor in the interest of the tract and missionary work in the Southern Union Conference. She came originally from New Zealand, but has spent the last few years in

Washington, where she was preceptress and matron of the college. The work she is doing in this conference is of great importance, and we bespeak for her the hearty co-operation of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ and the souls for whom he died.

VERY urgent calls are being made for the establishment of treatment rooms in several places in the South. Some very favorable conditions give promise of success to well-directed efforts.

At Spartanburg, S. C., our brethren are anxious to see treatment rooms established; and general conditions there are good for immediately beginning such an enterprise. Living expenses are very reasonable. The citizens are favorable to this work. There is abundant opportunity also for church work.

Charlotte, N. C., is another place that offers a favorable opening. Other places are making calls as well. We solicit correspondence with persons of ability and consecration who are in a position to consider these openings.

L. A. HANSEN.

## THE GOOD TIME COMING

WHAT good time?—Why, to be sure, it is the coming camp-meeting to be held at Lexington, N. C., August 15 to 25. How do I know that it will be a good time?—Partly from past experience, and because the Lord has promised to meet with the few who have met together in his name. Peter, James, and John may not have recognized the type on the mount of transfiguration, but they felt that it was good to be there, because of the association. I am sure that it is just as good to have a special meeting with Jesus and those of like precious faith now as it was then. We should all begin to plan to be there. It will be just a foretaste of the last great meeting. The message is hastening on apace. We cannot afford to be behind. Brethren and sisters, come and enjoy the good things the Lord has in store for you.

GEORGE CRAWFORD.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CANVASSERS

THE Scripture says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10.

Not long since when showing a gentleman the sample pages of that good book, "Daniel and the Revelation," he stopped me, asking the prices and saying in substance as follows:—

"An agent showed me that same work some years ago, and I subscribed for a copy then, but for some reason he did not deliver it. I have never forgotten it, and have often wished that I had secured a copy. When can I now get one?"

This incident illustrates the value or importance of doing our work well, yea, with our "might." Doubtless the evangelist had given the gentleman a good thorough Christ-like canvass for the work, the impressions of which, evidently, had not left him.

Let us do our work faithfully, yes, even with all our "might," though we do not at

the time make a sale. The canvass will not be in vain or lost. Read Isa. 55:10, 11.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

## A LONG-FELT WANT SUPPLIED

THERE was great rejoicing in our company when the first number of REPORT OF PROGRESS arrived. It was eagerly read by all, I assure you. I have long wished for something of this kind; so when I learned that the Southern Union Conference was to publish the PROGRESS, I was glad. Now that I have seen it, I am made gladder. It is much better than I expected. If it is not the best paper of its kind in our denomination (and I think it is), it is certainly the best for the money. It fills a long-felt want here. All our people in South Carolina should have it. It is just what every one of us needs. We will arrange some way so you can all have it, so none need be without it. Send subscriptions to Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C. Price, 25 cents.

C. F. DART.

## REDUCED RATES TO CAMP-MEETING AT WAVERLY, TENN.

TO RECEIVE reduced rates, a certificate-receipt must be secured from the agent when the ticket is procured. A certificate-receipt must be procured from each agent of whom a ticket is purchased.

Certificate-receipts must be signed with ink by an authorized officer of the meeting, also by a special agent appointed by the carriers.

No certificate-receipts procured more than three days (not counting Sunday) prior to, or more than two days after, date fixed for the commencement of the meeting will be honored.

Certificate-receipts must be presented to the ticket agent during the meeting, or within three days (not counting Sunday) after the date fixed for adjournment.

In order to secure reduced rates, there must be at least one hundred persons holding certificate-receipts. No certificate-receipts will be accepted if the fare paid is less than 75 cents.

Full fare must be paid to the place of meeting, and if the certificate-receipts are satisfactory, the holder will be entitled to return for one-third fare, plus 25 cents.

THOMAS PAVEY, Secretary.

## STATE AGENT'S REPORT

Of North Carolina Conference for Month Ending June 30, 1907.

Name	Book	Hrs	Value	Del.
Burton Tilden	.....ck	82	\$ 50 00	\$143 25
William H Brown	....ck	90	57 00	4 00
William E Lanier	....sofp	134	110 25	101 95
Omer Newton	.....ck	76	46 75	59 00
Horace G Miller	....ck	72	63 00	34 25
Annie E Brensinger	....ck	44	4 00	31 50
Mattie S Reynolds	....ck	48	34 00	7 00
Ila Newton	.....BS	62	44 50	1 00
Irregular	.....			326 80
Totals	.....	608	409 50	708 75

HORACE MILLER, State Agent.