

# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

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## I Wonder What I Would Do

Out in the street there a beggar waits  
In the driving storm so cold;  
A homeless child with a famished look,  
And garments thin and old.  
I give from my bounty, meager dole,  
And pennies I spare her a few;  
If I knew that my Saviour was standing there,  
I wonder what I would do.

In yonder attic so cold and bare  
'There's a woman who sits and sews  
For her children's shelter and scanty fare  
Till the weary midnight goes.  
She is stitching her life in those seams for me;  
Am I giving her back her due?  
If I knew that my Saviour was keeping account,  
I wonder what I would do.

There are fatherless children that cry for bread,  
There are widows old and poor,  
And there is the sick man Lazarus,  
That lieth beside my door.  
Shall I have all the luxuries,  
While theirs must be so few?  
If I thought that I was like Dives of old,  
I wonder what I would do.

I have home and friends, and silver and gold,  
Far more than I daily need;  
And I clothe myself in a costly garb,  
While these for a pittance plead.  
My house is full of beautiful things,  
That are only for taste and show;  
If I knew that my Lord had need of these,  
I wonder what I would do.

I have prided myself on my goodly deeds,  
And my name's on the church's roll;  
But I waste in some needless things, perchance,  
The price of a precious soul.  
I have told the world of my love for God,  
And my love for his children, too;  
If the Lord should ask me to prove my word,  
I wonder what I would do.

There comes a time in the future new,  
When this life has passed away,  
When these needy ones shall stand with me  
In the light of a judgment day.  
When the angel reads from the Book of Life  
My deeds for that great review;  
If these should speak and accuse me there,  
I wonder what I would do.

—Selected.

## STILL WAITING

THE WORKER is still waiting to report further contributions to the Loma Linda Fund, and hopes that the names of each conference in the Southern Union may soon appear in its list of contributors.

Funds to advance this enterprise, which was started by special instruction from the Lord through the spirit of prophecy, are very much needed, and where can we invest a portion of our gifts and offerings with more confidence and assurance? But few are able to make large gifts to any of the many enterprises by which the message for these times is being given to the world, but if every one will give a little to each, the aggregate result will amply support them all. The oceans are made up of drops, and the whole of anything by the sum total of its constituent parts. Therefore do not hesitate because your gift may be small, and do not wait to be urged. A willing offering, although small, is counted precious with the Lord.

Amount already donated.....	\$18.00
Mrs. J. N. McLeod, Mississippi.....	10.00

Total to date.....	\$28.00
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Who will be next?

## CRITICISM

It has been well said that the reason there are so many critics is because so much business can be done on a small capital. Any brainless, irresponsible person can criticize. Lucifer introduced the idea into the universe by criticizing the Creator. Notwithstanding that he and all his sympathizers were cast out of heaven to save the universe, men refuse to be warned, and continue the evil practise.

The following anecdote and lesson from the *Christian Commonwealth* is to the point: "A dog, hitched to a lawn-mower, stopped pulling to bark at a passer-by. The boy who was guiding the mower said: 'Don't mind the dog; he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the machine.' It is easier to be critical than to be correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one; easier to hinder than to help; easier to destroy reputation than to construct character. Fault-finding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticize, or censure, like the Pharisees; but it takes a great soul to go on working faithfully and lovingly, and rise superior to outward circumstances and surroundings, as Jesus did."

G. B. THOMPSON.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Nov. 10, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 2,299; *Watchman*, 1,256.

#### A CALL TO SERVICE

"THERE'S a cry in the wind to-night,  
From the homes where the Lord is unknown,  
While the Shepherd above in his infinite love,  
Intercedes at his Father's throne.

"There's a call from the dark to-night,  
That haunts the lighted room,  
From his 'other sheep' on the broken steep  
At the edge of eternal doom.

"There's a pain at my heart to-night,  
From the heart of God it came,  
For I can not forget that he loves them yet,  
And they've never heard of his name.

"There's a sob in my prayer to-night,  
When I think of the million homes  
Where never a word for the Lord is heard,  
Nor a message from Jesus comes."

—Selected.

"It costs something to be a Christian, but it cost more not to be one."

THE report from the Home Office this week is one of courage and good cheer. The Lord still has a care over his work, and is blessing more than we can ask or think. As far as we know, our workers are of good courage, and enjoying good health and much of the blessing of God. We are still needing more canvassers, for the third angel's message is to go to all the world before the Lord will come. The Lord is honoring poor sinful man by giving him a part in spreading the last message of warning.

