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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK IN FLORIDA

For the encouragement of all our people, it affords me pleasure to state that the Religious Liberty department of our work is receiving more attention than heretofore.

During the past few weeks the names and addresses of hundreds of our fellow citizens who stand opposed to religious legislation, have found their way to our three Florida representatives at Washington, D. C. I have received letters from two of these representative men, and believing our brethren would be glad to know how these gentlemen stand on the question of church and state union, I will give their letters in full. One gentleman writes as follows:-

"MY DEAR MR. WHITFORD: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. I do not know just what are the provicions of Senate Bill No. 3940, but will examine it before the House shall pass judgment on it, and will then determine what my vote shall be.

"I desire to say to you, however, in general terms, that I am absolutely opposed to the joining of church and state in any form, in this republic. I may say that I am absolutely opposed to interfering in the slightest degree with the religious opinions, convictions, or practices of any of the citizens of this country, so long as those opinions, convictions, or practices are not detrimental to the general welfare

"My opinion is, that we do not need, for, the betterment of the people of this country, any Puritanical Blue Laws, nor do we need to prescribe all of the minute details of how people shall live, what they shall eat, drink, and wear. In other words, I mean to say that I am perfectly willing at all times to concede to others just what I claim for myself-the absolute and unquestioned right to my own political and religious views.

"In the absence of specific knowledge as to the terms of the Bill to which you refer, I cannot be more definite at this time."

The other says :--

"DEAR SIR: Replying to your favor of the 19th, ultimo, enclosing certain literature on the subject of religious liberty, for which I wish to thank you. I will give the matter to

which you refer careful consideration when Congress meets or whenever the same comes up for action.'

It is truly assuring to know that we have representative men in Congress who stand for the principles of civil and religious liberty. Our churches are supplying themselves with religious-liberty tracts, and using them in their correspondence and in other ways. I find that they are willing to work when they learn what to do, and how to do it.

The first and most important thing is to subscribe for the magazine Liberty for one's personal use, in order to be well informed in this subject and able to talk intelligently concerning it as opportunity offers. After it is read, it may be given away or lent to benefit others.

Another way is to send in to your state religious liberty secretary the names and addresses of prominent men,- mayors, judges, lawyers, leading educators, such as principals of high schools, leading teachers, etc.- always specifying after each name the office or business, to aid us in our correspondence with these men. If you are able to send twenty-five cents with each name to have the magazine sent to the individual for a year, that would be good missionary work; but if you are not able to do this, we will write to them and send something to call their attention to this subject as we have time and means to do so.

We very much desire to send Liberty to one hundred state senators and representatives for a year. If those who pledged at camp-meeting for this work will send in the money, we shall be able to do this. We will try to follow the magazine by appropriate letters, calling attention to it and the principles which it represents. Let each church do what it can to raise money to have the prominent men of their respective vicinities supplied with the magazine.

Doubtless other ways will suggest themselves, and in all efforts my earnest co-operation may be relied upon. Letters are solicited from those who are interested, and who wish to do something. C. P. WHITFORD,

Religious Liberty Secretary. Orlando, Fla.

MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

No. 49

OPENING SONG. Prayer: Several short ones, remembering the sick and poor. Minutes to be read.

Song.

Scripture Reading: Christian Help Work. Acts 10:14-48. Wayside Ministries.

May all engage in these Ministries?

Reports to be handed to secretary.

Collection for poor fund. Closing Song: "While the days are going by."

CHRISTIAN HELP WORK

What is said of Jesus? - He "went about doing good." Acts 10:38.

What should his followers do? I John 2: 6; I Peter 2:21.

Is this work new to God's people? Job 20:11-16.

In what way is true religion manifested? James 1:27.

How will this work finally be recognized? Matt. 25:34-40.

Nore .- One of the oldest Bible characters engaged in this work, and so brought joy to the fatherless, the widow, the poor, the blind, and the deaf; not to those only who came directly to his notice, but he searched out the needy.

Wayside Ministries

"I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there is any kindness I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

There are two ways in which all of us work, and two classes of results which flow from our lives. There are things we do purposelythat we deliberately plan to do. We take pains to do them. They cost us thought and time, as well as care. We travel many miles, perchance, to perform them. They are the things we live to do.

