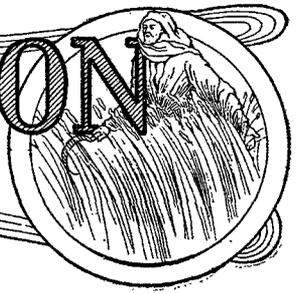




SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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GO TELL!

Go! The souls thy Saviour loveth
Wait for thee, whoe'er thou art;
Bowed by sin, or worn by struggle,
Lean they on thy human heart.

Tell God's love till men believe it;
All his pitying patience show.
Grace proclaim, till men receive it;
Go, because he loves thee so.

Oh, keep jubilee with Jesus,
Break all bonds of wrong and sin;
Let each joy his love decrees us,
Pledge our hearts his cause to win.

Rouse thee, then; be strong, unfearing;
Pray that Christ will grace impart;
Speak, "faith cometh" still by "hearing,"
Let it leap from heart to heart.

—Selected.

THE PLAN OF THE PERFECT LIFE

THE life of Jesus is unmarred by hurry, as it is unmarked by sin. Even when in the last years he felt the burden of the world's needs and said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work," no trace of worry or anxiety appears. He is still master of every situation, ready to stop for conversation with every one who seeks him, showing the world its most perfect example of fine serenity of soul.

This life of quiet confidence is our pattern. We, too, are called to live so close to God that we may rid ourselves of anxious thought. But we shall not attain the true point of view, either in regard to Christ's life or our own, unless we recognize the life purpose which underlaid Christ's confidence. There is an aimless, easy-going way of life which is the counterfeit of faith. Jesus built his confidence as a son. He knew that his life was planned, and he made it his aim to carry out that plan to the end, at whatever cost of suffering. We may sum up his life from childhood to the cross as ruled by obedience and service.

Obedience is a word which wins little favor in the present age. We have enlarged the sphere of freedom until it covers the whole of life. Our literature reflects our thought in its rebellion against existing conditions. It is slavish to obey. It is honorable to resist. All that claims obedience is from that very fact under suspicion. The result is too often found in aimless or embittered lives. The old authority in thought and conduct is abandoned and nothing takes its place.

Not so did Jesus learn the lesson of his life in the brotherhood of men. If Luke, as we suppose, drew the one picture of Christ's childhood which we have from Mary, his mother, it is significant that the strong impression left upon her mind

was that of his obedience. "He was subject unto them," as he grew in wisdom and in favor with God and man. And in his later years he deliberately subjected himself to the laws of his own people. His perfection was that of a child of Abraham, who knew himself also to be the child of God. This was the plan of the perfect life, to learn through obedience how to rule and help.

We, too, must learn to treat our lives as a plan of God. We are sent by him into the school and workshop of the world. We are to live with him, seeking to know his will and obey it. We are to work with him, assured of his assistance, and that our labor will not be in vain. Each one must seek the special work God has designed for him. He should follow Christ in quiet serenity of heart. The storms and billows are on the surface. Beneath lies the peace of the deep. But the aimless life has naught but surface, like a shallow pond that the least wind stirs to its depths. Not so would Christ have his disciples live and work. His was the peace of confidence, and a great ruling purpose. And this is what he offers when he says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—Selected.

MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

ONE of our greatest needs to-day is more efficient workers and more of them. Especially as we begin to lay plans to earnestly enter and work the cities in response to the call that has come to us through the spirit of prophecy do we realize our lack of properly equipped workers, who can attract and hold the attention of the multitudes in these busy centers. More Spirit-filled workers must be trained both for public effort and house-to-house work.

As we look over the work in our conferences we are made painfully aware that altogether too little is being accomplished in the way of bringing souls into the truth and additions to the church. Some laborers are having success, while others fail to get an interest, and, again, some after getting an interest are unable to bring the interested ones to take a definite stand for God's commandments. Doubtless some of this failure is due to a lack of training in right methods. The Holy Spirit can best use clean vessels who have been trained in the best methods. The success of the canvassing work is due in large measure to faithful training of its corps of workers in institutes. Our ministers and Bible workers also need training in methods that experience has shown to be successful under God in bringing conviction to sinners and strength to believers in the message.

The General Conference council held in Washington, D. C., in November and December, 1910, recommended that the Southern and Southeastern unions unite in holding a ministerial institute some time this spring, and after prayerful consideration of the recommendation by the members of the two union committees, at Nashville, it was voted to hold such an

institute at Knoxville, Tenn., beginning Feb. 24, 1911, and lasting from two to three weeks. It is felt that every conference will be amply repaid in better labor if its workers attend this meeting.

Competent help will be in attendance from the General Conference. Board and room will be arranged for at very reasonable rates. Cots are to be furnished free to those who bring their own bedding. Furnished rooms can be had at from \$2 to \$3 per week. Definite detailed information will be given later. We hope to see a good delegation from every conference in the Southern Union.

