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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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THE MASTER'S TOUCH

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty lies unseen;
To make the music and the beauty needs
The master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.
Great Master, touch us with thy skilful hand;
Let not the music that is in us die,
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let,
Hidden and lost, thy form within us lie.
Spare not the stroke! do with us as thou wilt!
Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred,
Complete thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, thou our God and Lord.

—Selected.

RIGHT METHODS OF PREACHING

THE instruction of the intellect is not the only, nor indeed the principal, end of preaching, but its highest aim is to lead souls to God. To co-operate with the Holy Spirit in convincing of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; to teach the love of Jesus; to build up in the Christian graces; to train souls for heaven,—all this is the work of the gospel minister. To this end he *must* know something of these things by experience. He should not stand as one on a lofty height, and cry: "Look! this is what you must aim at. Come up hither, where all is so bright and pure and happy." No; let him say, instead: "Brethren and friends, let us try to get up higher together. I with you, am but a toiler on life's highway, but it is my duty and exceeding high privilege to stretch a helping hand to my fellow travelers. Shall we try?" For you will never lead souls heavenward unless you are climbing yourself; you need not be very far up, but you must be climbing.

Try always to be genuine in thought. Speak that which you know in spiritual things. Take care not to soar in your words into regions which you have never visited in your heart. Speak from actual experience. A high ideal, an exalted standard, a lofty aim—by all means; but no false sentiment about it, no high-pitched or misty language, which will not bear being placed side by side with the heart's true experience. It is a good rule, if we speak about things higher than our own hearts have attained, to speak as if to our own hearts,—to tell others what we feel our own hearts desire to be told. Preach to yourself; then you will touch others also.

Be natural in manner. Do not aim much at manner: the best manner is that of entire unconsciousness. Be yourself. If you are naturally quiet, do not try to be fervid. If you are naturally warm and vehement, use the gift. Any manner will do, if all is true, and sincere, and *meant*,—but no "mannerism." No manner is good with hollow words and heartless sentiments. Fluency is appalling if earnestness is lacking; and often halting, stammering words go straight home by the very force of the honest conviction of the speaker.

Be simple in style. "What are we better for a golden key,

if it cannot unlock what we wish to open? What the worse for a wooden key, if it can?" Beware of the abomination of "fine" language and neatly rounded sentences. You can preach almost as you would talk to a poor woman in a cottage, so far as language is concerned, and yet be truly eloquent. Use words that can be understood by all, high or low. One could easily make a long list of words to be avoided; but if you mingle freely with the people, your ear will be trained to detect "hard" words and your own instinct will tell you what to avoid.

Never assume that your listeners are carrying your reasoning in their heads as you go on. Take nothing for granted. Explain what to you seems simple, and do not be afraid of repetition. Remember that every detail of the glorious truths you are presenting is utterly strange and peculiar in the ears of your audience. They must be builded up from the very foundation. Do not build on old ground; for you will find it treacherous. "No man putteth a piece of undressed cloth upon an old garment." Bring out your points distinctly and clearly.

Be extremely tender to the ignorance and prejudices of the people. They require gentle leading. Remember how slowly and gradually your own beliefs and opinions were formed. You have before you representatives of the weakest generation of the world. "Lead them softly," according as they shall be "able to endure." Take as your motto, "If men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die."

Preach positively, not negatively. Christ always spoke in the most definite way. "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Present what the Word of God teaches, as boldly as you like; but do not attack others, nor set up false arguments or untrue doctrines for the purpose of knocking them down. Build up; and do not go aside to pull down. Expose error by preaching truth.

Preach encouragingly. Do not be hard on the people. Poor souls! they need all the help you can give them. Their eyes are blind, their ears are dull and deaf. Speak gently; do not drive them, but lift them. Picture to them in compelling colors our heavenly Father and his love.

Preach Christ and him crucified. No code of laws, however binding; no lines of prophecy, however important; no system of historical evidence, however vital to an understanding of the message; no profound philosophy, however comprehensive and satisfying, will save mankind. No, and again, no. We must preach Jesus, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. When you can make the people see Jesus, as he is, everything that is out of harmony with him will drop off, and they will accept the truth as it is in him.

