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A PRAYER

LORD, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost, and lone.
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungry ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.
O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow.
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

—Havergal.

THE BIBLE

THIS book contains—the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practise it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand spirit, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents. —Rev. W. M. Anderson.

me. It is a world which I have conquered, over which I have the mastery; because I have overcome, you also shall overcome if you believe in me.—*Gospel Workers*.

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THE world will never know the work secretly going on between the soul and God, nor the inward bitterness of spirit, the self-loathing, but the constant efforts to control self; but many of the world will be able to appreciate the results of these efforts.—*Test.*, Vol. 4, p. 376.

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UNTIL we have clear ideas of what those will enjoy who are saved in the kingdom of glory; until we can fully comprehend the value of that life which measures with the life of God; until we can fully realize the riches of the reward which is laid up for those who overcome, we cannot know the inestimable value of the soul.—*Gospel Workers*, p. 375.

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THE primary seat of religion is not in the church, but in the home. When the hosts of Israel were encamped, the tent-doors of the families faced the tabernacle. It was an object-lesson in the promise of the covenant, "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." In the early days of Christianity the church was in the home. The pledge to Noah included his family with himself. The pledge to Abraham, his descendants. In the glad days of Pentecost, Peter affirmed that "the promise is to you and your children."—*Selected*.

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

We have been here a little more than a year. We were glad of the privilege of our good camp-meeting.

I never saw a more liberal spirit in lifting financially, considering the small company in attendance. It has been quite gratifying, indeed, to see tithes and offerings coming up each quarter. "The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." Isa. 32:8. The opposite would be equally true, seems to me. "The stingy deviseth stingy

things; and by stingy things shall he stand,"—or *fall* rather. I have been impressed recently with the following extract from Vol. IV, p. 474, of the Testimonies:—"If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open."

The possessor of all wealth will provide the means to flow through such channels as he can use—those who are fully consecrated. Last Monday the church here received a precious gift of \$450.00, and we have the promise, *More will follow*, from the same party. I feel, in my soul, that God is soon to do great things for his people. Yesterday was a precious day to us as five new ones (adults) went forward in baptism and united with the church.

It seems to us that we have a good city for treatment rooms, for the *right party*.

We are taking clubs of fifty *Gospel Sentinel* and 125 *Life and Health*.

Our courage is good in the Lord.

W. H. SAXBY.

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AN EXPERIENCE IN DELIVERING

AT a sawmill, I had books to deliver to the superintendent and five of the employees. I arrived about ten o'clock in the forenoon. One of the employees lived near the mill, and I delivered the book to his wife. Then I went to the office to see the superintendent. He was at work with some figures, and I had to wait until he was through. He seemed to take it very deliberately. (It may have seemed so because I was in such a hurry.) Finally he said, "What can I do for you?" I told him I had brought his book, and handed it to him. After looking at it a moment he payed for it.

Then I told him there were four employees I had books for (giving the names), and asked permission to see them. Said he, "Mr. _____ is six miles from here in the woods, and will be back about four o'clock. The others you can see at noon." I told him I had other books to deliver and could not wait that

long. He said for me to go ahead delivering and come back at twelve. I replied that that would put me to considerable inconvenience, and it would only take a minute or two to see the hands. But he would not give permission.

I was disappointed, and left the office feeling that the superintendent might have granted me that favor, and thereby save me considerable trouble.

I have a habit of calling on the Lord for help in what we call little things, so I asked him to cause something to occur so I could see those men without waiting so long.

I went to a house near by, where I had an order. While I was there they stopped the mill to change saws. I hurried back, and just had time to deliver to the three men at the mill. One of them asked the superintendent to pay for his, so I went to the office and received a check for the amount.

Then I told the superintendent that I was all through delivering there except to Mr. ———, and as he would not be back until four o'clock, it would be too long to wait, and if he would pay for it, I would give him a discount. He saw the situation I was in, and said, he would not charge me anything, and that Mr. ——— surely would take it or he would not have ordered it, and if he did not, such a book as that ["Daniel and the Revelation"], was worth having, anyway, and then wrote out a check for the full amount. So I went on my way praising the Lord.

