

SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

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Laid on the Altar

[Found on the fly-leaf of the Bible of a missionary who died in Africa.]

"Laid on thine altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept my gift this day for Jesus' sake.
I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make;
But here I bring within my trembling hands
This will of mine, a thing that seemeth small,
Yet thou alone, O Lord, canst understand
How when I yield thee this, I yield mine all.

"Hidden therein thy searching gaze can see
Struggles of passion, visions of delight,
All that I have, or am, or fain would be,
Deep loves, fond hopes, and longings infinite;
It hath been wet with tears, and dimmed with sighs,
Clinched in my grasp, till beauty it hath none;
Now from thy footstool, where it vanquished lies,
The prayer ascendeth: 'May thy will be done.'

"Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail,
And merge it so into thine own will that e'en
If in some desperate hour my cries prevail,
And thou give back my gift, it may have been
So changed, so purified, so fair have grown,
So one with thee, so filled with love divine,
I may not know or feel it as my own,
But gaining back my will, may find it thine."

THE LOMA LINDA FUND

AGAIN we wish to call the attention of our brethren and sisters, and especially of our conference officers and tract society officers to the call for help which comes from Sister White in behalf of the Loma Linda Medical College, and to enquire what they are doing as individuals and leaders to render the needed assistance. This is an urgent call, and from the Lord, and should therefore meet with an immediate response.

This appeal is to both leaders and laity; but what the latter does will depend very largely upon the interest, or lack of interest, of the former, and the diligence and earnestness with which they bring the matter before the churches. We hope other duties and enterprises will not engross the attention of our leaders to the neglect of this earnest appeal in behalf of a worthy cause. We hope that every one concerned will take this matter up at once, and be sure to let us know what they are doing, so that we can pass along their successes for the encouragement and stimulation of others.

Thus far we have received no information regarding what is being done to help along this enterprise except from the North Nashville church, and two others not members of this church. This little company is doing well, coming forward whenever a call is made. It may be that others have done as well, or even better. If so, let us know through your conference secretary.

And to the conference secretary and other officers we make request that they faithfully report for their respective fields that the latter may be relieved of the suspicion that they are

taking little or no interest in the matter. Please let us know without delay what your conference has already done, or is planning to do.

Amount donated to date.....	\$17.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence White, Tenn.....	1.00
Total	\$18.00

M. H. C.

A SPIRITUAL DEADLINE

A MAN may have many weaknesses, many faults, many defects, and yet make his way through them all to a noble and elevated life. But the only hope of any man is to keep himself in a state of perpetual hostility toward any weakness or fault that is in him. He that wars, and he alone, will overcome. There is, therefore, good hope of any man who will fight manfully any defects of his nature. God is on his side; the angels are on his side; all good men ought to be on his side.

But whenever any man surrenders himself to any principle of evil, when he gives it hospitality, when he consents to live with it, there is no telling what is going to happen to him. The man who fights may have many a fall; if he still fights he will rise again; but whenever he ceases to fight, he will fall to rise no more. It is the surrender of a life, of a soul; it is the loss of a life, the loss of a soul.

It is the wonder of all human life out of what depths Jesus Christ can lift a sinner, if only the sinner will co-operate in

the effort. It is no matter what sort of a sinner, whether the lowest and vilest who has never yet known the way of life, or one who having tasted of the good word of God has fallen into deep sin—no matter, Christ can lift him up; only let him lend himself with what poor might may still be left in him, and let him cry to One who is mighty, and Christ will save him.—*Western Advocate*.

END OF THE WAY

THERE are so many hills to climb upward;
I often am longing for rest;
But he who appoints me my pathway
Knows just what is needful and best;
I know in his Word he has promised
That my strength shall be as my day;
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the "end of the way."

When the last feeble step has been taken,
And the gates of the city appear,
And the beautiful song of the angels
Float out to my listening ear;
When all that now seems so mysterious
Will be plain and as clear as the day;
Yes, the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the "end of the way."

—*Daniel Nettleton.*

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Oct. 27, 1911: total number of bound volumes, 3,518; *Watchman*, 7,227.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS

SURELY the Lord is good to Israel. We have had a good time through another Sabbath. The weeks come and go, and we can not do enough for the Lord in one week, but the time is fast drawing on when the Lord will come to take us home.

Last week I sold "Bible Footlights" to a deaf and dumb lady, a graduate from the Danville School. She was very anxious for the book. Another lady said, "This is the book agent, I suppose." "Open them up, I am in a hurry, and presume I will want one for my daughter." I do rejoice to have a part in carrying this message to those who are hungering for it. The people are longing for some book to explain the Bible to their satisfaction. One lady said, "I was just wishing this morning for something to explain the Bible more fully to me." I told her that the Lord had now sent it, and for her to make good use of it. I ask your prayers.

