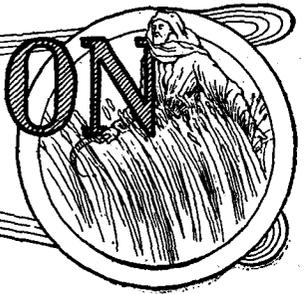




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*"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9*

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## THE CLOUD IS RISING

'T is a glorious time for the church to-day  
For the trumpet again has blown,  
And the hosts of God by the pillar led,  
Move on to their promised home;  
And the Holy Ghost in the "latter rain,"  
With his peace and joy and power,  
O'er the church now falls with refreshing flood,  
Like a glorious summer shower.

'T is an awful time for the faithless man  
In the church of God to-day,  
For the final sifting at last has come,  
He is falling by the way.  
But the justified in their armor bright,  
And with faith their battle cry,  
Are marching to-day 'gainst the walls of sin,  
With power from on high.

— Selected.

## AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF OUR MEDICAL COLLEGE

THE proper development of the work at Loma Linda calls for prayerful thought and planning, that the instruction which the Lord has given concerning the work there may be fulfilled. Our people in the Eastern and Middle States, as well as those on the Pacific Coast, should feel an intense interest that a special work be done at Loma Linda at the present time. It fills me with anxiety to think that any who seek to obtain the benefits of the education that Loma Linda can give, should be turned away because the buildings are insufficient to give them a place. That some patients have had to be turned away from the Sanitarium has caused me sorrow. The work of the Medical College at Loma Linda must not be crippled for lack of room. There must be some way devised to enlarge quickly the buildings for the rooming of students, so that those who seek a training may not be turned away.

The students at Loma Linda are seeking for an education that is after the Lord's order, an education that will help them to develop into successful teachers and laborers for others. When their education there is completed, they should be able to go forth and join the intelligent workers in the world's great harvest field who are carrying forward the work of reform that is to prepare a people to stand in the day of Christ's coming. Everywhere workers are needed who know how to combat disease and give skilful care to the sick and suffering. We should do all in our power to enable those who desire to be thus fitted for service, to gain the necessary training. I am instructed that those among us who have means should become God's agencies in this work.

Our people should become intelligent in the treatment of sickness without the aid of poisonous drugs. Many should

seek to obtain the education that will enable them to combat disease in its varied forms by the most simple methods. Thousands have gone down to the grave because of the use of poisonous drugs, who might have been restored to health by simple methods of treatment. Water treatments, wisely and skilfully given, may be the means of saving many lives. Let diligent study be united with faithful ministry. Let prayers of faith be offered by the bedside of the sick. Let the sick be encouraged to claim the promises of God for themselves. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Christ Jesus, the Saviour of men, is to be brought into our labors and councils more and more.

I am instructed that there are among us those who should become God's agents to labor for the advancement of this work. The Lord would be pleased to see our people who have means using it freely in opening the way for workers to get a training as medical missionaries. To those who have money we say, Make your donations. The Lord has given us great advantages in bringing into our possession such institutions as Loma Linda. Let us co-operate with him in making these places a blessing to humanity. By liberal gifts let us say to the burden-bearers at Loma Linda, "Put up your men's dormitory quickly."

Elders Irwin and Corliss have been selected to visit our brethren in some of the larger conferences, and to ask for immediate help for Loma Linda. Others also are to be appointed to prepare the way for the work to go forward at Loma Linda. The Lord has made it possible for this place to stand as a training center for medical evangelists. A good beginning has been made, but the work must broaden. Help is needed at this time. Let us make room for the carrying forward of the grand work that the Lord has specified should be done. Now, just now, let your means be invested to provide the buildings which the carrying on of this work demands. Do not delay. Encourage the brethren who shall call for means by revealing a spirit that is willing to do the work which greatly needs to be done.

I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to do what you can to help, and to do it now. Let your means be invested in this work that is so far-reaching. This is the work of God. He has given us great advantages for the carrying on of his work; he now calls for the advantage of your means, that many may be qualified to go forth to finish up his work in the earth. The Lord will reward all who come forward in emergencies, and do their best. Those who can help should be deeply interested in preparing the way for those who wish to be qualified as missionaries for God. My brethren and sisters, work for God with your means while you have opportunity. In doing this, you will be using your talent to his name's glory.

(Signed) MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Sanitarium, Cal., Aug. 29, 1911.

Let those who have pledged at camp-meeting, or who now feel in their hearts to respond to this appeal, send in to the WORKER at once your names and the amount you will forward through your conference treasurer before Dec. 31, 1911. Let us have a part in the Southern Union quickly. A list will be opened in this number of the WORKER for Southern Union donors. Shall we not have a prompt response from every conference and union mission? C. F. McVAGH.

**Amount Received to Date**

Elder C. F. McVagh, Tennessee .....	\$5.00
Mrs. M. H. Crothers, Tennessee .....	5.00
W. B. Langston, Tennessee .....	1.00
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Total .....	\$11.00

**Our Publishing House**

**HOME OFFICE NEWS**

SALES report for week ending Sept. 29, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 3,094; *Watchman*, 6,647.

