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"We dream of coming years that shall be fair
With fruitful harvests, though we sow no
seed
Of toil and self-denial, prayer, and kindly
deed;
And time goes unaware.

"O dreamer, wake and work! thy place is
best
For thee; the passing hour alone is thine;
Do what thou canst do, and no more re-
pine;
Work, and so earn thy rest!"

THE IMPORTANCE AND SACREDNESS OF THE CANVASSING WORK

We might ask the direct question, Is the canvassing work one of much importance, anyway? For if it is not, then time is too precious to be spent in this way. Besides, we think too much of our people to encourage them to break away from home comforts to go out into an unfriendly world and have an experience of the hardships and privations of life to engage in this branch of the work, if it is not important. Sometimes we can best answer a question by asking other questions, so we will pursue this method with reference to the one before us, "Is the canvassing work an important one?"

1. Is the work of Christian parents, who are training their children up for Christ, an important one? We remember it is written that if we train a child up in the way he should go, he will not depart from it; and when we think of the millions who have been saved through the efforts of Christian parents, we are at a loss to know how to estimate the importance of this noble work.

2. Do we think the Bible work important? Can we estimate the value of the earnest efforts of those who have the privilege of going into the homes of the people, and there praying with, and studying the Word of God with them, line upon line, precept upon precept? I am sure that the many hundreds of souls who have accepted the truth through the efforts of this faithful class of workers will be glad to testify in the judgment to the importance of this branch of the work.

3. We might also ask as to the importance

of the medical missionary work. In this age of disease, we find many precious souls who are longing to be free from the curse of sin and disease which has so weakened their minds that they can scarcely see the light of present truth; but when their bodies are healed, and their minds so strengthened that they can grasp the truth for this time, how thankful they are. I am sure that we can all agree that in the day of final reckoning, we shall find many gathered into the fold through this channel.

4. Then let us take a view of the ministerial work. Surely God has ordained the ministry as one of his greatest channels for reaching fallen humanity. His commission to the disciples was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and he promised to be with them until the end of the world. Thus we see that the preaching of the gospel is to reach until the end of probationary time, and when we look around us, and see the many precious souls that have been brought into the truth through this method, we feel indeed thankful for the work of the ministry.

We might mention the importance of the church school work, and what a great factor that is in spreading the truth; but you say, What have these things to do with the subject before us?—Simply this. All of these different lines of work are spread out before the Lord; for it is written that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." He therefore knows what is being done in each department, including that of the canvassing work. So after considering it as a whole, he sends this stirring testimony to us through his servant: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." Then again: "From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. . . . This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time. . . . The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvasser. . . . The importance of this work is ever kept

before me. . . . I have been shown that even where the people hear the message from the living preacher, the canvasser should carry on his work in co-operation with the minister; for though the minister may perfectly present the message, the people are not able to retain it all; the printed page is therefore essential, not only in awakening an interest, but in rooting and grounding them in the truth."

Now in view of these facts, dear friends, let all who would engage in this branch of the work take note, and if a suggestion ever comes to your minds that perhaps you can engage in a higher or more important calling, rest assured of the fact that the voice comes not from the one who gave his life for us, but from the enemy of souls, who would destroy our usefulness in this cause; for it is written, "There is no higher work than evangelistical canvassing."

So far we have dwelt upon the importance of the work as it affects others, and have said nothing as to the blessings it brings to those who engage in it. Now we are told that as we labor in this branch of the work, using the ability that God has given us, our talents will increase with exercise, and we shall learn many practical lessons which we could not learn in school. The lessons obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education. "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties." "In evangelistic canvassing young men may become better prepared for ministerial labor than by spending many years in school. Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work."

Meeting the people in the canvassing work broadens the mind, sharpens the perceptions, and strengthens the character of the successful canvasser. Besides this, it educates the individual away from the idea of being so dependent upon man, and to the importance of leaning more heavily on the arm of our Saviour.

The Scripture says, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." The sacredness of the work is in proportion to its importance.

We are told that "as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers, as in selecting men for the ministry." "Canvassers need to be daily converted to God, that their words and deeds may be a savor of life unto life, that they may exert a saving influence. . . . Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as his instrumentalities. Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishment in the world. . . . To our canvassers, to all whom God has entrusted with talents that they may co-operate with him, I would say, Pray, O pray for a deeper experience. Go forth with your hearts softened and subdued by a study of the precious truths that God has given us for this time. Drink deep of the water of salvation, that it may be in your hearts as a living spring, flowing forth to refresh souls ready to perish. God then will give wisdom to enable you to impart aright, and he will make you channels for communicating his blessing to a fallen world."

