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"TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK."

THAT Christ has given "to every man his work" is a Scriptural truth which all Bible students well know. And it is also a Scriptural truth that God has given each one talents and facilities which especially prepare him to do the particular work assigned. "And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability." Mark 13:34; Matt. 25:15.

"Whether we recognize it or not, we are stewards, supplied from God with talents and facilities, and placed in the world to do a work appointed by him."—*Education*, p. 137.

"To every man is given 'his work,'—the work for which his capabilities adapt him,—the work which will result in greatest good to himself and to his fellow-men, and in greatest honor to God."—*Education*, p. 138.

"To his servants Christ commits 'his goods,'—something to be put to use for him. He gives 'to every man his work.' Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. No more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 326, 327.

From the foregoing scriptures and quotations we learn that there is not one child, or servant of God, but that has a work to do. And we also learn that God has given to each one of his servants talents and facilities to enable him to do

THE CLERGYMAN AND THE PEDDLER

A CLERGYMAN who longed to trace
Amid his flock a work of grace,
And mourned because he knew not why
Yon fleece kept wet while his kept dry,

While thinking what he could do more,
Heard some one knocking at the door,
And opening it, there met his view
A dear old brother whom he knew,
Who had got down by worldly blows,
From wealth to peddling cast-off clothes.

"Come in, my brother," said the pastor,
"Perhaps my trouble you can master;
For since the summer you withdrew,
My converts have been very few."

"I can," the peddler said, "unroll
Something perchance to ease your soul;
And to cut short all useless speeches,
Bring me a pair of your old breeches."

The clothes were brought; the peddler gazed,
And said, "No longer be amazed;
The gloss upon the cloth is such,
I think perhaps you sit too much,
Building air castles, bright and gay,
Which Satan loves to blow away.

And here, behold, as I am born,
The nap from neither knee is worn!
He who would great revivals see,
Must wear his pants out at the knee;
For such the lever prayer supplies,
When pastors kneel, their churches rise."

his God-given work. God does not leave one of his servants without as much as *one talent*; for the text says that he has given "to every man according to his several ability."

This being true, the Lord fully expects each one of his servants to do faithfully the particular work given them. And furthermore, Christ is coming soon and will "reckon with" each of us as he is

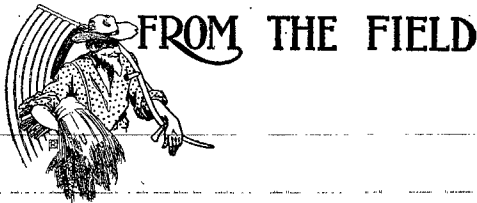
represented as doing in the parable regarding the use made of the intrusted talents. But, dear reader, let us work and pray, and pray and work faithfully till Christ comes, so that our lot will not be cast with the unprofitable servants.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE

JUST as beneath the troubled surface of the sea there are still depths which the storm never reaches, there are many lives peaceful under the divine assurance that God is with them, and that therefore no man shall set on them to hurt them. Their spiritual convictions are so strong in their very simplicity, that they remain quiet and peaceful, while tempests of controversy rage above them. They keep themselves, and are kept, aloof from all the vexed questions of science, of the "higher criticism," of the laws of prayer, and of degeneration or of expansion. They do not cry to be led by dogmatic authority, and they escape the disturbing elements which trouble those who have built upon shifting foundations. The secret of their peace is that they are of those of whom Jesus said, "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed," whose faith rests not upon book knowledge, but upon love. It is not that they possess a religion; their religion possesses them.—*The Christian*.

THE most important thought I ever had was that of my personal responsibility to God.—*Daniel Webster*.



THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 9, 10, 1907.

THE first meeting of this session convened at 9 o'clock, A. M., Sept. 9, 1907. Elder Butler presided; prayer was offered by R. M. Kilgore, Elder Butler, R. T. Nash, and G. W. Wells.

Members present: G. I. Butler, R. M. Kilgore, J. E. Tenney, E. H. Rees, C. P. Bollman, I. A. Ford, J. F. Pogue, W. R. Burrow, A. J. Haysmer, F. R. Shaeffer, L. H. Crisler, G. W. Wells, L. A. Hansen, R. T. Nash, W. J. Blake, and M. B. Van Kirk. Others present were, Smith Sharp, C. L. Kilgore, W. H. Williams, C. H. Moyers, J. S. Washburn, C. F. Curtis, and W. H. Sebastian.

The first item to be considered was the time and place of holding the next biennial session of the Southern Union Conference, and who, if any, should be invited to attend from abroad. Moved by Elder W. R. Burrow, seconded by Elder F. R. Shaeffer, that the conference be held at Nashville. The question was called and voted. It was also voted that the second Tuesday in January, 1908, be the opening date of the conference, and to invite the president and secretary and treasurer of the General Conference, and the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Union Conference to attend.

NEW CORPORATION OF THE SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

I. A. Ford presented the Charter and By-Laws of the proposed new Publishing Association at Nashville, as follows:—

State of Tennessee Charter of Corporation.

Be it known that George I. Butler, Irving A. Ford, Richard Hook, Jr., William A. Wilcox, Lyman D. Randall, Judson S. Washburn, and Elmer H. Rees are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

The general purpose and object for which the Corporation is formed is to further, by all proper and legitimate agencies and means, the dissemination of religious and moral instruction, and for the support of public worship, the building of churches and chapels, and the maintenance of all missionary undertakings: to secure and hold copyrights and plates of books, periodicals, tracts, and pamphlets; to publish, print, buy, sell, and circulate literature in any or all languages and countries; to purchase, types, presses, paper, etc., for the purpose of printing newspapers, books, pamphlets, etc., and do all things necessary to carry on a printing and publishing business; to receive gifts and legacies and donations from

any sources whatsoever; to make gifts and appropriations from any or all of its resources from time to time, to carry out the objects and purposes of the Association; and to exercise all such power and authority as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objects above specified. But the purpose and essence of this Corporation, being purely benevolent, charitable, and philanthropic, it is hereby expressly declared that this is a corporation not for gain or individual profit, that no dividends shall ever be declared or paid to any of its members, and that none of its property, real or personal, shall ever be used or expended except in carrying into effect the legitimate ends and aims of its being.