We shall have to ask our friends to pardon us for lack of news this week, but we are so very, very busy that it is an utter impossibility to take the time to write the many interesting features of our work which have been apparent during the past week. Suffice it to say that the Lord rules, and that he is guiding and directing his work. Canvassers in the field are receiving much of his blessing, and as a result we are working early and late, and some are working all night. To God be all the praise!

In a letter from Brother Pierce, manager of our Fort Worth branch, he says: "Thus far this month we have averaged more than a ton per day for each shipping day."

Bro. H. G. Miller, field agent of Mississippi, sends us the following report:—

"For week ending September 29 our orders to the publishers for different books were as follows: 'Bible Footlights,' 3,310; 'Great Controversy,' 126; 'Gospel Primers,' 1,145; 'Best Stories,' 280; total, 4,861.

"For week ending September 22, our report stands as follows: Value of orders taken, \$1,014.85; value of books delivered, \$60. This is the best report I have ever sent in, and to the Lord be the praise."

**LEARNING TO TAKE PEOPLE AT THEIR BEST.**

One of the greatest lessons in life is to learn to take people at their best, not their worst; to look for the divine, not the human, in them; the beautiful, not the ugly; the bright, not the dark; the straight, not the crooked side.

A habit of looking for the best in everybody, and, of saying kindly instead of unkindly things about them, strengthens the character, elevates the ideals, and tends to produce happiness. It also helps to create friends. We like to be with those who see the divine side of us, who see our possibilities, who do not dwell upon the dark side of our life, but upon the bright side. This is the office of a true friend—to help us discover our noblest selves.—*Selected.*

**Convicted for Life**  
Part II—Continued

WELL! when that hundred and ten pounds of books came to the depot, and I went down with my cart and pony and loaded them on, you never saw a happier man. I took them home eight miles across the open Louisiana prairie, and although it was the middle of the week, and I had never read a word

of the "Coming King"—had never so much as heard that there was such a thing as a printed canvass or even heard any one canvass for one of our books, still, I was so anxious to get the message to the people that I started out bright and early the next morning. I did not travel twenty-five or fifty miles to get where I was not known, but canvassed the first family I came to. I had worked for them during the summer, and knew they were able to buy the book, so I went in, took the wrapper off of my book and handed it over to them. Of course, as I had not looked inside of the book myself, I could not tell them anything about what was in it, and after looking it over a little while, they said they did not believe they would want one. The next house was about a mile away, and I let my pony walk while I looked over the chapter headings, and read the words beneath the pictures. I was well posted concerning the signs of the times and the second coming of Christ, and the Lord fulfilled his promise and brought things to my remembrance so that I felt able to tell what I knew when I came to the next house.

When I was within a couple of hundred yards of the next house I started my horse up on a good trot, drove up in front of the house, jumped out and rapped loud and long at the front door. This I repeated and then went to the side and back doors but received no response. I wanted those people to know something about the truth, so I looked for tracks to see which way they had gone. Finally I saw a man coming from the field on the bare back of a horse as if he was in a hurry. After greeting him, I told him that I was very glad that I had not missed him as I had something very important that I wished to speak to him about. He took me clear through the house and into the parlor and then I introduced my work as the most interesting thing there was in existence, and proceeded to convince him that I believed it was. He became intensely interested himself, and said that he would take one for a Christmas present for his wife, and paid me the money. That day the Lord sold three "Coming King," one "Christ's Object Lessons," and several helps for me, and furnished me a good place to stay overnight.

That fall and winter I had many experiences, and learned many lessons, and although five years later when I went over the same ground, I was enabled to sell several times as many dollars' worth of books, still I have seen visible results of that winter's work. Two families that I know of are rejoicing in the truth.

I remember one evening in the latter part of November very distinctly. I had had good success all the week, and as it was Thursday afternoon and I had been going away from home, I decided to canvass back toward home the next day. I found by inquiry that I could go a shorter way by crossing the bayou on a ferry-boat. Many of the ferry-boats in Louisiana at that time had no ferryman to take you over, but there was usually a canoe on each side so that you could go across and get the boat if it was on the opposite side. This time the boat was on the other side, but I could find no canoe. Although it was very cold weather I decided to swim across for the boat. I stripped and was across almost as quickly as I can tell it and untied a rope, pulled the boat back, and got into my clothes. Before I had my shoes on I noticed that there was no rope stretched across the river. You see the boat had not been tied but I had untied the rope that was used to pull the boat across with, and now had both the boat and rope on one side. The river was too deep to pole the boat across, so my clothes came off again, and I took the end of the rope and went off of one end of the boat. But I became tangled up in the rope before I reached the other side and had to let go and come back. This time I had a new idea. I took a large chunk of heater wood and tied

one end of the rope around it, then getting on the outer end of the ferry-boat I threw the stick as far as I could and swam out and pushed it across to the other side. Well, I can not tell you how I felt when I got that stick out of the water and found that the rope had become untied. I managed to get back, but was too cold and crampy to try swimming any more that day. After a great deal of scheming, and some work, I managed to get across, and out of the swamps to a Frenchman's house. It was after dark and they could speak very little English, but I managed to make them understand that I was very cold and hungry, and I stayed with them overnight. Of course I got a book into their hands. So you see all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. These small rivers or bayous, as they are called, are very treacherous. Twice I very nearly lost my pony in fording one. Alligators are a common sight, and the country is so flat in many places that a small rain will make a stream rise and stay up for many hours.

