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THEY RETURN NOT

REMEMBER, three things come not back:
The arrow sent upon its track;
It will not swerve, it will not stay
Its speed; it flies to wound or slay.

The spoken word, so soon forgot
By thee; yet it has perished not;
In other hearts 't is living still,
And doing work for good or ill.

And the lost opportunity,
That cometh back no more to thee;
In vain thou weapest, in vain dost yearn,
Those three will never more return.

—Selected.

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I WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION

TEXT: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

These words are important and solemn, and it would be profitable to us should we take them home with us, and search the Scriptures in reference to their true meaning. The hour of temptation is to come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth; and although we do not wish to make a time of trouble for ourselves, nor do we wish to groan over trials in the future, still we should be so closely connected with God that we shall not fall under the temptation when it does come. "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."

The Lord will raise up a standard for us against the enemy. We should believe that we have a helper in God, that we shall not be afraid; we shall not be filled with wonder and amazement, for we know that the God of Israel has been with his people from the very first—from the very infancy of this world God has been with his obedient children. His word is pledged that "there hath no temptation taken you but such as is com-

mon to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

We should be watching unto prayer. Just as surely as we do watch and pray, we shall know who is our helper. "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am." He is ready to strengthen us; and may the Lord give you grace day by day, that you may be able to withstand the storm that is coming, for it will try your spiritual hope to the very uttermost. If your hope is in man you are lost; if in Jesus, who is the Rock of Ages, your salvation is sure. He has said, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils," etc. We ought to be thankful that these words are left on record. Every child of God that is brought into difficulty and trial because of his faithfulness to Jesus, may claim the promise, and will receive sufficient grace for every emergency.

We are only selfishly wise when we plan the future, and make resolutions and bring them in, and we ourselves arrange matters, as we think in all wisdom; for in so doing we are in danger of getting in the way of the Lord. Stand out of the way with your many resolutions, and when the time comes for God to bring his people into trying times to test and prove them, he will help them, and he will not fail nor be discouraged, but will be a present help in trouble.

We read in the Scriptures: "But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues: and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles." Kings, governors, and councils are to have a knowledge of the truth through your testimony. This is the only way in which the testimony of light and truth can reach men of high authority. "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that

same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." Christ stood by the side of Luther, and by the side of all the Reformers whom he commissioned to go forth and make aggressive moves to advance the message of God in our world. He did not send them forth alone. Jesus has promised to be at our right hand. What a gracious promise is this, and it will be fulfilled; for he is faithful that hath promised. Jesus is yours, and all things in heaven and earth are his, and yours because you believe in him.

We should become acquainted with the Bible. We are required to become diligent Bible students, lest we be found adopting error for truth. We want the truth as it is in Jesus. If you are not acquainted with the words of Christ, if you have never tasted the power of his grace in trial, you cannot expect that the Holy Spirit will bring Christ's words to your remembrance. We are to serve God daily with our undivided affection, and then trust him.

We expect trials to come in these last days; we are not looking for anything else; but may God give us grace that we may endure the trials when they do come, and not faint under persecution. We do not desire to be in a position where we shall have no strength at that time. Then let us become acquainted with God now. Many are ignorant of God's grace and power and matchless love because they have allowed the enemy to do just what he designed to do—to intercept himself between them and their God.

There will be an effort made to unsettle the faith in every believer in present truth. Since Satan fell from heaven, he has been trampling under foot the Word of God, and putting something of his own devising in its place. His work has been accepted as the work of God. When the legislature frames laws which exalt the first day of the week, and put it in the place of the seventh day, the device of Satan will be perfected.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

(To be continued.)

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"THE Word of the Lord is pure."

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Lesson 8.—Pai Chai Hakdang

"Child Life in Mission Lands," pages 132-147.
Test Questions, page 147.

Notes

KOREA'S CHILDREN. One of the games enjoyed most by the Korean boys is the stone fight, when they throw real stones. They ~~must hurt one another in this game very~~ often. If they knew about Jesus they would not want to play so roughly. Both girls and boys have a great deal of fun with their kites. They mix ground glass with glue and put this on their kite strings. Then, when the kites are in the air, they try to cut each other's strings. These children are not very obedient. They are afraid of their fathers; but they say, "Mother is good, we are not afraid of her." When Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," he meant the boys and girls of Korea just as much as any others. They must be told the story of his love, that they may give their hearts to him. Then they will be kind to one another and obedient to their parents.