C. F. DART.

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DICKSON, TENNESSEE

Our tent is still standing and we are holding meetings four times during the week. Those who are really interested stay by, and receive the Word gladly. Twenty-five or more attend the Sabbath-school and services. Fifteen are keeping the Sabbath, others are in the valley of decision. Some are laying aside their tobacco and coffee and pork.

Last Sunday we invited those interested to take dinner with us, in answer to the many inquiries as to how to cook and prepare our meals without the grease and pork. With a very liberal supply of the foods manufactured by the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, and sent to us by Brother Knox, we were able to demonstrate that good, healthful, palatable food can be prepared without any animal fat. The editor of the *Dickson County Herald* gives his impression of the occasion as follows:—

"An elegant dinner given at the home of Elder R. M. Kilgore on Murrell Street, last Sunday, was greatly enjoyed by about forty guests. The table was abundantly laden with the choicest and most appetizing dishes, luscious fruits, and delicious pastries, in variety. It was a 'demonstration' dinner and proved how skilfully health hygienic dishes can be prepared, to be highly palatable to every taste."

The winds, rains, and cold force us to find a more comfortable place for meetings, and a friend has offered us a large store-room.

When this is partitioned, properly lighted, and heated, we could not ask for more. Pray for us.

R. M. KILGORE.

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WILL WE RESPOND?

NOVEMBER is here, and no doubt all will remember with pleasure the work done last year with the special number of the *Review*, and the amount that came into the treasury of the General Conference as the result of that work, and I trust that all have ordered their *Reviews*, and have organized their forces for work.

We hope that each conference worker, church officer, and lay member among us are doing everything possible toward making this work a grand and glorious success. Let all say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

With the amount raised last year twenty-five missionaries were sent to foreign fields, and enough money raised to support them for one year. This was a good work; but many can testify that had the work been better planned and had we known as much about it as we do now, we would have done much more. It was a new experience which brought many blessings to the hearts of those who engaged in the work. Hundreds of homes were visited; thousands of papers given away; and best of all, the message for these times was presented, as the faithful workers went to the people. This created an interest in the minds of many who received the papers. This year we ought to gather much more, and instead of only sending out twenty-five additional workers, fifty new workers should be speeding to fields in the regions beyond, as the result of the means gathered this year.

Let us go forward by faith, believing as we move out in harmony with the instruction given through the spirit of prophecy, we may claim the promises of God. When God speaks instructing that certain things should be done, we may be confident that he will show how it may be accomplished.

We may each have a part in gathering this treasure from those interested in missionary work, and for the support of those who willingly give themselves to go to foreign fields to give the gospel to those that have never heard of Christ, and the salvation that is promised to all that will receive. Let us take hold of this ingathering plan in earnest, and our own souls will be blessed. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3.—Ed.

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CANVASSING NEWS

FROM KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

I HAVE been at Sadieville a few days helping Brother Harris. He is doing well in the canvassing work.

Sister Harris is selling *Life and Health* around her home.

"There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 63.

There is not a single *Watchman* canvasser in this conference. Who will take up this

work? We ought to have a *Watchman* agent in each of our cities.

Brother Alexander has gone to Oregon to attend school this winter. This leaves only five canvassers in the field. Who will take hold and help push the work along?

Brother Carmichael begins a delivery of "Desire of Ages" October 25, for over two thousand two hundred dollars worth of orders. Remember in your prayers this brother with this large delivery.

Also remember those who are not canvassing, but ought to be.

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, pp. 61, 62.

Brother Wheeler is well, but Sister Wheeler has been ill so he could not leave home. I am glad to report that she is now improving so he can canvass again. This family has had considerable sickness this year. They need our prayers.

Brother Carmichael has broken the record by taking \$187.50 worth of orders in a week.

"Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?"—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 63.

No one should fail to do something with the missions *Review*.

Volume nine of the *Testimonies*, which every one should have and read, contains twenty-eight pages on the circulation of our literature and its service.

"Many have never learned how to sell the books dedicated to the advancement of our institutional work. But such should not excuse themselves."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 83.

C. F. DART.

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HOW TO FAIL GRACEFULLY.

