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"He liveth long, who liveth well;
All other life is short and vain;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of living most for heavenly gain."

A SANITARIUM FOR FLORIDA

For many years the need of a sanitarium in Florida has been recognized, but the question as to how it could be brought about, has been a serious one. While holding a series of meetings in Orlando recently, my wife and I called upon a leading physician of the place to obtain some appliances for a chemical demonstration which Dr. Parmele intended to give in the course of a lecture that night. Upon learning who we were, the doctor asked me if I was not in St. Petersburg recently. Upon learning that I was, he stated that a certain physician wrote him, urging that he write me concerning a sanitarium that he (the physician on whom we called), had started in Orlando.

He had organized a stock company and constructed some buildings for sanitarium purposes, on a plat of seventy-two acres of land, one mile from the edge of Orlando. There are two lovely lakes on the premises, one large building, and five cottages. They have installed their own water and sewer systems, and have electric lights throughout. They have, they claim, \$2,300 worth of furnishings for the buildings. The property lies along the main line of the Atlantic Coast Railway from Jacksonville to Tampa, in plain view of the passengers, and is right by Formosa station.

The property cost them, complete, \$12,500. They were to have a meeting that very night to determine what disposition they would make of it, as the physician who had projected the enterprise had accepted a position as surgeon in Jacksonville, and was about to leave for that place. The buildings were erected only last fall, and they had just begun to operate the institution. Upon being urged to do so, Brother Shreve of Orlando and I met with the stockholders that night, and they offered to turn the property over to us for the exact cost, \$12,500.

The Conference Committee had a meeting in Orlando shortly afterward, and we requested them to visit the property, look it

over, and suggest the price at which they thought we could afford to purchase it, if a plan could be devised for doing so. Their unanimous decision was that \$9,000 would be a low figure for the property. Accordingly we asked the company to offer it to us for that sum, and we would see if we could not secure it.

The committee then devised a plan for financing the enterprise, which will be furnished to any upon application to the writer. This plan was afterward submitted to the Southeastern Union Conference Committee, and indorsed by them.

Just before I left Orlando at the close of our meeting, I was told by the physician above referred to that the price we fixed was too low, that it would mean an actual cash loss to the stockholders of \$3,500, and they could not stand it. Afterward one of the stockholders notified us that if we would make that offer to him as a definite, bonafide offer, he would endeavor to buy off the other stockholders at a price that would enable him to sell to us at that price. Three members of the Conference Committee, Brethren Crisler, Achenbach, and the writer, then met in Orlando, and talked the matter over with Brother Shreve and the stockholder referred to. We felt that it was certainly a good opportunity, but did not feel free to enter into such a bargain without the money in hand to meet the obligation. On this account alone we advised that the matter be deferred. The stockholder then informed us that to defer it meant to lose the opportunity altogether. This we disliked to do, but we did not feel safe to proceed without the money in sight.

Could we secure this property, we would be able to have a sanitarium in operation in Florida by the time of our next camp-meeting. Brethren, what shall we do? The plan that has been devised will not work a hardship to any. Shall we not come forward, and show our interest in this enterprise by financial assistance?

Brother Shreve has already done this. When we announced that much as we regretted to lose this opportunity, we must let it pass for lack of means, Brother Shreve voluntarily offered to trade to this stockholder

his own home,—the roof that covered his family,—for an equity in the property, taking the risk upon himself. He thus runs the risk of our brethren not rallying to the support of this enterprise, and leaving him with that property on his hands. But, brethren, I know you will not shrink. This is what we have wanted in this conference so long. It is centrally located, and is in line with what the Testimonies have said in regard to such institutions. In a communication from Sister White, dated August 27, 1903, the following statement occurs: "It was God's design, not that one large building should be erected, but that plants should be made in several places. These smaller sanitariums were to be established where they could have the benefit and advantage of land for agricultural purposes. It is God's design that agriculture should be carried on in connection with our sanitariums and schools."

