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

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"WHEN Jesus told the disciples not to forbid the children to come to him, he was speaking to his followers in all ages,—to officers of the church, ministers, helpers, and he bids us, 'Suffer them to come;' as if he would say, 'They will come, if you do not hinder them.'" *"Ministry of Healing," p. 43.*

A WORKING CHURCH

Who is to blame for the deficiency in the churches? Who is to be censured because willing hands and zealous hearts have not been educated to labor in a humble way for the Master? There is much undeveloped talent among us. Many individuals might be laboring in towns and cities, visiting from house to house, becoming acquainted with families, entering into their social life, dining at their tables, entering into conversation by their firesides, dropping the precious seeds of truth all along the way. As they exercise their talents, Christ will give them wisdom and many believers will be found rejoicing in a knowledge of the truth as a result of their labors. Thousands might be getting a practical education in the work by this personal labor.

Neither conference officer nor the minister has a call from God to indulge distrust of God's power to use every individual who is considered a worthy member of the church. This cautiousness, so-called, is retarding almost every line of the

Lord's work. God can and will use those who have not a thorough education in the schools of men. A doubt of his power to do this is manifest unbelief; it is limiting the omnipotent power of the One with whom nothing is impossible. Oh, for less of this unsanctified, distrustful caution! It leaves so many forces of the church unused. It closes up the way, so that the Holy Spirit cannot use men. It keeps in idleness those who are willing and anxious to labor in Christ's lines. It discourages many from entering the work, who would become efficient laborers together with God if they were given a chance. Those who would be laborers, who see the necessity for consecrated workers in the church and in the world, should seek strength in the secret places of prayer. They should go forth to labor, and God will bless them, and make them a blessing to others. Such members would give strength and stability to the church. It is the lack of spiritual exercise that makes church-members so weak and inefficient. But again I would ask, Who is to blame for the state of things as it exists?

God has "given to every man his work." Why is it that ministers and conference officers do not recognize this fact? Why do they not manifest their appreciation of the help that individual members of the church could give? Let church-members awake. Let them take hold and help to stay up the hands of the ministers and the workers, pushing forward the interests of the cause. There must be no measuring of talent by comparison. If a man exercises faith, and walks humbly with his God, he may have little education, he may be accounted a weak man, yet he can fill his appointed place as well as the man who has the finest education. He who yields himself most unreservedly to the influence of the Holy Spirit is the best qualified to do acceptable service for the Master. God will inspire men who do not occupy responsible positions to work for him. If ministers, and men in positions of authority will get out of the way, and let the Holy Spirit move upon the minds of the lay brethren, God will direct in what they should do for the honor of his name. Let them have freedom to carry out that which the Holy Spirit indicates. Do not put the shackles upon humble men whom God would use. If those who now occupy positions of responsibility had been kept at one class of work year after year, their talents would not have developed, and they would not have been qualified for the positions they hold; and yet they make no special effort to test and develop the talents of those newly come into the faith.

Women who are willing to consecrate some of their time to the service of the Lord should be appointed to visit the sick, look after the young, and minister to the necessities of the poor. They should be set apart to the work by prayer and the laying on of hands. In some cases they will need to counsel with the church officers or the minister; but if they are devoted women, maintaining a vital connection with God, they will be a power for good in the church. This is

another means of strengthening and building up the church.

We need to branch out more in our methods of labor. Not a hand should be bound, not a soul discouraged, not a voice should be hushed. Let every individual labor, privately or publicly, to help forward this grand work. Place the burdens upon men and women of the church, that they may grow by reason of the exercise, and thus become efficient agents in the hands of the Lord for the enlightenment of those who sit in darkness.

There is a world to be warned. Let not humanity presume to stand in the way, but rather let every man stand aside, and let God work by his Holy Spirit for the accomplishment of the redemption of his purchased possession. Some of these new workers may make mistakes, but let the older ones counsel with them and instruct them how to correct their methods. They should be encouraged to surrender themselves wholly to the Lord and go to work in a humble way. Such service is acceptable to the Master, and he will supplement their efforts by the power of his Holy Spirit, and many souls will be converted.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending February 24: total number of bound volumes, 1,862; *Watchman*, 9,361; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,900.

