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"THE LAND OF PRETTY SOON"

I know of a land where the streets are paved
With the things we meant to achieve.
It is walled with the money we meant to have
saved,
And the pleasure for which we grieve.

The kind words unspoken, the promises broken,
And many a coveted boon
Are stowed away there in that land some-
where—
The land of "Pretty Soon."

There are uncut jewels of possible fame,
Lying about in the dust,
And many a noble and lofty aim
Covered with mold and rust.

And, oh, this place, where it seems too near,
Is farther away than the moon!
Though our purpose is fair, yet we never get
there—
The land of "Pretty Soon."

It is farther at noon than it is at dawn,
Farther at night than at noon;
Oh, let us beware of that land down there,
The land of "Pretty Soon."

—*The King's Own.*

WHO WILL STAND?

Let man with his human theories step aside.
Let the divine voice be heard, saying, "Ye
shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy
unto you: . . . it is a sign between me and
the children of Israel forever."

Many commit themselves to a course that
insults the Spirit of God, and that in the face
of convictions of conscience. They make a
free choice of the wrong side. They rebel
against God. Mercy is despised, and justice
defied. They become spiritually palsied, not
because they cannot submit to God, but because
they will not. Their feet are set in the way
of the froward, and they have no desire to
turn back.

The flood which came upon the old world
proclaimed the verdict, Incurable. The over-
throw of Sodom declared the existence of a

far-reaching corruption beyond the hope of
recovery. Christ declared, "As it was in the
days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days
of the Son of man." "Come out from among
them, and be ye separate," is the call, "and
touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive
you, and will be a father unto you, and ye
shall be my sons and daughters."

The law of God is made void, and God calls
upon us to stand in defense of the truth. Satan
is a powerful general. He had a long
experience in the heavenly courts, and he
knows how to mingle right sentiments and
principles with evil. He knows how to mis-
apply and wrest the Scriptures. Herein lies
the power of his deception. Thus he deceives
men, and seeks to obliterate the line of demar-
cation between believers and unbelievers. God
calls for faithful Calebbs, who will stand firmly
and steadfastly at their post of duty.—*Mrs.*
E. G. White.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

BECOMING behavior and proper deportment
in the house of God at all times, and espe-
cially during the hours of divine service are
essential elements in the true and acceptable
worship of God. To conduct one's self other-
wise is to show disrespect for the place of
worship, and to dishonor the Holy One who
is worshiped therein. It is, in fact, a denial
of the presence of Him whom we should
adore; for no one realizing that he is in the
presence, the audience chamber of the Master
of heaven and earth, could be forgetful and
careless of his conduct.

No one would think of entering the palace
of a worldly ruler, or of approaching his per-
son in so careless and indifferent a fashion
as many worshipers enter the house of God,
and deport themselves in his presence. These
principles apply not only to buildings formally
dedicated to the worship of the Most High,
but to any place where religious worship is,
performed or the blessing of God formally
invoked. For any place where God is, is holy.

If the following counsel and advice, taken
by the writer from a newspaper, were carefully
practised by all church-goers, they would show
more reverence for God, exert a much better

influence upon each member, render the hours
of worship much more pleasant and agreeable,
divest the service of much of the tediousness
of which some people complain, beget deeper
conviction, and set an example to the stranger
which will have a much better influence, and
will impress him much more deeply and fa-
vorably with the things he has seen and heard,
and give him a much better opinion of the
worshippers.

"As long as there are churches there will
be a church etiquette, and very many who
would not think for a moment of offending
at a social function do not seem at all con-
cerned when attending a sacred service. The
following rules form a good foundation:—

"1. If possible, be on time. You need at
least five minutes after coming to get cool,
to compose your body or mind, and to whisper
a prayer before the service begins.

"2. Never pass up the aisle during prayer
or Scripture reading. If you do, your pres-
ence will distract the minds of many in the
audience.