We are writing business letters, and we put in a personal sentence or a kindly inquiry, revealing a human heart even amid the clashing, grinding wheels of business, and it carries a pulse of better feeling into some dingy office and some dreary tread-mill life far away. Not one of these things have we done with any clear thought, or even consciousness, of

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doing good, and yet, like the flower seeds the sculptor bore back amid the wrappings of his marble, they yield loveliness and fragrance to brighten many a bare and toilsome path.

May All Engage in These Ministries?

In every life there are opportunities for wayside ministry. Indeed, the voluntary activities of any life do not by any means measure its influence. The things we do with deliberate intention make but a small part of the sum-total of our life-results. Our influence has no nights and keeps no Sabbaths. It is continuous as life itself. We are leaving impressions all the while on other lives. There is a ministry in our hand-shaking, in our greeting, in the most casual conversation, in the expression we wear on our faces as we move along the street, in the gentle sympathy that adds such a thrill of strength to fainting weariness.

"Like moonlight on a troubled sea,

Brightening the storm it cannot calm." To meet some people on the side-walk and hear their cheery "Good morning." makes one happier all day. To encounter others is as dispiriting as meeting a funeral procession. There is a magic potency always in a sunny face. There is a holy aroma about unselfish love. A joyful person scatters gladness like song-notes. A consecrated Christian life sheds a tender warmth wherever it moves. What a wonderful sphere of usefulness is thus opened to every one of us! Let us prepare for life at its best, a preparation made by heart culture. It is purity, truth, helpfulness, and love that sanctify the influence. Full of Christ, wherever we move we leave brightness and joy.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS. (To be continued.)

PINE GROVE CHURCH

THE week of prayer has just closed with us at the aforesaid place, and I think it the most successful and glorious meeting we have ever had. We have enjoyed much of God's blessings during this week. The meetings gradually grew better until they seemed to reach the climax.

One special feature of these week of prayer meetings that impressed me most of all, was the deep interest that our young people took in spiritual things. All have re-consecrated themselves to God for service.

An invitation was given to as many of the young people who were willing to lay themselves and all they are and expect to be upon the altar for service to stand, and as one man every young person in the room arose. Some of these express a desire to go across the waters to heathen lands, and others want to be good home missionaries.

The children and younger members of the church have received special attention each morning from Sister Bertha Lowry, and they too have been filled with the Spirit. I believe that the whole church is in a better condition spiritually than ever before, and I praise God that this is so. Thank the Lord for this week of prayer. At the close of the meeting, a donation of fourteen dollars was taken up. Brethren and sisters, let us continue to pray for God's Spirit and blessings, also that the message may hasten on, and Jesus come to take us to our eternal home. JAMES BELLINGER, Church Elder. Amory, Miss.

VISIT TO AN ISOLATED SISTER

In company with Elder C. M. Clark, of the South Dakota Conference, who is spending the winter in Florida for his wife's health, I visited Sister E. L. Tracey, who lives fourteen miles southeast of Ashton. This family lives in a very thinly settled section of the country, their nearest neighbors being about two miles away.

We held two services while there, the first preaching of any kind that there had been there for eight years. People were present from ten miles distant; one large family came in a wagon seven miles, driving an ox team. The people offered to erect a church building, if we could assure them of an occasional visit. Elder Clark offered to return at least once to visit them.

I very much appreciated the company and help of Elder Clark in this brief effort. He has located his family temporarily in Kissimmee. He has consented to assist through at least one tent effort before returning to his home conference. R. W. PARMELE.

LOUISIANA NOTES

Are you planning to attend the institute Jan. 18-28? Write Brother Reynolds about it.

The October tithe report is encouraging; but we hope to see the monthly reports hereafter exceed it. Let us all study these reports, and see where we can increase the means in the treasury. Read Mal. 3:8-11.

We have made progress in every way during the past year. God has blessed us with more workers; we are paying our debts; we are donating more for missions; the spirit of unity is spreading, in fact, all things are working "together for good." Let us take courage, and lift harder in the year to come, and we shall see our work placed on vantage-ground.

How many are going to work to bring one more soul into the truth by next camp-meeting? Here is your opportunity to prove your missionary zeal. Give your neighbor a paper or tract. Loan or sell him a book. Pray for him, and God will bless the seeds you sow.

NATALBANY, LA.

