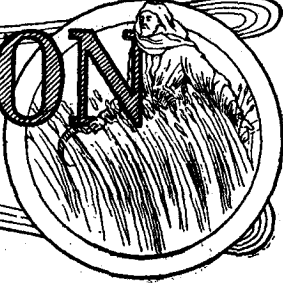


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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"THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD"

(Concluded)

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

Now it is not a crown of gold. It would not be so very bad to lose that. There is not very much in the crowns of monarchs. I remember the first time I saw the British crown. It is locked up in a great glass case in the tower of London. The framework is of solid gold, set with most beautiful gems. The first time I saw it I was wonderfully pleased, glad to see the crown of a monarch. I walked around there and read. There was a little book that told the weight of it. It is so heavy the king has to put a pad on his head to keep it from pressing into the skull and hurting him. There is not much in having a thing like that on your head, something that will give you pain, make you feel uncomfortable. The king has it put on once in his life, when he is crowned. Then it is carried back, and the police guard it. The second time I was there, I went in with some one to show him the crown. I glanced at it, but was hardly interested at all. The third time I did not actually care to look at it. What would a man do through eternity with that sort of crown? He would hardly want to go to heaven if he had to bother wearing it.

That is not the kind of crown God has for his people. He has a crown of eternal life for those who serve him, dear friends. We will not get white and frosted there. We will not get bent, stooped, and crippled there. And when billions of ages have rolled by, we shall be no nearer the end of our career than when we started. And all through those millions and millions of ages, there will be eternal joy and satisfaction. That is the kind of crown God wants to place upon our brows. He says, Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you that. Now, dear friends, we must not give up.

I like the grand, sturdy words of Paul that he wrote to Timothy when he had finished his course. He had had a pretty stormy time of it all along—imprisonment, whippings, shipwrecks, perils. He had a stormy, hard battle. He came up now to the end of it. "I am now ready to be offered." I like that word "ready." He was not caught napping. He was not half prepared; he was ready to be offered.

"I have fought a good fight," just as Jesus said. It came to the last night before his betrayal, and on his knees talking to his Father, he said, Father, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." I think that is one of the grandest statements a man can make in this world. There is something wonderfully fine in the service of God, to be able to say: Lord, I have finished the task you have assigned to me, all this that you have created me for. You brought me into the world, and gave me my work. Lord, by thy grace I have finished it. I want to be able to say that as Paul did when the finishing day comes.

Now he says, "I have kept the faith." How much better is this than to be forced to say, I have given up the faith!

Let us change this a little, and read it this way: "I am now to be offered, and am not ready. Why?—Because I have fought a poor fight. I have lost out in the battle. My work is unfinished. I gave up the faith."—Could he then say, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord . . . shall give me"?—No. He would have had to say, And now my crown passes to another. Brethren, would not that have been a terrible obituary? I like this splendid obituary here.

He adds this: "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Brethren, that takes us in, us who are here to-day. So then let us press this battle to the gate.

There is an illustration of this, I think, in the life of Jacob recorded in Genesis 32—that night when Jacob won his noble victory, the great victory of his life. Jacob had always needed that victory. There was something in that man's character that imperiled his eternal future and his usefulness among men, something in it like the dead fly in the ointment. It was seen wherever he was. His name indicated it—a supplanter. That man had to have a victory, and he had to triumph over that thing, and he did, but long, long after he might have done it. He should have had it before, but I am so glad of this record that our father Jacob did triumph over that failure.

His brother Esau was meeting him with a band of men to take his life, because of his unfair dealings with him years before. There was poor Jacob without a band of soldiers. He had his family and some animals. He was wealthy that way, but perfectly helpless. What he had gathered in a lifetime could be stripped from him in a day, besides relieving him of all the precious things in the world—and perhaps his own life be taken. When he saw his situation, he knew he must have help from God. He knew he had to have a victory. And when he had done all he could to meet the situation, he absented himself from his family, and went alone on the other side of the brook with the Lord.

In the darkness of the night he fell down on his face and prayed to God for help, prayed for victory. He did not get what he felt he must have. I expect he had prayed a great many times before, and let go of the arm of the Lord before he got his victory. That night it was victory or death for himself and family; and while he was there seeking God, a mysterious person seemed to come onto the ground; seemed perhaps like a robber coming to take his life. After a while he found it was a messenger from the Lord. He wrestled and struggled, but he held on. Finally his thigh was put out of joint. In the pain and his helplessness, he held on.

This angel said to him, Jacob, let me go; it is coming daylight. Jacob fastened his grip upon him with a stronger

force, and said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." There was the victory of Jacob's life. He pressed the battle to the very gate. And the angel said, "What is thy name? And he said, Jacob." Well, now, he said, you must not be called Jacob any more. That does not designate you, does not express what you are. Now you must be called Israel which means a prince, because you have prevailed with God. You have power with God and with men to prevail.