WHEN you enter a community for the first time, tell everyone of the superior advantages of your home locality. Laugh at their rude customs and manners. Show them that you pity them. Tell where you have been, what you have seen, and where you were educated. The people will be impressed with your knowledge of the world, and your superior attainments. Give them to understand that they are not progressive. Tell the Southerners that you are a Yankee, the Westerners that you are from the East, and vice versa.

Be sure to make remarks about their local peculiarities of speech. Speak about the food, and how well your wife or your mother cooks. Act as if you longed for your home conveniences. Make them feel that you are somebody, for you are.

Joke a great deal in the pulpit and out, and especially laugh at your own cleverness. Laugh loudly and boisterously. Give them to understand that a preacher can be a jolly good fellow. Jesus would no doubt had done so had he known as many rich stories as you do. He never attended college and was there-

fore sober and narrow. Don't be dignified. Dignity is for the superannuates and members of Congress.

Use the few foreign words and phrases which you have learned, in season and out of season. Nothing will do more to enhance your standing among the educated and cultured. Pedantry is cheap but effective. Meet your friends with a German "Good-Morning." Acknowledge all courtesies with a Spanish "Thank you." Part with a French "Good-by." What matter if you do overwork your "foreign" vocabulary? It is limited, and is in competition with the English, which is "copious," "elastic," "unscientific," and altogether too "common." Your efforts, too, may popularize the language that you have adopted.

Be positive and persistent. Go at it with a vim, and never give up. Look at the bulldog. He has grit. Follow his example in your conversations and arguments. Anger your opponent if possible. The Bible says, "Every mouth may be stopped"—except yours.

When in the desk be sure to tell all you know or think you know. Impress yourself on the people. Use "I" a great deal. Talk of the "people" in a patronizing way, as if you were a superior being. In public prayer speak of them as "these people." Never include yourself with them in your request for blessings. It brings you down to their level. Keep reminding them that your business is to *teach* them. After the sermon ask each one how he liked the sermon. He would be very unkind not to flatter you.

Preach the sharp points—the message. Leave the spiritual work to be done by the conference president. It is his business. Go for the churches. They were made to be targets for your "shafts of oratory(?)."

If you do these things you will never have an overcrowded house, never be compelled to stay long in one place, and your work will be so well done that you will never be invited to return. "ANTILEX."

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THE RECORD BROKEN

BROTHER H. C. CARMICHAEL, who is at work in Lisle Co., Ky., for "Desire of Ages," has broken the record in the canvassing work in this conference.

In one week he took \$187.50 worth of orders. His share of these orders amounts to \$18.75 per day. Reckoning from a financial standpoint only, this beats most any other occupation. The last three weeks show a total of \$499.10—almost \$500 worth of orders.

But there is something in this work vastly superior to finances. That is the spiritual and moral good these books will do.

These \$499.10 worth of orders, represent one hundred thirty-five thousand pages of present truth. After deducting what he is likely to lose in delivering, we estimate this to average one hundred pages for every family in Lisle County.

Just think of it, a canvasser, in three weeks, taking orders that will place in a county one hundred pages of present truth for every fam-

LOUISIANA CANVASSING REPORT

For Month Ending Oct. 1, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
John Harzman	MOFN	16	8 75	6 00
C L Collison	BR D&R	161	274 00	18 25
I T Reynolds	MISC	30		
J N Steel	GC	10	4 25	12 00
C Gordon	BFL	16	12 00	6 00
Mrs A E Frank	H&H	161	249 15	23 65
W D Bush	CK	134	177 75	45 75
Monroe Simmons	BFL	69	66 00	7 00
Gerhart Jorgenson	BFL	9	13 00	
Gertrude Evans	BFL	14	69 75	15 50

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Tithe from August 1 to October 18, 1909

Idividual	\$12.75
Meridian	130.60
Enid	231.80
Vicksburg	8.30
Natchez	11.60
Ellisville	13.85
Ingomar	34.96
Amory	33.20
Hatley	31.06
Quitman	2.00

Total\$510.12

F. R. SHAEFFER, Treas.

ily. Show me the preacher, teacher, Bible worker, doctor, or any other worker that will disseminate present truth as rapidly as this.

