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SHINE WHERE YOU ARE

Don't waste your time in longing For bright impossible things; Don't sit supinely yearning For the swiftest of angel wings; Don't spurn to be a rushlight Because you are not a star; But brighten some bit of darkness By shining just where you are. There is need of the tiniest candle, As well as the garish sun; The humblest deed is ennobled When it is worthily done; You may never be called to brighten The darkened regions afar; So fill, for the day, your mission, By shining just where you are.

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PREVAILING FAITH

"FAITH," the apostle says, "is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The faith of the Christian rests on the Word of God, which is a lamp to the feet of his people. Following its rays, they walk in the light; but those who reject the light, determining not to hear and obey, will be left in the darkness of error.

The day of God's vengeance is just before us. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time shall thy people be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

When the time of trouble comes, every case will have been decided. No longer will probation linger; no longer will there be mercy for the impenitent. Our own course of action is determining whether we shall be destroyed with the workers of iniquity, or delivered with the people of God. The Lord is willing to help us. While his face "is against them that do evil," his eyes are "upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

What we need now is a living, active faith in God. You do not know, dear reader, that you will live one day longer. You cannot call one hour your own. You do not know

how soon death may feel for your heart-strings. Will you, then, let envy, hatred, and jealousy live in your hearts? or have you gained one precious attainment after another until pride, malice, and selfishness have been swept away, and there remain the graces of the Spirit—meekness, forbearance, gentleness, charity? God will help every one of us, if we will take hold of the help he has provided.

This is an individual work. Every man is to build over against his own house. You have nothing to do with the sins of others, but you have much to do with yourself. Take your Bibles, and in humble faith send your petition to God. Do not rest day or night until you can say, Hear what the Lord hath done for me—until you can bear a living testimony, and tell of victories won.

Jacob wrestled with the angel all night before he gained the victory. When morning broke, the angel said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." But Jacob answered, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Then his prayer was answered. "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob," the angel said, "but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men and hast prevailed."

When the test on Mount Carmel was over, and God had answered by fire, then it was that the prophet "went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees"an attitude indicating deep humility and earnest supplication. Time after time Elijah sent his servant to see if in answer to his prayer a cloud was to be seen. At the seventh time the servant returned with the word: "There ariseth a litle cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." Did Elijah stand back and say, I will not receive this evidence; I will wait until the heavens gather blackness? - No; he ventured all upon that token from the Lord, and sent his messenger to tell Ahab that there was a sound of abundance of rain.

We need the perseverance of Jacob, and the unyielding faith of Elijah—faith that will take hold, and will not let go. Inspiration tells us that Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, yet the Lord heard his prayer. And why should not the Lord be

entreated in behalf of his people to-day? He will; for heaven is not closed against the fervent prayer of the righteous. The only reason for our lack of power with God is to be found in ourselves.

By many, such a faith as these mighty men of God had in times past is considered old-fashioned; it is pronounced absurd, mystical, and unworthy of an intelligent mind. Unbelief of the truths of God's Word, because human judgment cannot comprehend the mysteries of his work, is found in every community, in all ranks of society. It is taught in many schools, and comes into the lessons of the nursery. Everywhere the spirit, of darkness in the garb of religion will confront the soul; thousands who profess to be Christians give heed to lying spirits. And the time is not far distant when every soul will be tested.

In the name of Christ I would address you: Abide in the faith which you have received from the beginning. We must keep close to the Word of God. We need its instruction. We need its warnings and encouragement, its threatenings and its promises. We need the perfect example given only in the life and character of our Saviour.

In order to stand fast in the truth, we need to have a living active faith in God and his Word. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right, the people of God seal their destiny.

Do not be afraid to trust God. Rely upon his sure promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive?" Do not let go of the promise, even though you do not see an immediate answer to your prayers. God is too wise to err, and too good to withhold any good thing to them that walk uprightly. Man is erring, and although his petitions may be sent up from an honest heart, he does not always ask for the thingsthat are good for him or that will glorify God. If we could look into his plans, we should clearly see that our prayers are answered in wisdom and love. And through the temptations and trials of life the promise will be fulfilled: "I will guide thee with mine Mrs. E. G. WHITE. eye."

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Review of "Christ Our Saviour"

Note.— The book may be used in answering these questions.

I. How did heaven express its joy at the birth of the Saviour?

How did the inhabitants of this earth respond?