I had many experiences that some people would call trials, but although I could not see why all of them were allowed to come, still many of them were direct causes of my being able to place a book where otherwise it would have been impossible to do so. In my next letter I expect to tell you how I came to start out on my five years' camping trip, and some of the experiences that befell me. CHAS. T. COLLISON.

"If you don't believe in your own ability, others won't."

"Do the thing while others are talking about it."

"Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. HOOK JR., Gen. Mgr.

## Alabama Conference

### AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

It is always a matter of interest to learn what effect is produced by the books we deliver, and especially when we learn, more than a year after they were delivered, that they are still at work, leavening the community in which they were placed. We have just learned of an inspiring instance of this kind.

About a year ago, while assisting Brother Ringgold to make a delivery, we spent the Sabbath with a family that had purchased "Bible Footlights" sometime before, and had become interested in the truth through reading the book. While there we held a few Bible readings with them which they enjoyed very much. A couple of months ago this family wrote a very pleading letter asking me to return and teach them more of the Bible. They said they had learned more the little while I was with them than they had ever known before. At the time this letter was received none of the conference laborers could respond to the call. So a short time ago, while I was near their place, I called, and they were delighted to see me. I spent about a week with them, and spoke each night on some phase of present truth. They invited their neighbors in, and there was a good interest.

This family had given up snuff and pork, and now the man and his wife desire to be received into the church. As soon as the service closed the second night I spoke, a young man stepped up and asked if he might speak to me. We stepped to one side, and he said, "Mother and I have been very much impressed by your sermon. We have read 'Bible Footlights,' and we are satisfied you are preaching the truth." They invited me to come and see them which I did a few days later. The son had been called away on business, but

I had a long talk with his mother on points they were interested in, and then I gave her and her daughter a reading on the change of the Sabbath. As soon as she realized that Sunday as a Sabbath was the product of the papacy, she said, "I want nothing more to do with it." When I finished the reading, I said, "I hope you will decide to keep the Sabbath," and she replied, "I have already decided to do so."

Sunday afternoon I spoke on The Kingdom of God, after which a gentleman invited me home with him. He had read "Bible Footlights" and "Past, Present, and Future." He considered the last-named book the clearest book on the Bible he had ever read. He asked many questions about the truth, and then told me of the struggle he and his wife were having in giving up snuff and tobacco. I had a talk with him on overcoming, and we had a season of prayer together. A couple of days later when I was leaving I asked him how he was getting along in overcoming. He said, "All right, and I expect to come out victorious." This man believes that we have the true Sabbath, and that he must give up pork and tobacco. He ordered "Daniel and Revelation" from me.

Both of these last-named families had borrowed the books; they had not purchased them. The family first mentioned had purchased both "Bible Footlights" and "Past, Present, and Future," but did not have either at home as some one else was reading them.

This knowledge of what is being accomplished by our books should cause us to rejoice, as it gives us some idea of the great work our literature is doing. October is our great delivery month, and as Satan always works hard to hinder the advancement of the truth, delivery time is when the canvassers need our prayers the most. So do not forget to pray for the canvassers in October. R. I. KEATE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Some time ago in a news letter I stated that we were behind the corresponding period of last year. I am glad now to be able to report that for the eight months of this year now past, we have taken \$11,293.70 worth of orders or \$2,147.20 more than the corresponding period of 1910. However, our deliveries are still \$45.44 behind. But October will, with the Lord's blessing, break all our previous records in deliveries.

You will probably be interested to learn what progress our canvassers are making toward the 1,600 hours or the \$1,000 delivery necessary to have their railroad fare and expenses paid to the bookmen's meeting in Nashville next year. The following shows the record up to September 2, of all who have been at work more than two months.

	Hours	Total Ord.	Del.
N. E. Allen.....	837	\$629 25	\$268 25
Benj. Griffiths .....	643	1097 35	483 35
F. D. Hunt.....	327	303 50	151 00
R. T. Jacks.....	240	144 00	130 50
A. L. Kiehnhoff.....	442	786 25	104 75
J. M. McLaughlin.....	336	510 80	69 50
W. F. Nance.....	184	328 50	208 50
W. A. Nelson.....	454	759 05	145 85
W. B. Parkins.....	509	644 50	103 75
Wright Battle.....	608	497 00	118 50
Geo. W. Brown.....	660	314 25	131 75
Isadore Evans.....	572	455 00	82 85
M. L. Ivory.....	1491	1083 05	260 95
E. N. Lewis.....	404	454 50	45 75
I. W. Peevy.....	981	493 55	216 00
R. Roberts.....	505	365 50	162 50

Four of the best months yet remain in which to meet the requirements, if you desire to attend. This year there will be also the Southern Union Conference meeting.

