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

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"THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD"

Afternoon address by Eld. A. G. Daniells, Sabbath, October 14, in the Oakland (Cal.) church.

I do not want to stray very far this afternoon from the line of thought of this morning. This work, dear friends, is the greatest work carried on in this world to-day. There is no other movement, whether in State, governmental, or commercial affairs, social work, or religious — there is nothing carried forward by men in the world that is, as I believe it, equal to this great movement with which we are connected. Certainly there is no movement broader in its scope than this, for it can not be. This is to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in the world; and what movement can exceed that?

Then again: No movement can be more important than this, because this is the Lord's movement for the hour. Nothing can be more important than that. When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and told him that he had come down to deliver the people in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham — from that day the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt to the promised land was the most important thing transpiring among men. Why? — Because it was God's work. It was what he was doing; and what God is doing is the most important thing to be done or that is done at the time.

To-day we have reached the last hours of human history. At the time that the 2300 years closed in 1844, the last prophetic period of the Bible came to an end. There the hour came for God's judgment to begin, and that marked the hour for God's last word to the world to be given. And so from that hour till this the most important word to be spoken to man is this word in Revelation 14 — God's special message.

That message has developed a mighty movement. It is not merely something that is written here in the Book. It is an actual thing in operation. The word that was written has set something going in the world. It has started something on foot — a mighty movement — and that is the most important thing in the world, because the great and living God has ordered it. He has come down as truly as he did to Moses in the burning bush, and he has declared that the hour has come to fulfil his word. And he has sent a people to bear that word as truly as he sent Moses to bear his word to Pharaoh and Israel, and to lead those people out.

And, dear friends, the wisest thing any man can do is to give himself to this movement — to surrender his life to it, join the movement, and do all he can to carry it forward and cause it to triumph. Now is n't that so? If it is of God, it must be so.

Some years ago, when I was only a young man, that appealed to me. I was looking around to settle my vocation in life, and my future. I looked it all over, and the Spirit of God burned that thing home into my heart, and made me believe if there is anything in that Book at all, the greatest thing in the world at this time, for this generation, is this message. And so I felt that I ought to give my life to it,

and not spend it in the world — a hewer of wood and drawer of water for the Gentiles. I felt as though I could not do anything so full of meaning, and of such great value, as to do all I could to carry forward this message. So I began in it.

As I look at it now, it seems to me that back there in 1878 we were walking by faith, and a good deal of it, too. Then we believed that there would come all we see to-day. Surely it looked a long way off. But the Lord has hastened his work, and now to-day we see something going on that is perfectly marvelous and astounding. A man can not sit down and look at this thing earnestly and broadly as it is, without being deeply impressed with it. So we are now able to live by sight. We see what we believed thirty and forty years ago.

Back there I know it seemed like a reality; it did to me. My mother told me about this message when I was a boy. She told me what this government would sometime do in the way of passing religious legislation; that this message would go out over the world to all the countries. She told me this was the last generation, and just made that so vivid and real that when I was a boy this cause looked about as big to me as it does now.

And I am sometimes surprised when I look back and see there were but 5,000 Seventh-day Adventists in all the world then, and yet it seemed like a big thing to me. But now as I look back over those years, I see that we lived by faith, strong faith, strong confidence. We believed in the thing. The confidence we had that this cause would go to all the world, and then be finished, was a living reality to us then. But, O, my friends, it has come to pass now.

To-day scores of nations who had never heard the sound of the message then, are now having this message proclaimed to them right along, and they are embracing the truth. They are talking about this; they are believing in it; they are advocating it enthusiastically, just the same as we are here, and I do not know but a little more so. Out there it is new, and they have had such perplexities and difficulties that when they come in, this eclipses everything else, and this is about all there is to those people; and it ought to be. Brethren, it is about all there ought to be to us.

What are politics? And what are all these things that are going on in the world? What is money? Why, as I travel around I have run across a great many people that have all the money, I guess, that they ever wanted, and more than they know what to do with, and they are poor, wretched creatures. I have found by actual observation and from the testimony of people, as I have traveled around, that to amass money is not much; it does not pay anybody very large dividends in real life.

What can it be to us? I am in favor of every Seventh-day Adventist making as much money as he consistently can, but I believe he should have a great purpose in it. I believe in a man's getting as much education as he can consistently; but I believe he should have a great overmastering purpose in

that. I believe in a man's developing himself by hard work and sturdy effort, doing everything he can to reach the highest degree of efficiency, ability, and power; but I believe that the one great purpose in the whole thing should be to work for God, and help to finish the work he is carrying on in the world. When we put all there is of us into that in every line, then I tell you God will hasten this work.

"This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled," says Jesus. And he said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my word shall not pass away." He will keep that promise, and we shall see it, brethren.

