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

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## THE HEAVENLY SOWING

SOWER DIVINE!

Sow the good seed in me,  
Seed for eternity.  
'Tis a rough and barren soil,  
Yet by thy care and toil,  
Make it a fruitful field  
An hundredfold to yield.

Sower Divine,

Plow up this heart of mine!

Sower Divine!

Quit not this wretched field  
Till thou hast made it yield;  
Sow thou by day and night,  
In darkness and in light.  
Stay not thy hand, but sow:  
Then shall the harvest grow.

Sower Divine,

Sow deep this heart of mine.

Sower Divine!

Let not this barren clay,  
Lead thee to turn away;  
Let not my fruitlessness  
Provoke thee not to bless;  
Let not this field be dry,  
Refresh it from on high.

Sower Divine,

Water this heart of mine!

—Selected.

## JANUARY 21, 1911—A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

PRAY ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest. January 21, 1911, has been appointed by the General Conference council as a day of fasting and prayer, on the part of all Sabbath-keepers for the speedy finishing of the work. What may not be accomplished when this whole denomination bound together in unity of the Spirit cry unitedly unto God for the speedy realization of the "blessed hope"? Shall there not be deep heart-searching and every one in the Southern Union unite his prayers with those of his brethren in other fields for a consecration that God can recognize by a mighty outpouring of his Holy Spirit? The action in the General Conference minutes reads as follows: "That we advise the Mission Board to proceed as rapidly in the extension of its missionary operations as the funds in its treasury will warrant; and further, considering the great need of efficient laborers, and especially of able ministers of the Word, to enter the cities, we suggest that the General Conference Committee set apart a day for earnest prayer and fasting to the end that

the Lord of the harvest will send forth his Holy Spirit and qualify laborers to meet the urgent demands of the hour and that he may also move upon the hearts of the people that sufficient means may be quickly supplied to enable us to greatly enlarge our mission work, both at home and abroad. We suggest that Sabbath, Jan. 21, 1911, be the day thus set apart for prayer and fasting."

C. F. McVAGH.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

SINCE my last report I have visited Montgomery, Mobile, and Marlow, Ala., and attended the board meeting of the Southern Training School at Graysville, Tenn. At Montgomery I called on Brother and Sister Dennis. They have long held up the light of truth in the capital, and they plead earnestly for help. Brethren and sisters, let us join with them in praying that the way may soon be open and that the Lord of the harvest will send help to Montgomery.

The mission work in Montgomery is progressing nicely. I did not see Brother Peters, as he was on a visit to Dothan, Ala., where about a dozen colored people have begun keeping the Sabbath during the last summer.

At Mobile I called on Brother Henry and Eld. T. Murphy. Mobile is a hard field, but there are many honest souls to be reached there. The school work is prospering, and a foundation is being laid for a greater work. Both the white and the colored work cry out for help in Mobile. Next I had the privilege of attending the general meeting and celebrating the ordinances with the brethren at Marlow. Elders Hayes and Cruzan were also present, and we had a blessed season of worship and council. Sunday afternoon I was permitted to speak in the Methodist church to an attentive congregation. The people are of good courage, and the work is onward in Alabama.

The school board meeting in Graysville was a very satisfactory and harmonious meeting, one day finishing up all the business. The school is enjoying a prosperous year. The faculty will remain almost entirely as it is. The boys' dormitory is complete, and is a model of neatness and modesty. I was glad to see that the students from the Southern Union have their eyes fixed on their home conferences and are eagerly looking forward to the time when they will be equipped for service in the cause.

At Chattanooga I enjoyed a short but pleasant chat with Dr. Hayward and also with Dr. Godsmark. We are now looking forward to the best bookmen's convention ever held in Nashville.

C. F. McVAGH.

"Nor what we give, but what we share,—

For the gift without the giver is bare;

Who gives himself with his alms, feeds three,—

Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

Book and periodical sales for week ending January 6, 1911: bound volumes, 1,823; *Watchman*, 1,952; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,850.

#### CANVASSER'S LETTER

"I am home at last and glad to meet my wife and children. The Lord has surely blessed me. The whole of the year my deliveries turned out better than I ever thought.—Benjamin Griffiths."

The following is a report from one of our faithful periodical workers who has been in Alaska but on account of failing health has returned to this country for a short rest. This sister is still in a very poor condition of health, and we trust our brethren and sisters will pray earnestly for her recovery, if it be in harmony with the Lord's will.

#### PACIFIC GROVE, CAL.

"Dear Brethren—I wrote an article for the *Review* yesterday, so will write one for you to-day of some of my experiences 'up North.'