V. O. COLE,
General Missionary Agt., S. E. Union Conf.

REPORTING

To MANY, this is a subject that is of little importance. They think it is nobody's business, just so they put in their time and pay for what they get. They say, "What's the use of taking up my time with this nonessential and unprofitable business?" In fact, some go so far as to take the radical position that it is not necessary to even let the left hand know what the right hand does. This, to my mind, is a very flimsy excuse.

There are at least three parties that are always anxious to hear from a canvasser, and get his reports. And I might say that after many years' experience along this line, there is no one that looks forward with more anxiety to the reports of the faithful canvasser than does the *state agent*. He is constantly praying for them. It is not because his bread and butter depends upon their reports, far from that; if he is not able to make his own way in the field, he is not fit for the position he holds; but often he has drilled and trained these workers, and he never forgets them morning and evening in his prayers. They are constantly on his mind, and often in the silent hours of the night he is awakened from his slumber only to think, plan, and pray for these dear souls who are out in the field away from loved ones. O there must naturally be a bond of union between the state agent and canvassers that can never be severed while in this grand and glorious work.

Then the office, too, is watching. They can make no calculation whatever in regard to their business without prompt reports from agents in the field. This phase of the question is unanswerable; all agree with this—I mean all who have ever canvassed, and expect to get their books on time.

But there are still other reasons why our canvassers should report. Our people should see what the workers are doing. At the present time there are but few companies or

churches that have not sent one or more of their members into the field; they are praying for these workers, and watching to see how they are doing; and when they do well, they rejoice, and hold them up before the church. Some will say, "I am surprised to see John or Mary, as the case may be, make such a success of the work." I did not think it was in them." Others will say, "If this one can make a success, I think I will try it." And so they do. And thus the good work goes on, and let all the people say, Amen.

Now just another point. It is this: Each general agent is anxious to get from each state agent at the end of the month a monthly statement of all the work done in his conference. And I will say that I for one expect to publish in the REPORT OF PROGRESS this report, showing what each state in the Union Conference is doing. I know you will all be glad to see that; and while the work is all one, surely we have a *little bit* of state and union conference pride. But I cannot get out this report, and have it correct, unless every agent in the field will send promptly each week his or her report to the state agent.

Now how many, *right now*, will promise to do this? I can hear you all say, down deep in your hearts, "I will do it." And let me whisper a word to the state agents: Those faithful canvassers will expect a good letter from you in return each week, and I hope you will see that they get it. If you do not, you are missing your calling. Your brother, with prayers for all the workers,

A. F. HARRISON.

THE MISSIONARY WORK

[In this week's REPORT OF PROGRESS is the concluding article of "A Plan to Double the Number of Our Workers in Mission Fields." It would be well for all of our readers to give these articles careful study.—Mrs. W. M. CROTHERS.]

DURING the past winter all the union conferences in the United States have adopted a series of resolutions outlining a well-defined plan for increasing our contributions to foreign missions. These resolutions were printed in full in last week's paper. The two main resolutions of the series are these:—

"1. That we undertake to raise for foreign missions an amount equal to ten cents a week per capita for our church-membership.

"2. That we urge each conference in this union to make a most earnest effort to secure the payment of a full tithe in every church."

If these two reasonable resolutions are carried into effect by all our churches in the United States, there will be a great increase in our gifts and appropriations to missions.

It may be well to state the exact sources from which we receive our funds for the support and enlargement of our work in the mission field. They are as follows: The regular tithe from union conferences, the Christmas, mid-summer, and personal offerings; the portion of the Sabbath-school contributions passed on by each school; and the surplus tithes appropriated by union and local conferences.

It is now proposed that an effort be made to raise in contributions for missions a sum in each conference equal to ten cents a week for each church-member. And it is agreed that the Christmas, mid-summer, and Sabbath-school offerings sent in by each church shall be applied on the amount to be thus raised. That means that if the Christmas, mid-summer, and Sabbath-school contributions devoted to missions in a church of twenty members, all amount to fifty-two dollars for the year, the members of that church will have only fifty-two dollars more to raise by personal gifts to make a sum equal to ten cents a week for each member.

Now, brethren and sisters, let me ask if you think this is an unreasonable undertaking? Do you think it is possible and reasonable for our people in the United States to give a sum equal to ten cents a week, or five dollars and twenty cents a year for each member, to proclaim the third angel's message to the world in this generation? If we cannot do this, how are we going to finish our work in our day?

The conference officers, ministers, and delegates who attended all our union conferences during the past winter believe that this amount can and should be raised. They believe, too, that our people generally would believe it and gladly do it. And believing this they pledged to undertake the task of raising in each conference for missions a sum equal to ten cents a week for each church-member. We now have about seventy thousand members. Ten cents a week for each member will mean seven thousand dollars every week. This will be just a thousand dollars a day, and the splendid total of three hundred sixty-five thousand dollars for the year. That will more than double our present contributions to missions, and that means that we shall more than double our forces in mission fields.