BY-LAWS.

Article I, Name.—The name of this Corporation is the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Article II, Location.—The principal place of business of this Corporation is at Nashville, County of Davidson, State of Tennessee.

Article III, Object.—The particular objects for which this Corporation is formed are as follows: viz., to print, publish, and circulate literature in all languages deemed advisable by the Board of Trustees; to secure and hold copyrights of books, periodicals, tracts, and pamphlets; to disseminate by all legitimate agencies whatsoever, religious knowledge and instruction; to receive gifts, legacies, and donations from all sources whatsoever; to make gifts and appropriations from any or all of its resources from time to time, to carry out the objects above described.

Article IV, Membership.—SECTION 1.—The members of this Corporation shall consist of the Trustees of this Corporation and (a) all accredited delegates in attendance at any session of the Southern Union Conference (unincorporated); (b) the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated); (c) the managers of the branch houses already in operation or that may be established; (d) such stockholders of the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tenn. (a stock company), as shall donate their stock in said association to the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall make written application to the Secretary of said association for such membership prior to July 1, 1908.

SEC. 2.—A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than twenty-five members.

Article V, Trustees. SEC. 1.—The members of this Corporation shall elect seven persons to act as Trustees for this Corporation, who shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors are duly elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

SEC. 2.—Newly elected Trustees shall enter upon their duties immediately after their election.

SEC. 3.—The Trustees shall have the management of all the affairs of this Corporation, and the disposal of all its property as herein-after specified, and the execution of all trusts confided to it.

SEC. 4.—A majority of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5.—The Trustees shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their membership.

Article VI, Officers and Agents.—The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Manager, who shall be elected by the Trustees from among themselves. These shall hold their office for two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. Either the President, Secretary, or other member of the Board may be the Business Manager at the discretion of the Trustees.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and Trustees, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law or by the Trustees.

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties that devolve upon the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Trustees may require of him.

The Secretary shall keep a full and true record of all meetings of members and Trustees, shall procure and have charge of the seal of the Corporation, and affix the same in attestation of all instruments executed by the Corporation when necessary, and shall perform such other duties as the Trustees may prescribe.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the money and funds of the Corporation, and shall pass his accounts before such officers and committees, and at such time as the Trustees may from time to time direct; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Trustees.

The Business Manager shall have the immediate supervision of all the business affairs of the company subject to the Trustees, to whom he shall make full report of all matters as often as required by said Trustees.

In the absence of any special authorization by the Board of Trustees, a record of which shall appear upon the minutes of the meeting at which the action was taken, the President or Vice-President and Treasurer shall sign all notes and other legal undertakings in behalf of the Association.

The Trustees shall hold meetings as often and at such times as are necessary in the general conduct of the business.

Article VII, Funds.—All assets and earnings of this Corporation shall be used for furthering the objects of this Corporation; and any part or all of its earnings and profits from every source whatsoever may be appropriated to the work of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Corporation present at any regularly called meeting.

Article VIII, Meetings.—The first meeting of the members of this Corporation shall be held at Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1908, for the election of a new Board of Trustees,

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Future meetings of the members of this Corporation shall be held every two years in connection with the meeting of the Southern Union Conference (unincorporated), notice of the same being printed for three weeks prior to the meeting, in the *Watchman*, a weekly paper published at Nashville, Tenn.

Special meetings of the members of this Corporation may be held at any time upon the call of the President or Board of Trustees, by giving the same notice as for the regular meetings.

Article IX, Amendments.—These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of this Corporation present at any regular meeting of said members, when the proposed amendment does not conflict with the articles of incorporation of this Association.

Moved by A. F. Harrison, seconded by L. A. Hansen, that this form of charter be adopted. This was carried, and G. I. Butler, I. A. Ford, C. P. Bollman, R. W. Parmele, W. A. Wilcox, R. Hook, Jr., and W. R. Burrow were elected.

A COLORED LABORER FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

The Chair stated that D. E. Blake, the colored laborer now in South Carolina, is to remove to Alabama. It was voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to consider the matter of supplying a colored laborer for South Carolina, and the following were named: R. M. Kilgore, C. P. Bollman, and W. J. Blake. Professor Tenney moved that two members be added to this committee, the Chair to be one of them, and that the committee thus formed be a committee on distribution of labor. The motion carried, and the Chair appointed W. R. Burrow, making the committee stand as follows: R. M. Kilgore, C. P. Bollman, W. J. Blake, G. I. Butler, and W. R. Burrow.

SOUTH CAROLINA FUNDS

It was decided that the sum of \$76.58, due the South Carolina Mission Field, be returned to the South Carolina Conference. Considering the matter of Sister McHugh's future salary, it was voted that the Southern Union Conference Treasurer be instructed to apply enough money from the General Conference appropriations to insure the payment of laborers in this Union Conference who have previously been paid by the General Conference, or by local conferences outside this field through the General Conference, until Jan. 1, 1908. Carried.

THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The President raised the question as to whether anything further should be done to assist the Missionary Department of the Southern Union Conference in establishing schools, etc. This was spoken to by C. P. Bollman, who read the following appeal:—

"A Plea in Behalf of the Work for the Colored People of the South.

"To the Members of the Southern Union Conference Committee.

"DEAR BROTHERS: Notwithstanding the years that have passed since the Spirit of God first began urging haste in our efforts to give the truth to the colored people, it is still true, as stated several years ago by the spirit of prophecy, that, as a people, we have touched this work only with the tips of our fingers.

"That which makes this fact of more serious import than it would otherwise be is the additional fact that the Southern field is rapidly closing, at least so far as the work for the colored people is concerned. The situation as it exists to-day ought to alarm us as a people, and stimulate us to greater activity in this particular branch of the work than we have ever yet manifested.

"Nearly fifteen years ago the Testimonies of the Spirit of God began to urge aggressive work for the colored people, giving as a reason for haste that *in a little while conditions will so change as to make work for that race exceedingly difficult.*

"For the most part, however, these warnings have been unheeded, until now we see that fulfilling which was then foretold by the Spirit of prophecy. We can now see for ourselves that whatever is to be done for the negroes of the South by Northern people, either white or black, must be done quickly.