This property is covered with large long-leaved pines, and they have never been mutilated, and there is considerable cultivable land. It is just a short distance from town, and at a station. The ice and electric plants have offered us these products for a period of two years at about half price, and the Board of Trade of Orlando are going to spend \$5,000 to advertise the place as a tourist resort, and offer to carry our advertisement in all their literature free of charge. Now, brethren, you who have it in your heart to help us, whether you have means or not, let us hear from you, for there is work all can do.

R. W. PARMELE.

Route 1, Tampa, Fla.

WORK WITH THE WATCHMAN

I have thought many times that I would write concerning my work; but I am so very busy all the time, and my work seems of such importance, that I have not done it. However, I am always happy, and rejoicing in the work of the Lord.

I know that to many my work has the appearance of a child's work. That is all right; I have learned that it is best to be as a child in some things. My work is largely with business men. To every one I give a very short but pointed sermon, telling them that the

signs foretelling Jesus' coming are fulfilled; also that we cannot escape being judged by God's law; even death will not prevent it. It is a glorious work to warn the people of Jesus' coming when we see all things fulfilled as they are to-day. And the people are so blinded. I have met many, who, after reading the *Watchman*, have spoken very favorably regarding it. I have spent the month of May working among the night riders and in the strike miners' district of Kentucky. During this time I have sold 1,070 special *Watchman*. My tithe has amounted to \$5.40; you see I have cleared \$54 in this month. God pays me each hour that I work. I have eaten no man's bread except as I have paid for it, also my room rent and railroad fare. I never enjoyed life better, because Jesus keeps me, and enables me to witness to his blessed truth every moment and in every place that I go. All who wish may keep out of God's closing work; but all who do, will as surely miss the crown of glory.

WM. J. KEELE,

R. F. D. 2, Cedar Grove, Tenn.

HENDERSON, KY.

The Sabbath-school Convention.

THE Sabbath-school convention held at Henderson, Ky., May 9, was of great interest, as previous to this convention the canvassers' institute was in session, at which several of the general workers were present. The church was well filled with both members and visitors. Elder A. O. Burrill gave the opening address, in which he emphasized the importance of Sabbath-school conventions. I hope all will realize this. The Sabbath-school work is certainly an important one, the object being the salvation of souls. O, how diligently we ought to plan and study this work!

These conventions are certainly important, and I hope we shall hold several this summer. One object of these conventions is to lay definite plans for this line of work, and then we have an opportunity of hearing from others of experience and learning their ideas of work. The subjects of some of the papers that were read and discussed at the recent convention are as follows: "What is the Duty of the Sabbath-school Superintendent?" "The Parents' Duty to the Sabbath-school;" "The Importance of the Kindergarten and Primary Departments," and "Should School Supplies be Purchased from the Donations, or Should the Whole be Applied to the Missionary Work?" I hope every individual that reads this article will consider separately these subjects, because they are of great importance.

The convention held here last Sabbath was the first since the organization of the new conference, but we must not let the good work stop here. May 22 I leave to attend one in Louisville; I hope that next year every school will be prepared to have one. If it is impossible to do that, it would be well for several neighboring schools to unite, so that there may be a sufficient number to make it interesting.

The Lord's hand is certainly over the work in Kentucky, so let us be of good courage and press forward.

DOLLIE H. CALLENDER.

FLORIDA ITEMS

DR. LYDIA E. PARMELE has fitted up an office in Tampa, Rooms 9 to 12 Drawdy Annex, and will for the present conduct a general and office practice. Brother Mark Bickford and his wife are conducting treatment rooms in connection.

The sanitarium proposition is assuming quite definite shape. See the account of it in another column. We will now have an opportunity to ascertain just how much we want a sanitarium in Florida, by the help that we extend to the undertaking.