How this announcement will cheer the hearts of our missionaries! They are few and hard pressed in the great lands to which we have sent them. They are all overworked in their efforts to help and save the teeming millions around them. Their ranks must be strengthened. It is time to bring on the reserves, for we are approaching the final struggle.

Brethren and sisters, more must be done to hasten this work. We know of no more practical and effective way than to increase our gifts, that we may enlarge our operations. True we must pray and rely upon the operations of the Holy Spirit. This we must surely do, but with our prayers and our reliance on divine power we must give of our means. This is our Lord's appointed way.

We feel sure that our people everywhere will welcome this plan for increasing our gifts to missions. We believe they will be glad to count it their own plan. How I wish that each church could study, discuss, and adopt these resolutions as the conferences have during the past winter. It would surely do every member good, and it would create a new burden for our missionary enterprises.

This must be one of our campaigns until this plan is materialized. Each conference is to appoint some one to give this work special

attention. These persons are to write articles, give addresses, and correspond with the churches in behalf of this movement. Then, too, each church is to appoint some one of its members to distribute and collect the missionary envelopes and do everything reasonable and necessary to help the church raise an amount equal to ten cents a week for all its members.

No better use can be made of money in this world than devoting it to soul-saving work. We earnestly appeal to our church officers to take hold of this effort with all their hearts.

Remember that the one thing that stands between us to-day and the end of the world is the finishing of the work. God has given us this work to do in this generation. This campaign for funds is to hasten the finishing of this work and so hasten the coming of the day of God.

FLORIDA NEWS ITEMS

At a recent workers' meeting held in Orlando in connection with the convention, we listened with interest to what is being done in the conference by the different laborers.

Elder L. H. Crisler gave an encouraging report of the work he and Sister Crisler are doing in Jacksonville. This city is the gateway to Florida, and as so many are coming and going, it is always a new field. In their work they have a large number of readers and several especially interesting ones. Two new ones have recently joined the church, four are in readiness for baptism, and others will doubtless follow in this ordinance soon.

The Jacksonville church has liquidated its debt and has a surplus on hand. They now have a neat little chapel for worship which cost them \$1,000.

Brother Whitford spoke of his work in behalf of the Religious Liberty Department. While there are many difficulties to surmount, yet the interest in this line of work in our conference is greater than at any time in the past. The Religious Liberty exercises for February 2 were greatly appreciated, and several sent in interesting reports of meetings held that day.

Brother W. G. Dick spoke of the success he and Sister Dick are having in selling books in Bartow and vicinity.

By the several reports it was observed that laborers are not all sending in their reports to the state agent for books being sold in the state. It is desired that all report to the state agent, that a correct record of the work may be kept, and also to encourage others to work about their homes.

Brother Wm. Robinson spoke of his success in canvassing in Tampa, and also of his success in recanvassing fields where he had been. The people are more ready to buy the second time than the first. Tampa has need of more canvassers, and also of Bible readers to follow up the work of the canvasser.

Sister Nina Reynolds is now distributing about two hundred copies of the "Family Bible Teacher" each week to interested readers in Jacksonville.

Sister Pennock, who has been in Florida

some weeks selling papers, gave most interesting accounts of her experiences in this state, especially in Key West, Miami, and various places along the east coast. As a result of her short stay in Key West, two are keeping the Sabbath. Others are interested and desire tent-meetings. Various places were mentioned where people are desiring more of the truth.

Others spoke of their work, and all spoke with courage. The reports caused us to realize the great need of more work being done. Many parts of Florida are yet unworked. The fields are white and ready for laborers.

CANVASSING IN FLORIDA

THOSE who attended the late canvassers' institute at Orlando all testify that it was indeed a feast of good things.

While this branch of God's work had not been pushed in the past as it might have been, yet we are glad to say that the power of the resurrection is working, and we trust it won't be long until we shall see a goodly number take up this "long neglected work" in this state. Truly the Lord has blessed the efforts of the faithful canvassers.

We read that, "This is the very work the Lord would have his people do at this time." "We cannot too highly estimate this line of work." These statements ought to arouse every one of us to a greater interest in the canvassing work. Many who are engaged in secular lines of work could be a mighty power in the hands of God, if they would take up this line of God's work.

We read: "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world. . . . When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"

We are of good courage in the Lord.

C. V. ACHENBACH, *Field Missionary.*
Orlando, Fla.

WORK WITH "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" AND "MINISTRY OF HEALING."—2.