C. F. McVAGH.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES' report for two weeks ending January 27, 1911: number of bound volumes sold, 2,027; *Watchman*, 13,516; *Gospel Sentinel*, 3,850.

Our good bookmen's convention is a thing of the past. That is, the meeting has closed, and the brethren and sisters have dispersed to their homes, yet the spirit of the meeting is still with us, and we shall pray earnestly that the lessons learned at our good convention may be the means of stimulating the book and periodical work during 1911. The Lord was surely present by his Spirit and the instruction given.

One of the best meetings of the week was that held Thursday morning, January 19. The publishing house closed down during the forenoon session, so that the office workers might get the benefit of listening to the testimonies of the thirteen canvassers who had earned attendance at the convention by either disposing of one thousand dollars' worth of books or by putting in sixteen hundred hours. Fifteen canvassers in the Southern Union Conference had succeeded in this effort, but only thirteen were present. One of the absent was Gerhard Jorgenson, of New Orleans, who put in 2,100 hours during the year, making an average of 49 1-2 hours per week for fifty-two weeks.

The thirteen workers present were invited to seats on the rostrum, and took part by giving some interesting accounts of their experiences. We will give a partial report of what was said herewith:—

Brother Balsbaugh, of the Tennessee River Conference: "I praise the Lord for this opportunity. If we stop to think of the work and how Satan is hindering in every way, it brings fear and trembling into our hearts. That is natural to us. In my fear that Satan might hinder, I have stopped my horse and buggy by the roadside and knelt down before the Lord in prayer that he might use me, and I praise the Lord that he did."

M. Wheeler, Tennessee River: "I call this a privilege to attend the bookmen's convention. I not only call it a privilege to attend the convention, but a privilege to be in the canvassing work. It certainly does my soul good to put the books into the homes of the people. I know that this is God's work, and I know that he is going to bless the work. All I have to do is to consecrate myself to him and he will give results, even though I do not get any glory.

"One man told me there was an Adventist in this country some ten or twelve years ago that gave him 'Daniel and the Revelation.' He said it was the best book he ever saw. A few days after that a man whom I had never met knocked on the door. He spoke about a book that I had sold and said he had read 'Daniel and the Revelation' about fifteen years before, and that he wanted to know more about the truth. We loaned him other books, and expect to hold Bible

readings with him. I praise the Lord for having a part in the work."

Mamie Moore, Tennessee River: "I feel so thankful to have a part in this work. It does my soul good to see how many are in the truth as a result. I often look around in the tent where Brother Washburn is holding meetings and see many to whom I have sold books."

Jos. Sam'l Moore, Tennessee River: [Brother Moore is the oldest canvasser we have in this Southland. He began work with "Daniel and the Revelation" twenty-eight years ago.] "I deem it a privilege to be in the work of my blessed Master, and I praise the Lord that he has led me along as he has. He has cared for me and protected me in many instances. I have retired from the canvassing work at different times, but could not be contented. The Lord called me back into the work, and I praise him for it."

Benjamin Griffiths, Alabama: [Brother Griffiths worked nine months, and sold \$1,390.50 worth of "Bible Footlights," with helps a total of \$1,500.00 worth.] "I am real glad to be able to come up to Nashville. I have not had altogether an easy time of it, but I thank the Lord that with all the difficulties he has always given me a way to get out of them. My first delivery raised a great deal of excitement and comment on the book. The Baptist minister wrote me up in the paper, but I delivered all my books."

R. Roberts, Alabama: "Brethren and sisters, I am glad for this privilege. I am thankful to God to be here this morning and for having this privilege of hearing so many wonderful experiences. There is one thing true, No man can go out in the canvassing field and be successful unless he is consecrated to God; he may go a few months and sell a few books and have a little success, but his trials are coming, and when he meets them if he is not consecrated he is going to throw down his grip.

"The way to overcome difficulty is by prayer. One day I started out to deliver twenty-four books. I had gone nearly all day and had not delivered any. Every one made excuses and finally I began to be discouraged. My delivery was nearly over, and I had not delivered one. I always carry a song-book and a Bible, and I stepped into the woods and sat down on a log and read two verses from the Psalms and sang a song and got on my knees. I came out and went half a mile and sold a book for cash. I went farther and every man I met bought a book. Prayer is the only way to overcome difficulties."

M. L. Ivory, Alabama: "I am certainly thankful to God that I am privileged to be here. I read my way into the truth, and I love the book work, therefore, more than anything else that we have. God burdens my heart to sell books, and I love to sell them and would rather do that than anything else I know of on earth; and I have fully decided that that will be my work hereafter."