This afternoon I want to read a verse or two that express the thought that is uppermost in my mind in view of the facts we considered this morning. In Isa. 28: 5, 6, we read: "In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people." I presume that "residue" might be read "remnant," the "remainder," the "last" of his people. And he shall be "for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate."

That part of it I want to emphasize this afternoon. Now the Lord says he will be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, to the remnant of his people, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. What does "turning the battle to the gate" mean? Brethren, that means persevering and pressing on a victorious warfare clear to the gate of the city, doing a full, finished work.

Now we have something that bears upon this in the book of 2 Kings 13: 14 and onward. "Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." He was losing a great man from his realm—Elisha. It seemed as though the light of Israel was going out. Darkness seemed to surround him, and he cried for help.

"And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

"And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice."

What do we find in that lesson?—We find a man who certainly failed to press the battle to the gate. An opportunity was given him to win a mighty and complete and victorious battle over the Syrians; but he did not press his battle. He did not hold on and fight the thing out to a glorious finish. He took those arrows, and smote thrice, but that aroused Elisha. He was wroth. He said: I see your defeat here. You are a man of weak purpose, a man of small perseverance. Here is the chance of your life for victory, but you are not going to have it. You are too half-hearted. You are not determined enough in this thing. If you were the man of character that you should have been, you would have smitten that ground until the dust flew, showing that you were going to press that battle clear to the gate.

Now that is what God wants every one of his people to do in this mighty conflict, and he says to us, brethren, I am

"for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate." Brethren, are you determined to push right on with this thing until a complete and glorious victory is yours—an eternal victory? That is what we must do, brethren. O, to give up now means to lose everything. But we are not intending to give up; are we?

Let us read a word along this line in Rev. 2: 10: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

How long are we to hold on? How long are we to be true to this cause? How long are we to press the battle in this great contest, brethren?—"Be thou faithful unto death." O, may God help us to do it! O, it is my prayer that God will keep me from falling out, from letting anything trip me, and from any trap of the devil, and that he will keep me faithful unto death.

I have seen a few who have been trapped in my time, and I want to tell you there is nothing sadder in this world than a human wreck, one who has been wrecked in this movement of ours. You see people fail in business, fail in politics, fail in a great many things; but, my friends, there is no failure so terrible as the failure of a Seventh-day Adventist in this movement, who falls out by the way. And I want to tell you there is nothing more glorious, nothing more charming to our hearts, than to see a person winning victories day by day in this cause. Isn't it encouraging, brethren? Isn't it a noble sight? Isn't it a grand thing to contemplate—a man or woman marching on with God, growing better, becoming more consecrated, with larger faith, longer vision, and greater determination? O, that is what we all want, I am sure.

Rev. 3: 11: "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

He is speaking again to the remnant, residue, of his people. Brethren, it would be an awful thing for that crown that God has laid up for you and me to be switched off, to be removed, to be placed upon another's brow. Awful for us! There is no need of it. We may have the one for us, and they may have those for them, but the fearful thing will be to lose our crown.

(To be continued)

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Nov. 24, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 3,008; *Watchman*, 9,454.

WE have the following letter from Bro. W. A. Nelson of Alabama:—

"Dear Brethren: It was with some regrets that I left the canvassing field last week, but I left not as a deserter, but as one in quest of a better preparation in order to do more efficient work for the Master.

"The past few months have been months of spiritual blessings to me. The trying places in which a canvasser often finds himself, causing him to look more to the Lord, have resulted to my good, giving me greater faith and more hope in the promises of God. If spiritual blessings were all one derived from the canvassing work, this alone would repay the effort; but I find it also to be a great educator, giving a knowledge of human nature, teaching to intelligently present the truth which also becomes engrafted in the mind of the canvasser, and instructing in many other ways; and then from a financial viewpoint it pays, and pays well.

"I am thankful for the privilege I had of working for a

scholarship, and for all the blessings received. Truly the Lord is good, and to him be all the praise."

Bro. I. W. Peevy writes:—

"I am in good health, and have been all the year; and I praise the Lord for it. I am delivering eighty-five per cent of my orders, and have also started for my last orders in 1911.

"The people I have been working among for the past three months are all seeking for knowledge and understanding. One gentleman said I was much loved throughout his neighborhood for bringing the truth to them. The preachers are beginning to teach that a soul is neither in heaven nor in punishment, but in the grave. Let us all pray that they will find more light and walk in it. I. W. PEEVY."

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Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN

THE Lord is certainly blessing in the circulation of the *Watchman*. The mail recently brought us forty-two subscriptions from one tract society, twenty-six from another, and fifteen from another. Words of encouragement are coming in from all quarters. A western tract society has just wired us to rush forward 1,000 December *Watchman*, and another has just ordered 500. One of our leading brethren has written us that he considers our last cover design the most beautiful that he has yet seen.

