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THE MASTER IS CALLING

THE Master is calling his lab'ers
To come to the harvest-fields now.
It matters not though you are weary,
Though work brings the sweat to your brow.

The Master says, "Work in my vineyard,
Why stand ye so idle all day?
Go work with thy might with my reapers,
Whatever is right I will pay."

Then lift up your eyes on the harvest,
And look, for the fields are so white;
But few are the lab'ers responding,
And toiling as seems to them right.

Go work with a will while the day lasts,
For night comes when no man can work;
Then all must be up now and doing,
None thinking his duty to shirk.

The work to be done is a great one,
And now we must work with our might.
Let every one do his whole duty,
His lamp clean and burning so bright,

That the darkness may soon all be scattered,
And rays of God's glory shine in
Those lives that are darksome and gloomy,
His blood washing free from all sin.

It seems the work ne'er can be finished
In such a short lifetime or less;
But God says 't will be finished quickly
And cut short in righteousness.

So let us all be up and doing
And helping in spreading his Word,
And then at our Saviour's returning
We may welcome him as our Lord,

May hear the "Well done" spoken to us,
See the smile upon his dear face,
And through all those glorious ages
Be singing the song, "Saved by Grace."

—Mrs. J. R. Bagby.

Cullman, Ala.

SELECTED FROM PUBLISHED TESTIMONIES BY MRS.

E. G. WHITE

I AM filled with sadness when I think of our condition as a people. The Lord has not closed heaven to us, but our own course of continual backsliding has separated us from God. Pride, covetousness, and love of the world have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation. Grievous and presumptuous sins have dwelt among us. And yet the general opinion is that the church is flourishing, and that peace and spiritual prosperity are in all her borders.

Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. . . . Let each put the question to his own heart: "How have we fallen into this state of spiritual feebleness and dissension? Have we not brought upon ourselves the frown of God because our actions do not correspond with our faith? Have we not been seeking the friendship and the applause of the world rather than the presence of Christ and a deeper knowledge of his will?" Examine your own hearts, judge your own course. Consider what associates you are choosing. Do you seek the company of the wise, or are you willing to choose worldly associates, companions who fear not God, and obey not the gospel?

Are your recreations such as to impart moral and spiritual vigor? Will they lead to purity of thought and action? Impurity is to-day wide-spread, even among the professed followers of Christ. Passion is unrestrained; the animal propensities are gaining strength by indulgence, while the moral powers are constantly becoming weaker. Many are eagerly participating in worldly, demoralizing amusements, which God's Word forbids. Thus they sever their connection with God and rank themselves with the pleasure-lovers of the world. The sins that destroyed the antediluvians and the cities of the plain exist to-day — not merely in heathen lands, not only among popular professors of Christianity, but with some who profess to be looking for the coming of the Son of man. If God

should present these sins before you as they appear in his sight, you would be filled with shame and terror.

And what has caused this alarming condition? Many have accepted the theory of the truth, who have had no true conversion. I know whereof I speak. There are few who feel true sorrow for sin; who have deep pungent convictions of the depravity of the unregenerate nature. The heart of stone is not exchanged for the heart of flesh. Few are willing to fall upon the Rock and be broken.

No matter who you are, or what your life has been, you can be saved only in God's appointed way. You must repent; you must fall helpless upon the Rock, Christ Jesus. You must feel your need of a physician, and of the one only remedy for sin, the blood of Christ. This remedy can be secured only by repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Here the work is yet to be begun by many who profess to be Christians, and even to be ministers of Christ. Like the Pharisees of old, many of you feel no need of a Saviour. You are self-exalted, self-sufficient. Said Christ, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." The blood of Christ will avail for none but those who feel their need of its cleansing power.

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SPRINGVILLE, TENNESSEE

FEBRUARY 18-21 I spent at Springville, Tenn. Never in all my visits to Springville, to hold a few days' meetings, did I enjoy a better one. The good Spirit of the Lord was present from the beginning. Notwithstanding the cold and the snow the church-members attended well. The Lord gave freedom in teaching the truth for the last days. The progress of this work and its demands upon us at this time was dwelt upon.

The truth as given in Rev. 14:6-12, was studied with renewed interest, and God blessed.

The call for help to build homes for our missionaries in other lands was presented to the church of about thirty members, and they responded by pledging to the \$300,000-fund. Our quota is \$5.50 per member. This is to be paid in the next three years. Some will pay cash now, others not having the ready money, will pay it later. It was interesting to see the children club together and give. Here we saw the fruits of a church school. When these little fellows planned to help the cause in this way it seemed that somebody had told them about our work in other lands. This little church gave \$170.50 or about its full quota. At the close of the meeting Brother Kilgore came in for counsel, and it was arranged for him to return here March the 4th and begin a few days' meetings. We are praying that God will bless his effort to the salvation of souls.

