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## UNANSWERED

UNANSWERED yet? But you are not unheeded; The promises of God forever stand; To him our days and years alike are equal. "Have faith in God!" It is your Lord's command; Hold on to Jacob's angel, and your prayer Shall bring a blessing down, sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say unanswered; Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done. The work began when first your prayer was uttered, And God will finish what he has begun. Keep incense burning at the shrine of prayer, And glory shall descend, sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered; Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock, Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted, Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock. She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer, And cries, "It shall be done, sometime, somewhere."

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE presence and agency of the Holy Spirit should be recognized, sought, cherished, and gratefully acknowledged; for upon this agency the church is dependent for prosperity, progress and power. Without it our prayers are not answered, the ceremonies of worship are formal and powerless, and the preaching of the gospel is comparatively in vain. The terrors of Sinai and the sweet accents of Calvary, divested of living power, fall upon listless ears, and the hearers remain insensible under the discipline of mercies and judgments.

Every thoughtful Christian knows that when the Spirit of God is present in a congregation, Christians are instinct with life, they labor for Christ, they agonize for souls, they bear the cross cheerfully, devise and execute plans for the glory of God; they consecrate themselves, with all that they possess, to the service of Christ; they co-operate cheerfully in every good work, and the preaching of the

gospel becomes the power of God in conversion and sanctification. But when the Spirit of God is not present, Christians are characterized by spiritual insensibility, they are not active and devoted, their prayers are listless and formal, they complain of the burden of the cross, they turn aside from the straight and narrow way, and seek a path to heaven strewn with flowers; they devise no liberal plans for usefulness, and oppose those devised by others, they withhold their gifts from the treasury of the Lord and invest their substance in stocks, mortgages, and bonds. But the church languishes, the benevolent agencies are not pushed vigorously, the treasury of the Lord is not filled, colleges and seminaries are not endowed, expediency is made the rule of action, prodential maxims constitute the standard of morality, the ritual and the form are the chief manifestations of Christianity. Religion is an incident, rather than an essential element of life, and in reference to the great interests of the soul, immortality and retribution, the relation of cause and effect.—*Selected.*



## JUNIOR READING COURSE

### Lesson 12: "Christ Our Saviour," pp. 39-58. From Childhood to Manhood

1. WHY did Herod want to know where the infant Jesus was?
  2. Observe Joseph's prompt obedience. How did God provide for the expenses of their journey?
  3. Note Herod's cruelty and his fate.
  4. How many times in this lesson are we told that an angel instructed men? Heaven is no farther away to-day.
  5. Where was Jesus brought up? Note the reputation of Nazareth. John 1:46. What lesson for you does this contain?
  6. How did the youthful Jesus spend his time and money?
  7. Describe the wonderful scene beside the Jordan at Christ's baptism.
- #### The Temptation
8. Why did Christ undergo such a fierce temptation on the point of appetite?
  9. In the second temptation, note the dif-

ference between faith and presumption.

10. What is comprehended in the third great temptation?

#### Early Ministry

11. When Jesus returned to the Jordan, with what words did John call the attention of the people to him?

12. In the wonderful miracle of turning the water into wine, what was symbolized? What did the water typify? The wine?

13. How do you regard the reason for which Christ's hearers at Nazareth rejected him?

#### Teachings of Jesus

14. Contrast the religion of the Jews and the religion Jesus came to restore.

15. What was Christ's attitude toward the law? Toward the Sabbath?

16. What miracle did Jesus perform at the pool of Bethesda?

#### Notes

HEROD was not a personal name, but the name of a family or a surname. This family came into power in Judea during the time just preceding the destruction of the Jewish nation. In the Scriptures we find a number of these Herods spoken of. Although of foreign descent they were Jewish in religion. Herod the Great was the second son of Antipater, an Idumean who was appointed procurator of Judea by Julius Cæsar, 47 B. C. At the time of his father's elevation Herod the Great, although but a youth, was made governor of Galilee, and, later, king of Judea. His domestic life was strewn with endless troubles. He murdered many of his own household, but the crowning act of his almost unparalleled cruelties was the slaying of the innocent babes of Bethlehem. He died an awful death in the year 4 A. D. "Though he had married ten wives, and had nine sons and five daughters, yet within one hundred years, not a relative of the great Herodian family was left to curse the earth."

