



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

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No Starless Crown

No STARLESS crown in the heavenly courts
When we all get home to God!
No starless crown—is the meaning clear
As you toil on the earth-bound sod?

It means just this: from the depths of sin
Have you helped a brother rise?
Has your soul reached out in earnest love,
And drawn one up to the skies?

Have you said to God with loving grace,
"For one I would give my life,"
And never faltered, though it sometimes seemed
Your life must end in the strife?

No starless crown—ah, then, if we
A crown would ever wear,
We must save a soul, and the joy of Christ
Shall be ours beyond compare.

—Selected.

THE SABBATH IN THE HOME

BEFORE the setting of the sun, let the members of the family assemble to read God's Word, to sing and pray. There is need of reform here, for many have been remiss. We need to confess to God and to one another. We should begin anew to make special arrangements that every member of the family may be prepared to honor the day which God has blessed and sanctified.

Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed. On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early. If they rise late, there is confusion and bustle in preparing for breakfast and Sabbath-school. There is hurrying, jostling, and impatience. Thus unholy feelings come into the home. The Sabbath, thus desecrated, becomes a weariness, and its coming is dreaded rather than loved.

We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befores the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonor God.

While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded a treat, something the family do not have every day.

At family worship let the children take part. Let all bring their Bibles, and each read a verse or two. Then let some familiar hymn be sung, followed by prayer. For this, Christ has given a model. The Lord's prayer was not intended to be repeated merely as a form, but it is an illustration of what our prayers should be,—simple, earnest, and compre-

hensive. In a simple petition tell the Lord your needs, and express gratitude for his mercies. Thus invite Jesus as a welcome guest into your home and heart. In the family, long prayers concerning remote subjects are not in place. They make the hour of prayer a weariness, when it should be regarded as a privilege and blessing. Make the season one of interest and joy.

The Sabbath-school and the meeting for worship occupy only a part of the Sabbath. The portion remaining to the family may be made the most sacred and precious season of all the Sabbath hours. Much of this time parents should spend with their children. In families the younger children are left to themselves, to find entertainment as best they can. Left alone, the children soon become restless, and begin to play, or engage in some kind of mischief. Thus the Sabbath has to them no sacred significance.

In pleasant weather let the parents walk with their children in the fields and groves. Amid the beautiful things of nature tell them the reason for the institution of the Sabbath. Describe to them God's great work of creation. Tell them that when the earth came from his hand, it was holy and beautiful. Every flower, every shrub, every tree, answered the purpose of its Creator. Everything upon which the eye rested was lovely, and filled the mind with thoughts of the love of God. Every sound was music, in harmony with the voice of God. Show that it was sin which marred God's perfect work; that thorns and thistles, sorrow and pain and death, are all the result of disobedience to God. Bid them see how the earth, though marred with the curse of sin, still reveals God's goodness. The green fields, the lofty trees, the glad sunshine, the clouds, the dew, the solemn stillness of the night, the glory of the starry heavens, and the moon in its beauty, all bear witness of the Creator. Not a drop of rain falls, not a ray of light is shed on our unthankful world, but it testifies to the forbearance and the love of God.

Tell them of the way of salvation; how "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever

believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Let the sweet story of Bethlehem be repeated. Present before the children Jesus, as a child obedient to his parents, as a youth faithful and industrious, helping to support the family. Thus you can teach them that the Saviour knows the trials, perplexities, and temptations, the hopes and joys of the young, and that he can give them sympathy and help. From time to time read with them the interesting stories in Bible history. Question as to what they have learned in the Sabbath-school, and study with them the next Sabbath's lesson.

As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labor.

Thus parents can make the Sabbath, as it should be, the most joyful day of the week. They can lead their children to regard it as a delight, the day of days, the holy of the Lord, honorable.

I counsel you, my brethren and sisters, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." If you desire your children to observe the Sabbath according to the commandment, you must teach them both by precept and example. The deep engraving of truth in the heart is never wholly effaced. It may be obscured, but can never be obliterated. The impressions made in early life will be seen in after years. Circumstances may occur to separate the children from their parents and their home, but as long as they live, the instruction given in childhood and youth will be a blessing.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"WE MUST KEEP IN OUR RANKS ALL THE MEANS OF WHICH WE CAN GAIN CONTROL"

THUS Satan counsels his angels. He says also: "The more means the followers of Christ devote to his service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects." "Control the money matters if you can, and drive their [Seventh-day Adventists] ministers to want and distress. This will weaken their courage and zeal. Battle every inch of ground."

