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## MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

(Concluded.)

PLACED IN A DISTRIBUTOR

A LADY who was somewhat disturbed over the Sabbath question went to a prominent member of her church, who, she thought, might give her some help, and asked him to explain to her. He said he would be glad to be of assistance to her, but as he did not then have time to sit down and talk it over with her, he would send her something on the subject to read.

Soon after this he was in a railway station, and saw a rack there which had been placed by our people. One tract was entitled, "Seven Reasons for Sunday-keeping." Thinking this was just the thing he wanted to convince and help his friend, he eagerly took it from the rack. Without waiting to read it himself, he sent it to the lady. It did set her right, for she is now an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in California.

Our work is to scatter the pages of truth, leaving God to see that they accomplish his purpose in the salvation of souls.

SABBATH-KEEPERS RAISED UP AND A CHURCH
BUILT

A few years ago a man in Jamaica had the truth presented to him through a tract that was sent to him by his brother. He was convinced, but did not then step out. He was away from home, but some years afterward he returned, when the convictions of the truth came to his mind with such force that he could no longer resist. He then decided to obey, and told his intention to a friend, one of the leading men of the district, and handed him a tract on the Sabbath question.

The brother kept the next Sabbath, and a week later his friend joined him. The news soon spread through the district, and a storm of persecution was raised by relatives, friends, and foes. But persecution always strengthens the believers, and establishes the work of God. One by one others were added to their number through their faithful and zealous work. They were visited by brethren and workers from time to time, until they built themselves a church. This was destroyed by the hurricane of 1904, but was afterward rebuilt. The building soon became too small, and an addi-

tion was made. But the influence of these brethren was not confined to their own district. The bread they cast upon the waters was found after many days. As a result there are believers in three other places.

All this work began with the giving of a tract, and the influence is still widening. Where will it end?

TWO ENCOURAGING TESTIMONIES

After one of the readings during a Week of Prayer, opportunity was given for a social service. A strange lady arose in the congregation, and said she was rejoicing that she had found a people who were keeping God's commandments. It was her first meeting with Sabbath-keepers. She told how she had received from some one a tract on the Sabbath question, and how it had led her to investigate the subject more thoroughly, and finally to accept this wonderful truth. She related the circumstances of her coming into the place where the church was located, and her eagerness to attend the Sabbath meeting.

Immediately after she sat down, another strange lady arose, and related almost the same story of her experiences. She had received a tract from one of our brethren living at a distance, which prompted her to make further search, and a final decision to accept the message as a whole. She, too, was rejoicing in the Lord that she had been led to see such a glorious and saving truth.

Mrs. W. M. CROTHERS.

# THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Since our good camp-meeting at Memphis, I have labored with the churches at Jackson, Trezevant, and Leach. At the first point I found a small company, composed mostly of sisters, standing for and holding up the light of truth in that city. They hold their Sabbathschool and meetings in the private rooms of their dwellings. They had already planned, and sent in their order for the *Reviéw* special with which to work Thanksgiving week.

At Trezevant they had done the same. Here the company is larger, and are favored with a meeting-house. While here I was called upon to preach the funeral sermon of a son of Brother Rich. The family entertain hope that he will rise in the first resurrection. The

members here see the importance of having their children trained for God, and have employed Sister West to teach their church school.

At Lane I remained a week, holding meetings every night and twice on Sabbath and Sunday. Two young ladies took their stand for the truth, one asked for prayers, and others were deeply convicted, and will be with us. A church school was seen to be an imperative necessity for the salvation of the beautiful flock of children with which they are blessed. So all took hold unitedly, and with one voice called Sister Keele to teach it.

Here also the Thanksgiving week had been provided for. Let every church, and every man, woman, and youth seek the Lord for wisdom and knowledge to make Thanksgiving week the best and most profitable week's service for God, for the spread of a knowledge of the work of the message, and the greatest inflow of funds in our experience. Our neighbors, and all people, and all they possess belong to God. Then let us invite them to assist in sending salvation to the heathen.

R. M. KILGORE.

#### GEORGIA

It was my privilege to receive six new members into the Atlanta church just before the last quarterly meeting. From Atlanta I went to Savannah, where I found Elder Shadel, with his tent, conducting meetings as best he could alone. I remained with him a week, and rendered what assistance I could. The attendance is not large, but those coming are manifesting a real interest, and I fully expect several will receive the truth as a result of the tent effort here. A Sabbath-school of about a dozen members has been organized, and we trust that by the blessing of God in a short time a church will be organized at this place.