"In Alaska the mode of traveling is quite different from that in this part of the world. On the settled creeks where the mining industry is developed and claims have found the 'pay streak,' there are hotels and stores, and between some of the more prosperous places there are short railroads. Others have stages that run to and from the business centers. Hay and grain are usually shipped in from the States in the summer time when navigation is open.

"The good Lord meant that Alaska should be inhabited. There are many rivers in the country and boats run on all of them where gold has been found in paying quantities or where other trade has opened them to navigation.

"Gold is found on what is called bed-rock, which, in turn, is found either near a creek bed, or what was one, centuries ago. They dig away down to bed-rock to ascertain whether there is sufficient of the precious metal to pay for the use of machinery to secure it. Sometimes several holes will be sunk, or dug in the ground, and particles of gold, or collars, as they are commonly called, will be found all the way; but if the diggers do not find the 'pay streak,' or enough gold on bed-rock to pay for digging it out, other holes are sunk near it, or it is abandoned, according to the means a man has with which to work, or to his pluck. Sometimes they have to dig one hundred feet or more before they reach bed-rock, while they drift some, sometimes, if the fannings, or dirt they wash from time to time, shows an increase in collars, or seems to be encouraging.

"Sometimes gold is found in pockets, or spots, and not in a definite 'pay streak.' This kind of ground is seldom worked extensively, as digging for gold without knowing certainly where it is, is too expensive an experiment; but where they find a 'pay streak' it is usually in deposits sufficient to pay for the working, and is a fortune to the owner.

"Many men who get rich by mining go to some of the new camps, sink more holes, but without success; still they keep on spending until they are not only without money, but thousands of dollars in debt. Some poor men are kept working for months for some of the companies, when, all at once it will be found that the foreman or owner has misrepresented things to them, and there is no pay.

"There are very few miners in Alaska who do not have one or more of these experiences. Some work a few months for the big mines, then buy some provisions and prospect for themselves, sinking holes until 'broke,' and then go to work

again just long enough to get another supply of food, when they prospect again, trying to get a good claim, until they have spent years in this way. Ten, fifteen, twenty years of this kind of life the miner has in a placer camp. Months at a time he never owns or sees a dollar; but he keeps right at it.

"Now, you can imagine how a missionary would fare in a camp like that. A man may have plenty to eat, own his pick, shovel, and prospecting outfit, and yet not have in his pockets the price of a paper. Well, what am I to do but give him a paper. I cannot withhold the message. He may be honest and will pay for his paper or papers when he sees me again if he goes to work somewhere and has money.

"There are thousands of miners, who are good-hearted fellows. All they know is dig, dig; but they are not prepared to buy. I cannot ride very many miles on a stage-coach with such an outlook. The miners have to walk to and from their claims, so if I want to follow up missionary work, I must put my pride in my pocket and walk, too. This I do. I am welcome to all I want to eat at any of their tables. I have at times carried my papers miles on my back, so that I would be glad to deposit the message, and take back an empty paper sack, whether I sold anything or not.

"Usually several men work together. One is without money, and I cannot pass the rest by without giving them a paper, too. I usually have several numbers with me, and, on the other hand, when I meet those who have money, they are as likely to buy three or four, as one.

"I have on several different occasions packed berries on my back and sold them to get my debts straightened out; for in a new camp where every one is struggling to get along, one must show his willingness to share in the hardships in order to do anything in the camp. Riding on a stage looks as if you were not in need of money, or were making a lot; while if you travel as they do, and carry your papers, it enlists their sympathy and they will help you if they can.

"I do not canvass the more prosperous camps in this way. Where there are people enough to make business lively, I ride; but in order to do a thorough work, a person has to go through just such trying experiences as I have mentioned.

"But when we are all gathered home, if the miners in my vicinity are not saved, it will not be because I did not try to hold a meeting, or take care of their sick; for I have done all I could along these lines. Yet many times I have been asked: 'How can you stay here? I don't see how you can do it.' To which I say, I do not see how you men can stay here and labor as you do for perishable gold, year in and year out, and get nothing. If you can do it for perishable gold, I can do it for the Master. Yet, I say if I had known before I came all I would have to go through with in Alaska, I certainly would not have come. But I have labored for the best part of five years in that country. I have lived four years on my homestead, where I am trying to establish an institution for the Master. I cannot draw back now. The Bible says when we put our hand to the plow and look back, we are not worthy. Remember Lot's wife. No, I feel that the lost are calling me. I want to go back. I want to be faithful even with the trying things I meet. I had to return to have some surgical work done. I am weak, and in need of means to help me get back to my field of labor. God has provided for me through all trying ordeals, and I have faith to believe that he will provide some way for me to return to my work. Yours in the service, Ella J. Clayton."