When it comes to money matters, the fallen angel Lucifer is at home. He is an adept as a covetous financier. In this counsel he gave his angels, it is made clear that he understands there is a close connection between "money matters" and the winning of souls for Christ. By keeping in his "control" all the money possible, he keeps the third angel's message away from those he fully understands would be saved by it if they had the opportunity to hear it. He purposes they shall not have the opportunity by making it impossible for messengers who might give it, being sent out with it.

All this becomes intensely interesting when we come up to the place where we are to go out among the people to gather money from them with which to send messengers to the people in distant lands, whom Satan holds bound in his snares. That he will fight "every inch of ground," we must expect. That he will try to make us not want to go at all, is very probable. But let us look the thing squarely in the face, and count every such suggestion as coming directly from God's enemy, and set our hearts resolutely toward going out with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, believing the Lord will give us good success in gathering means for him.

There are rich men and women who could give a thousand dollars, five hundred dollars, and less large sums; a few who could give even much more than a thousand dollars, and not miss it. God needs this money to do his work. Satan wants to keep it working for him. His aim is to not

let it out of his coffers. He counts it out of his hands when it gets into ours—into the treasury of the third angel's message.

Through faith, and prayer to our God, we can divert thousands of dollars this autumn into God's treasury, where it belongs, for the purpose of saving souls. Shall we do it?

We have from now until October 30 to pray about it, prepare for it by getting in hand a supply of papers especially prepared for this very thing, and then go out among the people to solicit their help.

If any reader of this paper has not already prepared for this good work, he can still join in it by ordering a good supply of Harvest Ingathering *Signs* of his tract society secretary, and be ready to do his part when the time comes.

T. E. BOWEN.

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Sept. 15, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 4,185; *Watchman*, 2,721.

In a letter received from Bro. R. L. Pierce, manager of our Fort Worth branch, he says: "Yesterday was our banner day in the way of shipping out books. We shipped 5,644 pounds, surpassing our previous highest record for one day by about 1,200 pounds. These books went to canvassers in Oklahoma, Northeast Texas, and South Texas, as the deliveries in the other conferences have not yet begun."

Canvassers' Reports

ALABAMA

"I have many things to praise the Lord for. I have the privilege of selling books to both white and colored people. I am going to a rich man's place next week and show him my book and see if he will let me go on his place and sell books. This gentleman allows no one on his place to sell anything unless he sees it, but if he gives me permission to sell on his place, he will pay for all the books I take orders for. He has hundreds of people on his place. Pray that I may be successful in this."

I. W. PEEVY.

"I am sorry to send in such a poor report concerning delivery, but I am glad to say that I am still encouraged in the good work. I think that business will pick up later on. I have already delivered eleven 'Bible Footlights' and one family Bible. I have been out of helps ever since Monday, when I sold the last two. So please do not fail to send me about twenty at once, as I could already have delivered two or three.

"I am glad to say that the Lord is blessing me with good health so far, and I am encouraged to move on in the work, trusting in the Lord for success concerning delivery."

ISADORE EVANS.

TWENTY-ONE of the Publishing House family were in attendance at the annual gathering at Waverly, Tenn., sometime during its session. All of these were present at chapel exercises Monday morning, and report good meetings and a very enjoyable time.

THE following members of the North Nashville Concert Band spent Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday in Waverly, Tenn., attending the Tennessee River Conference camp-meeting: A. J. Stagg, O. R. Godsmark, B. H. Gray, R. C. Gray, F. C. Varney, H. A. Varney, Clarence White, Harry Simshauser,

G. H. Krauss, J. B. Krauss, O. H. Rudisaile, O. L. McAlexander, and J. A. Fry.

Each member of the band felt it a privilege to be able to render service at the camp-meeting, as they believe that God is pleased when they use their talents in the right way, and when they are using their talents they feel a deeper interest in the work of God, thereby exerting a twofold influence. The boys enjoyed the meetings held, and one of their number was baptized Sabbath.

A great number of those in camp expressed regret that the band did not come earlier, and stay all through the meeting. A number of the Waverly band boys met with them, some of whom played during services.

The Reed Section is to be commended for their rapid progress, also the boys playing the other instruments are improving, and we have bright hopes for their future success.

They, with a number of other Nashville friends, left Waverly on a special train to Nashville in which they were assigned half a car, the two hours passing off quickly as they played many sacred numbers while the train was enroute. The boys express a desire to attend the next camp-meeting.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R. Hook Jr., *Gen. Mgr.*

Periodical Department

THE OCTOBER WATCHMAN

THE October number is going fast. It warms our hearts to read the many testimonials that come to our hands in every mail. Read how hearts are being influenced by this present truth evangelizer. From a man in Missouri:—

"I found a piece of an old *Watchman* in a freight car, and liked it so well that I want to subscribe for it. Please tell me how much I shall send."