The preacher who realizes that he is himself created for eternity; who is battling with the power of evil in his own heart; who is striving after true faith in the love of the Father, the mercy of the Son, the power of the Holy Spirit; in whom the sense of sin is ever deepening; who is ever

working out a more complete self-surrender, ever advancing in self-conquest and habits of devotion,—such a one will know how to speak to tempted souls. His manner may not be brilliant, his voice may not be melodious, his flow of words may not be ready, his style may be awkward, his sentences ill-arranged; yet his message will appeal to souls as no clever handling, no trim arrangement, no easy oratory, no display of profound learning, will appeal. Why?—Because he has sympathy. He feels that he, though a minister and servant of the Master, is a poor, struggling, judgment-bound sinner. He is a living soul speaking to living souls. He remembers that every one in the congregation is the purchase of Christ's blood; that every upturned face is the face of a judgment-bound soul; and that he must meet that soul again before the judgment-seat of Christ. If preaching is to do any good, it must be based on sympathy. There must be heart first feeling for, and then speaking to, heart. This sympathy, which longs so ardently that the hearer should have the full fruition of the thoughts which are burning in the speaker's inmost soul, is the secret of true eloquence.—*Ivan F. Witting, in Review and Herald.*

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

THE report of sales of the Southern Publishing Association for week ending July 15, is as follows: *Watchman*, 8,362; *Gospel Sentinel*, 2,300; bound volumes, 3,028.

A canvasser in South Carolina writes, "Thank you for your kind letter; and in regard to the third angel's message, it surely finds its way into the homes. A sister at Hartsville is keeping the Sabbath. She wants to do some canvassing. Many are interested in the message. This sister purchased a 'Daniel and the Revelation' from me. There are several others deeply interested."

"Your very welcome letter was received some days ago. I am still interested in the work in the South. I am glad to see the good work taking on such power there. Oh, how I wish all our people would arise and finish the work quickly."

THE CONSECRATED CANVASSER

Feeling sure that the following items taken from one of our union conference papers will be of interest to our workers, I pass them along:—

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books."

"The consecrated canvasser can reach many that the gospel minister cannot reach. 'Were it not for the canvasser, many would never hear the warning.'

"Some time ago I heard of an experience that brought this statement forcibly to my mind. A friend who is a Seventh-day Adventist, and who is now principal of a public school in Colorado, received a letter from her mother (who resided in Colorado at the time, and who was very prejudiced against the truth), saying that she was reading a very interesting and timely book, the title of which was 'Daniel and the Revelation,' written by Uriah Smith:

"Thus we see the missionary canvasser can do a work that others cannot do. It would have been impossible for a Seventh-day Adventist minister to have approached this lady on the subject of present truth, but a God-fearing canvasser successfully placed before this individual's mind the great third angel's message for this time. Thus we can see in a measure why God speaks of this work in the way he does. God has said that the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world."

Curtis Varney, our bill clerk in the accounting department, has gone to Atlanta for a much-needed rest. Curtis has been with us over three years, and this is his first visit home during that period.

Brother A. A. Bryant, one of our bindery workers, has been called home to Kentucky on account of the serious illness of his mother. We trust she will soon be restored to health again.

We rejoice to tell our readers that we have just received an order from our branch house at Fort Worth, Texas, for twelve thousand six hundred books, value about \$34,106. These books will require for shipping one hundred of our largest sized cases.

Some experiences recently while canvassing with "Bible Footlights":—

"I find many hungry souls eager to find such an excellent help to explain the Bible and it saves them time in gaining a correct knowledge of the Bible. After taking the orders of three colored ministers last week, and finishing a settlement in Ackerman, Miss., I called to see a white family where a near neighbor lady and son were visiting. I showed 'Bible Footlights' to them all, but the man of the house began to make excuses that he could not order, but kept saying, 'It is an excellent book.' The young man who was visiting said, 'Mother, I want that book.' So as soon as I had arranged his order his brother and wife came in. The man of the house gave me an introduction to them and told them that I had a good book that they ought to have; so I showed the book and took another order. Their mother spoke several times about the book and said it would be such a help for her boys. So the woman of the house said to her husband that she wished he would take one of the books for them, and he did order one. I sold thirty-six 'Bible Footlights' in thirty-five hours, and helps valued at \$8.75, total \$52.25."

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

THE July number of the *Watchman* ran short about three thousand copies of enough to fill orders, and the demand for the August number is so great that we expect the edition of forty thousand which we are running on the press will not be sufficient. This means that the people everywhere are beginning to recognize the importance of the *Watchman* in evangelistic and personal missionary work.

From one who is well known in our publishing house circles, we have the following:—

"We are glad to hear of the prosperity which is attending the circulation of the *Watchman*. We believe this is right. I consider it one of the best magazines put out by Seventh-day Adventists, and it is well worthy of all the propaganda you may put forth in its behalf."

A conference president writes:—

"We appreciate the effort you are making, and we wish, through giving it a wider circulation, to co-operate with you in making the *Watchman* effective in winning souls and giving the warning message, as it is so well qualified to do."

THE July-August number of *Christian Education*, No. 6, is a special campaign number. It has a beautiful cover design, and is filled with that which is of special interest to all educators. It will sell at the same prices, in bulk orders, as all other ten-cent magazines. This special number of *Education* is designed to answer some of the important questions relative to securing an education. The key-note of the issue is expressed in the quotation on the cover page, "There Shall be no Alps." There are to be no obstacles or insurmountable

barriers in the way of any young person obtaining an education.