I LEFT Rhyolite, Nev., December 1, and came to Caliente, Nev., reaching there Thursday afternoon, December 5. It is quite a lively railroad town of over one thousand people, and is 324 miles from Salt Lake City, Utah.

I wrote a considerable in my last report in regard to the "Object Lessons" work, and "Ministry of Healing," and gave some late extracts (dated Sept. 12, 1907) from the spirit of prophecy, as to God's plans and purposes for these two books, and how they have been neglected of late by our people. I now wish to add a few lines more in support of the plans I suggested as to how our young canvassers (and older ones as well) can connect their "Object Lessons" work with their other regular canvass, also "Ministry of Healing" if they prefer it, at times, so as to circulate

each of these devoted books; at one time taking along "Christ's Object Lessons," and at another time "Ministry of Healing." In this way we would be selling these books by the tens of thousands, as I stated last week, before we realized it, and how easily it would be accomplished. I believe that it would meet the mind of the Master, and we would be doing a great work in scattering the pages of truth and relieving our burdened schools and sanitariums. In this way a great impetus would be given to the work of truth on every hand.

Last Friday, at Caliente, Nev., I was favored with eight orders, or \$10 in value, for "Object Lessons," besides a lot of other work done in a brief time, for being preparation day it was a short one at this time of the year. There is light, joy, and blessing in handling this grand little volume of truth. I am constrained to believe it is God's order. It is light for all who get it, like putting a bright torch in the hands of poor souls in this dark world to lighten the path of all who will receive it. I see, too, many tokens of God's love and care over me in this work, and some remarkable answers to prayer. Some of his providences are simply marvelous.

I will now give the quotation from the spirit of prophecy, as I stated, which is to the point, and is not yet three months old:—

"Our brethren should not forget that the wisdom of God has made provision for our schools in a way that will bring blessing to all who participate in the enterprise. The book 'Christ's Object Lessons' was donated to the educational work that the students and other friends of the schools might handle these books, and by their sale raise much of the means needed to lift the school indebtedness.

"But this plan has not been presented to our schools as it should have been; the teachers and students have not been educated to take hold of this book and courageously push its sale for the benefit of the educational work.

"Long ago, the teachers and students in our schools should have learned to take advantage of the opportunity to raise means by the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons.' In selling these books the students will serve the cause of God, and, while doing this, by the dissemination of precious light, they will learn valuable lessons in Christian experience.

"All our schools should now come into line, and earnestly endeavor to carry out the plan presented to us for the education of workers, for the relief of the schools, and for the winning of souls to the cause of Christ."

"It was God's plan that by the sale of 'Ministry of Healing' and 'Christ's Object Lessons' much means should be raised for the work of our sanitariums and schools, and that our people would thereby be left more free to donate of their means for the opening of the work in new missionary fields."

"If our people will now engage in the sale of these books as they ought, we shall have much more means to carry the work in the way the Lord designed."

"Wherever the work of selling 'Christ's Object Lessons' has been taken hold of in earnest, the book has done good."

"The lessons that have been learned by

those who have engaged in this work have well repaid their efforts."

"And now our people should all be encouraged to take part in this special missionary effort."

"Light has been given me that in every possible way instruction should be given to our people as to the best methods of presenting these books to the people."

"I have been instructed that at our large gatherings, workers should be present who will teach our people how to sow the seeds of truth. This means more than instructing them how to sell our periodicals. It includes thorough instruction in the way to handle such books as 'Christ's Object Lessons' and 'Ministry of Healing.' These are books which contain precious truths, and from which the reader can draw lessons of highest value."

WALTER HARPER.

BOOK WORK IN THE CITIES

THE work of spreading present truth in the cities is, in some respects, quite like the work anywhere else. The people to be met are human, just like the rest. There are the educated and the ignorant, the same as elsewhere. Why, then, are they regarded as harder to meet than others? The writer can see only two real reasons, namely, they are more often solicited to buy that which they do not want, and have more opportunities to get that which they do want. For these reasons they meet all agents with a more stolid indifference than country people do, in some cases they may exercise a real spirit of opposition. But God's word to his true workers is, "Be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

Now it is very apparent that successfully to reach the people with books on present truth it will be needful immediately to convince them that a book agent of no ordinary kind has asked for their attention. How can this be done? The reason why the busy man or the man of learning buys our books is because he sees something in them that his present library does not contain. When the gem of truth flashes light into his mind, a desire is created for the book. But how can we arrest his attention long enough to open the casket to his admiring gaze? Listen: Be yourself an object-lesson of the teachings of your book. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

We should always work so as to deserve the oft-repeated statement, "You do not seem like other book agents; I believe God sent you here." Let the argument ever be to reach the heart, and not the pocket-book. One agent in reporting his work says, "Husband, wife, and children sat and listened intently as I brought before them the needed preparation to meet the Lord. The man said in surprise, 'What a book agent! Wife, do you want

the book?' 'Why, yes,' came the answer."