"3. Be devout in attitude; all whispering
should be studiously avoided. Find the hymn,
and sing if you can. Share the book with
your neighbor. If in a strange church, con-
form to its customs of worship.

"4. If the sermon has begun, take a seat
near the door, no matter if you are 'at home.'

"5. Be thoughtful for the comfort of others.
Take the inside of the pew, if you are the
first to enter, and leave all vacant space at
the end of the seat.

"6. Speak a bright cheery word to as many
as possible at the close of the service. If
you are a stranger, ask one of the ushers to
introduce you to the pastor, or to some of
the church officers. This will always insure
you a hearty welcome.

"7. Never put on your coat, overshoes, or
wraps during the closing hymn, and do not
make a rush for the door immediately after the
benediction is pronounced. Pass out quietly.

"8. There should be no loud talking and
jesting after the service is concluded."

W. M. CROTHERS.

"Would you do much good? Then keep
on doing a little."

KENTUCKY SABBATH-SCHOOLS

It has been some time since I have spoken to the Kentucky Sabbath-schools and isolated members through this little paper, so I will spend a few moments with each of you.

~~I am loaded down with good things for you. The first thing I might mention is the Sabbath-School Worker. This is one of the best, most entertaining visitors I have. It does not come any too often; only once a month.~~

Now every one of you can have this same visitor, and I'm sure you will enjoy the visits too. This little magazine is only thirty-five cents a year, single copy, or two or more copies for twenty-five cents a year; but after December it will be thirty-five cents in clubs. But even at that price we cannot afford to be without it. I hope every family in Kentucky will immediately send in their subscriptions for the *Worker*, and those who are subscribers will renew. Then I would like to mention the Teachers' Reading Course which begins in January. I hope every teacher is planning to take this course. It will be simple and inexpensive.

I would like to mention the work for the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies also. I hope there are a number who have taken up the Reading Course in this division. Let us grasp every opportunity to get a knowledge of this saving truth while mercy still lingers. Just think of the opportunities before us! Can we pass them by unheeded? Dear young people, let us study, work, and pray as we never have before.

Let us tell to the world that, "Jesus is coming again," and coming soon.

In closing I am going to ask that every church elder send me the names, ages, nationality, those in school, and those who are Christians, of those in their churches. Please make a special effort to do this, and send in names as soon as possible.

If any desire further information in regard to subjects mentioned above, please write

DOLLIE H. CALLENDER,

Graysville, Tenn.

S. S. and Y. P. M. V. Sec. of Ky. Conf.

CANVASSING WORK

The work in the Southern Union Conference is moving along nicely.

Splendid reports from all the field agents are coming in each week. They are planning to push the work steadily every month of the year, not only by enlisting new workers, but by holding on to all the old ones.

The outlook was never better, and I can see no reason why our sales for the winter months should fall behind those of the warmer season. Each State is planning to hold from one to two institutes early in the year.

The first will be held in Mississippi, December 28. I have not heard yet just where it will be held, but I trust that all who are planning to enter the work will be in attendance as well as the old hands.

I shall be glad when all our people fully awake to the situation, and see that the Lord is soon coming, and that we as a people

are living up to all the faith we have. We can talk all we please about the soon coming of Christ, but our actions will show just how much we believe it.

I am now at Memphis, Tenn., doing all I can to enlist some workers for our juvenile books. If we can persuade them to try the small books, they will take up the large ones afterward. My address for the next three weeks will be the office address, Nashville, Tenn.

Let the aged, the middle aged, the youth, and even the children have a part in this good work.

A. F. HARRISON.

CANVASSERS' EXPERIENCE AT EUTAW, ALABAMA

"AND they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Acts 5:41. Dear brethren, we are glad to report our five day's experience in the county jail. It being the first of the kind I am sure you would like to know why we were there, and I will tell you.

1st. For the Word of God.

2nd. For crossing a man's field with the Word of God on the printed page, not knowing at the time, just where we were. Nevertheless, we were put in jail, and we are thankful to our God to be counted worthy to suffer imprisonment for his sake.

