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FLORIDA

More about the Camp-meeting

THE following are some of the resolutions and proceedings of the fifteenth annual session of the Florida Conference, held in connection with the camp-meeting at Palatka, Oct. 1-12, 1908.

Whereas, The blessing of God has attended the work in our conference during the past year, giving success to the laborers, and at this meeting three new churches have been added, three new church buildings have during the year been erected, and three dedicated, and a long-felt need has been supplied in the starting of a sanitarium at Orlando, therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our heartfelt gratitude for his blessings, and pledge anew to him our consecration of time, strength, and means for the united support of this cause.

This resolution was heartily spoken to by Elder Westworth, emphasizing our duty to praise God for the many blessings our conference has received during the past year. Elder Parmele followed, enumerating a few of the many blessings; he also spoke of the sad fact that two of our young laborers have had to lay down the armor because of failing health.

By a rising vote, and thanksgiving expressed in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," this resolution was passed.

Whereas, Our mission work has, through the providence of God, assumed large proportions, and has become the leading work of the denomination, and—

Whereas, New fields are being rapidly opened for extended work, and necessary means beyond the power of our members to donate are immediately required to meet the demands, and—

Whereas, This denomination has fully borne the expenses of its foreign work for the past fifty years without giving the general public an opportunity to assist, and—

Whereas, Other denominations have been generously assisted in their foreign work by an appreciative public, therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That we approve of, and pledge our hearty co-operation in, the plan recommended by the General Conference for an in-gathering for foreign mission work, Nov. 23-28, during Thanksgiving week, 1908.

Whereas, The Lord has gone before his people, opening doors in all nations, so that there is opportunity to teach the truths of the third angel's message to all the world, and—

Whereas, We believe that this message is to go to all the world in this generation, and—

Whereas, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the opening providences of God seem to demand, therefore—

3. *Resolved*, (a) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations for foreign missions; (b) that we undertake to raise for foreign missionary work an amount equal to ten cents a week per capita for our church-membership; (c) that we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory, and forward the same month by month to the Southeastern Union Conference Treasurer; (d) that a missionary secretary be appointed, whose duty shall include the writing of articles for the papers, and corresponding with individuals and churches and helping to raise this large foreign mission donation; (e) that for the present we favor applying the Sabbath-school donation and the annual and the midsummer offerings of each conference on the above fund, to make the average of ten cents a week for each member; (f) that in each church a person be elected by the church to be known as the missionary secretary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the distribution and collection of the missionary envelopes, and to in every way encourage the church in systematic giving for foreign missions.

Whereas, A sanitarium property has been secured at Orlando, and it is to be opened for the reception of patients immediately at the close of this meeting, with a competent corps of physicians and nurses in attendance, therefore—

Be it resolved,—

1. That we approve of this enterprise, and ask our Conference Association to acquire an interest in the said institution by the purchase of capital stock in the newly incorporated Florida Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, with any funds that may be advised to be

available for that purpose by the Executive Committee of the Florida Conference.

2. That we request the Florida Conference Association to accept any stock that may be voted by the Florida Sanitarium and Benevolent Association.

3. That we pledge to the sanitarium our hearty support by—

(a) Encouraging a patronage of the said institution, and by donations, and—

(b) By donating our means to the Florida Conference Association for the purpose of securing for the Florida Conference Association shares of stock in the Florida Sanitarium and Benevolent Association.

(c) And be it further resolved that we urge that all donations, from whatever source and of whatever kind, be credited to the Florida Conference Association at market value thereof.

10. *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend the establishment of treatment rooms for the colored at Jacksonville or other large center, where the blessings of hydrotherapy and other rational treatments may be administered to the sick of this people; believing that this branch of the work may be an entering wedge to open hearts to the saving truth of the third angel's message; and that the matter be taken up at the earliest moment commensurate with its important and urgent need.

Whereas, Following the counsel of the Lord to establish institutions in the South to disseminate heaven-sent truths on health reform, and in an effort to further this line of work, the Union Conference management has established a sanitarium at Atlanta, Ga.,—

Resolved, That we extend to the Union Conference a pledge of hearty support, and encourage them to take immediate steps to liquidate the indebtedness incurred in this undertaking.