I spent two days at Brunswick, where we have a few Sabbath-keepers and a small company of colored people. I find them all of good courage and trying to hold up the light. The Southern Missionary Society are operating a mission school here, and it is having a good influence.

Brother Bartlett has started a bath-room at this place, and we hope good results may follow. It is quite well equipped, and they are having a small patronage.

From Brunswick I went to visit the Dixie church, and at this place I had a very enjoyable and profitable visit. I found the brethren of good courage, and ready to enter into the spirit of the work. I remained with them ten days, having two services each day, giving instruction on the points of our faith, and admonishing them to walk honestly before God. As our meeting was closing, we had the pleasure of taking one more young lady into church fellowship, and five others stood upon their feet, expressing before all their intention to keep all the commandments of God. Another young lady gave her heart to God for the first time, and still others reconsecrated themselves to God more fully.

At this place they have not had a full set of officers for some years, and it seemed the part of wisdom, after giving some studies on these matters, to "set in order the things that are wanting," and ordain an elder and deacon, and I believe the Lord approved of his step and led in the selection of men. I am greatly encouraged by the progress this church has made in spiritual growth, and I feel confident that if all will continue to walk with God, a goodly number will yet unite with them.

Miss Lynn Rainwater is teaching a church school here, and the children are doing well and the parents are pleased.

Let us all continue to pray for the success of the work at every place and work while we pray, and God will give the increase.

G. W. WELLS.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

#### Abbeville

It was my privilege to meet the colored company of Sabbath-keepers at this place Sabbath, Oct. 17, and speak to them. I am glad to report a consecrated little company of about thirteen, walking in all the light they have. I have reasons to believe that this company will soon be ready for organization. I am also glad to ascertain that among them is some talent that can be used to advantage in the cause of God when properly instructed. May God prosper this company and hasten their preparation for usefulness in his work. At this place I met S. W. McLaughlin, who has fallen into line with God's organized work, and seems to be doing all he can in the right direction. For this I am also made thankful.

## Anderson

On my way back from Abbeville, I stopped a few hours at Anderson, the home of H. B. Gallion, our state traveling missionary. While here I met one who is a new convert to the truth as a result of the Greenville tent effort. This young man is not satisfied to rejoice in the present truth and leave others in darkness. He is preparing to enter the canvassing work with "Daniel and the Revelation." O that many were fired with the same zeal!

I also met one of our aged canvassers who reported a good beginning in delivering his books. I also met a new Sabbath-keeper at Anderson, who has lately begun to obey the truth through the efforts of Brother and Sis-

ter Gallion. This sister desires to unite with the church at Greenville, as this church is the nearest to her. Anderson is well prepared for a public effort. May God hasten the day when they can have a series of meetings.

R. T. NASH.

#### THE FLORIDA CAMP-MEETING

The annual camp-meeting of this conference was held October I-I2 at Palatka. The camp, located on the banks of the beautiful St. Johns River, and pitched amid the handsome magnolia and live-oak trees, presented a very pleasing picture.

The evening services were devoted to the presentation of our doctrinal truths for the benefit of the citizens of Palatka. A very appreciative audience was present each night, and we believe some seed fell on good ground, and will spring forth and yield fruit to the glory of God.

Our own people present enjoyed a most profitable season. The attendance was good, and the meetings meant much to every one in attendance. The gracious presence of the Spirit of God was manifest in each meeting. Especially was this so during the two Sabbath services. Laborers and people present sought a deeper consecration than ever before, while the unconverted yielded to the Spirit's voice and experienced great blessings. Thirteen were baptized during the meeting.

It was very encouraging to see the unity prevailing as the items of business were brought before the conference. Three newly organized churches were admitted into the sisterhood of churches. The financial condition of the conference is good, and every minister has been encouraged by seeing fruit of his labor the past year.

During the year the Orlando Sanitarium proposition was launched. The financial obligations of the institution have been unselfishly borne by private parties, but with the agreement that as soon as the Florida Conference can assume the responsibilities of the institution, the stockholders are to relinquish their claim and receive no remuneration except the actual cash invested. All profits accrue to the conference. One share of stock was voted to the conference by the stockholders for services rendered by the conference, and during the camp-meeting \$500 in cash and pledges was raised with which to purchase five shares more.

