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

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"YOU HAVE NEVER STOOD IN THE DARKNESS"

(Words used by Red Indian chief as he pleaded that to him and his people might be sent the white man's Book of heaven.)

You have never stood in the darkness
And reached out a trembling hand,
If haply some one might find it,
In the awe of a lonely land,
Where the shadows shift so strangely,
And the quick heart-beat is stirred,
If only a leaf be rustled
By the wing of a passing bird.

You have never stood in the darkness;
You do not know its awe;
On your land a great light shineth,
Which long ago you saw.
For the light of the world we ask you;
We plead for the book which shows
The way to win to his footstool,
Which only the white man knows.

O voice from out of the darkness!
O cry of a soul in pain!
May it ring as the blast of clarion,
Nor call God's host in vain!
By the pierced hand which saved us,
Let ours do their work to-day,
Till from those who tremble in darkness
The shadows are swept away. —Selected.

A LETTER TO THE CHURCHES

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: From the headquarters of our work at Washington, D. C., I send greeting. Our brethren assembled here in council have spent some days in studying the problem of carrying the message to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people; and we have sought the Lord most earnestly and have had many precious seasons of prayer together.

Soon all our people will be united in a solemn season of prayer. The Week of Prayer begins December 10. Let all the churches, companies, and even the isolated ones unite in seeking a special blessing during this week, December 10-17, while the prayers of God's commandment-keeping people all over the world are ascending like a cloud of sweet incense before his throne.

How glad I would be to meet with you all during that time, but of course that is impossible. I am sending out from Washington a letter to be read in the churches, showing some reasons for special activity on the part of God's people just now, and calling for an extra liberal annual offering.

In Korea the Japanese government has forbidden our

brethren to use in public print such terms as "the last message," and at home there are indications that soon it will be much harder to do our work than it is now. Just now is the time to work with zeal according to knowledge both at home and abroad. Dr. Riley Russell, in Korea, has treated over ten thousand sick people in the last two years. And these grateful people are now pressing him to tell them more about the "Jesus" religion. But calls for help from Korea and many other places have to be denied because the mission treasury is empty.

Do not these calls plead eloquently for a larger annual offering than usual. With the hope that this will be so in the Southern Union, and that God will greatly bless and prosper his people and prepare our hearts and pour upon us at this time the *latter rain* for the finishing of the work, I am, your brother in the "blessed hope." C. F. McVAGH.

ALMOST THREE MILLION

We have just completed some very interesting statistics concerning the circulation of our ten-cent magazines from January, 1909 to November, 1910. During these twenty-two months, the total sales of ten of these magazines have amounted to 2,948,516 copies, valued at \$294,861.60.

Of the *Signs Monthly*, 677, 407 copies were sold,—an average of 30,791 copies per month; of the *Watchman*, which first appeared in magazine form in February, 1909, 461,076 copies were sold,—an average of 21,956 per month; of *Life and Health*, 1,008,414 copies,—an average of 45,837 per month.

Of our magazine *Liberty*, 275,356 copies were sold during the twenty-two months,—an average of 12,516 per month. It will be remembered that the *Protestant Magazine* was launched in May, 1909. During the past eighteen months, 95,155 copies have been sold,—an average of 5,286 per month.

From March, 1909 to August, 1910, 321,521 copies of the Temperance Number of the *Youth's Instructor* were distributed, or an average of 17,862 copies for the eighteen months. From October, 1909 to November, 1910, 30,509 copies of *Christian Education* were sold,—an average of 2,346 per month.

The sales of our three foreign ten-cent magazines, beginning in February, 1910, are as follows: *Lys over Landet*, 26,013 copies,—an average of 2,890 for nine months; *Tidens Tæchen*, 31,001 copies,—an average of 3,444 per month; *Zichen der Zeit*, 23,164 copies,—an average of 2,574 per month.

Through the silent, steady circulation of these magazines the reading world is becoming better and better acquainted with our views on health and temperance, religious liberty, and the cardinal points of our faith. Where we now have one agent, we should have scores. The work of selling these periodicals is both pleasant and profitable. The wages earned by our magazine agents are higher than those of the average Seventh-day Adventist.

The great variety of subjects considered in these magazines makes it easy for the beginner to select one which will appeal most to him and which he therefore can sell most successfully.

Write to your conference tract society office for sample copies and terms to agents. The best feature of this work you will find to be the spiritual uplift gained by meeting with the people as you go from door to door with these truth-laden messages of love and warning. Write to-day!