Various resolutions were passed in behalf of the *Review and Herald*, the *Watchman*, *REPORT OF PROGRESS* and other of our periodicals, as well as our school work and other phases of the work.

The reports of the department secretaries were all good, and showed progress in all lines.

In cash and pledges there was raised during the meetings \$1,345.08. Of this \$353.50 was

contributed to missions in addition to the two Sabbath-school offerings, amounting to \$35.58; \$315 was given to the Atlanta Sanitarium, \$141 for local work, and \$500 in cash and pledges was raised with which to purchase five shares of stock in the Orlando Sanitarium for the Florida Conference. For services rendered by the conference, the stockholders voted to the conference one share of stock.

The following officers were unanimously elected to serve the ensuing year: President, R. W. Parmele; Executive Committee, R. W. Parmele, C. B. Stephenson, G. W. Dick, C. V. Achenbach, and H. A. Shreve; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Stringer; State Canvassing Agent, C. V. Achenbach; Religious Liberty Secretary, C. P. Whitford; Secretary Educational and Missionary Volunteer Department, C. B. Stephenson; Sabbath-school and Missionary Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Stringer; Medical Secretary, L. E. Parmele, M. D.

The following persons were granted ministerial credentials: R. W. Parmele, L. H. Crisler, C. B. Stephenson, E. W. Webster, Page Shepard; honorary ministerial credentials to G. I. Butler, Irving Keck, and R. G. Stringer; ministerial licenses to J. Russel Mitchell, J. B. Case, W. H. Branson, C. V. Achenbach, and B. D. Gullett; missionary licenses to Mrs. R. G. Stringer, Dr. L. E. Parmele, C. P. Whitford, and Amelia Webster; honorary missionary licenses to Mrs. G. I. Butler, Mrs. C. B. Stephenson, Mrs. L. H. Crisler, Mrs. Phebe Frost, Mrs. E. W. Webster, Mrs. L. Mobley, Miss Ella Sanks, Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. Lula Mumford, Mrs. Gracy Hunter, and Mrs. Mary Hicks.

Brother J. W. Manns was ordained to the ministry.

MRS. R. G. STRINGER, *Secretary*.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

THE Tennessee River Conference held its twenty-ninth annual session in connection with the camp-meeting at Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 2-10. Besides the regular conference laborers, we had with us Elders G. A. Irwin, G. B. Thompson, C. F. McVagh, S. B. Horton, and Brethren M. B. Van Kirk and A. F. Harrison. The talks by these brethren were much enjoyed by all. Elder Irwin's talks on the spirit of prophecy were timely and much appreciated.

About fifty delegates were present, every church in the conference being represented; there were also about the same number who were not delegates. Harmony and love prevailed throughout the entire meeting. All gave liberally as calls were made for the different funds. One church (Hustburg) was admitted to the sisterhood of churches.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. R. Burrow, President; C. P. Bollman, Vice-President; Thos. E. Pavey, Secretary and Treasurer; G. G. Lowry, Missionary Secretary; Thos. D. Rowe, Educational Secretary; C. F. Parmele, Field Agent; J. S. Washburn, Religious Liberty Secretary; Bertha B. Lowry, Missionary Volunteer Secretary; Beulah Callicott, Sabbath-school Secretary. Executive Committee: W. R. Burrow, C. P.

Bollman, J. S. Washburn, Dr. George, L. A. Callicott, I. A. Ford, Thos. D. Rowe.

Due consideration was given the different departments of our work. Following are some of the resolutions adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That with grateful hearts we acknowledge the blessings of God upon our work in this conference during the past year, and that we renew our consecration to him, and pledge ourselves to faithfulness in his service during the coming year.

2. *Whereas*, Our foreign missionary work has, through the providence of God, assumed large proportions, and has become the leading work of the denomination, and—

Whereas, New fields are being rapidly opened for extended work, and necessary means to advance this work are immediately required to meet the demands, and—

Whereas, This denomination has fully borne the expenses of its foreign work for the past fifty years without giving the general public an opportunity to assist, and—

Whereas, Other denominations have been generously assisted in their foreign work by an appreciative public,—

Resolved, That we approve of, and pledge our hearty co-operation in, the plan recommended by the General Conference for an ingathering for foreign mission work, Nov. 23-28, during Thanksgiving week, 1908.