Sabbath and Sunday, May 23 and 24, occurred the dedication of the new church building in Tampa. The following program was carried out: Friday night, sermon by Elder L. H. Crisler; Sabbath morning, consecration service, led by Elder R. W. Parmele; Saturday night, lecture on "Christian Temperance," by Dr. Lydia E. Parmele; Sunday morning, "History of our Work," a lecture by Elder L. H. Crisler; Sunday night, dedicatory sermon, by Elder Parmele, dedicatory prayer by Elder Crisler. The occasion was a very enjoyable, and we trust a very profitable one. A baptismal service was to have taken place, but to wait for some others, the baptism was postponed until June 1.

HALCOM, KENTUCKY

We are in the foot-hills of the Cumberland Mountains. The land stands upon its edge. The valleys are narrow, and the water runs rapidly in them. As the hills are farmed, the rain washes the soil onto the flats. This is very annoying to the farmer. It is rare that the weather in winter is sufficiently cold to hold the land frozen for any length of time. The steep hill-sides are farmed, though only one animal can be used at a time in plowing and cultivating these hills.

Nearly all the land is cultivated in some way. Corn is the principal crop. The women are quite skilled in preparing it for food. Many kinds of fruit do well here in the hills. The principal commodities are mules, cattle, poultry, and eggs. The people do not have a market for butter only among themselves. Many of them marry early in life, and have large families. Not so much attention is paid to education as in some other parts of the state.

They are remarkable for their hospitality. You are not sent on to the next house to find a place to stop over night. The women are better developed physically than in many other places. All work. I have now been here over two Sabbaths. I find a church-roll numbering eleven. There are besides twenty-three others, including the children, who regard the Sabbath. They some way have not got at the Sabbath-school work as I want to see it done. One thing is that they do not yet see the importance of it. Of course it is difficult for them always to meet on the Sabbath. One was added to the church by baptism. Their new meeting-house is enclosed, and the windows are in, but it is not yet done. They intend to complete it this fall, and it

will be very comfortable when it is finished.

Some one should make this portion of the conference his field of labor. We hope that such an arrangement can be made after the tent season. It was unfortunate that the one who brought the message to them did not remain until the house was completed, and a church school well established.

Brother Emmerson is well spoken of by all. They will be pleased to have him return to them. At each meeting when it did not rain the house was well filled. We spoke thirteen times to them, and took five subscriptions. We greatly enjoyed our visit. Some of them think that they can carry out the ten cent a week missionary plan. We have labored to build them up on all the points of the faith. When the meeting-house is completed, we hope to come again to work for this kind people.

Since writing the foregoing, the following has come to hand from Brother Baber:—

"I am glad to tell you that two Scotch families have accepted the Sabbath, and are coming to church. I offered one of them the 'History of the Sabbath' yesterday, saying to him that he could get light on the subject if he still desired more. He said that he had not the least doubt on the subject now; that he is thoroughly convinced. Praise the Lord."

A. O. BURRILL.

GEORGIA ITEMS

It was my privilege to spend a couple of days with the Gainesville church a short time ago, and on Sabbath morning, May 16, I spoke to them on the world-wide message. God gave his Spirit, which aided us in getting a broader view of this glorious work.

The Gainesville church was organized many years ago, and was once a strong, prosperous church; but in more recent years a large number have moved away, and a few have become discouraged and given up the truth. This leaves the company weak. There are now about a dozen that meet for worship. They are faithful and courageous; but it would be a great source of encouragement to these souls if some family could move in here to help hold up the light and to lead out in the work. They have a very commodious house of worship. I was pleased to meet Brother Andrews, a canvasser from the West, at this place, and was glad to find him of good courage, and to know that the Lord is blessing his efforts in the important work of getting the publications in the hands of the people in this vicinity. He is canvassing the county, and spending Sabbaths and Sundays in town, stopping with one of the families there who have opened their doors for him. It is commendable for our brethren to invite our canvassers to their homes and provide for them for a time.