We have just received a nice order from Atlanta which shows that the work is going there. It calls for the following:—

- 2 cases "Best Stories."
- 2 cases "Gospel Primer."
- 3 cases "Bible Footlights."
- 1 case "Christ Our Saviour."
- 1 case "Past, Present, and Future."
- 1 case "New Testament Primer."
- 1 case "Coming King."

A canvasser's report for week ending February 25, 1911, reads as follows: "Bible Footlights" 1 1-2 hours, 6 exhibitions, 12 orders, plain binding, \$12.00. Delivery April 1. I have but little time, but went out to encourage the others."

We were glad to have with us in our chapel exercises Monday morning, Brother C. D. Wolff, field agent of the Tennessee River Conference.

Brother Wolff gave a very earnest and interesting talk about the canvassing work. He showed very clearly that the success of the publishing houses depends upon the faithful work of the canvassers. He said that these faithful workers often go out with fear and trembling, that many of them often seek some retired place in which to pray before engaging in the work for the day, and exhorted the employees of the publishing house to remember the canvassers in their prayers, to bear them up in the arms of their faith before the throne of Him who alone is able to give success, not only to the canvassing work but to every department of the cause we all love.

Brother L. A. Smith is absent from the office, having been called to Battle Creek by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Uriah Smith.

Miss Edna Bollman has just answered a call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, where she will take the position of assistant proof-reader.

Miss Hazel Wood has returned to the office after a few days' visit with her sister in Atlanta.

Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN



Facsimile Cut (Reduced) March *Watchman*.

THE daily papers are full of startling accounts of terrific fires and other calamities resulting in much loss of life in cities, as well as devastating floods in different parts of the world. In view of the gospel message for these times, we believe a magazine calling the attention of the people to these occurrences as a fulfillment of prophecy and a sign of the end of the world to be a very timely periodical indeed. The contents

of the *March Watchman* are of this character, and therefore of overshadowing importance to every man and woman. The magazine has an interesting cover page, such as is very rarely seen; the central figure being a destroying angel pouring out fire and flood upon the inhabitants of the earth.

In the *March* issue the editor speaks of the record of disasters by fire and flood, answering the questions whether these events come by chance or otherwise.

That splendid series on the Eastern Question by Professor Magan is continued, the "Truce in the Far East" being concluded in this number.

C. P. Bollman, assistant editor, writes of the murder and homicide record for the year 1910.

Most convincing testimony on the question of the perpetuity of the decalogue is given in an article by J. S. Washburn.

A Turkish missionary, Z. H. Baharian, tells of the present crisis through which the Armenian people are passing.

This number has many other interesting features.

Order early through your tract society. 5 to 40 copies 5 cents a copy; 50 or more, 4 cents a copy.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,
Nashville, Tenn.

GOSPEL SENTINEL

Do you know that the *Gospel Sentinel* meets the crying need of our church-members for a good missionary weekly, at small expense, and that while the regular yearly subscription price is seventy-five cents, it is *only thirty cents* each per year when ordered in clubs of five or more to one address, and *only five cents* each, per year, to separate addresses?

While the *Gospel Sentinel* is not large, we believe that it contains such a variety of matter as to make it acceptable to a very large class of readers. Matters of interest in the Home Circle and subjects pertaining to health will be discussed from time to time as space permits. But the supreme object and the one from which there will be no intentional deviation will be the presentation of present truth in such a way as to arrest the attention of the reader, creating a desire to know more of the third angel's message.

So come now, let us reason together. Would you not like to see every one of your churches take a club of the *Gospel Sentinel*? We believe if you will agitate the matter, the churches will take kindly to it and subscribe. Let us give them an opportunity between *now and April first*.

A Bible reading on some phase of present truth will appear each week. As a general thing these readings will be prepared by men who are having actual experience out in the field and who know therefore how to meet the various objections that are commonly met with in Bible work.

Current events will be given their appropriate setting in their relation to the fulfilment of prophecy. Every number of this paper will therefore contain articles bearing directly upon the question of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, the Law, Conversion, Practical Godliness, etc.

Would you not like to send to us at your earliest opportunity an up-to-date list of names and addresses of newly elected church elders, and librarians in your conference so we can work together in this matter?

Do not forget that it is the design of the *Gospel Sentinel* to keep prominently before its readers the leading points of present truth.

BUT WOULD WE ?

"Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." Luke 9 : 55.

We think we do the right thing—
In our self-sufficient way;
We think we always know it
When the tempter's power holds sway,—
But do we?