We held meeting three times a day during our imprisonment, and counted it all joy, knowing "that the trying of your faith worketh patience," "and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." James 1:3; Rom. 5:3-5. "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." 1 Peter 4:16.

You will also be glad to learn that one of the prisoners who had been confined for eleven months and had attempted to take his own life, accepted the truth of God while we were in the jail.

So God overrules all things for good. He wanted that man saved. Praise the good name of our God forever.

The good Lord brought us out of jail November 19, by the hand of the one that put us in. We were asked by the prisoners to return and hold more meetings. This we did last Sabbath and Sunday, holding Bible readings with them, and we know that God blessed our efforts. We ask your prayers in their behalf.

Pray for the one who has taken his stand to keep all of the commandments of God, the Sabbath included.

A. WOOD,
C. G. MANNS.

A DAY WITH THE MISSIONS REVIEW

It was at Glasgow, Ky., where I canvassed last year for the special issue of the *Review*. When I reached the square I found quite a crowd gathering, and learned that it was county court day. I thought, I will not do much to-day, as most every one will be busy, and I will not get to see them.

I asked the Lord for help, and went to work. The first place I called was a bank. I received nothing. Entering a doctor's office, I found him busy and could not get a hearing. I then entered a grocery and received twenty-five cents from the proprietor.

The next place was a hay and feed store. I thought I would pass this by, as I had solicited the proprietor the year before, without success, and was roughly treated. But I went in, he listened to my canvass, spoke pleasantly, and handed me fifty cents.

I called on a shoemaker, and told him I was doing some missionary work. He gave me to understand at once that he took no stock in foreign missions. But as soon as I had shown him the paper, he handed me ten cents.

A photographer told me he had just given to his own church all he felt like giving to foreign missions. But when I had canvassed him, showing what we were doing, he gave me a quarter.

And so I went on from place to place. Whenever I saw the people busy I passed by and came back later.

I received a donation from about one third of the people I canvassed. I gave away thirty papers in all, and received \$6.95.

After a brief canvass I would say, "I am making no charge for this paper, but am giving a copy to each donor to foreign missions." Then showing my card, would continue, "Any amounts you wish to give from twenty-five cents upward will be thankfully received. I found that from the well-to-do class it was just as easy to get twenty-five cents as five cents.

C. F. DART.

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

"Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right will I give you."

I entered the work about three months ago, and stepped off the train at my destination with but fifty cents in my pocket to buy food, and nothing for rent, which was required in advance.

I spent a week considering what I should do, and decided to go ahead and take orders for "Bible Footlights." We had spent the last of the fifty cents. The first day I went out I sold one help for twenty-five cents. The next day I took twenty-five dollars worth of orders, and sold four helps for cash. I applied for a house, and the agent, after studying my face, concluded I was honest and would pay the rent when I could, and let me have rooms furnished with stove, chairs, lamps, etc.

We have not wanted for anything since the first day I began work. The Lord has fulfilled his promise, supplied our needs, and provided shelter for us. May we each have faith in God. Ps. 37:25.

I. W. PREVY.

ALABAMA

AFTER the camp-meeting at Fairhope, Sept. 23 to 28, it was decided to let the tent remain, and hold some services for the citizens that had become interested in the message by attending the services of the camp. So Elder A. E. Christian and the writer remained and held meetings with the people, continuing the services until October 24th. Most of the time we had fair congregations, and those in attendance paid strict attention to the Word spoken. A few, five or six in number, promised to obey; but the test of time will prove how many will remain firm.

At this place we found a number that had at one time obeyed the message, and while these parties attended our meetings and seemed to rejoice in hearing the message proclaimed once more, yet they seemed very indifferent about the matter of obedience, for it seemed that the claims of this world had gotten a strong hold upon them, and had to a large extent deadened their moral sensibilities. How important it is that we keep in the channel of truth, and yield ourselves to obedience.