C. F. DART.

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THE STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT

THE questions for those desiring to pass the Standard of Attainment are now ready to be sent out. Those of our young people who have been studying to this end, should either notify the Missionary Volunteer Department, or ask their church elder to send for the questions, so that they may be given in the proper manner. These questions will be sent to the elder of the church where there are those who wish to take the examinations, and arrangements will be made by him for the tests to be given. These examinations will be made upon points of our faith and denominational history. Please send to the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Southern Union Conference, Mrs. W. M. Crothers, Secretary, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

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About twelve of our young people, members of the Nashville Young People's Volunteer Society, gathered at the home of Brother G. H. Curtis last Sunday evening, to mature plans regarding the Reading Course. It was decided to form a reading circle, and follow the outlines as given in the *Instructor* for the Reading Course, taking up the first book "Quiet Talks on Service." The first chapter was read aloud by members of the society, and a very profitable evening was spent. These *home* gatherings will be continued

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Oct. 15, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
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ALABAMA CONFERENCE

A F Harrison	BFL	22	\$50 50	\$
R F Thompson	BFL	30	46 90	
C M Cockrand	BFL	36	43 30	27 50
Hugh Jones	BFL	32	42 00	
E A Keate	MISC	20	36 00	
W G Ringgold	BS	35	32 50	7 50
H G Moberg	BFL	32	32 00	
R T Jacks	BFL	27	20 00	10 00
I W Peevy	BFL	42	24 90	1 00
M L Ivory	BFL		2 30	4 05
Alex Wood	—	105	21 25	22 25
C G Manns	—	39		16 00
R Roberts	—	35	5 00	17 25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck	D&R	50	15 15	8 10
R W Harris	BFL	16	16 50	2 50
H C Carmichael	2 w. DofA	118	334 35	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Gertrude Evans	BFL	34	5 25	2 00
C L Collison	D&R BR	60	59 65	127 65
J N Steel	GC	17	6 50	6 50
I T Reynolds	GC	34	90 75	
Gerhard Jorgenson	BFL	23	7 00	8 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith	D&R	44		95 35
Cora Smith	BFL	6	6 00	
W H Haddon	MOFN	6		8 05
C F Lowry	BR	30		32 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	GC	46	33 30	
C H Chenault	D&R	49		136 75
R H Hazelton	MISC	30	23 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	35	37 10	8 50
Mrs S W McDuffy	CK	4	12 00	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference	455	356 65	105 55
Kentucky Conference	184	366 00	10 60
Louisiana Conference	108	169 15	144 15
Mississippi Conference	86	6 00	135 40
Tennessee River Conf.	164	105 40	145 25

Totals 997 1003 20 540 95

during the winter months, and the other two books, "Moslem World" and "The Second Advent Movement," will be taken up in due course, in the same way as "Quiet Talks." We firmly believe this course of study will prove a great blessing to our young people.

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"To be physically strong and keep so, a man must exercise his muscles. To be mentally strong and keep so, a man must study and think. To be morally strong and keep so, a man must do righteousness, and overcome temptation. No one can do good without effort. The fact that it 'is hard to be good' is no excuse, but just another reason for righteousness".

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THE NOVEMBER WATCHMAN

THE following are important subjects treated in the November *Watchman*.—

What is the Matter with the Churches? by the editor; The Sabbath before the Exodus, by the associate editor; The Eastern Question, by P. T. Magan; The Sanctuary in Heaven, by C. Santee; Christ Our Sacrifice, by Mrs. E. G. White; The Immortal Declaration, by S. B. Horton; Reival of Old-Time Southern Education, Illustrated.

These are a few of the appreciative words received:—

"First of all we want to compliment you upon the very bright and pleasing appearance of the October *Watchman* received in this afternoon's mail. . . . We are endeavoring to increase the circulation of the monthly *Watchman* by getting our agents interested in handling this good magazine. We believe that it is fully up to the standard, and its contents are worthy of a wide circulation."

An agent in a recent letter says:—

"We have found all the papers at each place thus far, and have enjoyed selling them. One person who purchased seemed quite interested and asked, 'Why do you keep the seventh day and not the first day?' and many other questions. He said he was not merely asking out of curiosity."