"It is a fact patent to all that lawlessness of every kind is on the increase everywhere. Crimes of violence are frightfully common, not only in this, but in other countries. We know *why* this is so, namely, because the restraining influence of the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth.

"This increase of violence in the South is more marked in some respects among the blacks than it is among the whites. This would naturally be so among the submerged portion of any community. It argues nothing, therefore, against the colored people of the South as a whole that it is so among them.

"But these facts do argue most powerfully that whatever is to be done by Northern people, either white or black, for the negroes of the South, must be done at once.

"Race feeling is increasing at an alarming rate. As a consequence, by a process of steady growth, every day adds to the difficulties to be encountered in giving present truth to the colored people in this field.

"In view of these things, is it not high time to break the bands of sloth and indifference that have so long hindered this work, and to do in the shortest possible time that which ought to have been done years ago?

"But an enlarged and speedy work calls for more means; and when money is mentioned, the question is asked, 'Has not the South just had \$50,000?'

"We answer, Yes; but of the South's share of the big fund nearly nine-tenths were devoted to white institutions. The question may be asked, 'Inasmuch as the South receives the help it does from the North because of

the presence there of the colored people, why was not a larger share of the \$50,000 devoted to that branch of the work?'

"The answer to this question by those who were directly concerned in making the apportionment, will probably be substantially as follows:—

"'Simply because of the peculiar situation. The dire need of struggling institutions established here when the field was still young made it necessary.

"'Failure must not be written upon our efforts for the whites, if we would succeed in our work for the colored. It was necessary that institutions established for the white work should be put in condition to do that for which they were designed. The interests of the colored work no less than that of the white work demand it.'

"We shall not take issue with this view of the case. It has much weight. But it only emphasizes the need of assuming now an entirely different attitude toward the work for the colored people.

"In view of the reproofs that have come to us through the spirit of prophecy, it must be admitted that there has been a failure, even on the part of those right here in this field, to properly relate themselves to the work to be done in giving the third angel's message to the nearly six millions of colored people within the bounds of the Southern Union Conference.

"Now that the white work is as thoroughly organized and as firmly established as it is, some facts not heretofore adequately considered should be given their full weight.

"Roundly stated, the number of people in the Southern Union Conference is fifteen million. Of this number nine million, or three fifths, are white, and six million, or two fifths, colored. Had circumstances been such as to have permitted a division of the \$50,000 along racial lines, the whites, instead of receiving \$43,000, would have received only 30,000, while the colored work would have received \$20,000, or \$13,900 more than it did receive from the big fund.

"But in planning for future work there are still other facts that ought to be considered. In this field are three old conferences which are not treated as mission territory as far as the white work is concerned, namely, Florida, Cumberland, and Tennessee River, but which must receive assistance in prosecuting the colored work.

"The white population of the three conferences named is 3,699,878. Deducting this number from 9,074,596, the entire white population of the Southern Union Conference, we have 5,374,518 whites as against 5,825,023 colored people, in whose enlightenment by the third angel's message we may fairly call for the assistance of the great body of our people in the United States.

"The fact is that the South differs from other parts of the United States in respect of raising up churches and organized conferences chiefly because of the presence here of such a large colored population. Were it not for this feature, the South would not be the great

mission field it is for all the rest of the United States.

"It is high time for those of us who are in the South to fully recognize the facts here set forth, and the obligation we are under to the great body of our brethren to put into the work for the colored people a much more liberal share of the money they are contributing in various ways for the spread of the message in this great Southland. Should we not endeavor to do at least as much in the colored work as in the white? We certainly ought now as never before to push forward that branch of the work which, according to the Testimonies and in the very nature of things, must close while there is yet opportunity to labor for the salvation of the whites.

"C. P. BOLLMAN,

"*Sec. Southern Missionary Society.*"

Elder Washburn read a letter from Sister White with reference to the colored work.

Upon motion it was voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to prepare a memorial to the General Conference Committee; this memorial to be presented to the Southern Union Conference in January, 1908, for adoption.

It was voted that the committee consist of three members, and that the Chair be one. C. P. Bollman and J. S. Washburn were appointed to fill out the committee.

E. H. REES, *Sec.*

(*To be continued.*)

A TENT EFFORT AT CHEROKEE, S. C.

At the close of our camp-meeting in Spartanburg, we moved our tent to Cherokee Springs, eight miles distant, to hold a meeting there. We found an opposition spirit at this place, but it only helped us in advertising our meetings and getting some to attend who otherwise would not have heard of them. For this we thanked the Lord, knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God." We knew that the Lord would get glory out of it, even though we were put to the inconvenience of moving our tent from our first pitching place.

We moved a little closer to the storm center and continued meetings, not missing a single night because of moving. We were enabled to do this because of the excellent spirit shown on the part of the interested ones. They turned out and helped with teams and hands, and made the work light for us. Should this little company continue with the same unity, earnestness, and zeal with which they have started out, great possibilities lie before them between the present time and the coming of the One they have learned to love and obey.

Five families at this place are taking hold of the Sabbath truth, and are laying aside their tobacco and getting ready to rightly represent the truth in this community. We expect to see a little working church organized here in the near future.

Elder W. M. Crothers, lately from Michigan, helped in this series of meetings, and his labors have been greatly appreciated.

S. H. Swingle and his wife assisted in the

music and helped in many ways, and for their aid we are grateful.

May the Lord greatly add his blessing to this Sabbath-keeping company, and may they faithfully follow the word of God in all things.

R. T. NASH.

THE INFLUENCE OF OUR LITERATURE

We have not as appreciative a knowledge of the influence of our good literature as I think we should have. If we could only know just how reading and thinking people regarded our literature, it seems to me that we would be more diligent in placing it in the hands of the people.

One of our canvassers relates an experience which illustrates the influence of our books and papers with the reading people. He says, "A few days ago I met two ladies who have been reading our literature while in another town from which they have recently moved, and just as soon as I gave them a canvass for 'Daniel and the Revelation' they asked, 'Is not that an Adventist book?' I told them it was, and they ordered a copy each, saying, 'We have been reading Adventist papers, and we like them. We will read the books with a good deal of interest.' I have since delivered these books, one in the best binding."