H. E. BECK.

Kentucky.

WE are all three still of good courage, and are having some very rich experiences. We know that the time is soon coming when we will not be allowed to sell any more books, so our desire is that we will keep back nothing that is profitable in scattering the seed whose fruits are to shine throughout all eternity, that we may glory in the clear conscience that we have not lost any time in laboring in the Lord's harvest field. We should value each hour of our time more than if the minutes were decked with diamonds. Soon the veil of eternity will be lifted; and the question, How can we

best serve the Lord? should ever be in our minds. We should be constantly doing our best and strive to appreciate the gift of eternal salvation. This message has found us, and the burden of our hearts should be that it may find others.

D. C. RAY

THE DELIVERY IN NORTHEAST TEXAS

DURING the year we have been looking forward to the delivery with great interest. It is the climax of the year's work. If we fail in this important part, our work for the year is a failure. Therefore every one should do all in his or her power to make the delivery a success. The following are some of the personal experiences I have had in the present delivery.

From the local camp-meeting at Lufkin I went to Madison County, and worked with Bro. Dave Creel the first two days of his delivery. Brother Creel is a new canvasser, but the Lord wonderfully blessed us in delivering. The first day we took in \$98 in cash. Only missed one man during the day, but there were a few away from home, and we had to call on them the next day. The man we missed thought he was getting a Bible, so would not take the book. We also missed one man the second day, besides a few postponements until Monday. The man we missed the second day was prejudiced by a book that his son bought and left at his place. However, he kept both of us the night we were taking the orders, and then gave us our dinner when we were delivering. This part of the experience serves to show the people that we act the part of Christians, although they do not keep their part of the obligation.

The second day of the delivery was not quite so good in the amount of money collected—only \$62—but the Lord helped us to have many good experiences.

One man, a merchant, had asked what denomination published these books when the orders were being taken, and it seems that he got the answer confused in his mind, as he had told the people that we were Holiness or Mormons. We had no trouble right near him, but he had caused some of his relatives to the North to think they had ordered a Mormon book. The first one of these was picking cotton in a field near the house when I came to deliver the book. I saw that he seemed to hesitate about taking it and finally he said, "What kind of a book is this?" I gave the title very plainly. "But," he said, "I have heard that this is a Mormon book or some book like that." I turned to the Marriage Institution, and by the time we had gone over the first page, dwelling upon a few of the strong points which showed the book to be even farther from Mormonism than he was, he smiled, and said, "That is enough." He at once paid for the book.

J. W. DAVIS, *Field Agent for North Texas.*

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

BLESSED are those whose supreme desire is for divineness of character. They can be perfectly certain that their desire will be satisfied. He who hungers and thirsts after righteousness is dominated by a desire which ever gives pleasure and never gives disgust. No man who possesses character ever cynically declares that character is of no value. The higher the desire, if it is satisfied, the greater the joy of life. The idea will grow faster than the realization. The desire will be an eternal desire, the satisfaction an eternal satisfaction.—*Abbott.*

"It is not politics which the world needs, not even 'Christian politics.' It needs the living principles of righteousness found only in Jesus Christ."

Kentucky Conference

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

AFTER our camp-meeting I returned to Louisville for a few days to store away the tents and look after my correspondence which had piled up during the busy days of the meeting. I then went to Nashville to attend the Union Conference Council, and from there I returned to Bowling Green, where I held some meetings and visited the brethren. All seemed to be encouraged, and they took a goodly number of the Harvest Ingathering Signs.

I next went to Lexington, where I met Brethren Dart and Lindsay, and we considered matters pertaining to the work in the conference. It was decided that Brother Lindsay finish the work at Pleasureville and then locate in Lexington for the winter. I then went to Grove, where the brethren had been asking that a meeting be held. We began a series of meetings with a small attendance. But the attendance increased each night until the house was well-filled. The Lord blessed in presenting the message, and we are glad to report that five were added to the church, and three others are keeping the Sabbath. All these are heads of families, with the exception of one. Some of our own people who had become cold in the Master's service, were touched by the Holy Spirit, made confessions, and have taken a new hold on God to live better lives and tell the truth to others. We enjoyed this meeting and the kindness shown us by the people in that part of the country very much. We feel sure that the work will continue to grow at Grove until others who are honest in heart will obey the truth. B. W. BROWN.