The thought in it is this: The Lord says he is for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. What we want to do now, in this last remnant hour of time, is to hold on and press the battle to the gate, hold on and stand for the truth and the work of God. May the Lord give us strength to do it. And what is it?—Just to make up our minds and our determination that by his grace we will be true to this cause, we will be true to this light, we will do all we can for God, we will lay upon the altar ourselves and all we have, praying God to use us and all we have as it seems best to him.

And now I marvel that some of us are afraid to do that. I know I have been afraid the Lord would not use good judgment, that he would call for things too fast, make too large demands upon us. But, brethren, after a long time of personal experience and observation, I have come to have more confidence, and I know that God is wise and good, and we can safely put everything on the altar, trusting God to consume it in his own time and way.

Now, brethren, to do that means to love the Lord, to let him have his way, not withhold, cramp, or hinder his work. I believe that is the only true life for a Seventh-day Adventist to live. So I believe all our powers for service of any and every kind should be put on the altar, and let the Lord have them as he chooses.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Dec. 1, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 3,457; *Watchman*, 4,713.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — KENTUCKY

WE have just enjoyed another Sabbath together. This county seems to be the place that is in the greatest need of work as the people seem to be very much enlightened on the Sabbath question and ready to know what is truth. We expect to press onward and get this message to as many as we can before it is too late.

D. C. RAY.

WE have just finished canvassing Spencer County with "Bible Footlights." We are now stationed at Shepherdsville where we will make our headquarters while working Bullitt County. I feel sure we are going to do a great work in this section of Kentucky. Ninety per cent of the orders that I secured last week were from people who knew that I kept the seventh day. I do enjoy the valuable experiences which I am getting here.

Our workers before me have left a decided impression for good, and I believe the Lord was with them and directed them where he would have them go.

I have just heard from a deacon of a little Union Baptist church, to whom I sold a book, and he says he is satisfied with his book and others are also. This is why we feel confident of accomplishing more here than we have in the adjoining counties. We earnestly ask the prayers of our people in their daily worship that we may prove capable of doing our work here, and may be able to gather out a number of

young men and women who will give themselves to the Master and his work.

C. R. MILLAR.

I PRAISE the Lord for the wonderful success he is giving me. As a beginner I feel very much encouraged to go on and not look back, realizing that the people are hungering and thirsting for the truth. Before I could finish canvassing some of them they would ask the price of the book, and then give me an order for one. Every person I met praised the book highly. I realize that God is in the work because I had orders given me by some who could not read themselves, but are going to get some one to read the book to them. After canvassing a Holiness preacher, she asked me if that was Adventist literature. She said the reason she asked was because it was so much like "Coming King." She told me that their young ministers are not allowed to read any of the Adventist literature, but she read it because she was old and her mind so well matured that she could not be changed. She gave me an order for a book.

The other day I met a lady who wanted Bible readings. I told Brother Lawrence about it and we went out to her house last Friday night. She told us she wished we would hold a study at her house every Friday night, and so we are going there again this week. She said she was going to join us. Brother Lawrence told the congregation last Sabbath that he never would have had the opportunity of holding a Bible reading at her house had it not been for the canvassing work.

I know I shall not have smooth sailing at all times, but I do not intend to let anything discourage me. I am realizing more and more the power there is in the third angel's message.

Please remember me in your prayers.

MRS. LAVINIA DAVIS.

BRO. A. F. HARRISON, general agent of the Southern Union Conference, was present at the chapel service Monday morning and gave us an encouraging talk on the progress of the work. Bro. C. D. Wolff was also present.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

THE New Year is now upon us, and the usual New Year resolves will be made. You will be greatly assisted in keeping a uniform temper by using our Morning Watch Calendar. These are now ready, and your orders should come in promptly. Price, five cents.

"Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, cloth, \$1.50; limp leather, \$2.00, is just off the press. This work is a painstaking one, being thoroughly revised and up-to-date, and will be highly instructive to those desiring to study the lives of the apostles.

"How the Third Angel's Message is Being Brought to the Attention of People of Influence," price one cent, is a pamphlet that should be in the hands of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist. It is certainly unique, and shows in a brief way that this gospel of the kingdom is surely going to all the world for a witness. We select three lines at random to indicate the nature of the work. "Three copies of 'Bible Footlights' were sold to the Queen of Sweden." "A colonel in the Spanish army has given his subscription for the Spanish paper." "An official distinguished both in military and governmental circles spent his last days in one of our sanitariums, and, though a Roman Catholic, he said that he wished to die with Seventh-day Adventists." These extracts indicate the unique nature of the work. It shows that our books and magazines are going to all classes, rich and poor alike.