In view of the disturbed conditions of the world we believe the best time to work is the present. Send us in a small order for *Watchman* to work with among your neighbors.

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Kentucky Conference

LOUISVILLE

THE writer held a ten days' meeting in the church at Louisville, closing November 20. A good degree of interest was shown on the part of the church members, but there was only a small outside attendance. The deep movings of the Spirit of God were clearly seen, and the church members who attended testified that the message was dearer to them than ever before.

The Sabbath services were marked with deep searching of heart and renewed consecration to God on the part of all the people. Some who had been discouraged acknowledged their sins and expressed a desire to live the truth more perfectly. Some who were not members of the church sought the Lord for forgiveness of sins. At the close of the meeting three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, and united with the church. We are indeed thankful for what the Lord has done, and pray that others may soon surrender to God.

I am glad to speak of the church school that is being conducted in the city. At present there are twenty students enrolled, and a goodly measure of the Spirit of the Lord is present. Sr. Nettie Hardiman, the teacher, is working hard to have all the students see their need of a Christian education. I am sure the school is a great blessing to the church, and I wish that more of our churches were conducting Christian schools for our youth.

B. W. BROWN.

JUBILEE SONG

How many of us remember that at the conference last year we voted to pay ten cents a week per capita to the fund for foreign missions? Now we only have one month left of the present year in which to complete this fund, and I am sure that our good people throughout the conference will now rally during the few remaining days of 1911, and give of their means so that the full amount of this fund will be raised.

Brethren, we are just a little behind at present, but if we will all give as we should, I am confident that we will be able to sing the jubilee song. I tell you, dear brethren, that the missionaries in foreign fields are looking to us for the help we have promised them, and we must not disappoint them.

I am very anxious that the week of prayer offerings shall be the largest ever given. Soon our money and land will be of no value to us. Therefore while we have opportunity let us put our money into God's treasury so that souls may be saved in the kingdom of heaven.

Our annual offering this year should reach at least \$150. Now I feel sure that we will more than double our mid-summer offering. I was pleased with the way our people in Kentucky responded to the call for missions in July, and I have faith to expect that we will not fall behind in the annual offering. If we will all pray and give as God has blessed us, we will have enough to complete our quota, and I hear you say, We will. Remember the annual offering will be given December 16.

B. W. BROWN.

Louisiana Conference

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

ANOTHER year has rolled around and we now look upon its history as one filled with encouragement for those who know the meaning of our times.

The arming of the nations, the unsettled conditions in the Near and Far East, earnest statesmen crying, "Peace," and others equally as earnest crying, "War," the labor unrest, the pernicious activity of the papacy, the decay of popular government in the United States, the onward march of invention and art—all these tell in strange and varied cadence that the coming of Jesus is at hand.

"Therefore be ye also ready." Opening doors in every land tell that the world is ready for the warning message. Hungry souls embracing the truth, prove that God's waiting children are ready to respond to his call. All heaven is interested in, and is willing to help us to prepare for the coronation of the King. "Therefore be ye also ready."

Some of the questions that we may properly ask ourselves are, Have I put away every sin? Have I made restitution to God and man? Have I done my duty in warning my neighbors and relatives? Does my life in my home lead my loved ones to love God and his truth better? Am I faithful in attendance at church and Sabbath-school?

Let us pray that our mistakes of the past may be forgiven, and devote our lives anew to God during this week of prayer.

Mississippi Conference

APPOINTMENTS

THE Lord willing Elder Morrow and the writer will begin a series of meetings in the court house at Laurel, December 6. And after that meeting we will hold some meetings at Hatley and Pine Grove.

Pray for us in these meetings.

W. S. LOWRY.

Tennessee River Conference

HAZEL

WE have recently had a meeting of five members of the Conference Committee at this place. The members present were: Prof. A. N. Atteberry, A. H. Jones, C. D. Wolff, Eld. C. N. Martin, and the writer. Bro. A. F. Harrison was also with us by invitation.

Plans were laid for the work until the January meeting, and delegates were chosen to attend the meeting of the Union Conference. The delegates are: J. S. Washburn, C. N. Martin, A. N. Atteberry, G. W. Powers, A. H. Jones, H. E. Simkin, M. F. Knox, A. J. Harris, C. D. Wolff, E. A. Sutherland, T. E. Pavey, W. M. Crothers, and the manager of the Nashville Sanitarium. W. R. Burrow and the writer will be members of the Conference in virtue of being members of the Union Committee.

