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## THE BETTER WAY

"THE world has griefs enough;  
It has no need of thine,  
Or mine;  
So hide from human gaze  
The thorn that thou must bear;  
But on thy breast where all may see,  
The rose of gladness wear.

"The world has tears enough  
From hearts more sad than thine,  
Or mine;  
Then in thy closet shut,  
Let all thy tears be shed;  
But to the world do thou still turn  
A smiling face instead.

"The world has doubts enough;  
It must not hear of thine,  
Or mine;  
If of thyself thou hast  
No tidings that will please,  
The grace and goodness of our Lord,  
O, let it hear of these!"

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## HOME MISSIONARY WORK

### AROUSE THE IDLERS

SOULS are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be Christ's disciples are letting them die. Our brethren have talents entrusted to them for the very work of saving souls; but some have bound these up in a napkin, and buried them in the earth. How much do such idlers resemble the angel who is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? What manner of entreaty can be brought to bear upon the idlers that will arouse them to go to work for the Master? What can we say to the slothful church-member to make him realize the necessity of unearthing his talent, and putting it out to the exchangers? There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the kingdom of heaven. O that God would set this matter in all its importance before the sleeping churches! O that Zion would arise and put on her beautiful garments! O that she would shine!

There are many ordained ministers who have

never yet exercised a shepherd's care over the flock of God, who have never yet watched for souls as they that must give an account. The church instead of developing is left to be a weak, dependent, inefficient body. The members of the church, trained to rely upon preaching, do little for Christ. They bear no fruit, but rather increase in selfishness and unfaithfulness. They put their hope in the preacher, and depend upon his efforts to keep alive their weak faith. Because the church-members have not been properly instructed by those whom God has placed as overseers, many are slothful servants, hiding their talents in the earth, and still complaining of the Lord's dealing toward them. They expect to be tendered like sick children.

This condition of weakness must not continue. Well-organized work must be done in the church that its members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it.

The idea that the minister must carry all the burdens and do all the work, is a great mistake. Overworked and broken down, he may go into the grave, when had the burden been shared as the Lord designed, he might have lived. That the burden may be distributed, an education must be given to the church by those who can teach the workers to follow Christ and to work as he worked.

### THE YOUTH TO BE MISSIONARIES

Let not the youth be ignored; let them share in the labor and the responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves.

Let overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let the older members of the church seek to do earnest work, and compassionate work for

the children and youth. Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with them in missionary work. But do not imagine that you can arouse their interest merely by preaching a long sermon at the missionary meeting. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled. Let all have a part to act. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced, and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs. If such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, the missionary meetings would not be dull and tedious. They would be full of interest, and there would be no lack in attendance.

In every church the members should be trained that they will devote time to the winning of souls to Christ. How can it be said of the church, "Ye are the light of the world," unless the members are actually imparting light?

Let those who have charge of the flock of Christ awake to their duty, and set many souls to work.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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## DO PETITIONS COUNT?

THE right of petition is a constitutional one, the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States making provision for this.

The difference between petitioning an earthly government for legislation of a religious character and that of petitioning that there be no intrusion into that sacred realm are as far apart as the East is from the West, or as different as daylight is from darkness. It is a great evil for people to petition a civil government to intermeddle with religion, but a very proper and just thing for them to petition against it.

But the question may be asked, Do petitions count? We answer, Yes, petitions do count, and for the following reasons:—

1. By circulating them we come into personal contact with the people.
2. We can, in a concrete way, present the real core of the third angel's message to those whom we visit with the petition.

3. By placing their signatures to petitions against the passage of religious measures, the people thus commit themselves to the true principle of religious liberty, and, therefore, will not so quickly be deceived by the advocates of religious legislation.

4. Petitions well filled with signatures, produce a salutary effect upon the minds of law-makers, when they see the names of many of their constituents whom they know to be substantial and influential citizens of their respective districts.

5. As the petitions roll in, legislators are being constantly reminded that there is an undying opposition to religious legislation.

6. Signatures to petitions crystalize public sentiment.

7. The circulating of petitions affords a good opportunity for one to write frequent letters to both congressmen and State legislators.

8. By circulating the petitions our people are enabled to ascertain the pulse of the citizens in the communities where they reside on the question of religious legislation.

9. Signatures and addresses secured on petition blanks can be copied, and announcements of any meetings of an evangelical character or otherwise sent the signers by mail, cordially inviting them to attend.

10. In short, the circulating of petitions is one important way by which this gospel of the kingdom can be preached as a "witness."

