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

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THE POWER OF PRAYER

There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts
When sink the beams of light;

There is an arm that never tires
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails
When earthly loves decay.

But there's a power which man can wield
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.

That power is prayer, which soars on high,
Through Jesus, to the throne,
And moves the hand that moves the world,
To bring salvation down.

—James C. Wallace.

THE \$300,000 FUND

LAST Sabbath the writer assisted Elder Bollman in presenting the matter of completing this fund before the close of 1911, to the Memorial church, at Nashville. As every conference in the Southern Union has endorsed the action of the General Conference Committee at Friedensau, Germany, and is committed, by official actions of the delegates at the recent camp-meetings to the completion of the \$300,000 fund during this year, some of the thoughts presented at Nashville may be interesting and helpful to all the churches in the union.

The thought that this third angel's message is God's message and that he is abundantly able and will complete it on time whether we do anything or not was emphasized. Also that everything indicates that the work will soon close, that whatever we do must be done quickly, and that our salvation depends on our co-operation with God in his plans. Our God is a God of order. In all ages he has had definite, organized plans for the carrying forward of the gospel work. Of his people he has always required tithes and offerings, not so much because the Lord needs the money as because we need discipline in the restraint of our natural traits. We need to learn self-sacrifice and co-operation with the great Head of the church. No individual is left free to appropriate his own tithe according to his own judgment. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" is the command. The responsibility for the proper use of the tithe has been laid upon regularly appointed agencies. The general church organization, in other words the General Conference, is God's channel of communicating his own general plans for the

advancement of his work to the individuals composing his body. It is true that individuals have special calls to do special work, but these special calls are not of such a character as to relieve the ones called, from having a part in the general plans of the body.

"God has ordained that the representatives of his church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference shall have authority. The error that some are in danger of committing, is in giving to the mind and judgment of one man, or of a small group of men, the full measure of authority and influence that God has vested in his church, in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled to plan for the prosperity and advancement of his work.

"When this power, which God has placed in the church, is accredited wholly to one man, and he is invested with the authority to be judgment for other minds, then the true Bible order is changed. Satan's efforts upon such a man's mind would be most subtle, and sometimes well-nigh overpowering; for the enemy would hope that through his mind he could affect many others. Let us give to the highest organized authority in the church that which we are prone to give to one man or to a small group of men."—*Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 261.*

This call to finish the \$300,000 fund is God's call to his people. Let us all have a faithful part in this and every other general call, and in addition do as much more as we feel specially led to do. But distrust the voice that calls us to special work if that separates us from having a part in the general work of the body. Press together in this good work, and receive the blessing in so doing. C. F. McVAGH.

ACHAN

ALL have heard about Achan. He is a familiar character in the Bible. "An Achan in the camp" is a familiar phrase, applied to those who, through unfaithfulness, retard the work of God.

What did Achan do? Simply this: The Lord said that when Jericho was captured "all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron" should be consecrated unto him; they were to be brought "into the treasury of the Lord." Josh. 6:19. But one day after the capture of the city, Achan was walking amid the ruins, when he "saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight." These he coveted and took; "and, behold," he said, "they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it." Chap. 7:21.

He "coveted it." The gold and the silver were a temptation to him. Two hundred shekels of silver were worth perhaps \$150. The wedge of gold, according to Dr. Adam

Clark, was worth more than \$500. The fine garment, which may have belonged to the king who perished in the city, was of value. He coveted, he took, he hid. It is thus that sin leads one on to ruin. This man, who had seen the hand of God in the overthrow of the city, allowed covetousness to come into his heart; and he took that which belonged to the treasury of the Lord and appropriated it to his own use. As a result of his sin, he was stoned to death, and all his substance was consumed with fire. What a warning against sin!