A LETTER

DEAR EDITOR:—

It did me so much good to read letters from three of our Kentucky canvassers in last week's issue of our beloved little paper, the WORKER, that I want them to know it, for I believe other hearts were made to rejoice also.

We are always glad to hear of the progress of the message, especially in our native State. Happy must be the mothers in Israel whose children are engaged in this noble work. MRS. SALLIE C. POUND.

Mississippi Conference

SOME EXPERIENCES

As it has been some time since I have reported or had an opportunity to work for the Lord as I would like to do, I will write some very encouraging experiences that I have really had while working for the Master. In August I had a summons to go to my daughter who was sick at Carrollton, Miss. I took twenty-five *Watchman* with me, and sold them before I reached there. While I was in Winona one man asked what denomination printed the paper, and when I told him, he handed it to another man saying, "Take one; Adventists always have good literature," and I sold them almost as fast as I could hand them out. Now I am not afraid to tell people that I am an Adventist.

On arriving at Carrollton I had only some "Best Stories" and "Gospel Primers." While I was planning to go out with these books one of the neighbors came in and told me it was useless to go; that I could not sell them, and said the

people would not buy such books in that town. But I went right on, praying to God to direct me, and sold \$5.25 worth in three hours.

When I went down Main Street I stopped in a store and sold "Best Stories" to the merchant. He then called to a preacher who came in, and he took one and said he would like every family in town to have such books in their homes. I sold four books before I left that store, and I was very much encouraged and believe I can sell books anywhere as long as the Lord is with me. I wanted to remain there longer, but had to leave the next day. I went out by the way of Westpoint, and had to wait there three hours for a train. Again I took some small books and went with them to the hotel, the parsonage, the bankers, and doctors. I sold \$3.50 in all before reaching the end of my journey. To the Lord I give all the praise.

When I go out among the people, and see their need of the third angel's message, it increases my zeal to go forth and distribute the printed page among them. I praise the Lord for success, and ask your prayers that I may always have courage to press on until I have gained the victory, and that I may soon have an opportunity to go out in the field and work again. MRS. L. A. FRY.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1911

Number of Schools.....	10
Present Membership	189
Average Attendance	152
Number in Senior Division.....	122
Number in Junior Division.....	23
Number in Intermediate Division.....	14
Number in Primary Division.....	16
Number in Kindergarten Division.....	11
Number in Home Department of Local Schools.....	3
Number in State Home Department.....	29
Sabbath-school Scholars Converted.....	5
Sabbath-school Scholars Baptized.....	5
Sabbath-school Scholars Signed Temperance Pledge..	5
Meridian School Gave the Largest Donation.....	\$ 16.34
Camp-meeting Sabbath-school Donations (Jackson)..	10.72
Contributions Including Camp-meeting S. S. Donations	71.55
Enterprise Camp-meeting Donations.....	11.42
Donations to Missions from Schools.....	71.55
During the year there was given by members of the different schools to help support a native evangelist in Korea	50.10
Total Contributions for the Year (all sent to missions)	\$225.05

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

THE WAY OF THE GREAT LIFE

IN so far as you yourself are better than others—better in blood, in brain, in ability—just so far are you under the heavier obligation to do for others. It is love, and not "enlightened self-interest," that is the motive of life. Usefulness is the only right to possession, service the only bread of life. —J. A. Macdonald.

"THERE is no end to the sky,
And the stars are everywhere,
And time is eternity,
And the 'here' is over 'there';
For the common deeds of the common day
Are ringing bells in the far-away."

Tennessee River Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Month Ending Sept. 30, 1911

TITHES

Nashville	\$323.51
Memphis	168.08
Madison	256.20
North Nashville	65.54
Cedar Grove	26.65
Springville	21.84
Hazel	23.72
Leach	20.10
Lane	17.56
Individual	13.00
Paducah	5.85
Total	\$942.05

OFFERINGS

Sabbath-School Donations	\$44.15
\$300,000 Fund	38.00
First-Day Offerings	7.66
Southern Training School.....	6.00
Second Sabbath Offerings.....	1.15
Mid-Summer Offerings25
Total	\$97.21

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

Our Schools

THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL FOR 1911

NO DOUBT our brethren throughout the field will be glad to know something of the Training School, and its enrolment for the present year. We begun according to our announcement, the morning of the 13th of September at 9 A. M., and were very glad to have with us, Elder Thompson, the president of the Southeastern Union Conference, who is also president of our school board. As usual, the first few days were taken up with the enrolment and the classification, and school work began Friday morning. While there were not as many students in the dormitories the first day as we had hoped to see, yet they began to come, and while a large number were a few days late, there are at present about seventy students enrolled in the training school department.