Work for good names, and give your subscribers a chance to send you to their friends. Live in respectable and comfortable quarters, where you will not be ashamed to invite acquaintances. Live on as wholesome food as your means will allow, and dress neatly, but not extravagantly. Fill up your time with work or preparation for work. Let your motto be, "This one thing I do." Seven or eight hours' work in a city per day is good time for a canvasser; this leaves another eight hours for sleep, and just as much for self-improvement. Do not neglect either of these things.

C. F. PARMELE.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST INSTITUTION

SOUTH CAROLINA is to have an Intermediate Industrial School at Greenville. It will be known as the "Rock Falls Industrial School." For this purpose thirty-four and one half acres of land, one and one half mile from the business portion of Greenville has been bargained for, and the first payment made. Brother Frank Kozel, our farmer and business manager, is now on the place, preparing the ground and sowing the seed for the first crop. A mule, a Jersey cow, and a new single-wagon have been donated to the institution; and besides these gifts, \$900 is now on the subscription list. One of our good brethren has come forward with \$1,000 to put into the institution without interest for from two to ten years. Another brother has promised to do the same as soon as he can dispose of property now on the market for sale. Let us pray that this sale may be quickly made, and the money forthcoming, for it is needed now.

OUR NEEDS.

Just now we need five more first-class cows; we want good milk and butter cows, that will be profitable to the institution now. Who will donate a good cow, or money to buy one, just now? Please write at once, or send the money or the cow to Greenville. These cows mean our *present* profit for the running expense of the farm. Dear brethren, you who are able and are interested in your own youth and the children of others, please do not pass this by lightly or close your eyes in sleep until you have decided to give us a cow. If you live too far away to drive the cow through, just put her on the cars, and send her to Frank Kozel, Greenville, S. C., and give him due notice that she is coming.

We shall need about \$1,000 for building material in the month of August; \$100 of this has already been donated, and we fully believe the remaining \$900 will come in time to do the work.

The Lord has so *signally* opened up this providence before us that the Conference Committee felt that the only thing they could do was to walk in the light given them. The Spartanburg church is now paid for, and *nearly* repaired, and our brethren at Spartanburg are not much poorer than when they began to lift on that building. I know we can now depend on that church to help us on the industrial school, and our brethren in the en-

tire state will be interested and will help, I am sure.

We need furniture of all kinds, bedding of all kinds, dishes, knives and forks and spoons, napkins, and towels. We need a double wagon and double set of harness. We need farm tools of all kinds. We need one more good mule or horse. We need a good library of *good books*. Who will donate us a complete set of the Testimonies for this school? Send all donations, freight prepaid, to Frank Kozel, Greenville, S. C.

I have not told you of the advantages or natural homelike beauties of this place, purchased for our youth's school home; but knowing you will all soon be at Greenville to attend our coming camp-meeting, I will give a general invitation for one and all to come and see.

R. T. NASH,

President S. C. Conf.

THE temperance question is agitating the people of this country to-day as never before.

As Governor Folk, of Missouri, recently said: "The question in the minds of the people of the United States to-day is the liquor question. Wherever you go throughout the whole country, you find the people talking, not the tariff, insurance, or corporation matters, but the liquor business."

Great victories for prohibition have been recently gained, which have encouraged the temperance forces to put forth supreme efforts to secure a general victory over the liquor traffic throughout the entire country.

The liquor interests, on the other hand, have not surrendered the fight, but have rallied their forces for a desperate struggle to turn back, if possible, the tide of temperance sentiment.

In this conflict no true Christian can be a disinterested spectator. No true Seventh-day Adventist can be such.

Seventh-day Adventists are a strictly temperance people. They stand for the temperate life, and for prohibition of the liquor traffic.

And they are willing that all the world should know it.

And now, right now, is a splendid opportunity for them to join hands with all other temperance workers and exert an influence that will tell on the side of righteousness and the salvation of souls.

To meet this opportunity we are getting out the special Temperance issue of the *Watchman*. Leading W. C. T. U. workers will be contributors to this special number.

We believe it will be the mind of all Seventh-day Adventists that we must not let this God-given opportunity slip. We owe it to the country, we owe it to ourselves, we owe it to unsaved souls in the toils of intemperance, we owe it to God, to come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty" in this conflict.