E. L. Marley, Mississippi: "I am thankful to the Lord for having the privilege and opportunity of being here. The most of my life I have been zealous in the Methodist Church for good works and faith toward God. As the psalmist says: 'I thought on my ways and turned my feet,' etc. The same zeal I had working for the Lord in Sunday-keeping. I turned for the Sabbath, and shortly after I began active work for 'Daniel and the Revelation' and have spent all the time since canvassing. The Lord has blessed me. It has been a wonderful experience. I have nothing to say concerning the difficulties and the hardness of the work, because they have all been rich in blessings."

Virgil Smith, Mississippi: "To take up the time that I might in telling my experiences is more than I have, but I will say that as I make my deliveries and leave the people, it is like leaving loved ones. This has been a great encourage-

ment to me to know that I have been appreciated, and that my books are more appreciated as they have been read and the people have seen the truth; this is a great stimulus to me to press on in the work and break up the fallow ground. It is easier to plow in the field where there are no stumps and less stones than where there are many. But the Saviour says, "The servant is not greater than his Lord." The canvasser always applies the text to himself to suit his needs. The Saviour is the foundation, the apostles and prophets being on top. If the canvassers are the foundation, that is the place where I want to be."

W. H. Haddon, Mississippi: "Brethren, I esteem it a privilege that you have granted me of being present with you in a meeting of this kind. I thank God for his abundant mercy in the preservation of my unprofitable life, while granting me a humble part in his work of presenting the printed page containing the light of present truth. As the apostle says, 'The love of Christ constraineth us.' I was constrained to present the printed page to the people. I am thankful to God for the success that he has given me in my weakness."

J. S. Fry, Mississippi: "Brethren and sisters, I am glad to be here. I am glad I am a canvasser, too, and I have made up my mind that there is just one place I would not go to canvass and that is in an airship. We can sell our books anywhere else. I can't think of anything but canvassing, and I believe a three-dollar book will deliver better than a two-dollar book. Our books are going to be read, and it is necessary to put good material in them. I thank the Lord for being in the work, and if you set the mark at \$2,000 next year, I will try to reach it."

H. E. Beck, Kentucky: "It certainly rejoices my heart to be here in this meeting, and as I hear the brethren giving their testimonies and experiences, it makes me feel encouraged to think that I can have a part in the work, and I want to thank the publishing house, also the conference for giving us the opportunity of being here. I have had some good experiences, and could tell of many that are interested as a result of the work. In my last delivery one lady said she would not take \$5.00 for 'Bible Footlights' if she could not get another. Previously I had a book to deliver to a person who lived at the home of a preacher. I was told that he would not take his book, but I took it there and tore off the cover and handed it to him. He handed it over to the preacher and said, 'See how you like that.' I was afraid he would find the Sabbath question or something, and would not like it. When he got through he handed it back to him and said, 'When you get through reading that you can get out and preach. That is as good a book as I have ever seen.'"

M. D. Landon, Kentucky: "Brethren and sisters, I am thankful to be here to-day. The Lord has been with me in many instances, and has kept me in the work. I have no discouraging report to bring to you. The Lord has helped me, and I feel to thank him for his wonderful goodness and for the success that has attended my efforts."

It was the opinion of all present that this experience meeting was one of the best they had ever attended. The Spirit of the Lord was surely present, and we trust that a large number of our people will decide to enter the grand and noble work of scattering our books and periodicals. "The canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order." Brethren and sisters, why should we hold back from engaging in a work that is called missionary work of the highest order. The Lord is more than willing to bless our efforts if we will but go out in faith, believing. During the past year, we have sold more books than ever before in our history. Think what this means in the giving of the gospel of the kingdom to the world in this generation. Were it not for the truth contained in our books and periodicals, many would

never hear the truth. Seventh-day Adventists are called to be witnesses. A witness must be competent and willing to testify. Are you going to keep the light of truth within yourself, or will you distribute it to those who sit in darkness?

A solemn responsibility rests upon our people. The Lord has provided us with splendidly equipped publishing houses. We have the ammunition, but we lack the fighting men and women who will carry the truth to the people. The Lord is calling for volunteers who will enlist for the war. Our heavenly Father does not want those who will enlist for a few months only, but he needs men and women who will enlist for service until the Lord comes. We shall be glad to hear from any of our people who are interested in the canvassing work. The work is onward, and we are of good courage. Let us all pray that the Lord may breathe a spirit of service upon us.

During the convention, I received through the mail the following poem. It was unsigned, but we are publishing it because it is full of merit and fittingly describes the canvasser:—

A CANVASSER

I met him on the dusty road,
He plodded patiently along;
Though burdened with a heavy load,
He cheered his journey with a song.
He bore the blessed "printed page"—
The message of th' eternal Word
To careless youth and sober age:
"Prepare to meet your coming Lord."