We would most earnestly urge our people in all our conferences to begin at once circulating the petition blanks which have recently been sent them by the general department. In our efforts to defeat the proposed religious amendment to the Constitution and District Sunday law we shall doubtless have one of the hardest battles in which we have engaged.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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### TO MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

For some time I have been planning to write you about another opportunity for self-improvement. I am happy to believe that you are anxious to render the best possible service in the great vineyard. No young people ever had so great a privilege as do we who are living to-day, for GOD HAS APPOINTED THE YOUTH TO BE HIS HELPING HAND in finishing the great work of redemption. For many centuries young people have given their lives to this work. God has given all heaven to make it a success, and now as it is about to triumph, he calls for us to come and triumph with it.

Knowing that we have this great privilege of service, I pray that you and I may ever study to show ourselves approved unto God. Do you ask how you may obtain efficiency in his service? Well, for one thing the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course has helped others, and I believe it will help you in your efforts. That is the opportunity of which I wish to write you this morning. Doubtless you have before this received a leaflet explaining the course, and telling briefly about the books. "Quiet Talks on Service" will reveal the secret of successful service. "The Moslem World" will acquaint you with one

of the most formidable obstacles of the gospel. About one seventh of the earth's population are Mohammedans. Do you not wish to know more about the religion which honors Abraham and other Old Testament heroes, and yet exalts another instead of Christ? Then "The Great Second Advent Movement" gives you a history of our denomination. Do you know how the early pioneers struggled and sacrificed for the third angel's message? The story of how the first paper was printed, is more thrilling than fiction. How marvelously God has watched over this work, and made of it the great missionary enterprise we see to-day. The spirit of prophecy admonishes us not to forget how God has led his people. Let us learn that we may remember.

Now, I know that you are busy; but it is a busy people who really do most for personal improvement. Mathew Arnold says, "The plea that this or that man has no time for culture will vanish so soon as we desire culture so much that we begin to examine seriously into our present use of time." Another says, "It is not the lack of time, but the lack of the will to improve our spare moments, that keeps us from going forward to success." Charles Frost, a Vermont shoemaker, resolved to study one hour a day and in time he became one of the best mathematicians in the United States. Grote wrote his "History of Greece" in leisure hours snatched from his work as a banker. Dr. Burney learned Italian and French when riding horseback. Gladstone, it is said, always carried a book lest he should let an unexpected leisure moment slip by unimproved. Elder J. N. Andrews, our first foreign missionary, obtained his education during spare moments.

Many young people have already enrolled in the Reading Course. As far as we have learned, all who finished the course last year are joining the reading circle again. The sands of time flow so swiftly, and with them go the opportunities they bring. It seems only a few weeks since we welcomed spring, and now we must bid farewell to summer. May God help us to fill the fast-fleeting days of our youth with work that is worth while.

"Notice, he who grasps the moments, every one that flies,  
Is the man in life's short contest who obtains the prize."

If you have not already joined our circle, will you not do so now? Order your books, and send your name to your Missionary Volunteer Secretary or to this office. The books in the course are good. Make them your friends.

M. E. KERN.

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### THE TRUTH IS ONWARD

ONE year our Mission Board decided that no missions should be opened that year, but simply maintain those already established, and allow the treasury to fill up.

But, in spite of that, eighteen mission stations were opened. The circumstances compelled it, and it was impossible to hold back.

There is no going back with this message nor holding it down; it must and will go whether we will or no.

Elder Daniells once said, "We are impelled forward as if we were tied to the tail of a cyclone."

We cannot stop or hold the work; it is going, and no man can stop it.

The Lord has said that this message shall go to all the world and it is going, and will continue to go with ever-increasing velocity. — *N. P. Union Gleaner.*

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### MOBILE AND PENSACOLA

SINCE my last report I visited Mobile, and spent eight days with the church at that place. The spiritual condition was not all that could be desired, but, through the help of our kind and loving Father, I left the members on a higher plane.

I am expecting to return shortly and conduct a series of meetings in a hall. Soon after I left, the teachers—Brother and Sister Henry—arrived. I understand that they are taking hold in earnest and are doing good work.

I returned to Pensacola August 26, and was just in time to assist Brother Laurence in taking down the tent. He secured a hall in which to hold weekly services.

Brother Laurence left this field about two weeks ago, to take charge of the work in Montgomery.

The work here is onward, and although bitter opposition still exists among some of the ministers and a few other persons, the members are faithful and the meetings are well attended. Last week three new Sabbath-keepers were added to our number. Others are planning to step out later. Sixteen more of our new Sabbath-keepers are waiting baptism. We are grateful for the school started in this place. It was opened on the thirteenth of September, and there are fifteen pupils in attendance. There is good hope of obtaining twice as many in the near future.