THE writer began meeting at this saw-mill town Nov. 27, and continued meetings seventeen days. The attendance was quite good at first, but cold weather and a misunderstanding about wages among the mill hands kept some concerned so much that they stayed away.

As a result of the meetings, two have begun to keep the Sabbath, and several others are intersted and studying. Mrs G. C. Wood, who has held up the light at this place for several years, will look after the interest for the present. I am now at Hobart, where I spent the last part of the week of prayer with the church. I had the pleasure of meeting nearly all the members of the church at this time. A nice sum was devoted to missions.

Let us all pray that God will pour upon us a spirit of work and sacrifice, that we may labor to sustain the work he has given us to do. E. L. MAXWELL.

A VISIT TO THE FLORIDA SANITARIUM

It has recently been the privilege of Mrs. Hall and myself to spend two weeks at our new sanitarium in Florida, the youngest of all our institutions.

This visit impressed more forcibly upon our minds than ever before the value of this institution. For a long time I have felt that Florida should have a sanitarium, and am deeply grateful that such an institution now exists in our conference.

We found here a competent corps of physicians, one of them a good surgeon, as the writer knows from an actual experience, and nurses in attendance, some of whom we had been acquainted with years ago while at the Battle Creek sanitarium.

We were greatly benefited by our visit to the institution, and very much enjoyed the pleasant and home-like surroundings, the beautiful scenery, and the congenial Christian spirit that prevails there. W. H. HALL.

LEACH, TENN.

SABBATH, Dec. 19, was a blessed day for the Leach church. As I had not visited the members since returning from Memphis, I decided to spend the entire week in visiting the brethren of my home church, and try to get all interested in seeking God for his Holy Spirit. Sabbath, Dec. 12, the church were asked to fast and pray earnestly all through the week. I am sorry that but few saw the importance of laying aside their work and doing this; but as the end of the week was nearing, some were beginning to see, by the Spirit's aid, that they were making a mistake.

At the meeting Friday all were asked to fast on the Sabbath, Dec. 19, and come for an all-day meeting. We surely experienced the greatest refreshing from the Spirit of God that the Leach church ever received. Brethren confessed their faults one to another and prayed and asked prayer for others. There was not a dry eye to be seen. All were moved by the Holy Spirit to get closer to God. Three decided to walk with God. We continued our meeting the next day; and at this meeting twelve of the children and youth held up their hands for prayer. At one of the children's meetings, held by Mrs. Keele, in connection with the church school, the good Spirit came in, and all the children had one or more that they wished to have prayed for. We surely see the fulfilling of Mal. 4:5, 6.

Dear brethren and sisters everywhere, we pray for you and the Lord's work. We can help with money but very little; but pray for us, that we may give all, even ourselves. This is my joy. And as I think of what God has done for us, I rejoice in the hope of what great things he has done throughout the world.

Brethren and sisters, you can assist greatly here if you can ship by freight to Huntingdon, Tenn., on the Nashville & Chattanooga R. R., prepaid, any clothes suitable for children of any age. They are much needed. Clothes for grown people will be used with much appreciation. Address Mrs. Mae Keele, R. F. D. 2, Cedar Grove, Tenn. Ship in her name to Huntingdon, Tenn.

W. J. KEELE, Elder.

NORTH 'CAROLINA

News and Notes

A MEETING of the North Carolina Conference Committee has been called at Hildebran, Dec. 28. From there Elder T. H. Jeys and Brother H. B. Tilden expect to go to Nashville, the former to participate in the deliberations of the Union Conference Committee meeting, the latter to attend the Bookmen's Convention. Mrs. H. B. Tilden expects to join her husband there.

Brother Guy L. Kerley, after delivering his books near Kernersville, has gone to Greensboro, and will make the home of Brother and Sister Barefoot his stopping place while canvassing the city and surrounding country for "Daniel and the Revelation."

Brother Charles Maples is having the privilege of attending the Agricultural and Normal School at Madison, Tenn.

Elder LeRoy T. Crisler and his wife have returned to Florida on account of his health. The higher altitude seemed to bring on an asthmatic condition that became serious. On examination by a lung specialist in Asheville, who found a tubercular lesion in the right lung, he was advised to return to Florida, where his chances for recovery will be better. While we greatly regret the departure of these dear workers, our earnest prayers will follow them, and especially that the desired result may be realized. J. V. B.