I saw him in the busy street,
I met him in the crowded mart,
He hastened on with eager feet,
And with a trusting, hopeful heart.
He was a worker for the King,
Who gladly, nobly, did his best
Some golden sheaves at last to bring
Into the "harvest home" of rest.

I saw him kneeling as he passed
Beneath the painful, chastening rod.
Though dark the hour, his faith held fast
The certain promise of his God.
The light of heav'n shone in his face,
He shunned not storms, he feared not dearth;
No night so dark, but heaven's grace
Illumined his pathway through the earth.

Again we met—the blessed land
Lay peaceful, glorious all around.
A victor's palm was in his hand,
Upon his brow a star-gemmed crown.

O Jesus! thou hast loved me so,
So sweet the "blessed hope" to me,
Where'er thou sendest I will go,
A faithful CANVASSER FOR THEE.
—One in attendance at the Bookmen's Convention.

ECHOES FROM THE CONVENTION

Canvassers should learn to live within their income.
Key-note for overcoming difficulties: Prayer that will open heaven.

In the Southwest, our canvassers' average earnings amounted to 37 cents per hour during 1910, and during this time that section of the country experienced very severe drouths. "If

we can have a few more years of drouth, we shall soon finish the work."

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity."

The legal meeting of the Southern Publishing Association was called at 10 A. M., January 23rd, with Eld. C. F. McVagh in the chair. Committees on nominations and plans were then appointed. Committee on nominations: W. A. McCutchen, R. T. Dowsett, C. P. Bollman, E. L. Maxwell, R. W. Parmele; Committee on plans: Chas. Thompson, G. F. Watson, A. F. Harrison, W. W. Eastman, V. O. Cole, C. B. Stephenson, R. Hook Jr., R. L. Pierce, W. A. Harvey.

The report of the committee on nominations was presented as follows: "We, your committee on nominations respectfully submit the following names to fill the vacancies on the Southern Publishing Association Board created by the expiration of the terms of five members: Chas. Thompson, L. A. Smith, P. T. Magan, R. L. Pierce, A. F. Harrison." The report was adopted.

The newly elected board met and organized as follows:— C. F. McVagh, president; C. P. Bollman, vice-president; L. A. Smith, secretary; Richard Hook Jr., manager and treasurer; W. A. Harvey, superintendent.

The manager's report was also read, and for your information we will quote a few extracts on the points you will be especially interested in:—

"During 1910, we have manufactured 150,170 volumes; "Family Bible Teacher," pages 222,124; *Watchman*, 313,000; *Gospel Sentinel*, 132,500. To accomplish this we have worked an average of fifty-five hours per week, and to turn out this volume of business has required an outlay of over twenty thousand dollars for paper, leather, ink, and other material.

"Our *Watchman* sales for 1910 show a total of 291,090, with a gain on the subscription list during the year of 16 per cent.

"We feel of good courage, and while we have had many perplexities, and decisions have had to be made that called for earnest prayer, the Lord has been with us, and as we look over the field we feel to thank him with all our hearts for the success that has attended, not only the work in the office, but the work in the field. The interests of the publisher and canvasser are one. There has been a splendid spirit of co-operation manifested in the office and in the field. To this, in a large measure, we attribute the success that has attended the work this year. But above all we know that the Lord has indeed sent his angels to camp round about us and not only deliver us from pestilence, sickness, and death, but he has blessed the efforts of the workers, and thus the largest number of books ever sold by this office has been sold during 1910.

"We feel of good courage and we thank you one and all for the part you have had in making the work go during the year just closed."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,

R. Hook Jr., Mgr.

ANVIL SPARKS

The people who overestimate a man's preaching are the very ones who underrate his practise.

As you are your brother's keeper you should do your best to keep him from the saloon-keeper.

Thank God for permitting you to have what you have and also for permitting you to be what you are.—*Christian Herald*.

"THE secret of quiet confidence in a world that furnishes us with the sight of so many sad things does not lie in shutting our eyes. That is the expedient of the cowardly and the faithless. It lies in looking at things as they are, and letting the sad vision force us back upon the mercy and power of God."

Kentucky Conference

NOTICE

WE expect to hold a canvassers' institute at Lexington, Ky., for ten days during the month of March. We are unable to give the exact date at this time, but it will appear later. Let all that are expecting to attend, begin to plan to that end. We expect to have with us Elder Burrill, and Bro. A. F. Harrison, and Elder Brown from Kansas, and we are expecting to have a good time, and we ask your prayers for the success of this meeting.