#### THE LAST WORD ON BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

This will be the last WORKER you will receive before the meeting begins. Do not forget the date,—January 17; the place, Nashville. All those who are planning to attend should arrive not later than the night of the 16th for the first meeting

will be held Tuesday morning, January 17. We are expecting an attendance of about sixty, and it is our privilege if we seek the Lord earnestly to have a rich blessing during the time we shall be together.

We are extremely busy in the office, hence the report from this department will be short this week. We are working hard to get out the annual statement.

Eld. E. L. Sanford, of Graysville, Tenn., was an office visitor during the week.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,  
R. Hook Jr., Manager.

## Periodical Department

### SOME RECENT WATCHMAN TESTIMONIALS

"I RECEIVED your letter some time ago telling me you had sent me a December number of your esteemed journal, and asking me what I thought of it. I think it a good magazine; and destined to do a good work in the closing message. I lighted on a copy in a railway station one year ago. It so impressed me that I sent for it for seven years in advance."

"We are glad to see the improvement that is being made in the *Watchman*. I think it ranks among the best of our denominational periodicals. I shall speak of it as I visit among the churches, and try to get all the individual subscriptions possible."

"I happen to have a copy of the *Watchman*, which if I read through once I read through thrice, and I find it to be a very helpful paper. Not only have I gained much information, but many lessons and illustrations which help me in addressing my congregation—Christian, heathen, and Mohammedan."

"Enclosed find \$1.00, for which please renew our *Watchman* for another year. The *Watchman* has become a family friend in our home. We like the magazine very much, and are well pleased with improvements made in this paper since its first appearance."

"We appreciate the *Watchman* as a missionary paper, and know it has an active part to play in the giving of the message, and shall do all we can to send it out over our territory."

## Alabama Conference

### NOTICE

ALABAMA Book and Paper Workers' Convention and Institute will be held in Birmingham, January 27 to February 7, 1911.

We hope to make this meeting the best of its kind ever held in the State, and we desire every one interested in this line of work to attend.

We expect Elder McVagh, Bro. A. F. Harrison, Eld. E. G. Hayes, Eld. W. S. Cruzan, and probably others of our conference laborers to be present and take part in the program.

An interesting and profitable part of our last institute was the discussion by the canvassers and all present of the best way of doing each of the many details of canvassing work. With another year of experience we expect this feature to be more beneficial than ever. Features not considered last year will be brought up. A list of items for each canvasser to consider in the light of his past experiences has been sent out, and at the convention experiences on these various phases of the work will be compared.

Then there will be an important course of Bible studies

conducted by Helen M. Keate, and a course of study on simple treatments and hygienic living by Sr. Florence M. Dean. Sister Dean is a trained nurse of long experience, and at present has a large practise in Birmingham.

We expect to furnish room and cots to all attending the convention from a distance.

The railroad fare of the regular canvassers will be paid to the institute and to their fields of labor.

I will be glad to correspond with all who wish to attend or take up this important line of work.

R. I. KEATE, F. M. A.,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PETITION WORK

THE experience I am having might at least be suggestive to some who have not had any experience along this line.

My intention was to work the business portion of Fort Payne for signatures to the latest petition to Congress. As this place has only about twelve hundred or fourteen hundred people, I only ordered fifty of "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" I distributed these as far as they would go, telling each man I gave one to that I would like him to read it, as there is a bill before Congress to amend the Constitution of the United States, besides several Sunday bills, and that I would be around again with a petition against these measures, which I would like him to sign.

My fifty tracts did not go far, as I met a number of men in each of the stores. I have since been over the same ground, and have secured forty-four signatures, though I have not covered more than half the territory that I expected to. I am now waiting for more tracts with which to finish the town.

I have had several interesting talks with groups of men in the stores on the principles of religious liberty, and on my list are the names of the leading people of the town. I thoroughly enjoyed the work.

R. I. KEATE.

## Kentucky Conference

### MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

Agent	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Runie Walbert .....	13	60	\$ 6 00
Hattie Hicks .....	15	94	9 40
Maud Wirth .....	2	11	1 10
Charlsey Allran .....	3	15	1 50
Rose Shaskey .....		19	1 90

Totals ..... 33 199 \$19 90

### A GOOD LETTER

I RECEIVED a letter from Sister Ewald, one of our *Watchman* agents, from which I quote the following:—

"I had such good experiences with the *Watchman* last month. I have four more customers who want it every month.

"A young man told his mother to be sure to get it every month, as it was the kind of magazine he liked to read. She said, 'Son, we are taking so many magazines now, I don't feel like subscribing for this.' He said, 'Stop taking the others and take this one; this is fine.' She said, 'Very well, bring one every month.'