4. *Whereas*, The circulation of our tracts and periodicals has done much toward bringing people into the truth, and—

Whereas, Our literature should be circulated like the leaves of autumn; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend each church to organize a tract and missionary society, and enter energetically into the work of circulating our small literature.

5. *We recommend*, That during the coming fall and winter conventions be held with our churches, where instruction shall be given in the duties of church officers, Sabbath-school officers, and general tract and missionary work. And further, that two or more churches unite where convenient.

6. *We recommend*, That a fund be raised by donations for the purpose of aiding worthy persons to enter the canvassing work, also to provide tracts for judicious distribution by the canvassers.

7. *Resolved*, That a four weeks' course of instruction in our denominational books and book canvassing be held in connection with the Hazel Academy, by the state agent, at such time as may be arranged by the conference committee and the school faculty.

10. *Whereas*, Continued efforts are being made by the would-be National Reformers to secure such legislation as will abridge the rights of conscience; and—

Whereas, The time is just at hand in this country when the success of Sunday legislation before Congress is about to be consummated; therefore—

Resolved, That we encourage our people in this conference to adopt plans to enlighten the public in reference to the real issues at stake.—

(a) By becoming subscribers to *Liberty*, and securing subscriptions from others.

(b) By supplying this journal to all the Congressmen from Tennessee, and all the members of the Legislature in Tennessee, and that the Cumberland Conference be asked to co-operate with the Tennessee River Conference in providing for the expenses thereof.

(c) By engaging regularly in the sale of the paper.

(d) By giving the Religious Liberty Leaflets a wide circulation.

(e) By using the public press as a means of disseminating the truth concerning these questions.

(f) By encouraging our Young People's Societies to place in the hands of other young people's organizations papers and other literature of an educational character, dealing with the subject of religious liberty.

11. *Whereas*, *Life and Health* may be sold—1st, as an opening wedge for the message; 2nd, as a means of self-support; and 3rd, as a help in advertising our sanitariums, therefore we urge all our people to become subscribers, and to sell this good health journal.

I trust our churches throughout the conference will begin at once to put these resolutions in practice. I am sure that if we do faithfully the work here outlined, another year will show wonderful advancement throughout our conference, and we shall all be built up spiritually. Let us all pray earnestly that the coming year may be the best year this conference has ever experienced.

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Secretary*.

FLORIDA ITEMS

Six new Sabbath-keepers in all have been reported from Palatka as a result of the camp-meetings there.

A fair interest is reported by the brethren at Hastings and also at Orange Mills.

Brother Charles Rothrock and his wife have recently come to Florida from Illinois. We hope they will make our state their permanent home. Brother Rothrock expects to enter some branch of the work.

Sister Elsie Hollingsworth is a patient at the sanitarium. She was taken there with a severe attack of fever, but is making a good recovery.

Sister W. K. Achenbach has been very sick for some time at the home of her son, Brother C. V. Achenbach. She is now so far recovered as to enable Brother W. K. Achenbach to return to his work in Jacksonville.

Prof. F. R. Rogers, educational secretary of the Southern Missionary Society, has been visiting the mission schools in our conference. He spent a day at the sanitarium before leaving the state. Brother Rogers was much pleased with the progress our schools are making, and also with our sanitarium. We enjoyed your visit, Brother Rogers. Come again.

Brother J. C. Mikkelson of Bethel, Wis., spent a day at the sanitarium. He is in our state looking for a location. We hope he will make his permanent home in our conference.

There is room for one or two more ladies and one or two more gentlemen in the Florida Sanitarium Nurses' Training Course. The

sanitarium is also in need of a strong cook. None but those who have the work of the message at heart need apply. Address Florida Sanitarium, Orlando, Fla.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

OCTOBER 28 and 29 I spent with the church at Bartow. I was pleased to learn that the brethren of the Bartow church had already begun agitating the Thanksgiving Ingathering effort, and had placed an order with Sister Stringer for a goodly supply of the Missions number of the *Review*.