These people, no doubt, are interested in the truths of the Bible, and they may see and accept the whole truth. But where did this interest first start? Was it not the result of some one handing them papers some time, or perhaps times?

Dear brethren and sisters, let us "not sleep, as do others; but let us watch," and be active in placing the printed page in the hands of the people. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Read Eccl. II: 1-6.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

SCHOOL NOTES FROM THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

The people of the Southern Union Conference will no doubt rejoice with us when they know that the total enrolment of the first two months of school in the Training School Department has reached eighty-five, the total enrolment of the Intermediate Department thirty-five, and of the Primary thirty-two, making a total of one hundred and fifty-two for the first two months of school. This is twelve more names than was included on the total enrolment of last school year.

The laundry is rapidly nearing completion, and the students are doing the first washing in it this week. While there needs to be a number of facilities added to make it convenient, we are very glad for this much being completed.

On the evening of November 9, the first lecture of our proposed lecture course, entitled "Elements of Success," was delivered to a large congregation of students and patrons in the school chapel. This lecture was both highly instructive and entertaining. Professor

Tenney dwelt upon such points as industry, honesty, punctuality, and self-control, making these prominent elements of success. Several selections of music both instrumental and vocal were rendered, which made the evening's entertainment a pleasure to those who attended. We have the promise of several lectures from General Conference brethren during the year.

The spiritual interests of the school are not being neglected, as will be seen when we say that since school commenced, students have come and asked for baptism. Revival services will be begun on the evening of November 15.

Our steam heating plant is now in good working order, and each student's room may be kept just as warm as the students desire.

The efforts of our patrons to assist us in making this school year a success are much appreciated by the faculty.

Some of our former students who are not with us this year will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Verna B. Cutts, nee Crandall, is with us again to take up her work in English and Latin.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

ONE sister writes: "I was glad to get your letter, for I feel deeply the need of a revival of missionary effort among us as a people, and as individuals. God helping me, I will do my part. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time, especially would I value any suggestions which might aid me in reaching souls with this message of truth."

Sister Jessie V. Bosworth writes: "We are adopting the plan of requiring our societies to send in monthly reports, and hope to get it worked up in time. I suppose it will require a continuous effort in order to obtain reports from our missionary workers, here a little and there a 'good deal.' Some one has said that a state secretary ought to be an 'animated poker.' O, that our hearts may be continually warmed by the Spirit of the living God, so that we may have a message that will kindle zeal, and enthuse those with whom we communicate."

A sister at Jackson, Tenn., says: "I am sending my librarian's report to you, and what time do you always want me to send it in? I have just sent for fifty numbers of the Special *Watchman* to sell and give away. My liberty leaflets came last week, and I shall get racks and fill them with the leaflets. Yes, write to Mrs. —, as you may know just what to say to her. I pray that many of our people will take courage and want to do just the kind of work this sister is doing."

Still another writes: "I must beg your forbearance with my long delay in responding to your very highly appreciated letter to librarians. I must confess that before I read your letter, I did not understand what my duty as librarian was, but I know now that I have fallen far short of it. I will tell you all I can about our church meetings. We have Sabbath-school every Sabbath, and either preaching or reading of some sort following, then prayer-meeting every Wednesday even-

ing. And part of the time we have youth's meeting on the Sabbath afternoon. We have only officers for these meetings, but have no separate missionary meetings, so do not follow the lines you suggest. I know it would be profitable to do so, and hope the church will make arrangements to do so soon. I think you are perfectly right about reporting. Pray for me that I may do my part and be faithful in doing it."

MRS. W. M. TUXFORD-CROTHERS.

HAMMOND, LA.

ON Sabbath, November 2, it was the writer's privilege to organize the believers at this place into a church. Ten adults presented themselves for membership, six by letter and four on confession of faith. Others expect to unite with us soon.

A full set of officers was chosen, and a substantial collection was taken for the \$150,000 fund.

We have undertaken to double our membership in the next year, and to this end we ask the prayers of all that it may be accomplished.

E. L. MAXWELL.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN FLORIDA.

WE are just entering upon the most opportune time of the year for doing practical missionary work for our blessed Lord.

In meetings many of you have testified to the goodness of God, and wished that you might be of some service in his cause. We are very glad to announce that there is now an opportunity open for all who love the Lord to do something. Even the children can take part in selling the new special number of the *Watchman*, which is just coming off the press.

Of all the special numbers we have ever had, this promises to be the most wonderful presentation of "present truth" ever published by our people. It will be attractive in every way, and is sure to be a ready seller at the price of 10 cents per copy. Now why cannot every one of us make up our minds, right now, to help scatter this precious paper? In bundles of less than one hundred copies we get it for 5 cents per copy. If you order one hundred or more, you get it for 4 cents.

From personal experience we know that, with a little effort, a person can readily sell from twenty to fifty copies per day. This does not refer to the regular canvasser, who can average many more. But here is a work that even the children and grandmas can do without any previous experience. Of course Satan will have some of his agents around who will say, "I have no talent for selling anything, and so I just cannot sell any of these papers."

That very person would be surprised to find, if he started out with some faith in God and simply introduced the paper with a few remarks, that some would buy just from looking it over, without a regular canvass. Here is an opportunity to *learn how* to sell something.

Our young people in California have decided

to sell their "special" this fall, and donate the profits to the cause of missions. What a noble resolve! I wonder how many of our young people in Florida will awake to the call of the Master when he tells them, "Go and do thou likewise"?

Are you ashamed to do some of this work for your Master? Listen! "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

Let us respond to the call of the hour, for the Lord needs you in his service, even now. Send in your orders at once to the Southern Publishing Association and then kindly send a report of your work to your state secretary.

LE ROY T. CRISLER,

Sec. *Young People's Work*.

Ft. Ogdon, Fla.

EVANGELISTIC CANVASSING

WHAT privileges the canvasser has to enjoy! If we could only realize our position, what a change would be seen in the work.

The evangelistic canvasser has a grand yet perilous work to do. He must be an advance agent, a skirmisher, a man of adaptation, bravery, determination, and fortitude. Likewise he must be a man of humility, patience, meekness, faith, and *prayer*. He must enter the very strongholds of the enemy, penetrate to the very center of his camp, and there plant the standard of truth. He must sow those small but precious seeds of truth, which will grow into a mighty plant, and break in sunder the iron bands and rend the stony sepulchers of superstition and defiant pride.

