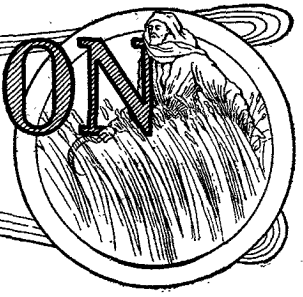


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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HEARTACHES

Oh, the dull, the heavy heartaches,
Oh, the sorrow and the woe
That come to us in our journey,
As the years unceasing flow!

E'en the flowers, as we pluck them,
Ofttimes disappointing prove;
And our friends for whom we labor
Show a not unselfish love.

Yea, the children of our bodies,
They for whom we'd even die,
Meet our heart's affection coldly,
With the head uplifted high.

Oh, this life is disappointing,
It contains more pain than joy;
For with every earthly blessing
There is mingled much alloy.

Every rose conceals its thorn point,
Even sweets their bitters give,
Till we wonder, often wonder,
Why it is man cares to live.

But God's love it solves the problem;
This dark world is not our home,
And the sorrows make us hasten
Toward the time when he shall come.

Even here he gives us blessing,
Gives his love in goodly store,
Helps us slowly learn the lesson
Other souls have learned before.

Oh, then Saviour, still instruct us;
Gently lead us by the hand;
Leave us not, nor e'er forsake us
Till we gain the heavenly land.

—Contributed.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

ALREADY the Week of Prayer has been appointed and the date December 10-17 announced in the *Review and Herald*. The time will soon be here, and it is none too early for church officers, leaders, and isolated Sabbath-keepers to begin to make definite plans for it. The readings appear in this week's *Review*, November 7. Readers should be appointed early, and the program arranged in each church and company so as to accommodate the largest number in the meetings. All the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the conference should be supplied with copies of the readings.

The Week of Prayer is an established means of grace and blessing among Seventh-day Adventists and all the old Sabbath-keepers have for years looked forward to this season of refreshing with glad anticipation.

The writer has observed that very few Sabbath-keepers give up the truth while they continue to take and read the *Review and Herald*. It is equally true that the churches that observe faithfully the Week of Prayer are the strongest and most progressive.

The annual or Christmas offering for missions in connection with the week of prayer is a great blessing, and should be made a prominent feature. During the prayer service our minds are fortified against the frivolities of the holiday season so that the means that we might have been tempted to waste in wicked conformity to the world can be turned into the channel of the Lord's work. This year the wonderful extension of the work in foreign fields indicates that the Lord will be pleased to have his people make a liberal offering. Missionaries among earth's heathen millions are pleading for help and looking hopefully toward the homeland of the message, and the Lord will look with a smile of approval or in pitying disapproval as he observes what is cast into the treasury. What will our response be in the Southern Union?

C. F. McVAGH.

AWAKE! AWAKE!!

"It is high time to awake out of sleep."

THERE has never been a time when a call to "awake" was so vital as at the present time.

The enemy of all truth has nearly the whole world lulled to sleep. A great many will never respond to the call to awaken; for they feel that there is no necessity for alarm.

Never a day passes that does not bring some evidence that what we do must be done quickly.

The Roman Catholics are constantly studying how they can get within their grasp this country and, in fact, the whole world.

The great professedly Protestant organizations are federating together in every way possible in order that they may bring such pressure to bear upon the law-making bodies of this country that statesmen will yield to their unchristian demand for religious legislation.

There will doubtless be a strong influence exerted when Congress convenes the fifth of December to urge the passage of the Johnston Sunday Bill, that now lies sleeping in the hands of the District Committee of the House of Representatives.

In view of all these things, it is time for all to awake as never before, and do what they can to resist the efforts of the enemies of the Sabbath and true freedom.

Here is what you can do that will count just now:—

Pay one dollar and fifty cents for ten yearly subscriptions for the magazine *Liberty* and order them sent to the addresses

of persons whom you may wish to have enlightened concerning the true principles of religious liberty.

Distribute freely the religious liberty tracts, especially the one entitled, "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?"

Every Seventh-day Adventist who did not sign the petition against the Johnston Sunday Bill last winter should sign such a petition now and get others to sign it also. Send the petitions to the United States senators and representatives who are from your State or district. Please do not let this matter go by default. Begin at once. Upon every local church elder rests the responsibility of bringing this matter before his church.

Already there are evidences that we shall have another vigorous battle in our efforts to defeat the passage of the Johnston Sunday Bill.

Let all awake to the demands of the hour.

K. C. RUSSELL.

Our Publishing House

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

"It is with great joy that I can write to you and let you know how the Lord has blessed me in delivering. Although I did not deliver all, yet I am thankful that I delivered what I did as there is much sickness in the community where I have been canvassing. I delivered one hundred out of one hundred and twenty, and will keep those that are left until my delivery in December. I will try to have another good delivery for the last one.