JOHN THE BAPTIST, the forerunner of the Messiah, was the son of Zacharias the priest, to whom the angel Gabriel announced that his wife Elizabeth should bear him a son whose name should be called John. He should "go before the face of the Lord to prepare his

way." John, a cousin of Jesus, was six months his senior. Because John was a fearless reprover of sin, he was cast into prison by Herod Antipas, a son of Herod the Great, to gratify the revengeful heart of Herodias, and by Antipas he was beheaded. Read Mark 6:17-28.

Jesus paid a wonderful tribute to John when he said, "Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist." "Not Enoch, who was translated to heaven; not Elijah, who ascended in a chariot of fire, was greater or more honored than John the Baptist, who perished alone in the dungeon."

### GADSDEN, ALA.

LAST summer Brethren D. E. Blake and Geo. E. Peters pitched the tent in Gadsden. Quite a company accepted the truths of God's Word, and began the observance of the commandments of God. Brother Blake being called to connect with the work in Nashville, Tenn., Brother Peters remained to carry on the good work begun.

Several new ones have accepted the truth during the winter. Believing that the time had come to organize them into a church, I went there Wednesday, March 17, and remained over until Monday morning, March 22. I found the company well posted in the Bible truths, and trying to live up to the light received. I dwelt quite fully upon the foundation principles of the third angel's message: the true church, its organization, officers, and work.

Sabbath was a good day. The time was occupied in the forenoon on the Sabbath-school work, and in the afternoon on Young People's work. A very appropriate and instructive programme had been prepared for each occasion. All did well in the work assigned them.

Sunday I organized the church with twenty members. Everything passed off harmoniously, and we rejoice that another twenty earnest members have been added to the believers in Alabama. All present enjoyed the meetings, and felt that the Lord had taken charge and could set his seal to all that had been done and said. We believe this new church will grow, as all seem alive to the situation, and interested in the one great object for the organized church—to finish the work in this generation.

Brother and Sister Peters will join Brother and Sister J. H. Lawrence in a tent effort in Pensacola, Fla., early in April. They may work some of the cities in the southern part of Alabama. May the Lord bless the efforts of these young workers, and may many more of their people be gathered out of darkness into the glorious light of the third angel's message.

A. J. HAYSMER.

### TO-DAY'S MAIL

It does me so much good to read the good letters from the canvassers, that I will pass along a few extracts which came in to-day's mail.

"Brother ——— has beat me this week, but I don't think he has had any richer experiences than I have. I praise the Lord for his goodness to me."

"My report is a little better this week, and I am praising the Lord for success. I find the people here remarkably friendly for city people. There is no trouble to get into the best houses."

"The Lord wonderfully blessed our efforts to place the orders. I tell you I am full of courage in the Lord's work. The Lord gave me words to speak and helped me in taking orders for 'Daniel and the Revelation.' The Lord is good to me, and I can't help but praise his holy name."

"We are certainly of good courage, and have had such a good time. We spent a pleasant Sabbath with a man to whom I sold 'Daniel and the Revelation' last fall. He is greatly interested in the prophecies, and is wanting to hear some of our ministers preach."

"We are having some good experiences. I sold a prominent man a *Watchman*. He looked it over and asked, 'Is this literature the same as published by the Pacific Press? Does it contain Mrs. White's writings?' I said, 'Yes.' He then said, 'I want it.' I am of good courage and am so thankful to the Lord for his watch-care and for the privilege of working for him."

The spirit these letters breathe is what moves the work along. May many more catch this spirit and take up the work.

C. F. DART.

McKinney, Ky.

### LOUISIANA CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

WE have just closed one of the best canvassers' institutes ever held in this state. While the attendance was not so large as it should have been, they were practically all new workers.

For various reasons nearly all were several days late in arriving, but as Brother Harrison was prepared to stay two weeks, we put in seven days' solid work after they came.

From the first the interest was good and continued to increase during the meeting. The good Spirit of the Lord was manifest in each meeting to a marked degree. One brother said the meeting was worth more to him than hundreds of dollars. Another stated in testimony that he had attended many camp-meetings in the North and West, but none so rich in experiences to him as this institute.

Some whom we had not expected would do so will now take up the work. As a result of this institute there will probably be six or eight to enter the work soon.

Let us all pray earnestly for the success of these new workers and that the Lord may send still more laborers into this field.

Now this institute has cost quite a large sum in railroad fares and board. We desire to make an urgent appeal, not only to those who have subscribed different amounts to the canvassers' fund, but to all others to send in

a liberal donation for this work to Mrs. C. A. Saxby, Woodlawn, La.

I. T. REYNOLDS, *Field Missiary Agent*.  
Pineville, La.

### LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

ON Sabbath, March 20, the company at Lake Charles was organized into a church, with Brother S. C. Saxby as elder and Brother E. L. Wells deacon. Sister Emma Frank was chosen clerk and treasurer.