"I am very much pleased with the *Watchman*, and think it grows better with every issue. I want to take it as long as I live. I do not want to miss one number."

"I prize the *Watchman* very much. It is a good pioneer, and through it we can see what is before us. I wish it much of the Spirit of the Master, and hope to have its regular visits."

"I am a locomotive fireman. I found a February number of the *Watchman* at a hotel. I took it with me on the engine, and love to read it. I am going to try to get some of the other firemen and engineers to subscribe for the wonderful blessed magazine."

"The *Watchman* is one of the finest magazines published in the United States."

"The *Watchman* is the best magazine that is published to-day."

"I want to compliment you on the attractive appearance and the solid reading matter and the concise way it is presented through the *Watchman*. I do not fail to recommend its circulation."

This word has been received from one of our tract society enthusiasts, "I think the October cover page and contents are fine. I wish to compliment you on this issue."

The October *Watchman* represents great care in preparation, and for ten cents you may have an excellent fund of reading matter that will not only entertain, but instruct and uplift you. The circulation of the *Watchman* is steadily increasing, and we find it necessary to enlarge our printing

order practically every month. We have had to disappoint but very few agents this month as we are endeavoring to print a sufficient number to go around. This, however, is difficult to anticipate because of the unprecedented sale of the *Watchman*.

The *Watchman* is accomplishing a great work. Do you know that you can assist in this work without the investment of one cent? If not, this is the way. For three yearly subscriptions we offer "Scriptural Evidences," "Bible Text Book," "Tiger and Tom, and Other Stories for Boys," "The King's Daughter, and Other Stories for Girls." The latter two are new books just out for young people, and are written in that interesting style which characterizes the writings of James Edson White. For five yearly subscriptions we offer any one of the three message-filled books, "Marvel of Nations," "Bible Footlights," and "Coming King." With a little time spent in working for others you may spread the truth without investing your means. However, we hope that you will place a small standing order of say ten copies, for distribution in your neighborhood, and in that way assist in the good work of this magazine.

We feel that the *Watchman* should be given the widest publicity, especially when the spirit of prophecy has said that it contains the "message of truth," and "will accomplish its appointed work if given an opportunity." With reference to our responsibility in this matter we read in Volume 9, page 35, "Remember that those who know the truth for this time . . . refusing to work for their unconverted neighbors, will be called to account for unfulfilled duties." We also read in the same place: "In many States there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers who have never heard the truth for this time. Let our lay members take up this line of service, for by distributing papers they can do much in their own neighborhoods." On page 39 Sister White says, "There are many who can and should do the work of which I have spoken. My brother, my sister, what are you doing for Christ?"

In view of these strong statements, do you not think that you would be doing well in forwarding to us fifty cents for a small standing order of ten copies which can be given away or sold with profit? The possibilities of this plan are limitless. Let us have your order promptly, and let us push the battle to the gates.

Rates in quantities, up to 40, 5 cents; over 40, 4 cents.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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WHEN our ever-living Saviour passed away from earthly eyes, Sounded forth this great commandment from the eager, opening skies:

"Go ye, go ye, teach all nations, boldly teach them and baptize."

So they went, those men anointed with a power from on high;
So they went to sneers and hunger, to the mob's vindictive cry;

Went to suffer racking tortures and triumphantly to die.
All their life was but one purpose, that the life of Christ should be

Spread abroad among earth's millions, as the waters fill the sea.

So the heroes died, and, dying, left their task for you and me.

—Selected.

SOME men do not pay much attention to the Bible until they get in jail.

Alabama Conference

ASHFORD

At our recent camp-meeting held in Decatur it was decided that we should return to the southeastern part of the State to follow up the interest at Dothan and vicinity. Through the efforts of one of our faithful canvassers, Bro. N. E. Allen, who accepted the truth through our labors at Dothan, a remarkable interest was aroused three miles south of Ashford.

We pitched our tent, and September 3 began meetings at a cross road, in a beautiful pine grove. At the present time the people are in the midst of cotton picking, and it is impossible to get help to do this work, consequently the people are obliged to labor from daylight to dark, but notwithstanding their tired and weary bodies, the attendance averages eighty every night, and Sundays in the afternoon and evening our attendance has been 200. We expect nearly 400 this coming Sunday from Florida and Georgia and all around. It is impossible for us to see all who have urged us to visit them, but we are doing the best we can. We have presented the coming of the Lord and the signs by which we may know it is near, also the state of the dead, and the people have gladly received the message, and no prejudice has arisen up to the present time.