Faithfully yours in the work,

A. J. S. BOURDEAU.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

THE number of bound volumes sold during the week ending December 2, was 4,230 while the total number of volumes sold during the month of November was 17,426. Periodical sales for week ending December 2 were, *Watchman*, 5,552; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,950. The above report shows that over seventeen thousand books have been placed in the hands of the people during November. This report makes our hearts rejoice, for we realize that a large number of souls are receiving the last message of warning. We would all rejoice if each purchaser would accept the truth and go forward with the people of God into the kingdom. This will probably not be so; but brethren, the workers who have sold these books have witnessed for the Master. They have been engaged in a definite work of warning souls, and every one of us who accepts this truth is in duty bound to become a witness. Are you doing your part? If you are inactive or not doing as much as you would like to do in giving the message to those who know it not, then we extend you a cordial invitation to enter the ranks of our book and periodical canvassers. This work is of God, for one in authority has said that "the canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order."

There are many gaps in the ranks, which we would like to fill up with consecrated, God-fearing men and women with a burden for souls. We invite correspondence, and shall be glad to hear from any one who is interested. The workers who have enlisted and are out on the fring line are having splendid success. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

"Over the ocean, across the wild wave,
Heathen are dying with no one to save;
No one to rescue from grief and dismay,
Heathen are waiting and looking this way.
'Come over and help us; send messengers, pray;
We are fainting and dying by thousands to-day.'"

The writer has just returned from the General Conference council at Washington, D. C. As he sat in the council meetings and listened to the needs of the work in our great cities, heard of the thousands of foreigners who are congregating in these large centers, his heart was touched, and he realized more than ever before the magnitude of the work that has been given to us as a people. The General Conference is dealing with large and difficult problems, and our brethren everywhere should pray earnestly that the Lord will give wisdom and direct in all the plans that are laid. Advance moves are contemplated in our large cities. The brethren who are engaged in this work need much of the Spirit of God, and our people everywhere should unite in prayer that success may attend their efforts.

Important matters regarding the publishing work were dis-

cussed in the Washington council, and resolutions passed that we believe will assist our houses of publication very materially. We returned to the office full of courage, and with a determination to press onward and upward.

The writer has many letters on his desk unopened, but has just read a communication from Brother Benjamin Griffiths, of Alabama. He writes as follows: "I am still pushing the Lord's work to the front, and he is still blessing me." I sold four books for cash this week, and some of the people have paid me for their books in advance.

"I am in a very thinly settled country, and the sand is very deep. I had to sell my little horse and get a mule, which is just the thing for this sandy country.

"Inclosed I am sending in my order for the last delivery. Have not time to write you very much, as I have to go twenty miles through the woods before I see a house. Hoping to see you at the convention, I remain, your brother in the work."

Brother A. F. Harrison is attending the bookmen's convention in the Review and Herald territory at Washington, D. C.

We understand that Alabama reports five canvassers who have earned the privilege of attending our bookmen's convention in January. We trust that many more will qualify before the time appointed.

In closing let us remember John 9: 4: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,
R. Hook Jr., Genl. Mgr.

Alabama Conference

A LETTER

DEAR CO-WORKERS: It has been some time since I reported through the WORKER; and first of all I want to say that I am still of good courage and praising the Lord for his blessings. I am still in the northern part of Madison County, and there are only two others who are remaining faithful to the truth that was once delivered unto us. Beside us three there is not a Sabbath-keeper near that we can associate with. We have not heard the message proclaimed by a minister for nine months. We feel like sheep sent among wolves; but we are trying to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." We are also trying to let our light so shine before men that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5: 16. While we through temptation and tribulation are walking in the light of truth, and all around us seems so dark, the writer's heart is filled with joy to know that he has had the privilege of placing the truth contained in "Bible Footlights" before almost this entire county.

Dear brother canvassers, I find in my experience it is very essential in delivering to insist on the people taking their books, just as they agreed to do. Although the loss of the price of the book may not amount to much, let us remember that if we fail to deliver the book, we fail to place the truth it contains before one who might become a bright light in the work.

While I was delivering a few days ago in territory near where I had delivered some books some time ago, a lady said that a friend had visited her who had ordered "Bible Footlights" from me, and after hearing so much talk against it by Sunday-school superintendent and others, decided not to take it. When delivering, I showed her that it was just what she had ordered, and insisted that she must take it, but afterward she was very thankful that I insisted, for it is the only

thing pertaining to the Bible that her husband has ever taken any interest in, and she is interested in it herself.

Of course we canvassers are full of experiences. I was taking orders a short time ago and called on a justice of the peace, and just as I had secured the name of the lady the old gentleman came in and made enquiry about what I was doing. After I explained my work, he said that they did not need the book; that he knew as much about the Bible as the author of the book, and if I did not have a license to do what I was doing that he being a justice of the peace would have to stop me and demand a tax. I explained the law bearing upon the case, and replied that the Lord was at the head of this work, and that I must be about my Father's business, and went off.