The publication of "Advance Guard of Missions" is being

pushed rapidly by the Pacific Press, and we solicit advance orders for the same as it will be out shortly. This is an excellent work, dealing with missions, and shows very clearly that this gospel is going to the ends of the earth. Prices will be announced in a future issue.

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Kentucky Conference

LOUISVILLE

We have just closed a successful institute for the colored people in this city. I certainly appreciate the interest manifested by the church, which seems to be more alive and wide-awake than it ever has been before.

Brother Harrison's good instructions were appreciated by all. This institute was the first ever held for the colored people in Kentucky, and it has proved to be a real benefit to the church. Some fifteen took the drill on "Bible Footlights," and five are now canvassing with good success.

To show how they feel about it, I will give you their own words. A. M. Minnis (the elder): "The meetings were highly instructive and intensely interesting. Quite a number of the younger members attended every meeting, and some have heard the call of God to enlist in his army. Some expect to enter other branches of the work. We enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and an interest was aroused in the canvassing work that should have been seen long ago.

"Since the institute has closed, those who have gone out report good success, and we hope the experience meetings will inspire others to do something."

Wm. Martin: "I am truly glad I met you and Brother Harrison in the institute. I learned a great many things about canvassing which I had never thought about."

Latitia Steele: "I am glad and happy to say that I have been greatly benefited by attending the canvassers' institute. The Lord only knows how I feel. I can not express my thanks to God for his goodness to me this day and for what I know about this blessed work. He has put it in my heart to do all I can to help save others from the great pit of destruction. I am so happy that I can help carry the third angel's message to the people of this city. And if he wants me to go elsewhere I will readily go. Praise the Lord for his goodness."

Estella Pryor: "I have been much benefited by attending the institute. And hope I will have much success in the work."

Charles D. Minnis: "The canvassers' institute has been one of great interest, encouragement, and benefit to me. I now see the importance of canvassing as I never have before. The many practical talks given by Brethren Dart and Harrison, and the readings from the testimonies on the canvassing work, will always live in our hearts by giving the message to the world. I believe the canvasser has as great a work to do as the minister. I trust this will not be the last institute."

A. J. Bishop: "I am truly glad the Lord sent you to enlighten me in the canvassing work. I see there are a great many things to be learned. This institute is one I never will forget. By the Lord's help, I will make my work a success."

Sarah Bishop: "It is with great pleasure, I return you a thousand thanks for what the Lord has taught me through you. I thank the Lord for sending you here. I truly en-

joyed the institute, and would be glad to attend another. I trust to learn more about the Lord's work."

Delia Wilson: "I thank the Lord for the wonderful instruction that I have received from the canvassers' institute. I believe this is the Lord's work, and that all who engage in it will receive many blessings from the Master."

Celia Hart: "I am truly glad to be among those who can testify of the blessings received during the canvassers' institute. I truly believe every worker and member present will go forth with renewed zeal to do more for the Master."

Henrietta Greenfield: "I enjoyed the institute very much. I am very thankful to the Lord for sending the brethren here to teach us. I never enjoyed anything in my life any more. By the help of God, I am going to do all I can to carry the gospel."

Rose Greenfield: "I am very grateful to the Master for sending the brethren here to teach us to carry his word. We ought to feel highly honored that the Lord would intrust to our care, anything so precious as his word. I am going to work with a will and do all I can to hasten the coming of the Lord."

Florence Minnis: "I went the first time out of mere curiosity, as it was the first institute I had ever attended. Night after night we went and we became deeply interested. Finally it became a punishment to stay away. It has been a source of great pleasure, and I enjoyed the instruction very much. With the help of the Lord, I expect to take up the work."

Lavinia Davis: "It affords me much pleasure to state what I have learned and the great benefit the institute has been to me. It has given me much knowledge about how to handle 'Bible Footlights,' or any other book. I praise the Lord for sending these brethren to our church. The interest they manifested, and the good lectures will follow me all the days of my life. Had they been sent to another place I would not have had the pleasure of learning the many things of interest concerning the canvassing work.

"Feeling in my heart that God has called me to the canvassing work, with his help, I will put into practise what I have learned in the first canvassers' institute held for the colored people in Kentucky."

These testimonies have the right ring. And it looks like something is going to be done in Louisville. Watch for their reports in the WORKER.

I, too, want to say that I enjoyed the institute very much, and was benefited by it. Brethren, pray for these new ones in the work. Make this one object of prayer during the week of prayer.