The work in Atlanta is in no way discouraging. True, we would like to see much more accomplished; but a few new ones are becoming interested, and some are moving in to help swell our numbers. The sanitarium is now being operated more directly by the

conference, and some further improvements are being made by papering, painting, and placing more furniture in the building, thus fitting the plant up to better represent our work. We hope our brethren will remember this institution in their prayers and gifts.

By a communication from Brunswick, I learn that the work there is encouraging. Elder Bartlett is getting acquainted with a number of people who are becoming friends to the truth, and he hopes to see some fruit of his labor there in the near future. A strong plea is coming from that quarter for a tent effort, and we are trying to arrange for it.

Elder H. F. Courter is now in Luthersville, a small place where we have one faithful sister living, and he writes me that he is meeting with encouragement. Although they have but a private dwelling in which to hold their services, the people continue to come, and some are deeply interested. Let us pray that the work here may be blessed of God.

I am sure our brethren are interested in the advanced work being done by our canvassers this year. It is being fully demonstrated that Georgia is a fine field for this line of work, and all our God-fearing, faithful canvassers have been greatly blessed; even those who are inexperienced are doing excellent work.

We expect ere this appears in print that we shall have a tent company from the North at work in the field. I would ask that our brethren and sisters remember us and the work in continual prayer.

G. W. WELLS.

THE BEST PLAN YET FOR THE SUPPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

THE greatest and most blessed promise in the Word of God says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Without this promise, all hope would immediately perish, and utter despair would be written upon all things earthly, whether man, beast, or vegetation. Yea, all things would have been destroyed as soon as the first sin had been committed. They were spared because of God's mercy.

The next great promise is, to our mind, the glorious coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

When sin entered the world, God in mercy and grace provided, at infinite cost, a way whereby he would in the end save the world, and also all of its inhabitants who would be loyal to him. But many long years must pass away before the promise could be fulfilled. Satan was in control, and both man and beast must suffer all manner of pain, sorrow, and distress, and also death, before the time of deliverance would come. The good news of a way of escape must be carried to all the world, and the work has been laid upon those who themselves have accepted deliverance. For years a few faithful ones have been sounding forth the news of salvation at the sacrifice of all things, even life. The end of the struggle is near.

But yet there is a message which must be

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| Agent | Hrs. | Copies | Value | Net Profit |
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| W J Keele..... | 35 | 198 | \$19 80 | \$9 27 |
| Mollie Miller..... | 14 | 30 | 3 00 | |
| Hazel L. Foster..... | 10 | | 1 80 | |
| John L. Burgess..... | 16 | 138 | 13 80 | 3 64 |
| Total .. | 75 | 366 | \$35 40 | \$12 91 |

CANVASSING REPORT OF SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1908.

| NAME— | Book | Hours | Value | Deliv'd |
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| ALABAMA CONFERENCE | | | | |
| D C Wolfe..... | MISC | 3 | \$ | \$26 05 |
| W R Elliott..... | D&R | 49 | 65 50 | 3 50 |

sounded to all the world, and then shall the end come. Then shall all that was lost be restored, and then will all who have been faithful to their Creator be crowned with immortality, and become the inhabitants of the world made new. But the work we have to do is not yet finished. God is working mightily that he may finish the work. There is much to be done, notwithstanding much has been done, and the time is near, the very generation has come, in which we must do the work assigned us, or else lose the reward that has been prepared for us. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Brethren and sisters, God calls upon us to finish the sounding of the third angel's message to the world. This is the last call to repentance. It has penetrated nearly every country in the world, if not all, and individuals in all countries are waiting to give it welcome. To carry the message to all in a short time requires two things, accompanied by the Holy Spirit:—

1. More consecrated, Spirit-filled men and women, to whom the coming of the Lord with all that will follow, and the saving of a few more souls, will be more than all the earth besides; and—

2. Some of the money which is now laid up in store, and may perchance kindle the fire that will destroy the covetous and all things else that are evil.