The Lord is blessing our efforts to purchase two lots on which we will erect a church building.

We have already paid eighty dollars, and expect to make another payment of forty dollars soon. No outside help has been received, all the money being furnished by the members and friends of the city.

We are greatly in need of a church building. The hall in which we are holding our services—the only available place in the city—is not in a good locality, and cannot accommodate all who might attend.

Readers of the REPORT OF PROGRESS, I know the Lord will impress your hearts to assist us as you read this article. "Quench not the spirit," for we need help.

I will be leaving this field after a few days on a visit to Mobile and Gadsden, thence to attend our camp-meeting in Sylacauga. I earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people that much good may be accomplished for the Master at these places. GEO. E. PETERS.

**PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI**

I CAME to Purvis September 14th to unite with Elder Lowry in a tent effort. Brother Lowry had been here about two weeks before I came, and a number seemed to be interested in the truth; but as yet only two have decided to obey God and keep his commandments. Others who seem to be interested, when I visit them, say, "Yes, I believe it is the truth, but do not see how I can obey it"; and that is as far as they will go.

It being necessary for Brother Lowry to go to Amory to help in getting the school started, I was left alone. Monday evening the awful tornado that passed through the southern part of Mississippi, blew the tent down, damaging it quite badly, and it has taken me about four days to sew it up again. However, the meetings were interrupted only one night. By the second day, I had the tent together and ran it up and held a meeting. The next day I let it down and sewed and patched some more. It reminded me of Paul's experience, for it is said of him that by occupation he was a tent-maker.

But for all the great calamities and awful things that are taking place all around us, it is hard to get the people to come and listen. Since the storm only a very few will come to the tent. The leading thought in the Baptist Sunday-school last Sunday was, "that those preachers at the tent are false prophets." The enemy is doing everything he can to keep the people from hearing the truth. Brethren, pray for the work in this needy field. We need your prayers and your support.

JAMES BELLINGER.

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**BEING ON TIME**

To advertise the thrift and enterprising character of the West, especially Seattle, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was announced as "the fair that will be ready." Such determination in itself created confidence in the promoters of the enterprise.

How good to be ready to undertake any contemplated task at the proper time. Do not procrastinate, but send your names for enrolment in the Reading Courses to your Missionary Volunteer Secretary at once. State what course you want to take up, and order your books, at least the first one. "Quiet Talks on Service" is the first in the Missionary Volunteer course (seventy-five cents), and "Letters from the Holy Land" (twenty-five and fifty cents). Remember the courses begin in the *Instructor* of October 5.

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**HAZEL INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY**

SCHOOL opened, Wednesday, September 15, with a full attendance.

Never have we met a better class of students than those who are in attendance this year. All seem to be determined to make the most of their opportunities; and we as teachers are greatly encouraged in our work, by the earnestness of the students. All the old students greatly appreciate the improvements that have been made on the buildings.

Brethren and sisters, we made the improve-

ments on the strength of your pledges. Will you not plan to send in your money soon? I will send you a receipt for all money received.

Yours for the young people,  
THOS. D. ROWE.

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**A FEW NEWS ITEMS FROM THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

ON September 15th the Hazel School began its work for another school year with the best attendance in all its history, both buildings being about full.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lowry, who have been called to India, after visiting some friends and relatives among the churches, will leave for Washington about the first of October. Professor VanKirk has invited them to visit Graysville Training School on their way.

Several persons in Memphis have this summer signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. The tent was for a time located on Lamar Boulevard, but September 21, it was taken down and moved back to the corner of Cooper and Union Streets, where it remained so long last year. Two teams, and help from Raleigh, in eight loads moved it to its present location. Satan has striven hard to hinder the work, but God has blessed above it all, and victory has crowned the efforts of his servants. Brethren Washburn and Kilgore are of good courage, and will make another effort to save some more souls for the kingdom before the cold weather sets in.

A letter from Elder R. M. Kilgore, Dixon, brings the good news that several have decided to keep the Sabbath at that place, among them being the editor of the *Dickson Journal*. The work there is still onward. This all will be glad to know, especially those who attended camp-meeting. Sister Hull has been helping in Bible work, and Brother and Sister Balsbaugh have moved there from Paducah, Ky., she to engage in Bible work and he in spreading the printed page. We are indeed glad they could answer the call to "come over and help us."