C. F. DART.

TREASURER'S REPORT For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1911

TITLE	
Bowling Green	\$ 24.63
Grove	24.71
Conference Church	200.66
Rio	15.00
Locust Branch	18.04
Louisville	256.02
Henderson	42.11
Isolated Members	24.71
Sand Hill	8.50
Total	\$613.84
OFFERINGS	
Sabbath-school	\$113.67
Blind Fund20

\$300,000 Fund	22.50
Annual Offering	3.63
Poor Fund	3.81
Mid-Summer Offering	21.19
Second Sabbath Offering.....	1.43
Total	\$166.43

LULA E. SHAFER, *Treas.*

Louisiana Conference

NOTES

WE have good news for the Sabbath-schools of the State. The offerings for the last quarter were nearly two hundred dollars—fifty dollars more than for the same quarter last year. Let us make the present quarter the best in the history of the work in Louisiana.

Brother Rees has just made a trip to the north part of the State to visit some of our scattered brethren there.

Have you finished the work of the harvest ingathering? Be sure to get these good papers as widely scattered as possible among the people of your community, so as to give them a view of the great work that we are doing in the world, and also to give them a part in the work.

Every home in the State should have the three papers named below and the *Review* coming every week to the parents and children. Would not a combined subscription to these be a splendid Christmas present? The *Review* will cost \$1.75; *Life and Health*, \$1; *Christian Education*, \$.50; *Liberty*, \$.25; in all \$3.50. The tract society will be pleased to have your order as early as possible, and you will be more than pleased to have the good reading that the papers contain.

Brother Lantz writes that the church at Welsh is doing all it can for the success of the harvest ingathering.

The New Orleans workers report progress in all lines this past month. The room is too small to hold the congregations that assemble for the Sabbath-school each week, and new faces are seen at nearly every meeting.

Brother Frank will work at De Ridder and in that vicinity through the winter season.

We now have a large number of scattered members in the northern part of the State, and we need a minister to look after the interests there. We will have to have a goodly increase in the tithe before we will be able to sustain him, however, and will therefore have to await the co-operation of the brethren all over the field.

E. L. MAXWELL.

Mississippi Conference

HARVEST INGATHERING

MANY excellent experiences have been gained by the church at Jackson while engaged in distributing the harvest ingathering *Signs*. Thus far 225 papers have been distributed by eight workers. Forty dollars have been collected making an average of a little more than \$18½ for each paper. The church intends to keep on working with the papers during this month. We confidently expect to see the full amount reach sixty dollars. Those who have engaged in this work feel that it is a splendid way to bring the message before the people in the home land, and at the same time obtain help for the regions beyond.

JAMES A. MORROW.

A CHRISTIAN making money fast is just a man in a cloud of dust; it will fill his eyes if he be not careful.—*Spurgeon.*

Tennessee River Conference

OUR FUNDS

At the camp-meeting at Waverly a resolution was adopted pledging the Tennessee River Conference to close up its share of the \$300,000 Fund before Jan. 1, 1912. To do this will require earnest work, but it can be done.

This is the fund for building homes for our missionaries, and providing much needed facilities for carrying on the work in foreign fields. Valuable lives have been sacrificed in such fields as India, Africa, and China because our missionaries were not properly housed. This condition of affairs ought not to continue. We in the home land ought not to rest until our brethren and sisters in foreign fields are provided with reasonable facilities and with comfortable homes. There ought to be no more graves on foreign shores, as mute witness to our selfishness and neglect. Let us take hold, brethren, and finish up our share of this fund as a sort of thank offering for our comfortable homes and for the good degree of health and strength enjoyed by ourselves and our families during the past year.

The elders of churches should take the burden of seeing that this work is taken up promptly and energetically.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The campaign with the harvest ingathering number of the *Signs of the Times* should also be pushed vigorously. Every paper received by the churches ought to be used according to the accepted plan. They are to be given away, but those who receive them are to be given an opportunity to contribute to our foreign missions.

TITHE

The tithe must not be forgotten. It is the Lord's and is to be conscientiously returned to him. This matter ought to be kept before our churches, and church officers ought to feel a burden to see that this is done. Withholding the tithe leads to leanness of soul, and no church can prosper where this is neglected. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3: 10.

THE FIFTEEN-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN

Beginning with the first of January, 1912, the fifteen-cent-a-week plan is to take the place of the ten-cent-a-week of the past. That is the amount raised for missions from all sources, except appropriations of tithe, is to equal an average of fifteen cents per member instead of ten cents per member as in the past. This will include first day offerings, annual offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, mid-summer offerings, and all other offerings for missions. The funds thus made up will, if swelled to an average of fifteen cents per week per member, furnish both an operating and an equipment fund, in lieu of the two funds maintained in the past.