A great many are beginning to inquire about the Sabbath, and we find that the way is being paved for the testing truths as we come to them. We are praying earnestly to God that a goodly company will be raised up here as a result of the work being done. Pray for the work in this part of the vineyard. It is a hard, hard field especially when so many are unable to read or write, and naturally suspicious; but the Lord has certainly blessed our efforts thus far.

A. F. PRIEGER,
MRS. A. F. PRIEGER.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1911

Agents	Papers	No.	Value
Effie Nelson	YI W	925	\$92 50
Mrs F D Hunt	W	100	10 00
Beulah Cothorn	W	17	1 70
Alex Osterman	W	75	7 50
Total		1117	\$111 70

CITRONELLE CAMP-MEETING

I WANT to call the attention of all our people in the southern part of the State, again to the camp-meeting appointed for October 5-15 at Citronelle, Ala. The meeting ought to be attended by all our people in the southwestern part of the conference. The meeting has been brought near you, and the expense of the conference will be considerable, and our people ought not to lose the blessings that the meeting will afford them. Brethren, do not let trifles, or excuses keep you away from this meeting. Come, and receive a blessing. You may be needing the very blessing that the devil is now planning to deprive you of, by making you believe you are not able financially or physically to attend. Let us arise and surmount these obstacles, and draw near to God. A number have written me that they will attend. Come, and together we will seek the Lord's blessing. W. S. CRUZAN.

SOME men evidently sleep in church to escape the truth that is being preached to them.

Mississippi Conference

TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

REPORT blanks and class supplies have been sent out to the secretaries. Please return the blanks with donations the first week in October. Please be prompt. I greatly desire to get a full report from all our young people of missionary work done during the past quarter. Send in your report blank the first week in October. MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

THE \$100 SABBATH-SCHOOL FUND

Previously reported	\$43.30
Ruth Peterson	1.00
Martha Peterson	1.00
Sidney Holt Warren.....	1.00
Arlie Warren	1.00
Annie Laura McKee.....	.25
Individuals	2.55
Total	\$50.10

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Conf. Sabbath-School Sec.

Tennessee River Conference

TENNESSEE RIVER CAMP-MEETING

THE camp-meeting at Waverly, Tenn., September 7-17, was a most encouraging meeting. The attendance was quite representative, and probably the largest gathering of Sabbath-keepers ever assembled in the Southern Union conference. Eld. S. S. Smith, formerly of the Wisconsin conference, has made his home at Waverly for several years, and the influence of his living has helped to prepare the citizens to listen to the preaching of the Word. The attendance was large and steady, and the interest good.

Brother Smith is eighty-two years of age, and in better general health than he was at forty-one, when he accepted the message. For this he gives all the glory to God through health reform and other principles of truth.

Brn. A. H. Jones and Rees Callicott conducted tent meetings on the ground for a short time prior to the camp-meeting, and a tent company was left to follow up the interest. The prospects are good for a goodly company of believers to be gathered at Waverly. The president's report showed an increase in membership in the conference of about seventy-five, bringing the total up to 600 including the isolated Sabbath-keepers. The increase of tithe over last year was about \$1,000.

The Spirit of God was manifestly present throughout the entire meeting, bringing both physical and spiritual blessings. A good interest was shown in the business meetings, and in all features of the work. It was voted to close up the quota of the \$300,000 fund before Dec. 31, 1911, and to join in raising an average of fifteen cents a week a member from that time forward. Eld. W. T. Knox and Prof. VanKirk were present for the first part of the meeting, and besides the conference laborers the following were present for a part of the time: A. F. Harrison, L. A. Hansen, A. J. Haysmer, Dr. Clarke, C. P. Bollman, P. J. Laird, Dr. Laird, Profs. Sutherland and Staines, Elder Crothers, and the writer. All the members of the Southern Union Conference Com-

mittee except Elder Maxwell were present one day for the transaction of Union business.

After serving as president for five years, during which time the Tennessee River Conference has enjoyed steady prosperity, Eld. W. R. Burrow retired from official work for a much-needed rest, and Eld. C. P. Bollman was elected to fill the place. A good strong committee was associated with him. Thos. Pavey was re-elected secretary and treasurer; C. D. Wolff, field agent; and Mrs. Virginia Baxter, of Nashville, was selected to take the Sabbath-school and Young People's work. The outlook is bright, and the work is onward in Tennessee. C. F. McVAGH.