WORK IN KENTUCKY

ON Nov. 20 I was called to my home to see my sister Icy laid away to await the resurrection. She was nineteen years old at the time of her death, and had suffered all her life from being paralyzed when an infant nine months old. She rests in peace, and I have good hopes of meeting her again at Christ's soon coming.

I had been away about a week in the canvassing work, and had had some good words from some. I sold "Daniel and the Revelation" to two colored ministers. One of them said it was the best book he ever read, and he had preached nine sermons from it, and his church said they were the best sermons he had ever preached to them, or they had ever heard. A few days ago I delivered the, second book to him for his brother, who is also a minister. He told me that the other minister to whom I sold a book would not take ten dollars for his copy, which he had taken to his home in Green County.

CANVASSING REPORT For Week Ending Dec. 12, 1908

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Another man asked for a Bible reading on the Sabbath question, in which he is greatly interested. He said that as he had started, he wanted to know all the truth. The next reading will be on the Sabbath the seal of the law.

O that all Seventh-day Adventists would fall into line in the work. Then it would soon be finished, and the invitation would be given, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." H. E. BECK.

THANKSGIVING WEEK IN WEST TEN-NESSEE

AFTER remaining over one Sabbath at Trezevant, my wife and I came on to Jackson in time to engage in the distribution of the special *Review*. We found the work was largely turned over to us, as none of the members were able or prepared to devote their time to it, though some of them did all they could.

In our canvass, both of the business men and from house to house, we found none who were rich; all were "poor." One dollar was the extreme; some could only give a nickel. The response of many was, "I have nothing to give," "I have not a cent to give to foreign missions," "We have the poor and the heathen here at our door," "Charity begins at home," "I don't believe in foreign missions," etc.

We found pleasure in setting before the people the work we are doing. A good impression was left in every case, as we know by the way they all invited us to "come again." The fruit gathered for the missions was \$36.05.

The week of prayer with the little company at this place was a most precious season. We met every day for prayer, to hear the excellent readings, and to praise the Lord in testimony and song. The Lord came very near by his Holy Spirit. The church is few in number, and inexperienced in giving, but the offering was willing and creditable. Those who do unite in these seasons and exercises do not fail to receive the blessings God holds out to them. R. M. KILGORE.

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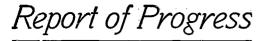
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THE manager of the Southern Publishing Association, Brother I. A. Ford, spent a few days at the Canvassers' Institute which opened at Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18. He reports a good attendance, a successful institute, and everybody of good courage.

A POSTAL card just received from Brother H. B. Tilden contains the following sad news: "Our beloved sister, Jessie V. Bosworth, died this morning [Dec. 26] at 10:53. This faithful servant of the Lord passed away without a struggle." We hope to have fuller particulars for our next issue.

Norrce is hereby given to the members of the Southern Union Conference Committee that the annual meeting of said committee will convene at the Union Conference Office, in the city of Nashville, Jan. 7, 1909, at 3 P. M. The meeting will continue in session from day to day until all the necessary business is disposed of. A full attendance of all the members of the committee is desired. G. A. IRWIN, President.

THE PROMPT FORWARDING OF FUNDS

I DESIRE to call the attention of all church and conference officers to the matter of promptly remitting the funds which have come into their hands intended for our mission fields. At this time of year we stand in great need of this money, in order that our brethren in destitute fields may not be left without proper support. We would therefore be pleased, and our workers greatly assisted, if all our church treasurers would send at once to the treasurer of their conference the amounts which they may have received on the Thanksgiving Ingathering, the week of prayer offering, or any other contributions intended for our mission fields. Then the conference treasurer will render excellent service to those in need of these funds by promptly forwarding to this office all money which should come here. Will the brethren concerned please attend to this matter without delay?

A. G. DANIELLS, Pres. General Conference.

THOSE PLEDGES

WILL those who made pledges at the campmeeting at Memphis, Tenn., to the canvassers' and tract fund, please redeem them as soon as possible, sending the money to T. E. Pavey, Hazel, Ky. C. F. PARMELE.