The boys' dormitory will be full soon. Several young ladies have written us that they will be here shortly. No doubt many of our brethren will be glad to know that Mr. C. A. Maxwell has been elected as preceptor of the boys' home, and teaches in the school. Mr. Maxwell, formerly one of our students, graduated from this school in the Scientific and Normal courses in the year 1908. We are glad to report that he is doing good work.

Many of our brethren have donated in pledges and cash towards our equipment in the industrial department. Some of this money has already come in, and we have purchased some tools for the carpenter shop. We have moved the little building which was to be the shop, to the southeast corner of the pear orchard, and shall add to it another department to be used as the broom-shop. One of our Louisiana brethren gave us a donation of \$100 in the way of broom corn, for which we wish to thank him very much. The

broom machinery is being purchased, and our broom-makers will be with us shortly. Any of our brethren who have pledged to this, will help us by sending it to the conference treasurer, who will forward the same to the school.

The interest among our boys concerning the development of the industries is good. I have heard it remarked several times by the teachers that we have not had for a long time boys that seemed to love to work like those we have this year. We would not leave out the girls, for they seem to be doing well also.

Some additional facilities have been added to the printing department in the way of equipment, as we recently purchased \$25 worth of job type, which gives us a much better assortment to use in printing letter-heads, etc. This was made possible through the liberality of the Southeastern Union Conference Committee. We are now equipped to furnish at reasonable prices, letter-heads for our conference offices, and brethren. We will print envelopes and stationery, and deliver at the conference office, for the same prices that our conferences are paying for a like quantity in their home towns. We would be glad for the work of our brethren when possible. Any one sending us printing, will kindly give us more time than is usually given to print, for we can work in the office only a few hours a day, the boys in the office being in school regularly.

We shall take pleasure in giving items of interest at any time. Up to date we might mention that Brethren Cole, Harrison, and Dillen, a trio of canvassing agents, were present at chapel Wednesday morning, October 18, and gave stirring talks, after which a band of fifteen students was started.

The young people who desire to come to school, remember that we have very good facilities to give the training that you want. Correspondence is solicited.

M. B. VANKIRK, *Principal.*

Missionary Volunteers

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

WHEN the importance of missionary work is urged upon our young people, there seems always to be a large majority who say by either word or actions that there is nothing they can do. Let me present some of the excuses offered, with answers taken from the Testimonies, Vol. 6, pages 425-443.

Excuse No. 1. "Yes, I know there is a great work to be done; but the burden of doing it rests principally upon the ones that have more time than I have."

"We are not to feel that the work of the gospel depends principally upon the minister. To every man God has given a work to do in connection with his kingdom. . . . We are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ."

No. 2. "If I could only be a foreign missionary I would be satisfied. I have no desire to work here at home."

"Some who have long professed to be Christians, and yet have felt no responsibility for souls perishing within the shadow of their own homes, may think they have a work to do in foreign lands; but where is the evidence of their fitness for such a work? . . . Let those who desire to work for God begin at home, in their own household, in their own neighborhood, among their own friends. Here they will find a favorable missionary field."

No. 3. "If I were only like —— I could do something worth while."

"One of the most effective ways in which light can be communicated is by private, personal effort. In the home

circle, at your neighbor's fireside, at the bedside of the sick, in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth. Thus you may sow precious seed that will spring up and bring forth fruit."

No. 4. "I know of nothing I can do."

"There are ways in which all may do personal service for God. Some can write a letter to a far-off friend, or send a paper to one who is enquiring for truth. Others can give counsel to those who are in difficulty. Those who know how to treat the sick can help in this line. Others who have the necessary qualifications can give Bible-readings or conduct Bible-classes."

No. 5. "Why is it so hard to arouse our churches to the importance of this work?"

"To-day a large part of those who compose our congregations are dead in trespasses and sins. They come and go like the door upon its hinges. For years they have complacently listened to the most solemn, soul-stirring truths, but they have not put them in practise. Therefore they are less and less sensible of the preciousness of truth. The stirring testimonies of reproof and warning do not arouse them to repentance."

As a closing thought consider this question:—

"In the judgment you must meet the souls you have neglected. In that great day you will be self-convicted and self-condemned. May the Lord lead you now to repentance. May he forgive his people for neglecting the work in his vineyard which he has given them to do."

"O that all may arouse and manifest to the world that theirs is a living faith, that a vital issue is before the world, that Jesus will soon come. Let men see that we believe that we are on the borders of the eternal world."

"The greatest work that can be done in our world is to glorify God by living the character of Christ."