This special number is well illustrated, and has much in it that will be of practical benefit to all teachers and students. It will be a good seller, and at the low rates at which it will be sold to agents, many of our young people should use it in their scholarship work.

Alabama Conference

ALABAMA CITY

No doubt all of our brethren in the Alabama Conference are interested to hear from those who are out in the battlefield on the firing line; if not, they should be.

Brother E. L. Iles and the writer, have a 40x40 circular tent pitched in Alabama City, in a pleasant grove, and have been in the battle of Alabama City for seventeen days. We find that by having on the armor of God we are able to stand. The shield of faith is quenching all of the fiery darts which Satan hurls at us, and the sword of the Spirit hews to pieces all that attempt to overthrow us; so we are strong by the power of his might.

We pitched our tent June 28, and had our first meeting June 30. Rain fell the day we pitched, and we have had rain almost every day since, but when the hour came we were able to hold the meeting, and thank our great Commander for the privilege. We have not missed a meeting since we commenced our effort; for this we are truly grateful.

One night we had about one hundred twenty-five listening to the truth, while the rain was falling and our tent leaking, so that the people were getting wet. We did not want to dismiss, so sang songs of praise to God; but after singing a half hour, the rain still came down; we told the people to move around in the tent and find a dry place to sit and they did so, and we gave them the truth.

We have had a large attendance from the beginning, sometimes not being able to seat the people. Last night our tent was crowded, and about seventy-five stood outside, listening to the third angel's message and being warned against the reception of the mark of the beast.

After the service a young man called the writer aside and said that he had not been out to the meetings before, but that he was coming every night now until the close, and that he was going to sit on the front seat and get as near to us as possible. He is in the prime of life, but said that he was a mean man and drank, used tobacco, etc., but that the service had stirred him, and he wanted us not to forget to pray for him. He is a contractor in the car works, and makes good wages. Brethren, pray for him, that God will help him to take a decided stand for his truth.

We are glad the Lord has been with us and blessed us, and we are sure you will be glad to learn that nine dear souls have begun the observance of the true Sabbath, and that others are interested. The ones mentioned are all adults, some of them well along in years. There are also three children of these parents, about thirteen and fourteen years of age, that we should mention. All who are co-workers with God, pray for the success of the work here.

ROSS S. LINDSAY.

PINCKARD

BRETHREN, the Lord is good. Never need we be ashamed of his truth. It is only a few more years at best that we can be of service to a people that is deceiving and being deceived.

The critical religious condition of the world sets thinking people to appreciate the work of our canvassers.

The postmaster here, who had bought the book "Past, Present and Future," said to me, "Do your best to place one of these books in every home. It is just what is needed. That book just tears the front and back ends off every religious delusion in the country." He even wished he could join me in the work. A by-standing minister in speaking of the work I was engaged in expressed himself by saying that he thought it equal to if not more important in a community than the ministry.

In this section the "Pentecostal Movement" and the "Millennial Dawn" are deceiving many people, and "Past, Present and Future" is a godsend to the country.

Eternity is before us, brethren, during which we may never again have this golden opportunity to save the lost from deception to that truth which alone can be a shield and buckler for them and which alone can guide them to eternal life. The work of the gospel will then be forever done. It is a sad thought. Not without meaning are the words, "The night cometh, when no man can work."

Let us take courage. There are still those in this world who are seeking for truth and will appreciate it. Let us press onward and onward for the work will soon be done.

O. A. PRIEGER.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

I WILL relate a little of my experience in getting to my territory recently. After traveling most of the day, I was overtaken by a violent rain storm, which was almost equal to a waterspout. By hurrying I reached the only shelter anywhere near,—the home of a colored family. After an hour and a half the rain slackened and I made inquiry about the nearest white people, and was told that I must either retrace my steps for two miles, or else go three miles further on. But it seemed almost impossible to go either way, as the land is low, and seemed to be under water in every direction. But after explaining the work I was doing, one of the colored men took me back on a mule to the white man's house, and from there I was obliged to take a different route to reach my field.

While I was praying and pondering over the situation, Satan tried to discourage me with the thought that I could do no good that week, as I had already lost a day, and it would take me some time yet to reach my field, and suggested that I return home. But I replied that I was not working for him, and he was not my counselor.

So after walking six miles through the mud into the village of Gurley and making my first canvass, the tempter again approached in the person of an old man, who said the place was overdone with canvassers, and that I could do nothing. But I answered him that the Lord was at the head of my work, and that he was able to give me success. And so it proved, for in a short time I secured a nice list of orders in the place. To the Lord be all the praise, for he gave me the victory and the success.

R. T. JACKS.

[This records the triumph of faith and perseverance. We recommend all our canvassers to follow Brother Jacks' example when face to face with temptation and discouragement. Receive not counsel from the adversary, but go forward in the strength and counsel of the Master.]