"I am proud of the Alabama workers. We have done well, and the Lord has truly blessed us all. I am going to come and see you in January as I have the necessary amount.

"One day I was going ten miles through a swamp, and in the middle I met a negro and gave him a canvass and sold the book right there. I often get lost in the woods, but the Lord always leads me to some place where I can do some work."—Benjamin Griffiths.

"Dear Co-workers: I am of good courage and I am having a good time in the work. It seems to me sometimes that I am not fit for a worker, but then I see the victories that are mine, through his promises. I had some fine experiences last week, so I will send them to the news-letter.

"Those who work for God will meet with discouragements, but the promise is always theirs: 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' Matt. 28: 20. After crossing the Cumberland River Monday I began work and found several 'Bible Readings' among the people. Some were much prejudiced, but others were very much interested in the book. After coming back to Monroe County, finishing a corner I had missed Thursday morning, I met a young man, took his order for 'Best Stories' and 'His Glorious Appearing.' He told me if his father didn't order 'Bible Footlights' he wanted one, and when I got to his father's he was there. They told me they had a book, 'Bible Readings' that was an Adventist book, and that they couldn't afford to read it, and said that people that read it turned from the Campbellite Church to be Adventists. I said, 'That's good, it convinces them that they are in the wrong.' They said the one I had was an Adventist book. The son spoke up and said, 'Mother, that is the finest book you have.' After dinner was over, he found his father wouldn't order, so he gave me his order. His parents told him they would furnish him with better reading than that if he would not order. He told them they could furnish 'Bible Footlights,' as it was what he wanted. So off I went rejoicing that the Lord blessed me in giving me the order.

"We will have many wonderful experiences given from God, if we claim his promise and say, 'I will not fail nor become discouraged.' Let all the canvassers read 'Manual for Canvassers,' page 41, on reporting, and the WORKER will be filled up with experiences if they will only heed the Testimony given there. 'The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, talking with them, is the chief worker.' If we recognize Christ as the one who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed. Yours for the canvassing work, H. E. Beck."

A few days ago we received a letter from Brother A. F. Harrison inclosing the canvassing report of the Southern Union for the month of October. As we look over this report we rejoice to learn that the Southern Union Conference has broken all records: deliveries, \$5,013.35; orders taken, \$3,221.00. Surely the Lord is good and our canvassers are receiving much of his blessing.

HOME OFFICE NEWS

This year, the book and periodical work has met with many obstacles. In some parts of the Southwest, they have had severe drouth; in other parts the boll weevil has been busy, but with all these hindrances, the Lord has bountifully blessed our workers. Surely we have cause to "praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." The 118th psalm is surely being fulfilled in the experiences of our canvassers: "I called upon the Lord in distress; and the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?" And as we look over the success attending the work, we feel with the psalmist that "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

There are usually some weeks during the year which we term "dull season" at the home office, but 1910 has been a busy year all the way through, and the office is still busily engaged in the manufacture of books, the last bindery report showing 22,774 volumes going through our bindery, and orders continue to come in so that the prospects are that we shall keep more than busy clear up to the first of the year.

Book and periodical sales for the week ending November 12: *Watchman*, 4,124; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,850; books, 3,396.

WISDOM IN PARAGRAPHS

Be a man, not an apology for one.

Count nothing a loss but a failure to attempt.

If you are really of the "best blood" you do not need to tell it.

The best plums must be picked, they won't drop into your lap.

Battles were never won by discouraged people; no laurels were ever given to cowards. Fortune crowns only heroic souls, victory perches only on the banner of those who, in the face of difficulties, move forward.

Worry, anxiety, and fear sap life of its best blessings, and they take away the chances of winning success.

Cheerfulness is a mighty factor in winning success. John Wanamaker's clerks have been heard to say: "We work better for a week after a pleasant 'Good morning' from Mr. Wanamaker."

Lincoln found humor in everything and something to laugh at in the most serious occasions. When called to preside at decisive cabinet meetings he would be found reading "Artemus Ward" and roaring with laughter at the humorist's jokes. Lincoln found good humor a life preserver. His quaint stories lightened the gloom of national peril.

It is not the movement that wears out machinery—it is the friction.—*Modern Methods, November.*

SMILES AND FROWNS

"If I knew the box where the smiles are kept,
No matter how large the key
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard,
'Twould open, I know, for me.
Then over the land and sea, broadcast,
I'd scatter the smiles to play
That the children's faces might hold them fast
For many and many a day.

"If I knew a box that was large enough
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I would like to gather them every one,
From home, and school, and street;
Then folding and holding I'd pack them in,
And turning the monster key,
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
To the depths of the deep, deep sea."