I called on date of delivery, and collected for the book I had sold his wife, and had a nice talk with the old gentleman; but there was nothing said about my paying a tax. He had learned that I understood my business, and therefore did not try to interfere.

Praying for the soon coming of our Saviour, I am, yours in the work.
R. T. JACKS.

SHEFFIELD

Just two months ago Brother Elliott, myself, and wife came to Sheffield and began a tent-meeting.

The Lord has been with us, and we have had a very good and successful meeting. We held forty-five meetings in the tent, and as a result eight signed the covenant and others are keeping the Sabbath. Many others are interested and still studying the subjects as we have presented them. We have had more than we could possibly do in the way of visiting and giving Bible readings. Some little opposition on the part of the Christian Church caused some that were interested to hold back, but they are studying, and seem to be following their convictions.

When the cold weather came we moved our meetings into the old M. E. church, which we have rented. This church is a nice little brick building, and will easily seat one hundred and fifty people. It can be bought for \$800 on easy terms, and we desire very much to buy it and make this the center of our work in this part of the conference. Now our company is small and everything is new to them. Not any of them are wealthy, so we need some help; and if any one who reads these lines feels disposed to give, and help us raise a memorial for the truth in this part of the needy Southland we will be glad for all you can give.

Our Sabbath-school numbers twenty-four at present. We hope to see many more take their stand for the truth in this place.

We were glad to have Elders Hayes and McVagh with us for a few days to help in these meetings. Yours in the work,
JAMES BELLINGER.

Kentucky Conference

OUR CANVASSERS

I AM glad to state that Bro. W. P. Ethington is back in the field again. He has joined Brother Landon at Barbourville.

Bro. H. E. Beck is selling "Bible Footlights" in Cumberland County. He sends a cheering letter each week with his report.

Bro. M. D. Landon is delivering this week. We wish him good success.

Two of our canvassers have passed the sixteen hundred

hour mark, and we expect the third one to do so before the close of the year. So Kentucky will have three canvassers at the bookmen's convention. We expect to hold a canvassers' institute after the bookmen's convention. Plan now to attend. The place and date will be announced later.

C. F. DART.

MAGAZINE AGENT'S REPORT

For Week Ending November 26, 1910

Agent	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Rose Shasky	3	9	\$ 90
M A Ewald	16	50	5 00
Lennie Gattton	40	100	10 00
Milton Jones	7	43	4 30
Totals	66	202	20 20

IT WAS APPRECIATED

A LADY, on being shown the *Watchman* by one of our agents, said, "The dear little *Watchman*. I have been wanting one for a long time. I got a copy out of a reading rack once, and I read it over and over until I almost knew it by heart."

It is needless to say she bought a copy, and wants one every month. I enjoy handling what people appreciate. Don't you?

C. F. DART.

Louisiana Conference

WEEK OF PRAYER NOTICE

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: It seems but a little time since we last met in our annual Week of Prayer. Yet what mighty movements have gone forward in this short time. The statement that "intensity is taking hold of every earthly element," has become more strikingly evident than ever before.

The papacy has made greater advances the past year than during the entire forty years since the "great words" of papal infallibility were spoken. We are the ultimate object of Satan's final attack, through the papacy, and to meet it will require that we live daily in immediate contact with our Lord.

A great work rests upon us to warn our fellow men throughout the world, and we must do it quickly. The first requisite is sanctified lives. This will give power to every effort.

Just now a serious lack of this heart experience has brought about a drying up of our gifts to the cause. This is appalling. Our brethren whom we have sent to the other parts of our great field, have been without means, and the Mission Board has been obliged to borrow thousands of dollars to keep them supplied with even half-rations. This situation calls for very active effort on our part. What shall we do? Let us attend every meeting of this Week of Prayer in our church; or, if we are isolated, let us spend an hour at least each day in studying the reading for the day. Let us make it indeed a *Week of Prayer*. Pray for freedom from sin; then for a desire to work for Jesus; then for a baptism of the Spirit; then go to work, and God will bless.

Our annual offerings at this season should be no less than five dollars per member. Why, brethren, only a few years yet remain in which we are to labor here. What will we do with our means when the last day shall come? Let no one say that the amount is too large, for only that is sacrifice which really requires the denial of self in the enjoyment of some needed thing.

Let us all pray earnestly for the experience that will permit God's Holy Spirit to fill us for service, and let us set the

seal to our determination by making a definite sacrifice just now for His work.

Your fellow servant in the work,

E. L. MAXWELL.

At the close of the bookmen's convention they expect to return with renewed zeal and courage to their work in Mississippi.

If for any reason you have not received the Week of Prayer Review, please let us know. We shall be glad to mail you as many copies as you need.

Please do not forget the \$300,000 fund.