W. R. BURROW.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

ELDER SHAEFFER has been transferred to the California Conference and is therefore no longer treasurer of the Mississippi Conference.

Prof. Sam Moyers was appointed to take his place, but he will have to return to Graysville as soon as school is out, and will not be able to serve. We have therefore engaged Miss Beulah Callicott to fill the vacancy.

She is a consecrated young lady, a graduate of the Southern Training School, and well qualified to fill the office. Hereafter send all conference funds to her at Amory, Miss.

W. S. LOWRY, *Pres.*

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NOTICE TO BOOKMEN

DURING our recent conference meeting it was voted to get out a cheap edition of "Great Controversy" to sell for \$2.00, this book to be the same size as the cheap edition of "Daniel and the Revelation." On account of the delay incidental to the Review and Herald calling for the plates, we are unable to perfect our plans until the plates are returned. They will probably reach us very shortly, when active work will begin on this new edition.

In the meantime we still have some of the \$2.00 books which were gotten out temporarily to fill the demand for a cheap edition. This book, you will understand, is merely a temporary arrangement, it being the same size, and having the same illustrations as the better binding. It will probably be two months before the cheap book will be ready, so we would advise our agents not to take orders for this book until they get definite information from the home office.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R. Hook Jr., *Mgr.*

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SELECTION TAKEN FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE, HELD FEBRUARY 6, 1910

The Union Paper

At the fourth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference there was passed a recommendation instructing the committee of the union to begin the publication of a union conference paper. The committee therefore took the matter up, and after securing estimates and advice from various sources, the work was undertaken in connection with the printing department of Emmanuel Missionary College, and the first issue bore the date of November 4, 1908. All conferences in the union received due notice of the opening of the enterprise, but up to the present time a majority of the conferences have not adopted the paper, and the support received from the minority has fallen far short of making the paper self-supporting, and a large deficit

has resulted, as will appear from the report. If the *Lake Union Herald* had a subscription list equal to its present list, combined with the lists of all local conference papers, the receipts would have met the entire cost of its publication; then if the conferences had decided to make use of the union paper for their local work, the entire deficit would have been wiped out. I would recommend that careful consideration be given to the question of a medium in the union, by this conference, and a plan devised that will be accepted by all. To conduct a union paper at a loss of \$1,600, and several local papers at a loss of \$800, is a waste of means that ought not by any means to be continued.

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CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For January, 1910

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Total Value
Ala.	9	835	476	\$703 70	\$112 10	\$815 80
La.	6	494	165	427 45	195 20	622 65
Ky.	5	405	136	297 75	261 60	559 35
Miss.	8	298	162	452 50	52 10	504 60
T. R.	8	270	200	178 60	129 55	308 15
Totals	36	2302	1139	\$2060 00	\$750 55	\$2810 55

For January, 1909

Totals	42	2391	1143	\$2036 33	\$803 43	\$2870 76
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I AM sorry I have been so busy that I entirely forgot to send in the canvassing report for you.

We are now at Moreland, Ky., in the midst of one of the best institutes we have ever held in the State. There are eight men in attendance, and they expect to enter the field at once. The work in this State is fast coming up, and the spirit of advance is taking hold on all the workers. A goodly number of the canvassers are determined to put in better time than ever before; and several are determined to be on hand at the next bookmen's convention, a year from now.

From this place I shall go to Graysville and attend another institute. I have not been at home since before Christmas, but the Lord is blessing the work and we look forward for a prosperous year.

A. F. HARRISON.

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A SIGNIFICANT ACTION

THE Evansville (Ind.) *Courier*, of January 28, announced the fact that "on the 27th, the United States Senate passed a strict Sunday observance law."