WHY KOREA IS CALLED THE "HERMIT NATION." The natural situation of this country, and her attitude in the past toward other nations, are the principal reasons for calling her the Hermit Nation. An isolated peninsula, she seems to be naturally shut away from the rest of the world. Along the east coast is a chain of high mountains, and on the west side, while the land is more level, long ago the government purposely desolated the shores, so that no one would care to land. The Koreans, until late years, have had no use for the foreigner. Along the roads old signs still stand which read: "If you meet a foreigner, kill him; he who lets him go by is a traitor to his country." On the northern boundary these people devastated a strip of land to separate themselves from their neighbors. Originally this was about sixty miles wide, but it has been cultivated and inhabited in recent years. There was also a high wall along the northern border which has fallen in decay. All these barriers are being broken down, and Christianity is obtaining a sure foothold in the once Hermit Nation.

OUR WORK IN KOREA. It has been but a few years since the truth was first given to these people. One day in May, 1904, a Korean was walking in the street in Kobe, Japan. He noticed a sign over a door which was written partly in Chinese and partly in Japanese. This was what the sign said: "Meeting Hall of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." As the Korean stood reading this sign, one of our brethren inside the hall beckoned to him to come in. He went, and became so interested that he came again and again, bringing a friend with him. The night before they sailed from Japan the study was on baptism. It lasted until midnight, and then, in response to their tearful requests, they were baptized by the light of paper lanterns. The next morning one of these men sailed for the Hawaiian Islands and the other for Korea. On his way home he taught the message to another Korean, and these two were our first

workers in that field. It was not long before an urgent appeal for help came to Japan, and a native missionary was sent. Professor Field followed a little later, and during his visit baptized seventy-one persons and organized four churches. Now there are over five hundred Sabbath-keepers and between forty and fifty workers in Korea. They have a number of church schools also, and the boys and girls who attend them are learning of Jesus. Elder I. H. Evans has recently visited this country.

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

At a meeting of the conference committee held at Vicksburg, January 29, it was decided to hold our next annual conference in connection with our camp-meeting to be held the last part of July at Meridian. The colored people will hold their camp-meeting at the same time and place, but in a different part of the city.

I hope all will remember this and begin to plan to attend, that we may have a good attendance of both races, and have a profitable meeting.

The school work at Pine Grove is progressing nicely. Brethren Whitmarsh and Shaeffer are holding a meeting near Ellisville. Brother T. C. Coltrin is building a church near New Albany, and will soon have it all enclosed. We are trying to push forward as fast as we can in our conference work, but we are greatly hindered by the lack of means to support the workers that are ready to work. I hope all the brethren and sisters will be faithful to bring in all their tithe, that there may be money in the treasury to support the Lord's servants, that his work may not be hindered. Read and heed Mal. 3:8-10 and 2 Chron. 30:5-10.

W. S. LOWRY.

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ENCOURAGEMENT FROM LOUISIANA

As our faithful workers in the canvassing field go out into the highways and byways of life, amid heat and cold, rain and drought, prosperity and adversity, joys and sorrows, hopes and discouragements, Satan sometimes suggests, "What is the use of all this effort? Do you see any good resulting from the efforts you are making?"

May be they may look back on six months or a year with no visible results and small financial returns; but with the temptation comes the still small voice, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

And then, as the Lord always helped his apostles just as their faith seemed to fail, so now in his mercy and love he often lifts the veil so we may see and know for our encouragement that some of the seed we have sown has fallen on good soil and is producing a harvest already. Such was the experience recently had by the brother of whom we wrote some few months ago, who had been led out of his road and away from his territory several miles, where he found a few Christian people seeking God for a better understanding of his will.

This brother sold two or three "Daniel and the Revelation" in this settlement, and went on his way praying God's blessing on the word. In visiting this same place again recently he found six honest souls keeping the Sabbath, and others interested and anxious for a minister to come and hold meetings.

Brethren and sisters in the church, ought not these things to encourage our hearts to leave our homes and business of whatever nature and "be about our Father's business"? Had you rather meet six souls you had been instrumental in bringing into the kingdom, or have a bank account, and no part in the kingdom?

We are to have another institute March 15-24 in New Orleans, and will be glad to correspond with all who will attend.

I. T. REYNOLDS, *State Agent.*

Pineville, La.

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LOUISIANA EXPERIENCE MEETINGS

(Continued)

LATE arrivals report as follows:—

Elder W. H. Saxby: "Mrs. Saxby is growing better rapidly now. The paper work is moving nicely. We will have a baptismal service next Sabbath. Twelve have been in our mission for the past month."