The time from October 30 to November 1 was spent with the church at Ft. Ogden, giving especial attention to matters pertaining to the school. Since the opening of the public schools the attendance has been considerably diminished, there being only sixteen enrolled at the time of my visit. I visited the school twice, and was pleased to note the earnestness manifested by the students. All seemed to be there for work. The matter of arrangements for the future was left to be decided by the new Board to be elected by the Conference Committee at its next meeting. Professor Gullett is yet undecided whether or not he will continue the school through the winter.

At Punta Gorda and Nocatee, November 1 and 2, I very much enjoyed visiting the isolated ones, and speaking to the No. 2 church at Punta Gorda. I hope the work may yet be revived at these places.

November 6 to 8 I was at Terra Ceia and at Bradentown. The brethren report an interest to hear the message at both of these places, both among the colored and the white residents. They are planning to do something with the Missions number of the *Review*, and have ordered a supply for the Thanksgiving effort. If all pull together, brethren, success will crown our efforts in this undertaking.

At Tampa I found Brother Webster hard at work, though under difficulties, owing to the illness of Sister Webster. She is now on the road to recovery, and hopes soon to be able to resume her work for the Spanish-speaking people there. Elder Webster is enjoying the co-operation of the church, and we hope for success.

R. W. PARMELE.

THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

MONTHLY REPORT

I AM glad to send in a report of work done in the Southern Union Conference for the month of October. You will see that we have had a splendid delivery; but we look for the month of November to be almost as good.

Every state agent in the field is planning on one or more institutes. Alabama will hold hers Dec. 15-30. Let all plan to attend and remain in the field, or begin work promptly the 1st of January. I see no reason why we cannot work twelve months in the year without a break.

I am now traveling in the Tennessee River Conference, visiting the churches in company with Brother C. F. Parmele, the field agent. We ask your prayers that the Lord will impress hearts to enter the work this coming year. It means a battle and a march; let's all enter into the conflict and hasten the work.

CANVASSING REPORT
For Week Ending Nov. 7, 1908
Southern Union Conference

| NAME— | Book | Hours | Value | Deliv'd |
|----------------------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| ALABAMA CONFERENCE | | | | |
| Albert F Priege | 7W D&R BS | 244 | \$345.20 | \$56.00 |
| Mary Mann | BFL | | 21.00 | |
| Mrs M J Shaffer | BFL | 9 | | 13.55 |
| Peter Nelson | D&R | 28 | 26.25 | |
| M L Ivory | BFL | 54 | 7.00 | 16.00 |
| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE | | | | |
| M J Weber 2W | BFL | 72 | 142.00 | 11.00 |
| Chas Romines | D&R | 36 | 39.00 | 6.25 |
| R A Crider | D&R | 32 | 25.50 | 4.00 |
| J T Crockett | BFL | 12 | 2.50 | 12.50 |
| (Waynesburg) | CK | 40 | | 67.05 |
| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE | | | | |
| J T Miller | D&R | 27 | 37.70 | |

REPORT OF LABOR

| Conf. | Agents | Hrs. | Orders | Value | Deliv. |
|------------|--------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Miss. | 10 | 892 | 193 | \$313.05 | \$501.87 |
| Tenn. Riv. | 7 | 665 | 192 | 295.20 | 679.25 |
| Ky. | 15 | 1115 | 244 | 352.50 | 647.00 |
| Ala. | 27 | 887 | 375 | 838.35 | 1657.90 |
| La. | 7 | 591 | 280 | 684.50 | 283.25 |
| Total | 66 | 4150 | 1284 | \$2483.60 | \$3769.27 |

A. F. HARRISON

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

BIBLE STUDY

Opening Song: No. 330.
Short Season of Chain Prayers.
Minutes of previous meeting.
Song: No. 475.
Bible Study: Character of Workers, Preparation of Workers, The True Missionary Spirit, Tact and Sympathy Necessary.
Song: "Selection."
Blackboard Exercise for Reports.
Collection for Missionary Fund.
Closing Song: No. 707.

