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THE SMALL THINGS OF LIFE

THE small things of life are so often The mainspring that moves the world; And O! from what small beginnings The beauties of nature unfold! As down in the heart of the little green bud The beautiful rose lies curled, So down in the depths of the human soul Lies hidden a glorious life; And over and over in common things Eternal truths are told.

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BUILDING ON THE TRUE FOUNDATION (Concluded.)

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There are many who attend church, and hear the truth spoken; they see the claims of God, but they have some pet indulgence which they will not give up,— something which prevents them from judging candidly and wisely between the things of time and those of eternity. It makes little difference what this is, so long as it separates the soul from God.

We can make no selfish bargain with God; we can cling to no sin and retain his favor. Those who are building on the Rock, Christ Jesus, will follow none of the pernicious practises of the worldly or of the world-loving church member, but will search the Bible for themselves. God has given men reasoning powers for this purpose, that they may weigh evidence, and decide what is truth. No man's assertions can be taken on trust. The question is, What does the Lord say? His "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not" must be obeyed.

Thoroughness is necessary to success in the work of character-building. There must be an earnest purpose to carry out the plan of the Master-builder. The timbers used must be solid; and no careless, unreliable work can be accepted; it would ruin the building. The powers of the whole being are to be put into this work. It demands the strength and energy of manhood; there is no reserve to be wasted in unimportant matters. There must be earnest, careful, persevering effort to break away from the customs, maxims, and associations of the world. Deep thought, earnest purpose, steadfast integrity, are essential.

There must be no idleness. Life is an important thing, a sacred trust, and every moment should be wisely improved, for its results will be seen in eternity. God requires each one to do all the good possible. The talents which he has entrusted to our keeping are to be made the most of. He has placed them in our hands to be used to his name's glory, and in the interests of our fellow-men.

The Lord has precious promises in this life for those who keep his law. He says, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

But a better than earthly reward awaits those who, basing their work on the solid Rock, have built up symmetrical characters, in accordance with the living Word. For them is prepared "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Its streets are paved with gold. In it is the paradise of God, watered by the river of life, which proceeds from the throne. In the midst of the street, and on either side of the river, is the tree of life, which yields its fruit every month, "and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

Parents, teachers; students, remember that you are building for eternity. See that your foundation is sure; then build firmly, and with persistent effort, but in meekness; gentleness, love. So shall your house stand unshaken, not only when the storms of temptation come, but when the overwhelming flood of God's wrath shall sweep over the world. Then every house built upon the sand will fall, and great will be the fall thereof, for the work is for eternity.

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him."

Mrs. E. G. White.

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WRITE benefits on marble; injuries on sand.

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Lesson 1: "Christ Our Saviour," pp. 9-23. Introductory

I. WHAT position did Jesus occupy before he came to this earth?

2. How did he appear when men first beheld him?

3. What did Christ's life of toil show?

4. What lesson do you learn from Christ's conversation with the doctors?

5. What was his attitude toward his parents?

6. Write a paragraph concerning Christ's conduct at home when he was a child.

7. In the life of Jesus what comfort may he find whose family is divided against him because of his religious faith?

8. What value did Jesus attach to the Scriptures?

9. How were his leisure moments spent?

to. What can you say as to his perfection of character in his childhood and youth?

11. Observe the regard Jesus had for his mother.

12. By what will your future be decided? **Notes**

Few IN ISRAEL understood the nature of Christ's mission, but there was a widespread expectation that the Messiah would come, establishing his kingdom in Israel as a mighty prince, to whom all nations would be subject. Their sins had so separated them from God that he ceased to exercise his mighty power in their behalf, and, therefore, they had no power to maintain their national independence, but were subject to the Romans. It was freedom from the Roman yoke and not freedom from sin that they desired, consequently the way was prepared for the Jews to reject the Saviour.