We held ten meetings with the church and school including the chapel exercises at the school. The school is not as large as it ought to be, nor as we hope to see it next year; but the quality of the work being done is, it seems to me, exceptionally good. This school is deserving of a better support than it is receiving, and parents placing their children in the "Home" can feel sure that they are under the best possible influence and discipline. In some respects the school has the strongest faculty in its history. Professor Treible, one of the teachers, is preceptor of the boys' dormitory, rooms in the building, studies and reads in the boys' study room, and is thus with them almost constantly. The arrangement is an ideal one and the influence the best possible.

The church needs some work which we hope to bestow a little later. The Lord lays special responsibility upon the churches where our institutions are located. While some at Hazel seem to sense this, others have grown somewhat careless. We believe that as a result of the meetings already held there will be a keener appreciation of the solemnity of the times in which we are living than there has been in the past.

The Sabbath-keepers at Paris were visited by the writer, in company with Brother Jones, after the council meeting at Hazel. It does seem that something ought to be done to strengthen the work at Paris. This place has now grown to be a town of about five thousand people, and very little work has been done there for more than ten years.

It has been decided to hold three canvassers' institutes during the conference year, one in December and two after the Union Conference. Two of these will be for the training of colored workers and one for white. It is also hoped that some workers will go out from the Hazel school. These will receive the necessary help a little later in connection with their school work, as may be arranged with the faculty.

The writer is now at Springville and expects to remain over the Sabbath, November 25. Elder Martin is visiting the believers at Paducah, but will be here in time for meeting the night of the twenty-fourth.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

Springville, Tenn., November 22.

ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCES

I HAVE been silent for a long while, but I have been busy at work just the same, and am enjoying it.

The thing that gives me the most joy is the precious fruit resulting from my labors in this place. Every once in a while some one to whom I have sold a book accepts the truth.

Last week I sold "Daniel and the Revelation" to one of the wealthiest women in the city, a millionaire's wife. I left

the book for her to examine, as she wanted to know more about it than I could tell her in a canvass. When I called again she said, "I like the book and want one;" and paid me cash for the one she had.

A prominent lady in the Presbyterian church told me last week that "Daniel and the Revelation" was one of the most wonderful books she ever read, and that the sanctuary question was to her one of the most wonderful subjects in the Bible, and one that she knew nothing about until she read the book. She also thought it was wonderful how the Lord told Daniel in his day, what the Turks would do in our's. She was so disappointed that the Sunday-school lessons on Daniel brought out nothing on the prophecies.

A young lady, the sister of a lawyer, sent to-day for two more "Daniel and the Revelation." I think she has bought ten in all. She is so enthused with the book that she wants everybody to read it, and is buying them for her friends. A little more than a week ago she sent for one for a young lawyer who, she said, was seeking for truth, but did not know how to find it.

What a blessed privilege it is to have a part in carrying this saving truth to a dying world. Pray for me in my effort to reach these wealthy society people here. MAMIE MOORE.

Missionary Volunteers

WHEREAS—RESOLVED

I USED to admire the ability of my friends that had the knack of writing resolutions in good shape. I generally skipped the "whereas" portion myself, however, in reading these documents, being more eager than logical. Nevertheless I have just expressed some resolutions in this form, and I have done it to make clear to myself the reason for my action. Thus:—

"Whereas my experience shows me that I am not happy when I am murmuring or complaining; and—

"Whereas I help to make other people unhappy by unloading the burden of wrongs, real or fancied, upon them; and—

"Whereas complaining tends easily to become a habit, and a bad one, and to breed still more complaints; and—

"Whereas murmuring and dissatisfaction and the repetition to others of my woes, rob me of spiritual power, fixing my mind on mere human conditions, instead of on God, who conquers them; and—

"Whereas complaining makes it impossible for me to obey the Scriptural command, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' because complaint and joy are opposites; and—

"Whereas complaining is evidence of lack of trust in God and acceptance of his will,—

"Be it therefore resolved:—

"Never to allow the mind to indulge in self-pity, to brood upon the wrongs I may have suffered or may suffer;—

"Never to repeat to any one, no matter how dear they may be, any kind of complaint, but to cast such memories out of the mind resolutely and forever;—

"Never to seek sympathy that involves the darkening of other lives by my murmurings:—

"Always to dwell in the sunshine of the divine love, and know that the Lord is taking care of all apparently untoward conditions, for 'all things work together for good to them that love God;'—

"Always to rejoice and help to make others happy."

There, now, what do you think of that? You say, of course: "You can never do it, Mr. Ripple." I know it. But the Power that inspired the desire can. "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do."

The world is too full of complaints and lugubrious rehearsals of evils and wrongs. I can not stop these things in others; I can in myself, by divine grace.