W. R. BURROW.

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**OBITUARY**

GREEN.—On Saturday night, September 25, 1909, Mrs. Mollie E. Green, of Nashville, Tenn.; died in the 51st year of her age. Sister Green had for many years kept the Sabbath while a member of another denomination; but finally took her stand for the message, and was received into the church the early part of this year. For many weeks Sister Green had suffered from an incurable malady, though she continued to bear her afflictions with patience and fortitude, being strengthened by the knowledge she had of the Saviour. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were held in our memorial church, and were largely attended. The writer had for assistance in these services the Rev. Mr. Hudson of N. Edgefield Baptist church, of which several members of Sister Green's family were members.

S. B. HORTON.

**CANVASSING REPORT**

**Southern Union Conference**

**For Week Ending Sept. 10, 1909**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
J S Fry.....	D&R	96	\$143 25	\$
Virgil Smith .....	D&R	48	32 10	7 35
W H Haddon.....	MOF/N	18	19 95	8 25
C F Lowry.....	BR	38	25 00	

**For Week Ending Sept. 17, 1909**

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Luther Alexander ...	D&R	20		77 00
Edward Whittier ....	CK	51		56 50
W P Ethington.....	BFL	10		12 50
H E Beck.....	D&R	42	22 45	6 70
Lyndon Taylor .....	BFL	33	10 25	4 25
R W Harris.....	BFL	28	43 50	
M J Weber.....	BFL	50	42 55	
H C Carmichael....	DOFA	46	37 50	
C F Dart.....	BFL	10	5 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Gertrude Evans .....	BFL	31	26 75	7 50
Gerhard Jorgenson ..	BFL	9	13 00	
W D Bush.....	CK	16	38 00	
Monroe Simmons ...	BFL	7	24 00	
I T Reynolds.....	MISC	10		8 25
J N Steel.....	GC	4		10 50
C L Collison.....	BR D&R	15	25 75	1 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon.....	MOF/N	5		2 50
Virgil Smith .....	D&R	45	40 90	3 15
C F Lowry.....	BR	30	5 00	
W E Covington.....	CK	16	1 05	3 70

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

R H Hazelton.....	MISC	28	20 00	1 90
Mamie Moore' .....	D&R	20	18 55	
G W Powers.....	CK	45		78 25

SUMMARY

Kentucky Conference ...	290	161 25	156 95
Louisiana Conference ...	92	127 50	27 25
Mississippi Conf (2 wks)	296	267 25	24 95
Tennessee River Conf...	93	38 55	80 15

Totals .. 771 \$594 55 \$289 30

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**THE DICKSON SABBATH-SCHOOL**

BROTHER S. B. HORTON spent Sabbath and Sunday with Elder R. M. Kilgore, who is conducting a successful tent effort in Dickson, Tenn. Nearly a score of adult persons have taken their stand for the truth as a result of these meetings. On Sabbath last, the Dickson Sabbath-school was organized with Mrs. H. C. Balsbaugh as superintendent, and Mr. C. Cullum, editor of the county paper, as secretary.

Elder Kilgore will continue the tent-meetings indefinitely, as the tent is comfortably heated by a good stove. Elder Kilgore is being assisted by Mrs. Kilgore and their daughter, Mrs. Eldridge, all of whom are of good courage.

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"WITH Christ in the heart, stumbling-blocks are stepping-stones, and snares set for our feet become ropes to lift us over the cliff."

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## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

EVERY young person who is anxious to become thoroughly prepared for service in the Master's work will be glad to learn of another opportunity for self-improvement. Early in October a series of Missionary Volunteer Society lessons on Bible Doctrine will begin. No young person can afford to pass through life without obtaining a personal knowledge of the truth, for Christ says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Unless we know the truth how shall we be able to detect the many false "isms" which Satan is rapidly pressing into circulation? Then will not every young person make a careful personal study of these lessons? This will make them more interesting to the society and more profitable to the individual. Seize this opportunity to anchor a little more securely to the sure Rock of Ages! Seize this opportunity to become better fitted to give this saving truth to others.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

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## "WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE CHURCHES?"

In the October number of the *Delineator*, this question of intense importance to Christendom is interestingly discussed from the view-point of prominent clergymen of different denominations, including Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Most, if not all, of these clergymen agree that there is something the matter with the churches, and some of them state what it is, and offer recommendations to cure the conditions.

The November number of the *Watchman* will take up this question from the view-point of Holy Scriptures, and consider the matter in the light of what God has placed upon record. The *Watchman* articles will suggest the remedy which God has placed within the reach of all who are enquiring for truth and knowledge. Do not fail to secure a large number of this magazine for distribution among your friends and neighbors. It will certainly be a number affording great assistance to the agent who devotes his time to the selling of periodicals, for with such a subject made prominent in the magazine it will advertise the paper at once.