Sister E. H. Rees reports a large gain in Sabbath-school offerings to missions over 1907. The last quarter for 1907 showed a total of \$74.20, while for 1908 the total was \$107.71, an increase of 44 per cent.

From Lake Charles Brother Frank writes that the new church is ready for use and a meeting is very much desired.

Sister S. E. Richardson, who is doing regular paper work in New Orleans, writes that she is selling nearly one thousand each of the *Signs* and *Life and Health* per month.

Sickness has prevented Sister Frances Goodwyn, of New Orleans, from doing as much as she would like, but she has held a number of readings with those who were so interested as to come to her home. Let all pray for her recovery.

The writer, since the last report, has visited Mansfield and Marthaville, at both of which places interesting meetings were held. There are several openings for work in the northern parishes which should be filled this summer. Pray for reapers to enter these fields soon.

Let us all report early and well to our next monthly experience meeting.

E. L. MAXWELL.

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THE BOWLING GREEN (KY.) CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

THIS was held Feb. 7-18, 1909, and was a success from start to finish. Elder Burrill conducted the daily Bible study, and preaching service on the books of "Daniel and the Revelation," which were not only very interesting, but he made them so practical.

The general instruction was given by Brother Harrison and the writer. The good sound advice and plain practical instruction

Given by Brother Harrison, was appreciated by all. Among other things, he mentioned the ruinous effect of misappropriating office money, and how it is looked upon by both God and the world; and emphasized the importance of prompt remittal.

A few experience meetings were held. The canvassers related some of their rich experiences in the field, which were listened to with intense interest.

The last meeting was a rousing testimony from each one present. It was the unanimous testimony of every one that they had been greatly blessed.

The church, which had been considerably in the background, was wonderfully revived. This was shown in one way by several of the members taking clubs of the *Gospel Sentinel* for missionary work among their neighbors, and several subscriptions were secured for other of our periodicals. A full corps of officers were elected, and the ordinances were celebrated for the first time in two years. This was a blessed convocation, and was greatly appreciated by all. Tears of gratitude flowed from the eyes of nearly all present. Hearts were bound closer together. One soul was buried in baptism.

There were eight who took the drill. Brother Harrison conducted the class on "Daniel and the Revelation," and the writer the one on "Bible Footlights."

Two go out with "Daniel and the Revelation," one with "Home and Health," and one with "Bible Footlights." The other four cannot go at present.

Brethren, pray that the way may open for these souls to enter the work. Also pray that God may abundantly bless the four that have gone into the field. C. F. DART.

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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

A Word to Our Churches

OUR work is growing, and the need of a better organized plan to meet the demand is very apparent to the writer; so at the last meeting of our conference committee it was voted to divide our conference into three districts, as follows: District No. 1, Middle Tennessee, Brother R. M. Kilgore, director; District No. 2, West Tennessee south of the L. & N. R. R., Elder J. S. Washburn, director; District No. 3, West Tennessee north of the L. & N. R. R. and the adjoining territory in Kentucky that belongs to the Tennessee River Conference, Thomas E. Pavey, director.

We hope with this plan to be able to reach all our churches easier, and stir up an interest in the old-time missionary work. These brethren will help to look after the interests of this conference in their district. Have you an interest in your neighborhood that calls for meetings? If so, let us hear from you. Give particulars.

An Encouraging Report

I have just received an interesting letter from Brother R. M. Kilgore, who has just closed a successful meeting at the Leach church near Cedar Grove, Tenn., and I wish

to pass this good news along to others who will be glad to hear of such progress in our conference. I quote from his letter as follows: "We closed our meeting here Sunday night with a big crowd. Saturday night the house was crowded; and Sunday at 11 o'clock I called for those who desired baptism and to unite with the church, and twelve adults responded by taking the front seat." He also says others are keeping the Sabbath who are not ready just yet but will be soon. I visited Brother Kilgore during this meeting. I felt God had indeed answered prayer, and was blessing beyond expectation.

From Leach Brother Kilgore went to Trezevant, from which place he writes that the interest in his meetings is as good as he could expect. We are praying that he will have as good success there as he did at Leach, and even better. Why not?

The largest gathering of Seventh-day Adventists that ever came together for baptism in the city of Memphis, came last Sabbath. Twenty-one persons were buried in the watery grave. Others will follow soon. It was a good day for the Memphis church. We are now arranging for the debate that is to come off here soon between Elder J. S. Washburn and J. S. Warlick. All are of good courage.