The impressions left by the evangelistic canvasser are lasting, and determine to a large extent the reception by the people of the message presented from the desk. Has he been pleasant and courteous, and Christlike under abuse and insult? If so, the harvest will not fail to show it. Has he been impatient, hasty of speech, boastful of himself, indiscreet in unduly urging strong points of truth, eager to present non-vital personal theories? If so, the harvest likewise will be unfruitful.

Canvassers, we need the anointing of the Spirit; we need a closer connection with Christ; we need to pray more than others, *because we are special objects of Satan's attacks*. Our adversary is *ever* on the alert. His untiring efforts to hinder and destroy our work should stimulate us to constant vigilance in behalf of the truth. Christ depends upon us to faithfully present his principles; yet he is not dependent upon us for their triumph. He can prosecute his work to a glorious completion without our co-operation, but we cannot come off more than conquerors without him.

The Lord has laid upon us a solemn duty, the performance of which means eternal salvation to thousands. He has placed in our hands a wonderful commission, the fulfilment of which will bring honor and glory to God and our blessed Saviour forever and ever. Shall we catch the inspiration of the times

in which we live, and redouble our efforts to carry the gospel of Christ's coming to all the world in this generation? What a privilege! Brethren and sisters, young and old, let us "come up to the help of the Lord" just now. If you would like territory in which to labor, you will find plenty by corresponding with Brother C. F. Dart, Greenville, S. C.

H. B. GALLION.

Anderson, S. C.

CAMP-MEETING AT TAMPA, FLA.

ON October 8 I left Atlanta, Ga., to attend our colored camp-meeting which was held at Tampa, Fla., October 10-20. This camp-meeting was a blessing to me. I met my brethren and sisters of like precious faith from different parts of the state and from Brunswick, Ga. There were between forty-five and fifty in attendance, besides a few visitors from Osceola and Jacksonville. These went home blessed.

At every service the Holy Spirit was present in great power. We could realize that "the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp;" and we felt admonished: "Therefore shall thy camp be holy." Deut. 23:14. And after leaving the services, going to our tents or laboring from house to house or along the streets, the admonition of 2 Peter 3:11—"What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness"—was precious to us.

There was no time that we called our own. The Holy Spirit impressed our minds that the Lord will soon come, and that a preparation to meet him is needful, and that we should warn those around our tents. Our own hearts must be right with God before success could attend our efforts; but after this preparation was made, "the Lord worked in us, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." From house to house and on the street we worked, and souls were led to accept the converting power of God. The people were not afraid to come to our tents, and we were cordially invited to their homes.

Two sisters were talking on the street to some persons who were anxious to get rid of the messengers of truth; but these sisters would not give up, and so prevailed. A stranger was watching them to see what they were doing. He followed them for a few blocks, and found that they were "rescuing the perishing." He was given an invitation, and came out to our early morning meeting. He related his experience, and said, "The Lord sent you all to this city."

Tampa, Fla., is a ripe field, and God is able to rescue souls from its wickedness. Seven have taken their stand for the truth, and many are interested. Fourteen were baptized at the camp-meeting. Eight subscriptions were taken for *PROGRESS* and twelve for *Gospel Herald*. Tampa is in need of a colored minister. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

I left Tampa for Brunswick, stopping by the way at Plant City, October 22. Here I

visited the school taught by Sisters Sauks and Mumford. They are doing a good work, and the prospect for the future is encouraging. But they need our means and prayers.

I spent five days with the company at Brunswick. Six were baptized. All are of good courage, and are putting forth efforts to labor for souls.

On the 28th I arrived at home. On Sabbath, November 2, Elder Sidney Scott and his wife spent the day with us. He gave us the history of our people in the message from its infancy to the present time, and his remarks were very inspiring. He left after the Sabbath for South Carolina, his new field of labor. Pray for the work.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

A TRIP IN THE INTEREST OF THE CANVASSING WORK

On Friday, October 24, I left home to spend a few days among our canvassers, and to visit some of our churches.

At Concord, my first stop, I met a lonely Sabbath-keeping family. On Sabbath evening, before the children retired, we had their lesson on the "Story of Joseph." They enjoyed it very much, and the next morning they repeated their memory verse for me. In the morning we had our Sabbath-school, and in the afternoon we enjoyed a short Bible study. After the Sabbath I went to the depot to get my wheel. Before returning, I sold a "Story of Daniel the Prophet."

At three o'clock next morning I started across the country on my wheel to Brother Steed's, a distance of twenty-two miles, the last six of which I had to go through mud and rain. I arrived there about 8 A. M., and received a hearty welcome. Brethren Steed and Pennington were of good courage, and are anxious for a church school and for meetings to be held for their interested neighbors.

Monday I made another trip of twenty-one miles on my wheel across the country to Troy, where I met Brother Newton. We had a pleasant and profitable visit talking over the work together. He has scattered many thousand pages of our good books in Montgomery County. He is the only Sabbath-keeper in this large county. He would like so much to have a co-laborer, and we plan for this another season.

On my way to Troy I met a man with a boy by his side. It occurred to me that he would like a good book, so I stopped and sold him one. He seemed to be glad to get it. We each went on our way happy.

From Troy I went to Spero, but stopped at Bisco two hours, where I sold three books while waiting for the train. At Spero I met Elder Jeys, whom I very much desired to see that I might counsel with him concerning our canvassers' institute. This will be held at Hildebran, beginning December 17, and lasting till Jan. 12, 1908. This will be a very important meeting, and I trust that all who should be there will begin to plan right away to come. I believe there are a number of our brethren and sisters in the conference who ought to at-

tend this institute to get help to do more and better work, in some way, somewhere in the great harvest-field. I will be glad to hear from any who wish further information concerning this Bible school.

From Spero, in company with Elder Jeys, I went to Archdale, where we had a very interesting meeting. The church there plan to have an ingathering service in December, the proceeds to go to the canvassing work. We hope others will follow this example.

Sabbath, November 2, I enjoyed with the brethren at Greensboro. We had Sabbath-school in the morning and a missionary meeting in the afternoon. They also plan to have a canvassers' ingathering service.