PERVERTED SERVICES.— From the time that Adam and Eve were driven from the garden of Eden and brought their sacrificial offerings to its gate, down to the time when Jesus gave his life upon the cross to atone for the sins of the world, every one who was justified thereby, regarded his slain victim as only an emblem of the Lamb of God who was to take away the sin of the world. In this way he showed his faith in the coming Redeemer. But many came to regard the outward act, and not the inward faith, as of the greatest importance. Forms and ceremonies multiplied, until with the great majority religion was as a shell without the kernel.

It was little wonder then that the rabbis should be annoyed when the youthful Jesus disregarded their meaningless ceremonies, choosing rather the Word of God. "The very priests who ministered in the temple had lost sight of the significance of the service they performed. They had ceased to look beyond the symbol to the thing signified. In presenting the sacrificial offerings they were as actors in a play. The ordinances which God himself had appointed were made the means of blinding the mind and hardening the heart."

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TO THE HELP OF THE LORD (Concluded.)

THROUGH the spirit of prophecy the Lord has given us a view of the coming conflict. We quote the following: "In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by the banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An-angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: 'Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. . . . Let all who will, come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." The battle raged; victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, 'as when a standard-bearer fainteth.' ... The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle, and sending support to his soldiers. His power was mightly displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. . . . At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, 'The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus,' was gloriously triumphant. The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established."

In this great battle against the hosts of sin, are the ministers and workers in general the only ones to engage in the conflict? In Vol. 8, p. 246, we read: "If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, going on a warfare at their own charges, each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ." In the *Review* and *Herald* of Dec. 3, 1908, is the following: "The command of God is addressed to all the members of the church to use their powers in his service. . . Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. . . Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by him, will catch the steady trend of the events ordered by him to take place. Inspired by the Spirit of him who gave his life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that his omnipotence will supply their need."

In this great warfare "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12. We need not enter into the battle with carnal weapons, or in our own strength, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." 2 Cor. 10:4.

In the closing conflict the people of Godthe true church, the remnant church-are to be brought into close conflict with the kingdoms of earth. What Satan fails to do by deception to lead the church of God astray, he endeavors to accomplish by using the kingdoms of earth as his agents and abettors to force a surrender. Against such the Lord in mercy has sent a message of warning. Rev. 14:9-12. This message develops a people who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The Lord has intrusted to us the giving of this message to all the world. Now, while the angels are holding the four winds of heaven until the servants of God are sealed, and while the efforts to secure the enactment of Sunday laws are evidently in a large measure being defeated, shall we not buckle on the armor and prepare for another onslaught of the enemy against religious freedom? Shall we not give the message a certain sound by placing Liberty in the homes of our neighbors and friends? Let us now, as never before, make a complete consecration of all to God. Let all, ministers, workers, and lay members, come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty in this closing conflict. Then soon the battle will be fought, the victory won, and those who remain faithful unto the end will dwell in the eternal kingdom of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Edward L. Iles,

Religious Liberty Sec. Ala. Conf.

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HAVE I? HAVE YOU?

THE restless millions wait for light, Which dawning maketh all things new, And Christ doth wait; But men are slow and late; Have we done all we could?

Have I? Have you?

If to-morrow's mail should announce the publishing of present truth closed forever, would you feel your duty done? Are you saying to yourself, "There is plenty of time yet"? Are you excusing yourself on the grounds that your talents are too great to be spent in the canvassing field? Listen: "Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly, are the ones who should be selected."

There are many men and women who think they love the closing message, but who are still idle in the market place; not because they have not been asked to work in the vineyard, but because they will not do the work that seems open to them. Many a talented person will have no ripened sheaves only because they stand idle in the market place. Well may we ask, "Is it ~I?"

C. F. PARMELE.

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INSTITUTE IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

THE canvassers' institute conducted during the last ten days of February was an inspiration to those who attended, and we were sorry that the attendance was limited to about fifteen; for the blessings of such opportunities are needed by all our people.