We hope that you will heed the advice already given through the WORKER to forward all funds to the treasurer promptly.

At the office we are kept very busy. This, we know, means that others are earnestly at work in the field.

May the Lord keep us all true and faithful until his work is finished.

BEULAH M. CALLICOTT.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1910

Names	Membership	Avg. Att'd.	Contribs.	Missions
New Orleans	58	47	\$46 59	\$46 59
Shreveport	26	19	17 00	17 00
Welsh	41	27	15 51	15 51
Hammond	24	18	10 16	10 16
Jennings	11	10	8 18	8 18
Lake Charles	17	13	6 56	6 56
Hodge	16	11	5 00	5 00
Ringgold	28	10	4 00	4 00
Newellton	14	8	3 75	3 75
Lake Arthur	10	9	3 44	3 44
Hobart	11	10	2 60	2 60
Dodson				
Pineville	4	3	1 90	1 90
Mansfield	3	3		
Home Department	116	116	9 57	9 57
Totals	379	304	\$134 26	\$134 26

MRS. E. H. REES, S. S. Secy.

Mississippi Conference

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1910

Number of schools	9
Present membership	156
Average attendance	105
Number of classes	18
Number in senior division	86
Number in junior division	25
Number in intermediate division	16
Number in primary division	11
Number in kindergarten	17
Number in home department of local schools	1
Number in state home department	48
Number youth converted	16
Donations to missions	\$52.82

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER, S. S. Secy.

353 McKee St., Jackson, Miss.

NOTES

THE conference committee met at the office November 27 and 28, to plan for work. Among the many things considered was the tent work for the coming season. It was voted to put three tents into the field and that one of these be located in Jackson. Elder M. C. Whitmarsh was invited to take charge of the tent company at Jackson.

Elder Lowry is holding a few days' meeting with the company at Natchez.

Bro. and Sr. H. G. Miller have moved to Jackson to help get the work started there.

In response to an urgent call from Laurel, Elder Whitmarsh is planning to hold a series of meetings in the court-house there in the near future.

Bro. and Sr. Virgil Smith are visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Tennessee River Conference

HAZEL ACADEMY NOTES

THE Young People's Volunteer Society is helping to circulate a club of the "Truth Series" *Signs of the Times*.

These numbers are well filled with present truth in very readable form.

A short program is rendered each alternate evening after the Sabbath, by the Academy Literary Society. These programs have proved interesting as well as instructive thus far. One was made up entirely of missionary songs and selections.

We are glad to have a good supply of wood on hand these wintry days. We enjoy cutting it, as well as warming by it while it burns.

It has been planned to have part of the special Week of Prayer meetings at the Academy. All other meetings will be held at the church in the village. The time of the Sabbath-school will be taken up Sabbath, December 17, by papers and discussions on various phases of Sabbath-school work. Sabbath-schools are an important part of the church services, and we feel they should be given much consideration.

It is now only a few weeks till the opening of the second term of the school year (January 4). Several expect to begin work with us either at that time or a few days before. We should be glad to correspond with any others who think of coming.

NOTICE

ALL orders for the new "Morning Watch Calendar" should be sent to the secretary of the tract society, Bro. T. E. Pavey, 511 Cole Building, Nashville Tenn. The price is five cents a copy. Envelopes for remailing will be furnished without additional cost if requested at time of ordering.

We hope to see each home provided with at least one copy, and we are sure many will wish to use a goodly number in remembering friends at the beginning of the new year.

The excellent sunset calendar and map, and the fact that the texts are on the Sabbath-school lessons, will make them much appreciated. Please order early.

A. N. ATTEBERRY,
M. V. Secy.

THE WATCHMAN WORK

IN the magazine work there are at least two great divisions into which the active endeavors of those engaged may be divided. First in the line of production comes the manufacture of the printed page. In this branch of the work many persons are engaged. It is very interesting indeed to visit the publishing house and there see the many operations through

which the material is carried, at last becoming a magazine containing present truth.

Although the writers have been, for some time, engaged in the publishing division of this great work, and have enjoyed working for the Master in this important branch, yet we are not content with this alone. As we have seen the great presses running out thousands of pages every day and then realized that these sheets contain the news of Christ's second coming, it seemed impossible for us to be deprived of the privilege of taking this blessed truth to the people.

As the work at the publishing house is in progress all during the week we have been using the night after the Sabbath for the distribution of the *Watchman*.

But just one word regarding the preparation for this work. Experience has taught the lesson that it is the Lord's work and it is impossible for man to rightly carry this third angel's message without the divine help and blessing. We do not believe that success will attend the effort unless the right spirit is present in the work.

It is a great mistake to think that the blessing comes only from the selling of great numbers of papers. No, indeed, the enjoyable part of the work comes from knowing that you are actually bringing help to the sin-sick souls for whom you are laboring.