"Are there any Achans in the church to-day?" you ask. Read this, then judge: "If the presence of one Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts, when every church and almost every family has its Achan? . . . The work might have gone forward with far greater power had all done what they could to supply the treasury with means."—*Testimonies, Vol. V, p. 157.*

Have you paid into the treasury all your tithes and offerings? or have you coveted and kept among your own stuff, in your own home, that which belongs to God? You know, and God knows, though your brethren may not know about this. If you are withholding any part of your tithe, it is because you are a covetous man, and you are an Achan in the camp of God's people. And though the judgment of God may not be visited upon you as speedily as upon Achan of old, it is no less certain. The unconverted and unrepentant Achans shall not inherit the kingdom.

Have you sighed over the coldness in the church of which you are a member? The following may tell the reason:—

"I saw that many who profess to be keeping the commandments of God are appropriating to their own use the means which the Lord has intrusted to them, and which should come into his treasury. They rob God in tithes and in offerings. They dissemble, and withhold from him to their own hurt. They bring leanness and poverty upon themselves and darkness upon the church, because of their covetousness, their dissembling, and their robbing God in tithes and offerings."

Brethren, let us be honest with God. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Mal. 3:10.—*G. B. Thompson, in Columbia Union Visitor.*

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Oct. 20, 1911: total number of bound volumes, 5,257; *Watchman*, 4,652.

We have the following from Bro. Benjamin Griffiths, of Alabama:—

"AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER CANVASSERS, AND INTEREST THOSE NOT ENGAGED IN THAT LINE."

"I just finished delivering books in Covington County, Ala., a vicinity where the people had heard some of the truth, and were much agitated about the end of the wicked. I only lost two orders, but spent about two hours with one man explaining parts of the truth before he would take his book. He then took it, but did not have quite enough change to pay for it. I met him a week later when he paid me the balance, and enthusiastically said, 'I would not take five dollars for that book.' He asked me for reading matter on Bible truths. So I took his order for 'Daniel and the Revelation.' He is not a member of any church, but said he was seeking for truth. He had heard of Brother and Sister Leitzman's work,

and said he would send his children to the school which they have started near Red Level, if he lived near enough. This is only one of the many experiences, and I continually meet those who express their appreciation of the books and the truths they contain. I trust a company of believers will soon be raised up here."

BRO. J. W. DAVIS, field missionary agent of North Texas, writes as follows:—

"My Dear Brother Hook: Your very esteemed favor of the 13th inst. came to me at Nacogdoches, Texas, this week, and will say that it was very gladly read. We who are out in the field always like to hear from headquarters, and especially when there are so many good things as there are at present to be heard.

"The work in our field is as good as we could expect. The great majority of our men are delivering above 75 per cent of their orders, and quite a few are going above the 90 per cent mark. We are very thankful for this manifestation of the presence of the Lord in the work in our field. In a letter from one of the old workers a few days ago, he said, 'Brother Davis, I have not missed delivering a single order yet.' This makes me take new courage to work harder, for the work is certainly to close before many more years, and we ought to make the best of the situation that we can. Too, this work is being done where the corn is almost an absolute failure. The cotton is not as good as it might be, but fair.

"The work this fall has been very pleasant, but we have worked hard, and the delivery is good. It is not so hard to work hard if by working we can produce the right results. The work for the winter is already beginning to shape itself, and I feel that we are going to have several good canvassers for the work this winter.

"There are no delays in the work here on account of the delay of books. This is simply wonderful. The Lord can work and none can hinder. We certainly appreciate your situation there in the office, and I for one am going to press harder than ever the great need of reporting. We must have reports. But for the faithfulness of the office men this year, the work would have certainly had to drag. May the dear Lord ever bless the work in every department, and hasten the day when the work will be all done, and the faithful be gathered home. This will be the day of all days to the earnest God-fearing canvasser."