THE OPEN SWITCH

Not long ago a railroad wreck occurred in a city of Saskatchewan. The cause of the wreck was an open switch. Some one who was responsible, became careless, and failed to close the switch. A fast moving train came along soon after, and of course ran off the track. A wreck was the result.

Along life's beaten path are strewn thousands of human wrecks. We ask the cause of this darksome picture, and the answer comes to us with convicting force; for the answer is the cry of disappointment, of heart-ache, of misery and suffering,—all caused because somebody left his switch open and ran off the track, down the embankment to irretrievable disaster.

An unwise act is an open switch. A thoughtless word is an open switch. An uncontrollable temper, bad habits, an unforgiving heart, evil-speaking, gossiping or tale-bearing, and "a hundred and one" other things which are not convenient.—all these are so many open switches, which, if left open will bring injury to every person who must meet them.

Let us examine every moment of the track of life on which we are traveling, and if we find any open switches, hasten to close them lest their influence lead others to danger and possible ruin of soul and body. God alone is able to help us to keep the "main line" clear of all obstructions. He alone can close forever that evil switch that you have tried in vain to control.—*A. C. Gilbert, in Saskatchewan Herald.*

A GRUDGE does n't hurt anybody but the man who harbors it.—*Everybody's.*

General

CHRISTIANS VERSUS UNIONS

MAY Christians join a union?—True Christians belong to the best union on earth—divine union. It contains all that is good in the combined unions of earth, and none of the evils. Its organization is the church, and Christ is the head. The Bible is its constitution, and love is the basis of its action. Its object is to do good, to preach the gospel, and to glorify God. The results of this divine union are liberty, power, prosperity, success, conflict, victory.

Labor Unions

These are organizations of all classes and conditions of men, with a chosen head, or president. Their work is a mixture of good and evil. They hold out great inducements to members, showing them the possible good, and leaving them to experience the evil. The basis of labor unions is selfishness. Their object is to *get* good, to proclaim the rights of self, and to glorify self. The results are bondage, weakness, poverty, failure, conflict, defeat. Members of labor unions must, of course, follow the instructions of their leaders; if the leaders say, "STRIKE," then all must strike. Isn't this bondage? and does it not throw men out of employment who would rather continue working? Are not the families of the strikers often reduced to poverty? and does not violence often follow the strike? The Golden Rule, which ought to govern the relations of employers and employed, is repudiated by both parties. Doubtless, employees are in many cases underpaid. And yet the true cause of poverty among the working classes is frequently due to the use of intoxicants or harmful indulgences, or to a simple lack of economy.

It should be the right of every employee to give up his job whenever he finds that it will not support him, and to seek employment at better wages. If the employer can afford to increase his wages, this is the right thing to do. But in this age of greed, right does not always govern men's actions; hence the self-protection of unions.

Capitalists are binding the various commercial enterprises into trusts and monopolies, boycotting small dealers, and driving them to other business, in order that they may fill their own coffers. The present greed on one hand, and the condition of the oppressed on the other, is a feature of the "last days." James 5: 1-7. One class lives in luxury, the other in poverty; but the "just" (Christians) will not resist the oppression. They will patiently trust the Lord, and wait for his coming, when victory will reward their fidelity to God and the right. And this scripture shows that the strife between capital and labor will prevail, and intensify, until the end comes. To protect ourselves, we are not to say, "A confederacy" (we'll join a union), but we are to sanctify the Lord of hosts—serve him and him only. Isa. 8:9-13.

Church federation will seek and obtain the aid of labor unions in the enforcement of a day of rest, and by means of a boycott they will endeavor to coerce smaller religious bodies to unite with the general federation; and laws will be enacted to this end. Rev. 13: 17.

The Lord is uniting his "remnant" people under the banner of the last message—divine union; Satan is uniting his forces in the mighty confederations now forming—satanic union. In the last great conflict Satan will endeavor to coerce the "little flock" into his confederacy, in order that he may be supreme. Brethren, are we ready to resist the pressure of boycott, persecution, and even a death penalty?