- 2. Write a paragraph on Christ's conduct at home as a child.
- 3. Who was John the Baptist? Simeon? Caiaphas? Nicodemus? Lazarus?
- 4. What miracle performed by Jesus impresses you the most? Why?
- 5. What do you understand by the expression, "Triumphal entry into Jerusalem?" The Lord's Supper? The temptation in the wilderness?
- 6. For what is Bethlehem noted? Nazareth? Gethsemane? Calvary? The Mount of Olives?
- 7. Name four miraculous events of the crucifixion day.
- 8. Why was it necessary for Christ to die? What does his death mean to you?
- 9. Write a paragraph on the occurrences of the resurrection day.
- 10. What kind of words were the last that the disciples ever heard from the lips of Christ as he ascended?

What sweet promise did the angels then make to the disciples?

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM.— No. 5

"The demand for enlargement has grown from year to year. At first we had not a single helper, but had to do ourselves all that there was to do. I have washed the front windows at eleven o'clock at night to keep from being seen by our patients, because down there all such work as that is supposed to be the work of colored porters. But, anyway, with those meager facilities and in that small situation, the demand kept growing for something more. The time came when we saw that we would have to have a place where we could take in out-of-town patients and boarders. But we did not have the money with which to move. We could barely pay our rent as it was. It was a big question, but we laid it before the Lord.

"The way opened for us to sell the lease on that place at a time of the year that was most favorable for our moving, and at a figure that enabled us to meet the moving expenses, and have enough left to provide additional facilities. Then came the question of securing another building. It was not the rental season, and there was only one building to be had, and that unsuitable and in an out-of-the-way place. We felt sure the Lord would not want us to go backwards, but to move forward, and that the best would not be any too good. The way for a better building did not seem to open, and we finally had but a few hours in which to decide on this single house or close up the work. In glancing over the evening paper, too worried really to read, my eyes rested on a paragraph

referring to the sale of a prominent building that had been occupied forty-five years by a well-known family, and been favorably known to all. It was well adapted for the needs of our work. We had often expressed the wish, 'If we could only have that building,' but had supposed that too much to expect.

wealthy and close man. I called on him at his fine country home. My wife said before starting, 'You pray, and I'll pray too. If the Lord wants us to have the house, he can impress the man's heart.' I laid before him the real character of our work, telling him of its missionary objects, and then offered him the privilege of helping in this good work by giving us as favorable terms as possible on his house. He smiled and thanked me for the 'privilege,' but said it was a matter of business with him. A number of other persons were after the building, and he wished to do as well as possible.

After a month of experience that tried our faith we were finally able to make terms. The last day I saw him, to make final arrangements, he said, 'I was impressed all the time that you were to have that place.' He then told me of a firm that had offered him \$4,000 more than we for the lease, if he would make a slight change in the building of putting in a skylight. But something impressed that man to let us have the building. I believe it was the Spirit of God. We were told by persons who heard we were trying to get the house, 'You will have a pretty hard time of it. He will not do anything for you, not even put on a door lock.' But he painted the house and papered it, letting us select the paper, put in several doors and windows, and did everything we asked of him.

"We got the house for five years, and got it fairly well fitted for business. The newspapers gave very favorable notice of the move, one speaking in glowing terms of our 'elaborate quarters,' and stating that we had all the appliances known to modern science, and so forth. I suppose we did have some things better than anything else there, such as the electric-light bath, sprays, etc. But anyway we felt that it was by the blessing of the Lord that we got into that eighteen-room house as we did, without a cent of help from outside."

(To be continued.)

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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

BROTHER KILGORE'S meetings at Leach and Trezevant closed some days ago, and from reports that came to us from the people themselves, it seems that they had a successful meeting at both places. Both churches were much strengthened.

The Leach brethren are now planning to build them a new and larger church building. This has been much needed for some time. For twenty years they have been holding meetings and school in the little log church built by Brother Samuel Fulton and the brethren when Brother Fulton's tent was burned by the enemies of truth and progress.

In spite of the enemy the church here is in

a good, strong condition,—better than it has been for years.

The school closed at Hazel with a good report of its past work. Brother Thomas Rowe is business manager in place of Brother Thomas Pavey. This change will give Brother Pavey some much-needed time for the work of the conference. The secretary and treasurer of our conference will now do more writing to all our churches, isolated members, and Sabbath-keepers not identified with any church. If you are isolated and do not get a letter from us, you may know that we do not have your name; so write us that we may know and come in touch with you and put you in touch with our work and its progress.

This summer, nothing preventing, we shall run four tents in the gospel work. One will be in Memphis, conducted by Elder J. S. Washburn and another in Dickson where we expect to have our camp-meeting, which will begin Aug. 12. Brother R. M. Kilgore will locate here. The other tents will be located in the most fruitful places that we can find. If you have some place of special interest where you are sure that good can be done and there is a call for help, let us hear from you about it and we will give it consideration at a meeting of the conference committee to be held in the near future.

