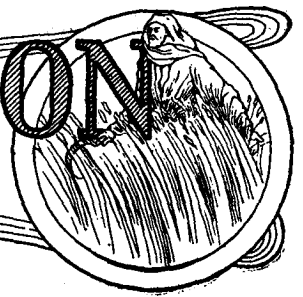


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Joshua 1:9*

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CHRISTMAS

A FEW more days and Christmas, falsely supposed to be the birthday of Christ, will be here, accompanied by the usual amount of frivolity, revelry, folly, feasting, giving of gifts, and other forms of dissipation which have become the characteristic and distinguishing features of the festival.

If Christmas was the birthday of our Lord, how utterly inconsistent would be the customary manner of observing it! Judging the mission of Christ to the world by the way in which his first advent is usually celebrated, one would suppose that instead of coming to save men from their sins, and establish righteousness in their hearts, that he came to take away all moral restraint and give the natural passions of men unrestricted liberty, for at Christmas time even Christians exercise a license and allow themselves to commit excesses which they would not think of on ordinary occasions; and some of our own people, we are sorry to say, have followed the world too far in these things.

But what are we preparing for during the coming Christmas time? Will we spend our time and means in feasting upon expensive and unhealthful food and drink, and in making presents that are of no practical value to the receivers? Would it not be much more consistent and to the glory of God for us to pursue the usual tenor of our ways, ignoring the festival season entirely, and give to the Lord's work the means that many are in the habit of spending for pleasure at such times? We believe it would, and that by doing so we will meet the mind of God, and find more real enjoyment in pleasing him than we could in any other way. W. M. C.

WHEN WAS THE EARTH CREATED?

It has always been Satan's studied plan and effort to destroy faith and confidence in God's Word, and to discredit its particular statements; and no other portion of it has he assaulted with more malice and energy than the record of creation contained in Genesis 1, for the entire Bible stands or falls with that chapter.

Inspired by him who first exalted himself against the knowledge and wisdom of God, so-called scientists have invented many theories by which to account for the existence of things in some other way than that recorded in the chapter mentioned.

The evolutionists boldly, openly, and with a great show of wisdom, boastfully deny the inspired testimony and call it all a legendary myth or fable. Many theologians and editors of religious journals and magazines, notably the higher critics, have adopted the same view, and are teaching it in the pulpit and the press. Others, not daring to go so far, are taking the middle ground, saying that instead of the earth being really created, or brought into existence, during the six days of Genesis 1, God during that time only formed it into a habitable globe out of matter which he had before created and

which had previously existed in elementary form and chaotic state for untold ages.

This last theory seems to the writer, quite as inconsistent with true faith in the Scriptures and the power of God as the first.

But we have not been left to speculate about the matter. Foreseeing the danger that his people would be led astray by these errors, the Lord has given us through the spirit of prophecy, clear light upon the subject. In "Testimonies," vol. 8, p. 258, 259, occurs the following definite statements concerning it:—

"The work of creation can never be explained by science. What science can explain the mystery of life?

"The theory that God *did not create matter* when he brought the world into existence, *is without foundation*. In the formation of our world, *God was not indebted to pre-existing matter*. On the contrary, all things, material or spiritual, stood up before the Lord Jehovah at his voice, and were created for his own purpose. The heavens and all the host of them, the earth and all things therein, are not only the work of his hands: they came into existence by the breath of his mouth.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God; so that the things which are seen, *were not made of things which do appear*."

In "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 47, the author, after speaking of the creation of the earth, the lower animals, birds, etc., and man, says, "*The creation was now complete*. 'The heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.' . . . The great Jehovah had *laid the foundations of the earth*; he had dressed the whole world in the garb of beauty, and had filled it with things useful to man; he had created all the wonders of the land and of the sea. In *six days* the great work of creation had been accomplished." Not the affirmation that in six days *creation*, not the formation or organization of pre-existent matter, had been accomplished; and also that the *laying of the foundations* of the earth is included.

These statements to the true believer in the third angel's message, are more reliable than all the findings and theories of men; and, if thoroughly believed and remembered, will save us from being deceived into adopting error; and in harmony with them nearly all of our translators and commentators interpret Gen. 1:1 to signify the making of the earth out of nothing as a part of the six days' work. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit."

W. M. C.

"Do to-day's duty; fight to-day's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you can not see, and could not understand if you saw them. God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days."

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Dec. 8, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 7,753; *Watchman*, 1,739.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

WE are through with this delivery and have had fairly good success, for which we praise the Lord. The work is onward in this part of the State. Several have accepted the Sabbath truth from reading the tracts distributed among them. All we have to do is to sow the seed. The Lord is watering it.

I hope that you will all be forced to work over time to keep up with the orders. W. F. NANCE.

TENNESSEE

DEAR BRETHREN: I received your letter of the 27th ult. and shall be glad to relate some of my experiences in the canvassing field. After being in the Madison school for nine months I desired to learn more about the needs of the people in the Southern highlands. There being a supply of "Christ's Object Lessons" at the school, I took some of these with me, and set sail up the river for Pulaski County, Ky. Having to stop over at a certain landing before I reached my destiny, I wandered into the country with a few of my books. At night I attended a Holiness prayer-meeting in the country. The pastor was so glad to see a stranger present and so pleased to have me take part in the meeting, that he immediately took a copy of the book. I left six good books behind me near this port.