GOD'S HEROES

"Nor the wise of earth God chooseth,
Not the great or good,
But the humble ones and willing,
With his power embued."

Kentucky Conference

THE KENTUCKY CAMP-MEETING

THE third annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference of Kentucky will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at the corner of Magnolia and Brook Streets, Louisville, Ky., August 25 to September 3, 1910.

Street cars run within two blocks of the ground. Leave arrangements for the transportation of baggage until you reach the ground. It is the same location that was occupied last year.

A. O. BURRILL, *Pres.*

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

THE second annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky will meet Tuesday, August 30, 1910, at 11:00 A.M., at the corner of Magnolia and Brook Streets, Louisville, Ky. This meeting will be for the election of officers, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association.

A. O. BURRILL, *President*,
E. G. HAYES, *Secretary*.

THE TITHE

"ALL the tithe of the land is the Lord's." Lev. 27: 30. This is what the Lord claims as his portion on the principle of ownership. And the payment of this tithe is a test of our Christian character. He who is before all things, watches the development of honesty in each one. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" Luke 16: 10, 11.

Why does one keep the Lord's tithe? Does he not know that it is not his? What is the difference in principle between keeping our neighbor's money and appropriating it to our own use, and keeping the Lord's tithe? What do we call men who are entrusted with their neighbor's money and appropriate it to their personal use? Is not this one of the ways in which to rob God? "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." "Ye are cursed with a curse." Why? "For ye have robbed me." Mal. 3: 8, 9.

Our Father has a care for his message, to which he has dedicated his tithe for its maintenance. When his professed children are dishonest with him, they are blocking his work. How does he feel as he sees his people doing this? How can we expect his blessings when we persist in this course?

Why did that mule die? Why did the lightning kill the horse? Would the tithe withheld about equal in value the animal that died?

A. O. BURRILL

OUR MAGAZINE WORK

IN another place you will see the report of our magazine workers. This is not a record of all that has been done, however, but it is a beginning, and we expect to have these reports appear each week. Keep on the lookout for them. They will grow better and be of more interest all the time, as we become educated up to the standard of reporting.

Perhaps we cannot give a fair and complete report to start with as we have not been trained along this line. Some do not know that they are expected to report to the missionary secretary; others do not know who fills that position; others do not even know that it is their duty to report at all.

Let us begin now to educate ourselves up to the standard in reporting. I know it is hard for us to get hold of the importance of this matter. Some are like a president of one of our conferences who when asked who the missionary secretary of his conference was, said he didn't know; although he

helped to elect him, and the missionary secretary's name, office, and address, were on all the conference letter heads which the president had been using and receiving for a year or more. This seems ludicrous, but this is the result of not grasping the importance of the thing.

The magazine work is a new branch, and it is hard for us to realize its value, its magnitude, and its reality. So I want to make this as plain as A. B. C. that we may get hold of our duty.

A. This means me.

B. If you are selling any of our periodicals within the Kentucky Conference, whether you are a member of this conference or not, whether you live in Kentucky or any other State; whether you are a regular canvasser, or just selling a few magazines about home, you are expected to report your work.

C. Report each week to the missionary secretary, and to the Kentucky Tract Society.

D. The address of the Kentucky Tract Society is Milledgeville, Ky., and the missionary secretary is C. F. Dart, Moreland, Ky.

E. All who are now reporting should continue to report each week.

F. All who are selling magazines and not reporting, should begin at once, and send in a report of all the work done this year, and then report regularly each week.

G. Please speak about reporting to all who are selling magazines but whose names you do not see in the reports.

H. The items to be reported are: (1) The week during which the work is done; (2) city or cities worked; (3) name of magazine or magazines sold; (4) number of each kind of magazine sold; (5) value of magazines sold during week; (6) present address; (7) permanent address.

I. All who are not selling magazines, please study and pray over it and see if you cannot sell some.

J. Read this over again carefully and act upon it.

I fully believe there is not more than one in ten of our members but could take a club of five or more *Watchman* and sell them. How many will try?

C. F. DART.

Missionary Secretary, R. F. D. 2, Moreland, Ky.

NOTES FROM OFFICE

ELDER BURRILL left Milledgeville, Tuesday, July 12, for Sand Hill. The brethren at this place are expecting to build a church.

Brother M. J. Weber writes, "I walked ten miles this week and never took an order." The younger canvassers ought not to feel disheartened when they walk even more. Brother Weber was greatly blessed with success before the week passed. His orders amounted to \$81.00.

Edward Whittier is now canvassing Boyle County, and making his headquarters at the home of Elder Burrill.

A Sabbath-school has been organized at Mumfordsville since Brother M. Wheeler moved there.