The labors of Brethren A. F. Harrison and C. F. Dart were much appreciated, not only in the regular institute work, but in the Sabbath services. They told of the rise and progress of the message, and of the importance of *every believer* having a definite part in the work. It was shown how all may assist in giving the message by circulating the truth through the printed page.

It would be surprising to see the results if each member would devote spare moments and hours in getting our publications before the people in the form of our books, periodicals, and tracts. This would do much in bringing the "loud cry" of this message and *finishing* the work that God has given us to do. Let us watch for these opportunities and improve them.

Two were in attendance from outside the city; one was one of our former successful agents, whom we were glad to learn has decided to again take up the work in this field.

While only a few of those in attendance expect to be able to devote their full time to selling our literature, yet a number are planning to work their respective neighborhoods during hours that can be spared from their home duties. We believe success will attend their earnest efforts.

The Bible institute that commenced in the early part of last December, and gave way for the canvassers' institute, has also proved a great blessing to those who were able to attend regularly. While all could not attend that would have been glad to do so, yet we had a good class that were willing to do faithful work in studying the Bible and church history, with other subjects that formed a part of our class work.

These efforts have not only proved a blessing to those who attended each day, but also to others of the church, as several more members attended occasionally, as they had opportunity. We are in need, in this conference, of an intermediate school or academy where our young people can receive a proper education and training to prepare them for a definite place in the Lord's work.

> E. G. HAYES. *ussville* Kv

116 E. Jacob St., Louisville, Ky.

REPORT OF PROGRESS

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE CAN-VASSING REPORT

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Conf.	Agots	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Deliv.
La	7	583	248	\$695.95	\$228.70
Ala	16	854	222	407.65	421.90
Miss	8	732	370	599.15	133.50
Ку	7	327	149	179.90	117.65
Tenn. River	10	620	290	522.90	170.65

18 973 331 \$966.65 \$451.80 By comparing the two reports as given above, you will note the difference in the workdone last year, and the gratifying results of the present year's showing. These two reports require little comment, but we are sure of one thing: that the Lord is working with his people, and will continue to do so, if we will be faithful in our own work. Let this good work go on up to Dec. 31, 1909, and then let us compare the work of this year with last year.

Brother Harrison says, "I am now at Birmingham. Brother Keate and I are drilling a fine class of workers at this place. Four or five will enter the work." EDITOR.

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Tithes and Offerings for February

Bowling Green	\$10.75
Grove	28.28
Henderson	14. 8 1
Louisville No 2	28.40
McKinney	7.03
Richmond	6.50
Rio	46.00
Sand Hill	17.50
Offerings	
Foreign Work	.85
First-day Offerings	4.40
Religious Liberty	11.28
Annual Offerings	4 .2 6
Report of Progress	3.50
Sabbath-school Offerings	16.34
Special Review	5.50
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EXPERIENCES FOR FEBRUARY IN LOUISIANA

BROTHER CHATMAN is still confined to his bed with stomach trouble, but is slowly improving.

The Bible work in New Orleans has been considerably hindered by the carnival festivities this month; but Sisters Young, Wilson, and Walker all express hope that they will find more people with time to read after this.

Brother Hanson has been having interesting meetings at Shreveport this month. His wife has arrived to assist him in the work.

The New Orleans church No. 2 is preparing to enjoy the institute which is to be held in March.

Brother S. B. Norred writes from Hodge, La., that they expect to start a Sabbath-school there in a short time. Brother Cheek tells of calls for meetings in the county where he has been canvassing. Who says canvassing does not pay? or does not bring people into the truth?

How many copies of the Gospel Sentinel have you ordered? There is nothing better with which to do missionary work right around home. Order five copies for a year and give them to your neighbors. You will have stars in your crown as a result.

Camp-meeting at Alexandria, July 22-31, this year. Get ready now to attend. Arrange all your business to come and bring all your children. This place was chosen so that all the scattered brethren in the north part of the state could attend. We hope all will come.