"No frown on Christ's face ever spurned the humble suppliant from his feet."

"Let us smile. It is Christian. It is catching. 'With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again.'"

"Here are a few diamonds. You may keep them:—

"Humility—'Cheerfully doing what God has commanded.'

"Forgiveness—'The fragrance the crushed flower gives out to bless the foot that ruined it.'

"Meekness—'Making yourself a ladder for another to climb to the place that belongs to you.'"

Brethren, let us be cheerful; let us eliminate the friction. Let us live and act as if we verily believed that "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,

R. Hook Jr., Manager.

Periodical Department

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS

Nothing could be more acceptable or better appreciated than a yearly subscription to the *Watchman* which, beginning with the October issue, contains every month one of a series of beautiful four-color pictures on Matthew 24, each printed on satin lithograph paper. These pictures are meeting with much favor. The magazine itself makes a most appropriate Christmas gift.

The December issue contains the following Christmas articles:—

The Visit of the Wise Men—As by faith Abraham went forth at the call of God "not knowing whither he went"; as by faith Israel followed the pillar of cloud to the promised land, so did these Gentiles go forth to find the promised Saviour. These Magi had been among the first to welcome the Redeemer and to fall down and worship him. They had welcomed the light of heaven-sent truth. This article will show that while the priests and rabbis were perfectly familiar with the Scriptures concerning the time and birthplace of the Messiah, their open contempt shown for the report of the Magi, and their refusal to even go to Bethlehem, caused the pride and stubbornness of these leaders of Israel to grow into a settled hatred of the Saviour.

The Best Christmas Gift—The first Christmas gift was God's gift of his Son to the human family, to die for their salvation. The wise men presented gifts to the infant Saviour, as was fitting that they should do. This was the first Christmas giving on the part of men. How much better to follow the example of the wise men than to make our gifts to those who

perhaps have no need of them, obeying the mere dictates of worldly custom. While the Saviour is not visibly on earth to-day, yet we can make a Christmas offering to him just as truly, as did the wise men. We can do this by giving to advance the work which Christ came to this world to accomplish, and which he is carrying forward to-day in the heavenly courts. The final warning of the coming day of God is now being given. God is urgently calling for the means to carry this gospel message to the vast multitudes of earth. The best Christmas gift is one which, like the gift of God, will bless mankind by helping to bring to them the final message of "glad tidings."

The Desire of All Nations—This article shows the influence which the curse-veiled promise of Gen. 3: 15 has had in molding the religious thought of the world. It accounts satisfactorily and convincingly for the chief points of resemblance between Christianity and various pagan systems, such as Buddhism and the polytheism of ancient Egypt; and makes clear in what sense Christ was the desire of all nations even though rejected by the world because it knew him not.

Prof. P. T. Magan, who has been contributing articles on the Eastern Question, has collected some new matter which makes his article on this series one of special interest.

The prices for the *Watchman* are as follows: yearly subscription, \$1; six months, 50 cents; single copy, 10 cents; five to forty, per copy, 5 cents; forty or over, per copy, 4 cents. Orders should be sent in at once to your conference tract society.

Kentucky Conference

DON'T FORGET

THAT it is almost time to use the "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1911. We hope to supply every one in the conference with a copy. Order several copies and send to your friends as presents. We will be glad to hear from you at once. Order now and avoid delay. Now is the time to order before the rush. This 1911 calendar has the Friday evening sunset table, making it all the more important to have in the home. What about your order? Let us have it right now.

DOLLIE H. CALLENDER,
S. S. and M. V. Secy. of Ky.

VISITING THE CHURCHES

FROM the Grove church, Brother Harrison and I went to Milledgeville, and spent a day with Brother and Sister Ethington. We found them full of courage, and he is arranging his business so he will be able to enter the field once more.

The next day we spent with Brother Jacob White and family, near Paint Lick. Brother White is anxious to be in the work, but the illness of his wife has prevented this. However, he is expecting to begin canvassing in the near future.

From here we went to Panola and spent two days with the Locust Branch church. We visited some and held three meetings. Two families took a club of five *Gospel Sentinel*, and two more expect to order a club soon.

Friday we returned to Lexington and spent Sabbath and Sunday holding three meetings with each church. Brother Harrison gave some rousing talks that surely ought to stir every one to activity.

Brethren and sisters, when will we be aroused to spiritual activity, and work as energetically and untiringly for the Lord as we do for ourselves? When are we going to do our part in the spread of the third angel's message?

C. F. DART.

Louisiana Conference

A LETTER TO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PARENTS

DEAR FATHERS AND MOTHERS IN ISRAEL: Not being able to secure all of your names so as to write you personally, I take this means of writing you concerning a matter which comes very close to the heart of each of us.