It is confidently believed that all our people in the Tennessee River Conference will loyally rally to the support of this new joint fund, and that we will not fall behind in raising our share of it.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

SPRINGVILLE

WEDNESDAY night, November 22, we held our first meeting with the Springville church. A good audience was present and gave excellent attention to a discourse on Matt. 24: 14.

Thursday night there was no public meeting because of bad weather. The next night was pleasant and the attendance

good. Sabbath meetings were held both in the morning at the usual hour and again at three o'clock. The congregation came together again at seven o'clock and gave good attention to the words spoken. There were also three meetings held on Sunday and two each on Monday and Tuesday. With the exception of Sunday night, all the discourses were of a practical nature; the burden of every meeting was consecration for service. Monday at the eleven o'clock service the Spirit of God came in with power, hearts were melted, confessions were made, and about a dozen souls whom Satan had previously held bound by sins they were unable to overcome, were set free.

The church voted unanimously to invite the conference to hold a canvassers' institute at Springville early in March, the several families pledging themselves to furnish free homes and board for all who shall attend. Several from this church will enter upon the work of canvassing for our message-filled books. Brethren Wolff and Harrison were with us at Springville, and contributed much to the success of the meeting. These brethren left Monday for Nashville, while we remained to close up the work at Springville, and then go on to Trezevant and Leach.

Much house to house work was done at Springville. Wednesday we separated for a few days, Brother Bollman going to Trezevant to fill previously made appointments, while Brother Martin stopped at Paris to hold cottage meetings Wednesday and Thursday and then return to Springville for meetings, night of the Sabbath, Sabbath, and night after the Sabbath.

C. P. BOLLMAN,
C. N. MARTIN.

HAZEL ACADEMY

We are well into our third month of school with a good interest.

There are two more students in the home than at any time last winter, and others are coming.

We are glad to note an increasing interest in all the Bible classes, and to see that some of the practical lessons brought out from time to time are bearing fruit in the lives of the students.

If all of the youth among us could see the importance of earnest systematic Bible study, there would be more recruits for both home and foreign fields; for they would be led to consecrate themselves to God for service.

Through the kindness of Dr. Mason, the physiology class has had access both last year and this, to a skeleton and a compound microscope with various prepared slides. Specimens of various animal organs are obtained from the neighbors at butchering time, and Elder Martin has promised us his set of anatomical charts. These are all great aids in giving demonstrations, and they also make the class-work more interesting and practical.

We had most of the brethren of the conference committee and also Brother Harrison with us over the Sabbath last week.

We very much enjoyed their visit and the good meetings held while they were here. There was a large outside attendance at the church on Sunday afternoon and evening. Elders Bollman and Martin did most of the speaking at the church. Brethren Harrison and Wolff spoke to the young people at the school Sabbath afternoon, and occupied the chapel hour Monday. These talks were full of inspiration.

Several gave themselves to the Lord for the first time, and others renewed their consecration for service. Their visit was a source of help and encouragement to all in the church and the school. This brings to our minds a statement found in "Education," page 271: "With such an army as our youth,

rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message . . . might be carried to the world."

Fathers and mothers, are you helping to train your boy and girl for this work, or are you letting them become ensnared with the attractions and false pleasures of the world? "God holds you accountable for your neglect in this matter."

A. N. ATTEBERRY.

CONFERENCE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER

TITHES

Nashville	\$518.25
Memphis	253.87
Cedar Grove	85.79
North Nashville	82.64
Fountainhead	56.76
Springville	39.25
Conference Church	34.75
Hazel	27.38
Trezevant	23.60
Hustburg	14.00
Leach	13.85
Madison	12.20
Individual	7.15
Paducah	7.00
Jackson	2.85
Total	\$1179.34

OFFERINGS

Sabbath-School Donations	\$ 60.14
\$300,000 Fund	28.45
Colored Work	12.15
First-Day Offerings	9.79
Mid-Summer Offering	8.05
Loma Linda Building Fund	6.50
Total	\$125.08

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

THE POWER OF PUNCTUATION

It is interesting to note the power there is in punctuation to change the meaning of a sentence altogether. Note the following illustration of this in the two ways of punctuating the same words:—

1. INCORRECTLY PUNCTUATED

"Every person in the land
Has twenty nails on each hand;
Five and twenty on hands and feet;
This is true without deceit."

2. CORRECTLY PUNCTUATED

"Every person in the land
Has twenty nails; on each hand
Five, and twenty on hands and feet;
This is true without deceit."