We think we know our neighbor;
And we always know the "why"
Of every word and action
As they slowly pass us by,—
But do we?

We calmly sit in judgment
Upon their very thought;
We think not thus to treat them—
The souls whom Christ has bought,—
But don't we?

We only think to help them;
We know just what to do;
We'd do that thing the right way—
If only we were you,—
But would we?

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Alabama Conference

WORD FROM AFRICA

[THINKING the readers of the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER would be interested in the following, I am sending a copy for publication in our invaluable union paper.—W. C. Wales.]

Tsungwesi Mission, Rusapi, Rhodesia, S. A.
January 17, 1911.

Dear Bro. Wales: I must send you a word of thanks for your great kindness to us, thanking you indeed for your interest, love, and prayers for us in our work. Yes, we have seen and do see some trials hard to surmount, perplexities too great to mention. We try to talk only of the encouraging side. True, the blessings God gives us are far beyond clouds that overshadow us. It is marvelous the way God has gone before

us and led us. Every morning I pray, "Father, take me and lead just for to-day. I want to do as nearly as possible what Christ would do if he were here in body." Then I trust him and thank him; and it is marvelous how the conflict comes out, and darkest Africa is getting the gospel.

We are interested in your work and are praying for you, for Birmingham and its people. *Every one* is dear to our hearts. We spent five full years in labor there for both white and colored. We trust your work has been fruitful of souls turning to the truth. I was made to rejoice a week ago to hear that my dear mother had at last accepted the Sabbath. For thirty years we have been hoping and praying to this end.

Yes, pray for us. Keep the stream flowing heavenward. The battle is on, but soon our Captain will shout victory! And we shall forget the struggle in the joy of seeing our Lord. With love,
Yours in the work for the Master,

M. C. STURDEVANT.

Kentucky Conference

AN EXPERIENCE

AFTER the convention held in Nashville, I returned home to visit my people for a few days. On Monday, February 13, I left for my field of labor, in Cumberland County, Ky.

I had a good time in Bowling Green. After two evenings' talk with my cousin, she told me she believed we were right regarding health reform, etc. She asked the prayers of our people that she might be able to quit using snuff.

On reaching Glasgow I was in a hurry to get away, but a lady on learning that I was there sent me word that if I had any books better than the ones she got of me ("Daniel and the Revelation," "Ministry of Healing," "Steps to Christ," and "Best Stories"), she wanted them. My hurry was over. I called at seven o'clock that night with "Desire of Ages," "Christ's Object Lessons," and a song-book. I spent some time in singing and talking with her, left the books for her to look over, and called next morning. She took one of each of the books and gave me her subscription for the *Youth's Instructor* for the boys, and said the books were the best that she had ever read. She gave me an invitation to bring more books with me when I should come to Glasgow again. So I praise God for this and ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters that this lady may receive the message. She is highly educated and wealthy.

At Sand Hill I found many that were deeply interested in the sermons preached by Brother Martin. Some that never heard him said they were going to hear him if he ever came back, as they had heard people say he preached the best sermons they had ever heard.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Therefore, brethren, let us be faithful in getting the message into the homes of the people that we may soon enter the home the Lord is preparing for us.
H. E. BECK.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending February 18, 1911

Agent	Paper	Hrs.	No.	Value
Verna Pound	W	24	76	\$7 60
Charlsey Allran	W	6	12	1 20
Marie Wirth	W	6	12	1 20
Runie Walbert	W	2	7	70
Totals		38	107	\$10 70

Mississippi Conference

NOTICE

At the meeting of the conference committee, November 27 and 28, it was decided to raise a fund to pay for some office furniture that we find our office very much in need of, such as desks, a typewriter, etc. All who would like to help raise this fund will please send their donations to Miss Beulah Callicott, and your name, with the amount given will be published. If you cannot give a large sum, do not be ashamed to give a small amount.

W. S. LOWRY.

CONFERENCE OFFICE FURNITURE FUND

F. R. Rogers	\$5 00
H. G. Miller	5 00
Beulah M. Callicott	1 00
W. S. Lowry	2 00
J. S. Fry	1 00
Katie R. McLeod	8 00
Virgil Smith	1 00

Tennessee River Conference

VISITING FLORIDA

It has recently been the good fortune of the writer and wife to be released for a short time from our work in the Tennessee River Conference for a visit to Florida. We had for some months felt the need of a drier climate during the winter months especially, and so at the close of our general meetings in Nashville we came to Orlando with my brother, R. W. Parmele. It is our first trip to this part of the country, so is especially enjoyable to us. We find the people here too busy to visit very much, but we came for health, so we have worked too, all we could.