We have been able to send Brother Coleman another hundred dollars on the note that we owe him. I am sure all will be glad to know this. Let us keep up the emergency fund offering each fourth Sabbath till this is all settled. We still have \$436.75 of this debt to pay.

Our offerings for missions for two months this year have exceeded the whole amount given in 1907.

Sister Rees is working heroically to increase the attendance in our Sabbath-schools, and to secure the entire donation for missions. Let us all heartily co-operate in this work.

Remember our effort this year is to secure one new Sabbath-keeper for each member in the state. God expects every Seventh-day Adventist to do his duty. Scatter tracts, papers, and books like the leaves of autumn. E. L. MAXWELL.

LOUISIANA

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SABBATH, April 3, a collection will be taken in all the churches and companies in Louisiana, to provide a fund for sending *Liberty* to the members of the Legislature, and to the district judges and attorneys.

Can we not all lift at this time and make up a good-sized sum for this work? A strong educational campaign will do much to prevent the encroachments of religious legislation in Louisiana. E. L. MAXWELL.

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At a recent meeting of the Bible League, the Rev. Archibald Brown said that the Higher Criticism could no longer be regarded as a scholastic or a reliable asset on the side of Bible study and research, but must be dealt with as the most subtle foe the church of Christ has ever been called upon to withstand.

The report of the League states that: "The battle is not only being fought on the secular and religious press, but also in ministerial fraternals and in Christian committee rooms. It is no uncommon experience for those who stand by the Bible in its entirety as the inspired and infallible Word of God, to be called upon to endure the ridicule of 'fellow-workers' in the cause of Christ, and not a few are finding it increasingly necessary to separate themselves from association with those who do not hesitate to question openly the authority of Holy Scripture."

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending March 6, 1909						
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ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
K Skidmore 6w			194	25	\$82	10
M L Ivory			16	50	3	00
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J W Hicks					6	30
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C L Collisonn		24	36		19	45
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
H C Balsbaugh		32		60	6	00
C H Chenault		42		75	7	25
Carrie Goldcamp		16		50		
R H Hazelton		36		75	I	50
Mrs M E McCaugha		22		00		
C H McColrey		8		00	-	50
J S Moore		37		9 0		65
Mamie Moore		32	18	50		35
Mrs Nora Parker					-	80
Ben Romines		32		25		25
Chas Romines		38	-	75		75
W J Keelew		27	29	96	29	96
SUMMARY						
Alabama Conference			258	• •	85	
Kentucky Conference			79		27	_
Louisiana Conference		-		30	-	30
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SINCE our last issue there has come to our desk a copy of *Field Tidings*, the newly-started missionary paper of the Southeastern Union Conference. It is printed bi-weekly by the Southern Training School, Graysville, Tenn., with Prof. M. B. Van Kirk as editor, and Mrs. Mettie S. Lenker assistant editor. It is filled with interesting reports from the workers in its field, and we trust it will prove a real means of encouragement and help to the cause it represents.

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ALABAMA PAPER WORKERS

Report for February

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Name	Paper	Hrs.	Orders	Value
Miss May Vaughn	.B.T.S.	58	657	\$65.70
Miss Lula A Smith				
Miss Abbie Burdine w	ATCH.	101/2	2 87	8:70
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THE offerings of the church have been in many instances more numerous than her prayers. The missionary movement is far in advance of the missionary spirit. Earnest prayers have not, like sharp sickles, followed the workers into the harvest field.—Unpublished Testimony. Isa. 58:2-4, 10.

REPORT OF PROGRESS



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NOTICE OF INSTITUTES

THERE will be a canvassers' institute at Corbin, Ky., beginning March 24, 1909, and continuing two weeks or longer. Following this we will hold one for two weeks at Mc-Kinney, Ky., commencing about April 15, 1909. Address me at Corbin, Ky.