After the Sabbath I went to visit the company near Colfax. Brother Slate conducts an interesting Sunday-school near his home in a school-house. After Sunday-school and at night, I held a public service with a good attendance.

Returning early Monday morning, November 4, to Greensboro, I helped one of our canvassers deliver books; this was a real privilege.

Tuesday noon I left Greensboro for Charlotte, where I staid over night and was privileged to meet two of our canvassers, Brethren Lanier and Stark. Both were well and of good courage.

We are anxious that this institute shall be marked with an earnest spirit of seeking the Lord and a deep consecration for service. The times surely demand this. Brethren and sisters, we want your hearty co-operation, either by your presence or by your prayers and means. Please do not forget your pledges to the institute fund. Please send all donations to Jessie V. Bosworth, Hickory, N. C.

A few words to those coming: Please bring bedding, towels, etc., also your good books, such as "Hymns and Tunes," "Early Writings," "Ministry of Healing," "Steps to Christ," "Healthful Living," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Coming King," and other valuable books you may have.

As workers for God, what shall be our motive in coming together at this time? Shall it not be as expressed by a sister canvasser, Mattie Reynolds, in a private letter to me? She says, "I am anxious to go to the institute; in fact, I had rather be there at that time than anywhere else. I want to learn all I can about *how* to *work* for the Lord. I have no desire to forsake his blessed service."

The institute will begin Tuesday, December 17, at 7 P. M. Let every one plan to be on time at this first meeting.

HORACE G. MILLER, *State Agent,*
Gastonia, N. C.

INGATHERING SERVICE AT HICKORY, N. C.

SUNDAY, November 3, the Sabbath-schools of Hildebran and Hickory united in an Ingathering Service in the church at Hickory. Two sessions were held. The program was arranged so that many would have a part. In addition to the outline in the *Instructor*,

a number of short talks were given by different ones concerning the mission fields all over the world. Our Saviour said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." If this were true in the days of the disciples, how much more is it true at the present time.

A great variety of the products of the harvest, both good and bad, were represented in the decorations. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Just as a harvest of grain cannot be produced from cockle burrs, so we cannot sow seeds of selfishness, pride, and evil thoughts, even in our own hearts, and expect to reap a harvest of souls. We must first have the good seed, the Word of God, in our own hearts before we can plant it in others. A little time was spent in considering a question which should be an important one with each individual, viz., "What responsibility have we to bear in the harvest?"

One very interesting part of the service was the bringing of the offerings. In the spring our superintendent divided a dollar among the children of the two Sabbath-schools, and another gave fifteen cents to three Home Department children and invested ten cents herself. As the children brought their offerings forward, each told how the money received in the spring had been increased. Two bought eggs and set them, selling the chickens for \$2.44. Several invested their money in seeds and planted gardens, raising beans, tomatoes, peanuts, and potatoes to sell. Another bought peanuts and sold, and still another, soap. This all amounted to \$8.68. The basket was passed and a little more added to the sum, making \$9.47 in all. This is to be sent to China and to Africa.

MRS. ALICE CHURCH.

GASTONIA, N. C.

THE past few weeks have been filled with opportunities and blessing. Dear sisters of North Carolina, all around us are souls thirsting for the "water of life." Did we realize more fully that "we are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events," we would close our lips against excusing ourselves in not getting out among our neighbors, near and far. We say we have the best literature in the world—and we have. But O what trivial excuses we so often make, how selfish we are!

Not long ago I decided to go out among my neighbors, and tell them what that precious volume, "Steps to Christ," had done for me. I had a blessed experience. One woman said, "I am full of doubts and need help." Another said, "I am elder of the church, and that will be a help to me." Another, "My husband is not converted, and it may help him."

I sold two copies in several homes. A neighbor said, "I have read my book through once, and am reading it again. I would not take \$5 for it." The M. E. minister bought one for his wife at the fifth call at his "study." Several paid me for their book days before receiving it. Several have met me on the street, saying, "I want one of those little

books." I distributed one hundred periodicals, delivering sixty-three books.

There are open hearts and doors all around us. Soon it will be too late. I thank the dear Lord for strength and a humble part in the closing work.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

STANDING ORDERS FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON QUARTERLIES

It will be a great advantage to our people throughout the field, also to the publishing house, if all who regularly use the Senior Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterly will place with the tract society or publishing house with which they deal a standing order for as many copies as they want.

The advantages of this plan are: It avoids the necessity of ordering every quarter; it insures receipt of the new Sabbath-school lessons some time before the beginning of the quarter, so that the new quarterlies are always on hand for the first Sabbath in the quarter; it is a pleasing arrangement and insures greater interest in the Sabbath-school work, for it is very discouraging to the scholars when the new lesson pamphlets are delayed for several Sabbaths at the first of the quarter. If the number of quarterlies required is not always the same the standing order should be for as many as are sure to be needed. Extra copies can be ordered on special orders at any time.

How to Place a Standing Order.

For individuals who wish one copy, send 20 cents to the state tract society, or to the Southern Publishing Association, saying, "Please send me one copy of the Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterly for 1908." If two copies are needed, send 40 cents; send 20 cents for each yearly subscription. It is not necessary for those who have credit on account at the Publishing House to send cash with their order. In such cases the standing order becomes permanent, and each shipment will be filled until the order is discontinued.

Address your standing orders to the state office unless your conference does not operate a tract society office, in which case send the orders direct to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

"A Manual for the Use of Church and Mission Schools of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists," by Prof. J. E. Tenney, Educational Superintendent of the Southern Union Conference. This new book has been in preparation some time, and will doubtless be finished so that all orders for it can be filled before the end of this week. It contains about 70 pages, and is bound in a beautiful limp leatherette. The following statements from the author's introduction will explain the necessity for this book.

"For years the educational work of the denomination in this field has suffered from lack of definiteness and system.

"The object of this Manual is to assist in bringing about a better condition. In manu-

script form it has been submitted to our leading brethren and educators in this field, and is published with their endorsement."