Seventh-day Adventists have been proclaiming for fifty years, that, in the fulfilment of the prophecy of Revelation 13, the United States would do this very thing, and now that it is done it should strengthen our confidence in the message. It is also true that this act is one of the very last in the fulfilment of prophecy

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Feb. 19, 1910

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
M Wheeler	D&R	20	\$ 9 50	\$23 00
H C Carmichael	DoFA	50		18 50
H E Beck	D&R	43	53 00	50
M J Weber	BFL	38	30 30	40
N A Harden	CK	12	7 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson 2 wks	BFL	74	52 25	20 50
J N Steel	GC	30	54 80	17 55
I T Reynolds	GC			11 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon	BFL	27	34 00	4 00
J S Fry	D&R	27	25 00	1 50
Virgil Smith	D&R	40	20 25	5 25
Everett Marley	D&R	42	102 75	
W H Daniells	D&R	7	2 75	25 75
H G Miller	D&R	20	17 70	1 80
S A Oberg	GC	42	62 75	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	DoFA	18	11 60	
R H Hazelton	MISC	20		42 50
Mamie Moore	D&R	12	26 10	
C H McColrey	D&R	20	7 40	1 40

SUMMARY

Kentucky Conference	163	99 80	41 40
Louisiana Conference	74	107 05	49 55
Mississippi Conference	205	265 20	38 30
Tennessee River Conference	70	45 10	43 90
Totals	512	\$517 15	\$173 15

before the close of probation, and the seven last plagues. My brethren and sisters, we are in the last of the last days, and surely we should bestir ourselves, for what is to be done, must be done quickly. If any are expecting to help the work with their means, now is the time. Very soon it will be too late. It is time that each member was in some definite way getting the light before the people. Our Religious Liberty literature should be scattered broadcast. We ought to have hundreds of agents for our magazines *Liberty* and *Watchman*. Strong consecrated men should enter the canvassing field with such books as "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy," books filled with the message of this present day, and above all, we should be seeking God for victory over every besetment, and for freedom from sin, and power to stand through the terrible scene just before us.—*Chas. Thompson.*

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NOTICE

MISS BEULAH CALLICOTT has been duly appointed treasurer of the Mississippi Conference. Send all conference funds to her at Amory, Miss.

W. S. LOWRY, Pres.

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HUNTSVILLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WE are sure that our readers, and also the members of our Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies will be glad to see from time to time the amounts we are receiving from different places, and persons, to the above fund.

If each society in each State will do their part in raising this \$180.00, it will not be long before it is done, and then will come the satisfaction that we have done so much towards educating persons to go among the colored people to give them the message which we prize so much.

Amount previously reported.....	\$2.00
Southern Pub. Employees.....	5.76
Southern Publishing Association.....	5.00
Nashville Y. P. M. V. S.....	2.50
R. Hook Sr.....	1.00
J. E. White.....	1.00
N. L. Hill.....	1.00
C. H. Chenault.....	1.78
Mrs. W. M. Crothers.....	1.00

Total\$21.04

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE king of the Fiji Islands is an observer of the seventh day.

Three copies of "Bible Readings" were sold to the queen of Sweden.

The empress of Germany bought a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons."

A Roumanian court musician has been baptized into the Adventist faith.

The vice-president of Mexico has purchased books from our canvassers.

The president of Guatemala sends his children to our school in that country.

The queen of Roumania, known to the literary world as Carmen Sylva, reads our German paper.

PROGRESS OF THE BOOK WORK—NO. 1

BELIEVING that you are interested in the success attending our canvassers the world over, we are passing on a report just received from Brother Clark, general agent in South Africa.

For several years the work down there had been dragging along at a very slow pace. You have noticed the reports occasionally in the *Review* which have usually run from three to five hundred dollars. Brother Clark began work in South Africa about the first of September. He sends a report of his work during the last four months of the year. The book sales stand as follows:—

September	\$ 732.06
October	1,535.22
November	2,215.17
December	4,492.74

Now brethren, this is surely a grand report and shows what can be done with our good literature when a spirit of consecration and aggressiveness takes hold of our workers.

South Africa is a needy field, and has been passing through depressing times, but greater than all the difficulties is the grace and power of God which accompanies our faithful canvassers.

There is room for many more in the canvassing ranks, and those who are inactive are losing the blessing that accompanies faithful service for the Master.

If you desire to have a part in this grand work that will finally triumph gloriously, address Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

R. HOOK JR., Gen. Mgr.

Those who reside in the Southeastern Union Conference should address L. D. Randall, Mgr., 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga., and those in the Southwestern Union should address R. L. Pierce, 411 West Railroad Ave., Fort Worth, Tex.

The dowager empress of Russia and the queen of Denmark have registered at our sanitarium at Skodsborg.

Paul Kruger, late president of the Transvaal republic, bought a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation."

Queen Alexandra of England, with her parents, the king and queen of Denmark, visited our Skodsborg Sanitarium.

A colonel in the Spanish army gave his subscription for our Spanish paper and paid for it sixteen years in advance.

The Sabbath has been brought to the attention of the German emperor by the trial of some of our young men in the army.

A large number of chiefs in Africa are deeply interested in our educational work there, and are sending their children to our schools.—*Selected.*