This sanitarium has many advantages not enjoyed by some, such as large grounds with lake front, plenty of wood for cooking purposes, for fires are little needed here, and a good patronage from the tourist classes, and many stay about all winter. The workers all seem really loyal to the best interests of the institution, and a good spiritual atmosphere is found. A goodly number of patients have gone from here with new light as well as better health. The writer had the pleasure of baptizing two gentlemen patients last Sunday. One of these is a young man, and may make a worker, the other is possibly past recovery of full health, but has obtained more than he sought.

We think of the work in Tennessee very often, and expect to be back at our post by early tent season. We earnestly desire to be used to our full strength. Please pray the Lord to strengthen and guide us.

C. F. PARMELE.

"It is a great thing for one to ascertain his spiritual gifts, and to find his own proper place of service in the kingdom of God."

THE new and attractive Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* is now ready for distribution.

Orders are already in, at the main office, for several thousand copies. The terms are: Single copy, 10 cents, 5 to 40 copies to one address, 5 cents a copy; 50 or more to one address, 4 cents a copy. Send all orders through the state tract societies.

Missionary Volunteers

DO YOU LET GOD PLAN YOUR LIFE?

"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jer. 10:23. Read Prov. 3:1-16.

THERE is food enough in these verses to feed a world of hungry sinners. They are especially helpful in that they give direction to individual duty, and each duty performed carries with it the promise of reward. Let us follow the words in Proverbs 3: 1-10.

The one thing we are likely to do God here tells us not to do: "Forget not my law." Is it not forgetfulness of God's law that lies at the root of much of individual misfortune and also of public injustice? But the forgetfulness of it has led thousands of good men into evil and brought them to ruin. The first injunction, therefore is: "Forget not."

The second lies very close to it: "Let thy heart keep my commandments." Notice the emphasis on the word "heart." This is not an intellectual keeping of the divine statutes. It is not a prefatory acquiescence in a recognized truth. It is heart allegiance. The intellect must be in submission to the heart. The will must be under the dominion of love. The second injunction consequently is: Heart obedience to God's commands.

The doer of the law shall not go unrewarded. God has his crown for every loyal brow: "Length of days, and years of life and peace, will they add to thee,"—three things to be very much desired. Not merely many days, nor yet lengthened years, but many years with peace. Old age may not be a blessing; it is not if it carries along with it the remembrance of misspent years, or of a life opposed to God. But length of days, crowned with the peace of God, that is a blessing indeed. The first promise is a gratifying reward.

Certain things, estimable and praiseworthy, should accompany every life: "Let not kindness and truth forsake thee." Kindness to bless others, truth to bless ourselves and honor God. Let them be worn as a necklace that we may not forget them; let them be engraved deep in the heart that both kindness and truth may become a second nature to us,—"bind them" and "write them." The third injunction to the life which God plans is: Be kind, be truthful.

And, the reward, like the flowers of the field, may be picked up by the wayside: "So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man." Kindness to man will win the good favor of man; truth toward God will gain the loving kindness of God. And the doer is sure to merit the good will of heaven and earth. Such things come to a life that God has planned. Such is the second reward here promised—the blessing of God and man.

Three things additional belong to the life which the Author of life has planned: trust, lean, acknowledge. It is not enough to do kind acts; it is not sufficient to speak truthfully at all times. One may do both of these, and yet fall short. "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him." Full trust is to be given to God. There is to be no leaning upon our own wisdom; it is a broken reed at best. More confidence in God, less in ourselves. But is that enough? No. There must be public confession. "In all thy ways acknowledge him." Not merely at communion time, but in business, in our pleasures, in "all thy ways." That means the whole life, whatever its duties. Remember, then, the injunction for the life that God has planned is: Trust, lean, acknowledge.

And the third reward is: The promise of divine direction. How can we have divine guidance if we are leaning upon our

Our Schools

SABBATH and Sunday, February 18 and 19 the highland teachers living near Nashville and the teachers from Hillcrest held an institute at the Madison School. About twenty visitors enjoyed the privilege, and a real privilege it was considered.