C. F. DART.

LOUISVILLE

I AM glad to report that the part of the remnant church living at this place, has, during the year 1910, manifested an encouraging degree of interest in the finishing of the gospel work in the specified time, according to Matt. 24: 33, 34, "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

Sixty live members out of our seventy-eight, according to our church book, have paid \$1,202.40 tithe, an average of more than twenty dollars each; and other donations, \$483.72, or an average of more than \$8 each, a grand total of \$28 for each member, and \$1,686.12 for the church. About six of the sixty members can be called heads of families. The rest of them are sisters, a number of whom have opposition to contend with. The church is quite encouraged by what has been done. No feeling of pride or exaltation was manifested when this report was set before the members, but rather the spirit found in 1 Chron. 29: 14-18, where the people of God offered praises to the Lord whom they adored for making them able to thus help on the precious cause of the Master. Feeling thus, the brethren desire that the coming year shall show a still better record.

Systematic missionary work is planned for, so that all can take some part in helping on the work in this line. On a small scale this work has been carried on for two months or more, with very encouraging prospects. It may be of interest to the readers to know how we go at it. We have arranged for a course of reading, in seven large envelopes, as follows:—

No. 1 contains "Family Bible Teacher" Nos. 1 and 2, and the tract, "We Would See Jesus."

No. 2 contains "Family Bible Teacher" Nos. 5 and 6, and the tracts, "The Way to Christ" and "Can We Know?"

No. 3 contains "Family Bible Teacher" Nos. 8 and 11, and the tracts, "The Waymarks to the Holy City" and "Winning of Margaret."

No. 4 contains "Family Bible Teacher" No. 10, and the tracts, "How Esther Read Her Bible," "Who Changed the Sabbath," and "A Candid Admission."

No. 5 contains "Family Bible Teacher" Nos. 15 and 16, and the tracts, "Why Not Found Out Before?" "Sabbath to Sunday," and "Which Day Do You Keep and Why?"

No. 6 contains "Family Bible Teacher" Nos. 19 and 25, and the tracts, "The Seventh, or One Seventh" and "What the Sabbath Involves."

No. 7 contains "Family Bible Teacher" Nos. 27 and 28, and the tracts, "Come For All Things Are Now Ready" and "Back to the Old Paths."

On the outside of each package we put with a rubber stamp: "Free Reading No. 1. Please read these Spirit and Life Laden Tracts. In about a week I will call to exchange for package No. 2," etc. While the tracts are being read and at the oppor-

tune time, books containing present truth are to be offered for sale to the readers.

Now, dear reader of this report, please join us in planning, praying, and doing, so that our Saviour may come and take us home to himself, to be with him where he is.

J. J. GRAF.

MAGAZINE REPORT FOR 1910

OVER 11,700 ten-cent magazines were sold in this conference during the past year, as follows:—

Minnie Adams	1,753
Annie Adams	1,752
Mrs. Lennie Gatton	1,125
Hattie Hicks	853
Marie Wirth	846
Runie Walbert	737
Mrs M A Ewald	688
Bertha Mann	456
Christian Hornnung	425
Charlsey Allran	402
Milton Jones	352
Mrs Walter Jones	333
Rose Shasky	321
Alma Meister	260
Nannie Jones	256
Clara Meister	254
Irene Pressnall	148
Mrs Fannie Swimm	62
H E Beck	50
Archie Dart	40
Bessie Mount	25
Elizabeth Mount	25
Annie Benton	11
Mrs Alice Heistand	10
Mrs A W Benton	10
Three names, two each	6
Total	11,200

The above is what has been reported to me, and I have heard of five hundred or more being sold that have not been reported.

This means that more than seven hundred thousand pages of literature have been placed in the homes of the people. This is about 1 3-4 pages to every family within the conference territory.

Some could put in but a limited time. The Lord has blessed them all. The report is appreciated even of those that spent but one or two hours at this work, C. F. DART.

**MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT
For Week Ending January 21, 1911**

Agent	Paper	Hrs.	No.	Value
Runie Walbert	W	14	13	\$1 30
Marie Wirth	W	4	7	70
Charlsey Allran	W	5	11	1 10
Rose Shasky	W	2	9	90
Totals		25	40	\$4 00

LEXINGTON

I HAVE been having very good times selling papers. One man said, "Here is my *Watchman*, and I am always ready for it. It is such a good paper." He has taken the *Watchman* every month.

A lady who bought one at this business house said: "It is a fine magazine, and I enjoy reading it very much."

I am certainly glad I can have a part in the Lord's work.
RUNIE WALBERT.

Mississippi Conference

FACTS AND FIGURES

THE Lord has greatly blessed our colored canvassers here in Mississippi during the past year, and thinking the readers of the WORKER would be interested in knowing what they have done I send you some facts and figures.

During the year we had seventeen colored people who engaged in the work. All told, they worked 6,054 hours, and sold \$2,688.75 worth of books. Less than half this number did most of the work, and two of them, Sisters Ella Johnson and Emily Billups, did nearly half of it. These two together worked 1,686 hours, and sold \$1,102.13 worth of our books. Sister Johnson's sales amounted to eighty-four cents per hour. In one week, working only 34 hours, she delivered \$175 worth of books and \$15 worth of Bibles. I think this is the best record that has ever been made in Mississippi, by either white or colored.