In looking over the number of those actively engaged in the spread of the message, we find that eighty-six per cent of our people are engaged in worldly pursuits. This is not as it should be, and we believe that every one, or at least a large part of those who are engaged in worldly pursuits, should be in the canvassing work, either on full time or selling some of our books occasionally. The Lord has told us that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred. We believe this to be definite instruction from the Lord, and we know, too, that obedience is the standard by which our actions will be judged in the final judgment. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

BRO. CHAS. L. COLLISON, State agent of Oklahoma, writes as follows:—

"I thought perhaps you would like to see our report for the month of October in advance, so I am enclosing one. Our weekly report went to \$3,697.55 for the last week in October. The monthly report is a gain of over \$2,000 in deliveries. Thus the Lord enabled the workers to break two more records. We still need to deliver \$8,667 worth of books in the next two months to come up to the mark that Brother Adams set. But do not lose confidence in us, for we have not given up. We only have about two more weeks' work to finish up our delivery, and then all of the regular band will swing in, and work for a December delivery, and where the people have a willing mind, the Lord can work wonders.

"My hope and prayer is that each one will do his duty, then when December 24 comes, and we come to the institute, we will feel that we have not wasted any precious time. Pray for us."

"THE Lord is certainly blessing me in the work. I have a good territory, and the people are kind and nice to me. I took 32 orders in 36 hours this week, and sold 20 "Gospel Primers." I could have sold 10 more but did not have them. The angels of heaven are certainly going before us.

Kentucky.

JOHN R. STATON."

"DEAR CO-WORKERS: We are now very busy getting ready to deliver our books. I found a man last week that has 'Bible Readings,' who has the honor of being the best Bible student in Spencer County. He writes for the Spencer County paper. He is a member of the Christian Church, but has been thinking very strongly about the Sabbath. I think now he sees it all clearly. He says he would like to see those books in every home.

"We are enjoying the work, and our prayer is to press onward to the end. Your brother in Christ. D. C. RAY."

"DEAR BRETHREN: We three men are very busy here this week planning and preparing for our delivery which is just now on. Pray for success to attend us in delivering the silent teacher.

"Our work, which is being done everywhere, is a phenomenon of the times. The past two weeks I have secured \$40 worth of orders, but with the help of the Lord, we will work this new county with much better success than we have had here. There are about twelve families in that field observing the Sabbath, and some of the people have taken books from me because they teach the Seventh-day Sabbath. We are thankful for the interest our people have in us. Pray for us.

C. R. MILLAR."

SUNDAY evening, November 12, another of the Publishing House family decided to forsake the path of single blessedness, and take unto himself a wife. Bro. George H. Krauss, one of the faithful workers in the office bindery, was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Watts. Eld. C. F. McVagh performed the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Willie Coleman, Miss Bessie Dorman, Mr. John B. Krauss, brother of the groom, and Mr. Henry Watts, brother of the bride.

The ceremony was an impressive one, and the earnest prayers and best wishes of the Publishing House family accompany the young couple on their journey through life.

The Publishing House family presented the happy couple with a very substantial china cabinet, and this very practicable gift will, we know, continually remind them of their many friends in the office who wish them Godspeed. After the ceremony the guests visited the home of Brother and Sister Krauss and inspected the large number of useful and attractive presents which were on display. Later the Publishing House band came in and discoursed sweet music to the edification of all present.

WE were indeed glad to have Eld. W. C. White present with us at chapel service Monday morning, November 13. His talk to the office family was very much appreciated, and we believe will be a source of encouragement to all of us. We enjoyed having Brother White with us, and trust he will come again.

PROF. O. R. STAINES of the Hillcrest school also met with us at the chapel service Monday morning.

BRO. R. HOOK, SR., father of the writer, who has been connected with the Publishing House for some months, has been compelled to give up his work on account of failing health. Father has done many years of faithful work in the canvassing

field, and we believe that he should now enjoy a well-earned rest.

#### THE MISSION OF A GOOD BOOK

"It will go anywhere on land or sea; it gets into cabin or palace, reaches those otherwise unreachable, waits its turn to be heard, and is never tired of speaking:

"It travels further and cheaper than any other; is unaffected by climate and untouched by fever.

"Once started off, it calls for no salary, costs nothing for food or clothes; it never changes its voice, and lasts forever,—until the fire comes."

"Salesmanship without enthusiasm is about as flat as a punctured tire.