Were you to be asked what you consider the most precious of all your possessions, I'm sure you would answer, "My children." Your children are a precious heritage and to you God has entrusted the responsibility of training them subjects of his kingdom. Doubtless the training of children means more to you now since you have accepted the truths of the third angel's message and you want them to be so reared that when they reach the age of manhood and womanhood, they will believe the truth then with the same simple faith that has been manifested in childhood.

There is nothing in this world so sad as to see our youth drifting into the world's ways. This ought not to be and need not be if parents will see that their youth avail themselves of every opportunity for the development of true Christian characters.

Are you acquainted with the work our Missionary Volunteer Department is doing? This department has been created for the purpose of assisting you in giving your children that training which will not only hold them in the truth, but will help to develop them into workers in the cause of God.

Have your boys and girls enrolled for one of the Reading Courses? If not, do you wish to know more about these courses? Most boys and girls read, but, dear parents, do you know what they are reading? You cannot be too careful in directing the reading habit. This work cannot be begun too early. Even in the A B C primer, the child may receive his first desire for light and trashy reading. To cause our youth to become fascinated with unwholesome literature is one of Satan's most definitely planned schemes to ensnare them. Scores of our young people are giving up the truth, having imbibed their first infidel and atheistic ideas from some book or magazine. We cannot close our eyes to this fact, and the Lord will most surely require us to answer for this sin in the judgment if we sit idly by and do nothing to save the young people from this corrupting influence. The Missionary Volunteer Department has established these Reading Courses for the purpose of providing our children and youth with good wholesome literature which will develop them both mentally and spiritually.

Last year only eleven enrolled for the Reading Courses, but I am happy to tell you that so far this fall, twenty-four have enrolled. These are now busy, improving every spare moment. There is yet time for your boys and girls to enroll and have a part in this good work. I invite your correspondence regarding this and any other line of work for our young people.

The Lord has said that no more important work is committed to human hands than that of training the developing minds. With a prayer that heavenly wisdom may be given each of us for this work, I remain yours in behalf of the young people,

MRS. C. A. SAXBY,

Louisiana Conf. Y. P. M. V. Secy.

LOUISIANA READING COURSE HONOR ROLL FOR 1909-1910

Edna L. Walker, Violet Verle Rees, Hattie M. Smith, Hazel A. Saxby, Letha M. Litchfield.

THE "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1911 contains a sunset table, which can be used in any part of the United States and Southern Canada.

Mississippi Conference

HATLEY

By a letter recently received from Bro. J. S. Fry, of Hatley, Miss., we learn that the church at that place, which is one of the oldest in the conference, having been organized by Eld. R. S. Owen, about twelve years ago, are manifesting commendable zeal and earnestness in behalf of the work in their own midst and also in the field at large.

A year ago a church school was opened, the attendance of which has so rapidly increased that it has become necessary to provide larger accommodations for it. Their church building has also been outgrown, and they are now constructing a twenty-four by thirty-six-foot, two-story edifice, the first floor of which will be used for school purposes, and the upper story as a place of worship. Their old building has been converted into a dwelling house.

Their school opened November 1st with between twenty and twenty-five students with a Sister Smith and her daughter in charge.

Brother Fry says he has never seen a more interesting Sabbath-school and a more consecrated class of young people than there are in this church, and that the church officers and school teachers are working together to lift the standard higher and higher. Their neighbors have donated liberally to the work they have in hand. Their own members have done all they can to defray the cost of their new building, and will be grateful for any assistance their brethren in the conference may feel like giving them. Donations for this purpose may be sent to C. R. Mewer, Amory, Miss.

**MAGAZINE AGENT'S REPORT
For Week Ending November 12, 1910**

Agent	Papers Ords. Delvd.
Grace Holt	MISC 40 \$12 50

OBITUARY

SISTER JANE THOMPSON, born August 16, 1853, died November 3, 1910, at Vicksburg, Miss.

Sister Thompson was a native of Mississippi, and for a number of years a member of the Baptist Church. When the third angel's message first came to Vicksburg she became interested and accepted it, and became one of the charter members of the Vicksburg church No. 1, and lived a faithful member up to the time of her death. We have reason to believe that she now sleeps in Jesus and will come forth in the first resurrection. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, using as a text 2 Sam. 14: 14.

W. S. LOWRY.

Tennessee River Conference

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For week ending November 12, 1910

Agents	Papers Ords. Delvd
O Godsmark	W 22 \$2 20
O L McAlexander	W 16 1 60
J A Fry	W 10 1 00
Totals	48 \$4 80

By direction of the Tennessee River Conference I, with my family, am located and at work in the city of Nashville, in the interests of the church.