And therefore we confidently look for a general and generous response from this people to this effort to improve the opportunity of the hour and redeem lost time, by the circulation of this special temperance literature. See article by F. M. Burg on last page.

CONTENTMENT

SEEK not to flee the place God placed thee in,
For where he wills is the true place for thee;
If thou hadst thine own choice, thou couldst
not win

A spot all restful where no rough winds be.
Live thou thy life; with patience sweeten it;
Make rich the lives of others in thy walk;
Strengthen thy soul with words of Holy Writ;
And season with sweet charity thy talk.

—L. Fletcher.

BY THE OLD OAK TREE

FROM a little fourteen-year-old girl comes the following canvassing experience:—

“I have a little experience to tell you, but I do not know whether it will be very interesting or not. Friday morning Auntie told me that if I would get ready and go to canvassing, she would do the work. This was at seven o'clock; but I disliked to go and leave her with all the work to do, so I kept on working and did not get off to canvassing until nine o'clock. Auntie was annoyed with me, and I left the house with a heavy heart.

“I took one order; and as I was coming back, I had to come through the edge of some woods. I got to a large oak tree, and I could not go any further. My whole body felt as if it had a weight of iron on it. I kneeled by that tree, and prayed to God; and when I arose, I felt as light as a feather. I felt like canvassing, and took *four more orders*. That proves that the Lord wanted me to pray.”

There is power in prayer, and if ever there was any one who needed to pray, it is the evangelistic canvasser. Let's remember the experience by the old oak tree.

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent*.

BEAR CREEK, S. C.

I HAVE been canvassing for our literature, off and on, ever since I was nine or ten years old. I have distributed and sold hundreds of copies of our books and papers, and have had many blessed experiences.

I remember that on one occasion I went to B—, a town of about twelve or fourteen thousand inhabitants, to canvass for the *Watchman*. As soon as I reached the city it seemed as if the very prince of darkness held full sway. But I determined that by the grace of God I would succeed, and instead of making a failure, as then seemed my lot, I had some very precious experiences.

Too many of us grow discouraged, probably because we do not have the success we thought we would have. We should never let despair or discouragement prevent us from doing our best. We should plant the precious seed, and then be up in the morning and out in the fields while the larks are singing. Do your duty every day. Though your feet may be weary, and your heart heavy, slacken not your speed. Every night has its morning, and every winter its spring. “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

NEWTON BEARDE JENKINS.

Age, 15 years.

REPORT OF WATCHMAN WORKERS.

	Hours	Copies	Value	Net Profit
W J Keele.....	32	\$140	\$14 00	\$ 5 14
.....	15	40	4 00	
Mrs S E Richardson 3 mos		850		
Elma Pennock	13	\$226	21 75	4 20
Total	1256		\$39 75	\$ 9 34

SOUTH CAROLINA

THE good work is going in South Carolina. Since my last report I have made quite a few visits in towns where interest has been created through reading matter and other sources. In March I left Sumter for Bear Creek. I was there a few days, and several took a stand for the commandments of God. Elder Nash had been here and raised the interest previous to my coming. One wealthy negro farmer with his whole family have accepted the message.

Leaving Bear Creek, I went to Spartanburg, and met with our brethren with good effect. April 13, I left for Greenville, where our annual camp-meeting will be held this year. There is much interest there, and we hope to raise a good strong church in this city as the result of our coming tent effort, which will be held in July.

I boarded the Southern train for Abbeville, where I met a company of colored Sabbath-keepers who found the truth through reading the Bible and literature published by Seventh-day Adventists. They never heard a Seventh-day Adventist preach till I went there April 18. They have a Sabbath-school of fourteen, and are willing to be instructed in all the truth for this time. Brother Martin, a white brother, who was canvassing the territory in which these people live, sold them books and gave tracts, and the result has been to give them new vigor and spiritual strength.

This company is, to a great degree, the result of our denominational literature. Sometimes I am inspired to ask, What would our work amount to, if we did not have the publishing house and *faithful canvassers* to place the literature before the public? The canvassers and the publishing house are our evangelical fort, for lending permanence to the message. In the city of Abbeville, one school teacher took a stand for the truth, and will attend the Oakwood school to make better preparation for future usefulness.

Leaving Abbeville, I arrived in Aiken, where our brethren are of good courage, and are making every effort to give the message. There is a deep interest throughout the state to hear the truth. This field is ripe, and this year promises a good harvest. My tent is on the road from Kansas City. We have bought that tent by faith. We have paid \$50; where the other is coming from and how soon, we are not able to say just now; but faith bids us go forward, and God will inspire some to be willing in the days of South Carolina's great need. Some one has sent me some money on the tent. I would rather you would send it through the conference channel. Correspond with our treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Nash, Campobello, S. C. May the Lord bless your past and future gifts to the colored tent fund.