Whereas — Resolved.— *Christian Endeavor World.*

THE MISSIONARY DOCTOR

AWAY in the heart of Asia,
A little child lay ill;
Her body was burned with fever,
And racked with the cruel chill.
Her mother bent above her,
And smoothed the tangled hair,
But the child was so ill and wretched
She heeded not her care.

But a missionary doctor,
Chancing to pass that way,
Paused by the little sufferer,
Her fever to allay.
She soothed with gentle kindness;
The medicine cooled her cheek;
And the mother watched the lady,
With a heart too full to speak.

And after the child grew better,
The lady told again
The sweet old gospel story
Of how God had for fallen men
Sent his only Son to suffer,
That we through him might live;
And how, if we are but faithful,
He a crown of life will give.

As they listened, the sweet old story
For the first time reached their ears,
And the mother heard and heeded,
And with penitential tears
She knelt, and to Christ her Saviour
Gave her life in simple faith,
And thus a soul was rescued
Through the infant snatched from death.

— *Mrs. A. P. Jarvis, in the Presbyterian.*

SLIGHTLY SOILED

Two theological students were walking along an "old clothes" street in the White Chapel district of London. Suddenly one exclaimed, "What a splendid text for a sermon to young men!" pointing to the suit of clothes that always hung in the breeze at the side of a window, "Slightly Soiled, Greatly Reduced in Price." "That's it exactly," he went on. "We young people get soiled slightly, just seeing a vulgar show in a theater, just reading a coarse book, just allowing ourselves a little indulgence in dishonest or lustful thoughts, just slightly soiled, and, lo, when the time comes for our manhood to be appraised, we are 'greatly reduced in price.'"— *Selected.*

ONE sound always comes to the ear that is open; it is the steady drum-beat of duty. No music in it, perhaps,—only a dry rub-a-dub. Ah, but that steady beat marks the time for the whole orchestra of earth and heaven! It says to you: "Do your work,—do the duty nearest you!" Keep step to that drum-beat, and the dullest march is taking you home.— *George S. Merriam.*

General

HOW TO GAIN SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

MANY are spiritually weak because they look at themselves instead of at Christ. Looking at themselves, and seeing only discouragement and unworthiness, they forget that God is waiting to make them agencies for the blessing of the world, and that angels are waiting to be co-laborers with them.

Christ is the great storehouse from which on every occasion we may draw strength and happiness. Why, then, do we withdraw our eyes from his sufficiency to look on and bemoan our weakness? Why do we forget that he is ready to help us in every time of need? We dishonor him by talking of our inefficiency. Instead of looking at ourselves, let us constantly behold Jesus, daily becoming more and more like him, more and more able to talk of him, better prepared to avail ourselves of his kindness and helpfulness, and to receive the blessing offered us. As we thus live in communion with him, we grow strong in his strength, a help and blessing to those around us.

Christ has made every provision for us to be strong. He has given us his Holy Spirit, whose office is to bring to our remembrance all the promises that Christ has made, that we may have peace and a sweet sense of forgiveness. If we will but keep our eyes fixed on the Saviour, and trust in his power, we shall be filled with a sense of security; for the righteousness of Christ will become our righteousness.

If we would only do as the Lord desires us to, our hearts would become as sacred harps, every chord of which would sound forth praise and gratitude to the Redeemer sent by God to take away the sin of the world. With joy we would be able to say, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us."

When temptations assail you, as they surely will, when care and perplexity surround you, when, distressed and discouraged, you are almost ready to yield to despair, look, O look, to where with the eye of faith you last saw the light; and the darkness that encompasseth you will be dispelled by the bright shining of his glory. When sin struggles for the mastery in your soul and burdens the conscience, when unbelief clouds the mind, go to the Saviour. His grace is sufficient to subdue sin. He will pardon us, making us joyful in God.

Looking at self, we see only weakness, and we forget God's purpose for us. We forget that he placed on us so high a value that he gave Christ to die for us. Oh, after all that has been done for us, how can we disappoint Christ by failing to live the life that he has made it possible for us to live? Let us no longer talk of our inefficiency and lack of power. Forgetting the things that are behind, let us press forward in the heavenward way. Let us neglect no opportunity that if improved, will make us more useful in God's service. Then like threads of gold, holiness will run through our lives, and the angels, beholding our consecration, will repeat the promise, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." All heaven rejoices when weak, faulty human beings give themselves to Jesus, to live his life.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

EVENTS IN CHINA

CHINA, the "sleeping giant," is now being mightily stirred. For countless centuries she has lain dormant. While other nations have come and gone, and other peoples have felt the impulse and responded to the progressive spirit of the times, China, with her four hundred million subjects, has been but little affected. The traditions, superstitions, and customs of bygone ages have, like so many strong chains, held her a captive to the past, and barred her doors to modern civilization, education, enlightenment, and progress. The foreigner and his ideas have been regarded with animosity and suspicion, and the Christian religion with hatred.