We find there is much to do, and the brethren and sisters who have given us a hearty welcome stand ready to assist us in every way they can. We crave the prayers of the believers in behalf of this church and the workers in it.

R. M. KILGORE.

75 Carroll Street.

Our Sanitariums

A REVIVAL OF HEALTH REFORM

(Daniel and His Companions)

IN our last lesson we studied something of the history of the children of Israel and of their failure as a nation to do their appointed work. Upon this point, together with our lesson for this time, we have the following: "The Israelites failed of fulfilling God's purpose, and thus failed of receiving the blessings that might have been theirs. But in Joseph and Daniel, in Moses and Elisha, and many others we have noble examples of the results of the *true plan of living*."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 285.

By reference to Isaiah 39: 6 and Daniel 1: 3-6, we see that the bringing of Daniel and his three associates into the court of Babylon was in accordance with God's plan; and it appears that it was his purpose to use these young men as his representatives in the nation that was then master of the world. "To Daniel and his companions, at the very outset of their career, there came a decisive test. The direction that their food should be supplied from the royal table was an expression both of the king's favor and his solicitude for their welfare. But a portion having been offered to idols, the food from the king's-table was consecrated to idolatry; and in partaking of the king's bounty these youth would be regarded as uniting in his homage to false gods. In such homage, loyalty to Jehovah forbade them to participate. Nor dared they risk the enervating effect of luxury and dissipation on physical, mental, and spiritual development."—"Education," pp. 54, 55. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." "Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink." Dan. 1: 8, 12.

Here is the story in language so plain and simple that it cannot be misunderstood. Before Daniel and his companions could be entrusted with the responsible positions they were to occupy they must be tested. "At the outset of their career there came a decisive test" and that test was upon appetite. With this test was bound up a test on the first commandment, for they could not eat the meat that was offered to idols unless they paid homage to another god than the God of heaven. But having stood this test, they were prepared for the greater test that awaited them in the experiences at the fiery furnace and the den of lions.

With Daniel evidently away in another part of the kingdom, his three associates were alone to face the ordeal of the command to worship the golden image which the king set up. But as they had not in the beginning defiled themselves with the luxuries of the king's table their minds were clear to discern their duty to God, and with courage they could answer the king, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us. . . . and he will deliver us from thine hand, O king." Dan. 3: 17. And he did deliver them so that Nebuchadnezzar in the presence of all that great assembly was compelled to acknowledge God and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him. . . . Therefore, I make a decree, That every people, nation, and

language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego shall be cut to pieces. . . . because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Dan. 3: 28, 29.

Years passed before Daniel's severe test came, but the lapse of years did not turn his faith from God. "Throughout the reign of successive monarchs, the downfall of the nation, and the establishment of a rival kingdom, such were his wisdom and statesmanship, so perfect his tact, his courtesy, and his genuine goodness of heart, combined with fidelity to principle, that even his enemies were forced to confess that 'they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful'"—"Education," p. 56.

Jealous of Daniel's power and position his enemies secured from Darius a decree that was intended for Daniel's destruction. But God again works for his faithful tested servant, and although cast into a den of lions, God sent his angel and stopped their mouths and Daniel's life was spared.

"Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." Dan. 6: 25-27. This decree was written out by Darius, (verse 25) and sent to every nation in all the earth. Thus God accomplishes through Daniel and his companions what he would have done through Israel, had they proved themselves loyal to him.

Here are the lessons for us from the Word of God. Adam was tested on appetite and failed. Christ was tested on the same point and overcame. Israel was tested and failed on appetite, while Daniel and his companions stood their test and succeeded. Thus it would seem from these worthy examples that success or failure in the work of God depends upon how we relate ourselves to this great subject of appetite.

Dear brethren and sisters, would you succeed in the work of God *to-day*? Then you must stand the test God has for us on health reform *to-day*. Remember we are living in the days when an *image* is to be set up (Rev. 13: 14), and we are warned against worshipping it. Rev. 14: 9. The same principles confront the people of God *to-day* as in Daniel's day. Will you stand the test as he did? Will you overcome and succeed as he succeeded?
B. W. SPIRE.

A HIVE OF BEES

B patient, B prayerful, B humble, B mild;
B wise as a Solon, B meek as a child;
B studious, B thoughtful, B loving, B kind;
B sure you make matter subservient to mind.
B cautious, B prudent, B trustful, B true;
B courteous to all men, B friendly with few,
B temperate in argument, the same when you dine;
B careful of conduct, of money, of time;
B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful, B firm;
B peaceful, Benevolent, willing to learn;
B courageous, B gentle, B liberal, B just;
B aspiring, B humble, because thou art dust.
B penitent, circumspect, sound in the faith,
B active, devoted; B faithful till death.
B honest, B holy, transparent, and pure.
B dependent, B Christlike, and you'll B secure.