Concerning the punctuation of the original manuscripts of the Bible, Dr. Fausset says:—

"Stops were not in the originals, but were inserted by transcribers, . . . the letters running together in Greek manuscripts. The comma was invented in the eighth century, the semicolon in the ninth."—*Fausset's "Bible Cyclopaedia," art., "New Testament."*

In connection with the foregoing compare the punctuation of Luke 23:43 with the text of John 20:17. See also the punctuation of Acts 19:12; Rev. 22:1, 2; and compare 2 Peter 3:10 with Eccl. 1:4.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

Missionary Volunteers

GIANT MIGHT-HAVE-BEEN

THERE is a giant stalks this earth;
His name is Might-Have-Been;
For ugliness of face and form
His like has ne'er been seen.

He wanders up and down the world;
He meets us, every one,
And taunts us by reminding us
Of things we might have done!

He tells us of the gentle words
Which we have left unsaid,
Of loving deeds we did not do
For our lamented dead.

He draws a picture, true to life,
Of us, of you and me;
Of what when God created us,
He meant that we should be.

He tells us, and his voice is hard
And cold as any stone,
That for our years of past neglect
No future can atone.

But then another form draws near;
And this one's fair to see.
Of slender build, but quite as strong;
Her name is What-May-Be.

When tempted by old Might-Have-Been
To something like despair,
She comes and leads us by the hand
Into a garden fair.

And then she bids us look around
Into the years to be,
All gay, she tells us, with the flowers
Of opportunity.

She bids us pluck them every one,
And, as we pass along,
Make glad the weary, wayworn men,
Who life's great highway throng.

Inspired by her, we hope once more;
Our hearts grow light again;
For we find happiness ourselves
In soothing others' pain.

—Francesca.

Do not look forward to what might happen to-morrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you to-day, will take care of you to-morrow, and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.—*St. Francis de Sales.*

If I am faithful to the duties of the present, God will provide for the future.—*Bedell.*

General

VICTORY IN APPARENT DEFEAT

WHEN we are working under especially trying circumstances, when things seem to go wrong and it looks like failure on every hand, as is oftentimes the case with our canvassers, these words from the pen of inspiration have been very helpful to me.

"As the world's Redeemer, Christ was confronted with apparent failure. He, the messenger of mercy to our world, seemed to do little of the work he longed to do in uplifting and saving. Satanic influences were constantly working to oppose his way. But he would not be discouraged. Through the prophecy of Isaiah he declares, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. . . . Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.' . . . 'I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. . . . They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.'

"Upon this word Jesus rested, and he gave Satan no advantage. . . . With prophetic eye Christ traced the scenes to take place in his last great conflict. He knew that when he should exclaim, 'It is finished,' all heaven would triumph. His ears caught the distant music and the shouts of victory in the heavenly courts. He knew that the knell of Satan's empire would then be sounded, and the name of Christ would be heralded from world to world throughout the universe.

"Christ rejoiced that he could do more for his followers than they could ask or think. He spoke with assurance, knowing that an almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that truth, armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the contest with evil; and that the blood-stained banner would wave triumphantly over his followers. He knew that the life of his trusting disciples would be like his, a series of uninterrupted victories, not seen to be such here, but recognized as such in the great hereafter. . . .

"Christ did not fail, neither was he discouraged; and his followers are to manifest a faith of the same enduring nature. They are to live as he lived, and work as he worked, because they depend upon him as the great Master-worker. Courage, energy, and perseverance they must possess. Though apparent impossibilities obstruct their way, by his grace they are to go forward. Instead of deploring difficulties, they are called upon to surmount them. They are to despair of nothing, and to hope for everything. With the golden chain of his matchless love, Christ has bound them to the throne of God. It is his purpose that the highest influence in the universe, emanating from the source of all power, shall be theirs. They are to have power to resist evil; power that neither earth, nor death, nor hell can master; power that will enable them to overcome as Christ overcame."—*"Desire of Ages," pp. 678-680.*

How encouraging it is to know that every day of our lives may by the grace of God be a triumph and a success. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out

of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." We are going forth with the greatest message ever given to man, with all the power of the universe pledged for its accomplishment. We are seeing multiplied evidences of its success, but let us not attempt to walk by sight, but day by day raise our confidence in the word that is being fulfilled, and will continue to be fulfilled until the work is finished.

C. J. DART.

Secretary Arkansas Tract Society.

ROME AND THE MAILS

WHILE so-called Protestantism as a religious system has ceased to protest, and is reaching its hand across the gulf to grasp in friendship the hand of Rome, the true principle still lives in the hearts of some courageous individuals whose voices and pens are still proclaiming in plain terms the sentiments and principles of the Reformation, and are unmasking the designing schemes and policies of the vatican, and the anti-Christian character of that iniquitous system of doctrine and government which acknowledges the pope as its head.

There are several publications devoted to this good work, and, true to her nature, Rome proposes to silence them if possible. She fears nothing so much as light and truth, and it has ever been her policy to quench both.