"Brethren and sisters, let us get enthusiastic. Surely the message we represent should make us the most enthusiastic people on earth. Our faithfulness in giving the message to the world will hasten the coming of the Lord, so we have every inducement to put enthusiasm into our work, and we trust that the Lord by his Spirit will put it into the hearts of his people to become enthusiastic about entering the canvassing work. 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.'

"There is only one 'Can' that will walk, talk, ride, sing, pray, and take \$40 worth of orders a day, and that is a can-vasser.

"Parents, if your boy can can-vass, he is a sound 'can.'"

"The publishing house is like the tree of life. It has its roots never dying in the earth; its fruit is borne each month by the canvassers to the inhabitants of the earth, and its leaves (pages) are for the healing of the nation."—*John D. Haynes, in Southwestern Bookmen's News Letter.*

BRO. G. C. JENKS, formerly State agent of Oklahoma, now occupying a similar position in the West Caribbean Conference, makes this pointed statement in the last issue of the West Caribbean News Letter:—

"When business is good, that is the time to push it, because it will come easy; and when it is bad, that is the time to push it, because you will need the orders."

"Don't forget now is the time to push it, for business is good."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. Hook, Jr., Gen'l Mgr.

### Periodical Department

#### THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF THE WATCHMAN

THE December issue of the *Watchman* is timely and full of good things.

The cover design, representing two parallel conditions preceding the two advents, is well calculated to appeal to thinking people.

Rev. Len G. Broughton, an eminent divine, publicly announced during a ministerial convention that from the standpoint of what she might be doing, the church was a stupendous failure. Is it any wonder then that universal church ignorance exists concerning Christ's coming? Read our leading editorial bearing on this.

"The World's Unrest" will interest any thoughtful reader.

Surprise your friends by showing them the article "Christmas: Its Origin and Character Neither Biblical Nor Christian." A clear exposition of the subject.

"Our Earth in the Future" will interest you.

Prof. P. T. Magan writes on "How England Sold Out the Turk," which is very opportune in view of the war now going on. Surely the eleventh chapter of Daniel is being rapidly fulfilled. Read this article.

Mission Reports, Home and Health, and a host of good things.

Altogether the *Watchman* interests thoughtful readers. Our agents are having wonderful success. One writes: "Enclosed find one dollar for more. I did better than I expected."

Circulate our Christmas Special among your neighbors.

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

Order through your conference tract society.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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### Alabama Conference

#### A TRIAL

AFTER I learned that my books were late, I sent out cards to all my subscribers, but fearing that they might not get the cards, I went sixteen miles on foot to see them, and explained the situation.

It appeared that all was well, but when I went with the books they would not take them. The disappointment was indeed bitter, but I bowed on my knees in prayer, then crossed the river and sold for cash the books to the value of \$11.75, and took orders to the value of \$45.75. So I go right away this week for a delivery. I can not and will not be discouraged. There is no giving down with me. With God in front I will overcome.

M. L. IVORY.

### Louisiana Conference

#### THE RUSTON TENT-MEETING

THE tent-meeting at Ruston began September 18 and closed October 29. During this meeting about fifty sermons were preached on different phases of the present truth, some visiting was done, and about \$17 worth of tracts and periodicals were sold, and many were given away.

The devil did not withdraw all his forces from Ruston during this time, but on the contrary I believe that he sent large reinforcements, for there seemed to be a great deal of prejudice. The meeting resulted in some of this prejudice being swept away. Quite a number have been led to see the truth and are on the point of deciding. Let us all pray that these dear souls may so decide that they will have great reason to rejoice in the great judgment day.

Nine dear souls have decided to obey, and are now walking in the light. Let us exercise faith on their behalf, and especially remember them at the throne of grace.

This may seem to some like much labor and little fruit. But let us remember that in a great many places the present truth is being proclaimed, and that if a few of the honest in heart are gathered from each, the total result will be large. Why, then, should we not be of good courage? As far as Seventh-day Adventists are concerned, let discouragement be only a dictionary term. Although we are a small people, and have committed to us the greatest work ever assigned to men, yet, with the greatest Commander at our head, we are sure to win. Then, following his instructions let us be of good courage and stick to our task. Let us get into the fray when and where He shall direct, for "duty done is the soul's fire-side."