The following table of contents, arranged alphabetically, gives an idea of the practical value of this Manual:—

- Aids to the Music Teacher.
 - Definiteness in Work.—Proposed outline.
 - Glossary of Musical Terms.
 - Our School Work in a Formative State.—Suitable Text-Books Needed, Scarcity of Teachers, Lack of Support, Want of System, Brighter Prospects, Higher Pay for the Teacher, Needed Reform.
 - Outline of Rational Method of Teaching Reading and Spelling.
 - Outline of Studies.—Complete outline for each study in each grade.
 - Plan of Organization.—Election of Board. Raising Money, Methods Employed, Advantages of the Latter Plan, A Better Plan, Length of Term, Securing a Teacher, Location of Schools, Near to Nature, Industrial Education, Essentials of Success, The Standard, The True Standard.
 - Practical Suggestions.
 - Recommendations Passed at Convention of Teachers.
 - Relation of the Church to the School.—Too Much Expected of the Teacher, Psalms 15:3, Payment of Salary, Teacher's Boarding Place, Parents' Meetings, Visit the School.
 - Relation of Our Schools to the Public Schools.
 - School-room Suggestions.—Personal Appearance, Pleasant Manner, Be Helpful, Intermissions, An Attractive School-room, Means of Beautifying the School-room, Few Rules, The Daily Program.
 - Suggestive Program.
 - Text and Supplementary Books.
 - The Teacher.—Qualifications, Much is Expected of the Teacher, Relation of Teacher to Patrons.
 - When Should a School be Organized?—Favorable Conditions.
 - Why Our Schools Exist.—Educational Principles, Mission of Our Schools, Faith vs. Skepticism, A Sure Foundation, Educating for Eternity.
- The book is written for the purpose of aiding those who are desirous of improvement in educational matters. It will also prove to be an incentive to greater interest in school work. Every Christian home should be supplied with this book, and it ought to be the constant companion of every teacher. Price, 25 cents per copy, post-paid. All orders should be sent to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

CANVASSING REPORT

Of the S. U. C. for One Week Ending Nov. 2, 1907

NAME	Name of Book	Hours' Work	Total Value	Value B'ks Delivered
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W H Waite	4 wks..CK BS	90	\$76 25	\$12 00
R I Keate	2 wks...CK BS	100		280 00
O A Prieger	2 wks..CK BS	57		113 75
Benj Griffiths	2 wks..BFL	81	114 35	25 00
Chas A Griffith	1 wk sofp	45		

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

M J Weber	...BFL BIBLES	108	108 80	42 55
J A Caldwell	2wks CK NTP	20	10 40	1 35
S N Yates	1 wk.....CK	45	27 25	5 25
Creed Taylor	...NTP COS	90	35 05	
W J Slade	.....BFL	37	20 50	

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

J H Robison	1 wk..sofp	3	2 25	
T H Dobb	1 wk MISC	20		4 05
W A Robison	1 wk...CK	33	37 35	20 00
C M Tucker	2 wks...GC	14	30 00	4 50

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Mrs W C McDonald	..BFL	39	18 00	7 00
M L Woodall	.....D&R	58	4 43	14 23
J A Kimmel	.....BFL	96	52 00	50 65
A L Manous	2 wks..MISC	22	7 50	22 50
Mrs A L Manous	2wks D&R	18	29 00	12 20
W D Hughes	2 wks..CK	21	6 00	4 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G S Rogers	2 wks.....			
.....D&R MISC	70	55 00	26 50	
C L Collison	5wks BR D&R	172	154 80	264 75
I T Reynolds	2 wks..BR	81	257 25	30 00
J H Anderson	1wk CK BFL	20	44 50	6 50
A B Cheek	.....BR BS	112	26 65	98 75
Edwin Booth	.....CK	61	60 00	11 00
J P Campbell	1 wk..sofp	29		22 50

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Ira Young	.....CK	88	50 00	9 50
H G Miller	.....GC	40	19 50	35 50
Celia McDonald	2wks sofp	41	61 00	6 00
R L Underwood	..CK sofp	102	88 25	59 00
H B Tilden	.....CK	102	30 00	345 50
Mattie S Reynolds	.....CK	49	20 75	16 75
W E Lanier	.....D&R sofp	102	91 40	83 15
H R Stark	2 wks.....CK	35	17 50	
Mollie Miller	.....STC	49	16 50	15 00
W H Brown	1wk CK sofp	21	25 55	
Jas A Brown	1 wk.....CK	10	1 80	6 80
Ila Newton	1 wk.....BS	20		7 75

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

F A Evans	.....CK	124	53 75	136 25
Wm C Rahn	.....CK	136		257 25
H Martin	.....CK	74	113 90	174 75
H B Gallion	.....CK	87	18 25	145 25
Mrs H B Gallion	.....CK	94	94 50	55 50
Mrs E A Wing	.....CK	56	112 75	57 75
J B Rise	.....CK	45	1 25	41 00
Mrs H Martin	1 wk..CK	10		10 25
E R Button	.....CK	40	85 05	40 35
Mrs E R Button	.....CK	28	26 25	27 70
W P Darnell	.....CK	100	10 25	151 00
D M Smith	.....CK	76	35 80	3 70
S H Swingle	.....sofp	87	104 15	20 65
C F Dart	1 wk.....CK	3	2 00	35 00
Frank Hazel	1 wk.....CK	30		16 00
D F Johnson	1 wk..sofp	10	7 00	9 40

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

J T EatonBFL CK	101	72 30	100 55
R H HazletonD&R	50	40 50	116 45
Mrs B A Philpot	2 wks..			4 00
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Mrs P S Thweatt	2 wks..			
.....D&R MISC	38	22 25		
Mamie MooreD&R	83	73 95	79 75
Mrs Martin Thorn	..sofp	39	30 15	13 55
Alice M Patton	2wks.D&R	20	7 50	23 50
W R Hanson	.....D&R	51	38 00	17 85
H C Balsbaugh	2wks sofp	85	101 20	
Emma G Jones	2 wks..			
.....sofp NTP	19	8 90		12 00
Mrs F T Wales	1wk sofp	10	15 25	
C M Kinney	1 wk...NTP	35	34 70	
W T Dawson	1 wkBR NTP	25	19 50	14 50
Amanda Gahr	1 wk..D&R	6		9 50

RECAPITULATION

Alabama Conference	373	190 60	430 75
Cumberland Conference	300	202 00	49 15
Florida Conference	70	69 60	28 55
Georgia Conference	254	116 93	110 58
Louisiana Conference	495	598 20	460 00
North Carolina Conf.	659	422 25	578 95
South Carolina Conf.	1,000	664 90	1,081 80
Tennessee River Conf.	615	522 80	391 65

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THERE are perhaps more human wrecks today made through the habit of worry than from any other one cause. With many, worry has become a fixed habit, we might say a disease of the mind which seriously affects the body; for "health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other." It can be cured. The November number of *Life and Health* gives the remedy. Send for sample copy. Address *Life and Health*, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

MRS. JAS. WOODS, 322 South Detroit Street, Warsaw, Ind., would like copies of the *Watchman* and *Signs* for missionary use. Send post-paid.