The last General Conference Council, held May 13 last, wrestled with problems of supporting and extending the work in the foreign fields, and hit upon, and adopted the following plan, which is now being considered by the conferences in all of the states, and if adopted by each, it will give a mighty impulse to the foreign work, without hindering the home work, and must bring us a long step nearer to our eternal home. Only think what the following figures mean. There are estimated to be 60,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the United States alone, counting only those who hold church-membership; ten cents a week for each member would mean \$6,000 per week. Multiply this by 52 (the weeks in a year), and we have \$312,000 per year for the foreign fields. There are sure to be some whose hearts are willing to give largely, but whose circumstances will not allow them to do anything. To provide for such, and still make good the aggre-

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| J M Smith..... | D&R BS | 57 | 80 60 | 50 |
| Mamie Hawkins..... | BFL | 1 | 3 00 | |
| R F Thompson..... | BFL GP | 38 | 14 25 | |
| W A Nelson..... | BFL GP | 43 | 41 45 | 3 20 |
| W C Wales..... | D&R | 18 | 104 00 | |

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

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| Asa Davis..... | BFL | 15 | 12 25 | |
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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|---------------------|------------|----|--------|-------|
| J P Campbell..... | sofp | 34 | 45 50 | |
| Mrs Ida Walker..... | D&R | 9 | | 34 50 |
| O F Frank..... | D&R | 13 | 28 35 | 25 00 |
| Wm Olmstead 2 wks.. | GC | 41 | 77 00 | 7 50 |
| Edwin Booth..... | CK | 35 | 67 50 | 6 75 |
| A B Cheek 2 wks.. | BR CK | 50 | 37 95 | 75 75 |
| I T Reynolds..... | BR CK | 42 | 123 00 | 1 50 |
| L V Laurents..... | D&R | 33 | 172 45 | |
| Jas. Anderson..... | BFL BIBLES | 27 | 22 70 | 10 00 |

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

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|---------------------|-----|----|-------|------|
| W H Haddon..... | D&R | 31 | 38 75 | |
| J S Fry..... | D&R | 28 | 24 00 | |
| Virgil Smith..... | D&R | 22 | 43 20 | |
| Ella Johnson..... | NTP | 10 | 3 40 | 3 40 |
| A A Johnson..... | NTP | 19 | 8 05 | 8 05 |
| Louise Jackson..... | BFL | 9 | 3 50 | 1 00 |

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

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|---------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| H C Balsbaugh..... | sofp | 32 | 2 65 | 45 10 |
| C H Chenault..... | D&R | 55 | 76 50 | 2 50 |
| R H Hazelton..... | D&R | | 20 00 | |
| Mabel West..... | D&R | 31 | 20 50 | 75 |
| Lillie Romines..... | D&R | 31 | 27 00 | |
| Nora Allen..... | D&R | 22 | 12 25 | |
| Mamie Moore..... | D&R | 17 | 43 50 | 2 65 |
| Amanda Gahr..... | D&R | 22 | 18 15 | 4 50 |

RECAPITULATION

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|-----------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Alabama Conference..... | 209 | 308 80 | 33 25 |
| Kentucky Conference..... | 15 | 12 25 | |
| Louisiana Conference..... | 284 | 574 45 | 161 00 |
| Mississippi Conference..... | 119 | 120 90 | 12 45 |
| Tennessee River Conf... .. | 211 | 220 55 | 55 50 |

Total .. 838 1,236 95 262 20

SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1908.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

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| M J Weber..... | BFL | 32 | \$42 50 | \$2 50 |
| J A Caldwell..... | BFL NTP | 48 | 32 80 | 3 55 |
| Alma Meister..... | BFL | 8 | 8 50 | |
| Walter Kirkham..... | BFL | 51 | 28 30 | 1 00 |

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

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|----------------------|-----|----|-------|-------|
| W A Robison..... | CK | 19 | 1 05 | 11 20 |
| Phebe E Frost 2 wks. | BFL | 44 | 35 50 | 70 80 |