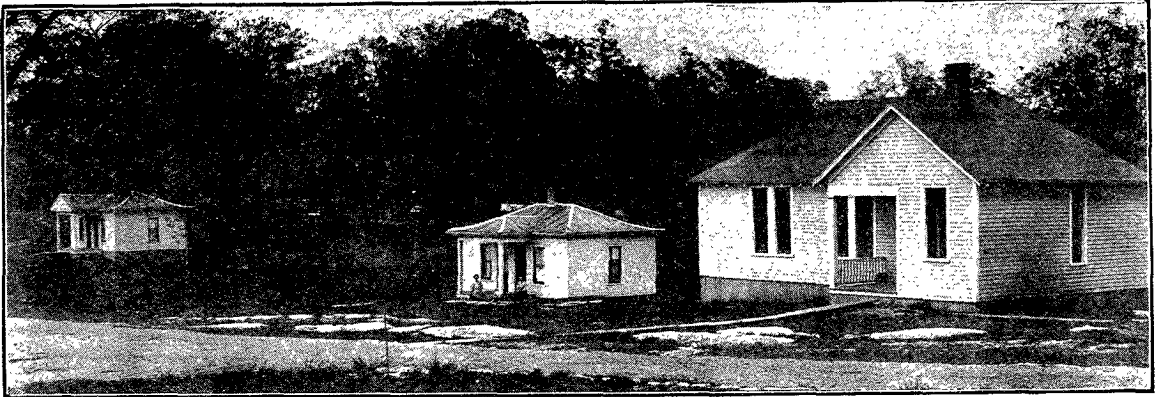
This was the first opportunity some of the students of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute have had of listening to reports of school work in the highlands by the teachers of those schools. These reports fired the listeners with a determination to consecrate their powers to God for use in the South.

Professor Alden from the Oak Grove Industrial School,

has won the confidence of that parent. Such has been the case in one community.

Mr. Mulford gave a very instructive talk on his experience in canning vegetables and tomatoes. Through the influence of this one industry his school has turned the minds of several men of the community from tobacco raising to a different kind of agriculture. The canned products of the Fountain Head Industrial School have been pronounced strictly first-class by both merchants and hotel keepers, and men are aroused to know more of the work of a school that turns out such goods.

Hillcrest teachers are developing a nursery which has already been the means of bringing the school into close touch with men who need the truth for which the school stands. It would do the readers good to visit Hillcrest. It is within



Some Cottages of the Agricultural and Normal Institute

near Goodlettsville, told of his school of sixty students. He has created an intense interest in agriculture. All of his students from the primary class to the oldest student had a part in this most practical sort of nature study. At a public entertainment one of his boys gave a talk on pruning, demonstrating his principles as he talked, much to the pleasure and surprise of the listeners.

When a father voluntarily offers to put his motherless children in the hands of the teachers in one of these schools, paying what he can toward their support, while knowing that they are going into Seventh-day Adventist hands and will begin keeping the Sabbath at once, it shows that that school family

easy reach of Nashville and a visit to the school farm will be an eye-opener. The earnest class of colored students under the instruction of Brethren Bralliar and Staines are receiving a practical training with industrial school work for colored children as the goal toward which they are working.

I cannot begin to describe the good things of the institute. I heard some who have attended many other meetings say, this is the best one yet held. That is good, for it shows progress in the institute work, and it shows growth on the part of the highland teachers.

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

M. BESSIE DEGRAW.

own understanding? The promise is: "He will direct thy paths." He will make them plain before you. He will make the crooked places straight. The stones will not bruise your feet nor the thorns tear your flesh. God is walking on ahead, "directing thy paths." The third reward, therefore is: Divine direction along the path of life. There are other three things that are needful: Be active in prayer; be active in Bible study; be active in Christian service.—*Selected.*

"THE building in Constantinople known as the Sublime Porte was almost destroyed by fire a few days ago. The same conflagration damaged the buildings occupied by the council of state, the premier, and the minister of the interior. Turkey's public buildings are of an inflammable character, and there is no adequate fire department in the capital."

"To conquer evil you must hate it, and have a passion for goodness."

LOST NAMES

No glory clusters round their name on earth;
But in God's heaven
Is kept a book of names of greatest worth,
And there is given
A place for all who did the Master please,
Although unknown;
And their lost names shine forth in brightest rays
Before the throne.