It is worthy of notice that the \$2,688.75 worth of books sold by our colored canvassers last year was more than one third of our entire sales, and over five hundred dollars' worth more than was sold by all our workers in 1908.

We feel greatly encouraged for what the Lord has done through these humble workers; but we must press on to greater achievements. We can expect greater success only as we co-operate with God.

Our prospects for workers this year is very much better than it was this time last year.

We have learned that the Delta, a tract of about seven thousand square miles, is a fine field for our colored workers. It was in the Delta that Sister Johnson made such a good record. The people there are mostly colored.

I am glad to tell you that we are to have another institute for our colored workers. It will be held at Vicksburg, and will begin February 23, at 9 A. M., sharp, and last until March 7. All were greatly helped by the one held last year, and we hope and pray that this one will be even better. Good help has been secured. Board, rooms, and instruction will be furnished free to all our old regular workers, and to those who will enter the work. We will also pay part of their carfare. Those planning to come should write to me very soon for further information. Do not forget this. Remember, also the date, February 23 to March 7.

We have plenty of room for them and ought to have fifty colored canvassers in Mississippi.

H. G. MILLER.

353 McKee St., Jackson, Miss.

General

WORTHY OF NOTICE

THE bookmen's convention just closed was the best ever held in Nashville.

Good delegations were present from the three union conferences of the Southern Publishing Association territory, and most encouraging reports were presented.

The evenings were largely devoted to stereopticon lectures. Elder A. J. S. Bourdeau, of Washington, D. C., gave two very interesting illustrated talks on home mission work, and Elder Eastman held large audiences in wrapt attention as he showed from prophecy and history the influence of the canvassing work in the Reformation, and made comparison of the methods then with those of to-day. Elder Eastman has given the subject much study, and brought out many interesting points, which were new to most of his hearers.

On the Sabbath Eld. G. F. Watson spoke in the Memorial church, Eld. Chas. Thompson at the North Nashville school building, and Eld. E. L. Maxwell at church No. 2. It was a good day for all. No part of the program was more inspiring than the testimonies of the canvassers who won their way to the convention. We hope to see a still larger number of them at the next convention.

Many of those in attendance visited the food factory, the sanitarium, also Hillcrest and Madison schools. All enjoyed the meeting and returned with fresh courage to their work in the field.

The legal meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association was a very harmonious one. R. Hook Jr. is retained as manager and the executive board is as follows: C. F. McVagh, C. P. Bollman, R. Hook Jr., Chas. Thompson, G. F. Watson, R. L. Pierce, L. A. Smith, V. O. Cole, A. F. Harrison, P. T. Magan, and W. A. Harvey, the same as last year. The publishing house has during the past year done the largest business in its history, but all are determined that by the help of God the record must be broken again in 1911.

C. F. McVAGH.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending January 28, 1911

Agent	Paper	No.	Value
J A Fry	W	15	\$1 50
O L McAlexander	W	13	1 30
O Godsmark	W	10	1 00
Totals		38	\$3 80

A WONDERFUL CONVERSION

ALL will remember about Harry Orchard, who set the bomb that blew Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, to pieces. The trial that followed was most sensational. Mr. Orchard was wonderfully converted. He afterwards studied the truth, and was baptized by one of our ministers in the prison where he is serving a life sentence.

In my correspondence with him I have occasionally asked him to write me more fully the story of his conversion. Only recently he has done so, and it will appear in the February *Life Boat*. It is a remarkable experience that all should read.

We still offer Dr. Taylor's inspiring missionary book free with each new subscription at fifty cents. Subscribe now so as to get the February number. Address, Dr. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

RAPID RAILROADING

IN a view of recent progress on British railroads, presented before the British Association, Prof. W. E. Dalby calls attention to the remarkable results achieved with automatic power signaling on the underground lines of London. At the Earl's Court Junction box, forty trains per hour can be passed each way, making eighty trains per hour handled by a single signalman. Facing the signalman is a window containing fifteen small frames. A click in the box announces the approach of a train, and simultaneously a tablet appears in one of the frames, showing by code the destination of the train. The signalman presses a plug, and a similar tablet appears in the next box on the proper line. As the train passes, the signalman presses another plug, and the warning tablet disappears.

AN EXTRAORDINARY PLANT

THE New York Botanical Garden possesses a curiosity in a plant which supplies its own water from an internal reservoir. It comes from the Sonora desert in Mexico, and is

called the *guarequi*. It develops an immensely thickened root and stem base, and in the short season, only a few weeks in length, during which it can obtain water from the soil, it supplies itself by means of short tendrils, which then dry up. After that it lies on the desert entirely detached from the soil. It is said that it can store enough water to last a quarter of a century. The specimen in New York was obtained in 1902, and it has remained in a museum case ever since. Annually, at its wonted season, it puts out tubers, which, obtaining no moisture or sunshine, soon die; but the plant continues to live. For seven successive years, repeating its annual search for moisture, it has continued to send out its useless tendrils.