Missionary Volunteers

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

We print the following letter which was sent by us as secretary of the Southern Union Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Association, to be read at the different camp-meetings in our territory.

As many of our young people were probably not present at these gatherings, we publish it in the WORKER in order to reach them.

DEAR YOUTH:—

As I am unable to be with you in person, I feel that a letter will be in place. The work of the young people, and what the future holds in store for them, is ever in my mind.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12. In this verse lies a command, which if followed implicitly, will bring our young people to a place where they will be a powerful factor in the closing work of the gospel. Be thou an example. Think of it, dear young people! What a sacred charge has been committed to each one of you. In view of this, should we not determine that, if we are to be examples, if even our conversation will be copied, we will, by God's help, live such a life that all who meet us may know we have learned to know Christ, and that they, following our example, may be able to know him too?

There was a time in the world's history when young people were not allowed to take part to any extent in any great work, because they were, on account of their youth, deemed incapable. But this is no longer the case. Take any reform, I care not in what direction it may be, and the reformers are working but little with the older ones. They are giving their attention chiefly to the young. Of course there are exceptions. Never has the world seen a greater reform than the one now in progress under the third angel's message, and in no other can consecrated youth do a greater work.

I was privileged to attend the World's General Conference, held in Washington, D. C. One thing impressed me very forcibly—how many of our leaders are old or middle-aged men and women? Some of them, it is true, will live to be translated; but no doubt many will soon be laid to rest, to await our Lord's appearing. These are the leaders of to-day. Where are the leaders of to-morrow? Upon whom will the burden soon rest? Upon the young people of to-day. If this be true, should not the young people even now be sharing a part of the burden, and preparing to do more?

We in the Southern Union Conference, have an important part to play in this closing work. When we think of the number of people, young and old, living within the bounds

of our conference who have never heard of the precious message of a soon-coming Saviour, it should sink so deeply into our hearts, that each young person belonging to the conference would determine to free himself from the frivolities of the present day, and join the army of God's young missionaries. Dear young people, remember that much more work will be accomplished than at the present time, when the courageous youth, under the counsel of the older and more experienced leaders, lend all their energies to the promulgation of this message.

How many cases can you cite of professional or business men of to-day, who have wasted their youth in idleness or merry-making, and have achieved much success later in life? Very few I fear. In nearly every instance our oldest and most efficient workers in this advent movement embraced the truth in their youth, and while still young entered upon active service in this cause. The lives of our pioneers should be an example to our young people of what God can, and will do through us, if we dedicate our lives to him.

The Lord in the year 1892, instructed his servant that this people should give attention in a special way to the large army of young people in their ranks, in order that the youth should be trained to "rightly represent the truth, giving the reason for the hope that is within us." God expects, therefore, that every young person in this conference should understand this truth perfectly for himself, and not say like the politician, "I'm a liberal because my father was." Be a Seventh-day Adventist because you have thoroughly studied, and therefore most heartily believe the doctrines taught in God's Word.

Now it is a fact that many of us can spend only a short time in reading. Shall we read the popular books and magazines of the day, which can do us little good? or shall we spend the time we have, in reading such books as will benefit us, and place us where we can more easily benefit others?

This department recognizes the fact that in the reading of good literature lies one of the most beneficial means of increasing our knowledge, and that our young people can not rightly represent the truth, giving a reason for their hope, unless they know the truth. It therefore has planned a reading course in which all who wish may take an active part. This course was inaugurated at the convention held at Mount Vernon, about four years ago; yet already there are 10,858 young people enrolled, while many more are following the course without enrolment.

The purpose of this reading course is, that all of our young people should appreciate the message, and know the providence of God in connection with it; and, too, that we might be informed on the important truths of the Scriptures, and on the history of the advent movement.

The reading course will be thorough and systematic. Weekly test questions in the *Youth's Instructor* will insure this. Here are the directions for joining the Spare Minute Circle.

1. Enroll. Send your name and address to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

2. Send for the books used in the course. The books, cloth binding, for the Senior Course, No. 5, will cost you \$2.40. In the paper covers they will cost \$1.40. The Junior Course, in the cloth, will cost \$1.85; in the paper, \$1.30. If you can not buy them all at once, buy them as they come in the course, but be sure that you get them on time.

3. Arrange to have the use of the *Youth's Instructor* every week. The surest way to do this is to subscribe personally for it, and have it come to your home. It is \$1 per year.

4. Keep your book handy, where you can look into it many times a day.

5. Keep up your readings. Do not lag behind.

6. When the book is finished, answer the test questions promptly, and send them to your secretary. Your work will be rewarded by the knowledge gained, and you will be entitled to a Reading Course certificate next spring.