November 6 and 7 I held three services at the Powell schoolhouse, where I had held a few services in August, and one family had taken hold of the truth. I found this family still faithful, and a number of others manifested much interest in hearing the truth, and I have hopes of others obeying.

Interests are springing up to hear the Word in several places in southern Alabama. Pray for the work in these parts. W. S. CRUZAN.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

I WENT to Webb November 11, began meetings in the Methodist Episcopal church, and continued three days. We did not have a large attendance, but it was quite regular. Those who attended were convinced and acknowledged that we have the truth, and we hope to see some obey it. Brother and Sister Rhoads have been living here about twelve years, and have had a good influence with the people of Webb. They will look after the interested ones.

The Methodist people were very kind in letting us have the use of their church free. Their pastor attended part of the meetings.

Enid is where Brother and Sister McLeod live. They accepted the truth last winter as a result of reading our books and papers, and an extended visit of the writer. They are of good courage and are a great help to us in a financial way, for which we are very thankful.

I spent a short time in Jackson, visiting the school. This church school was built and started by Elder F. R. Rogers, and is being taught by Miss Ethel Nash, of Minnesota. They have a good little building in a nice location.

We have some new Sabbath-keepers at Meridian as a result of the work of Brethren Whitmarsh and Shaeffer there the past summer. They are now holding a tent-meeting at Quitman, and are having a large attendance. We hope to see some good results at this place.

The Pine Grove Intermediate School is doing well this year under the management of Professor Moyers and wife. The work is all being done by student labor, and they are a happy family.

Sister Smith of Meridian is conducting a very successful church school at Hatley this year.

Our canvassers are doing well delivering their books.

There is something being done in the In-gathering Campaign. One sister put out thirty-five papers, and received \$15.05. Another one gave out five papers and received \$13.70; and others are doing something.

We are glad to be able to report that as a whole the work in the Mississippi Conference is moving forward. To the Lord be all the praise. W. S. LOWRY.



THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

THE writer has made several enjoyable visits to the above named institution during the last few weeks, and was much pleased and gratified with what he heard and saw.

He visited different departments, and found in each everything well kept and in perfect order, while an air of restful comfort and contentment seemed to pervade everything and be felt by all, both family and patients, so far as he could observe. A feature which gave us special pleasure was the unbroken harmony and unity between the members of the family, and the kindness and courtesy manifested by each toward all.

We much enjoyed the morning and evening worship and the weekly prayer-meeting which are regularly held, and also the privilege of speaking to both family and patients on two or three occasions.

The members of the family have organized themselves into a Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, and are pursuing the Reading Course.

The patronage has been fluctuating. At present writing the patients and guests number upwards of forty. There is a large field of usefulness for the Nashville Sanitarium, but the work is much crippled and retarded for want of funds to liquidate its indebtedness, and make improvements, and extend its operations. We hope that the "Ministry of Healing" campaign will remove some of these obstacles, and make it possible for the institution to accomplish all it should in its appointed sphere of work. W. M. CROTHERS.



THE QUIET HOUR

"FACE the work of every day with the influence of a few thoughtful, quiet moments with your own heart and God. Do not meet other people, even those of your own home, until you have first met the great Guest and honored Companion of your life—Jesus Christ. "Meet him alone. Meet him regularly. Meet him with his open book of counsel before you; and face the regular and irregular duties of each day with the influence of his person-

CANVASSING REPORT
Southern Union Conference
For Week Ending Nov. 12, 1909

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
NAME	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
Mrs A E Frank	BFL H&H	47	\$41 50	\$8 00
R C Smith	.....CK	4	6 00	19 50
W M Olmstead	...MofN	22	34 00	7 25
John Harzman	....MofN	20	9 75	2 25
Gerhard Jorgenson	..BFL	20	18 00	8 00
I T Reynolds	.....GC	43	163 25	