O. F. FRANK.

### TREASURER'S REPORT For Month Ending Oct. 31, 1911

#### TITHE

Conference Church .....	\$ 11.00
Hobart .....	24.45
Hammond .....	37.72
Individual .....	30.97
Jennings .....	38.07
Jena .....	11.98
Lake Arthur .....	39.78
Lake Charles .....	23.67
New Orleans .....	289.71
Shreveport .....	22.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$529.75</b>

#### OFFERINGS

Colored Work .....	\$ 5.00
Emergency Fund .....	.41
Children's Home Mission .....	6.17
Harvest Ingathering .....	2.25
\$300,000 Fund .....	66.00
Miscellaneous Missions .....	4.00
Mid Summer .....	22.70
Sabbath-School Donations .....	133.41
Weekly and Missions .....	31.87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$271.81</b>

L. B. SPEAR, *Treas.*

## Mississippi Conference

### NEWS NOTES

THE work in Jackson is moving along quite well. There are a number of new Sabbath-keepers here now, and there are others who are very much interested. We see new faces almost every Sabbath at our Sabbath meeting.

Bro. D. G. Stevenson is holding a tent-meeting at McDonald, where some of our canvassers have been selling our books. He has organized a Sabbath-school of seventeen members, and he thinks there are others who will join soon. May the Lord bless the work there.

Our field agent is away from the office most all the time now, helping the canvassers to deliver their books, and they are having good success. The writer recently spent a very pleasant Sabbath at the country home of Brother and Sister Morgan, near Collins, and preached once in the Baptist church. He expects to spend next Sabbath with the company at Natchez.

Elder Morrow spent last Sabbath with the Meridian church.

What did you think of our last tithe report? Did you read it? Do you think it was large enough? Was your tithe included in it? If not, why not? Read Mal. 3:8-11.

Are you planning to help raise the balance of our quota of the \$300,000 fund by December 31? W. S. LOWRY.

"THAT day is lost from the calendar of life, which has not been the occasion of some deed of kindness."

"WHO dislikes the fellowship of the saints would scarce feel at home in the company of the angels."

## Tennessee River Conference

### GENERAL NOTES

THE work in the conference is moving forward encouragingly. Elder Washburn has just closed what one of his co-laborers describes in a recent letter as "the best tent meeting ever held in Memphis." Just what the visible results have been, the writer is not informed. Of course the real results are known only to God.

Something was accomplished at Waverly, but not as much as was hoped. Only two, I believe, really accepted the truth there as a result of the meeting.

Brother Powers, who is doing self-supporting work under the auspices of the conference, is cultivating an interest some miles out from Hazel, Ky., and is also holding Sunday night meetings at our church in the village. Bro. A. H. Jones was with him a few days recently, but was obliged to return home on account of an attack of la grippe.

Brother Martin and the writer have spent some time visiting the hill schools, churches, and scattered Sabbath-keepers in Davidson, Sumner, and Robertson Counties, Tennessee. We found good work being done in several places, and in one neighborhood especially, where a great deal of literature has been distributed, there seems to be an opening for meetings. It is our purpose to see what can be done to develop this interest as soon as possible.

Our hearts were touched as we saw the many evidences of the good being done by the self-supporting workers in the hill schools. All are doing well, but in some respects the work of Brother and Sister Walen, and those associated with them, is deserving of special mention and commendation. They have done a great deal in the way of distributing literature, and it is in this neighborhood that we hope to hold a series of meetings shortly.

We have been hindered somewhat in getting around as soon as we hoped to visit the churches in other parts of the conference, but hope to visit all before the close of the year. The Lord has greatly blessed us giving "us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." Let us therefore be faithful in returning to him not only his own in tithes, but substantial evidences of our gratitude in the way of offerings to the blessed cause we all love and for which we labor. C. P. BOLLMAN.

THE clouds are lifting and we look for brighter days for the circulation of our literature in this conference. A number have taken instruction in book selling, and some are using the knowledge gained in practical work among the people. God is blessing the earnest and faithful efforts of our canvassers. We have two workers who are just finishing large deliveries with gratifying results. Many of their orders were taken at a time when it seemed the severe drought would consume every green plant.

One of these tried and faithful workers was strongly tempted to leave the field, but was persuaded to change territory, and now I am sure he is glad he stayed by the work. He realizes that he is a victor; while had he left the field, he would now feel the sting of defeat. How much better it is to do our best under the sense of duty and privilege, and trust the results of such service to the One who never suffered defeat.

We now have book workers in the following counties and cities: At Brownsville, Haywood County, Bro. Joseph Samuel Moore, one of our loyal canvassers, and the first man to take up our book work in the South, is pushing the work. At

Ramer, Bro. C. H. Chenault, who has faithfully and patiently plied the art of book selling in our conference for a number of years, is located. Just now he is finishing his work in Hardeman County where he has done excellent service.