Are we members of the divine union? and will we stand true to its constitution, the Word of God? We can not serve God and mammon.—*L. J. Hankins, in Australian Record.*

A CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

IN Hayden's "Dictionary of Dates," under the article "Week" (in Carnegie Library, Nashville, Tenn.), is the following calendar of the week:—

"All the present English names are derived from the Saxon:—

<i>Latin</i>	<i>[The meaning]</i>	<i>French</i>
"Dies Solis	Day of the sun	Dimanche
Dies Lunae	Day of the moon	Lundi
Dies Martis	Day of Mars	Mardi
Dies Mercurii	Day of Mercury	Mercredi
Dies Jovis	Day of Jupiter	Jeudi
Dies Veneris	Day of Venus	Vendredi
Dies Saturni	Day of Saturn	Samedi
<i>English</i>	<i>Saxon</i>	<i>German</i>
"Sunday	Sun's day	Sonntag
Monday	Moon's day	Montag
Tuesday	Tiw's day	Dienstag
Wednesday	Woden's day	Mittwoche
Thursday	Thor's day	Donnerstag
Friday	Friga's day	Freitag [abend.]
Saturday	Saterne's day	Samstag, or Sonn-

A. L. MANOUS.

AN OBJECT LESSON

WHEN Israel had crossed the Red Sea, and stood on the opposite shore, they sang a remarkable song of deliverance. Ex. 15:1-21. But why did they not sing it on the other side? When the Egyptians pressed them sorely, and destruction seemed imminent, why were there only expressions of doubt, murmuring, and fault-finding to be heard? With the large majority there was but little faith. Moses had faith, and stretched forth his rod, and the result was deliverance and this sweet song from the lips of Israel's thousands: "I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously." Ex. 15:1. That was a wonderful time in the life of that downtrodden people, and those mountains had never echoed and re-echoed a sweeter song than on that day which marked the overthrow of Pharaoh's host; but O, how much sweeter it would have been had it been sung on the very land of the enemy, where the triumph was just as sure as if it had already taken place! During the forty years of varied experiences in the wilderness, God was trying to teach this people to sing the song of triumph by faith, that it might afterward become a part of their experience.

Israel crossed the Jordan by faith, and the following day it was wrought into their experience, and their hearts were strengthened for the stupendous task that had staggered the faith of their fathers forty years before—the conquest of the promised land.

Look, now, at the result of this step of faith. We see the people next encamped in Gilgal. While they were here, the Lord said to Joshua: "This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you." Joshua 5:9. The "reproach of Egypt,"—unbelief, doubts, murmurings, sin! Ah, faith had taken possession of their hearts. They had learned to walk by faith, to accept the victory by faith; and when faith possessed them, the "reproach of Egypt" had to go.—*Selected.*

CRANKS

A CRANK, my son, is something that makes the wheels of progress go round.

The thing that goes in for variety, that changes its position a hundred times a day, that is no crank, my son; that is a weather-vane. Don't thank heaven that you are not a crank; perhaps you could not be one if you would. Heaven is not very particular when it wants a weather-vane, almost any man will do for that; but when it wants a crank, my boy, it looks very carefully for the best man in the community.—*Burdette.*

JUST FOR THE HOUR

"LIFE must be lived on the instalment plan. God gives and requires just so much at a time, no more, no less. Life is made up of just so many successive instalments of opportunity, of duty, and of grace. All God's appointments for service are definite, all his supplies of enabling grace are accurately adjusted to the demands of the passing hour.

"It is impossible to live life in the future tense. All that men have, and all that they are asked to attend to, is the present. And the present in its demands is vigorous enough. Take care of the now, and the future will take care of itself."

THE RIGHT KIND OF LOVE

"If we talked more about the love of God and less about the difficulties in his service, we should love him more and serve him better. Love that waits upon its own convenience is not worth the name. Love that falters at opposition is not a deep-seated love. Love that works entirely for the reward is not an inspiring love. Love that will not defend the principles of Christ is not a loyal love. Love without common sense is not a love to covet. Love that will not fly to the uttermost parts of the earth is not Christ's love."

WORKING WITH OUR MINISTERS

THE Holy Spirit will not work in an atmosphere of criticism. Says D. L. Moody, in his book, "The Fullness of the Gospel:" "Supposing that on the day of Pentecost the apostles had been criticizing Peter, do you think the Holy Spirit would have worked so miraculously? Imagine John whispering to James: 'It does n't seem to me that Peter is quite up to himself this morning;' and James replying: 'I am disappointed myself. This is a representative audience, and he lacks polish and finish.' Suppose Andrew had turned to Matthew and said: 'Really that is too bad for Peter to be so harsh on the Pharisees and rulers. There are so many other things upon which we can agree, I do wish he would avoid all controverted subjects.' Do you think if that had been the attitude of the apostles, there would have been any conversions?" Suppose we try the effect of sympathy and prayer, instead of criticism, upon our minister's sermons.—*Guy V. Hoard.*