For Week Ending Nov. 19, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
NAME	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
R I Keate	.....BFL	21	65 25	
W G Ringgold	.....BFL	33	53 60	2 00
H G Moberg	.....BFL	37	40 05	5 00
E A Keate	.....BFL	33	44 00	
R T Jacks	.....BFL	27		40 50
W R Elliott	.....D&R	33	35 25	2 00
C M Cockran	.....BFL		15 70	47 20
I W Peevy	.....—	48	22 50	38 25
Geo W Brown	.....BFL	50	14 35	10 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H C Carmichael	2 w.DofA	135		194 00
C F Dart	.....D&R	13	5 25	29 75
M Wheeler	.....D&R	30	15 00	17 25
M J Weber	.....BFL	43	33 50	10 00
H E Beck	.....D&R	41	28 00	1 00
J N Steel	3 wks.....GC	100	66 00	26 70
C L Collison	2....D&R BR	100	50 50	56 00
Gerhard Jorgenson	..BFL	19	14 50	2 00
John Harzman	....MofN	41	37 75	4 50
W M Omstead	....MofN	43	41 50	12 50
Mrs A E Frank	H&H BFL	46	38 75	10 95
I T Reynolds	.....GC	50		146 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon	.....—	33		27 25
H G Miller	.....—	51		66 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	.....GC	47	60 50	
Annie Benton	.....BS	22	25 00	
Mrs M B Boyce	....D&R	24	8 05	
C H Chenault	.....D&R	21	11 50	
Carrie Goldcamp	....BFL	6	6 50	18 50
R H Hazelton	.....MISC	25	23 00	100 00
J S Moore	.....MISC	90	64 20	7 40
Mamie Moore	.....D&R	61	84 95	75 25
C H McColrey	.....D&R	28	23 50	4 25
G W Powers	.....CK	28	9 25	6 25

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference	....	282	290 70	145 45
Kentucky Conference	...	262	81 75	252 00
Louisiana Conf 2 wks	....	554	521 50	304 15
Mississippi Conference	..	84		93 60
Tenn River Conf 2 wks	..	352	316 45	211 65

Totals1534 1210 40 1006 85

ality, definitely controlling your every act."—
John T. Stone.

Begin now. The "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1910 will help you. Order from Mrs. W. M. Crothers, Twenty-fourth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. Price five cents.

M. E. KERN.



THE December number of *Life and Health* warns against the blunder of modern schemes of forcing all human beings through the same mold, either in the matter of food or exercise.

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NOTICE

WORD comes from Brother H. G. Miller that the canvassers' institute in Mississippi, beginning December 28, will be held in Watervalley, Miss. I shall be glad to meet with the canvassers. Let all be on time, as the Lord has promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst."

A. F. HARRISON.



SPECIAL OFFER

THE Eastern Question has been so satisfactorily treated in the *Watchman* by Professor P. T. Magan, and feeling convinced that the *Watchman* readers would like to have the entire series of articles on the subject from the beginning, we are making this offer. We will furnish eight hundred sets of the *Watchman* containing the articles on the Eastern Question, including the months of May, July, August, September, October, November, December, and January, for fifty cents a set. We cannot include the June number in this set, as we have none on hand. The January number will contain the last of the series on the Eastern Question in its "Near East" aspect, and beginning with the February number the "Far East" phase of the question will be given by the same author.

Send in your orders now, and secure a set of these important articles. Address,

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QUITE A VARIETY

IN a day's work with the special *Review*, I received donations from twenty-nine persons. These were engaged in a variety of occupations. There was a doctor, a veterinary surgeon, a hotel proprietor, a photographer, a jeweler, a carpenter, a farmer, a preacher, a clerk, a real estate agent, a cobbler, a blacksmith, a canvasser, two livery men, two furniture dealers, one hay and feed merchant, two dry-goods merchants, three hardware men, and six grocery men.

This message is to penetrate everywhere, reaching all trades, as well as all people.

C. F. DART.



"GRIT is a match for any handicap."