"And another lady when she learned it was Adventist literature bought one. She told me that she had relatives in New York who were keeping the Sabbath. I had a good talk with her in regard to Sabbath observance, and also on the second coming of Christ.

"I had many other good experiences, but cannot write them

all. The Lord blessed me wonderfully last month. Although it was very cold some days when I went out, I enjoyed it."

Reader, you may have some good experiences if you will go out with the *Watchman*.  
C. F. DART.

## Louisiana Conference

### NOTES

WHERE were we all during the week before the last issue of the *WORKER*? There was not a single report from our State. Let us do better next time.

The writer spent the first two days of the Week of Prayer with the Hammond church. A good interest was manifested among both the members and the outsiders. The children's meetings were especially well attended.

The evenings of the 12th and 13th were spent at New Orleans, where a good number were present to join in the services of the week. On the 13th Elder Saxby suffered a severe fall, while leaving the home of Elder Chatman. It was some days before he could leave the house, but he is considerably improved now.

The next two days were occupied in meetings at Welsh, where the brethren were holding forth in spite of the rainy weather.

Friday I joined Brethren Harrison and Reynolds at Shreveport, and together we remained there till the close of the Week of Prayer. The meetings here were signally blest of God, and as strong appeals were made for greater consecration, and for workers to enter the canvassing field, confessions were made and several promised to arrange their affairs so as to enter the work at an early date.

From Shreveport we went to Lake Charles, where meetings were held for three days. Brother Frank has a good interest worked up here among those not of our faith, and we expect to see several new ones there as a result.

On Friday, December 23, we came to Welsh, remaining over until the Monday following. Good meetings were held here, and the Spirit was present in a marked manner. At a meeting of the church on Sunday night, officers for the next year were elected and a new elder, Brother Chas. Lantz, was chosen and ordained.

From Welsh the writer was compelled to go on to New Orleans while Brethren Harrison and Reynolds visited the churches at Jennings and Lake Arthur. They report good meetings at both places.

The closing days of the year were spent at New Orleans, where meetings were held with both the white and colored churches. It is to be hoped that there will be several who will devote their time to the work of selling our message-filled books during the next year as a result of these meetings.

May God bless and prosper all through the year that is now beginning, that at its close we may all be able to present to him more sheaves than we have at the close of the one that has just passed.  
E. L. MAXWELL.

### NEW ORLEANS

THE Lord is surely working as never before. Hearts are being impressed, homes are opening their doors for cottage meetings, and the Lord is making a quick work, and by and by we shall go home.

One lady, a great worker in the Presbyterian Church, is taking readings. At first she was disposed to put off the readings "till baby is older." But the Lord gave her no rest, and one day she beckoned me from across the street and said,

"I cannot rest satisfied knowing I am in error. I want to take readings from you right away."

One Friday afternoon I spent an hour soliciting readers. Placing my Bible at a corner grocery, I wended my way from house to house, telling the people my mission. No one seemed to want the truth,—sad reflection. Coming back to the grocery the Lord impressed me to talk these good things to the woman in charge (which I had not intended to do, for grocery people never take readings); and to my surprise the Lord had gone before and prepared another soul to hear the truth.

A visit in the interest of Bible readings to a Catholic lady whose husband is a piano dealer, resulted in securing a donation to the Harvest Ingathering for missions.

As I passed by my baker's shop, I walked in and presented my paper on this wise: "I am soliciting donations for foreign missions, will you make a contribution?" (Showing the front cover of the *Review*.) "I am not selling this paper, but want you to read it and see what an excellent work we are doing in behalf of missions. It is called Harvest Ingathering for Missions." (Pointing to the lines in the corner; then turning to the notice on the back page I read that.) "Here is the solicitor's card mentioned, signed by the pastor with my name above, and also the treasurer in Washington, D. C." On seeing one name down for fifty cents and another for a dollar, and another for a quarter, and so on, she said, "Why, yes, I'll contribute something," and gave me a quarter.

The Lord then impressed me to go to my grocer opposite. Presenting the paper in a somewhat similar way, and mentioning incidentally that I had given readings to her sister-in-law and husband, and showing their names on the card, she gave me fifty cents.

Two of my readers were baptized December 3. How good the Lord is to give us these occasional tokens of his approval that we may not become altogether discouraged.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11: 6.

FRANCES P. GOODWYN.