These two courses will begin in October, and it is time you began to order your books and papers so a prompt start can be made. Give your order to your secretary before you leave the camp-ground.

In case your secretary does not have the names of the books, I will give the list. The price of "Africa," paper, 35 cents, cloth, 50 cents; "Passion for Men," paper, 20 cents, cloth, 40 cents; "Ministry of Healing," cloth, \$1.50; "Miracles of Missions," paper, 35 cents, cloth, \$1.

Junior Course. "Uganda's White Man of Work," paper, 35 cents, cloth, 50 cents; "Early Writings," paper, 35 cents, cloth, 75 cents.

Any further information your secretary will be able to give you.

Although I can not be with you, and look into your faces, and talk with you, my prayers will be with you in your sessions of the camp-meeting. May the time soon come when every young person will, because the love of God constraineth him, join the Missionary Volunteers, and under the control and counsel of your elders, accomplish a work that none can do better than the young Seventh-day Adventists of the Southern Union Conference.

Wishing you, one and all, the rich blessing of God, believe me. Yours for your spiritual welfare,

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

General

A CONVERSATION

A. Is it not lovely to see what a nice large membership we have? Such very fine people!

B. Yes, it is indeed!

A. Is it not sad to see the foothold that the love of the world has among us?

B. Yes; and you know that we were reminded in the sermon that God could not consistently bring other believers among us for fear of their being ruined in character by the example set by our church-members.

A. Yes, I know; and, brother, what is to be done? what can be done even by those who would be humble and faithful?

B. The only thing is to live the truth ourselves, and do like the electrician does when he strings his line and sets his lights ready for the current to be turned on; go out and sell the book, establish the line, and then God can turn the current on and do a "short work" in the earth.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 6, 1891.

FRANK M. CATLIN.

THE WORLD'S MADMEN

It has been well said, "There never was any one who spoke out the truth who was not called a howling idiot for his pains at first." They said Jesus was crazy, and his own family tried to quietly get him home. Paul was more than once adjudged insane. Luther was called a fool, a heretic, and a madman. The mission of William Carey to India was characterized as the "mission of a madman." The witty preacher, Sidney Smith, called the first batch of missionaries "a little detachment of maniacs." And when the brilliant Fanny Forrester turned her back upon the fame and fortune of literary distinction which were just opening before her to

become the wife and helper of the missionary Judson, all America cried, "The woman is mad."

Nor does the truth apply alone to the religious world. Fulton's proposition to propel a boat by steam was met with jokes and sneers, and Stephenson was considered a fit subject for an insane asylum when he declared his purpose to run a railway train by steam.

If a man gives himself up to money-making, or the pushing of business plans, and drives at it year in and year out, he is a "very enterprising fellow." If he is carried away with political partisanship, he is a "wide-awake citizen." If he lives for pleasure and pursues it recklessly day and night, he may be called "a little fast." But if he is in dead earnest in his purpose to honor Christ and to save souls, then he is "a religious enthusiast," or a "fanatic."—*H. Clay Trumbull.*

POWER OF THE TONGUE

In many parts of the Bible, is the record of the sins of the tongue. In the book of Proverbs, the contrasts are not few between one whose words are blessed and one whose words are cursed. How many a heart has been wrung with sorrow, how many a wakeful hour has been spent, because of some unkind, perhaps untrue, words spoken by an unconsecrated tongue! When self is the engine-driver of an unconsecrated tongue, no wonder immense damage is done. Self represents everything in its own light. Self does not question whether a thing is right or wrong intrinsically; self always considers how it affects me; and the tongue which is self's prime minister, expresses everything in this light, and repeats, through its own colored vision, that of which it speaks.

Now as the self in every man puts its own special color upon these things which are said or done by others, it is an utter impossibility for two self-centered tongues to speak the same thing. It is only by referring disputes to Christ, who sits in heavenly places with all things under his feet (Eph. 1:20-22), that quarrels and contentions can come to an end.

When the disciples disputed as to who should be the greatest, Jesus led them on to higher ground by showing how, in the kingdom of heaven, the greatest manifest their greatness by becoming the "servant of all." And so it is with the tongue; subjection is greatness. "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak." James 1:19.

Power over the tongue is one of the rarest gifts. Nothing is so untamable as the tongue. Man has learned to tame steam, and to apply it to his own purposes in moving vast machinery, to impel steamships across the ocean, to move immense trains of passengers and goods. He has tamed electricity in making it obey his will in conveying messages with lightning speed from place to place, even from continent to continent. He has tamed wild beasts and savages; but there is one thing beyond his power to tame; "the tongue can no man tame." James 3:8.