A few months ago Watson's magazine, an anti-papal publication, was boycotted, through Catholic influence, and excluded from their stalls by newsdealers all over the country, and now the American Federation of Catholic Societies proposes to secure, if possible, an act of Congress so amending our postal laws as to exclude all anti-Catholic periodicals from the United States mails. A strong effort with this object in view, will be made at the next session of Congress.

This is a bold step, but it will probably receive the endorsement and support of many who call themselves Protestants. Much of our own literature would be subject to such a law, should it be enacted, and our work would thereby be greatly hindered. Let us be diligent while our liberties remain, and we can work without hindrance, remembering that work which is not done in times of peace will have to be done in times of trial.

W. M. C.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Nov. 24, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J T Burke.....PPF	2	2		\$ 4 00	\$ 50	\$ 4 50	\$ 8 50
S S Guilford...BF	44	1		1 50		1 50	14 50
I W Peevy.....BF	40	8		11 50	8 75	20 25	3 00
W M Finch.....BF	17	3		4 00	1 50	5 50	
M L Ivory.....BF	80	17		25 50	6 50	32 00	30 00
G W Brown.....BF	65	13		14 50	12 75	27 25	4 00
Isadore Evans .BF	51	8		12 00		12 00	3 00
W F Nance.....CK	38	62		66 00	27 55	93 55	5 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck*.....BF	53	3		3 50	2 95	6 45	54 70
C R Millar.....BF	39	21		24 00	1 50	25 50	
D C Ray.....BF	20	10		12 50	5 50	18 00	75
C L Yates.....BF	35						59 75
Wm MartinBF	21	17		17 00	1 95	18 95	
Latitia Steele .BF	7	3		3 50		3 50	
Lavinia Davis .BF	6	12		15 50	2 00	17 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

W E Adams....PPF	3	2		3 00		3 00	1 50
Joel FisherPPF	18	11		16 50		16 50	5 50
M B Wilson....PPF	36	11		16 50	3 50	20 00	2 50
F H Berry.....PPF	30	4		6 00	4 25	10 25	
C W Brown....BF	23	23		25 00		25 00	
G Jorgenson ...PPF	50	30		35 00	7 25	42 25	18 25

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....D&R	40						23 25
W H Haddon...GC	48						46 45
Horace Miller ...BF	43			1 00		1 00	79 00
C H McColrey...BF	54	48		48 00	6 25	55 25	7 25
Andrew Saxon .BR	27	32		130 00	10 95	140 95	
Virgil SmithBF	48						87 00
Coley Parkins ...BF	45						73 00
Lamar Cooper ...BF	30						40 00
W E Cooper....BF	26						24 00
Mary Mundy* ...BF	30	29		29 50	15 00	44 50	
J P Campbell....BF	50	45		64 50	1 25	65 75	3 50
E P Campbell....PC	11	1		4 00		4 00	
M A Murphy....BF	9	14		21 00	50	21 50	12 00
Louise Jackson .BF	12	4		4 00		4 00	25
Emily Billups* .BF	100	50		75 00	6 50	81 50	
Alice Green—	20						16 50
Willie Cobb—	36	5		7 50		7 50	57 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE*

Mamie Moore .D&R	66	31		69 00	9 40	78 40	91 65
Mrs S Frisby...BF	10				9 80	9 80	1 50
Mrs E R Jones .BF	14	23		24 50	1 00	25 50	7 25
Mrs A K ThweattJUV	14	14		6 80		6 80	
C E Morphew...BF	78	34		37 50	12 40	49 90	12 50
Mrs C E MorphewBF	35	14		15 50	1 75	17 25	22 00
C H Chenault .D&R	30						35 00
Amanda Gahr MISC	35	28		6 20		6 20	6 20
J S Moore....sofp	86	5		7 25	14 25	21 50	23 50
Anton C Willimangc	79	12		37 00	8 00	45 00	38 50
R H Hazelton...BF	72	26		26 00	29 00	55 00	9 00
Mrs I E Stratton.BF	19	15		15 50	5 25	20 75	6 25
Mrs H E BuchananBF	20	1		1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00
Jacob ReedBF	10						1 50
Marcia Anderson BF	52	1		1 00	6 50	7 50	1 00
W A Kennedy .JUV	8	3		3 00	1 15	4 15	6 90
Mrs C D Wolffmisc	26			7 25		7 25	4 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	337	114		139 00	57 55	196 55	68 00
Kentucky Conf	181	66		76 00	13 90	89 90	115 20
Louisiana Conf ...	160	71		102 00	15 00	117 00	27 75
Mississippi Conf ..	629	228		383 50	41 45	425 95	469 20
Tenn River Conf*..	654	207		257 50	100 50	358 00	272 25