In Memphis we have four noble bookwomen devoting their time and energies to this branch of missionary work. Miss Mamie Moore, who is one of this number, and whose life is consecrated to this work, has been connected with this conference for several years, and as the result of her labors in Memphis, she is rejoicing in seeing souls accepting the message. The other workers, Mrs. S. Frisby, Mrs. E. R. Jones, and Mrs. C. L. Sims, have been connected with the work only since last April, but are rejoicing in the part God has given them in warning the people of that large city before it is too late.

In the little city of Columbia, Bro. and Sr. C. E. Morphew are now conveniently located. They are both devoting their time to the work with good results. Their little son Walter expects to interest their neighbors in the *Watchman*.

Bro. Arthur Hall has asked for the unworked portion of Lawrence County, and we hope that he will soon be able to give his time to this work.

An agency for holiday books has been assigned to a colored man.

There is much need of regular workers in our capital city. There are many loyal hearts in our churches in this city, but few seem to be able to devote any time to the book work. There should be at least a score in these churches giving all or a part of their time to placing the printed page in the homes of the people.

Bro. Jacob Reed, who has had no previous experience in canvassing, has taken many orders for our good books recently in this city.

Bro. A. C. Williman, a worthy and devoted young man who has lately come to our conference, is working Davidson County with "Great Controversy." He has just recovered from a spell of sickness, but his first week's work in the field is very encouraging. This young man is working for a scholarship. Let us assist him with our sincere prayers.

Bro. R. H. Hazelton is spreading the message by circulating the printed page in Wilson and Sumner Counties. He is demonstrating what can be done by earnest, persevering effort.

Bro. and Sr. W. M. Fee who have recently cast in their lot with us, and whose lives are dedicated to the Master's service, are locating in the city of Clarksville, and we are assured of their hearty co-operation. We shall look for good reports from that point when they get to work.

In the city of Paducah Sr. Marcia Anderson, a young woman is endeavoring to deal out to the starving multitudes the bread of life. Although crippled so that walking is quite tiresome to her, she trudges on in her search for souls who will buy the truth. Let us remember her when we pray.

God is blessing the feeblest efforts put forth in this work, because time is short. I wish I knew what to say or do that would stir our dear people of this conference to life and spiritual activity. God through his spirit says "the blood of souls will be on the garments of very many who now feel at ease and irresponsible for souls who are perishing around them for want of light and knowledge." "We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." "Souls for whom Christ died are perishing all around us, and what excuse can we give that they have never been warned." "We can never be saved in inactivity." "To be an idler in the Lord's vineyard is to relinquish all title to the reward of the righteous."

In the face of these solemn statements, and the crying need for laborers to go forth and scatter the printed page like the leaves of autumn, how can we longer remain inactive?

C. D. WOLFF, *Field Agent*.

2014 24th Ave. N.

### MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Two Weeks Ending Nov. 4, 1911

Agents	Papers	Hrs.	No.	Value
Mrs. I. E. Stratton.....	w	2	9	\$ 90
J. A. Fry.....	w	10	89	8 90
Lee McAlexander .....	w	7	47	4 70
Miss May Parker.....	w	12	92	9 20

Totals ..... 31 237 \$23 70

C. D. WOLFF.

### Our Schools

#### HAZEL SCHOOL ITEMS

We have been enjoying the beautiful autumn weather and trying to use it to good advantage in harvesting our crops. Our corn husking is well along, and the fodder is being stored in the barn loft as fast as possible. The sweet potato crop is harvested, and most of the Irish potatoes are dug, so we shall soon be prepared for cold weather. Then wood cutting will begin. This gives our boys plenty of outdoor work through the year.

We are glad to have our girls' home well filled, and there are others who are expecting to come. Five States are represented in the home: Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Illinois.

Many of the students have gained in flesh and general health since coming to the school. Fresh, pure air, regular habits, and plain wholesome food, are good for both body and mind.

Last evening after the Sabbath the school family enjoyed an outing in the woods on the school farm. A large bonfire furnished plenty of light. A spelling match helped to pass the time pleasantly and profitably. Lunch was then served consisting of butter and roasted sweet potatoes.

Bro. A. H. Jones visited the church and school over Sabbath, taking part in the service at the church in the forenoon and at the young people's meeting in the afternoon, at the school. Our young people's meetings are proving very interesting and helpful. Recently a literary society was organized with Professor Treible as president for the first term. Meetings will be held twice a month. These will be a help in an educational way, and serve as entertainment.

We are glad for the interest manifested by all in their studies. Excellent work is being done by nearly every student.

One of our students, Inez Frisby, united with the church here recently. She was baptized at the Waverly camp-meeting.