But the "gospel of the kingdom" must be preached in that vast empire, and the Lord is preparing the way. The present revolution is gaining strength day by day, and promises to sweep away the hoary dynasty with its traditional exclusiveness, and to establish in its place a progressive republican government with freer institutions, greater liberties, and other conditions more favorable to the prosecution of our work.

But this is not all. According to prophecy the heathen will be awakened in the last days and take an important part in the affairs of the nations which will culminate in the last great battle of Armageddon. China is now being prepared to act her part, and already the rulers of Europe are meditating, with anxious suspense, the possible outcome of her present struggle. Those who know the truth should see in these events another token that the end is drawing near. Everything is ready for that event except the people of God. When we get ready, the work will be speedily finished in mighty power, and the Lord will come.

A CONSTANT MIRACLE

THE Bible itself is a standing and an astonishing miracle. Written fragment by fragment, throughout the course of fifteen centuries, under different states of society and in different languages, by persons of the most opposite tempers, talents, and conditions, learned and unlearned, prince and peasant, bond and free; cast in every form of instructive composition and good writing,—history, prophecy, poetry, allegory, emblematic representation, judicious interpretation, literal statement, precept, example, proverbs, disquisition, epistle, sermon, prayer; in short, all rational shapes of human discourse,—and treating, moreover, on subjects not obvious, but most difficult; its authors are not to be found, like other writers, contradicting one another upon the most ordinary matters of fact and opinion, but are at harmony upon the whole of their sublime and momentous scheme.—*Maclagan.*

THE LOMA LINDA BUILDING FUND

CONTRIBUTIONS to the Loma Linda Fund have not yet reached the amount required to put this institution into good working order, and the door of opportunity is therefore still open to those who want a share in the enterprise. And who among us does not?

Of the \$250 which our Union has undertaken to raise, \$28 has been received, leaving a balance of \$222. Who will be next to take his place among the donors, and help to wipe out the obligation?

"THE resources of God are promised to those who undertake the program of God."

"THE whole business of the whole church is to preach the gospel to the whole world."

THE MEDICAL EVANGELIST

Now is your opportunity to learn the attitude our physicians and other workers are taking toward the many methods of healing now before the people.

Sectarian Medicine, or Present-Day Pathies, will be the subject to which the next number of the *Evangelist* will give attention. This will include papers presented at the Council held at Loma Linda recently, and other matter relative to ordinary schools of medicine, Osteopathy, Chiropractic, Christian Science, and other pathies.

This will be a double number. The latest number of the *Evangelist* is also a double number, being a report of the Medical Council recently held here. These two important numbers will be included in the yearly subscription as long as they last. Send in your subscription at once.

You should be a reader of *The Medical Evangelist* for these reasons:—

1. It is the only periodical among us devoted to medical evangelistic work—the work that has been urged upon us so repeatedly by the Spirit of prophecy of late.

2. It will keep you informed of the progress and work of our only medical school.

3. We are endeavoring to work out, and to keep in touch with those who are working out, the problem of securing entrance to our large cities in the best way. The *Medical Evangelist* will keep you informed regarding progress in this line.

4. The *Medical Evangelist* will contain reports of our missionaries in foreign lands, and thus act as a medium of exchange between our missionaries.

5. Last, but not least, you can thus help the medical evangelistic movement.

Fifty cents a year, 5 cents a copy; *The Medical Evangelist*, Loma Linda, Calif.

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

STILL the books containing the light of truth for this time are being sent out, and the Lord is using this agency to bring the truth to many whom the canvasser can not reach. This is a field that can not be entered by the regular canvasser. The door of the soldier's quarters is one of the few doors that the canvasser never knocks upon. The military service is isolated and hidden away from the beaten paths of civil life, and the men who enter it are entirely out of touch with the outside world. They are living in a sphere totally void of religious influence, and if they do not come into immediate contact with the people of civil life how are they to learn the truth unless we go to them?

One of the corner stones of our truth indicates that a certain generation living upon the earth will witness the actual coming of the Lord Jesus. It has been demonstrated over and over again that that generation is now more than seventy-eight years old. In the light of this startling fact, will you not hasten this good work among men who know nothing of the second coming of Christ and the end of all things? Will you not send the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., a fifty-cent book of stamps and have a part in sending copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy" to the United States soldiers stationed in different parts of the earth? May the Lord help you to appreciate the needs of this field.

B. N. BROWN, *Formerly U. S. Army.*

Other conference papers, please copy.