THERE is no place or situation in this world in which an irritable temper is not a serious handicap. It always makes both the possessor and his friends unhappy. On the other hand there is no place in the world in which self-control does not greatly add to the happiness of all. Then why not at once begin to plead with God for victory over every uncontrolled passion? Begin right. Be temperate in eating and drinking, and regular in all your habits of life, and you will be surprised to see how much this will add to your ability to exercise self-control in all things. Having done your part God will do that which you can not.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Oct. 21, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
N E Allen 4 wks.	BF	180	55	\$120 50	\$ 4 50	\$125 00	\$325 00
J M McLaughlin.	BF	74					165 60
Ben Griffiths 3 wks.	BF	185	26	29 00	50	29 50	395 00
A A Guilford.	BF	63	3	4 50		4 50	31 50
I W Peevy.	BF	60	3	12 00	7 75	19 75	26 00
Wright Battles.	BF	182	37	43 50	5 50	49 00	59 50
E N Lewis 3 wks.	BF	188					167 50
Isadore Evans.	BF	38					11 50
R T Jacks.	BF	20					45 00
Robert Cook.	BF	6	4	5 00		5 00	
M L Ivory.	BF	102	4	6 00	2 00	8 00	61 20
John P Finch.	BF	39	20	27 00		27 00	
W M Finch.	BF	20	13	19 00	50	19 50	36 50
A L Kiehnhoff.	PPF	7		7 50	3 75	11 25	2 00
W A Nelson.	PPF	76	15	29 00	75	29 75	259 25
W B Parkins.	PPF	78	12	25 00	8 25	33 25	195 75
Miscellaneous			11	16 00		16 00	16 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck.	BF	30	9	10 00	5 00	15 00	2 50
D C Ray.	BF	41	10	12 20	2 20	14 40	25
C R Millar.	BF	53	5	6 00	3 30	9 30	1 50
C F Dart.	—	18	5	6 50	2 25	8 75	2 25
C L Yates.	BF	28	14	15 50	50	16 00	50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson	PPF	95	11	20 50	32 30	52 80	55 45
T S Sligh.	BF	68	43	42 00	7 50	49 50	
G S Rogers.	PPF	40					44 50
Mrs F A Evans	PPF	56	10	16 50	6 75	23 25	7 00
P C Sibley.	PPF	76	33	45 00	10 25	55 25	41 25
M B Wilson.	PPF	66	37	61 50	1 75	63 25	5 00
Warren Adams	PPF	5	6	10 50		10 50	2 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.	D&R	42	1	1 50		1 50	97 00
W H Haddon.	BF	41	3	3 00	75	3 75	36 15
C H McColrely.	BF	28	3	5 00		5 00	39 50
Virgil Smith	BF	44	5	5 00	5 60	10 60	74 60
Horace Miller	BF	50	3	3 50	3 00	6 50	78 25
Coley Parkins	BF	54					93 00
J P Campbell	Sick						
E P Campbell.	—	15					38 00
Ella Johnson	BF	30					74 00
Annie Watts	BF	30					28 75
Millie Conner	BF	30					18 50
John Wood	BF	42	15	21 50	4 00	25 50	1 50
Louise Jackson	BF	10	1	1 00		1 00	5 00
D V Barns.	BF	50			24 00	24 00	75 00
Luella Hill	BF	45			2 50	2 50	20 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore	D&R	17	10	27 50		27 50	7 00
Mrs E R Jones.	BF	6	11	15 00		15 00	6 00
R H Hazelton.	BF	35	8	8 00	17 00	25 00	3 50
C H Chenault.	D&R	44					74 00
J S Moore.	sofp	55	4	6 00	3 25	9 25	71 00
C E Morphew.	BF	32	16	17 50	7 50	25 00	6 00
Mrs C E Morphew	BF	15	10	10 50		50	11 00
Mrs I E Stratton.	BF	10	4	4 00		50	4 50
Jacob Reed	BF	30	14	14 00	3 25	17 25	25
Edith Oliver	BF	8	3	3 00	1 25	4 25	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf*	1313	203	344 00	33 50	377 50	1832 20
Kentucky Conf	170	43	50 20	13 25	63 45	7 00
Louisiana Conf	406	140	196 00	58 55	254 55	155 20
Mississippi Conf	511	32	40 50	39 85	80 35	679 75
Tenn River Conf.	250	80	105 50	33 25	138 75	169 75

Totals 2650 498 836 20 178 40 914 60 2843 90
*2 weeks

There is no stronger corrective influence which can be brought to bear upon humanity than the argument that man is to-day building for eternity; and there is no argument more true. Every good thing that comes to us in this life is the result of earnest effort somewhere. Then is it not folly to plan for a place in heaven, while making no effort toward preparing for it? To get ready for heaven should occupy our thoughts daily.