Oh, take who will the boon of fading fame!
But give to me
A place among the workers, though my name
Forgotten be;
And if within the book of life is found
My lowly place,
Honor and glory unto God redound
For all his grace!

—*Selected.*


General


THE MISTRESS OF THE HOME

If the mistress of the home has a clear idea of the work she wishes to have done, she can easily arrange the details with the different workers, and the time for each thing to be accomplished. Household work should always be done in a woman's head before the hands meddle with it.

Valuable, however, as the plan may be, it must be borne in mind that it is only a means to an end—that end being the happiness, well being, and comfort of all the members of the household. If, therefore, circumstances should arise which make adherence to this plan a hindrance rather than a help, it should be temporarily abandoned. Persons are more than things; yet some mistresses are so wedded to their plans and methods that they make them a perfect burden to those about them.

It is the duty of the mistress to see that every part of the house is kept clean. Dirt is degrading, besides leading to disease. She should not limit her inspection to the show-rooms of the house, but every part of the house should receive her attention. In fact, a model housewife will have no show-room. Not only should she inspect the bedrooms and living-rooms, but she should acquaint herself with the condition of the kitchen, the servant's bedroom, the pantry, etc., and lastly, and by no means the least, the scrap tin and garbage tin. The eyes of the mistress are worth two pairs of hands, and she who understands what ought to be will be able to discover waste from the beginning, and put an end to it before it becomes serious. Everything must be investigated, and she should make sure that her rules are obeyed.

It is her duty to spend wisely, as well as to save, buying what is best suited to the needs and tastes of the household, and ordering nothing beyond her means. At night she must see that the house is securely shut in, both front and back, and fires made safe for the night.

Nor is the work of the mistress finished when the plan of work is arranged, and cleanliness and order have been secured; the little finishing touches, the tasteful arrangements, the provisions for comfort and pleasure, must all come from the mistress herself, or be absent altogether. She must endeavor to make the rooms comfortable, and as attractive as possible to her children. All the coziness, the home-feeling, and the soothing influences would be gone if these little things were not attended to, and only bare utility would remain. There is the greatest difference between a room that is merely clean and kept in order by a servant, and one in which the lady of the house takes a special interest.

It is the duty of the mistress to order the meals with careful forethought for the tastes of others, and for the necessities of their health, and to see that every one has what he desires, making him feel that his tastes have been remembered. It is her duty also to do all that in her lies, by example, by encouragement, and by sympathy, to make those around her virtuous and happy; to permit no injustice to be done, even to the lowest. Let the tone of the house be as happy as possible. To maintain a spirit in the home is not only to add to its correct happiness, but to make all duties comparatively light and easy. Cheerfulness is a distinct duty, and however naturally depressed a mistress may be, she ought to struggle against it in order not to crush the spirits of those around her.

These are some of the little things which make the difference between a home and a house; and for the woman to fail to make a home comfortable and happy is a failure indeed.

M. H. C.

THE HURRYING HOURS

How often the thought comes home to me,
As the moments hurry away,
Of the many things I intended to do
Somehow, sometime, some way.
There are promises that have not been kept,
Though I always meant to be true;
But time is too short for all the things
That a body intends to do.

I will answer a letter; or read a book,
I will write a bit of a rhyme:
I will do the things that I ought to do—
Some day when I have the time;
So I look beyond, as I hope and plan
For the days that are just ahead,
While the day that is here goes into the grave
With its opportunities dead.

To-day is the only day we have,
Of to-morrow we can't be sure:
To seize the chance as it comes along
Is the way to make it secure;
For every year is a shorter year,
And this is a truth sublime—
A moment misspent is a jewel lost
From the treasury of time.

—Arthur Lewis.

A BLESSED SECRET

It is a blessed secret, this of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, until nightfall. Any one can do his work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, and purely until the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day.

Do to-day's duty; fight to-day's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them. God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness; on our little days.

We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of a brave, true, holy living.

THE ONLY CHILD

I KNOW a mother who has only one child, a daughter, aged twelve. This mother was a teacher in the grade schools before her marriage. She noticed that the most selfish, lonely, and unpopular children usually came from homes where there was but one child to humor and indulge, so she determined to do her utmost to save her own little girl from this misery. As a result the child is so attractive and has so many friends that I think the mother's methods are worth repeating.