SYDNEY SCOTT, *Sumter, S. C.*

CANVASSING REPORT OF SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1908.

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W R Elliott.....	D&R	15	\$14 00	\$
M Whitman	BFL	6	11 40	
I W Pervy.....	BFL	2	14 50	
J E Vaughn.....	BFL	7	15 50	
Benj. Griffith 2wks	BFL BS	63	118 40	5 00
Mamie Hawkins	BFL	10	6 00	
W C Wales.....	D&R	8	26 00	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Asa Davis	BFL	15		8 25
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
Edwin Booth	BFL	8	6 00	1 00
A B Cheek.....	BR CK BS	43	27 00	3 75
Wm Olmsted	GC	15		25 00
Mrs Ida Walker....	D&R	14	18 75	
C L Collison 2 wks	D&R BR	80	54 00	54 00
I T Reynolds.....	BR CK	23	21 00	8 00
J H Anderson.....	BFL BIBLES	24	18 80	
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
A A Johnson 2 wks.	NTP	41	10 25	10 25
Ella Johnson 2 wks.	NTP	51	15 00	15 00
Horace Miller	D&R	2	3 50	5 50
Louis Thomas	MISC	21	33 00	6 90
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
C H Chenault.....	D&R	20	17 50	
J T Eaton.....	BFL	36	36 45	7 75
Amanda Gahr	D&R	20	4 60	29 70
Mamie Moore	D&R	24	9 00	54 80
H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	36	31 00	28 00
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference.....		111	206 30	5 00
Kentucky Conference....		15		8 25
Louisiana Conference....		207	145 55	91 75
Mississippi Conference...		115	61 75	37 65
Tennessee River Conf...		136	98 55	120 25
Total		584	\$512 15	\$262 90

CANVASSING REPORT OF SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1908.

	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
Creed Taylor 2 wks.	COS	54	\$25 17	\$
M J Weber.....	BFL	15	10 00	1 00
J A Caldwell.....	BFL NTP	5		
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
J H Robison.....	MISC	6	4 00	4 00
Eugene Russell	BFL	6	2 50	1 50
W A Robison.....	CK	7	5 50	
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
C M Emmerson.....	BFL	25	38 00	
Mrs G K Brown.....	MISC	10	2 10	
Mrs Onie Henderson	D&R BS	25	17 00	2 85
Elihu Cheek	CK	16	18 50	50
Aaron T Cheek.....	CK BS	26	22 50	50
S G Dent.....	BFL	50	86 20	9 70
J D Andrews.....	GC	42	20 00	1 00
Mrs A L Manous.....	D&R	15	9 00	50
Georgia M Cruise.....	CK	9	12 00	
David A Fisher 2wks	MISC	10		85
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
C McDonald 2 wks.	sofp	22	20 00	24 00
Mrs Jane Hundley..	MISC	35	2 20	2 20
Mrs A Patterson...	MISC	40	14 93	14 93
Guy L Kerley.....	D&R	35	10 00	1 00
Chas Peden	D&R	18	10 00	
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
H B Gallion.....	CK	25	21 10	4 10
J B Rise.....	CK	20	12 25	4 00
Mrs H B Gallion...	sofp	14	2 90	11 90
Mrs E A Wing.....	CK sofp	15	4 70	18 00
D M Smith.....	CK	26	17 50	17 50
S H Swingle.....	sofp	10	5 00	4 50
F A Evans.....	sofp	24	22 20	11 00
Wm C Rahn.....	sofp	10	10 00	3 00
G S Vreeland.....	GC sofp	31	16 25	
RECAPITULATION				
Cumberland Conference..		74	35 17	1 00
Florida Conference.....		19	12 00	5 50
Georgia Conference.....		226	225 30	15 40
North Carolina Conf....		150	57 13	42 13
South Carolina Conf....		175	111 90	74 00
Total		594	\$441 50	\$138 03

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BROTHER AND SISTER METCALFE HARE, from Australia, made a short visit to the publishing house, April 30, on their way to the Nashville Industrial Training School at Madison, Tenn. We were glad to meet these old friends, who have recently come to this country.

THIS week we publish another article on a successful canvassers' work with those good books, "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing," which Sister White has so generously donated to the educational and the medical missionary work.

WE learn from the *Pacific Union Recorder* that the young people in the Nebraska Conference have undertaken to supply a printing outfit for the Oakwood Training School in Huntsville, Ala.

ON and after May 1, 1908, the office address of the Lake Union Conference will be Room 215, Dean Building, South Bend, Ind., instead of Room 10, South Main Street.