If the space would permit, we might relate many experiences that have made the work enjoyable, but a few will suffice.

Several weeks ago as we were working around the union station, one of us canvassed a colored boy. He seemed to be interested but stated that he worked in a near-by saloon and did not receive his weekly wages until midnight. It being impossible to return to him at this hour the instance was forgotten. But a short time after, this same boy came running down the street stating that a man wanted a paper. Upon turning back we found a portly saloon-keeper inquiring "What yer got." With fearful heart the canvass was given, telling him of Matthew twenty-four. He bought the paper, and carefully looked it through, disregarding the loud clamors of his customers for more liquor.

Just recently a canvass was given to a fine-looking gentleman that was at least sixty years of age. He had started to the store for his Sunday's supply of groceries, but upon purchasing a *Watchman* he turned around and started home, intent upon enjoying this gospel feast. He said that from studying his Bible and looking upon the conditions around, he was persuaded to believe in the nearness of Christ's second coming. He also admitted that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath.

It is just such experiences as these that prompt us to encounter the winter's cold and also the rebuffs of the people. Although the message is many times received gladly, yet Satan stirs up some hearts to rebellion.

That it may be the experience of many who are now inactive, to enjoy a part in the good work of selling the *Watchman* is our prayer.

O. R. GODSMARK,
O. L. MCALEXANDER.

WATCHMAN AGENTS' REPORT

For Two Weeks Ending December 3, 1910

Agents	Orders	Divd.
O Godsmark	14	\$1 40
J A Fry	27	2 70
O L McAlexander	11	1 10
Totals	52	\$5 20

MY EXPERIENCES IN THE CANVASSING WORK

DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER WORKER, GREETINGS: I with you wish to praise God for his many blessings and the good experiences I have had since entering the canvassing work. God is certainly good to Israel, and so blesses the dear canvasser as he goes from house to house, and door to door with the printed pages of truth.

This time I wish to tell you of a few of my experiences in my last delivery, and how God blessed. All the people except two or three who were given over to that awful sin of prejudice, seemed glad to get their books. One lady said she did not want the book because it was an Adventist work. After trying, without success, to reason with her, I went on my way delivering. Some were so glad to get their books that they borrowed the money to pay for them. One man rode with me a half mile after dark and borrowed the money to pay for his book. I lost some orders because the people were not at home. I ran nearly half a mile across lots to overtake one man, and delivered the book to him.

I praise God for his many blessings and help. I am of good courage. I have a delivery to make in December among people who are much prejudiced against the truth taught by Seventh-day Adventists, and I ask the prayers of all the dear brethren and sisters that God will give me success. Your brother worker,
T. J. TYER.



EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

MR. and Mrs. Frank Artress are located near Burns, Tenn. A recent letter from them reports good courage. Brother Artress has been assisting Elder Martin in his preparations for raising poultry. Brother Artress is a first-class carpenter, and came to the South after spending considerable time in Washington, D. C., assisting our people when they were putting up their buildings at Takoma Park. He is now using his skill in self-supporting work in the South. It also brings him in contact with people to whom he is able to give the truth.

Speaking of the work they are now doing in the neighborhood Sunday-school, they write that Brother Artress has been given the opportunity to conduct Bible readings and that he has spoken on such subjects as The Fulfillment of Prophecy, The Investigative Judgment, The Millennium, etc.

Brother Olsen, formerly of Wisconsin, spent a year in the Madison school, and this fall connected with the new school at Naples, North Carolina, which is under the supervision of Elder Brownsberger and Professor Spaulding. Brother Olsen writes of the interesting experiences the little company of students are having in this school. He says, "I enjoy our home life very much, for we are like one family living together in one large house. Our school government is similar to that followed in the Madison school, although different in some details. We have three committees,—the Law and Order Committee, whose duty it is to make rules and regulations; an Inspection Committee to look after the work about the grounds and buildings and to report needed purchases; and a missionary Committee to arrange for Sunday-school and other missionary work."

Mr. Olsen writes that some one offered to pay his fare to Wisconsin, but he refused to go, because he might thus be drawn away from the work in the South. School work at Naples began on September 28 and the number in attendance is gradually increasing.

Last fall Brother Harold Matthew came from California to assist in the school work conducted on the Chestnut Hill farm near Fountain Head, Tenn., by Mr. and Mrs. H. Walen, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wallace. At the close of the first nine weeks in this highland school Brother Matthew writes:—"The Lord has blessed us in many ways, and is continuing to bless us every day. There are twenty-three enrolled, with an average attendance of seventeen.