—Selected.

Missionary Volunteers

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETIES OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1910

Number of societies	8
Present membership	133
General subjects studied in meetings: Home and Foreign Missions, Religious Liberty, Bible Studies, etc.	
Number taking reading course	42
Junior membership	10

REPORT OF WORK DONE

Letters written	365
Letters received	177
Missionary visits	125
Bible readings held	99
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	4
Papers sold	214
Papers given away	2,293
Books sold	116
Books given away	16
Tracts sold	153
Pages of tracts given away	27,037
Hours of Christian help work	101
Articles of clothing given away	15
Meals provided	16
Signers to the temperance pledge	12
Number of conversions	16
Amount donated to foreign missions	\$ 6.06
Amount donated to home missions	\$11.26
Local society work	\$54.07

We here present another report of the work of the young people. We notice there has been a coming up on some lines of work, while others have fallen off. I am sorry to see there has been a falling off in the membership. Last quarter we had 144 members, while the record of this quarter only reports 133. At the same time there has been an increase in letters written, Bible readings held, books sold, papers sold, etc. One most encouraging feature of the report is the increase of signers to the temperance pledge, and the number of conversions. We also notice a large increase in our home mission work, this is due to the fact that the Nashville society is now supporting a Bible worker in the home field, and good work is being done by her. We notice the donations aggregate nearly as much as last quarter; this is commendable, and we trust that the encouraging nature of the report here given may act as an inspiration to the leaders of the young people's societies, and to the young people themselves, to put forth still greater efforts in the future. The end is near, calamities are occurring daily, and this is not a time for self-pleasing or pleasure seeking. It is a time for self-denying efforts to save as many souls from the wreck as we can. So let us employ every day as profitably as we can in the service of God.

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

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

It will give you a good morning thought.

It will invite you to meet your Master face to face before you meet the world.

It will remind you to place your hand in the Saviour's as you start out for the day.

It will give one thought on your Sabbath-school lesson each day.

It will help you to form the habit of regular secret prayer and personal Bible study.

It will daily place in your quiver an arrow for routing the enemy in the hour of temptation.

It will help you to give a reason for your hope of salvation.

It contains a table that will tell you when the sun sets on Fridays during 1911.

It will make a nice Christmas or New Year's gift for some friend or a Sabbath-school pupil.

Save five cents somehow and get a copy of the calendar from your tract society. Persuade others around you to procure copies also. Do not fail to get this little daily reminder, — a guide to the path that leads to a life of spiritual power.

"Take a moment in the morning, a moment if no more,

It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er."

OCTOBER 24, 1910 the Missionary Volunteer Department sent 2,150 "Morning Watch Calendars" to Australia. Have you procured yours yet? Order from your tract society.

Look into the lives of men who have really blessed the world. Can you find one who has not wrestled "with God in prayer"? Truly, a life of power must be a life of prayer. It is to help our young people to live lives of prayer that the "Morning Watch Calendar" is published from year to year. Will you not encourage them to use it? Will you not procure one for yourself? Price five cents. Order from your tract society.

THE IDEAL MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER LEADER

AN ideal is a standard set, a mark for which we aim. Life makes little progress with nothing beyond for which to strive. As Missionary Volunteers we have an aim, an ideal. It is found in the words, "The advent message to all the world in this generation." This we have purposed to give, "for the love of Christ constraineth us." It means that our lives must be filled so full of the love of God and his dear Son that every action, every look, every thought, and every word we utter, will be to lift him up that others may behold the Saviour. It means that though every one else deserts when the conflict is fiercest, we will press on, following the Captain's voice.

At the fight at Searytown, Va., a soldier, John Haven, was wounded, his right hip being shot away just as he was passing a ball to his gun. When the captain saw this brave young man fall, he ran, picked him up, and carried him in his own arms to a place of safety. "Never mind me, captain," exclaimed the dying man, "but don't let that flag go down." The young people who have enlisted in the Missionary Volunteer army should be no less loyal to the truth.

When one of the regiments was being beaten back by the hordes of Russia at the battle of Alma, the ensign stood his ground as the troops retreated. "Bring back the colors," the captain shouted. "Bring the men up to the colors," was the brave reply. Every Missionary Volunteer must stand bravely for the standard of truth until he has reached the measure of the fulness of Christ, till the last particle of dross is separated from his character, and he has received the polish which causes him to reflect the divine image.