### CANVASSING REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1910

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Jno Harzman . . .	PPF	49			9 00	9 00	45 50
I T Reynolds . . .	PPF	60	11	21 00	5 00	26 00	29 25
G S Rogers . . .	PPF	98	16	36 00	30 70	66 70	54 40
J J Jobe . . . . .	MISC	162	190	185 25		185 25	154 60
T S Sligh . . . . .	PPF	74	4	6 00	8 00	14 00	44 15
Virginia McPhall	PPF	45	24	27 50	11 75	39 25	8 25
M D Reed . . . . .	MISC	25	17			10 25	3 75
L Parish . . . . .	PPF	34	10	18 25	2 75	21 00	13 50

## Mississippi Conference

DEAR readers of the *WORKER*: I thought I would tell you something of my recent visit among our brethren in the southern part of the State.

I left Jackson December 14 at 6 A. M., and before noon was in Laurel. The afternoon I spent calling upon the believers to learn at what time they could come together for the week of prayer readings. Our people in Laurel are scattered so much that I had to walk at least four miles to make five calls.

On the 15th we had our reading in the afternoon. They enjoyed the meeting and they were glad that they could have it. This little company needs help and encouragement.

Friday morning I took the train for Louin, where Brother Ammons and family live. Brother Otto Waite, one of our

successful canvassers, is making his home with them while working Jasper County. On arriving there I began selling journals until Brother Waite found me and took me out one mile to Brother Ammons'.

We spent Sabbath evening in talking of the truth and in reading aloud from the *Signs of the Times*.

Sabbath morning at 10:30 we met for Sabbath-school. Seven were present, and enjoyed the lesson.

Before leaving Louin, Sunday, I sold some more journals and tracts.

I spent two days in and around Ellisville, visiting our people and other interested ones. This necessitated about a nine-mile walk. It was not tiresome, for I stopped frequently to show my journals and tracts.

I found our little company at Ellisville of good courage. They had greatly enjoyed the readings and had been faithful in observing the week of prayer, only missing one reading, I think.

Sister McEchern, although she has quite a family to care for, has sold over one hundred journals since camp-meeting. This is an example worthy of imitation.

I found two in Ellisville who wish to canvass, and we may hold our canvassers' institute there.

At Hattiesburg I met Brother Wood, one of our canvassers, and was able to give him some needed instruction. He is of good courage and is pressing forward.

From Hattiesburg I went to Collins to visit Brother Morgan and family. They have a nice little home 2 1-2 miles from town. I found them well and of good courage. They bought a "Ministry of Healing" with which to take orders. I was with them only about six hours, but much enjoyed the visit. Brother Morgan had collected some on the *Harvest Review*, and had his five dollars nearly ready to send in on the \$300,000 fund.

I returned home on the 21st at 10 P. M., and the next day went to Vicksburg in company with my wife. This was the occasion of the marriage of E. L. Marley, one of our most faithful canvassers, to Miss Ethel Nash. Quite a number of relatives and friends were present and we had a very pleasant time.

That night we held a meeting in the colored church. It was very rainy, yet a number were out and we had a good meeting. The next day we returned home at 3:30 P. M.

During this trip I organized two tract societies, sold three Bibles, three "Ministry of Healing," took two subscriptions to our papers, and sold many tracts and journals, altogether amounting to about \$20.

I thank the Lord for a part in his work, and give to him all the praise for what he is doing for us.

H. G. MILLER.

Jackson, Miss., 353 McKee St.

### THE CANVASSING WORK

We thank our heavenly Father for the measure of success he has given us here in Mississippi in the year 1910. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." Ps. 115: 1.

The year has just passed, and its record is made up. Angels have kept a perfect record; we a very imperfect one. Could we see the perfect one which I fear would reveal opportunities lost and talent wasted, we would be ashamed of our record, for we are not doing a thousandth part of what we should be doing. We should have one hundred canvassers where we have one.

Our imperfect record shows that we have been making

progress, and this is encouraging. I will give a few statements and figures which show this.

Value of books delivered in 1907.....	\$ 542 00
Value of books delivered in 1908.....	2,131 00
Value of books delivered in 1909.....	3,978 00
Value of books delivered in 1910.....	7,700 00

One worker, by November 15, had sold \$1,350 worth of books. Another in 2 1-2 months delivered \$340 worth.

One colored sister of about sixty years, delivered \$540 worth of books in less than six months. Another colored sister who has had many home duties, delivered \$560 worth of books in about five months.

These figures are according to reports that have come to me. Surely these facts and figures should convince almost any one that books can be sold in Mississippi. In fact, Mississippi is one of the very best fields in the whole South.

The conference has been holding two institutes each year for our canvassers, and this has aided greatly in developing the work.

Because of the needs of the field and growth of the work, we felt that Mississippi should have a tract society, and at our last camp-meeting the Mississippi Tract Society was organized, and soon after located at 353 McKee St., Jackson, Miss.

The office is neat and orderly but only partly furnished.