Sisters Alma and Clara Meister report interesting experiences in the various cities where they have been selling the *Watchman*. The constant rain has been a hindrance to the magazine workers as well as the regular book canvassers in the rural districts.

Brother C. F. Dart spent last Sabbath with Brethren Lyndon Taylor and Conrad R. Bruns, Jr., at Maysville, Ky. These brethren are of good courage, and Brother Taylor has already placed a large order to be delivered next week.

There are a number of brethren and sisters owing small accounts to the tract society. We are greatly in need of money. When accounts are not promptly settled it is a hindrance to the work. Please remit promptly.

Mississippi Conference

OKOLONA, MISS.

SINCE our last report, the meetings three miles east of Okolona have been increasing in attendance and interest. It has rained almost every day and night for three weeks, and this, according to our judgment, has been a hindrance to the success of the effort, but despite the disagreeable weather, the attendance has been very good.

Sunday, July 10, was a beautiful day, and we had an all-day meeting. The people came from all over the country, brought their dinners, and staid until after the evening services.

For the last few days we have been presenting the Sabbath question. All the people in the neighborhood have acknowledged that the seventh day is the true Sabbath and that it should be kept. A number have decided to obey. One of the school directors, who is a very influential man, after listening to four sermons on the Sabbath question made this statement: "I am ashamed of myself for keeping the devil's sabbath, and will never do it again." He showed his sincerity by keeping last Sabbath to the best of his ability and hoeing corn on Sunday morning until time for eleven o'clock preaching.

A young Methodist minister has heard every sermon and he, with his mother-in-law, wife, and children, have taken their stand wholly for the truth. Others have taken their stand, and many are considering the question very seriously.

As a result of the tent effort at this place, we hope to organize a small church that will stand firm for the truth, and be a great blessing to this community.

We ask your prayers that we may have heavenly wisdom, and that the work here may be a real success.

CHARLES F. LOWRY.

SHERMAN

I HAVE just received a written notice warning me that my appointment for Sunday morning service is not acceptable to the people and that they do not want me to preach any more here.

Therefore, our meetings have come to a sudden close, but not without some fruit. One nice man came three miles yesterday and signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God. Five adults, in all, accepted the truth, but because of strong opposition one has given it up.

By use of the telephone throughout the country not a few are warning the people against us. This shows the bitter opposition to the Bible truth manifested here.

"Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies." Ps. 40: 4. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Ps. 1: 2, 3.

Our faith and courage is good, and we solicit the prayers of our people.

T. C. COLTRIN.

Tennessee River Conference

CANVASSING FOR "DANIEL AND THE REVELATION"

I WANT to say that I have been having some blessed experiences. My work is still in Memphis, Tenn., where several new members have come into the church as a result of reading the book "Daniel and the Revelation," that I sold them. One of them is a doctor's daughter, a very zealous worker.

A very intelligent gentleman, who is reading "Daniel and the Revelation" the second time, says it is the grandest thing he ever saw on the prophecies, and that Mr. Smith is one of the best authors he ever read. This man is thinking seriously about the Sabbath question, and is urging his neighbors to read the books, for I sold to most all of them. He is a member of a Bible class, taught by a lady; and has interested her in the book. Many other similar instances might be mentioned, in which this book has aroused its readers to study the Bible with new interest.

In nine months of the past year I have worked 1,160 hours and delivered \$928.70 worth of books, and have another delivery to make as soon as I return to my territory. I am now home on a visit to see my mother at Bee Spring, Ky. My mother and her little children are alone in the truth. May the readers of the WORKER all pray for them, and for me in my work.

MAMIE MOORE.

[Sister Mamie Moore, who will be recognized as one of our successful canvassers, writes us that she desires to rent a farm, near a church school, in Tennessee or Kentucky, for the use of her mother and family. Any one having a good property so situated, is invited to correspond with Sister Moore, at Bee Spring, Ky.]

Our Schools

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT OAKWOOD

THE time for the teachers' institute, August 3-24, will soon be here. The colored teachers in the South should avail themselves of this special opportunity to gain a better preparation for their important work. Competent workers will be present, and the instruction will be practical and of such a nature as to unify our educational work and increase the efficiency of those engaged in it.

Board will be furnished at a reasonable rate by the school. Five to six dollars per month will cover this item of expense. Room will be furnished free, but the occupants will be expected to furnish all bed linen, towels, napkins, etc.

We believe it will be very profitable for our teachers to come together for a period of three weeks, and study together the great educational problems which confront the work in the South.

Come, and bring your experiences for the benefit of your fellow teachers.

Further information will be cheerfully given to those who wish it. Those who expect to attend should notify W. J. Blake, Huntsville, Ala., Box 414, that preparation may be made to entertain you.

W. J. BLAKE.

HOUSE AND HOME

"A HOUSE is built of bricks and stones, of sills and posts and piers;

But a home is built of loving deeds that stand a thousand years.