THE ELECTRIC VIOLIN

THE "*violano-virtuoso*" of the young Swedish-American inventor, H. K. Sandell, is an apparatus combining an electro-automatic violin with an electrically controlled piano, so that the two instruments may be made to play together, or separately, as may be desired. Even an ordinary violin can be employed, by proper adjustment, with the piano. The place of the violin bow is taken by little wheels, consisting of flexible celluloid disks. It is said that the most delicate shades characteristic of artistic execution can be perfectly imitated, and that the playing of the violin can be extended beyond the range possible to a player with fingers and bow, because with this apparatus all the strings can be attacked at the same time, and all the movements combined.

"TOUCHED WITH A FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES"

THERE is no truth taught in the Word of God more precious and full of comfort to those who are suffering from temptation than this: that out of Christ's suffering, when tempted, flows Christ's sympathy for us when we are tempted. "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted."

"Touched with a sympathy within,

He knows our feeble frame;

He knows what sore temptations mean,

For he hath felt the same."

Because we are sinners and are beset with temptations, we need one who was also tempted, but is "without sin," to strengthen and encourage us to resist our besetments. But it is said that, because Christ was sinless, he could not have experienced those temptations which spring from the corruptions of our nature. How can he sympathize with us if he did not suffer just as we suffer? It is not necessary that one being should suffer precisely as another suffers, in order to sympathize with him. We can sympathize with those in pain, though our suffering may never have taken precisely the same form. It is only necessary for us to have suffered in order to know what suffering means. The man Jesus had not all the phases of suffering that we have—he did not have the anguish or the weakness that comes from yielding to temptation; and if he could have had such an experience, it would not have made his sympathy for us more complete. Perfect purity is necessary to perfect sympathy. Sin does not quicken feeling—it deadens it; and it is just because the Saviour did not sin that he sympathizes with those who do. For he "suffered being tempted," and doubtless in that suffering had a vivid conception of the more terrible suffering of those who sin.

Two conditions, then, of perfect sympathy meet in Christ: suffering and sinlessness. The fact of his perfect holiness, as

well as the fact that he was tempted, gives him perfect sympathy. "No woman mourns so deeply over a fallen sister as she who is all purity and would fly with fear from a tainting thought. So Christ's sweet sympathy springs from his spotless purity." And his sympathy is in some sense a participation of the sufferings of the tempted. He is moved, "touched," and suffers with the suffering; and

"In his measure feels afresh
What every member bears."

That this is Christ's sympathy for the tempted was shown in the persecution of the saints by Saul of Tarsus. "The Mediator, feeling their pangs in his own heart, arose from his throne, arrested Saul and demanded, 'Why persecutest thou me?' The head on the throne felt the pain inflicted on his footstool." In that he suffered, being tempted, he is touched with the feeling of our infirmities and is able to succor us in temptation—able, not only because on the side of his humanity he became personally acquainted with temptation, but able, because he is God, and will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able to endure, but will, with the temptation, make a way for our escape that we may be able to bear it. Thanks be to God for a divine Saviour who can be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities."—*Selected.*

ONLY

ONLY one drop of water at a time that had found its way from the mighty ocean through the dyke and was slowly wearing a little channel. Only one drop! Yet if that little child in her morning ramble had not noticed it, who can tell what the terrible results might have been?

Only a stray sunbeam! Yet perchance its golden light found its way through the leafy branches of some wild wood, kissing the moss-covered bank where the tiny violet grew, and causing a rich shade of beauty to adorn its lovely form; perchance, too, it hath pierced some wretched abode, gladdened some stricken heart.

Only a gentle breeze! But how many aching brows hath it fanned, how many hearts cheered by its gentle touch!

Only a frown! But it left a sad, dreary ache in that child's heart, and the quivering lips and tearful eyes told how keenly he felt it.

Only a smile! But it cheered a broken heart, and engendered a ray of hope.

Only a word! But it carried the poisonous breath of slander, assailing a character. Oh, how it pierced the lonely heart!

Only one glass! But how many have filled a drunkard's grave through its influence! How many homes made desolate, how many bright anticipations of a glad and happy future blasted by its blighting influence!

Only a sound in the quiet church-yard, and yet it speaks volumes to the stricken ones. Some home has lost a light; some home circle has a vacant chair!

Only a child, perhaps; yet "of such is the kingdom of God."

Only a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple, but it is not forgotten. Then toil on, Christian; yours is a glorious work; hope on ever, for yours is a bright reward.