"School opens at half past eight, and the book work continues until twelve o'clock. The children all seem greatly interested in their studies. From one o'clock until two, the carpentry and sewing classes are busily at work making useful articles. After these classes have finished we then spend one hour and a half in industrial work. The girls help in the house while the boys saw wood, haul wood, and dig the cistern. They have had actual experience in building this cistern, which is now nearly completed. The boys take great delight in laying brick and mixing the cement.

"We are endeavoring, as far as possible, to make all of the industrial work of such an educational nature as to prepare the children to do all of their work at home in a better way. One of our boys said not long ago that he was quite sure he could build a cistern by himself, as he has had experience at the school in all parts of the work from the digging to the mixing of the sand and cement in the right proportions and the laying of the brick.

"We have organized a cooking class, which meets every Thursday. The girls and the boys, with the help of their teacher, get the dinner for that day. The girls get dinner one Thursday and the boys the next. The ones who are to get the dinner meet the day before, plan their menu and apportion to each child the food he is to contribute to the dinner. For example, one boy is told to bring six potatoes and one egg, and another is told to bring a pint of milk and some cow peas, and so on.

"They are greatly delighted to learn how to cook these things in new ways. The recipes are copied and then taken home where the children cook the same foods again. In this way it gives them all a change of diet. Some of them who had never before tasted it now consider rice a very fine food, also mashed potatoes with cream. We are endeavoring also to teach them a few things on table etiquette, and they think this is just a fine thing. For instance, at our last dinner not one ate with his knife, but all handled their forks very creditably with the exception of some of the smaller children who used spoons. They are learning the duties of host and hostess, which seems to please them greatly.

"The boys got the last dinner and following is the menu: Cream potato soup, mashed sweet potatoes, boiled cow peas, mashed turnips, light bread, creamed rice pudding. We find that by conducting a cooking class in this way many things are learned besides the actual cooking of foods. They are learning how to set a table properly and how to serve a dinner, as well as proper food combinations.

"Every one that we hear say anything about these dinners and the idea we are endeavoring to carry out seems most delighted with it. The boys enjoy this even as much as the girls, and delight in seeing how nicely they can get a meal ready."

M. BESSIE DEGRAW.

NEVER lend money to a friend unless you are satisfied that he does wisely and well in borrowing it; as by conspiring with your friend to defraud his future self, you naturally incur his future displeasure.—Henry Taylor.

"In a manly spirit do the work, accept and use the good, and face bravely the difficult burdens of life."

Missionary Volunteers

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSES

(Continued)

THE books to be read by our Spare-Minute Circle this year (1910-11), will constitute two courses. The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 4 is the one we are dealing with in this article. All who desire to enroll in this course should send their names to their respective conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries. The course is absolutely free, the only expense being the necessary books and the *Youth's Instructor*.

In the course written reviews will be given, but the books may be used in answering the questions. To write down in your own words the thoughts received from others is a little difficult, but the attempt is worth while. "Demosthenes was a great admirer of the history of Thucydides. He copied the work eight times in order to become master of its style. That persistent way of improving was a greater advantage to him than reading of a hundred volumes in the usual way." "Reading," says Lord Bacon, "maketh a full man; writing an exact man." We should possess both qualifications.

The answers to the review questions should be sent to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary; and to each person who satisfactorily completes a course, a certificate will be granted. The certificate has very little intrinsic value; but as one college professor said, it is a splendid recommendation for a young person to hold one, for it is an evidence that such a young person is forming that almost invaluable habit of thorough, systematic reading of good literature.

The regular Missionary Volunteer Reading Course this year contains the following books: "The Story of John G. Paton," by James Paton; "Successful Careers," by William Thayer, and "Christ's Object Lessons," by Mrs. E. G. White.

The "Story of John G. Paton" is an uncontrovertible testimony of how God can use a consecrated life to bless humanity. Mr. Paton is often spoken of as a "king of the cannibals." His whole life seems a miracle in missions, and the story of his life is a book brimful of adventure, without a dull chapter in it. His experiences are perhaps the most thrilling of any missionary on record. Do you want to know about his many narrow escapes? How the natives, intending to kill him, pointed their muskets at his head? How he was once forced to flee in a boat? How he slid down an unknown bank to save his life, and many other miraculous experiences? Do you want to learn how the well dug in Aniwa laid the foundation for Christian work in that island? This book cannot fail to inspire the reader to nobler ideals, to draw him into closer sympathy with humanity, and to give him the missionary history of the New Hebride Islands.

"Successful Careers" gives fifty brief biographies of such persons as Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, U. S. Grant, James A. Garfield, Elizabeth Fry, and many others. The author emphasizes what he considers the turning-point in each career, and shows how providence guides in the affairs of individual lives. Here are a few chapter headings: "Salmon R. Chase; the Failure that Turned Him Into the Way of Greatness." "James A. Garfield; the Malady that turned Him From Sailor to Scholar." "George Washington; the Mother's Tears that Made Him Father of His Country." "Maria Mitchell; the Decision at Sixteen That Assured the Astronomer," etc. This book of about four hundred pages will deepen the reader's desire to live the most useful life possible.