The General Conference Publishing Department are still appealing for canvassers for the foreign field. At present they desire one to take charge of the work in Brazil, another for China, and two for Central America. Would you be willing to answer one of these calls?

Please do not forget the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. Let us all do our part. For canvasses send to Bro. James Bellinger, Box. 224, Florence, Ala., or I can get them for you.

Brother Hook, in closing one of his recent letters, writes as follows: "Well, Brother Keate, we are indeed glad to note that the work in Alabama is moving onward and upward. You are surely doing nobly. . . . Keep up the good work. We wish to extend our best wishes to the faithful workers under you for the earnest efforts they are making to distribute our message-filled literature. May God bless them in their work, and may souls be saved in the kingdom as a result of their efforts is our earnest desire."

Brethren, the following experience reveals some of the grand work our literature is doing. In response to an urgent appeal, I stopped at Dozier where there was an interest in the truth created primarily by reading our good books. I spent nearly a week talking each night on some phase of the message. While it is too early to say what will be the final outcome, it looks as if about seven adults, two families and part of a third, are ready to accept the whole truth. In fact the lady who wrote the letter requesting me to come back, is keeping the Sabbath, and has given up snuff, and the family has quit using pork. Her husband is also enthusiastic over the truth, and desires to become a member of the church. One other man and his wife are on the point of obeying the truth. He and his wife decided to give up snuff and tobacco. He believes he must get rid of his pork, and that we have the true Sabbath. He had read "Bible Footlights" and "Past, Present, and Future" and he ordered "Daniel and Revelation" from me. He had borrowed both of the first-mentioned books. I was real interested to learn that the books that had been delivered a year ago were still being read, loaned, and discussed, and that the whole community was being leavened by the truth they contained. Our literature is wielding a far greater influence than we realize, and the judgment alone will reveal the greatness of the work being done by our faithful canvassers. I rejoice that I can have a part in this glorious work.

Hoping that you are well and of the best of courage, and looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, I am,

Your brother in Christ,  
R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala., Sept. 25, 1911.

### WELL DONE

Just to do the very best that in us lies each day;  
Just to glean the sunbeams and toss the clouds away;  
Just to keep on hoping though the disappointments grow,  
Just to let the healing smile follow the tear-drops' flow;  
Just to be as loving as we can, and kind and true.  
Cling to the golden rule in all that we do.  
Just to count the blessings with the ills of life,  
And our heaven-helped victories over sin and strife.  
Then as we journey toward life's setting sun,  
Christ will wait to greet us with the praise, "Well done."  
—Selected.

Now is the nick of time. In matters which reach into eternity, now is always the nick of time.—*Dr. Lyman Beecher.*

## Kentucky Conference

### CHANGES IN THE CANVASSING FIELD

Most of our canvassers had the privilege of attending the camp-meeting which they enjoyed very much.

Since then a number of changes have taken place. The three canvassers at Monticello have returned to Graysville, Tenn. Bro. Herschel Ethington returned to school at Hazel, Brother Horn to the Foreign Mission Seminary (after making a delivery in Bracken County), Bro. Curtis Mount to his home in Ohio, and Sr. Runa Walbert will soon go to Louisville to school.

Brethren Beck, Ray, and Millar, went to Spencer County where they are having good success, although several book agents have just been ahead of them.

Brother Martin has begun work in Louisville with "Coming King." This is his first experience, and he is having good success among his people.

Another new worker, Bro. Charley Yates, has just started in Pulaski County. He and I are located at Somerset. We expect Brother Ethington to join us next week. C. F. DART.

### WISDOM

ALTHOUGH I have only been connected with the work in Kentucky for a short time, yet I thought a brief report from me might be read with interest by the friends of the canvassers.

After the good camp-meeting at Pleasureville, I remained with the tent to assist Brother Lindsay for a short time. Then with my wife and little boy, I went to the southern part of the State to labor.

I began meeting September 8 in a grove two miles from Wisdom, Metcalf County. The rain has hindered some, but the attendance was quite good from the beginning when the weather was pleasant, and some were interested to hear the Word. I have now preached twenty sermons on the leading points of our faith, and last night when I took an expression, ten declared for the truth of God. These were all heads of families. If they prove faithful, we believe others will follow. I have decided to stay another week to bind off the work.

We truly praise the Lord for what he has done for us in this meeting, and will trust him for more results. We ask the brethren and sisters to pray for the work in this field.  
L. BARKER.