WE quote the following from the *Southwestern Bookmen's News Letter* of October 15:—

"We have more than doubled the amount of our orders while at the same time delivering more books. In fact, there is a gain in everything except the sale of small books. Our Bible sales have greatly increased as you will note. It is a report of more agents, more hours, more orders, greater value, and more books delivered. This is as it should be. We are connected with a growing work,—because it is the Lord's work. His work must grow until it is finished, and it is our blessed opportunity to co-operate with him until it is finished, for it is to be finished in our day.

"I have just been out delivering books with Bro. W. C. Day, and have never seen books deliver so easily. He is delivering 100 per cent. Bro. J. D. Haynes is also delivering in this section of the country (West Texas), and is delivering a little more than 100 per cent as he is selling one occasionally. I must confess that I am hardly prepared for the way in which the people are receiving their books. They seem as anxious to get them as the canvasser is to deliver them. There is no question but that now is our time. It will not always continue as it is. The enemy is planning to stop our work before it is finished, but if God's people

will only arise and do the work quickly, the enemy will be beaten. O, that *every one* might see that *to-day* is the day of opportunity for the people of God.

"Now, let us keep up this campaign right on until the canvassers' institutes, and then we will rest a few days and continue to go on. Satan will try to defeat you by getting you to lose time, but do not let him. The Lord needs your help; the people need the books; you need the money. Everything demands that you should keep 'agoing.' So let us one and all keep at it till the Lord says it is finished, and then we will enjoy the rest as we sit on the banks of the River of Life, and relish the fruit of the Tree of Life while we talk of the wonders and surprises that now await the children of God. Let us be faithful."

W. W. EASTMAN, *Gen. Agt., S. W. U. C.*

GOD'S HAND LEADING

"NEVER have we found the people so eager to receive their books. Many of them have the exact change tied up in some cloth or handkerchief. Others, who have not yet sold their cotton, borrow it. Never have we found it so easy to induce them to borrow. Ofttimes they suggest themselves that perhaps a neighbor could lend it.

"One of our canvassers tried almost every possible way to deliver a book, but failed. The following day, however, this man happened to be present where he was delivering to a neighbor. After listening to the re-canvass, he became interested. As the canvasser told about the Home of the Saved, tears came to his eyes, and he said, 'I want my book now.'

"Another experience we had this past week is too good to keep to ourselves. A minister had warned all of his people not to take these books, telling them that they were 'Adventist books.' When Brother Jacobs went to deliver the books, all were ready, and in that community he lost but one order.

"Surely God is going before. It is so plain. We can see the 'pillar of cloud' moving on before us. I wish you could have a day—just one day—out in the field with some of our devoted canvassers. It does seem as though every promise in the Bible can be applied to their cases and needs. You can just feel the presence of God, and see his Spirit working on the hearts of the people. O that God will help us to be faithful in placing the books in the hands of the people while we can, and while they are ready for them."

J. A. TUCKER, *Field Agent for Arkansas.*

"THE time of the year for which we have all worked and prayed is here. Brother Adams states that we have enough books to make our \$25,000 delivery. This means that we owe several thousand dollars to the Branch House, but if each of us sends the money in as it is collected, it will soon be wiped out. The other day I went into the office and asked Brother Adams if any one was sending in money, and he showed me a few names and asked me to guess how much had come in that day. It was over \$700. If you get too much in the office it will be returned to you, and some of you know what embarrassment it means not to have as much there as you thought you had, when the delivery is all over.

"The lowest report of a regular canvasser's delivery is a brother who has finished, and reports 75 per cent delivered. Others say they are delivering 80, 85, and some 90 per cent. If we put the same faith, energy, vim, and enthusiasm into the delivery that we put in while taking the orders, the same Lord will help in the delivery who helped in taking the orders.

"Up to September 30 we have over \$13,000 more orders than we had for the whole year of 1910. Now I believe the Lord wanted these books put in the people's homes, and if

we will do our part faithfully, the larger part of them will be delivered.