We have a good stock of books, tracts, and journals on hand, all of which are paid for. I think our stock is worth at least \$450. For all this we are grateful to God and to the faithful canvassers whom he has used.

The above facts show that we have been making progress, but we are not satisfied. We must renew our consecration and redouble our efforts.

In the year 1909 we sold nearly four thousand dollars' worth of books, and in 1910, nearly eight thousand dollars' worth. Now, brethren, shall we not set our mark to double this for 1911? Can we not by God's help sell sixteen thousand dollars' worth? This sounds large; but we must undertake, and expect great things of God. Courage, brethren, courage.

WANTED: one hundred consecrated, God-fearing, truth-loving canvassers for Mississippi to work twelve months in the year 1911. Address,

H. G. MILLER,  
Jackson, Miss., 353 McKee St.

## Tennessee River Conference

### THE BOOK WORK

It is an undisputed fact at this stage of the progress of this world-wide message that our subscription book work is a prime factor in the spread of the knowledge of God's last and mighty effort for a lost world. Wherever our books are introduced, they find a response in the minds and hearts of the people. Many souls will shout the praises of God in the new earth as a result of truth found in our good books which were carried to them by earnest, God-fearing, but trembling sons and daughters of Adam charged with the life-giving current of compelling love.

Have you, dear reader, ever tasted the sweets of this present-day message by taking one of our truth-laden books, and, in the fear of God and with a keen sense of obligation, responsibility, and privilege, gone out to warn the people of the doom which is very soon to overtake the inhabitants of this wicked world? I desire to call your attention to this exalted work, but not for the dollars to be derived from it. However, on this point, the faithful, conscientious worker is not

disappointed; for to such God is fulfilling his word, "Whatsoever is right I will give you." Rich blessings are attending our canvassing evangelists everywhere. For our own salvation God is calling us into his work. He knows that it is for our eternal benefit that we dedicate ourselves to the promulgation of his final message. God wants to finish his work. Will you decide now to connect with the working force of the greatest enterprise ever inaugurated in this world?

What a disappointment awaits those in the great day of reckoning who are now reveling in worldly love and pleasure, while trusting in a nominal profession.

A most precious season of prayer has just closed, and shall we not now put into real practise the good resolutions made during that season, and so abound more and more unto good works? May all so resolve, then when the roll is called above we may respond with a shout of triumph.

C. D. WOLFF.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

TITHES FOR DECEMBER, 1910

Nashville . . . . .	\$ 575 34
Memphis . . . . .	217 39
Cedar Grove . . . . .	100 94
Springville . . . . .	79 00
Leach . . . . .	42 99
Hazel . . . . .	32 72
Trezevant . . . . .	24 40
Paducah . . . . .	14 41
Jackson . . . . .	6 91
Conference Church . . . . .	5 20
Individual . . . . .	4 30
Total . . . . .	\$1103 60

#### OFFERINGS

Annual Offering . . . . .	\$321 05
Ingathering . . . . .	82 19
Sabbath-school Offerings . . . . .	46 74
Colored Work . . . . .	17 87
\$300,000 Fund . . . . .	13 50
Foreign Missions . . . . .	6 00
First-day Offerings . . . . .	3 66
Total . . . . .	\$491 01

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

### THE CANVASSING WORK

As the old year has passed into eternity and the new year is coming on, I must tell something of what the Lord has done for me, and how he has blessed in the work of placing the precious books in the homes of the people. Beginning May 20, 1908, and working the remainder of the year, I placed in the hands of the people \$476 worth of books, notwithstanding I was in very poor health and lost quite a lot of time on that account.

In 1909 I worked about eight months, and the dear Lord helped me to place with the people six hundred twenty-four dollars' worth of printed truth. In 1910 I delivered nine hundred ninety dollars' worth of books, making a total of two thousand and ninety dollars' worth for the three years.

I have already seen some fruits of my labor, but eternity alone will reveal the good that will be done by these books. Now I start on 1911 and have never been of better courage in the work than I am to-night. My heart is full of praise to the Lord and my aim is to do more in 1911 than I have ever done before.

One thing I want to mention in my letter that perhaps will be of interest to some one, I want to tell something about moving from place to place. I have estimated what I have lost this year in this way. Counting my time at \$1.00 per day, and adding cash expenses, I have lost more than \$50.00. This is a good lesson I have learned, and now have located for a year, and expect to put in the time canvassing that I have before spent in moving, and I know the Lord is going to bless my efforts.