A house, though but a humble cot, within its walls may hold A home of priceless beauty, rich in love's eternal gold. The men on earth build houses—halls and chambers, roofs and domes—

But the women of the earth—we know—the women build the homes."

"THERE is far more glory and success in saving a man than there is in accumulating a fortune, and yet most men will work harder to make a dollar than to lead a man into the kingdom of God."

General

GENERAL NOTES

Mobile

FROM New Orleans our next stop was at Mobile, Ala. We only made a short stop here as Brother and Sister Henry are in Birmingham for the summer, assisting Elder Buckner in tent work. The school work is well spoken of, and this city should have not only a school but other work next winter. We were cordially greeted by Professor Smith and wife, of Emerson Institute, where we spent a few hours in looking over the plant and work of this probably the oldest industrial school for the negro race in America.

Pensacola, Fla.

At Pensacola we found a splendid company who have been brought into the truth mainly by the labors of Elders Buckner, Lawrence, and Peters. On Sabbath, July 9, Professor Rogers and the writer, assisted by Brother Peters, organized a church of forty-three members, with several others unable to be present on account of sickness. We found them well instructed in the doctrines of the message and giving good evidence of personal experience in conversion. They have taken hold to build for themselves a neat and modest church building, which was dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday. The interest is still good, and the church is manifesting its loyalty to God by paying tithe and liberal offerings to the work. Sister Hurlley is doing Bible work there at present.

A few faithful souls are holding up the light among the white people in Pensacola, and there is a substantial and growing interest. W. W. Grant, for many years a frontier scout under General Custer, has lately accepted the truth, and is now doing faithful pioneer work for the Lord. The Sabbath meetings are held in Brother Grant's home, and they are praying and pleading earnestly for more help.

Montgomery, Ala.

Elders Lawrence and Peters have conducted a successful tent effort in Montgomery. They report fifteen conversions as a result. Elder Lawrence has now gone to the assistance of the work in Louisville, Ky., and Brother Victor Waltering, from Oakwood, will assist Brother Peters in another tent effort this season.

Birmingham, Ala.

I only stopped a couple of hours in Birmingham. Elder Buckner's tent work has been much interfered with on account of continued rain. However, the work in the city is onward, and fifteen are reported ready for baptism as a result of Brother Buckner's work.

Oakwood

I found the work at Oakwood progressing nicely. Fifteen teachers are attending the summer school, and a large number additional will attend the institute for three weeks at the close of the summer school. All seemed to be of good courage.

C. F. McVAGH.

A LETTER

[Feeling sure our readers will be glad of the privilege of reading the following letter written to Eld. A. G. Daniells, we take pleasure in passing it along.—Ed.]

SOLUSI MISSION, AFRICA, April 22, 1910.

I AM now at the Solusi Mission station. It really looks much like civilization at this station now. They have two hundred acres of good corn. I just measured three ears that I picked as I was passing through one of the fields this morning, and they averaged nearly nine inches around, and a foot in length. This is their largest variety; they have other fields of a smaller variety. At one time it looked as if the whole crop would wither and die for want of rain. The

rain came just in the niche of time to save the crop, and they believe the Lord sent the rain in answer to prayer. Aside from the fields of corn, they have about forty-five acres of native peas, peanuts, beans, and other garden truck. This, with one hundred and forty-five head of fine cattle, four mules, and a good driving horse, a full complement of farming tools, places this station in good condition now to do a very good work.

When my wife and I visited this station last year, they had thirty-two students at the home station, four out-schools, with an average attendance of twenty-five in each school. Now the main station has ninety-two students, thirty-three of whom are girls, and seven out-schools, and they are about to open one more.

The class of students that have come in are generally very promising. They average much above the ordinary both in physique and intelligence. They are a quiet and orderly class who desire to learn the truth and become qualified to teach, or to carry the truth to their own people. Their ages run from twelve to twenty-five, with the average above sixteen.

To hear these students singing together the praises of God, and engaging in prayer and praise services, with such earnest devotion, and then remember that one year ago the larger part of them were sitting in heathen darkness, is a scene that touches my heart. I could only say in happy surprise, "What hath God wrought?"

Victor Wilson is developing into a good teacher. He is getting a good hold on the language, and he is now translating a hymn book into the Centibela language. It will soon be ready for publication.

Thomas Ntaba and wife, with his mother, have gone to assist Elder Armitage in opening his mission among the Zulus. The mother has always been called the mother of the Solusi Mission, and a mother in Israel. She will be much missed here, as she has been here since the opening of the mission; she was a firm friend of Elder and Sister Mead. She will be good help in starting a new mission.

Elder Sturdevant expects soon to leave for Mashonaland to open a new station, leaving this one in the hands of Elder and Sister Walston, and Victor Wilson. That is, this arrangement will carry if the grant of land is made as we expect. He will take Mark and six other of our advanced students from this station.