The Orlando Sanitarium is beautifully located in a pine grove between two lovely lakes. The climate of Florida, with other natural health-imparting facilities, place the sanitarium on most advantageous ground, and we welcome it into our sisterhood of sanitariums, knowing it will prove a blessing not alone to Florida, but to many other conferences, inasmuch as many health-seekers annually resort to Florida from the northern and the middle-western states. We bespeak for it hearty support, and the loyal co-operation of all interested in the medical missionary work.

Elder R. W. Parmele was unanimously reelected president of the conference, with C. B. Stephenson, G. W. Dick, C. V. Achenbach, and H. A. Shreve associated on the executive committee, and Sister R. G. Stringer secretary and treasurer.

Resolutions pertaining to the work at home and abroad were freely discussed and adopted. With enthusiasm the effort for a Thanksgiving Ingathering was adopted, as well as the ten-cent-a-week plan. Florida expects not to lack her opportunity to help extend the cause in regions beyond, although she has a large mission field of her own still unworked. The sum of \$353.50 in cash and pledges was given for foreign missions, in addition to the offerings during the two Sabbath-schools, amounting to \$35.58.

Besides the offerings above mentioned, \$315 was given toward the Atlanta Sanitarium, and \$141 for local work, making the total given during the meeting \$1,345.08.

Elder W. A. Westworth, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, with L. A. Hansen, V. O. Cole, and the writer, were present and with the local laborers took active part in the services. Elder and Mrs. E. W. Webster and Sister Emelia Webster, returned missionaries from foreign fields, were also present. These persons will connect with the Florida Conference as regular laborers.

The praise service which closed the Palatka meeting certified to the genuineness of the blessing enjoyed and the victories gained. The brethren and sisters returned to their homes greatly strengthened, and with a determination to do active work among their friends and neighbors, and win if possible at least one soul for the kingdom of God.

R. T. Dowsett.

## AT WORK AGAIN

AFTER two years of illness, of treatment, rest, and physical labor at the Graysville Sanitarium, it is a great pleasure to be engaged in more active field work once more.

We had many comforts, blessings, and kind attentions at the sanitarium. We found there a home indeed, and were greatly benefited. We praise the Lord for such asylums for the suffering and afflicted, for the tired laborers, and for those of the world who need help.

We attended the Florida Conference and camp-meeting at Palatka, and were invited by this conference to labor in Tampa. We accepted the call, and are now comfortably located at 2104 Mitchell Street, and are beginning to get hold of the situation and the work here, and hope, with the Lord's blessing, to be able to accomplish something this winter.

The Tampa church is taking hold nobly to assist us, being deeply interested in the work of the message in this large city. There is much unworked territory here, though a great amount of work has been done for years past, and a good-sized church organized. We will have the advantage of a neat church building of our own to which to invite those who may become interested, to hear the truth preached. Already some are asking for Sunday-night preaching services, we are told. What may be accomplished here this winter will be reported from time to time.

While our hearts greatly rejoice to be able to enter into active work once more, we will CANVASSING REPORT

ask our brethren and sisters to pray that the Lord may give us health and strength, blessings of faith and love and courage to continue in it until the fruit is gathered.

> E. W. Webster. R. E. Webster.

2104 Mitchell St., Tampa, Fla.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

#### News and Notes

THE opening of the school at Baker's Mountain has been announced for Nov. 2, with Brother H. Smallwood in charge.

Our canvassing agent is kept quite busy in the field looking after the interests of the book work. He is now at Concord, assisting two of our new canvassers, Brethren N. Q. Smith and M. L. Branch, the latter having recently taken his stand for the truth at Lexington.

Sister Mattie Reynolds is still engaged in the paper work at Greensboro, although interrupted by a call to care for the sick, which she felt to be in the line of duty. She says," It is my desire to be found all the time engaged in real missionary work."

Elder J. O. Johnston called at the Office the 30th ult. on his way to Baker's Mountain, to purchase books for his school at Eufola, which was to begin the following Monday. He reported a growing inerest at the latter place, and prospects for a very good attendance at the school.

Elder T. H. Jeys spent a day at the Office last week, going from here to Hildebran, thence to Baker's Mountain. The rain prevented the holding of the meeting appointed, but a very pleasant evening was spent by the Office workers and family listening to the account he gave of the work at Lexington, where there are about twenty new Sabbath-keepers.