## Louisiana Conference

### RUSTON

SINCE the Tennessee River camp-meeting it was my privilege in company with A. F. Harrison to attend the northern Louisiana camp-meeting at Ruston. The attendance of our people was not large, but it was a great pleasure to meet with the Sabbath-keepers from this part of the conference, some of whom had never attended camp-meeting before. The laborers present were Elders Maxwell, Rees, and Frank, and some veteran colporteurs. S. F. Reeder arrived during the meeting to enter upon his work as State agent. He and Brother Harrison will spend some time together visiting the churches in the interests of the canvassing work.

We are glad to report that Bro. I. T. Reynolds who left Louisiana on account of his health, is still in the work in the

Southern Publishing House territory, having accepted the State agency in New Mexico.

Two were baptized during the meeting at Ruston. The outside interest is good, and promises to be fruitful. Elders Maxwell and Frank are following up the work with a tent effort. Mrs. E. H. Rees, the State Sabbath-school secretary, rendered good service also at the meeting. The camp-meeting Sabbath-school donation averaged over twenty-five cents each for all in attendance. Several more such local meetings might be profitably held in the territory of the Southern Union.

C. F. McVAGH.

## Tennessee River Conference

### MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending Sept. 22, 1911

Agents	Papers	Hrs. No.	Value
Mrs. I. E. Stratton, Nashville.....	W 4	113	\$11 30
J. A. Fry, Nashville.....	W 2	20	2 00
Marcia Anderson, Paducah .....	W 3	25	2 50
Totals .....	9	158	\$15 80

C. D. WOLFF.

## Missionary Volunteers

### THE SECRET OF PROGRESS

[Note. The following article by Sr. Matilda Erickson, in the *Youth's Instructor*, we heartily commend to the readers of the *WORKER*, both old and young. Her remarks about utilizing our spare time for the cultivation and education of the mind through reading and study, and concerning the selection of good and bad literature, and its influence upon the mind and character, are very pertinent. Many of our young people, if they would perseveringly devote their leisure time to systematic study, might store their minds with useful knowledge, and by consecration to the Lord, become mighty in his work. The reading course spoken of in this article has been arranged with this in view. How many are availing themselves of this means of improving their minds?—Editor.]

To every young man and woman God whispers, "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is my ideal for you." Each day is a round in the ladder that leads up to that ideal, and by his grace you may climb. You may not be privileged to equip yourself with a college education, but just where you are you may begin to prepare.

It was in his log-cabin home that Lincoln began to prepare for the White House. "O," said he, as he was wandering about the backwoods of Indiana, "I'll study and get ready, and then maybe a chance will come!" Often he spent his evenings working arithmetic problems on an old shovel, with no better light than the flames that played in the fireplace. While working in a store, he mastered the common branches, and, later, when at work as a surveyor, he studied law. Madame de Genlis composed several of her books while waiting for the princess to whom she gave daily lessons. Some of Burns' best poems were composed while he was working on the farm. Galileo was a surgeon, but during his spare moments he gave the world some of its greatest discoveries.

Look within the ranks of our own denomination. Eld. J. N. Andrews had neither time nor means to take a regular

course in school, but he made a princely investment of his spare moments; by extraordinary application, he acquired a knowledge of several languages. He became an efficient worker in the home land, and in 1874 sailed as our pioneer missionary to foreign fields. His "History of the Sabbath" is among our most valuable books, and is a powerful argument for what a young person with perseverance can do. The struggles of Elds. James White and Uriah Smith, and others, are equally inspiring. Generally speaking, the men and women who are filling responsible positions to-day are men and women who know how to use spare time. Truly "he who hoards and turns to account all odd minutes, half-hours, unexpected holidays, gaps between time, and chasms of waiting for unpunctual persons, achieves results that astonish those who have not learned the secret."

### READING AND CHARACTER

Your future will largely be determined by the books you read. Your daily reading is either helping or hindering you in your effort to succeed. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were men who fed mentally upon such books as the Bible and "Pilgrim's Progress." Morrison, Carey, Henry Martyn, and others have confessed that it was the books they read that influenced them to go to heathen lands. Sixty per cent of the people in our denomination accepted the truth through reading. Two students in one of our schools, after reading the "Life of Livingstone," found burning in their hearts a desire to work in Africa. A converted infidel says that the reading of five chapters in "Heralds of the Morning" dissuaded him from taking his life, and brought to him the peace of the gospel. Robert E. Speer, a leader in foreign missionary effort, when a youth in college, read a certain book by Bushnell, which, by suggesting a line of thought regarding Christian evidences, anchored him in his Christian experience.

On the other hand, reading has also done much harm, for the mind assumes the level of the thoughts upon which it dwells. Two young boys had been reading some Jesse James stories, and as a direct result they attempted to rob a bank in Jesse James style. Franklin and Lincoln, when young men, unfortunately read some books which nearly robbed them of their high aspirations. Garfield, shortly before his death, confessed that he still had to battle with the evil influence of a book he read when a lad.