A good spirit prevails, and students and teachers are working together to make the most of the school year.

There is still opportunity for some young man to earn a large part of his expenses by work. We shall be glad to hear from any who are interested. Address,

A. N. ATTEBERRY, *Principal*.

Hazel, Ky.

"CARRYING the Bible in the hand may tire it, but carrying the Word in the heart gives it rest."

## Missionary Volunteers

### "THE SIGN OF THE SMILE"

"We're weary a-walking the highway of life;  
We're fretted and flustered with worry and strife,  
Let us drop by the wayside the heavy old load,  
And rest at the inn at the turn of the road—

Let us tarry awhile  
At 'The Sign of the Smile.'

"Let us tarry awhile at the 'Sign of the Smile'—  
Forget all our griefs in the joys that beguile;  
Let us pleasure the noon till it changes to night;  
Then up with our loads and we'll find they are light—

Let us tarry awhile  
At 'The Sign of the Smile.'

### A SMILE

NOTHING on earth can smile but man! Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-flash compared to an eye-flash and a mirth-flash? Flowers can not smile; this is a charm that even they can not claim. It is the prerogative of man; it is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy—these three. It is a light in the windows of the face, by which the heart signifies it is at home and waiting. A face that can not smile is like a bud that can not blossom, and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day, sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both—more bewitching than either.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

"We are still amidst the shadows and turmoil of earthly activities. Let us consider most earnestly the blessed hereafter. Let our faith pierce through every cloud of darkness, and behold him who died for the sins of the world. He has opened the gates of paradise to all who receive and believe on him. To them he gives power to become the sons and daughters of God. . . . Let us be encouraged by the thought that the Lord is soon to come. Let this hope gladden our hearts. "Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:37. Blessed are those servants who, when their Lord comes, shall be found watching."—*Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 286, 287.*

## General

### CHRISTIAN HOMES

OUR time, our strength, and our energies belong to God; and if they are consecrated to his service, our light will shine. It will affect first and most strongly those in our own homes, who are most intimately associated with us; but it will extend beyond the home, even to "the world." To many it will be a savor of life unto life; but there are some who will refuse to see the light, or to walk in it. They are of that class spoken of by our Saviour when he said: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Such are in a very dangerous position; but their course does not excuse any of us from letting our light shine.

We need divine help if we would keep our lights burning. But Jesus died to provide that aid. He extends the invitation, "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me." Cling to the arm of Infinite power; then

you will find him precious to your soul, and all heaven will be at your command. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light," we shall have the companionship of holy angels. To Joshua it was said: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge," "I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." They are the angels of God. Joshua must have a living, confiding trust in God every day; and then angels would walk with him, and the power of God would rest upon him in all his labors.

Then, Christian friends, fathers, and mothers, let your light grow dim? No, never! Let your heart grow faint, or your hands weary? No, never! And by and by the portals of the celestial city will be opened to you; and you may present yourselves and your children before the throne, saying, "Here am I, and the children whom thou hast given me." And what a reward for faithfulness that will be, to see your children crowned with immortal life in the beautiful city of God!

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### THE INFIDEL AND THE PREACHER

A WELL-KNOWN minister delivered a series of discourses against atheism in a town some of whose citizens were known to be atheists, or unbelievers in the supernatural origin of the doctrines taught in the Bible. A few days afterward he took passage on a steamer ascending the Mississippi River. On this boat were several of the citizens of the town in which he had delivered the discourse against atheism, among whom was a notorious infidel. As soon as this man saw the clergyman he began to talk boisterously against the Christian religion, and perceiving the minister reading at one of the tables, he proposed to his companions to go with him to the opposite side of the table and listen to some stories that he had to tell about religion and the professors of religion, which he said would "stir up" the old preacher. Several drew near to hear his vulgar stories and anecdotes, all of which were pointed against the Bible and its ministers. The preacher did not raise his eyes from his book nor appear to be the least troubled by the rabble.

At length the infidel walked up to him, and, rudely slapping him on the shoulder, said: "Old fellow, what do you think of these things?"

The clergyman calmly pointed toward the land, and said: "Do you see that beautiful landscape spread out in such quiet loveliness before you?"

"Yes."

"It has a variety of flowers, plants, and shrubs that are calculated to fill the beholder with delight."

"Yes."

"Well, if you were to send out a dove, it would pass over that scene and see in it all that was beautiful and lovely, and delight itself in gazing at and admiring it; but if you were to send out a buzzard over precisely the same scene, it would see in it nothing to fix its attention unless it could find some rotten carcass that would be loathsome to all other animals. It would alight and gloat upon that with exquisite pleasure."