"In reporting deliveries, be sure and give the *full retail value of all books, Bibles, etc., delivered*, as this is the only means we have of making proper records. Last, but not least, let us all remember that if we expect the Lord to bless us, we must be faithful in paying our tithe as well as paying the tract society.

CHAS. L. COLLISON, *Field Miss'y Agent of Oklahoma.*

A WORD to the wise is sufficient.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. HOOK, JR., *Gen. Mgr.*

Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN

ORDERS continue to come in nicely for the November number, and the indications are that wide publicity will be given our Thanksgiving message. We are truly living in the time of the end as you would more fully realize if you could but see the beautiful four-color cover page adorning our November issue. The hand of Providence truly drew back the veil, revealing a magnificent continent wherein could be planted the seeds of truth born in the Reformation. This same continent under the continued blighting influence of the "man of sin," is producing fruit on every hand that will result, if permitted, in the same way that it did in Europe. In this country the work of the Reformation will be completed by us in giving the last gospel message to the world. We know of no better medium for this than the *Watchman*, our present truth evangelizer. The articles by Prof. P. T. Magan are attracting wide attention, and are being well received. The Thanksgiving contribution, "The Meaning of the Great European Alliances," shows how impossible it is, in the face of the divine fiat, for European monarchs to mingle their seed together, for God has spoken by his Word, and their kingdoms can not hold together.

Our two leading editorials should be read by every one interested in the welfare and future of our country. "Was Our Nation Established by Divine Providence?" is a very clear picture of providential leadings in our nation's history. In "The Hand of God in History" the editor has shown in his interesting way how God rules in the kingdoms of men. Altogether, the November *Watchman* is exceptionally strong, and you can assist greatly in carrying this gospel of the kingdom by sending us a small order of fifteen or twenty-five, at five cents each. These can be sold for ten cents, and you will have lost nothing, but rather gained much.

Order to-day through your conference tract society.

Rates in quantities: five to forty copies, five cents each; over forty, four cents each.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

ON two days of last week almost 200,000 copies of the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Signs of the Times* were mailed at the Mountain View post-office to individuals and societies. Orders are coming in rapidly and are being handled with such despatch that no one need fear being delayed because the papers have not been received. Orders that have not yet been sent in should be forwarded at once to the tract society.

THE minister who is long on short sermons may not be short of long pastorates.

Alabama Conference

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Citronelle

THE Sabbath-keepers in the vicinity of Citronelle, Ala., manifested a good interest and seemed to greatly enjoy the local camp-meeting at that place October 5-15. Some were present from Mobile, Fairhope, Silver Hill, Churchula, Quitman, Miss., and other places. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated on the last Sabbath of the meeting and four new members were received into the local church; also Brother and Sister DeVinney of Churchula placed their membership in the Citronelle church. The outside interest was good, several taking a stand for the truth during the meeting. Elder Hayes remained to follow up the interest.

Huntsville

From Citronelle I came direct to the Oakwood board meeting October 16-18. The business was practically all disposed of the 17th. The Lord is prospering the work at Oakwood. The new dining-room is in use and the orphanage is almost ready for occupancy. Good crops are being gathered, and there is an unusually large attendance for this time of the year. Some of the older students who have been out in the canvassing work have not yet returned, but quite a number are expected within the next two weeks.

Nashville

My stay at home was short and busy. After meeting with the Southern Publishing Association and Sanitarium Boards, I had the privilege of Sabbath-school and service at the Memorial church. One new Sabbath-keeper was baptized and will connect with the North Nashville church. She came to a knowledge of the truth through reading "Bible Footlights." Sunday afternoon the committee on city work met at the conference office, and a sub-committee of three was appointed to draft plans for more aggressive work in Nashville. Sunday night I took the train for the General Conference Committee meeting in Washington, D. C.

C. F. McVAGH.

Kentucky Conference

NEED OF PRAYER

"BUT the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7. When we read the above text our attention is called to the end of this present world. As the apostle viewed the finishing of the work in this world he exhorts those who are to be free from the deception of this present time, "Be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer."