THE TEMPERANCE NUMBER OF THE WATCHMAN

I AM writing this to call the attention of the conference presidents and church officers to the Temperance number of the *Watchman*, which is soon to come off the press for circulation. There has hardly been a more opportune time than this to place ourselves as a people in a favorable light before the whole country and before every community in respect to our standing and attitude on one of the leading issues now engaging the attention of everybody. The great temperance movement and war against the cursed liquor traffic, which is sweeping so much before it and gaining volume and momentum at a rapid rate, is our opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with the thousands of men and women who are working to put down the infamous business of making and selling the soul-and-life-destroying drink. A serpent's bite is in the cup. This movement, being a straight issue on the temperance question, and being in no way connected with the movement for Sunday enforcement, at least in very many places, should appeal very strongly to Seventh-day Adventists, and should enlist their co-operation. Indeed, why should we not be the promoters and leaders in crusades everywhere against the wicked business?

We do not want, of course, to make this

the whole thing and forget or neglect all else. This should be made an opportunity for working and winning our way to the favorable attention of people, so that the great saving truth which we have to give them may be brought within their reach.

The Temperance number of the *Watchman* will be brimful of matter on the temperance question, not only from a statistical standpoint, but best of all, from the standpoint of the great underlying principles of temperance and hygiene, for which our people have stood for so many years.

Resolutions have just been passed in the General Conference Council at Takoma Park indorsing the plans of the Southern Publishing Association in issuing this special, and the proposed plans for its wide circulation among and by the W. C. T. U.

The plan is to ask our conferences wherever they can to furnish 5,000 copies of this paper to the W. C. T. U. people within their borders for circulation. And the stronger conferences are asked to assist conferences that may not be financially able to furnish this number.

It is also further recommended that our churches take and use as many of the Temperance number as they can in missionary efforts among their neighbors. This is a splendid opportunity to enlist every Seventh-day Adventist in a work for God. The life of a Christian is dependent upon his activity for the good of others.

The price of this paper in quantities to churches and individuals to use in missionary work, as other special issues, is as follows:—

1 to 4 copies, all to one address, each	.05
5 to 24 copies, all to one address, each	.03½
25 to 99 copies, all to one address, each	.03
100 to 500 copies, all to one address, each	.02½
10 or more copies, mailed singly, each	.04

Conference presidents and missionary secretaries should lose no time in bringing this matter to the attention of the churches, companies, and isolated members everywhere, so that a strong and effective campaign may be started which will give this special issue of the *Watchman* a wide circulation.

In passing it might be suggested that this can be used as an excellent chance for securing regular subscriptions for the paper.

For the spread of the message,

F. M. BURG.

A HAPPY SURPRISE

BELIEVING that others would enjoy reading some extracts from the many good letters which I am receiving, I will herewith give a few:—

"The good Lord has been with me every step of the way. O, how much I can see the providential hand of God as I go from place to place. With my scanty means and large family, he opens the way every day for me to work. Truly 'the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' I am thankful for the orders I took last week. . . .

"God is helping me to give this last warning message to the people, and I rejoice that some are taking hold of it. To my happy surprise, I found a man at ——— last week

who has resolved to keep, and has been keeping, the Sabbath ever since I gave him a tract about two months ago, entitled, 'Which Day Do You Keep? and Why?'

"He says that he sees it with his own two eyes, and don't mind what anybody says; . . . he intends to keep the Sabbath as long as he lives."

Surely such experiences ought to inspire many more to engage in the circulation of our literature. They are in store for all who will go forth "bearing precious seed." The promise is that the worker "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. Who will be the next to go forth into this work in Georgia?

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent.*

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BENEFITS DERIVED FROM A SABBATH-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

WE wish to add our testimony as to the many spiritual blessings we received in our recent Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention, held at Orlando, Florida.

The many papers and addresses showed careful thought and study, and it was just simply inspiring to see the divine enthusiasm that was awakened among us as we considered these two important branches of the Lord's work.

Many expressed themselves that it was the best meeting of its kind that they had ever attended. Others said it was just as good as a camp-meeting.

We mention these things to encourage our sister conferences to plan to hold conventions that will help to build up the Sabbath-school and Young People's Work.

We have long neglected the children and youth, and are glad to see some advanced moves being made among us for their redemption.

Our Missionary Volunteer work is growing here in Florida, and our prayer is that many faithful laborers may be raised up to work in our Southern field.

LEROY T. CRISLER.

THE chief requisite of language is that it be pure and kind and true,— "the outward expression of an inward grace." God says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." And if such are the thoughts, such will be the expression.

The best school for this language study is at home; but since the work of the home is so often neglected, it devolves on the teacher to aid his pupils in forming right habits of speech.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

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