There are many good things about the canvassing work which cover up all the hard times we have. Many say that our books are the best in the world. Who will start with the new year to work for the Saviour. Not many more years will pass before our Saviour will come to take us home to himself. Pray for us here at Summertown, Tenn. There are precious souls here who seem anxious for the truth. I am expecting to see larger reports next year than ever before, and I am full of praise and courage in my Saviour's work.

M. WHEELER.

### Our Schools

#### HAZEL INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY ITEMS

THE students who took advantage of the holiday rates to make a visit home have all returned, so we are now well started in our second terms' work. Every one seems determined to make this the best part of the school year. Will you not pray, brethren and sisters, that the Lord will bless us abundantly, and that the work may be such as will best fit each student for his or her place in this great work?

Among those who made visits home were Myrtle Wade, Jessie Burrow, Annabel Tisdale, and Arthur Potete. Irl Martin was also away for a few days.

One of our teachers, Mrs. Vesta Callicott, spent a few days at her home in Graysville. She reports that the school there is well attended, and seems to be prospering.

We are glad to have four new students with us since vacation. Erl Rooker from Hurstburg, Jessie Lee Nichols, and Elsie Hightower from Jackson, and Ophelia Pipkin, from Nashville. Miss Pipkin has been working at the Southern Publishing Association for some time.

The class in Old Testament History under Professor Callicott, are enjoying their study of "Patriarchs and Prophets." This is used as a supplement to the regular text.

The program on Missionary Volunteer day, January 7, proved interesting and profitable, both to the school and the church.

Bro. Samuel Moore spent a few days recently, visiting his family at the school. Brother Moore has been doing faithful work in the field, and has had good success.

### General

#### THE 1911 ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING

THE annual Religious Liberty offering for 1911 is to be taken Sabbath, February 4. There has never been a time in the history of our work when the needs of funds to carry on this line of work was more imperative than at the present. The past year has been a record-breaker in the development of both the beast and its image. The great and spectacular functions held by the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, and especially in the United States, has caused "the world to wonder after the beast."

The wise-spread movements on the part of various organizations of false Protestantism have also made great strides in seeking to bring about a union of church and state in this country. With all of these gigantic influences, which are inevitably hastening us on to the coming crisis of religious intolerance and persecution it is high time for all of us to exert ourselves as never before in working to enlighten those who are in darkness concerning these great principles that involve the dearest rights of man—the rights of conscience.

What we need in order to accomplish this great and important work are the prayers of every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist; personal efforts of all in a campaign in communicating to their neighbors and friends these heaven-born principles; also the most free and liberal support of the work in a financial way.

You will remember that at the quadrennial session of the General Conference it was decided to equally divide the Religious Liberty annual offering between the general, union, and local conferences. Shall we not begin at once to plan for making the coming annual offering the largest that has ever been taken?

A special program will be prepared to be carried out the day that the annual offering is received, Sabbath, February 4, 1911. The program for this day will appear in the *Review* of January 19, 1911.

K. C. RUSSELL,

*Sec. Religious Liberty Assn.*

## TWO MORE

I AM glad that I can send in the names of two more of our faithful workers who will attend the bookmen's convention, Brethren H. C. Balsbaugh and Samuel Moore, both of the Tennessee River Conference.

Brother Balsbaugh has worked seventeen hundred hours, and has delivered \$1,272.88 worth of books. This is certainly a fine record for a man of his age. He has been one of the old stand-bys, and we will welcome him at our convention, which we trust will prove a blessing to all who attend. Brother Moore put in 1,613 hours' work, and delivered \$557.91 worth of books. He is one of the oldest workers in either the Southern or Southeastern union conferences. Even before I came South, 22 years ago, Brother Moore procured his prospectus for "Daniel and the Revelation" and began to sell books. He attended the first institute that was ever held in that conference, and while there have been some short breaks in his work, yet they have not been long at a time. Somehow he could never feel contented out of the Lord's work. I hope that the Lord will keep both of these brethren and spare their lives, that from now on until the close of probation their names shall be retained, not only on the books of our conference, as workers, but also on the book of life in heaven. Hoping to see them soon and all the other faithful workers, I remain, yours in the blessed work,

A. F. HARRISON.

THE good work still goes on. Another name has just come in from one of our most faithful workers, J. S. Fry, of Mississippi, and while I have not been able to secure the number of books delivered, yet I have 1,603 hours' work, so that I know Brother Fry will be with us next week.