This is timely instruction for those who are expecting their Lord to return soon. I fear that we neglect this all-important privilege, and as a result our Christian experience is weak and we are ready to give up the struggle for eternal life.

As a people we need to seek God continually for his presence and power. We must pray always if we would grow in faith and experience. Paul speaks in Phil. 4:6, "But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." When we have come to hard places in our experience, have we always followed the above advice? I fear that we have many times forgotten to make our requests known to God. When the enemy has been buffeting us, how much could have been

gained if we had only lifted our hearts to God in prayer. We need to pray more each day. As the coming of the Lord draws near, we will be severely tried, and our only hope of victory is to keep open the communion between Jesus and the soul. How much has been lost because we have neglected the altar of prayer in our families. Many boys and girls who have been reared to know something of the message have gone out in the world, because there has been a neglect of prayer in their homes. Parents, I appeal to you: don't neglect the hour of prayer in your home. Prayer will unlock heaven's storehouse, and if we will only be instant in prayer it will be heard in heaven. Pray in their presence for the unconverted children. Let them know you love them. Children, pray for your unconverted parents; and let all pray in secret where the soul can be poured out to God. Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, and your fears before God. You can not burden him. "The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." James 5:11. Let all resolve they will pray more day by day.

B. W. BROWN.

Louisiana Conference

NOTES

BROTHER REEDER is rounding the canvassers up in good shape. We hope to see every one who should enter this work, busily engaged in it this winter.

Sister Goodwyn has returned from Nashville and is doing her best to keep at her readings; but her health is very poor. She needs the prayers of all for the restoration of her strength.

Brother Frank writes that the meetings at Ruston are very well attended, and that the prospect is good for a nice church to be raised up there.

The writer spent the first Sabbath in October with the Jena church, and conducted the first quarterly meeting with the believers there. All are much encouraged to press on in the way.

Sisters Frank and Maxwell have about recovered from their quite serious surgical operations, while Bro. C. A. Saxby has gone to Nashville to take treatment for rheumatism.

A brother at Magnolia, La., writes that he has been reading one of our good books and has begun to keep the Sabbath and desires baptism. *Canvassing pays*, doesn't it?

Brethren Auger and McLennan both report good interest in their work in New Orleans. Sister Rees is as busy as ever in stirring up the isolated members in the matter of Sabbath-school work.

How about the Harvest Ingathering? God expects every Seventh-day Adventist to do his duty at this time. Faithfulness in attending to our duties at such times as this will largely determine our usefulness in larger fields.

Let us all pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Spirit upon our efforts to place the knowledge of this message before our neighbors. Yours in the work,

E. L. MAXWELL.

RECENT advices from Maine state that a recount has been made of the vote recently taken on the prohibition amendment, and that a sufficient number of votes have been found in favor of prohibition to definitely settle the election. This will be a great victory for the friends of temperance, and a matter of much satisfaction to those who assisted in the distribution of the temperance number of the *Instructor* in that field.

Tennessee River Conference

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending Oct. 14, 1911

Agents	Papers	Hrs.	No.	Value
Mrs. T. E. Stratton.....	W	4	32	\$3 20
J. A. Fry.....	W	2	18	1 80
Totals		6	50	\$5 00

C. D. WOLFF, *State Agent.*

Missionary Volunteers

OUR INFLUENCE

Is OUR influence what it should be? Is it telling for the right, or is it on the side of the world? Let us examine ourselves. If it is not on the side of Christ, we should get right with God so that it will tell for him. We should take Christ for our example, and make him our pattern. If we do this, our influence will be on the right side, and our friends and neighbors will see that we have learned of Christ and are walking daily with him.

"The light that God has given his people is not to be shut up within the churches that already know the truth. It is to be shed abroad into the dark places of the earth. Those who walk in the light as Christ is in the light will co-operate with the Saviour by revealing to others what he has revealed to them. It is God's purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

"Let your voices be heard in humble prayer, in witness against intemperance, the folly, and the amusements of this world, and in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time,—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ.

"Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."—*Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 24, 38.*

How neglectful we have been. How many opportunities we have missed. How many times we have failed to do our duty. Dear brother, dear sister, let us do our duty and bring some souls to Christ before it is too late; for if we neglect to do what the Lord has given us to do, he will require at our hands the blood of those we have neglected to warn. So let us have our influence on the right side. Let our lives show for the Master that their blood may not be upon us. Let our daily lives and actions be such that we may draw others to the blessed Redeemer that they may have a part with us in the earth made new. O. H. RUDISAILE.

WOMEN AND TEMPERANCE

A CORRESPONDENT has recently written a strong indictment against a woman's club of Boston which has taken out a liquor license in order that it may be able to use wines and other stimulants at its social gatherings, and offer this doubtful form of hospitality to its guests of both sexes. The step is a retrograde one, and should be condemned by public opinion and by the sentiment of good women all over the land. When we remember that our prisons are filled with

those who have become criminals through intemperance, that the presence in the home of a confirmed inebriate, whether man or woman, means heart-break and continual distress to every one in the household circle, and that ruin follows in the trail of drink, we can not but feel that women should combine against the liquor traffic. More than this, they should frown upon social drinking. It is far too common in these days to see apparently elegant women, women who at least bear the hall-mark of respectability, openly drinking beer and wine in restaurants. This form of degenerate indulgence ought to come under the ban. Women who practise a custom in such doubtful taste, and of such low morality, ought to lose social caste.

The attempt made by members of the smart set to introduce cigarette smoking among refined women has not succeeded on American soil. Social dram drinking should equally be condemned, nor should the action of the Chilton Club of Boston be condoned by the press, the pulpit, or the consensus of opinion among the mothers and daughters of our country. A great deal of criticism was hurled at the late Mrs. Carrie Nation, and her methods were not those which most of us approved, yet she was a pioneer and a reformer, and by her vehemence and indomitable courage, roused the indifferent from their torpor, and compelled the public to look a ghastly situation in the face. We need not imitate or emulate Carrie Nation, but it is the duty of women everywhere to show their colors, maintain the fight for total abstinence, and to educate the children and young people so that they may understand that alcohol is never a food, and is frequently a poison.

WHAT LUCY LACKED

SHE is not blind—she is not deaf—

She's straight and strong and pretty;

We think her so—we know her mind

Is clear, and quick, and witty.

And Lucy is a pleasant child;

Her grandma says of her:

"In warp or woof you'll not a trace
Of selfishness discover."

Of gifts and graces Lucy has

A goodly share conceded,

Yet something is amiss; her friends

All see how much 't is needed.

Grandpa allows she's true and good,

And owns he loves her dearly;

And were it not for this defect

He'd think her perfect—nearly.

With face or form, with head or heart,

There isn't much the matter;

But Lucy's very busy tongue

Will chatter, chatter, chatter.

Her brother Bert, this very day,

With boyish bluntness told her:

"My little Sis, the thing you lack

Is just a good tongue-holder."

—Selected.

IN GOING through life take and give—take time to give your best.

LET men practise as they preach,
And Satan will stay out of reach.

General

ROME'S ESTIMATE OF HER OWN LITERATURE

It must be acknowledged by all observing people that the Roman Catholic Church has demonstrated her ability to take advantage of every means to instil her doctrines into the minds of the people. The one factor above all others which she employs in her work of proselyting is the use of literature. The *Western Watchman* (Catholic), of May 6, 1909, contained a plea by Archbishop Soldeville y Romero for the support of Catholic publications as follows:—

"There are many rich persons who give money for the erection of churches and monasteries. Such generosity is very praiseworthy, but, unfortunately, a political change is sufficient to annihilate these works, whilst, on the other hand, the good wrought through the Catholic press can never be destroyed. Is it not, therefore, preferable to found and sustain first-class Catholic periodicals to defend the true cause? We live in an age in which it is necessary to support morally and materially the Catholic press, the most reliable defense of Christ's church. May God inspire us with our sense of duty towards Catholic journals and journalists."