Twenty native teachers are now teaching at Solusi and its out-schools, all of whom have received their training here. Nine others are teaching at other places. Besides the ninety-two students, and the twenty-nine teachers, that show something of the work of the station, there are thirty-six others who are members of the native church here. These are all loyal to the message, and are faithful Christians. Twenty others are keeping the Sabbath, who live in their kraals, that have not yet united with the church, but are expecting to soon.

Inasmuch as reports sometimes get out that mission work does not pay or bring lasting results, I thought that while at this, our oldest station, I would look up its record and see what the actual facts are, and as to the results of its work. I submit a few figures for your perusal; they interested me, and I know they will you as well. I only went back over the year 1909.

The tithe report for 1909 at the Solusi church, which has a membership of eighty-eight, three of whom are white, is as follows: \$382.25 tithe for the year. First quarter of 1910 is \$31.75. The annual offerings were \$50.75, and a gold ring. The Sabbath-school offerings for last year were \$43.25. When one remembers that this is a native church in Africa, the report is not by any means discouraging.

To us who are laboring for this people, as we see them coming from the darkness and superstition of heathenism into

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Del.	Gnd.	Tota
Mississippi	19	2468	1234	2227 75	571 90		2798 65
Alabama	15	2100	1400	1928 25	778 00		2706 25
Kentucky	14	1980	722	1253 70	447 35		1701 05
Tennessee River	8	1616	719	967 40	683 05		1650 45
Louisiana	9	1209	621	964 60	426 35		1390 95
Total	65	9373	4696	\$7341 70	\$2906 65		\$10247 35

I AM glad that the time has again come for me to send in another report of work done. This report shows that our workers for the month of June have not been idle.

One year ago this month we had just sixty-one canvassers at work, and our orders were worth \$5,220, and value of books delivered was \$2,238. This shows a gain of over two thousand dollars in orders, and seven hundred dollars in value of books delivered, with only four more canvassers in the field. This is certainly a good showing. It speaks well and shows that month by month, and year by year, we are gaining, and that our workers are not transient, but that they have entered this work to stay. Their heart and soul are wrapped up in the message.

I do not expect that our work will drop down in July and August, just because the weather is a little warm, or it is dry. We have not stopped for rain, mud, or cold, and now we have no time to spare. Half this year is in the past, and we must push the battle to the front.

I am now at Pensacola, Fla., drilling four or five new workers on "Past, Present, and Future." It is my plan to allow no one to pass by that I can induce to enter this work, and I ask your prayers that I may succeed. We *must have* more consecrated young men and women in the field and strengthen our forces. Next week I will go to Louisiana to attend the camp-meeting and will be so engaged until the middle of September. The office address will always reach me.

Yours for a forward move,

A. F. HARRISON.

this message, and see results as reported above, besides the marked change in the lives and characters, we have every reason to thank God and take courage.

Your brother in Christ,

(Signed) R. C. PORTER.

A QUESTION ANSWERED

A FEW weeks ago the writer received a letter in which the question was asked if there was anything in the Testimonies favoring and encouraging the ten-cent-a-week plan for the support of foreign missions. Thinking the answer to this question would be of general interest, I submit the following extract taken from, "Testimonies for the Church," No. 31, p. 147 (you will also find it in Vol. V., p. 151): "Do not wait until your imaginary wants are all satisfied. Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten, twenty, or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God."