Even David, the man after God's own heart, attempted to tame his tongue, and found the work was too great for him. He said, "I will take heed to my ways." Ps. 39:1. But in a little while he had to confess, "then spake I with my tongue." Later on in his career he had learned his own powerlessness, and we find him praying, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Ps. 141:3.

God alone has power to keep the tongue, and to make it an instrument of blessing. For about thirty years the Saviour spoke words which were spirit and life to those who heard him. John 6:63. In his mouth was found no guile. 1 Peter 2:22. He has made a way in our humanity which is possible for us to follow, and we are to have guileless lips,

overflowing with blessings at all times; but this can only be as we trust him to make our tongue his instrument alone, yielding unreservedly to his control.

The apostle James asks: "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom." James 3:13. Paul says, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col. 4:5,6.

M. H. C.

HIGHER GROUND

THERE is no power in all the world *opposed* to the advancement of God's work that can hinder its progress or cause it to languish. The only people who can hinder the work of God are the people who are professing to believe and carry present truth. By our indifference and lukewarmness and worldliness, we cause the work to languish, and bring reproach upon the cause of God.

Since this is true, it is most encouraging to see the spirit of earnestly seeking God on the part of our people at all the camp-meetings this year. There has been a deep conviction of sin, and seeking of victory over faults and mistakes, that will result in a spiritual revival throughout all our churches. God has waited, and we have kept him waiting, but he says that "many are receiving the Spirit of God, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference." If those who have been so deeply stirred at the camp-meetings this year go home to live the solemn pledges they have made to God, and attain higher ground in the Christian life, his glory will be revealed, and a new power will come into our work.

—Meade MacGuire, in *Central Union Outlook*.

"Not so much what we say,
Not so much what we do,
Will tell a stranger heart
That you and I are true.

"But without word or deed
As summer skies are blue,
A glance or smile will show
If you and I are true."

Do not say you are "tied down" by your work. Your work should be a pleasure to you, and congenial work, well done, is inspiring and invigorating. A good interest in your work will be like wings lifting you above a thousand little annoyances and stumbling-blocks. The worker on fire with enthusiasm forgets weariness and burdens in the pleasure of achievement. Choose wisely your work, and it will never tie you down, it will lift you up.

SCIENTISTS have declared that the common house-fly is one of the worst means of spreading disease, particularly in the time of infectious epidemics. France, England, and the United States have joined in a crusade against this pest.

"THE longer you are with God on the mount of private prayer and secret communion with him, the brighter will your face shine when you come down."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W B Parkins....PPF	51	53	\$114 50	\$20 75	\$135 25	\$	
W A Nelson....PPF	49	43	89 50	5 00	94 50		
A Kiehnhoff ...PPF	44	35	73 00	4 50	77 50		2 75
J M McLaughlinBF	37	40	40 50	35	40 85		
W F Nance.....CK	32	43	43 50	12 50	56 00		
W M Finch.....BF	22	23	30 00	8 00	38 00		
Samuel Fenters ..CK	32	18	28 50	2 25	30 75		
F D Hunt.....BF	38	17	22 50	2 75	25 25		
Isadore Evans ..BF	50	6	9 00	1 50	10 50		17 50
M L Ivory.....BF	44	5	7 50	5 45	12 95		1 75
Geo W Brown...BF	16	6	7 00		7 00		
S S Guilford....BF			3 00		3 00		
J T Burk.....PPF	9	8	13 00		13 00		
John P Finch....BF	48	2	3 00		3 00		91 00
Vernon Vaughn .BF	46						113 00
I W Peevy.....BF	45	1	1 50	50	2 00		23 50

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Runa Walbert ..BF	8		6 50	50	7 00	7 00	
H C Harrison...D&R				14 00	14 00	50 00	
H E Beck.....BF	40	13	14 00	5 00	19 00		
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M WheelerBF	24	20	30 50	4 75	35 25	35 25	
D C Ray.....BF	26	12	13 00	75	13 75	75	
C R Millar.....BF	35	8	8 50	3 35	11 85	8 50	
Wm HornGC						54 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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A LansdaleBF	54	52	56 00		56 00		
G Jorgenson ...PPF	42	9	15 50	1 50	17 00	1 00	
E GiffordPPF	10					7 15	
T S Sligh.....BF	36	5	5 00	3 50	8 50	3 25	
Mrs I T Reynoldspg	10	3	9 00		9 00	6 00	

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M A Murphy....BF	8	14	21 00		21 00	50	
Lula HillBF	50					71 75	
Willie CobbsBF	39	52	77 50	9 50	87 00	5 50	

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R RobertsBF	23	11	11 00	8 45	19 45	2 00	
C E Morphey...BF	37	17	17 00	5 00	22 00	75	
R H Hazelton....—						30 00	

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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Do not fail to read this

AGAIN we must remind our correspondents that they must be more prompt in forwarding their reports and other contributions, if they would have them appear in the next number of the WORKER after they are received.