ALABAMA CANVASSING REPORT

For Month Ending October 30, 1909

Agent	Place	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
R F Thompson	Wilcox Co	D&R	140	58	\$63 00	\$38 30	\$101 30	\$180 35
C M Cockran	Talladega	D&R	102	67	91 50	15 25	106 75	58 00
R I Keate	Talladega	D&R	67					120 40
W G Ringgold	Govington Co	BS	57	38	38 00	27 00	65 00	22 50
B F Harmon	Tuscumbia	BFL	20		1 35		7 35	50 35
W H Waite	Washington		50	19	25 25		25 25	3 55
R T Jacks	Madison	BFL	72	24	20 50		20 00	102 50
T R Baugh	Cullman	BFL	52	12	15 00	4 25	19 25	25 50
W V Wilson	Limestone Co	BFL						58 00
Hugh Jones		BFL	107	65	65 00		65 00	
A F Harrison	Talladega	BFL	64	96	112 00	8 10	120 10	1 90
Mrs P Thomas	Bankhead	BFL			33 00		33 00	33 00
H Moberg	Mobile Co	BFL	76	70	82 50		82 50	
Mrs J H Smith						15 00	15 00	15 00
R Roberts	Selma	BFL	106					72 35
M L Ivory	Birmingham	BFL			2 30		2 30	4 05
G W Brown	Tuscumbia	BFL	75	53	59 50	11 45	70 95	15 00
K Skidmore	Selma	BFL	81					127 75
C G Manns	Eutaw	BFL	139	25	29 00	5 00	34 00	50 00
Alex Wood	Eutaw	D&R	78	4	11 00	4 50	15 50	32 00
I W Peevy	Selma	BFL	160	25	39 90	10 50	50 40	36 25
Totals			1446	556	\$694 30	\$139 35	\$833 65	1008 45

R. I. KEATE, State Agent.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the second annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Thursday, January 20, 1909, at 11 A. M., at the Seventh-day Adventist church, on Twenty-third Ave., North and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. HOOK JR., Secretary.

Dated Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 29, 1909.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

A YOUNG People's Missionary Volunteer Society in California, has recently made a donation of clothing for the Southern work, and also collected funds to purchase one of the new sewing-machines for the industrial department of the Huntsville School.

The Brooklyn, Ill., mission reports: "We have taken the responsibility of supporting one of our schools at Amoy, China. This school was discontinued for some time on account of lack of funds, but we have raised money enough, with the assistance of the south-side society, to pay its expenses for six months.

"A short time ago a call came from the Hillcrest, Tenn., training-school, for clothing, and our society has just forwarded a shipment of nearly all kinds of wearing apparel"

New names are coming in every week to be entered upon the list of those taking the Reading Courses. Many more of our young people should follow the example of these. The amount of good that comes from a systematic

study of books, especially the books that are being studied in connection with the Reading Courses cannot be estimated. Send your name in now to your secretary, and she will send you information about the books, etc. It is not too late, but the time will soon be past. Will you do it?

The Nashville, Tenn., society has just fulfilled its promise to furnish two rooms in a new cottage that has just been built at the Hillcrest School Farm. The members solicited gifts from friends, and voted \$8.00 of the society's surplus to finish the work. This society also voted, last Friday night, to donate twenty dollars towards purchasing a cultivator for Herbert Owen's school in Honduras, Central America.

The matter of the "Bible Worker's Scholarship" of the Huntsville school was presented to the Nashville society last Friday evening, and will probably receive consideration later.

Our hearts go out in gratitude to God when we see our young people investing in this kind of work, instead of spending their money in unprofitable ways. Let the good work go on, and the contagion spread to every part of the field. "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11:25.



BROTHER S. B. HORTON has just returned from a visit to Northern points in the interests of the *Watchman*. He reports encouraging outlook, and will give more extended account of his trip in later issue.



"A MAN is never saved by evil, nor is a nation."