This language is plain and to the point. And how reasonable it is! It looks like divine counsel, when a regular system is outlined. I trust God will inspire us all to harmonize with this instruction and the plan adopted by the general, union, and local conferences to give an amount equaling ten cents per week for the support of the message in foreign lands.—Chas. Thompson.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference For Week Ending July 9, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Alex Osterman	.BFL	69	20	\$ 30 00	\$ 50	\$ 30 50	\$ 71 75
R Roberts	....BFL	51	42	63 00	26 05	89 05	3 00
O A Priege	..PP&F	51	1	2 00		2 00	82 50
W G Ringgold	..BFL						38 50
M L Ivory	....BFL	61	8	12 00	50	12 50	19 77
E E Dollaway	..BFL	50	7	10 50	1 60	12 10	.9 85
Mrs L Gibson	..H&H						17 00
I W Peevy	....BFL	29	2	3 00		3 00	16 50
Annie Peevy	...BFL	14	2	3 00		3 00	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck	....D&R	37	4	10 00	5 50	15 50	12 00
C R Bruns	....PP&F	22	6	6 00	2 50	8 50	
H Ethington	...BFL	45	23	23 50	2 25	25 75	2 25
W F Ethington	..BFL	44	20	23 50	1 50	25 00	1 00
M D Landon	..BFL	51	14	15 00	6 75	21 75	1 50
L E Taylor	....PP&F	38	22	37 50	2 50	40 00	2 50
M J Weber	....BFL	56	65	66 00	15 00	81 00	
M Wheeler	...BFL	10	1	1 00	1 00	2 00	6 00
Ed Whittier	...MISC						2 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon	..BFL	51	24	35 00	10 25	45 25	2 00
J S Fry	....D&R	30	11	27 00	1 25	28 25	1 25
Virgil Smith	...D&R	25	19	49 00	4 20	53 20	4 20
E L Marley	...D&R	2					4 00
H G Miller	....D&R	1	1	1 25		1 25	2 50
Mollie Miller	..stoc	3	1	60		60	60
C H McColrie	..BFL	50	80	95 00	5 05	100 05	4 45
Ella Johnson	...BFL	32	10	10 00	50	10 50	6 00
Emily Billups	..BFL	38	9	9 00	23 75	32 75	32 50
Annie Watts	...BFL	40	34	40 00	1 25	41 25	
Katie Holston	..BFL	40					
Louise Jackson	BFL	12	2	2 00	75	2 75	75
C Wilson	....PAPERS	31			7 75	7 75	2 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	..GC	42	37	46 00	11 25	57 25	
S L Clark	....PP&F	18	13	6 50	4 00	10 50	50
E E Loveland	..PP&F	14	7	7 50		7 50	
J S Moore	....PofJ	43	14	36 00	2 00	38 00	25
Mamie Moore	..D&R	16			5 75	5 75	80 05
G W Powers	....CK	26	17	6 00	5 00	11 00	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	....	335	82	123 50	28 65	152 15	258 87
Kentucky Conf	....	303	155	182 50	37 00	219 50	17 25
Louisiana Conf							
Mississippi Conf	...	365	191	268 85	54 75	323 60	60 50
Tenn River Conf	..	159	88	102 00	28 00	130 00	80 80
Totals	.....	1162	516	678 85	148 40	825 25	417 42

PERIODICAL WORK

Kentucky

WEEK ENDING JUNE 25

Agents	Papers	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Annie and Minnie Adams	4 wks....L&H	80	1140	\$114 00
Marie WirthW	20	58	5 80
Charlsey AllranW	20	33	3 30
Totals	120	1231	\$123 10

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Number of Conferences	5
Number of Societies	12
Present Membership	144
Members of Attainment	8
Number in Reading Course	38
Junior Membership	39
Letters Written	132
Letters Received	27
Missionary Visits	214
Bible Readings Held	49
Subscriptions Taken	55
Papers Sold	289
Papers Given Away	2,942
Books Sold	26
Books Loaned	39
Pages of Tracts Sold	120
Pages of Tracts Given Away	10,256
Hours of Christian Help Work	128
Articles of Clothing Given Away	22
Meals Provided	26
Foreign Missions	\$35.56
Home Missions	\$28.63
Local Society Donations	\$35.42
Number Signers to Temperance Pledge	9
Number of Conversions	9

Mrs. M. H. CROTHERS, *Union Secy.*

"The greatest university is in the home where the youth sits and learns at the feet of Jesus."

CAMP-MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1910 Southern Union Conference

Louisiana, Alexandria.....	July 21-31
Alabama, Calera.....	August 4-14
Tennessee River, Huntingdon.....	August 18-28
Kentucky, Louisville.....	August 25 to September 3
Mississippi, Enterprise.....	September 1-10

NEWS AND NOTES

We are glad to see Elder Bollman in his accustomed place, after an absence of ten days. Although his foot is far from well, still he is able to go and come to his office work.

Elder McVagh left Nashville, July 21, to be gone for a time. He will attend all the camp-meetings in the Southern Union Conference. The first one to convene is in Louisiana, July 21-31.

Brethren Crothers and Parmele went to Scottsboro, July 21st to begin tent-meetings, expecting to have a three weeks' campaign; or remain until time for the Tennessee River camp-meeting, as the large tent will then have to be used there.

The quarterly report blanks have been sent out to the secretaries of the tract and missionary societies, also to the missionary volunteer society secretaries. We sincerely hope all will be prompt in filling them out, as your quarterly meeting is in the past, and we will deem it a favor if the reports are returned at Mrs. M. H. Crothers, Missionary Secretary, S. U. C.

NEWS AND NOTES

THE tendency toward elaborate and extravagant graduation dresses has taken a turn. The cap and gown was a good one inasmuch as it put an end to the temptation of vain and ambitious pupils to outshine their less fortunate companions. The Washington Irving High School has gone further, and under the direction of Miss Muriel Willard agreed to wear dresses costing not more than a dollar each. It is a movement toward "simple" life. All ornateness was abandoned, and it worked well. The class looked clean, neat, tidy, and met the approval of those who were present at the graduation exercises.—*The Methodist Protestant.*

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