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

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| David A Fisher 2wks | MISC | 13 | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| S G Dent..... | BFL | 18 | 25 50 | 2 00 |
| Mrs Onie Henderson | D&R BS | 22 | 20 00 | 5 50 |
| Gustav T Ellingson.. | GC | 53 | 30 50 | 2 00 |
| C M Emmerson..... | BFL | 26 | 32 65 | 3 40 |
| W D Hughes..... | CK | 14 | 1 00 | |
| Georgia May Cruise.. | CK | 54 | 9 50 | |
| J D Andrews..... | GC BS | 47 | 36 50 | 1 50 |
| Mrs A L Manous..... | D&R | 20 | 18 00 | 2 00 |

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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|----------------------|---------|----|-------|-------|
| H B Gallion..... | CK | 17 | 70 | 16 70 |
| V O Cole..... | GC | 2 | 12 00 | |
| F A Evans..... | sofp | 40 | 75 45 | 5 00 |
| G S Vreeland..... | dofa GC | 36 | 52 00 | 4 05 |
| Mrs H B Gallion..... | sofp | 18 | 14 00 | 1 50 |
| J B Rise..... | D&R | 41 | 64 50 | 2 00 |

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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|--------------------|--------|----|-------|-------|
| R L Underwood..... | D&R BS | 24 | 1 50 | 13 00 |
| W E Lanier..... | D&R | 52 | 75 50 | 3 75 |
| Guy I Kerley..... | D&R | 14 | 6 50 | |
| Chas Peden..... | D&R | 45 | 28 75 | 1 75 |
| Sarah Peden..... | stoc | 17 | 8 45 | 8 45 |
| H B Tilden..... | CK | 16 | 31 10 | 4 10 |

RECAPITULATION

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|---------------------------|-----|--------|-------|
| Cumberland Conference.. | 139 | 112 10 | 7 05 |
| Florida Conference..... | 63 | 36 55 | 82 00 |
| Georgia Conference..... | 268 | 174 65 | 17 40 |
| North Carolina Conf... .. | 170 | 151 80 | 31 05 |
| South Carolina Conf... .. | 154 | 218 65 | 30 25 |

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It has been fully decided to publish the little work, "Suggestions to Missionary Workers," which has been appearing in REPORT OF PROGRESS as a series of articles on missionary work. It will be a good and useful booklet for all tract society workers, and those who have not already ordered it should do so at once. Single copies 25c.; 40 per cent. discount in quantities. Direct Mrs. W. M. Crothers, this office.

A CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE IN GEORGIA

THE Lord willing, there will be a canvassers' institute held in south Georgia in Brooks County, at the Dixie church, beginning July 1, 1908. We hope our dear brethren and sisters in this section will plan to attend. The church have expressed themselves willing to care for all who will come; it is hoped, however, that those who are cared for free of charge will plan to enter the field as regular canvassers. We are expecting to have the blessing of God, and we trust our church at Dixie will pray and plan to make the best of this opportunity.

All who expect to attend, other than those living at Dixie, should write A. L. Manous, 602 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga., at once. Bring your Bible, and if you have "Coming King," "Bible Footlights," and "Daniel and the Revelation," bring them.

It is expected that V. O. Cole, our Union Conference agent, A. L. Manous, our field agent, and possibly the conference president, will be present to assist in the work.

G. W. WELLS, *President Georgia Conf.*

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Missionary Agent.*

LOUISIANA NOTES

ELDER W. H. SAXBY, of Boise, Idaho, a man of experience in city work, has been secured by the General Conference to take charge of the New Orleans Mission; and Elder Hanson of the West Michigan Conference will start for Louisiana about the tenth of June, where he will labor under pay of the conference from which he comes. These two laborers will greatly strengthen our working force in the state, and I am sure that we will all be encouraged to greater faithfulness in paying our tithes and offerings, that the work may be unhampered for want of funds.

The railroads have kindly agreed to grant us a rate of one and one third fares for the

round trip to our camp-meeting, and we hope every one will begin now to make arrangements to attend. This rate will apply to all roads in the state except the V. S. & P., and those east of the river. Full details of how to secure tickets will be given later. Watch the paper closely for them.