QUARREL not rashly with adversities not yet understood, and overlook not the mercies often bound up in them.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

OUR MAGAZINES

THE following are leading articles in the current numbers of the magazines named:—

Life and Health: "How Two Mothers Cared for Their Babies: How One Succeeded and the Other Failed;" "Head-ache: Its Cause, Prevention, and Cure;" "The Restorative Effects of Home Water Treatments;" "How to Postpone Old Age;" and "I Caught Cold in a Draught."

Subscription price, \$1.00 per year; clubs of 50 or more, 4 cents each. Sample copy, 10 cents.

The Protestant Magazine: "Making America Catholic;" "Is the Vatican a Peace-Maker;" and the "Double Doctrine of the Church of Rome."

"The Roman Catholic Church is determined, if possible, to exclude from the United States mail hereafter, all magazines and periodicals which in any way reflect upon the Catholic faith, or upon the conduct of the leaders of that church. To this end resolutions have been passed by the American Federation of Catholic Societies, and strong efforts will be made at the next session of Congress to have our postal laws amended so as to exclude these Protestant periodicals. Let all join in extending the circulation and influence of *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* while there is time in which to do this work. \$1.50 will pay for 10 yearly subscriptions to either of these magazines to one or to ten different names and addresses. Clergymen not of our faith, and Protestant and patriotic societies are sending in from 50 to 600 yearly subscriptions at one time. Send your list of names and addresses at an early date to this office, and thus help the good work along.

Liberty: The "Menace of Sunday Laws," by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho; "The Infallibility of the Majority," by Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, Senator Root, of New York, and Senator Borah, of Idaho, being portions of their speeches in the 62nd congress; "Prohibition and Personal Liberty," by W. M. Healy, of California.

Subscription price, 25 cents per year; 50 copies or more, 4 cents each. Single copy, 10 cents. For any of these magazines, address your State tract society. The *Protestant* and *Liberty* are published quarterly; *Life and Health*, monthly.

ALL HE ASKS

'T is not by deeds that win the praise of men,
Or glitter with the glory of this world,
That I may magnify my Master best;
Or hasten on the coming of the day
When he shall reign as King and Lord of all.
All that he asks is that with all my heart
I will to do his will in everything;
That he may have his way in me, for me,
With me, through me, until at last there come
Such perfect union and such sweet accord
Between the glorious Lord of all the worlds
And me, his willing servant here below,
That in all things he has pre-eminence.

—Selected.

HOW SIMPLE

If you feel sincerely sorry on account of your sins, and believe that Christ is able and willing to forgive you, the work is done. You may trust with all the confidence of a child who confesses his fault and casts himself into his father's arms. This is faith; a simple trust in the power and willingness of the Father to forgive, for the sake of what Christ the Son has done.—*Samuel Irenæus Prime*.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Nov. 18, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
				\$	\$	\$	\$400 75
A L Kiehnhoff...PPF	I22						
W F Nance....CK	36	45		67 50	17 85	85 35	10 45
Chas Griffith...BF	36	30		45 00	3 50	48 50	
Wright Battles...BF	47	34		37 50	44 00	41 50	50
Isadore Evans 2WBF	78	22		33 00	50	33 50	5 50
I W Peevy.....BF	32	13		19 50	9 00	28 50	12 60
G E Vincent....BF	13	12		18 00		18 00	4 50
S S Guilford...BF	39	7		9 50	2 00	11 50	2 00
W M Finch.....BF	16	4		5 50	50	6 00	
E N Lewis.....BF	24						15 00
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
H Greenfield...BF	5	7		9 00		9 00	
Mrs E C Spires.JUV	9	19		9 00		9 00	
D C Ray.....BF	32				25	25	64 20
C R Millar.....BF	24						23 75
Wm Martin...BF	34	41		43 50	50	44 00	2 75
Mrs Lavinia Davis.BF	18	19		26 00	3 75	29 75	
Estella Pryor...BF	17	13		14 50	25	14 75	25
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
T S Sligh.....BF	29	23		25 00	7 00	32 00	
M B Wilson...PPF	42	42		77 50	15 10	86 60	5 25
C W Brown...BF	44	42		44 50	60	45 10	60
W E Adams...PPF	6	3		4 50		4 50	10 50
G Jorgenson...PPF	48	3		5 50		5 50	24 75
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
J S Fry.....D&R	45				1 50	1 50	59 00
C H McColrey...BF	43	29		29 50	3 75	33 25	4 75
Horace Miller...BF	48	5		5 00	2 50	7 50	66 50
Virgil Smith...BF	52						93 65
Coley Parkins...BF	40						34 00
Lamar Cooper...BF	36						53 00
W E Cooper...BF	36						48 00
John Wood...BF	33						36 00
M A Murphy...BF	15	12		18 00	1 00	19 00	2 90
Willie Cobb...BF	35						30 25
Louise Jackson..BF	13				1 00	1 00	50
Ross Blakely...BF	20	9		9 00	2 00	11 00	11 00
J P Campbell...BF	38						15 00
E P Campbell...PG	25	8		32 00	11 25	43 25	50
A L Saxon.....BR	12	14		47 00	8 50	55 50	8 50
Miscellaneous...—	40						40 00
Ella Johnson...BF	55						38 50
SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf....	443	167		235 50	37 35	272 85	451 30
Kentucky Conf....	139	99		102 00	4 75	106 75	90 95
Louisiana Conf... ..	169	113		157 00	22 70	173 70	41 10
Mississippi Conf..	586	77		140 50	31 50	172 00	542 05
Tennessee River	No report						
Totals	1337	456		635 00	96 30	725 30	1125 40