Character of Workers

1. WHAT are we? 2 Cor. 5:20.
2. As ambassadors, what should we speak? Titus 2:1.
3. What should we show ourselves? Titus 2:7, 8.
4. What should we be? Matt. 10:16.
5. What must the servant of the Lord not do? 2 Tim. 2:24, 26.
6. What is the promise to such workers? Ps. 126:6.

Preparation for the Work

More thought should be given to the things of God, and less to temporal matters. The world-loving professor, if he will exercise his mind in that direction, may become as familiar with the Word of God as he now is with worldly business. "Search the Scriptures," said Christ; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." The Christian is required to be diligent in searching the Scriptures, to read over and over again the truths of God's Word. Wilful ignorance on this subject endangers the Christian life and character. It blinds the understanding, and corrupts the noblest powers. It is this that brings confusion into our lives. Our people need to understand the oracles of God. They need to have a systematic knowledge of the principles of revealed truth, which will fit them for what is coming upon the earth, and prevent them from being carried away by every wind of doctrine.

Mrs. W. M. CROTHERS.

(To be continued.)

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| A B Cheek | BR | 15 | 2 50 | 6 85 |
| I T Reynolds | GC | 35 | 108 00 | |

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

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|----------------|---------|----|-------|-------|
| W H Haddon | BFL D&R | 22 | 16 70 | 3 35 |
| Mrs E Clark | CK | 25 | | 15 25 |
| Mrs Ben Morgan | BS | 10 | 12 00 | |
| A A Johnson | CK | 30 | 8 00 | 17 80 |
| Ella Johnson | CK | 26 | 16 00 | 13 35 |
| Anna Knight | D&R | 25 | 41 75 | 35 75 |

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

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|---------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| H C Balsabugh | sofp | 51 | 54 65 | |
| C H Chenault | D&R | | | 38 00 |
| J T Eaton | D&R | | | 41 85 |
| T J Fry | BFL | 11 | 16 15 | |
| Mamie Moore | D&R | 20 | 29 10 | 70 |
| C H McCotrey | D&R | 49 | 48 60 | |

RECAPITULATION

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|------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Alabama Conference | 335 | 399 45 | 85 55 |
| Kentucky Conference | 192 | 209 00 | 100 80 |
| Louisiana Conference | 77 | 148 20 | 6 85 |
| Mississippi Conference | 138 | 94 45 | 85 50 |
| Tennessee River Conf. | 131 | 148 50 | 80 55 |

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| Total | 873 | 999 60 | 359 25 |
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Southeastern Union Conference

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

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| J S Moore | sofd sofp | 45 | 34 70 | 12 90 |
| C L Wrinkle 2W | D&R | 24 | 30 90 | |
| F B Sedore 2W | D&R | 32 | 41 55 | 97 65 |
| J A Caldwell 3W | BFL | 99 | 45 55 | 2 10 |
| A D Day 2W | BFL N'P | 27 | 9 35 | |
| J W Slade | D&R | 44 | 10 75 | |
| G A Slade | D&R | 15 | 15 95 | 25 |
| M S Baldwin | CK | 28 | 57 60 | |
| C M Emmerson | BFL | 15 | 17 10 | |
| Fred Meister | BFL | 38 | | 124 50 |
| R F Thompson 2W | BFL | 132 | | 370 00 |
| M J Weber | BFL | 32 | 82 00 | |
| A K Baker | BR | 50 | 1 00 | |
| W S Fulbright | | 30 | 22 05 | |

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

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|-----------------------|-----|----|-------|--|
| Mrs Janette McColough | D&R | 26 | 20 00 | |
| Gracie Hunter | BFL | 20 | 18 00 | |
| C G Manns | BFL | 24 | 22 70 | |

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

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|--------------------|-------------|----|-------|-------|
| E G Haley 2W | D&R | 28 | 13 60 | 21 60 |
| Mary Sharp | LIFE&HEALTH | 25 | | 14 50 |
| A L Manous | D&R | 3 | 3 50 | |
| Mrs A L Manous | D&R BS | 10 | 8 00 | 35 |
| Gustav T Ellingson | GC | 40 | | 91 00 |
| J D Andrews | GC | 38 | 13 00 | 3 00 |
| Albert Cochran | D&R | 25 | | 33 50 |
| Albert Benson | D&R BS | 15 | 75 | 7 85 |
| J A Kimmell | GC BFL | 41 | 24 45 | 5 70 |
| J A Sudduth | BFL | 25 | 6 00 | 27 00 |
| Lillie Dekle | BFL | 25 | 18 50 | |
| J J Jobe | BR BS | 52 | | 98 00 |