Sister Nannie Paul writes thus of the last quarterly meeting occasion at Archdale: "We have just celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, Elder George Brown officiating. I do not know when I have witnessed at a meeting more of the sweet, quiet Spirit of God. All seemed to realize the import of this service as brought out at our camp-meeting. About thirty of the brethren were present to participate."

# FLORIDA ITEMS

Some little time has elapsed since Florida has spoken in the column of items, but during all this time the work has been advancing.

Several of our youth are availing themselves of the advantages of the Graysville school this winter. Recently Chas. M. Tucker of Archer, Leslie Melendy of Bartow, and Eliza Bethea of Jennings Lake left to attend this school.

Since our camp-meeting the workers have dispersed to various parts of the field. Good reports are coming in from all of them.

Elder and Sister E. W. Webster are located in Tampa, and are ready for active service in that large place.

Brother Wm. K. Achenbach is canvassing in Jacksonville, and also doing Bible work there with interested ones.

Brother J. B. Case has been holding meet-

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Elder C. B. Stephenson, accompanied by C. P. Whitford and Wm. Branson, is holding tent-meetings at Hastings. This is a small place, but they have an attendance of from fifty to eighty-five at each service. The people are very kind and interested.

tendance and interest.

Brethren Page Shepard and John Manns are still in Palatka. Four have taken their stand for the truth, and others are in the valley of decision.

The time is very near for the Ingathering service. We trust that all are making every preparation for active work. Orders are coming in from the various churches for numbers of the Review to be used. The orders vary from one to five hundred in the various churches. Those that have not placed an order, send your order at once to the office at Bartow, so that all necessary arrangements can be made on time. This is a golden opportunity for all our churches, Sabbath-schools, Young People's Volunteers, our isolated members, and all to fall in line and have an active part in this great work.

#### NASHVILLE SANITARIUM NEWS ITEMS

ELDER S. B. HORTON, secretary of the Southern Union Conference, has recently been connected with the sanitarium as chaplain.

Several prominent and influential citizens of Nashville and vicinity are now among the patients at the sanitarium.

Among the visitors at the sanitarium last week were Sister Taylor and Sister Fuller of Madison, Wis., and Dr. Green of Erie, Pa.

Miss Lou Trease, one of our nurses, has just returned to her home in Lebanon, Mo., where she will spend a few weeks on a vacation.

A cordial invitation is extended to our brethren and sisters and friends to visit the sanitarium whenever it is convenient. Arrangements can be made by telephone for our carriage to meet you at the street car.

It is our purpose to make our sanitarium one of the strongest missionary factors in the Southern Union Conference. It is now thoroughly equipped for caring for all classes of patients, and we have an excellent company of workers who are ready to second every effort to bring the truth to the people. We earnestly desire your co-operation in encouraging patients to come to the sanitarium, and we promise to do all in our power for their physical and spiritual well being.

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#### GENERAL MEETINGS IN ALABAMA

## TO CHURCH ELDERS AND CHURCH MIS-SIONARY SECRETARIES

Dear brethren and sisters of the Southern Union Conference, will you who are leaders and elders of companies, as well as the librarians, please send me your names and addresses? I would like to correspond with you personally, and so become better acquainted with you, and know where to find you, so I am putting this little notice in Report of Progress. I will be glad, too, if you will send me the names of any who are specially interested to hear the truth. Trusting that all will be prompt in sending all information, so that we may pursue some lines of work during this winter, I am yours in the Master's vineyard and the spread of this message.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS, Mis. Sec., S. U. C. 24h Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

#### THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION

The season's camps are now all past, and as we look back we can but praise the Lord for the manifest leadings of his Spirit. While there have been perplexities all along the line, the Master has ever led, and we can only report progress and courage in all the conferences in the Union. Steps have been taken to advance the work in all departments, and plans laid for more active service than ever before. Very few changes have been made in the officers of the conferences, all the presidents being re-elected.

Plans are being carried forward for an aggressive campaign in the Thanksgiving Ingathering and the ten-cent-per-week offerings. About \$1,500 has been raised for the foreign work. Although we have thus far been considered as a "mission field," as the brethren have seen the destitute fields beyond, their hearts have been touched, and they have given of their penury to aid those who, worse off than we are, have not yet any light of the glorious third angel's message.