ELDER C. A. BROWN, Milo, Me., would like, for free distribution, clean copies of the *Watchman*, *Bible Training School*, *Good Tidings of the Messiah*, and *Life Boat*. Send to the above address, post-paid.

MRS. F. W. HALLADAY, Box 414, Huntsville, Ala., would like papers for a reading rack. Send post-paid.

ELDER DANIELLS writes me that it is greatly desired that the remaining part of the \$150,000 fund be raised by Jan. 1, 1908. If I remember right, South Carolina has pledged a considerable more than her proportioned part of this fund, and I am glad of this. Now will all promptly meet their pledges? Send the money to Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C., and you will be receipted for it. Be sure your pledge is paid before January 1.

R. T. NASH.

THE brother who lost the \$5.00 on the Florida camp-ground has recovered it; hence he wishes to refund the money that was so kindly donated to him there. If the donors will please send me their names and addresses in full, I will see that the money is returned to them.

We, however, shall not take back what we donated; for the brother is very poor, and has a family depending upon him for support. May God bless him.

J. F. BAHLER.

Tampa, Fla.

REPORT OF PROGRESS

THE subscription price of this little paper is only 25c. a year. No one in South Carolina can afford to be without it. Those subscribing for the paper in this state will send the money to Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C.

R. T. NASH.

SOMETIMES our contributors write articles or notes that are addressed to the brethren and sisters in a certain state or locality, or to a certain class, perhaps in a certain locality. Now if you do not happen to be included in the class addressed, don't pass the matter by as unworthy of your notice. Frequently there are thoughts and suggestions that anybody might profit by. Read the article "To Our Young People in Florida," in this issue, and see if it does not belong to this class.

ON the evening of the 14th a very pleasant little wedding took place at the home of Brother I. A. Ford, when Brother W. M. Crothers and Mrs. M. H. Tuxford were united in a life-partnership. So now the Southern Union Conference has not a new corresponding secretary, but the secretary has a new name, and is not Mrs. M. H. Tuxford, but Mrs. W. M. Crothers. We are sure that many readers of *PROGRESS* are personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Crothers, and will join us in wishing them a happy life, filled with pleasant and useful labor in the Master's vineyard.

A SPECIAL COURSE OF STUDY FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

It has been decided to offer a Special Course at the Southern Training School, commencing Jan. 28, 1908, and continuing twelve weeks.

There are ministers and many others now laboring in different departments of our denominational work who feel the need of a more thorough preparation. There are others who would be glad to become workers, could they have the advantage of a few weeks special training.

This brief course is designed to meet the needs of these classes; and the work will be planned and given in such a manner as to offer the greatest good in the least time at the least expense. The following branches will be studied:—

Bible.—A careful review of the different phases of doctrinal truth, especially with regard to learning to present it to others.

History.—A study of those portions of history that will be found of special aid in the study of the prophecies.

Language.—Reading and spelling, correct forms, composition and letter writing, reporting, public speaking, etc.

Music.—A careful study of hymns as relates to singing, adapting to occasion, reading, analyzing, etc. Organ lessons can also be taken if desired.

Physiology and Hygiene.—A study of the human body and its organic functions, care of the body, how and what to eat, simple remedies for physical ailments.

Canvassing.—A careful study of books and papers to be sold. How to meet the people. Keeping accounts.

Lectures.—Frequent lectures will be given on the subject of missions, Young People's

Work, organization and conduct of Sabbath-schools, Bible themes, and other practical subjects.

A leaflet will soon be published giving details as regards expenses, program, etc.

It is earnestly hoped and confidently expected that many will desire to avail themselves of the advantages this course will offer. We would be pleased to receive the names and addresses of all such, and will send the announcement to them as soon as it is ready.

J. E. TENNEY.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

THIS institute is to be held at Hildebran, N. C., beginning December 17 and ending Jan. 13, 1908. It is proposed to board free bona-fide canvassers, or those who go out from the institute to engage in the canvassing work. If there are others who desire to attend the institute, they will be boarded at a reasonable figure. Every one who contemplates attending this institute should correspond at once with the state agent, Brother Horace G. Miller, Gastonia, N. C. It is expected that this will be the most profitable and successful institute ever held in North Carolina.

The end is rapidly approaching, and a great work is yet to be done. I appeal to our young men to devote themselves to this noble work of carrying the well-prepared pages of printed truth to those who must be warned.

I appeal to our young women to willingly lay hold and engage in a work that is honorable and will bring rich reward of sheaves in the kingdom of God.

I appeal to our older brethren and sisters to give themselves to a work which has been strangely neglected. I call upon our brethren of means, who cannot leave home, to busy themselves in furnishing the "sinews of war" for those who can and will go forth. Will you not esteem it, not simply a duty, but also a privilege to contribute toward the expenses of the institute? Is it out of place that those who have labored faithfully in the field should have a little time for coming apart to rest awhile, especially when this is to fit them for more efficient service in the days to come? When, therefore, Brother Miller visits your church, or writes you with reference to the canvassers' institute, do not regard his call indifferently, but respond willingly, cheerfully, gladly, nobly, as in days past.

I know, dear brethren, that there are many interests to be considered,—many calls to be answered, many avenues through which to direct our energies. And are you not glad that it is so? The Lord has multiplied these different means in order that all may have a part in the closing work. All soon enough the work will close, and there will be no further calls for men and means. God grant that when that time comes, every believer in North Carolina shall have so devoted time and means and strength that each may hear the glad words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

T. H. JEYS.