When the child was small her mother began to teach her to wait on herself. She was given a place for her toys and clothes and taught to put everything away after using. As she grew older her mother began to teach her to care for her hair, teeth, and nails. She was told that every girl and woman ought to take the best care of themselves. The child considered it her duty to do so, and later when complimented on her neatness she showed no vanity. To accomplish such results the mother gave her little girl a child's tooth-brush as soon as she was old enough to use it. Then she had her own brush and comb and manicuring set. This was very inexpen-

sive, consisting of a nail-brush, buffer, small scissors, file, orange-wood stick, and emery board.

To make her unselfish it was always suggested that she ask some playmate to share any special treat or pleasure. As she grew older her mother had her help with the housework. At first she did not like this, so her mother invented games. One was to plan how few trips they could make from the dining-room to the kitchen while clearing the table and washing dishes.

This little girl learned to sew by making doll's clothes. She had a set of doll's patters and learned to cut to the best advantage. Her mother taught her to use good taste in selection of colors by praise when good taste was shown or suggestions for change when otherwise. She was gradually taught to select her own hair ribbons and dresses by being taught that children should only wear simple things. Now she is only a normal child, not a wonder by any means, yet by her mother's rare good sense she is well trained and well behaved instead of being an indulged and spoiled child.—*Sel.*

JUDAS

It is hard to see that Judas could have had in view any far-reaching plan or policy of delivering Jesus to the Jews.

And so it is with all crimes, public and private,—all sins, great and small. When once they have been committed and their consequences are known, there is so little gained, there is so much lost by wrong doing, that it seems strange what folly could have blinded the criminal, what madness could have possessed the sinner. And this one great treachery of Judas casts its appalling shadow through all time only to show in magnified proportions how greatly the transgressor mistakes his own interest, how certainly he destroys his own peace in the least and greatest act of sin. No reward of iniquity can bring peace to the self-accusing soul. Our only safety is never to betray the high trust given us of God, to keep our hearts pure, and to count nothing lost that is given to God, nothing gained that comes by sin.

In explanation of Judas' strange conduct, it is said that Satan entered into him, and so it was. But the destroyer never could have found entrance if Judas had not opened the door. Every man's soul is in his castle of strength, and no foe can enter so long as he wills to keep it for God and for his own safety. The dark shadows would never have fallen upon the path of Judas if he had not gone out into the way where the tempter lies in wait to destroy. Judas was safe so long as he kept himself in the company of Jesus. When he went out from that Presence he came under the power of darkness. And now his sad history is only a shadow to show more clearly by contrast the light that shines from the love of Jesus. Whoever walks in that light is safe. Whoever turns away from it is sure to fall.—*Selected.*

A STRANGE cargo lately arrived in this country from India. It consisted of bugs which are to be let loose in the spring to feed on caterpillars, June bugs, locusts, and other crawling and flying pests that have been destroying American vegetation.

The bugs were gathered in India where their appetites for the ordinary garden insects attracted attention from visiting American scientists, and an order for a shipment of the bug-eating bugs was sent to the British Indian empire.

They were shipped in a huge ice-box, and although thoroughly chilled came to life when placed in a warm atmosphere.

Part of the cargo were sent to Florida, where it is expected they will make short work of the orange lice which have been devastating the groves in the South.—*To-Day's Magazine.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending February 18, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
N E Allen	BF	32	22	\$39 00	\$ 5 00	\$44 00	\$
Delia Russell	D&R	23	15	40 00	1 50	41 50	
I W Peevy	2W.BF	56	11	16 50	4 75	21 25	35 00
M L Ivory	BF	41	8	12 00	8 00	20 00	3 75
R Roberts	BF	33	2	3 00	11 00	14 00	5 50
Wm Williams	BS	18	17		8 50	8 50	8 00
Lucinda Jolt	BF	12	6	8 00		8 00	1 50
Mary I Parker	BF	12	7	7 50		7 50	
Sarah V Parker	BF	15	3	4 00		4 00	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
H E Beck	BF	14	1	1 00	7 75	8 75	14 75
W P Ethington	BF	38	10	10 00		10 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
G Jorgenson	2W PPF	53	7	9 00	4 25	13 25	14 75
G S Rogers	PPF	30	20	43 00		43 00	6 75
A Lansdale	PPF	52	17	27 00		27 00	1 00
Virginia McPhall	PPF	19	6	6 50		6 50	4 75
T S Sligh	PPF	35	10	18 00	6 25	24 25	6 75
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
C H McColey	BF	40					82 20
J S Fry	D&R	26	11	22 00	3 75	25 75	2 75
Ella Johnson	BF	24	1	1 00	50	1 50	72 00
John Campbell	BF	20	17	21 00	1 75	22 75	
Mrs J P Campbell	BF	20	14	15 50	1 50	17 00	13 00
John Wood	BF	30	7	9 00	1 50	10 50	8 00
S D Miller	BF	38	54	54 50	11 00	65 50	11 75
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Mamie Moore	D&R	31	20	30 00	3 25	33 25	
C E Morphew	BF	34	37	40 00	6 00	46 00	2 25
M Wheeler	BF	40	5	5 50	1 00	6 50	34 25
A C Wolff	MHH, BS	28	42	21 00		21 00	26 50
J S Moore	sofp	7	2	4 50	2 75	7 25	2 75
SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf		242	91	130 00	38 75	168 75	53 75
Kentucky Conf		52	11	11 00	7 75	18 75	14 75
Louisiana Conf		189	60	103 50	10 50	114 00	34 00
Mississippi Conf		198	104	123 00	20 00	143 00	189 70
Tenn River Conf		140	106	101 00	13 00	114 00	65 75
Totals		821	372	468 50	90 00	558 50	356 95