Let us all pray for the success of the meetings that will be held this summer, and also let us pray that God will give us wisdom in our efforts to bring in at least one new Sabbath-keeper per member this year. Remember that each one thus gathered in will be a star in our crown when Jesus comes.

THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

At a recent meeting of our conference committee it was voted to equip four tents and send them into the field this summer, two for the white people and two for the colored.

One of the tents for white people will be pitched at Meridian under the direction of Elder Shaeffer, assisted by Brother and Sister Mills, who are coming from California to labor in our conference. Sister Shaeffer has been doing Bible work in Meridian for some time, and as a result a number have accepted the truth. We hope to see a good church raised up there as a result of this tent meeting.

The other one is being pitched in Natchez, under the direction of the writer, assisted by Brother James Bellinger and others.

One of the tents for colored people is now pitched in Hattiesburg with Elder Murphy as laborer, assisted by Bible workers, singers, a player, and paper-sellers, all colored. The other one will be under the direction of Elder Shepherd, assisted by a good corps of helpers.

It was also decided to hold a camp-meeting for the colored people at Jackson, Miss., August 27 to September 6. Let all the colored people of the conference begin now to plan to attend this camp-meeting.

W. S. LOWRY.

KENTUCKY

We have just closed a successful institute at Henderson. Elder A. O. Burrill and A. F. Harrison rendered valuable help. The former gave us spiritual food every night, and the latter gave practical instruction on canvassing, besides the class drill on "Daniel and the Revelation."

The Henderson church showed their appreciation of the institute, not only by their hospitality, but by their faithful attendance. The testimonies borne were that the institute was a God-send, and indeed it was. Hearts were touched, spiritual life revived, and souls stirred to activity. Four canvassers have gone to their field of labor, and we expect three or four more to go soon. At the closing exercise, two fathers arose, and with hearts full of gratitude expressed their thankfulness that their children were going into the work. Said one, "I believe this institute has done more good than a camp-meeting."

We are now holding an institute at Louisville, that so far is a success. Several here have made up their minds to enter the work.

There are others who I hope and pray will do so too.

June 4-19, we will hold another institute at McKinney. I hope every one will attend that can. Bring your Bible and the book you expect to canvass for. Board will be free to those who enter the work. Brethren, don't forget to pray for the success of this institute.

C. F. DART.

THE BEST PLAN YET FOR THE SUPPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (concluded)

gate of ten cents a week among the members, it has also been decided that the Sabbath collections, second Sabbath, mid-summer, and the annual collection, be credited to the account of each conference.

As we look at the large sum—over \$300,000—to raise it will seem to some like a thing impossible. But if we will but think that each member need pay but ten cents a week, who will say it is a hard task?

With all sympathy and love for those who are poor, who perhaps cannot do anything, yet we say it can be easily done. Why?—There are few families among us who do not spend from ten cents to a dollar or more per week for things wholly unnecessary, and often decidedly injurious to us. If it were a case of life and death with us—and is it not?—how much we would save from our incomes and still have sufficient for our needs.

Brethren, we pray that the Holy Spirit will clear our minds of worldliness, fashion, pleasure, and the adornment of our homes, etc., long enough for us to catch one view of the value of the reward which God will give to those who with the spirit of Paul can say, "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ."

Brethren and sisters, the work is well-nigh finished; the sun of salvation is about to sink from view. Probation hours are few. Shall we not, then, cut away from the world, no longer contributing to it the gifts which belong to God? Let every one fall in with these plans to push the work in far-away fields as well as at home, and hasten the time when sin shall be cast out, and the destruction it has for so long wrought be replaced with glory and beauty surpassing even its Edenic state.

We believe by the 4th of July all of our members should be working in harmony and unity. Let our mid-summer offering show this perfect harmony. In unity there is strength; let us work as one man.

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