The membership of the company is eleven, with some others to be added later. One was baptized, and the elder and deacon were ordained.

A neat, well-furnished church has been built, and is nearly paid for and finished. Brother J. E. Hanson, who labored in Lake Charles last fall, assisted in the organization.

E. L. MAXWELL.

### TO CHURCH OFFICERS AND LIBRARIANS

WE have received some orders for the General Conference *Bulletin*, but not nearly as many as we had hoped for. We have received a letter from the General Conference missionary secretary, and we will publish it, and ask for a careful reading of its contents, and let us try and see if we cannot secure a goodly number of orders to be sent in, not later than the middle of April. The price is small, fifty cents for about twenty-eight to thirty numbers:—

"About the first of the year we wrote you in regard to the General Conference *Bulletin*, and now we come to you again with the same burden. The orders are not coming in as they should. The time is drawing near when we shall be required to make application for the entry of the *Bulletin* as second-class matter of mail. We will, therefore, need a large number of subscriptions with which to get it entered. We fear our people will defer sending in their orders until just about the time of the beginning of the conference. This delay will be a great disadvantage to the General Conference in many ways; besides, coming in at the very last moment when everything is in a rush, there are sure to be mistakes and delays that will bring disappointment to those who get their orders in late. So we again appeal to you, and solicit another fresh outburst of eloquence from your voice and pen, in behalf of immediately ordering the General Conference *Bulletin*."

The members of the General Conference Committee are laying plans for the largest and most important session of the General Conference ever held. Our people, everywhere, are expecting that a great advance in our work will be made in this general assembly of our workers from all parts of the world. We believe all the heavenly hosts are also greatly interested in this gathering of message-bearers, and that the days between May 13 and June 6, 1909, will mark the beginning of advance movements, the report of which none of our people can afford to miss. We are urging that as far as possible every company or

church arrange to meet as a body, or in companies, every evening during the session of the General Conference, and read, consider, and talk over the reports of the proceedings, as given in the *Bulletin*. This will surely prove most beneficial, and by the time the conference is over, the actions and plans there taken will be thoroughly grasped, and understood by our people in all parts of the country.

D. W. REAVIS.

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

**Tithe for March, 1909**

McKinney .....	\$116.38
Louisville No. 2.....	107.96
Henderson .. .. .	21.78
Individual .. .. .	1.10

Total .. .. . \$247.22

**Offerings received for March**

First-day Offerings .....	\$ 1.57
Religious Liberty .....	10.66
Second Sabbath Offering.....	5.45
Sabbath-School .. .. .	3.84
Special Review .. .. .	3.83

Total .. .. . \$25.35

Mrs. CLARA RUSSELL, *Treas.*

**THE SABBATH WAS KEPT BY OUR FIRST PARENTS**

THIS fact has always been believed and taught by Seventh-day Adventists on the scriptural ground that the "Sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27), and that it was made and "sanctified," or *set apart*, and the nature, uses, objects, and purposes thereof, *made known* to our first parents in the garden of Eden. Gen. 2:1-3; 2 Kings 10:20; Neh. 12:47, margin.

John Kitto, in his "History of the Bible," after speaking of the creation of Eve, says: "This was certainly the last act of the whole creation, which by the almighty power of God, was made perfect in the space of six days; at the close of which the great Creator took a survey of the whole, and pronounced it good, or properly adapted to the uses for which it was intended. The next day (which was the seventh from the beginning of the creation) God set apart as a solemn rest from his labors. He blessed and sanctified it; and to impress mankind with a just sense of his infinite wisdom, power, and goodness, ordered it ever after to be kept sacred."

In a foot-note to this paragraph he further says: "Thus was the seventh day appointed by God, from the very beginning of the world, to be observed as a day of rest by mankind in memory of the great benefits received in the formation of the universe. It has been a question among the learned, whether any Sabbath was observed before the promulgation of the law by Moses; but the most judicious commentators agree that Adam and Eve constantly observed the seventh day, and dedicated it in a peculiar manner to the service of the Almighty; and that the first Sabbath, which Philo (one of the most ancient writers) calls the birth-day of the world, was

celebrated in Paradise itself, which pious custom, being transmitted from our first parents to their posterity, became, in time, so general, that the same Philo calls it the universal festival of mankind. Why are not all men willing to acknowledge a truth so self-evident?"

**AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAYER**

EPHESIANS 3:20 is a good watchword for our encouragement. There we learn that God is able to do—

- All that we ask.
- All that we ask or think.
- Above all that we ask or think.
- Abundantly above all that we ask or think.
- Exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think.

How the apostle emphasizes the power of God to answer prayer.—*Missionary Review*.

To DRIFT through an idle or aimless life is not to be like Christ. The child has been described as "a bundle of possibilities." These possibilities are to be developed in the school of Christ, and used in living a well-ordered, godly life, and of service for God and humanity.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do, and loads to lift."

But the compensation will be ample when we "awake in His likeness,"—the likeness of the risen, glorified Christ.—*Miss E. J. Burnham*.

**HABITUAL CONDUCT**

CHARACTER is not determined by a single act, but by habitual conduct. It is a fabric made up of thousands of threads, and put together by uncounted stitches. Some characters are stoutly sewed; others are only basted. A Christian ought not only to have his spiritual garments well sewed, but kept clean; in fact, as a representative of Jesus Christ, he ought to present such an attractive apparel before the world that others should say to him, "Where did you get this? I want one just like it?"

**PAYING DEBTS**

NEGLECTING to pay debt will ruin anybody's spiritual influence, blind the soul to clear moral obligation, undermine any religious life, and render a person unfit to be used by the Lord, in spite of the greatest gifts or the most thrilling experiences in religion.

If any who read this are slack about paying their debts, begin at once to pray earnestly that the Lord will awaken you to its true magnitude and to inspire you with perfect integrity to begin at once the settling up of all financial matters in perfect righteousness, and you will find God will begin to bless you, both inwardly and outwardly.—*Selected*.

"WHEN self-righteousness gets up in the night to pray, nobody else can sleep."

**CANVASSING REPORT**

For Week Ending March 20, 1909

**Southern Union Conference**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
<b>ALABAMA CONFERENCE</b>				
W C Wales.....	BFL	20	12 00	13 00
K Skidmore.....	BFL	36		16 00
M L Ivory.....	BFL	51	16 00	19 85
I W Peary.....	BFL	29	23 85	23 85
Carl Matthews .....		6	6 00	

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

M J Weber.....	BFL	10	1 00	27 50
Z S Arey.....	BFL	30		9 15
H E Beck.....	D&R	45	34 85	7 75
M Wheeler .....	D&R	44	51 05	4 30
Charlsey Allran .....	BFL	40	22 35	1 35
Mrs Alice Reynolds.....	BFL	40	17 75	50

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

E Booth .....	CK	10	15 00	5 00
Wm Olmsted .....	MOFN	9	6 00	6 00
Jno Harzman .....	MOFN	14	11 50	1 50
O F Frank 2w.....	GC	38	73 55	15 50
A B Cheek.....	D&R	34	22 20	2 20
C L Collison.....	BR D&R	49	108 00	150 00
H C Bagley.....	GC	34	16 65	7 65
J N Steed.....	GC	34	39 95	4 20

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

J S Fry.....	D&R	41	73 00	7 00
A C Maddock.....	D&R	44	51 00	2 50
H G Miller.....	D&R	15	25 75	1 35
W H Haddon.....	MOFN	34	10 50	3 50
Mary E Mundy.....	BFL	16	7 80	
Celestia Wilson .....	BFL	30	14 90	7 15
Delia Wilson .....	stoc	2		3 00
Virgil Smith .....	dofa	24	20 00	

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	27	3 20	36 40
Carrie Goldcamp .....	BFL	19	23 20	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	36	23 75	
M E McCaughan.....	BFL	22	17 50	
J S Moore.....	D&R	40	7 35	2 25
Mamie Moore .....	D&R	35	36 00	1 10

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conference.....	142	57 85	72 70
Kentucky Conference.....	209	127 00	50 55
Louisiana Conference.....	218	202 85	192 05
Mississippi Conference...	206	202 95	24 50
Tennessee River Conf....	179	110 90	39 75

Total .. .. . 954 791 55 379 55

**OBITUARY**

MANY friends and workers in the cause are left to mourn the loss of Sister Kessiah Latham of Tuscaloosa, Ala. She leaves a husband and four children, the youngest being just one day old at the time of her death.

She had been an active worker, distributing papers, etc., at the railway depots. The last few days of her life were especially marked by her complete resignation to the will of her heavenly Father. The hope of the coming Life-giver was precious to her. Truly, she rests from her labors. Rev. 14:13. GEORGE W. BROWN.

If you find competition close, try asking Christ to be your business partner.