MEMBERS of Missionary Volunteer societies should be making preparation for an active campaign with the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. Let us all awake to our opportunity. "From the fact that the forthcoming number is to be the best ever issued, that we have had the experience of two Temperance *Instructor* campaigns on which to build, and that there is greater need of vigorous effort now than ever before, we ought to double our circulation this year."

"If every individual will sell twice as many this year as he sold last year, then every church and every conference will double its sales, and with those at work who did nothing last year, we can easily reach the half-million mark. Is the mark too high?—No, indeed! Let us reach it."

This will be a good work and a spiritual blessing to our young people and the opportunity should not be allowed to pass without being taken advantage of.

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LAST Thursday morning, February 23, Mr. Milton R. Bollman and Miss Mabel Parker were very quietly married at the residence of Mrs. Clarence White, in North Nashville. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Eld. C. P. Bollman, in the presence of Mrs. White, Mrs. M. H. Crothers, and Miss Edna Bollman. The couple will reside in the Cedar Grove neighborhood, near Madison, Tenn., which will be their post-office address. Their large circle of friends will join us in wishing the young people much happiness and increased usefulness.

WE hope all will read Sister White's article, A Working Church. It is full of instruction for one and all at this time. Let us not forget, as this will be another means of strengthening and building up the church, and victory through his name is the assurance, and many souls may, and will, be converted by the effort we may put forth by following the instructions contained in the article.

CAMP-MEETING NOTICES

Louisiana July 20-30
Alabama August 3-13
Kentucky August 17-27
Mississippi August 31 to September 10
Tennessee River September 7-17

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ALL the popular churches in the United States have been asked to set apart April 30, 1911, as tuberculosis day—to make "the white plague" on that day the subject of discourse. The object is to study ways by which consumption may be prevented, and the best methods of treatment. It is now estimated that on April 30 over two hundred thousand churches in the United States will give special attention to the importance of all studying ways by which the "great white plague" may be checked.

This effort on the part of the churches affords us an excellent opportunity to do some good, successful work with our health literature—the "entering wedges" for the full message, especially *Life and Health*, as it is now giving special attention to "Home Cure of Consumption," and will be especially strong on this point during the months of March, April, and May. These numbers will not only be good sellers, but will be a great help to the people, and bring good returns to our special evangelical work. Who will now plan to use this favorable opportunity?

A NEW COURSE FOR BIBLE-WORKING NURSES

LAST fall the Illinois Conference and the faculty of the Hinsdale Sanitarium conjointly organized a six months' course for Bible-working nurses, fitting consecrated women to become Bible-working nurses in our large cities.

This effort has been very successful, and the next course will begin April first. Tuition is free. Board and room in the institution is about three dollars a week. Students can be more than self-supporting.

Write immediately for full information to either Eld. M. H. Serns, 528 Thirty-third Place, Chicago, or Dr. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

"Tis not for reward we labor,
'Tis not for success we toil,
Nor for joy, renown, or pleasure,
Nor to win the victor's spoil.
'Tis the love of Christ constrains us;
This the motive leads us on;
Love for him alone sustains us—
Let us labor and be strong."