Is there not a lesson in this for us when we consider the importance of the last message of warning which must be disseminated largely through the printed page?

K. C. RUSSELL.

OUR PIONEER

THE *Signs of the Times* weekly is our pioneer missionary paper. As such, it has now developed a strong method in the giving of the message—that of presenting every six months, in series of twenty-five numbers, the great threefold gospel message. It is now the aim of the publishers to cover the various phases of the message in each of these series, but present the truths in a different, new, and beautiful setting each time.

Our people should watch these series, and see that the names of their relatives, friends, or any in whom they are interested are sent in so that they will commence with the first number of the series.

These series provide a practical, effective, attractive, and economical means of presenting present truth, and results are seen everywhere. Special low prices are now made to club subscribers. Five or more papers coming to one address, sixty cents each. The publishers will mail the papers direct from their office to five or more separate names and addresses at sixty-five cents each. Single subscriptions ninety cents for six months.

A new series, with studies on the book of Daniel as one of the leading features, and one that is believed will be the best of any yet published, will commence with the issue of Nov. 14, 1911, and to each name will also be sent a copy of the Ingathering number of the *Signs*. You should now be making out your list of names, and hand them to your missionary secretary or send them to your tract society.

FIFTY-FIVE thousand copies of the *Temperance Instructor* were used in the campaign against the repeal of the prohibition law in the State of Maine. It was generally acknowledged that there was no literature used that could compare with the *Temperance Instructor*. One man of prominence wrote to one of our brethren: "Your paper was one of the strongest factors in the fight, and probably made as many

votes as any other influence." It is believed that if it had not been for the effort put forth by our people, and by others uniting in the distribution of the *Temperance Instructor*, the majority against prohibition would have been so large that there would have been no question over the election.

SATAN CAME ALSO

HAS there ever been a time or place on the earth entirely free from the intrusion of the evil one? He often enters into the church in our day, and this is nothing new. Of old when the sons of God came together, Satan came also. Was he not found among the disciples whom Jesus first selected? "I have chosen you, and one of you is a devil." This was a hard saying. It would be a hard saying if some discernor of spirits should look into every one of our prayer-meetings and say, "One of you is a devil."

The history of the church is not all bright. There are some very dark chapters which have given the enemies occasion to blaspheme. When infidels hold up these chapters in the light of the sun, and flaunt them in our faces, what can we do but put our hands on our mouths and our mouths in the dust?

Satan appears to be both prompt and regular in his attendance upon the means of grace. Neither heat nor cold nor rain nor snow can hinder him. He is not afraid of draughts nor of crowds nor of small congregations. Dry sermons, poor singing, long prayers, and bad ventilation can not avail to keep him away.

He stands by the preacher in the pulpit, and pours out his spirit on the man whom the church has chosen and ordained to preach the everlasting gospel. It is a spirit of pride and vanity and worldly ambition. What minister has not felt the movings of this spirit while standing before a congregation in the sanctuary? Too often the preacher is moved by the evil spirit more than by the good. No preacher can escape this peril unless he shall watch and fight and pray.

Satan pours out his spirit copiously on the congregation. It is a spirit of fault-finding and criticism. We hear much about the Higher Criticism. From what some thoughtful people are saying, it must be a dangerous thing. But there is greater danger from the lower criticism. When laymen, who are never satisfied with the pastor for more than twelve months at a time, try to break down his influence in the congregation by criticizing him in the presence of the young people and the children and those who are without, Satan is usually the chief inspirer of the attacks. The Higher Criticism is tame and harmless when compared with this.