When this letter reaches you through the REPORT OF PROGRESS We will be in Washington, D. C., attending the General Conference. All my mail should be addressed to Raleigh, Tenn., as in the past and it will be sent to me at Washington. Trusting God will continue to bless the work in our conference, I am your brother worker,

W. R. BURROW.

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MISSISSIPPI

I AM glad to be able to report that the work in Mississippi is growing.

The month of April has been a very busy one for me and most of it has been spent away from home in the interest of the canvassing work.

March 30, in company with Brother Harrison, I left home for Meridian, where we had a meeting that night. Brother Harrison spoke most earnestly in regard to the work and the importance of all having a part in it. That very week one young man entered the work and I spent three days with him right out in the field. I enjoyed this experience very much.

From Meridian I went to Laurel. A brother at this place is planning to do some canvassing this summer. He purchased a copy of the book he wishes to sell and is now studying it.

I next went to Ellisville where I spent the Sabbath. Early Sabbath morning Brother McEchern, his boy, and I took a walk of two and one half miles in the country to see some of the brethren. The time with them was limited but we spent it in studying the Sabbath-school lesson and visiting the sick. They were of good courage and glad to see us. At 2:30 p. M. we had Sabbath-school at Brother McEchern's and at 4:30 p. M. I met

with Brother Wood for Sabbath-school and Bible study.

On Sunday I went to Soso and met with the new company of Sabbath-keepers. I spoke to them of the importance of making a wise choice of their life-work, and of the great privilege of working for the Lord. Sister Anna Knight has done a good work there. I hope to get one or two good consecrated canvassers from this company sometime.

I next visited our brethren in and around Hattiesburg. By walking sixteen miles and riding five miles in a wagon I had a pleasant visit with Brethren McSwain, Cooper, and Barber, and their families. In Hattiesburg I called on Brother Guy Beaumont and found him of good courage.

On my way back to Jackson I stopped at Collins to see Sister Morgan and her husband. She canvassed some last year and I am in hopes she will again this year.

Returning home Thursday night and leaving again the next Monday for a trip in the northern part of the State, I visited the following places in the interest of the canvassing work: Meridian, Brooksville, Amory, Tupelo, Ingomar, and West Point.

I had a very pleasant visit with Brother Scales near Brooksville. I have hopes of his entering the canvassing work. He is one of the substantial kind and could make a most useful worker.

I had planned to be at Amory for the closing exercises of the school and was much disappointed when I found that I was one day too late,

A few days after the school closed two of the students, Brethren Charles Lowry and Howard Loftin, left for Meridian where they are now engaged in canvassing and will assist in a tent effort.

At Tupelo I met two of our faithful canvassers, Brethren Fry and Maddock, and spent the Sabbath with them. They were well and of good courage and are pressing on in the work.

Sunday I spent with the new company near Ingomar. Elder T. P. Coltrin has been working hard here and a nice little company are now keeping the Sabbath and a neat and substantial church building will soon be completed. In the afternoon they came together and I gave them a talk on the subject of seed sowing.

At West Point Sister Mundy is now working with "Bible Footlights." She very recently came here, having finished her work in New Albany.

Sister Kenyon lives here and is having a part in the canvassing work by sharing her home with this canvasser. I also enjoyed her hospitality.

Brethren Smith and Haddon are of good courage and are doing good work in their respective fields.

A number of our colored sisters are doing a good work with our books.

Three new workers took up the work in April and none have laid it down; so we have very much to praise the Lord for.

We have set our mark to sell \$7,000 worth

of books this summer. This will be a little more than double what we sold last year.

The following figures will indicate somewhat the progress that we have made thus far in 1909:—

 Hrs. Agts.
 Value
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 1st quarter, 1908
 106
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 1st quarter, 1909
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 Psalms 118: 1.
 H. G. MILLER.

LOUISIANA EXPERIENCES FOR APRIL

ELDER REES writes of his meetings at De Ridder and mentions a man who is deeply interested, and he feels sure that he will step out. He asks our prayers.

Sister Wilson writes from New Orleans that some of her most interested readers are Catholics. They look forward eagerly to the time of the readings.

Four of Brother McLennon's readers have taken a stand with the remnant people. He is pressing the battle to the gates.

Sister Edna L. Walker writes: "I am gaining a little in my reports each month. Though it is not alone the numbers that make good reports; it is a combination of good influence and deep consecration."

Elder E. L. Cardey and Brother F. R. Schaeffer have recently passed through New Orleans, stopping for a short time at the mission

Sister Frances Goodwyn writes that two of her readers are to be baptized next Sabbath and another has taken her stand. In all, six are to be baptized.