"The best romance," says Ruskin, "becomes dangerous if by its excitement it renders the ordinary course of life uninteresting, and increases the morbid thirst for useless acquaintance with scenes in which we shall never be called to act." The following counsel to another is a danger-signal for all: "One of the greatest reasons why you have so little disposition to draw nearer to God by prayer is that you have unfitted yourself for this sacred work by reading fascinating stories, which have excited the imagination and aroused unholy passions."

Let us repeat, Your future will be deeply colored by your reading. "Lean Christians," says one, "own Bibles, but feed on newspapers." The carpenter, in order to build a good, substantial house, must have well-seasoned timber; so, dear friend, every young man and woman who would possess a strong intellect and a pure heart must not only abstain from bad literature, but must read that which is good.

### A GOOD INVESTMENT

Since books do exert so great an influence over the reader, every wise young man or woman will shun all books not worth while, and seize upon the good. To help these young people in selecting and mastering the best books, the Missionary

Volunteer Department has for the past four years conducted Reading Courses through the *Instructor*. Hundreds of busy people have found that the books in either course can be read during spare moments. For this reason the Reading Course membership is quite generally known as the Spare Minute Circle. It will be worth your while to join this Spare Minute Circle. It is composed of ambitious young men and women everywhere who are determined to make the most of the spare moments that come their way. Most of these young people are busy. Some are students; others are young people who for various reasons can not leave home; but realizing that "our first duty toward God and our fellow beings is that of self-development," the young people in the Spare Minute Circle are determined to climb.

Here are some reasons why you should join: The books to be read in that circle this year are excellent; young people's workers have selected them after much thought and study; we should cherish an acquaintance with good books just as we treasure the friendship of persons we highly esteem; the reading of good books will make us better workers for the Master, better friends for our associates, and better companions for ourselves.

Here is also an opportunity to do personal work for young people in other churches. Some of these young people have been persuaded in the past to read the books in the courses. The results have been gratifying.

Then the reading in the courses will be thorough and systematic. There will be a regular assignment; and the weekly test questions in the *Instructor* will insure thoroughness. Chasing through books is liable to make one a mental dyspeptic, but careful reading strengthens the mind.

You are busy, but do not say that you have no spare moments. Even into the busiest lives some spare moments are cast. Matthew Arnold says, "The plea that we have no time for culture will vanish as soon as we desire culture so much that we begin to examine seriously into our present use of time."

Do not fail to join the Spare Minute Circle. "Thrift of time," said Gladstone, "will repay you with usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams, and the waste of it will make you dwindle, alike in intellectual and moral stature, beyond your darkest reckonings."

## Our Schools

### OPENING OF THE HAZEL ACADEMY

THE eleventh session of the Hazel Academy begun September 21. There was a very good attendance at the opening exercises, although several were detained at home for a time on account of farm work, etc.

Eld. C. P. Bollman, recently elected president of the school board, was present, and spoke on the object and purpose of education, in an interesting and practical way. Others also made appropriate remarks. This was Elder Bollman's first visit to the Academy for some time, and he seemed pleased with what he saw of the farm and grounds.

While the buildings are plain they are comfortable, and all seemed thankful for such a beautiful quiet location where we can be away from the excitement and evils of city life, and such things as would divert the mind from school work.

We are glad to have as members of our faculty this year, Miss Lynne Rainwater, of Georgia, and Prof. Tribble, of Pennsylvania, who we feel sure will add much to the school. Both are well qualified and experienced teachers.

As we begin this new school year, we desire the prayers of

our brethren and sisters that the blessings of God may be upon every part of the work, and as we pray for it let us work for it.

If there are those who you know should be enjoying the benefits of the school, will you not help them to come? It will bring a rich blessing to your own life. Send us their names and addresses that we may correspond with them about the matter, and send them a calendar.

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### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG MEN

THE Hazel Academy is able to offer an exceptional opportunity for two or three energetic young men who are anxious to go to school, and can pay but a small amount of money each month. We have considerable wood cutting and general farm work to be done this fall and winter, and would like to hear at once from two or three who are interested in such an arrangement. Write without delay, stating age, size, experience, etc.

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## General

### READ THE REVIEW AND HERALD

IN Matt. 24:44-47 the blessing is pronounced upon those who keep pace with the message and are found giving meat in due season when the Lord comes; the remainder of the chapter tells of the fate of the careless. The *Review and Herald* is the only paper published that presents the full message every week together with the most interesting items of progress in all the world.

The president of the General Conference truly says: "All who desire to keep pace with the rapid advancement of the message should be constant readers of the *Review*."

Another veteran testifies: "I would not know how to get along without the *Review*. It ought to be in every family of Seventh-day Adventists. Those who do not have it are invariably behind in the knowledge of what is necessary for the spiritual growth of our people. Other periodicals have their places, but none can take the place of the *Review and Herald*."

Many voices are sounding out from the darkness of delusion and error, but the *Review* keeps pointing to the foundation planks and pins of truth, and calls the attention of the body of God's people to the waymarks to the city. Church officers, see that the church members have the *Review and Herald* to read! Dropping the *Review* often means giving up the truth.