One is amazed when he sees what a great matter a little fire kindleth. Out of nothing Satan can awaken a strife that will rend a church in twain, and send a score of souls down to perdition. If a new church is to be built or an old church repaired, Satan is on hand with suggestions. He can make a mighty tempest about the question whether the carpet shall be green or red. He can create heart-burning which no waters can quench over the fact that the chairman of the committee was not consulted about some small matter.

The marks of his cloven foot may be seen almost everywhere. He is doing his deadliest work among Christian ministers. When jealousy and strife creep into the ministerial ranks, there can be no doubt that Satan is at the bottom of the evil business. All Christians should love one another. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one toward another." This sign should be manifest among ministers especially. If ministers bite and devour one another, they will surely be consumed one of another. It is a shame that it is so, but love of the brethren

is not so manifest and constant as it should be. Little is said about it, and it is well. But the existence of strife and contention among the leaders of the flock of God is too well known to be wholly ignored. It is of the evil one. It is vain to extenuate the matter. Satan has his way with us too often.

This is a time for self-examination and humiliation. This kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer.—*Christian Advocate*.

HEALTH IN THE TROPICS

AS REGARDS foods in the tropics the best way to deal with this point is to repeat my own personal experience. The rules of my household were that boiled water only should be drunk, and that no salads of any kind should be used except with the greatest precautions, and that no cold meats whatsoever should come to the table; everything, in fact, should come to the table straight from the fire. Anything that comes straight from the fire, if digestible in the ordinary way, can not cause bacillary mischief; so that, granting that any food is suitable for digestion, if it is brought to the table straight from the fire, there can be no fear of contracting cholera or dysentery.

As a result of following this rule neither I nor my family have had any dysentery or intestinal trouble; and it is my opinion that intestinal affections are mainly due to articles of food and drink, and that the risk of infection from dust is slight.

Concerning fruit it is my experience that fruit which possesses a rind that can be removed may be eaten with impunity by a healthy man in the tropics at any time of the year. Fruits that it is impossible to peel, or that are incapable of being thoroughly cleansed, may be contaminated and thus rendered harmful. An example of this is seen in the grape, which can not be peeled like an orange or banana, or pared like an apple or pear.

Soda-water in the tropics is dangerous, and it is better to learn to do without it. If it must be drunk, then care should be taken that the source from which it is derived is above suspicion. But in hot countries one is liable to drink too much soda-water.

Another point: A filter should not be used. If the use of a filter is insisted upon, then the water should be boiled afterwards.—*Sir Richard Havelock Charles, K. C. V. O., M. D., in Practitioner, London.*

THE Sabbath is mentioned 168 times in the Bible, 108 times in the Old Testament and 60 times in the New Testament. In the Old Testament it is mentioned 77 times as referring to the weekly Sabbath and 31 times as festival days of the land; in the New Testament, 59 times as the Sabbath of the Lord, and those local Sabbaths which expired at the cross are mentioned once.

The first day of the week is mentioned 8 times in the New Testament, 6 of these referring to the same first day when Jesus rose from the dead. J. J. W.

HAMAN devised a gallows fifty cubits high for Mordecai in the days of King Ahasuerus. But on this towering gibbet Haman himself was hanged. The Bishop of Verdun contrived an iron cage, too small to allow a person confined within it either to stand upright or to lie at full length, for the torture of heretics. The Bishop of Verdun himself was the first victim to suffer in such a cage.

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STAND FIRM

At the battle of Waterloo a certain regiment sent word to the Duke of Wellington that they must soon yield. The Duke sent back word, "Stand firm."

"But we shall all perish."

"Stand firm," again said the Iron Duke.

"You'll find us there," then replied the officer, as he fiercely galloped away. And they stood firm; every man of that brigade fell fighting at his post.

Jesus, our great Captain, calls on us to stand firm, to do battle against Satan and all his hosts. Will the young soldiers of the cross prove less brave and true than earthly soldiers fighting for earthly glory?—*S. S. Messenger*.

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