"THE Barotseland mission has now become self-supporting, asking nothing from the mission board but their prayers and moral support. This mission is only a little more than six years old, and yet able from this on to finance the great work before them. Bro. J. R. Campbell is at present setting in operation five new out-schools; and these with the ten already established, show with what rapidity the work is onward at this station. Let all give thanks to God for this our first self-supporting mission station in Africa."

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OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

THE holiday season is drawing on apace and many will have to deal with the difficult question, "What present shall I select?" We are endeavoring to answer that question by supplying suitable literature at reasonable prices to all who want it.

"Self Control," post-paid \$1.00, should be in the hands of those who, on the threshold of life desire to cultivate perfect equilibrium.

"In Kali's Country," post-paid, \$1.00, an interesting volume, written by a missionary of long experience and travel over India.

"Truths" and "Confidences," by Dr. E. B. Lowry, each post-paid 55 cents, are books containing important truths that the growing generation should be acquainted with, but which are frequently neglected.

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A HOME WEDDING

A QUIET wedding took place at the home of Brother and Sister J. M. Calender near Henderson, Ky., November 22, at 7 P. M., when their daughter, Miss Dollie H. Calender, was united in marriage to Mr. Harry U. Jacobs. Elder B. W. Brown officiated in the presence of twenty-four relatives and friends. The groom is a member of the conference committee, and is quite well known throughout the conference. The bride has held the office of State secretary for the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteers, hence she is also well known.

We believe that this union is approved of heaven, and that the parties thereto will continue to help carry the message.

CONTENDING for one's "rights" is apt to blind one to the rights of others.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING

THE WORKER is waiting for a report from our union and local conferences of the harvest ingathering campaign, but as yet has received none.

Encouraging success is reported by our exchanges from almost all other parts of the United States. What is being done in our own territory?

We hope that our local conferences and churches have not forgotten this good work, but are giving it their earnest attention, and that we shall soon be able to report good results as the fruit of their efforts.

P. S. Since writing the above a brother in Nashville has reported the receipt of \$2.25 in return for two copies of the special *Signs* which he sent out through the mail.

SOMETHING FOR YOU

THE Morning Watch Calendar is ready for you; and there are several reasons why you should not fail to get it:—

It will give you a good morning thought. It will invite you to meet your Master face to face before you meet the world. It will remind you to place your hand in the Saviour's as you start out for the day. It will give you one thought on your Sabbath-school lesson each day. It will help you to form the habit of regular secret prayer and personal Bible study. It will help you to give a reason for your hope of salvation. It will make an acceptable Christmas or New Year's gift for some friend or Sabbath-school pupil.

SAVED

I HAVE heard of a man who, journeying on a winter's day through the deep drifted snow, became benumbed by the cold, which was almost imperceptibly stealing away his vital powers. As he was nearly chilled to death by the embrace of the frost-king, and about to give up the struggle for life, he heard the moans of a brother traveler, who was perishing with cold, as he was about to perish. His humanity was aroused to rescue him. He chafed the ice-clad limbs of the unfortunate man, and, after considerable effort, raised him to his feet; and as he could not stand, he bore him in sympathizing arms through the very drifts he had thought he could never succeed in getting through alone. When he had borne his fellow-traveler to a place of safety, the truth flashed home to him that in saving his neighbor he had saved himself also. His earnest efforts to save another quickened the blood which was freezing in his own veins.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, p. 319.

AN Australian paper states that plans have been suggested by the British government looking toward the possible transfer of the people of Pitcairn Island—practically all of whom are Seventh-day Adventists—to Queensland, Australia, in order to supply better conditions for life and work. Elder Fulton, the president of the Australasian Union Conference, has been in conference with the colonial officers regarding the matter.

A SISTER from Washington, D. C., who recently spent about three weeks in Nashville, visiting friends and looking after private business, devoted her spare time to selling the *Watchman*, and disposed of 700 copies.

THE one who will be found in trial capable of great acts of love, is ever the one who is always doing considerate small ones.—F. W. Robertson.