No standard below perfection should be sighted. A friend once called on Michael Angelo, who was finishing a statue. Some months later he called again. The sculptor was still at work. His friend exclaimed, "Have you been idle since I last saw you?" "By no means," replied the artist. "I have retouched this part, and polished that; I have softened this feature, and brought out this muscle; I have given more ex-

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR OCTOBER, 1910

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Gnd.Total
Alabama Conf	19	1353	285	\$556 25	\$2252 50	\$2808 75
Mississippi Conf	16	1447	673	808 25	1440 85	2249 10
Tenn River Conf	16	1407	701	928 80	607 25	1536 05
Louisiana Conf	7	797	435	727 70	354 45	1082 15
Kentucky Conf	4	565	169	200 00	358 30	558 30
Totals	62	5569	2263	3221 00	5013 35	8234 35

I am glad once more that the time has come to send in the report of the work done in our union. I thank the Lord for what we have accomplished during the month of October.

In looking over the October report for 1909, I find the orders taken for this month fell short by two hundred and thirty dollars, but we delivered \$2,265 worth more books than we did last October. This indeed speaks well, and in our totals for the month shows a decided gain. From all over the field comes the report of successful deliveries. I do not at present call to mind a single poor delivery made by any of our workers, and some have delivered as high as one hundred per cent. while eighty-five per cent. is a very common thing. This shows what well trained men and women can do when they go out prepared to do the work the Lord has called them to do, filled with the Spirit of God, and the message.

I am now working in old Kentucky with Brother Dart. Last week we found two persons who expect to go out soon. One has worked in the past, but the other is a new one, three others expect to take the instruction at the institute in the spring and give their lives to this work. We expect to continue in it, and we ask your prayers that God will raise up many more, not only in Kentucky, but in all parts of the field.

Our State agents and canvassers are full of courage, and the prospect is bright for a good work to be done in 1911. I appeal to all our canvassers and magazine workers not to let their interest die at the close of the year, but to stick to the work, and to make February one of the best months in the year in the Southern field. Yours in the blessed hope,

A. F. HARRISON.

pression to this lip, and more energy to this limb." "Well, well," said the friend, "all these are trifles." "That may be," replied Angelo, "recollect that while trifles make perfection, perfection is no trifle."

Let us daily press on toward the "mark" which has been set before us, remembering that when the battle rages, that our Commander has said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Our society is organized not for amusement nor for recreation, but for the salvation of souls.

A society leader should feel responsible to God, to impress each member with the importance of becoming a worker for God.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending November 5, 1910

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE									
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered		
J J Jobe	MISC	21	39	\$38 25	\$	\$38 25	\$		
M B Wilson	PPF	18			1 75	1 75	19 50		
I T Reynolds	PPF	30	10	16 50		16 50	3 00		
T S Sligh	PPF	30	2	3 00		3 00	15 50		

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
W H Haddon	BF	20						13 25	
J S Fry	D&R	30						42 00	
Virgil Smith	D&R	50						60 00	
E L Marley	D&R	61						165 75	
C H McColrey	BF	36	2	2 00	25	2 25	54 25		
A O Waite	BF	26	21	21 00	2 50	23 50			
E Clark	BF	40	20	20 00		20 00	20 00		
Louise Jackson	BF	13						50	
John Campbell	BF	45						64 25	
John Wood	BF	12	9	9 00		9 00			
Lettie Linyear	BF	10	12	12 00		12 00		7 00	
Hattie Holloway	BF	23	17	17 00		17 00			

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
M Wheeler	BF	45	31	32 50	6 50	39 00	10 50		
T J Tyer	BF	43	18	20 00	5 50	25 50	2 00		
H C Balsbaugh	GC	45	9	19 00	17 35	36 35			
J S Moore	PofJ	57	6	11 50	8 00	19 50	22 00		
C H Chenault	D&R	44					83 50		
Mamie Moore	D&R	21	6	19 00	4 35	23 35	15 00		
Mrs F T Wales	BF	6	2	2 50	4 50	7 00			
Mrs W D Woods	BF	28	44	36 60		36 60			
Mrs Katie Lipsie	BF	39	29	29 00	28 50	57 80			
Mrs G Lambert	BF	22	28	33 50	3 50	36 50			
Mrs Marie Evans	PPF	12	3	4 50		4 50			
R H Hazelton	sofp	30	7	8 50	21 50	30 00	5 50		

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	No report								
Kentucky Conf	No report								
Louisiana Conf	99	51		57 75	1 75	59 50	38 00		
Mississippi Conf	366	81		81 00	2 75	83 75	427 00		
Tenn River Conf	393	183		216 60	99 80	316 10	138 50		
Totals	858	215		355 35	104 30	459 35	603 50		

We are sorry to learn that Elder Daniells is quite sick at his home in Washington, D. C. Because of his illness, the General Conference Council, which was to convene November 11, has been postponed until the 23rd. Many prayers have gone up to the throne of grace for his recovery, and we believe those prayers will be answered.