Since the camp-meeting season closed, we have been much of the time on the road, having visited Huntsville, Graysville, Nashville, Madison, and Asheville, working for the various interests of the cause of God. At the

last-named place we were privileged to set in operation an active campaign which will be carried on by the Union Conference, the city of Asheville and suburbs having been ceded to the Union by the North Carolina Conference. Elder D. A. Parsons, late of Great Britain, together with his mother, who is a Bible worker of long experience, have been secured for this important field. The new church building there is about ready for service, and so also is the parsonage adjoining. We anticipate good results from the plans laid for work in this important center.

After leaving the above named places, we were privileged to stop for a few hours at Hildebran, N. C., there to meet with the church and to counsel with Elder Jevs, whom we met there. We were glad of the opportunity to run over to Tolucca, there to visit Elder D. T. Shireman, to see his orphanage, and note his efforts to do the work of love in caring for those who are left without the care of father or mother. We believe that the Lord has led Brother and Sister Shireman, and that only eternity will reveal the true inwardness and blessing of the work they are doing in the service of the Master. A brief stay at Baker's Mountain, meeting with the new company there raised up by the efforts of Elders J. O. Johnston and A. Carey, ended this very pleasant trip. We are glad to note the spirit of courage which prevails, and are sanguine of rapid developments in the Southeastern Union

We are glad, further, to note the arrangement all consummated (and by the time this paper comes to its readers the arrangement will be a reality) for Elder W. D. MacLay, late president of the North England Conference, who has just returned from Britain on account of Sister MacLay's health, to connect with the work in North Carolina.

This conference has long needed strong help, and we be peak for Brother MacLay the united prayers of God's people all through our Union, that he may be given a good harvest of souls, and that Sister MacLay's health may be speedily restored.

Remember us, brethren and sisters, at the throne of grace, that the work of the Lord may prosper with us, and that the great needs of our great field may be met by an abundant outpouring of the blessings of heaven.

W. A. Westworth.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

THERE is only a little time remaining till "Thanksgiving Week," and I have been wondering how many of us are planning to have a part in the blessing that will surely come to those who give themselves to the work of God in raising a large sum for foreign missions at that time.

We have been quoting Isa 60:5 for a long time. Now is our opportunity to prove how much we really believe of it. We have said that the experience of Israel in coming out of Egypt was for our instruction. And so says the Bible. It is even put more strongly in I Cor. 10:11, where God says that their experiences were "types" (see margin). A type

is a more exact figure than a general comparison. But just before they came out of Egypt, they were commanded to "ask" of the Egyptians "jewels of silver and jewels of gold." See Ex. 11:2, R. V., margin. We should as certainly fulfil this "type" as any of the others that are given for "our admonition" in the record in Exodus.

Let each one who loves the Lord's coming take earnest hold of this work, and make it a grand success, and we will see the glory of God. Let no one excuse himself, lest the result of the excuses made in Luke 14:18-20 be visited upon him. Those who cannot give the week to soliciting with the *Review*, have the privilege of donating the wages of the week to the cause of missions.

Pray and work for earnestness, faithfulness, and liberality. E. L. MAXWELL.

#### THANKSGIVING WEEK, NOV. 22-28

This week will soon be upon us. Who of us will be prepared to do that for which God is looking — to spend the entire week for God and his cause? How many Special Reviews (free of charge) have you ordered to give away during this week? I truly hope every able-bodied person in this conference will plan not to give away less than one hundred papers, and ask for an offering to missions at every place. Personally I plan on giving away one hundred and fifty of these specials, and I earnestly invite all our brethren and sisters in South Carolina to follow my example in this rally, and do more than I do if your strength will permit. Let no conference laborer or layman come up with a small record.

R. T. Nash. ·

## LITERATURE WANTED

J. W. Robison, Bradentown, Fla., desires clean copies of our denominational literature for free distribution. He can use a continuous supply.

Delia Russell, R. F. D. 6, Box 106, Knoxville, Tenn., desires copies of the Wachman, Signs of the Times, and Liberty sent postpaid for free distribution.

Wanted! a church school teacher for Alpharetta, Ga., another for Hayes, La., and possibly another for an opportunity in the Carolinas. Teachers of qualifications only should apply, with recommendations, to M. B. Van Kirk, secretary of the South and Southeastern Conferences, Graysville, Tenn.

## A MISSION SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS

ALTHOUGH we have kept rather quiet in regard to our work, we are glad to say it is onward. The 9th of October we opened a mission school with ten pupils; now we have eighteen, with more in prospect this week.

The place we have for school is not very attractive, but it is the best we could do, and the rent is free. We hope by another year to do better. Pray for us in this very needy field.

Mrs. Edmonia White.