Brother and Sister Saxby both affirm that the last two weeks have been the most blessed of their experience. An air of good cheer fills the mission home.

Do not the reports of the Louisiana canvassers make you feel good? The rapid spread of this message is the surest sign of the nearness of the Lord's coming. What are you doing to help others to get ready?

Brother Oscar Frank and the writer spent several days preparing for the tent meeting at Quitman, Jackson Parish. Brethren Hanson and Frank will conduct the meeting. Pray for them.

Brother Chatman is visiting the Newellton church this week. He reports harmony there and good meetings held.

Sister E. White has been called to Oakwood, Ala, to be matron of the school.

Several have taken hold of the truth at Shreveport and two have been baptized this month: so reports Brother Hanson.

Elder Saxby and the writer and wife will attend the General Conference.

A letter just received from Elder I. H. Evans reminds us that we did not quite reach the ten-cent-a-week-for-missions mark last year. Let us all work hard to do it this year.

Get some of your good neighbors to care for your stock and house while you are at camp-meeting, the date is July 22—Aug. I. The place is Alexandria. This meeting is for you.

Read the Lord's promise to those who pay the tithe (Mal. 3:8-12); and then say whether you can afford to miss the blessing.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending May 1, 1909

NAME Book	Hours	Value	Deliv' d	
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
T H Dobb 2 wks	60		\$16 25	
W H Waite		4 00	1 00	
W G Ringgold	29	50 50	2 00	
Louisiana Conference				
A B CheekD&R	40	41 50	2 80	
R E TateBFL		6 50	2 00	
Mrs J Almendrock		16 00		
Henry RobersonD&F			50 25	
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Carrie GoldcampBF	15	8 90	50	
M E McCaughnBF	15	6 50	10 00	
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Mississippi Conference		259 15		
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A brother writes: "When I took hold of this truth, I took hold to go through. I am going by God's help, and am inviting my friends to keep me company." Can we not all say and do so?

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May 5 Elder J. E. Fulton spoke in Nashville of the intelligence and steadfastness shown by the natives of Fiji and other islands. He told some of the difficulties in starting the printing work there, but he had with him books and papers printed in the Fijian language to show the success attained in that line.

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Report for April

Bible Readings Held	51
Visits to the Sick	70
Persons Helped	35
Gospel Conversations	364
Letters Written	2
Letters Received	1
Donations	\$3.25
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The following item from the secretary of the Missionary Department of the North Dakota Conference will be of interest:—

"This morning's mail brought me a letter from Brother Chadwick, telling of his success in selling the *Watchman*. He is working on a farm by the month, so does not have a great deal of time to devote to the sale of the paper, but he says he has already sold nineteen copies

out of the thirty that you sent him, and enclosed is a money-order payment of the papers. He says that he has spent about four hours in all in trying to sell the papers, and has sold nineteen of them, and feels very much encouraged over his success. He puts in the time after he has done a hard day's work on the farm, so you see he has the work at heart."

This example is certainly worthy of imitation.' If all our people would use their spare moments in such work as this, every month there might be thousands of copies of the Watchman circulated more than are now sold. It reminds us of the Scripture injunction, "Go, and do thou likewise."

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In a letter from Brother A. J. Scott, we note the following: "I went out last Friday to visit my grandson. . . . I had a real good visit with him over the Sabbath. His whole heart is in the work. Reading the Watchman had much to do in helping him to see the light of present truth."

* * ITEMS OF INTEREST

"I FEEL of good courage, and I am determined to stick at this paper work until I make a grand success of it, for I know that it is the Lord's work, and he will help me in it."—F. P. Wright, York, Pa.

"I think the magazine more interesting, and people are more apt to read it than when it was just a weekly paper."—Mrs. Bessie Diehl White, Marshalltown, Iowa.

"I certainly love the Watchman, and it never was better than now."—S. Kendrick, Baltimore, Md.

"Please send me twenty-five copies of the March Watchman... I am very busy, but want to do all I can for the spread of the message."—E. P. Auger, Corinth, Miss.

"I think the Watchman is a fine little magazine. I love to read it."—Mrs. H. E. Cook.

"I think a great deal of the Watchman, and have always enjoyed reading it, also selling it. The Lord has abundantly blessed me in the sale of the Watchman, and I have received many good experiences. It has always been a good periodical, and since it has been changed from a weekly paper to a magazine I think it has been improved."—Cora B. Cuddeback, Conneaut, Ohio.

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"Personally we are much pleased with the Gospel Sentinel, and think it ought to have a large circulation. It is short and right to the point, giving the truth in a direct manner. I will need eighty copies to use for samples."

—Mrs. Alice Church, Missionary Secretary N. C. Conference.

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