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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|--------------------|------|----|-------|--------|
| M Woodall 2W | CK | 44 | 9 45 | 69 45 |
| R L Underwood 2W | D&R | 78 | 22 50 | 125 50 |
| Guy L Kerley 2W | D&R | 78 | 55 00 | 2 50 |
| Alby Paul | CK | 60 | 3 15 | 85 65 |
| Mrs Jane Hundley | MISC | | 7 30 | |
| Viola Graham | MISC | | 4 45 | |
| M L Branch | CK | 16 | 13 05 | 1 05 |
| Chas Peden | D&R | 20 | 3 25 | 88 25 |
| Mrs Anna Patterson | MISC | | 3 80 | |
| Neil Q Smith | CK | 46 | 13 45 | 2 45 |

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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|----------------|-----------|----|-------|-------|
| J B Rise | D&R | 40 | 14 50 | 73 00 |
| Wm C Rahn | sofd sofp | 26 | | 50 75 |
| Henegan Reaves | BFL | 6 | 7 00 | |
| Joseph Revans | GC | 33 | 67 50 | |
| G B Case | D&R | 36 | 44 65 | 2 05 |
| S H Swingle | sofp sofp | 26 | 1 25 | 37 25 |
| James A Brown | CK | 11 | 10 90 | |
| F A Evans | sofd sofp | 42 | 1 25 | 43 35 |

RECAPITULATION

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|-----------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Cumberland Conference | 611 | 368 50 | 607 40 |
| Florida Conference | 70 | 60 70 | |
| Georgia Conference | 327 | 87 80 | 302 50 |
| North Carolina Conf. | 342 | 135 40 | 374 85 |
| South Carolina Conf. | 220 | 147 05 | 206 40 |

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| Total | 1570 | 799 45 | 1491 15 |
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ELDER W. R. BURROW writes: "I am glad for the good visits that I have had among the churches the last few days. I think our people everywhere in our conference will be willing to do something to get out the special number of the *Review* during the Thanksgiving week."

THE articles "Missionary Siftings" are designed to help the local missionary societies by providing a suitable program for their meetings. For want of space to give these articles entire, they are published in instalments. Those wishing to use them should preserve these instalments as they appear from week to week, until the article is finished.

THE very first report of results of soliciting for Thanksgiving donations, reaching us from Canada, revealed an average of about 14 cents per copy on papers used,—200: (\$27.70). The first report from the United States territory (Nebraska) gives an average of \$1.04 per copy. This average was made by a sister who was not able to leave home, so she solicited those who called on her. She could not wait until Thanksgiving, after she received the papers, so began as soon as they came to her.

We hope all of our people will be blessed with this spirit of service for missions, and that they will be as successful. If they are, over half a million dollars will be collected for the development of our needy missions, and a still better result will be witnessed in the encouragement of our people everywhere. The Lord's blessing is sure to accompany this Thanksgiving Ingathering. None can afford to be without a part in it.

NOTICE FOR ALABAMA

THERE will be a canvassers' institute held in Birmingham, Dec. 16-30. Elders C. F. McVagh and C. C. Webster, Brethren I. A. Ford, A. F. Harrison, R. I. Keate, and the writer will be present to assist in the instruction. We believe this will be the most important institute we have ever had in Alabama. We desire all of our agents, and all those who are interested in this branch of the work, to be present.

During the last six days of the institute, the Alabama Conference will be held. The forenoon will be given to conference work and the

afternoon to the institute work, and preaching service will be held every night. There will also be Bible study and lessons on common diseases and their treatments given daily.

All coming to the institute will be able to attend the conference, and the delegates to the conference will get a good portion of the institute work. I wish all our people could attend both the institute and the conference. Now is the time to prepare to attend. Let all our churches select their delegates at once, and lay plans so that all can be present. The Birmingham church has kindly offered to room and board all conference delegates free.