"Christ's Object Lessons." All are acquainted with this book, but few of us know it as we should. It is packed with helpful suggestions for the young Christian worker. Perhaps you have read it; but you never learn all the good traits of a friend at the first meeting. There are undreamed-of treasures in this book. The beautiful lessons for daily living which are crowded into its pages are as much needed to-day as they were when Jesus gave them on the hills of Judea. Who would not wish to have heard them then? Why not read them now? The reader may glean from the pages of this book many of the wonderful lessons that Jesus learned in his communion with nature. Notice how from all things he drew evidences of the love of God and gained some lesson to guide in daily living. Read this book for its own story; read it for the valuable help it will give in your work. Time spent with a worthy friend is not lost; time used in reading a good book is well spent. Better know a few books well than have a smattering knowledge of many.

The Reading Course will help you in your efforts to persevere. The lessons will ensure systematic and thorough reading; and the review will enable the memory to get a new grip on important facts. "Chasing through books superficially," says the spirit of prophecy, "clogs the mind and causes you to become a mental dyspeptic," but with wise reading the mind grows in strength.—*Selected.*

SABBATH, Jan. 7, 1911, has been appointed as Missionary Volunteer Day. All our churches are asked to devote the time of the regular service for that day to the consideration of young people's work. The suggestive program will appear in the *Instructor* of December 20 and the *Review* of December 22. In the *Review* of that date will also appear the three general articles called for in the program. Having God's promise in Isa. 49: 25, let us lay hold on it and spend Sabbath, January 7, in special prayer and study of the work for our youth.

Did you know that one result of Missionary Volunteer work in a certain conference last year was the conversion of seventy-seven young people? Does it pay? Will you not give Sabbath, January 7, to a careful, prayerful study of how your church and your home can best work for your young people?

General

THE GOOD WORK

The good work goes forward. Every week some one reaches the mark. Bro. Virgil Smith, of Watervalley, Miss., is the next one. He has put in, to date, 1,604 hours' work, and has delivered \$737.00 worth of books. We are certainly glad that Brother Smith will be with us at our January meeting. For a time we felt that he might not make it on account of sickness in his family. But notwithstanding all the drawbacks he has stuck faithfully to business, and the Lord has blessed him not only in putting in the time, but in placing thousands of pages of precious truth in the hands of the people that must be warned before the Lord can come in the clouds of heaven.

We are praying for the faithful workers, and shall be glad not only to welcome them at Nashville in January, but to give them a hearty hand-shake, and trust that 1911 may prove a prosperous year for all our canvassers. With prayers for the work we remain, as ever, yours for the Master,

A. F. HARRISON.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending November 26, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
N E Allen.	2W...PPF	78	14	\$23 50	\$13 75	\$37 25	\$66 50
R Roberts	.....BF	31	11	16 50	9 50	26 00	29 00
M L Ivory	.....BF	46	4	6 00	9 00	15 00	39 15
I W Peevy	.....BF	49	22	33 00	10 00	43 00	19 50
Ben Griffiths	....BF	46	29	43 50	1 50	45 00	4 50
A Henley	.....BF	28	6	8 00	1 50	9 50	4 50
J F Dennis	...MISC			7 95		7 95	7 95
O A Prieger	...PPF	25	3	5 00		5 00	50
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE*							
T S Sligh	.....PPF	52	8	12 00		12 00	53 70
G S Rogers	.....PPF	74	50	81 50	7 90	89 40	13 40
M B Wilson	....PPF	39					49 00
Jno Harzman	..PPF	49	13	21 50	2 75	24 25	56 50
I T Reynolds	...PPF	40	12	20 00		20 00	43 00
Vergie McPhall	PPF	6	7	5 50	1 50	7 00	1 50
J Jorgenson	....PPF	92	13	19 00	12 50	31 50	32 50
L Parish	.....PPF	7	7	10 50	2 75	13 25	1 75
J J Jobe	.....PPF	55	36	31 75		31 75	70 75

*2 weeks.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
W H Haddon	.BF	51					54 50
J S Fry	.....D&R	54					71 75
E L Marley	...D&R	17					4 00
H G Miller	....D&R	10					8 75
Virgil Smith	...D&R	35					40 35
C H McColreay	..BF	40	1	1 00	3 75	4 75	81 75
A O Waite	.....BF	38			2 00	2 00	107 00
J P Campbell	2WBF	80	74	97 00	2 75	99 75	91 00
N W Olvin	.....BF	56	9	10 50	18 00	28 50	39 50
Emily Billups	..BF	30	30	30 00	5 00	35 00	35 00
John Wood	...BF	25	6	7 50		7 50	11 00
Louise Jackson	.BF	13			1 25	1 25	2 35