Totals1961 686 958 00 328 40 1187 40 952 40
* For Two Weeks

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Two Weeks Ending Nov. 24, 1911

KENTUCKY

Agents	Papers	Hrs.	No.	Value
Milton Jones, Louisville.L&H	L P soft W	51	142	\$14 20

TENNESSEE RIVER

For Four Weeks Ending Nov. 24, 1911

Miss M E Parker, Nashville.....W	10	92		9 20
J A Fry.....W	8	110		11 00
Lee McAlexanderW	1	6		60
R RobertsW	1	13		1 30
Marcia Anderson, Paducah.....W	8	50		5 00
Totals	79	413		\$41 30

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UNION CONFERENCE MEETING

THE next biennial session of the Southern Union Conference will be held at Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 18-28, 1912.

A bookmen's convention beginning Monday, January 15, will precede the regular conference session. This will be a very profitable meeting, and every conference president and State agent should be on hand early. A suitable program has been arranged.

The first part of the conference will be devoted to the legal meeting of the Southern Publishing Association, and later every phase of our work will receive full time and attention.

It is expected that Eld. W. T. Knox, E. R. Palmer, and other good help will be in attendance from Washington, D. C. Union Conference officers are to be elected, policies outlined, and plans laid for the development of the work in this important part of the vineyard. Most of the meetings will be held in the school building in North Nashville.

Through the courtesy of the Tennessee River Conference and the churches in Nashville, all the regular delegates will be lodged free. Convenient arrangements are being made, near the meeting place for board at reasonable rates. The committee on entertainment consists of H. E. Simkin, Eld. W. M. Crothers, and B. N. Brown. All persons expecting to attend and desiring that arrangements shall be made for them, should correspond with some member of the committee; any one of which can be reached by addressing in care of Southern Publishing Association. The regular delegation is made up as follows: Besides the members of the General Conference Committee present, and the members of the Southern Union Conference Committee, each conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for every fifty members in its territory. The Southern Union Mission is represented by the members of the General Conference North American Negro department resident in the Southern Union, and the members of the Southern Union Mission Committee.

In view of the importance of such a meeting the local conferences often encourage their laborers to attend by allowing the time of all who go at their own charges. A number of canvassers have won the right to have their expenses paid

by meeting the standard in time reported or books delivered.

A general invitation is extended, and it is hoped that many of the people can avail themselves of the privilege of getting acquainted with the laborers and our denominational methods, and of looking over the institutions in and around Nashville. Everything possible will be done to make their visit pleasant and profitable. Pray for this meeting that it shall be a blessing and accomplish the Lord's purpose.

C. F. McVAGH.

MORNING WATCH

IN providing yourself with calendars for 1912 do not forget the best one of all, the Morning Watch Calendar. Use it systematically one year, and you will be ready to testify to the blessing that it brings. No one can estimate the amount of good that this little work is doing.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

THANKSGIVING Day there were twelve copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" addressed to the Third Infantry stationed at Augur Barracks, Jolo, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. When you realize that these men are situated in a hostile country where they sleep every night with their rifles under their pillows, and are living under constant fear of attack from the treacherous Mohammedan natives, you can better appreciate how eagerly they will read literature of any kind. It is not practical to transport well-filled libraries to posts situated like these, and a newspaper three months' old is devoured with avidity. A person surrounded by such an environment, and having plenty of time on his hands, will read our books and meditate upon them because he has much time to reflect upon the great truths they contain.

Do you not wish to send to the Southern Publishing Association a fifty-cent book of stamps to bring the truth to the attention of a company consisting of 175 men thus situated? Please do not send any funds to the writer.

This plan was recognized and endorsed by the General Conference in official session.

B. N. BROWN.

Formerly U. S. Army.

Other conference papers, please copy.

THE BOOK "HEALTHFUL LIVING" WANTED

I EARNESTLY desire to secure about forty copies of the book, "Healthful Living," for the use of our missionary class in Chicago, and in the nurses class in the Hinsdale Sanitarium. Those who will donate or sell a copy that they may possess can be assured that they will be put to the very best use.

Books may be mailed to Dr. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

COLORED CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

BRO. A. F. HARRISON is now in Nashville conducting a canvassers' institute for the colored people. Several are taking instruction, and the WORKER wishes them the Lord's blessing both in the class and in the field.

ELD. A. J. HAYSMER, superintendent of the colored work, who has just returned from an extended trip in the North, made our office a very pleasant visit last Wednesday.

OWING to lack of space we have been obliged to hold over until next week some interesting matter which we intended to publish in this number of the WORKER. If your contribution does not appear, this note will explain why.—EDDOR.