FROM THE FIELD

A SISTER canvassing in South Missouri found four women keeping the Sabbath. They accepted it from reading "Prophecies of Jesus," and have been praying for some one to come who believed the things in the book. The answer to their prayers came when Sister Allen crossed the threshold of one of their homes, all unconscious of the fact that she had been sent in direct answer to prayer. The woman grasped Sister Allen by the hand, and said, "I am so glad to see you; let me shake your hand."

This book was sold nearly twenty years ago. The Testimonies have said that the books would be taken down off their shelves, and the people would read them. Now we have seen it fulfilled with our eyes.

Many of the workers do not see much fruit of their labors, but in the great day of God the harvest will surprise them when they see how many are saved, all through the books

that the faithful canvasser has placed in the homes of the people.

No work is known to be a success unless it is proved. Every board used in the building of a ship must first be tested to know that it is sound. The strands used in the building of a bridge must first be subjected to test. So God tests his children. There will be no failure. Not one unprepared or unfaithful soul will be taken into heaven to mar its peace and harmony. Then do not be discouraged though you are tried even as by fire. Trust in God for the perfecting which his trials will bring you, and have "respect unto the recompense of reward."

THERE are thoughts that inspire lofty action, that put iron into the will, that expands the heart and mind. Our lives are going to be largely determined by our choice from all these thoughts. Every good thought we think lifts us up into its own world. Forceful vigorous thoughts put tone and precision into the whole life. And yet the life will rise no higher than the character of the thoughts we think.

Let a man begin to force himself to think each day a few good vigorous thoughts, and by and by the mind will naturally run to wholesome themes. It is a religious duty to invite the best thoughts.—*Frederick Lynch.*

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SPECIAL NOTICE

WE would deem it a personal favor if our state secretaries of the tract and missionary, and the Young People's Volunteer societies, would send in their reports. It is more than a month since we sent out the report blanks, and we have only received two missionary reports and three volunteer reports. If all could be made to realize the importance of sending in these reports as soon after the quarterly meetings as possible, I am sure this part of the work would not be neglected. We put the general society at Washington to much inconvenience, and delay the publication of their report, because of the failure of our secretaries to send in their reports. Please see that this request is granted without further urging or delay, and thus oblige this office.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS, *Miss. Sec'y S. U. Conf.*

LAST Sabbath, October 28, two new members were received into the North Nashville church on profession of faith. One, a brother who lives in the country, has known something of the truth for nearly three years, and gave himself fully to the Lord a year ago, after attending a series of meetings for about three weeks, and has been rejoicing in the faith ever since. Although living at a distance of ten miles from the church, he has for some time attended services two or three times a month, traveling both ways on foot. This brother was formerly a Baptist.

The other, a sister, was, until she united with us, a member of the Methodist Church. She learned the truth through reading "Bible Footlights," and bravely walked out in obedience thereto, before she had any personal intercourse with other believers in the message. She has had to endure opposition from her husband, and others, but her faith and courage are unyielding, and she is also rejoicing in the new-found light.

SUCCESSFUL talking to children, and afterwards questioning them upon these talks, is a science. It comes more natural to some than to others, but even those who are not apt in this direction can be greatly benefited through the two sample "Talks to Children" given in the September-October number of *Christian Education*. This feature will probably appear in each number of this volume.

"RUDENESS and gruffness bar doors and shut hearts."

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ALL copy for the new book, "The Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, is now in the hands of the publishers. The work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, as it is believed our people everywhere are looking forward to its publication with much interest. Orders may be filled for this book by December 1. There are about two hundred advance orders on file now.

If you wait for light to come in a way that will please every one, you will wait in vain. If you wait for louder calls or better opportunities, the light will be withdrawn, and you will be left in darkness. Accept every ray of light that God sends. Men who neglect to heed the calls of the Spirit and Word of God, because obedience involves a cross, will lose their own souls. When the books are opened, and every man's work, and the motives that prompted him are scrutinized by the Judge of all the earth, they will see what a loss they have sustained.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

TRUST IS BEST

I THINK if thou couldst see,

With thy dim mortal sight,

How meanings dark to thee

Are shadows hiding light,

Truth's efforts crossed and vexed,

Life's purpose all perplexed—

If thou couldst see them right,

I think they would seem all clear, and wise, and bright.

And yet thou canst not know,

And yet thou canst not see:

Wisdom and sight are slow

In poor humanity.

If thou couldst trust, poor soul,

Thou wouldst find peace and rest;

Wisdom and sight are well, but trust is best.

—*Adelaide A. Proctor.*