"Another said, on meeting us next day, 'I would not take a dollar for the little book [*Watchman*] you sold me yesterday. I am going to loan it to my neighbors.' We sell from forty-five to one hundred a day. We are pleased with the October number, and it not only has an attractive cover, but is full of good articles. We trust it will do much good."

"I desire to have your paper. It seems to me to be the paper for the times."

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FREIGHT PAID ON HEALTH FOODS

UNTIL JAN. 1st

ALTHOUGH our prices are extremely low, many hesitate to order, fearing the freight

will cost too much. Our foods take fourth-class freight rate in the Southern classification, and so the freight charges do not amount to much per package on fair-sized shipments. We want as many people as we can possibly reach to become acquainted with our foods, within the next few weeks or months, and so have decided to pay the freight on shipments to every State in the Union as follows:—

Send your order for \$6.00 or more at listed prices and we will include enough extra to fully cover the freight, you selecting the foods with which we shall make up the freight charges. Do not include more than one gallon cooking oil to each \$6.00. This applies to all States east of the Mississippi River.

In the same way we will pay the freight to all States lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River on orders for \$15.00 or more.

In the same way we will pay half the freight to all States lying west of the Rocky Mountains, on orders for \$25.00 or more.

On smaller orders we offer until Jan. 1st one 3-pound bag Dixie Kernel with a \$3.00 shipment, and two bags with a \$5.00 shipment.

This is the time for our people to do some real earnest work among their neighbors, introducing these health foods into as many outside families as possible, thus doing real missionary work. Write for order blank and price-list.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.

Nashville, Tennessee.

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MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

THE following are some of the important questions *Liberty* No. 4 answers:—

1. Has the church fallen?
2. What is the crime of crimes?
3. What is our guaranty of liberty?
4. Is there liberty in prohibition?
5. What is the civil sabbath fallacy?
6. Do science and religion disagree?
7. Why do some doubt the Bible?
8. What are the fruits of a state religion?
9. Why is the liquor traffic a mocker and a waster?
10. How do National Reform principles work in Russia?
11. Is the National Reform idea developing in Korea?
12. What does the National Reform Association advocate?
13. For what does God hold every individual responsible?
14. What is the relation of church and state in modern Greece?
15. Why is it wrong to attempt to force people to be Christians?
16. Is there not a fatal weakness in the argument for evolution?
17. How may a Catholic most successfully argue with a Protestant?
18. What are the principles of the Religious Liberty Association?

19. Can purity in the individual life be secured by an act of Parliament?

20. What is it that is undermining the foundations of American liberty?

21. In its declining days, from what did the Roman republic especially seek aid?

22. Should not Americans think seriously upon Rome's declared program for this country?

23. Does putting the name of Christ in the Constitution make the nation Christian?

24. What were the religious liberty principles before the time of the Inquisition?

25. What is the difference between securing obedience through the power of love and force?

26. If the one-day saloon is dangerous, is a six-day saloon a safe or charitable institution?

27. Why are people arrested, fined, and imprisoned for performing ordinary labor on Sunday?

28. Is the question of Sunday or any other day of the week being the Sabbath, a proper one for the state to determine?

29. What famous act of religious legislation has comprised the Model Sunday Law during the past two hundred years?

30. What great national organization declares its purpose to revoke the National Constitution and overturn the entire foundation of the government?

31. Should not the refusal of the Lord to intermeddle with the affairs of this life as a judge, carry with it the great lesson to all religious teachers?

32. Are there any glaring inconsistencies between the United States constitutional and statutory codes, and State legislation?

33. Which is better, the Constitution as it is, permitting and encouraging the principles of the Golden Rule, or a constitution as some would have it, compelling the performance of acts at variance with the Golden Rule?

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

I WANT to call the attention of our readers to the article, *Will We Respond?* and ask for a careful reading of the same.

We have quite a good supply of "Quiet Talks on Service" in stock, price 75 cents. We want all our young people to send in their orders as soon as possible, and while the supply lasts. The book is well worthy to have a place in any of our homes. The subject-matter is of surpassing interest to Christians; so we recommend the book without any reservation.