W. R. BURROW.

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OBITUARY

DIED at Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 24, 1909, Mrs Marina Whitman, at the age of forty-two years. Sister Whitman was a faithful and highly esteemed member of the Birmingham Seventh-day Adventist church, and an active worker in the Master's cause. For several years she taught a class in the Sabbath-school, and for some time previous to her last illness had been engaged in the canvassing work. She suffered for a while with rheumatism, but pneumonia was the immediate cause of death. She leaves a husband who is not in the faith, and other friends who expect to meet her in the resurrection morning. Funeral services were conducted by G. B. Jackson, elder of the church.

W. E. STRICKLAND, Church Clerk.

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MISSIONARY REPORT OF THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE

For Month Ending Jan. 31, 1909

Local tract societies reporting.....	3
Isolated members reporting	2
Missionary visits	177
Periodicals loaned	41
Periodicals given away	665
Periodicals sold	1,530
Books loaned	11
Books sold	63
Tracts and pamphlets loaned.....	16
Tracts and pamphlets given away.....	1,805
Tracts and pamphlets sold.....	1
Letters written	72
Letters received	74
Bible readings held	637
People attending readings.....	124
People interested	55
People accepted the truth through readings held	2

HELEN MCKINNON, Secretary.

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending Feb. 13, 1909

Southern Union Conference

NAME—	Books	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W C Wales.....	—	12	\$6 00	\$3 00
M L Ivory.....	BFL		3 50	16 55
Hugh W Jones.....	—	38	21 50	15 00
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Z S Arey	BFL	20	7 05	35
M J Weber.....	BFL	31	31 50	
Chas H Parsons.....	BFL	24	14 75	
H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	30	32 75	1 25
Mrs H C Balsbaugh.....	—		7 90	7 90
Chas Romines	D&R	26	43 95	5 95
Ben Romines	BFL	21	30 25	1 25
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
G S Rogers.....	D&R	24	29 50	9 15
H C Bagley.....	CK	40	15 80	7 50
C L Collison.....	BS D&R	40	85 50	1 00
I T Reynolds.....	GC	20	27 00	7 25
A B Cheek.....	D&R	42	29 00	4 75
J T Miller.....	D&R	24	31 25	1 00
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Wm J Keele.....	WATCH	18	20	18 20
Delia Wilson	stoc	5	7 20	
Virgil Smith	dofa	43	41 25	
Louise B Jackson.....	BFL	14	5 20	
W H Haddon.....	mo/n	26	26 75	4 75
Mary E Mundy.....	BFL	10	4 10	1 00
A C Maddock.....	BFL	33	19 00	1 00
J S Fry.....	D&R	33	30 25	2 70
Mrs M Miller.....	stoc	20	1 80	9 75
J M Harp.....	BFL	25	25 00	25 00
Celestia Wilson	BFL	20	8 40	35
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
R H Hazelton 2w.....	D&R	71	46 00	2 00
Mamie Moore 2w.....	—	71	38 35	30 90
T J Fry.....	BFL	18	9 00	
RECAPITULATION				
Alabama Conference.....	50	31 00	34 55	
Kentucky Conference.....	152	168 15	16 70	
Louisiana Conference....	190	218 05	31 15	
Mississippi Conference... 229	187 15	62 75		
Tennessee River Conf....	160	93 35	32 90	
Totals ..	821	697 70	178 05	

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THE COST OF OBEDIENCE

FOR St. Paul the answer to the question, "What wilt thou have me to do?" was the beasts at Ephesus, the shipwreck on the Mediterranean, the dungeon at Rome, and the martyr's crown.

For the early disciples the answer was the swift, fierce blows of persecution, scattering them as sheep without a shepherd.

For John Huss it was a kindled fire. For John Coleridge Patteson it was the Pacific Isles and death at the hands of the savages. For Ignatius it was the lions, for Polycarp and Savonarola the fire.

For the Waldenses the answer was the dens and caves of the Alps; for Livingstone, death in an African hut; for the early Methodists, the wilderness, the hunger, the stoning, the swamps, and death; for the Pilgrims, banishment, a perilous journey over raging seas, and a bleak welcome to savage tribes and frozen shores.

For many the answer will be exile and loneliness, love and service in lands where they will see no white face and hear no familiar voice save His. Such a life will not be easy, but it will be worth living.—Selected.

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"Those who are fellow creatures with men should not be fellow judges with God."

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BY WAY OF REMINDER

A CANVASSERS' institute has been appointed in Birmingham, Ala., March 4-17.

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NOTICE

THIS paper is mailed each Tuesday. All matter, other than canvassers' reports, designed for publication in any special issue, should be in the editor's hands not later than the preceding Wednesday to insure its insertion.