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## BY WAY OF REMINDER

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## NOTICE

THE canvassers' institute announced for McKinney, Ky., to continue two weeks, beginning April 15, will be changed to Millidgeville, Ky., one mile from Moreland station on the Q. & C. Railroad.

C. F. DART, *Field Missionary.*

## WANTED

TO CORRESPOND with a Seventh-day Adventist sister who desires a permanent home with family of two.

MRS. W. J. J. JORDAN.

Bowling Green, Ky.

## IMPORTANT ARTICLES

BESIDES the articles by Professor Rine on Spiritualism, which will begin April 14 in the *Signs of the Times* (weekly); besides a very interesting series of articles from Professor Howell on The Bible in Greece, giving one a wonderful knowledge of that country and people; besides nearly a score of very excellent articles from Mrs. E. G. White, we have just received six special ones from her pen:—

God in Nature (two articles).

A Personal God.

God Is Our Father (two articles).

Christian Growth.

These are articles of specially striking interest, touching upon one of the great mooted questions of the present day: Is God in Nature? What has he to do with it? Are Nature's laws God's laws? Can we obtain a complete revelation of God in Nature? These things are clearly set forth in these articles by Mrs. White. This special series that we have named will begin with the first issue in May. They ought to be read by all. Besides these, there will be splendid practical articles on Christian godliness from her pen every week.

"God accepts faith at the cross, but he will demand character at the judgment."

## THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR

A SECOND edition of the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* has been printed, making a total of one hundred thousand copies of this issue. This number of the *Instructor* will not get out of date, and may be used during the entire summer by individual canvassers, and especially in temperance rallies and such gatherings. One cannot make a mistake in taking a definite stand for the cause of temperance.

# THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR



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From the spirit of prophecy we read: "This work requires thought, and tact, and a broad knowledge of the Bible. . . . We should uplift the standard of temperance from a Christian point of view, showing that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and bringing to the minds of the people the responsibility resting upon them as God's purchased possession to make mind and body a holy temple, fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. When temperance is presented as a part of the gospel, many will see their need of reform. They will see the evil of intoxicating liquors, and that abstinence is the only platform on which God's people can conscientiously stand. As this instruction is given, people will become interested in other lines of Bible study."—*Testimony, Vol. 7, p. 75.*

## SHEET MUSIC

WE have received at this office copies of a new sacred song entitled, "Will You?" The cover design is in three colors, and the sentiment of the piece is excellent. Written for piano and voice. All profits of the sale of this music are devoted to the Southern work.

Regular 25c music, special price 15c per copy.

Address Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

## CHINA'S MILLIONS

THE people of China number four hundred million. Older people cannot comprehend this number, much less can children. But if we just think that every fourth person living on this earth is a Chinaman, it gives us some idea of how many Chinese there are. As you sit at the window and watch the people pass, think that each person passing represents a Chinaman. If all the people in the world were to pass before you, there would be three of other nationalities, and then one Chinese, then again three of other nations, and one Chinese, and so on.

Only a very few of these people have ever heard the gospel story. They do not know what the love of Jesus means. Let us send our prayers to God's throne for his blessing on our missionaries, while we send our gifts to the Mission Board.

## HOW THEY SUFFER IN AFRICA

THE late Bishop William Taylor narrated the following:—

"I saw a woman who had been accused of witchcraft, and condemned to a death by ferocious ants. She was bound to an ant hill—often from ten to fifteen feet high—and kept there all day. The cries of her infant were such as to cause her release at night. The victim usually dies in two days, but this woman was bound and tortured for five days, and then driven away because 'she was too hard to kill.' She crawled in a terrible condition to the mission station, and the missionary told me she was the most pitiful sight he ever beheld. After careful nursing for months, she recovered, and this woman so terribly scarred and disfigured, was converted. The recital of such scenes may seem terrible to civilized nerves, but how much more so is the endurance of them by millions of helpless human beings? 'Jesus Christ came to destroy the work of the devil.' Pray daily that Africa shall speedily know him whom to know aright is life eternal."

"THE man who undertakes to lie down in green pastures of wealth, station, or fame, never gets any rest there. All such pastures are only in imagination, and fade before they can satisfy. You cannot give a man money enough to make him contented and happy. The more he gets the more he wants; but not so with God's green pastures. They always satisfy. And then it is not a green pasture, but green pastures; there are many of them, and there is only one of me."

"THOSE who have the deepest experience in the things of God are the farthest removed from pride or self-exaltation. It is when men have the most exalted conceptions of the glory and excellence of Christ that self is abased, and they feel that the lowest place in his service is too honorable for them."