Heretofore we have held the paper open for news notes received as late as Tuesday morning, but this often either interrupts or interferes with the regular work of the printers, or delays the WORKER, and causes disappointment to the workers in the field.

Hereafter all matter of every kind, received later than Monday afternoon, will have to be held over until the following week, and it may then be out of date. Let every one interested remember this, for no exception can be made to this rule. So far as the editor is concerned, the canvassers and the subscribers will no more be disappointed by not receiving their paper before Sabbath of the week it is issued.

All of our contributors may not understand or appreciate the necessity for this ruling, but we trust they will comply with it, and thus co-operate with the editor and the publishers, for the best good of all.—EDITOR.

OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

THE new quarterlies are in, and we hope you will send in your order promptly. This covers a series of lessons that will be particularly helpful, and we think that every Sabbath-keeper ought to secure one.

If you want a good book and have read most of our denominational literature, remember that the few mentioned below have been carefully read by responsible parties, and are highly recommended to our readers.

"Curse of Drink," edited by E. R. Shaw, or better known as "Stories in Hell's Commerce." This book should be read by every lover of prohibition. Cloth, \$1.75, half leather, \$2.50.

"In Kali's Country," by Emily T. Sheets, a missionary of long experience and travel over India, calculated to be helpful to the young. Post-paid, \$1.

"Self Control, Its Kingship and Majesty," by William Goodwin, teaches the growing boy how to gain control over self, frequently one's greatest enemy. Price, post-paid, net \$1.

"Making Good," by John T. Faris, points out the pitfalls in business careers, and the best methods to adopt to gain success in life. Post-paid, \$1.25.

Secure our latest tract "Confession," by Eld. E. L. Maxwell. This is a concise and pertinent treatise on the unbiblical practise of the Catholic confessional. Price, ¼ cent each. For orders less than ten cents, add two cents for postage.

"Prohibition of Sunday Amusements by Civil Authorities," is an excellent treatise on the principles of religious liberty as involved in an effort to suppress Sunday amusements. Price, ½ cent post-paid. Fifty cents per hundred.

At the recent International Christian Endeavor convention held at Atlantic City, N. J., a western clergyman, while discussing Sunday observance, said: "Over in my State we have had several bills before the legislature in regard to Sunday baseball, but every time we put up a bill the Seventh-day Adventists oppose it. You know what they do. They write letters, send telegrams, distribute literature; they fairly drown legislators with their letters and telegrams; and as the legislators, some of them, are themselves on the fence about this matter, these proceedings on the part of the Adventists do not help matters. Speaking of literature, you never saw such a people to distribute literature. They put it out by the ton. Now if we could eliminate these Adventists we would have no trouble in passing this bill. In fact, we could have had it through long ago had it not been for them."

A NEWSPAPER man speaking editorially recently of the fact that the British Parliament has exempted London, Manchester, Leeds, and Liverpool from the operation of the Sunday law because it worked hardships on the Jews who keep the Sabbath, makes this statement: "This is a matter of interest to us, for there is a growing demand in this country for similar legislation. All things considered, it does not seem just to compel a citizen who for conscience' sake keeps the seventh day of the week as a day of rest, to also refrain from labor on Sunday." It is believed that this editor had his attention called to the Sunday law issue through the distribution of our literature bearing upon this subject.

IN response to many urgent requests for assistance in teaching the children at home, our educational journal, *Christian Education*, begins "A Home School Department," in the September-October issue, just out. This number contains one article, "Child Education at Home" by a mother, worth more to any parent, with children to be taught at home, than the price of the journal for a full year; in fact, it presents successful methods that cost the mother who wrote the article, years of experience, and will bring results when applied, that can not be valued in dollars.

"THE Teachers' Round Table," with question box, is begun in the September-October issue of *Christian Education*. In this department our teachers may ask questions and receive answers to some of their most perplexing problems; and, the wise parents will profit by keeping in close touch with this department as it is also open to them for asking questions.

"A MERRY heart kills more microbes than any medicine."