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CHANGE IN PRICE

THE plain style of binding of "Daniel and the Revelation" has been raised to \$1.75, making it correspond with the other styles of binding. The prices now are as follows: Plain style, \$1.75; cloth binding, marble edge, \$2.75; library style, \$3.75; full morocco, \$4.75. We hope that every canvasser will take notice of this announcement.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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A CORRECTION

IN the article, Progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination, printed in the REPORT OF PROGRESS dated February 16, the price of the Year Book is given as 15 cents, when it should have been 25 cents. Order through this office.

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WE have at this office a canvass and selling hints for "Home and Health," recently gotten out by Brother E. R. Palmer. These will be very valuable to any one canvassing for the book, or who may be preparing for this work. They can be had for the asking. Address Southern Publishing Association.

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NOTICE

WANTED.—To correspond with a practical truck grower, a young married man preferred, one who has had experience, to take charge of a fruit and truck farm thirty-five miles from Habana, Cuba. Details given upon application.

Address E. W. Snyder, President Cuban Mission, Box 35, Marianao, Cuba.

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WE are epistles or letters to all men. Are we putting blots upon those letters?

THE WATCHMAN FOR MARCH

THE first month's record with the *Watchman* in magazine form has been a most gratifying success. Twenty-five thousand copies were printed, and all were mailed out before time for the publication of the March number. Those agents who have reported their work have had excellent success. For example, one sister ordered fifty copies to start with; a few days after she had received these she ordered two hundred more, and four days after sending the order for two hundred she wrote for prices on one thousand copies, stating that she and another woman were planning to take up the sale of the *Watchman* as a regular work.

And now for the work with the next issue. It is an excellent number; 30,000 copies have been printed. Who will help to place these in the hands of 30,000 people, to be read by them and many more?



The *Watchman* for March takes up the general subject of the increase of lawlessness—the fact, its causes, and its meaning; also God's judgments upon a sin-cursed earth and wicked people for having turned their back on his holy, righteous law.

The articles are all short, complete in themselves, and full of meaning; they strike the key-note of present conditions in a manner that will arouse interest, and lead even busy people to read every word. This issue shows in a striking manner that conditions are fast ripening for the world's great harvest, and appeals for honest souls to decide for God and truth before it is too late.

Lawlessness in the South, tells about the "night riders"—why they came, and their work. With this article is a picture of the seven night riders recently condemned to be hanged in Tennessee. Another leading editorial is entitled, The Immutable Law, and with it is printed God's law as given by himself, and as changed by man.

Among the twenty-four other editorials are found such topics as: The World's Peacemaker; More and Bigger Battleships; Unwritten Law; The Federation vs. the Court; Tobacco the Ally of Whisky; Earthquake Theology; etc.

Under the heading, A Flood of Crime, Elder J. S. Washburn shows that the present condition of lawlessness is the natural outgrowth of the rejection of heaven's standard of right—the ten commandments. The article by Mrs. E. G. White is, The Perils of the Last Days. Other contributions are, Two Grinding at the Mill; Turkey; and Jehovah's Arsenal.

A department of Scripture Study is opened; there are three short articles this month, The First Verse in the Bible; Thrones Were Cast Down; and The First Day of the Week.

The Mission Field department also has three articles, all of them interesting and instructive. On the Home and Health pages we find: Failure Not a Disgrace; Learning to Take Opposition; In the Kitchen; The Liquor Traffic; Why His Marriage Failed. The Scrap Book Column is resumed with its usual telling statements.

There are many other features to tell about; here are two of them: the illustrations, including the cover page in green and black; and two touching poems.

The thousands who read this announcement, who know and love the principles of truth which this issue of the *Watchman* bears, and who are looking for the last terrible struggle between law and lawlessness to be finished in the near future, are to place these papers in the hands of those who need their message. Order at once.

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THE BULLETIN

THE General Conference *Bulletin* will be issued this coming General Conference instead of publishing the reports through the *Review and Herald*. It will be published each day, using as many pages as necessary to give the reports. The price of the *Bulletin* for the entire session will be 50 cents. Place your order with your church missionary secretary.

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FIFTEEN MINUTES' STUDY

"AN authority states that fifteen minutes' study a day along one special line for seven years will make the student a specialist in the subject of his study. No matter how weary the burdens, nor how numerous the demands upon our time, fifteen minutes' Bible study each day is within the possibility of each person. Suppose you try the plan of studying the Sabbath-school lesson fifteen minutes each day. Try it for a week—a month—three months—and note the result."