A. J. HAYSMER, *Pres. Ala. Conf.*

ELKWOOD, ALA.

It was a great pleasure to me to attend the general meeting at this place. The weather was pleasant, so that the services were held in a tent. Besides the representatives of the Elkwood and Huntsville churches, quite a number of new Sabbath-keepers from Tony, Wooley Springs, and the surrounding country were present. Their happy faces and testimonies witnessed to the blessing of God and the hope and courage in their hearts.

The neighbors also turned out to the evening services in good numbers, and listened to the truths of the message with evidences of approval. At least thirty have accepted the Sabbath in this vicinity during the summer. These are the fruit of the tent efforts conducted by Elders Haysmer and Van Deusen and Brethren Jones and Lindsay. All seemed to feel that the meeting was a profitable one. Brother Keate and Sister McKinnon were also present throughout. The needs of the cause were studied, and plans presented and instruction given in canvassing and other lines of missionary work.

We are planning to spend Sabbath and Sunday at Oakwood. There are many calls for meetings in this part of Alabama, and the people seem hungry to hear the truth.

C. F. McVAGH.

AN EXPERIENCE WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN IN ALABAMA

At the close of school this year, Brethren Walter Nelson and Ray F. Thompson came to Alabama to canvass during vacation. They set their last delivery for October, and the following are the results of their summer's work:—

Brother Nelson, who wished to earn a scholarship for his brother as well as one for himself, did not stop when school opened, but continued to canvass up to the time of his delivery, canvassing in all six months. During this time he delivered \$733.90 worth of books. This made a profit for him of over \$61 per month.

Brother Thompson, who returned to school when it opened, canvassed only five months, and delivered \$483.35 worth, making a profit of over \$48 per month. As it only takes a delivery of about \$200 to earn a scholarship, these boys have much more than succeeded in getting one.

Many of our brethren do not enter the can-

vassing work because they fear they cannot earn a living. The writer is fully persuaded that some who are struggling hard on farms and elsewhere could do much better if they were to take up this work with right motives. The above figures show what two young men without previous experience, have done.

The institute will furnish an opportunity to prepare for effectual service in this grand work.

R. I. KEATE, *State Agent.*

THE WATCHMAN FOR JANUARY

At a meeting of the board of managers recently, together with the presidents of the conferences in the Southern Union Conference, it was recommended to make the *Watchman* a monthly, and to publish it in the form of *Life and Health*. I have not seen the make-up of the first number, but I venture to say that it will be attractive, and will be a good seller. We hope that we may have a goodly number who will become regular agents for this journal.

A. O. BURRILL.

A LAST WORD

BEFORE we have opportunity to speak through REPORT OF PROGRESS again of this matter, the Thanksgiving offering will have been taken up.

Are your plans all perfected for the part you will take in this work? Are you seeking God earnestly for his grace to assist you? Are you expecting great things from God? It is your privilege.

This work marks an epoch in our history. No longer will the message be bound. The time for a last great forward movement has come. Every soldier, every officer, should be in place. Most of them are. The word has come, "Go forward." Those who do so will see the salvation of God.

Let us all pray hourly for courage to do valiantly for God to-day. To-morrow brings the reward. Already the day star is shining brightly; one more steady effort, and the work will be done. "There's resting by and by."

E. L. MAXWELL.

"FLED EVERY ONE TO HIS FIELD"

IN Nehemiah's time the Levites and singers that were the ministers of that day fled to the fields to make a living for themselves and families because the church-members had quit paying tithes. Unless our brethren are more faithful in paying the tithes, the Kentucky laborers will have to go to the "fields" to find food for their families. When the audit for the conference was paid the first of October, there was some twelve dollars; the first of November there was but little more, and unless the brethren and sisters can be prompt to send in the tithe, the workers will have to go to selling books for a living until there is money sent in to pay them. Shall the Kentucky laborers that are to be paid by the tithes from this field stop public work, and go to the canvassing field, because the tithes are not sent in? Will the elders of the churches and leaders of companies not look after this, and see that this matter is not neglected? Send tithes to Clara Russell, 116 E. Jacob St., Louisville, Ky.

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