A WORD ABOUT THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES

For several years Self-denial Boxes have been sent to quite a number of people who have not requested them. The same is true this year. This is done because of the following words from Sister White:

"Many should become interested in the work of placing these boxes in homes. Ask old and young to aid in the work for the colored people by placing these boxes in every home possible. A blessing will surely follow the gifts of self-denial thus brought to the Master."

If, therefore, you receive a self-denial box without having ordered it, know that it comes to you as an invitation to join the ranks of those who are using these boxes to raise money for colored mission schools. The contents of these boxes should be sent monthly or quarterly to the Southern Missionary Society, Madison, Tenn., either direct or through the regular channels. If money is sent through the regular channels, be sure your church treasurer understands that it is for the Southern Missionary Society colored mission schools. It is not enough to say that it is for the work in the South.

C. P. BOLLMAN, Sec. So. Missionary Soc'y.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTHING preventing, the church building at Jacksonville, Fla., will be dedicated to the service of God on Sabbath and Sunday, Jan. 2 and 3, 1909. Ample help will be provided for the occasion, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. R. W. PARMELE.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

I WISH to call the attention of the young people in Georgia to a statement and an experience.

In Testimonies, Vol. 8, pp. 229, 230 we read these words: "Young men and young women who should be engaged in the ministry, in the Bible work, and in the canvassing work, should not be bound down to mechanical employment."

Now I wonder how many of us young people in Georgia have bound ourselves down to some round of mechanical employment. Let us change the order of things, and consecrate ourselves fully to the Lord and his work this coming year, 1909.

I wonder how many of us are planning to attend the canvassers' institute to be held in Atlanta, Jan. 13-26, 1909. I hope we will re-read the above quotation carefully, and pray earnestly to God that he may make duty plain to us. We must seek the Lord daily if we would do his will daily.

At our last institute in Atlanta, there were especially two young ladies who had a love for the canvassing work and a desire to attend one of our schools. Owing to home duties, they could not work full time, but worked every day they could spare. From Feb. 1, 1908, to July 18, 1908, one worked 109 hours, took \$132.05 worth of orders, and delivered \$117.90 worth of books. This gave her a profit of some \$58.95 or a net profit of about fifty-four cents for each hour she worked. She is now in school, where many more of our young people ought to be.

Now, dear young people — and older ones too — how many of you are earning fifty-four cents an hour by your "mechanical employment"? Don't you think it pays better to work for the Lord? I hope that we may take into consideration the good that we might do by entering the canvassing work, and make arrangements to attend the institute, and then enter the work with our whole soul.

Let us hear from you.

A. L. MANOUS, Field Agent. 54 Beecher Street, Atlanta, Ga.

THE INSTITUTE AT HAZEL, KY.

EVERVITHING seems most favorable indeed for a good canvassers' institute at Hazel, Ky., Jan. 28 to Feb. 8. The time of year will give all old workers a good opportunity to be there, and the opening spring, which follows, will make it a good time for beginners to get their first experience under favorable conditions. The new, easy-selling books and monthly *Watchman* beginning with January, will afford a sure medium for successful work. Then, too, as the institute follows the important meeting of the bookmen in Nashville, an opportunity will be afforded to learn the latest and best thought in regard to the canvassing work.

Arrangements will be made whereby all the expenses of attending the institute may be eventually returned to the workers. It is very desirable that we shall hear early from all who will attend. This is true whether we have had a verbal promise from you or not. This institute will have many advantages over previous ones, in that it will be held at Hazel Academy, and the good moral and intellectual atmosphere will help to give healthy tone to the gathering. We hope that, in turn, the earnestness and devotion characteristic of our canvassers will stimulate the students to take hold of the work of the message also.

Please remember that you should bring some bedding, a pillow, and hand towels. Bring Bibles and hymn and note books.

Please write me at Madison, Tenn., if you are coming; do it now. C. F. PARMELE.

LOUISIANA, NOTICE

OUR first institute — and perhaps the only one for the season — will be held near West Monroe, Jan. 18-28. We desire the attendance of all who are interested in the circulation of our books. Bring your Bibles, hymn book, prospectus for "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," "Bible Footlights," and "Coming King." Also bring bedtick and bedding. Board will be furnished at 35 cents a day. The railroad fare will be paid to the field of labor of all who sell \$100 worth of books.

Let all who can attend write me at once. Pineville, La. I. T. REYNOLDS.

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