C. F. McVAGH.

Dig channels for the streams of love,  
Where they may broadly run;  
And love has overflowing streams  
To fill them every one.

But if, at any time, thou cease  
Such channels to provide,  
The very founts of love to thee  
Will soon be parched and dried.

—Archbishop Trench.

"COMPASSION for the least of God's creatures begets sympathy for the higher forms of creation."

**THE FIJANS**

AN English earl, who was an infidel, went to visit the Fiji Islands. "You are a great chief," he said to one, "and it is a pity for you to listen to those missionaries. Nobody believes any more in that old book called the Bible that they try to teach you, nor in that story of Jesus Christ; we have all learned better." The eyes of the chief flashed as he replied: "Do you see that great stone over there? On that stone the heads of our victims were crushed. Do you see that native oven over yonder? In that oven we roasted the human bodies for our great feasts. Now if it had not been for the missionaries and that old Book, and the great love of Jesus Christ, which has changed us from savages into God's children, you would never leave this spot. You have reason to thank God for the gospel, for without it you would have been killed and roasted in yonder oven, and we would soon be feasting on you."

**SHE FOUND TIME FOR THE MEETINGS**

SHE was a young woman who loved the society of her mates, yet she walked alone till one came whose hands were as clean and heart as pure as hers. She was a timid bride, anxious to please her husband's friends, unwilling to attract attention or appear odd. Yet she ran the risk of losing popular favor, for she would not wear birds or feathers on her hat, nor high heels on her shoes. She was a young mother, and she thanked God for a babe that deserved all the care she could give it. Yet she found time to entertain the weary minister and lecturer, and offer a bit of heaven to the traveler within her gates. She had a bevy of young children around her, and heart and hands were full, yet she would look through the *Review* and other papers while she was resting, and her little folk prayed for the work, and the "missionary society" as of the foremost importance. She had a family of children growing into manhood and womanhood.

The ship of home moved in wobbly fashion, indeed, when her hand was not at the helm, yet the family learned to pack her off to the Sabbath-school conventions and camp-meetings, for she came home with shining eyes, though aching head, and with a patient temper and tender heart. She was a grandmother; now, her life partner had passed into that rest, knowing that there was a crown laid up for him; and not for him only. . . . She, too, would fain have rested from her labors in a quiet corner of her own. But she could be useful in the homes of her children, and so she sacrificed her own wishes, and saw them do many things that had been denied her. To this end she remained a wonder and inspiration to all who knew her.

"No time for the missionary work?" Better give up the frivolity of life and the fancy work, and chaperoning the dancing party, and the reading of the latest magazines, and the card parties; yea, all of them together will not do for one what the conventions and camp-meeting, and best of all, the prayer-meeting, will do. They are the greatest developer, the most inspiring recreation that woman can find. If other things are put first, there will be no time for the prayer-meeting, etc., but if the call is heard, "Thou ought," it will be easy to make other things take second place. M. H. C.

EACH one of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; each of us may have fixed in his mind that out of a single household may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilized world.—Dean Stanley.

**CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE**

**For Week Ending Sept. 23, 1911**

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
A L Kiehnhoff	..PF	50	40	\$90 00	\$13 25	\$103 25	\$
B Griffiths	2wks..BF	82	84	126 00	7 75	133 75	7 75
Geo W Brown	..BF	48	4	6 00	2 75	8 75	84 50
W A Nelson	....PF	46	38	83 00	75	83 75	
W B Parkins	..PF	49	27	56 00	4 50	60 50	
W F Nance	....CK	38	38	57 00	10 00	67 00	
Samuel Fenters	.CK	30	8	11 00	25	11 25	35 00
Isadore Evans	..BF	53	20	28 50	5 00	33 50	10 00
R T Jacks	.....BF	33	21	21 00	5 50	26 50	
F D Hunt	.....BF	44	4	5 50		5 50	67 00
S S Guilford	....BF	15	12	10 50		10 50	
Chas Griffith	.....BF	16	13	19 50	2 00	21 50	
M L Ivory	.....BF	53	1	1 50	4 90	6 40	55 65
I W Peevy	.....BF	30	13	19 50	1 50	21 00	1 50
Alex Osterman	..BF		4	5 00		5 00	5 00
G E Vincent	2wks BF	56	42	42 50		42 50	1 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
C F Dart	.....BF	18	38	23 50	2 00	25 50	1 75
Charley Yates	..BF	16	10	12 00	50	12 50	50
D C Ray	.....BF	49	25	26 00	1 50	27 50	1 50
H E Beck	.....BF	48	29	31 00	7 20	38 20	2 00
C R Millar	.....BF	51	26	31 00	6 00	37 00	2 00
Wm Horn	.....GC	33½					28 40