Only one soul snatched from the ways of sin and degradation, through your feeble efforts, but, coupled with the grace of God, it will add luster to your crown of glory.

Only a lifetime! A short day in which to prepare for death. Let us then gird on the armor anew, and press forward in the hope of a brighter hereafter, using the weapons of prayer, lest we enter into temptation, and lose the rich reward.—*American Tract Society Tract.*

"No man has to knock at the entrance to temptation; the door is always open."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending January 21, 1911

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Totals	379	228	259 15	48 25	307 40	98 15

TO OUR CANVASSERS

If you are on the Gloomy Line,
Get a transfer.
If you're inclined to fret and pine,
Get a transfer.
Get off the track of Doubt and Gloom,
Get on the Sunshine Train, there's room,
Get a transfer.

If you are on the Worry Train,
Get a transfer.
You must not stay there and complain,
Get a transfer.
The Cheerful Cars are passing through,
And there is lots of room for you,
Get a transfer.

If you are on the Grouchy Track,
Just take a Happy Special back,
Get a transfer.
Jump on the train and pull the rope,
That lands you at the station, Hope,
Get a transfer.

"KINDNESS is catching, and if you go around with a thoroughly developed case your neighbor will, be sure to get it."

"DURING December there was received by the General Conference treasurer for mission operations, \$60,893.48, and on the \$300,000 fund, \$13,867.48. This has enabled the Mission Board to send out liberal remittances to the mission fields, which will be a cause of rejoicing among the brethren in distant lands."

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WHO HAS IT? WHOSE ARE THEY?

A HEAVY quilt of large green block pattern and lined with gingham, was taken away by mistake by some one who lodged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snow during the bookmen's convention. Will the one who has it please return the article to the owner as soon as possible, and oblige.

A light quilt, a night robe, and a book, were left at this home. The owner may recover the same by paying transportation charges. Address, Mrs. M. C. Snow, Hyde Street, Nashville, Tenn.

THE special eighteen weeks' course for ministers, Bible workers, canvassers, and nurses in the Foreign Mission Seminary, began January 23rd, and is now in progress.

"FORBIDDEN things are not so apt to look good unless we have been looking at them too much."

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

LAST year the Oakwood Manual Training School raised some fine summer flowering bulbs; and now offer the following for sale:—

Excelsior Double Pearl Tuberosc Bulbs, 5 cents each, post-paid; 50 cents per dozen, \$2 per hundred, not post-paid.

Gladioli, mixed colors, very choice, 3 cents each, post-paid; 25 cents per dozen, \$1.50 per hundred, not post-paid.

Dahlias, fine double mixed, white, red, pink, and mixed colors, 10 cents each, post-paid; 50 cents per dozen, not post-paid.

Cannas, a choice bedding plant, mostly red; 10 cents each, post-paid; 75 cents per dozen, not post-paid.

Caladiums (Elephant's Ear), a fine foliage plant for the lawn; 10 cents each, post-paid; 75 cents per dozen, not post-paid.

Transportation on the above will be prepaid unless otherwise specified. Orders for one half dozen will be filled at the dozen rate; fifty at the hundred rate.

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We have published a descriptive price-list of these flowers, and shall be glad to send them upon request.

Address all orders to Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala., Box 474.

THE Indians having held us back a bit this month (waiting for cover illustration), we have just succeeded in bringing out a good, practical number of *Life and Health* with the picture of the Indian who hindered us on the front cover, which picture readily reveals the fact that neither we nor any one else has interfered with her scalp, nor in the least impaired her health or diminished her happiness. She may not pass for a beauty, but like the contents of our February issue, she recommends simple applied principles for the maintenance of health and happiness.

You will find the February number of *Life and Health* especially strong in effective preventive measures. Its main effort is toward the prevention, rather than the cure of diseases—building on the old, yet truthful saying that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." It teaches along the line of keeping the body so strong and vigorous that it can defy disease instead of patching up the body when it is sick.

With this issue of *Life and Health* our agents can consistently approach their customer with the questions: "Are you well?" "Do you want to know how to keep well?" Then they can truthfully say: "This number of *Life and Health* will materially aid you in the preservation of your health, by citing some simple hygienic principle that can be easily and successfully applied under ordinary circumstances. It is published in the interests of the individual, teaching how to apply some of the most simple principles of health—how to enjoy life and health."

A BAVARIAN immigrant, suffering from what was apparently "lumpy spine," applied for admission to this country at the port of New York. The inspector told him he must submit to further examination, that it might be determined whether the lumps were caused by a contagious disease. "Ah!" exclaimed the immigrant. "It is not sickness. Those swellings is moneys." And he exhibited about eleven thousand dollars. He was admitted without further question, and the inspector asked him how he also might contract so well developed a case of money lumps.

"To be retained, happiness must be dispensed."