TWO MORE "WORKER" LETTERS

DAVID VOTH, president of the Oklahoma Conference, writes: "The *Sabbath School Worker* is certainly a great help in the study of the Sabbath-school lessons, and I shall do all I can to interest our people in this paper."

John G. Walker, president of the British Columbia Conference, writes: "The *Sabbath School Worker* is a live, up-to-date little help in the Sabbath-school work, and everyone I ask seems pleased with it. It ought to be in the homes of all our people, and I am glad to learn that its circulation is so large and still on the increase. Will do what I can to help."

MANY of our people are working faithfully in the *Review* campaign and are meeting with good success. Are you doing your best to aid in this good work?

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TO CHURCH ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES

SHALL not the following invigorating note from Southern California with reference to the Ingathering Number of the *Review* campaign inspire all of our church leaders to continue the plan for the campaign, right during the winter months?

"In my letter of yesterday I forgot to speak of the special *Review* work. This matter was taken up almost simultaneously by our churches the other Sabbath, and yesterday we sent orders into Washington aggregating about twenty-two thousand six hundred copies. Last year this conference used eighteen thousand, so you can see the increase. It is certainly a fine number, and many of its thrilling accounts of missionary endeavor will be of use to all our people. Sister Hull of Pasadena, has ordered a thousand. She ordered these to send out to the money masters of America. At least five hundred of them were here in convention for a week or so during October. She was determined to get something into their hands. We do not yet know what this effort on her part has done. God is using all sorts of little and big ways to reach the hearts of men. We must remember that if the opportunities for great deeds should never come, the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for us day by day."—*Missionary Secretary*.

THE week of prayer this year comes December 10-17. The usual readings have been prepared and will be printed in the *Review and Herald*. A copy of the issue containing the readings should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home. Persons not receiving this number of the *Review* in good time should write to the local tract society.

In a recent issue of the *English Quarterly Review*, Lord Essher contributes an article on the education of Edward VII.

He was reared with Puritan rigor. Not an hour of the youth's time could be wasted. Novels, even Sir Walter Scott's, were out of the question. His study hours all had to be devoted to modern languages, or history, or something of that nature. His manners and deportment were under the constant guidance of his parents, who planned to make their "boy a model of all the virtues, and a storehouse of all wisdom." Would that the parents of to-day had the same solicitude for their children.

IN the South Sea islands, where often large vessels cannot approach the coasts on account of reefs, the letters are attached to a large sky-rocket which brings them to the shore in safety.

A DESPATCH from London declares that there must be some change in women's hats or women will become bald; that as grass turns yellow under a mushroom, so women's hair will lose its color and deteriorate under the gigantic hats which are now the mode. A specialist declares, "these enormous mountains of millinery shut out the health-giving sun and air; and then, too, they present such vast surfaces to the wind that they tug against the retaining hat pins like a kite on a string." He declares that the finest heads of hair in the world are to be seen in the South Sea islands, where the women fish with uncovered heads under the rays of the sun and pour coconut oil on their hair.

THE INVISIBLE THINGS

How many men and women patiently, nay even joyfully endure great hardships and trials because they see, by faith, the invisible things, and seeing them the heart sings although the hand may be tired and nerveless. The vision for what there is in store for them, if they are but the children of the King, brings them rest and peace despite all discouragements, grievous trials and temptations. Ever before them is the light that beckons and cheers. Ever within them is the hungering and thirsting that leads up to God and finds its outward manifestation in tender, loving service. "God sends the heavenly vision to give men and women hints and gleams of what they shall be when time and God's resources have wrought their purpose of strength and beauty upon the soul"

BOIL IT DOWN

Our little sheet is small,
We cannot publish all—
Two quarts in one, oh, no;
You cannot make it so.
So, this is our advice,
And we repeat it thrice:
Boil it down, boil it down,
Yes, boil it down.

A long report may wait,
But this will make it late.
"Then use your shears," you say,
"And clip some things away."
But this we hate to do
With friends so good and true.
Why not you boil it down?
You boil it down.

We want to hear from you,
And that real often, too—
Not one great long report,
But many, good and short.
So this is our advice,
Again, we say it thrice:
Boil it down, boil it down,
Please boil it down.

—Selected.

NOTICE

THREE volumes of the Testimonies were left on the campground at Huntingdon, Tenn. The owner can find them at R. M. Kilgore's, 75 Carroll Street, Nashville, Tenn.

A CHINESE was a marksman at the International Rifle Meeting at Bisley. This is the first time a Chinese has entered. It is an indication of the increasing military growth of China.