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
C H McColrey	..BF	53	45	45 50	4 50	50 00	4 50
W H Haddon	..BF	50	24	29 00	6 00	35 00	1 75
Virgil Smith	..BF	36	29	32 00	5 50	37 50	3 50
Ella Johnson	..BF	32	79	108 00	5 25	113 25	3 50
J P Campbell	....BF	46	68	98 50	2 50	101 00	2 50
E P Campbell	....PG	25	14	56 00	10 00	66 00	
John Woods	....BF	40	19	28 50	3 75	32 25	
Emily Billups	..BF	48	51	78 00	3 50	81 50	
Annie Watts	..BF	41	64	96 00	2 00	98 00	
M A Murphy	..BF	27	38	53 00	2 00	55 00	1 25
Lula Hill	.....BF	46	46	69 00	5 00	74 00	
Lamar Cooper	..BF	26	7	7 50		7 50	4 50
Coley Parkins	..BF	47	39	42 00	5 75	47 75	7 00
Willie Cobbs	..BF	43	46	69 00	7 50	76 50	25
Millie Conner	..BF	41	56	84 00	1 00	85 00	
J Weatherby	2wksck	40	21	21 00	6 60	27 60	27 60

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
J S Moore	D&R soft	28	21	32 75	12 60	45 35	3 00
R H Hazelton	..BF	40	8	8 00	7 00	15 00	14 50
R Roberts	.....BF	18	3	3 00		3 00	15 65
Miss Mamie Moore	D&R	14					46 00

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf	...	643	369	582 50	58 15	640 65	267 90
Kentucky Conf	...	215	128	123 50	17 20	140 70	36 15
Louisiana Conf	No Report						
Mississippi Conf	..	673	664	917 00	70 85	987 85	60 30
Tenn River Conf	...	100	32	43 75	19 60	63 35	79 15

Total .....16311193 1666 75 165 80 1832 55 443 50

THE Irishman had a correct appreciation of the business who, being asked by the judge, when he applied for a license to sell whisky, if he was of a good moral character, replied, "Faith, your honor, I don't see the necessity of a good moral character to sell whisky."

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C. P. BOLLMAN, Pres.

## 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.

DR. HOWARD A. KELLY, of Johns Hopkins University, has this good thing to say of the Bible, which we wish every business man could read: "I wish my voice could reach all the doctors in the land when I urge them to take the Bible and study it. Do not be afraid of the higher criticism. I used to have theories in regard to the Bible, but I have none now. I simply know, as I know that food nourishes my body, that the Bible is meat and drink for the spirit. . . . After an active experience and practise of thirty years, I unhesitatingly declare to you that the example and religion of Jesus Christ is the one thing that ennobles and purifies, that gives a man a broad outlook and a broad love for his fellow men."

ALL frivolous words, all lightness and trifling, are enticements of the enemy to deprive you of spiritual strength.—*Testimonies, Volume 9.*

## THE OCTOBER SIGNS

THE "Graft" number is certainly doing good. September 20 about 7,000 copies more than were sold for the entire month last year, had been mailed out. An extra large edition was printed in anticipation of its good sales, and now it looks as though a second edition would be necessary. Some record-breaking sales for this month are being made. Agents are sending in some excellent reports.

THE new book, "The Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, treating of the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul as well as the acts of the other apostles, is in course of preparation, and it is anticipated will be ready before the present series of lessons has been completed. It will contain about six hundred pages. Those who desire copies of the first issue of the new book should send their orders with the price \$1.50, to the tract society, or the Southern Publishing Association Nashville, Tenn., soon, as the books will be shipped in order as they are listed.

WHAT a wretchedness is this, to thrust all our riches outward, and be beggars within; to contemplate nothing but the little, vile, and sordid things of the world; not the great, noble, and precious! We serve our avarice; and not content with the good of the earth that is offered us, we search for the evil that is hidden.

THE ancient land of Persia, hitherto unentered by the third angel's message, has now been entered by Brethren Dirksen and Oster, who May 18 crossed the Persian border en route to Tabriz. This is indeed a cause for thanksgiving to all who love the message.

TO THE use of ardent spirits is to be attributed much evil legislation. If I were again placed in a position to do so, my first question to a candidate for office would be, "Do you drink ardent spirits?"—*Thomas Jefferson.*

WE are members of one great body. Nature planted in us a mutual love and fitted us for a social life. We must consider that we were born for the good of the whole.—*Seneca.*

AUGUST 20 a young lady from the University of California swam across the waters of the Golden Gate, a distance of one mile.

"TO THOSE who live on the spiritual plane there are no disasters."

THE worst of our enemies are those which we carry about in our own hearts.—*Tholuck.*

CEREMONIES are different in every country; but true politeness is everywhere the same.—*Goldsmith.*

"THANK God for the man who is cheerful  
In spite of life's troubles, I say;  
Who sings of a bright to-morrow,  
Because of the clouds to-day.  
His life is a beautiful sermon,  
And this is the lesson to me,—  
Meet trials with smiles, and they vanish;  
Face cares with a song, and they flee."