This is a reading age, it stands our people in hand to work mightily with the periodicals containing present truth. There is still opportunity to do a great work and the *Watch-*

*man* will keep abreast of the important movements which bear relation to God's prophetic Word.

Send in your orders at once. Special rates to agents and clubs. Address, *The Watchman*, Nashville, Tennessee.

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## FREE-MALTED-NUTS OFFER EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 1, 1909

THE question of proper foods is certainly an important one at this time. Every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist can do acceptable missionary work in her own home and neighborhood by using our health foods and introducing them among her neighbors. This factory was established that you might have this opportunity as you have never had it before. It is not being operated to make money, but to supply you with the very best foods at prices that all can pay.

Read this encouraging letter,—we get many of them:—

"Dear Brethren: The foods you shipped reached us last week in excellent condition. We have used and sold the Battle Creek foods for a long time, and after we received your price-list we compared them with the prices of above foods. When we found your regular prices for small quantities of your foods less than the wholesale prices for the Battle Creek health foods, we concluded that they must be somewhat inferior. But to our great surprise we find your foods equal, and some superior, to any of the kind we have ever used or sold. We thank God for this consecrated health food factory, and will do all we can to make our people acquainted with your good foods. We wish you every possible success.

"Yours for the gospel of health,

"MR. & MRS. J. W. HIRLINGER."

Lancaster, Pa.

You should by all means take advantage of our free-malted-nuts offer which we have decided to extend to Nov. 1, 1909. With every five dollar's worth of foods at listed prices, you get—free—two pounds Malted Nuts, until November 1st, 1909.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.

Nashville, Tennessee.

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## WHAT ABOUT THE OCTOBER NUMBER OF LIFE AND HEALTH?

It is not only attractive in appearance, but especially desirable in contents. It is filled from cover to cover with information of the most practical nature,—information adapted to the needs of the people for this season of the year.

It is literally filled with many excellent things; such as, The Importance of Sound Teeth; The Importance of Dental Hygiene; The Dental Condition of Children in Public Schools; How to Brush the Teeth; The Evil Influence of School Conditions Upon the Health of Schoolchildren; The Importance of Mouth Hygiene; Epilepsy; Some Danger Signals in Life Insurance Examinations; Is the Kindergarten an Unmixed Good? Is Leprosy

Infectious? Is There a Cancer Parasite? Medical Work in Heathen Lands; Pellagra, the New Disease of the South; Tuberculosis Infection in Meat; Abdominal Tuberculosis in Children; The International Anti-Alcohol Congress; Four Thousand Consumptives Starve Yearly; The Durum Flour Bread, supposed to be the most nutritious flour made; Health News Notes; Answers to Questions on Practical Topics, etc.

The October number of *Life and Health* is without question the most important issue of the best health journal published in the world. It will be found to be practical, valuable, and rational.

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HAVE you seen volume 9 of the "Testimonies"? If not, send 75 cents for a cloth binding; or \$1.25 for a special thin edition on Bible paper, flexible leather cover, round corners, to your tract society, or the Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

A CARD received from Elder Burrill a few days since tells us that he has been confined at home for several days by the illness of his wife, who is threatened with typhoid fever. It is hoped, however, that it may be checked.

BROTHER ARTRESS and wife, who have come South in response to the call for self-supporting laborers to locate in this needy field, left Nashville, September 28, for near Bonaqua, Tenn., intending to establish school work upon property which has already been secured. We wish them the blessing of the Lord in their efforts to enlighten those in darkness and to teach them the saving truths of the gospel.

ON the evening of the 14 of September, Sister Helen McKinnon, secretary, and Brother R. I. Keate, field agent, both of the Alabama Conference, were quietly married at the home of the bride's father. Alabama has not a new secretary, but the secretary has a new name, and in harmony with the old proverb, "In union there is strength," we trust that their united efforts may multiply their success in the Lord's work, and I am sure that all our readers will wish Brother and Sister Keate a happy and prosperous life.

OUR field agent, Brother C. Parmele, paid the office a short visit a few days ago. He was of good courage in the work.

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## LOUISIANA NOTICE

WE wish to announce to the friends in Louisiana, that Mrs. C. A. Saxby, Welsh, La., has been chosen to act as Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary. The work she is doing in that conference is of great importance, and we bespeak for her the hearty co-operation of all the young people there, and all who love our Lord Jesus Christ and the souls for whom he died.