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Mamie Moore	..D&R	22	12	29 00	8 00	37 00	
Mrs Ida Frisby	GC		2	4 00	50	4 50	4 00
H C Balsbaugh	...GC	55	10	21 00	5 55	26 55	68 05
J S Moore	....PofJ	52	7	20 00	14 75	34 75	9 75
C H Chenault	...D&R	31	4	8 00	5 50	13 50	8 00
M Wheeler	....BF	32	21	24 00	1 75	25 75	8 25
T J Tyler	.....BF	22	3	3 00	4 50	7 50	1 50
R H Hazelton	..sofP	30	9	11 00	20 00	31 00	7 00
Walter Brown	...BF						9 00
Dan Brown	....BF						18 00
C D Wolff	.....BF	13	2	2 50	10 50	13 00	50

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf	.....	303	89	143 45	45 25	188 70	171 60
Kentucky Conf	—No report						
Louisiana Conf	... 414	146		201 75	27 40	229 15	322 10
Mississippi Conf	.. 449	120		146 00	32 75	178 75	546 95
Tenn River Conf	.. 257	70		122 50	71 05	193 55	134 85
Totals	.....	1423	425	613 70	176 45	790 15	1175 50

Has your church given any special study to the young people's work, and to the best methods of working for your young people? Sabbath, January 7, has been set aside for this purpose. Will you not observe it faithfully? The *Review* of December 22 contains the suggestive program and the general articles.

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THE lessons for all grades during the year 1911 will be on the book of Acts—a book full of lessons for the remnant people.

As a help in this study we have arranged to supply a made-to-order map, showing the countries and cities referred to in the Acts. The route of the three missionary tours of the apostle Paul, also his voyage to Rome, are very plainly marked.

The map is on cardboard, and may be carried in the ordinary Bible. It is plainer and more convenient than the maps in the Bible. The Bible may be open to the place of the lesson, and the map before the eye at the same time. Every teacher and pupil should have one. Teachers should interest their pupils, and send in a class order. Do this now, and be ready for the lessons the first of the year. The price is five cents apiece, or six for twenty-five cents. Order through your tract society, or of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

"It is hoped preparation is being made for the Week of Prayer in all the churches so that the members may enter together into this season from which so much is expected."

"EVERY one should do what he can to bring immediate relief to the self-sacrificing laborers in distant lands. Let the good work of gathering with the Missions number of the *Review* go on, and especially should we make a *liberal thank-offering* at the close of the Week of Prayer."

TWENTY-FIVE copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Review* were sent out from the office of the WORKER to persons whom we thought might be interested in our missionary operations, with the result that \$7 was received in response to our letters accompanying the papers.

"CHURCH treasurers should at once send all the funds for foreign missions in their hands at the close of the Week of Prayer to the conference treasurer to be forwarded without delay to the union conference office, so that the present need may be met."

SABBATH-SCHOOL lesson quarterlies for the first quarter of 1911 may now be obtained. The publishing house has a full stock of these pamphlets. Every Sabbath-school secretary and superintendent should at once ascertain the number of quarterlies that will be desired for use in their school. By

ordering early, you are sure to receive your quarterly in plenty of time, so that every member will be fully prepared with a good Sabbath-school lesson the first Sabbath of the year.

The prices are as usual, 5 cents per copy. Order through your tract society secretary, or of the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

DAILY MANNA: WHAT JESUS SAID OF HIMSELF

SUNDAY

"I AM the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8: 12.

MONDAY

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him have eternal life. . . . He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3: 14, 15, 18. R. V.

TUESDAY

"For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself; and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment." John 5: 26-29. R. V.

WEDNESDAY

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6: 51.

THURSDAY

"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." John 11: 25, 26. R. V.

FRIDAY

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14: 6.

SABBATH

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17: 5.

WHERE CLEANLINESS PAYS

WITHIN recent years the trade in raisins has developed to large proportions in California, and the growers attribute their success very largely to the fact that they pack their product under rigorously clean conditions. Raisins of foreign growth, particularly those imported from Greece, are notoriously dirty, as are also other fruits, such as dates and figs. If examined closely before using, these imported products would seldom pass muster with the careful housekeeper. This one thing has made the California fruits great favorites, as they are also equal, or even better in quality, than most of the foreign products."

A MAN is what he is, not what men say he is. His character no man can touch. His character is what he is before his God and his Judge; and only himself can damage that. His reputation is what men say he is, that can be damaged. But reputation is for time, character is for eternity.—*John B. Gough.*