He is one of Mississippi's old stand-bys. This brother is traveling on toward the sixties, and while his head may be showing the gray, his step is firm and as quick as many of the youth. The last thing he said to me at the close of the institute was, "If I live and keep my health I will be with you at the January meeting." So I hope he will be with us,

## CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending December 31, 1910

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
G S Rogers	...PPF	35	5	10 50	7 00	17 50	27 00
G Jorgenson	...PPF	48	16	14 00	10 25	24 25	15 75
M D Reed	...MISC	9	2	50		50	50
Jno Harzman	...PPF	49			9 00	9 00	45 50
L Parish	.....PPF	20	3	4 50		4 50	6 75
Virginia McPhall	PPF	10					5 75
J J Jobe	.....MISC	46	14	14 40		14 40	94 40

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon	MOFN	12	11	13 75	1 75	15 50	6 00
J S Fry	.....D&R	19			2 75	2 75	2 75
E L Marley	...D&R	17	11	23 00	3 00	26 00	1 75
C H McColrey	..BF	19	24	24 00	1 30	25 30	1 30
N W Olvin	....BF	53					40 00
H G Miller	..MISC	4	4	5 75	25	6 00	6 00
John Campbell	..BF	5					2 75
John Wood	....BF	28	10	11 00	8 50	19 50	2 00
Louise Jackson	.BF	13	1	1 00	75	1 75	75

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mrs S Frisby	..MISC	7		5 50		4 50	4 50
J S Rooker	...MISC			16 20		16 20	16 20
W M Deuschle	MISC			38 95		38 95	38 95
C M Kinny	....NTP	4	32	8 00		8 00	4 75
M Wheeler	....BF	20	11	14 00	1 50	15 50	3 00
J H Parrott	.CK,BF	14	18	19 00	11 00	30 00	15 75
Mrs Balsbaugh	..MISC						17 95
R H Hazelton	so/P	25	4	5 00	18 00	23 00	3 00
C E Morphew	...BF	19	14	16 50	5 25	21 75	4 25
J S Moore	....PofJ	31	1	2 00		2 00	2 00

### SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	—No report.						
Kentucky Conf	—No report.						
Louisiana Conf	...	217	40	43 90	26 25	70 15	195 65
Mississippi Conf	..	170	61	78 50	18 30	96 80	63 30
Tenn River Conf	.	153	87	125 15	35 75	159 90	110 35
Totals	.....	540	88	247 55	80 30	326 85	369 35

and that our meeting together will not only be a blessing to him, but to all who shall attend, and that he with all the rest may return to his field of labor full of courage and push, and that the year 1911 may prove one of the best in working for others. Yours in the work,

A. F. HARRISON.

## A TIMELY WARNING

WE note with surprise that some of our papers publish the poems of Ella Wheeler Wilcox. This writer is a well-known representative of the New Thought school, and her productions are cast in that mold. We suggest that space in our papers can be used to better advantage than in circulating the sentiments of this writer.—*Review and Herald*, Feb. 18, 1909.

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BERTHA PARMELE,

S. S. Secy., Tenn. River Conf.

### A CENTENARY REVIEW

THE make-up of the January number of *Liberty* comprises a review of the Sunday law agitation, and the various unsuccessful efforts made to change the Constitution of the United States, from 1811 to 1911.

Many of the strongest positions taken by prominent men, and acts of Congress, against the principles of the union of church and state, are contrasted with the present-day demands for religious legislation. These leading features of this issue, strongly supported by pithy, convincing editorials and solid-shot articles, completely annihilating National Reformism, and making plain the true principles of religious liberty, render this issue of *Liberty* the most effective ever

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### SPECIAL COURSE FOR MINISTERS AND BIBLE WORKERS

THE Washington Foreign Mission Seminary announces a special course for ministers and Bible workers to begin January 23, and continue eighteen weeks. It is designed for young ministers and other workers who would be greatly benefited by a few month's earnest study, and for mature persons who with a short training could enter some line of work.

Both the ministers' training class and the Bible workers' class will do practical work in the city of Washington under the direction and observation of experienced workers.

There is an opportunity to begin the study of the Greek New Testament, and to continue the work by correspondence after the school closes.

This course is planned with special reference to the needs of our great cities in the East. Here is an opportunity for ministers, graduate nurses, canvassers, and others to gain a short preparation to answer the urgent calls to enter the cities.

For further information, address the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

### THE YEAR 1911

THE Sabbath-school lessons for the entire year of 1911 will be found in the book of Acts. Much of this book is on the life and travels of the apostle Paul.

To be properly prepared for a profitable study of this subject you should have a lesson pamphlet, and a good Bible. As a help, you will need the little pocket size map, illustrating the travels of Paul. It is just the right size to slip in your Bible, and it will indeed be an aid in the study of the lesson, as it is much plainer and more convenient for use than the maps in the back of the Bible. It will be a great aid for the entire year if the Sabbath-school will order one of the large wall maps. By suspending this strikingly colored map in full view of the entire school the person giving the review will be enabled to make the recitation interesting to both old and young.

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