C. F. DART, Field Agent.

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LIBERTY MAGAZINE

LIBERTY is an illustrated quarterly magazine of religious freedom. Note its exclusive features: The only magazine of its kind in the world; Is opposed to any union of the church with the state; Is a Christian champion of the rights of conscience; Defends genuine Bible Protestantism; Uses timely cartoons to picture religious fallacies; Contains a breezy temperance department.

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A GOOD SUGGESTION

How to get every member of the church to work with our missionary literature is a very important question. The publication of the Gospel Sentinel has opened an avenue for many to work. One state missionary volunteer secretary has adopted the following plan, and we believe it is a good suggestion. She ordered 200 copies of the paper; these cost her \$1.00. Out of this number the junior members of her local society are to sell at least twenty copies for five cents each. This will pay for the entire shipment, and will leave the members free to distribute the other 180 papers gratuitously. The dollar will then be sent in for another lot of papers. Does not this appeal to every missionary worker as a most feasible plan for securing abundant returns, thereby greatly multiplying the value of \$1.00? Can you suggest anything better? If not, try this.

One of the largest tract societies in the United States has just sent out the following announcement concerning this paper: "Here is the opportunity the children have been looking for. We would like to see the children handling this paper, selling it at two cents per copy. We believe it can be done. How would you like to try it? We would suggest that you subscribe for a club for six months, and then divide it among the children. Now children, let us show the older people and young folks what we can do!" This is another good suggestion.

In clubs, the Gospel Sentinel is only 25c per copy for one year; or one-half cent per copy when large quantities of one issue are ordered. The Gospel Sentinel is not a child's paper, but it is full of short, pointed articles. Address Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

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"PLEASURE is seldom found where it is sought. Our brightest times of gladness are often made by unexpected things."

IT IS IN THE BOOK

OVER in the Balkans, where the war-clouds have been threatening, the message for the hour is making its way. A Rumanian, a Baptist, who could not read, had his attention drawn to the Sabbath truth by some of our brethren.

He went to the elder of his church, and said, "Will you please read to me the Sunday out of the Bible? I have heard them read so much about the seventh-day Sabbath from the Bible."

His pastor replied, "My brother, I am sorry I am unable to grant your request. I cannot read to you about keeping Sunday in the Bible."

"From now on," replied the Baptist brother, "I will keep that day which can be read out of the Bible."

The truth of God can be read out of his holy Word. W. A. SPICER.

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CRECUMSTANCES cannot work reforms. Christianity purposes a reformation in the heart. What Christ works within, will be worked out under the dictation of a converted intellect. The plan of beginning outside and trying to work inward has always failed, and always will fail. God's plan with you is to begin at the very seat of all difficulties, the heart, and then from out of the heart will issue the principles of righteousness; the reformation will be outward as well as inward.— Special Testimony. Phil. 2:12, 13.

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THERE are many whose religion consists in activities. They want to be engaged in, and have the credit of doing, some great work, while the little graces that go to make up a lovely Christian character are entirely overlooked. The busy, bustling service, which gives the impression that one is doing some wonderful work, is not acceptable to God. It is a Jehu spirit, which says, "Come, see my zeal for the Lord." It is gratifying to self; it feeds a self-complacent feeling; but all the while the soul may be defiled with the plaguespot of unsubdued, uncontrolled selfishness.— Signs of the Times.

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THE scheme of salvation is not to be worked out under the laws and rules specified by men. There must be no fixed rules; our work is a progressive work, and there must be room left for methods to be improved upon. But under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, unity must and will be preserved.—*Review and Herald*.

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THERE is plenty of animal machinery at work. Christ in truth is advocated, but is not presented; and for this reason the truth is dishonored by the very ones who advocate it. --Unpublished Testimony.

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IF there is anything in our world that should inspire enthusiasm, it is the cross of Calvary. --Special Testimony.