"Do you mean to compare me to a buzzard, sir?" said the infidel, coloring deeply.

"I made no allusion to you, sir," said the clergyman very quietly. The infidel walked off in confusion, and went by the name of "The Buzzard" during the remainder of the passage.—*New York Christian Advocate.*

DISCRETION in speech is more than eloquence. When you doubt, abstain.—*Bacon.*

# CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR OCTOBER, 1911

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Total Val.
Alabama Conf	21	2326	482	\$ 863 00	\$2383 95	\$3246 95
Mississippi Conf	22	2037	501	853 45	2051 40	2904 85
Tenn River Conf	14	1125	339	563 50	699 50	1263 00
Louisiana Conf	10	857	384	691 00	238 15	929 15
Kentucky Conf	7	726	298	407 85	52 55	460 40

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A. F. HARRISON.

I AM glad that the time has arrived for another monthly report, and that October has proved to be the largest month's delivery since the division of the Southern Union Conference four years ago. More than \$5,400 worth delivered in one month is certainly good work, and is placing the truth in thousands of homes in our union. I rejoice for what the Lord is doing for us. But, brethren, the signs of the times show that we are not working any too fast. The storm is gathering; and every one who can should be enlisted in the great conflict, and I invite all to enter the work before it breaks.

I shall go to Nashville in a few days and will arrange a program for our bookmen's convention to be held in January. I can hardly wait for the time when I can meet the field agents and faithful workers who have been in the forefront of the battle for the past year. I feel confident that we are nearing the close of probation when this work will be ended, and we can go home. But we must never think of laying down our arms until all is completed and the last book and paper have been sold. Let us be faithful to the end.

A. F. HARRISON.

No EFFORTS have been spared to make the December *Signs* magazine what it ought to be. The cover is beautiful, attractive, and appropriate, with just enough of the sentimental to reach the heart at first glance. The situation in Europe, which is always a live topic, is reviewed by the editor. The conditions in America, including national, labor, and social unrest, are considered by A. O. Tait. Both of these articles present the subjects in the same clear, definite, forceful manner characteristic of the *Signs*, and make the prophetic application. These articles will prove strong selling features for this number. They should be in every home. This continued unrest, culminating in the last great strife, is one of the closing acts in the great drama. Let us give the trumpet no uncertain sound. It is a fact that this class of reading matter is welcomed by deep-thinking people.

"The Men and Religion Forward Movement," by R. A. Underwood, is a live article on a live topic. A brief, clear presentation of the work of the Men and Religion Forward Movement convention recently held in Minneapolis. "The Mighty Struggle for Health," by David Paulson, M. D. "From Death to Life," by J. O. Corliss. "Is College Life Degrading?" by M. C. Wilcox. A subject that is being widely discussed by leading men. Let us give the people a clearer view of the conditions. "What Redemption Does for Man," by William Covert. "How to Avoid Cancer," by D. H. Kress, M. D., showing its cause, cure, and prevention. This article will sell the magazine. Mrs. E. G. White continues her articles on the life of Wesley. The usual array of current topics, and a good line of illustrations throughout. A real message number from cover to cover. Let us use them freely. Ten for 50 cents, 20 for \$1.00, 50 for \$2.00. Order from your tract society.

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE									
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered		
Geo H Jeys.....BF	50	14		\$22 00	\$	\$22 00	\$122 50		
W B Parkins....PPF	44						93 50		
M L Ivory.....BF	56	28		42 00	3 75	45 75	11 75		
W F Nance.....CK	8	13		20 00	1 00	21 00			
E N Lewis.....BF	50						18 00		
Wright Battles...BF	63						15 00		
I W Peevy.....BF	30			4 50		4 50	7 50		
S S Guilford 2wksBF	69	12		18 00		18 00	30 00		
Isadore Evans...BF	45						3 00		

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
C R Millar.....BF	32	8		9 00		9 00			
D C Ray.....BF	31	6		7 00		7 00			
John R Staton...BF	36	32		33 00	5 00	38 00	5 00		
C L Yates.....BF	35	15		18 00	75	18 75	1 50		
W Martin.....BF	23	17		17 00	4 45	21 45	4 75		
Mrs E C Spire.JUV	9	13		5 75		5 75			

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE									
Mrs F A Evans.PPF	40	5		8 00	1 50	9 50	67 50		
M B Wilson....PPF	47	1		1 50		1 50	78 10		
T S Sligh.....BF	40						31 00		
G Jorgenson...PPF	54	16		29 00	8 25	37 25	9 00		

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
J S Fry.....D&R	20						6 00		
C H McColrey...BF	56	24		24 00	2 00	26 00	17 00		
W H Haddon...BF	56	1		1 50		1 50	93 00		
W E Cooper...BF	48						44 05		
Virgil Smith...BF	39				2 75	2 75	47 00		
Horace Miller...BF	11						6 00		
Emily Billups...BF	60						70 00		
M A Murphy...BF	36	48		71 00	8 00	79 00	6 25		
Luella Hill.....BF	22	12		16 00		16 00			
Louise Jackson...BF	13	3		3 00		3 00	3 75		
J D Campbell...BF	54						60 00		
John Woods...BF	44	16		16 00	2 50	18 50	2 50		
E P Campbell...PG	38	8		32 00	14 50	46 50	6 00		
Willie Cobb...BF	45						40 25		

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
Marcia Anderson BF	46	10		10 00	8 50	18 50	6 00		
R H Hazelton...BF	35						38 00		
C E Morphew...BF	32	18		19 00	2 25	21 25	3 25		
Mrs C E MorphewBF	22	21		22 00	1 00	23 00	50		
J S Moore....sofP	52	3		5 00	1 25	6 25	21 00		
A C Williman...GC	43	12		42 00	2 25	44 25			
C H Chenault .D&R	48						75 75		
Mamie Moore .D&R	32	19		39 00	4 30	43 30	1 60		
Mrs S Frisby...D&R	10	1		1 00	3 55	4 55	2 00		
Mrs E R Jones2wDR	24	14		16 00	1 00	17 00	11 50		
Mrs C D WolffMISC	12			3 75		3 75	50		
Jacob Reed.....BF	35	16		16 50	3 75	20 25			
Mrs V W BaxterMISC	12			6 25		6 25	6 25		

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Alabama Conf ....	415	67		106 50	4 75	111 25	301 25		
Kentucky Conf ....	166	91		89 75	10 20	99 95	11 25		
Louisiana Conf ...	181	22		38 50	9 75	48 25	185 60		
Mississippi Conf ..	542	112		163 50	29 75	193 25	402 30		
Tenn River Conf...	403	114		180 50	27 85	208 35	166 35		

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A LEADING business man in Louisville, Ky., recently sent a check for \$5 to the publishers of the *Protestant Magazine* to pay for his yearly subscription, and also for 119 extra copies of No. 3, the current issue. He desired to distribute them among his friends in order to secure their subscriptions.

EVERY young person ought to read the editorial in the November-December issue of *Christian Education*, entitled "Relative Values in Education." The range of useful knowledge is very great. No one can acquire it all. What to select, what to read, is the problem. Shall emphasis be placed upon acquiring as many facts as possible, or upon the mastery of living principles that will be perpetual in bearing the fruit of knowledge?

REV. ———, the missionary treasurer of the Northwestern Conference of the U. E. Church of ———, Iowa, accompanies his request for two yearly subscriptions to the *Protestant Magazine* with the following expression: "I have a sample copy of your magazine, namely, Vol. III, No. 2. I would like to be a subscriber. Please send it for one year to my address, and also to ———." This shows the influence of even a sample copy.

A PROMINENT business man of Detroit, Mich., has just ordered 100 copies of *Liberty* for the fourth quarter. Previous to this, he had ordered 100 copies of the *Protestant Magazine* No. 2 to distribute among his friends. The particular article which he desired his friends to read is entitled, "A Remarkable Document." Have you read it? If not, send 10 cents to the Review and Herald, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., for the same, as this number can still be obtained from the office of publication. Call for No. 2.

THE November-December issue of *Christian Education* gives some good suggestions on the preservation of the health of children in the schools. It is estimated that there are *twelve million* children in the schools of this country having serious physical defects. Our own children are not immune to these. It is the duty of the parents to acquaint themselves with these conditions, and to co-operate in bettering the conditions responsible for these defects. Many of these conditions exist unconsciously in home surroundings. Not all physical defects are the result of imperfections in the school room.

WHAT is the strongest factor in education? This question is answered in the November-December number of *Christian Education*. In dealing with this question, Mr. Garfield said, two years before he was President of the United States: "It has long been my opinion that we are all educated, whether children, men, or women, far more by personal influence than by books and the apparatus of schools."

If personal influence is the strong factor in our education, is it not better for our children to be under the influence of our own God-fearing teachers, than to be molded by teachers filled with worldly ambitions and infidelity?