After speaking some time with the superintendent of schools, I showed him my book and he was so impressed with the methods of teaching, as illustrated in Christ's parables, that he at once took one for the office. Several of the country school teachers took a copy of this good book. I met with seven Missionary Baptist ministers in this part of the county and each one took a copy, and seemed to be pleased with it. One, after reading it, remarked that it was the best work on the parables that he had ever read. After I made my delivery one man told me that he would not take five dollars for his book if he could not get another one like it. One man has written me that he is well pleased with the book, and finds that it agrees in all respects with the Holy Scriptures. One lady after receiving her copy was so delighted with it that she gave it to a neighbor who read it through once and was going to read it the second time.

The distilling houses of this mountainous region were not passed by. Not thinking that those who were laboring in these places would be interested enough to purchase a book, I desired to make my canvass such that the words spoken would be a witness against those who devoted their time to this evil work. To my surprise I took four orders and placed three copies of this good book in the hands of these men. During the few weeks I canvassed in these hills the Lord blessed me in placing more than a hundred copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" among the people. I considered it a great privilege to work for the Lord in distributing the books laden with precious truths for those who are seeking truth. I met only a few in this county who had ever heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. Surely the Lord is with the faithful canvasser who goes forth to his work knowing that he has a message from God for those he meets. I am glad to see that other canvassers have entered this county, and will help to bring the truth more fully to the people.

We who are connected with the Chestnut Hill Farm School

expect to so plan that we can use the canvassing work as a means of extending the truth in a larger circle from time to time in this vicinity. May the Lord's blessing rest upon all those who are carrying the truth in the printed page.

Yours in the Master's service,

HERSCHEL ARD.

KENTUCKY

DEAR CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST: The last month of the year has arrived, and here we are plodding along with the fast closing message. Soon the last month of time will be here. Are we doing all we can to hasten it? I can say that I do rejoice to know I can work for Jesus till he comes, and the experiences I have had give me courage to fight the battle. I had a hard time last week as it was muddy and I had poor and thinly settled territory. Once I walked four miles between houses. But the Lord says, "Be patient therefore brethren, unto the coming of the Lord." Pray for us. Your brother in the hope,

H. E. BECK.

I WRITE to tell you that the Lord has blessed me in my work this week. I am still in Pulaski County telling the people of the soon coming of the Lord. It is time for us to work faithfully for the Lord, and I am so glad the Lord has called me to the work. If we do not work faithfully, we will be left out of the kingdom; and that will be a sad thing. Pray for me that I may be faithful unto the end. C. L. YATES.

THE Lord certainly blessed me in my delivery, and I want to praise his name for it. I filled all my orders, and took four more. If we go out trusting in the Lord, he will certainly bless us. I want to go on in the good work of putting the books in the homes of the people. I ask all of God's people to pray for me that I may be faithful.

JOHN R. STATON.

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Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN—THE PRESENT TRUTH EVANGELIZER

THE old year has gone and the new year with all its possibilities awaits us. The latter half of the old year has been fraught with events of the first magnitude. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel is being fulfilled before our very eyes. What will the new year bring forth? This question is a vital one to every Seventh-day Adventist. Surely the four angels of Revelation 7 are holding the winds of strife that they may not blow until the elect of God are sealed in their foreheads. Italy is playing with fire as she is contesting with a religion rather than a decrepit empire. The Sultan of Turkey, while a very "sick man," represents the most formidable opponent to Christianity in the world to-day. Is it not strange that while his empire is crumbling to pieces and leaning heavily on the Christian powers of Europe, he has in the past been protected in every crisis, but Europe at present shows a disposition to leave him severely alone? This is doubly significant in the face of a better government in Constantinople, showing an omnipotent hand is holding the disintegrating elements together until the gospel can go to all the world. Then "he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Dan. 11:45.

In view of the above, every well-informed person, desiring to keep pace with the fulfilment of prophecy, should not fail to read the new series of articles by Prof. Percy T. Magan. This month, "How England Sold Out the Turk;" next month, "The Turkish Revolution and Its Meaning." Professor Magan will continue his articles the coming year and the benefit of his observations of the great struggle which disturbs the peace of Europe will be given you in the *Watchman*.

Prof. B. G. Wilkinson is contributing a fine series on "Sun-Worship," and clearly shows that we have not yet gotten away from this relic of paganism. This month "The Great Struggle between Christianity and Sun-Worship." Next month, "Latter Day Manifestations of Sun-Worship."

We introduce to our *Watchman* readers, I. H. Evans, a man of wide experience in missionary work in lands beyond the seas. He will tell our readers of the great awakening going on in lands clouded with darkness, such as Japan, Korea, Manchuria, China, Tibet, Mongolia, Siam, the Malay Peninsula, the East Indies, and the Philippine Islands. He has charge of the mission operations in these fields, and a general article, well illustrated, every month will be very interesting and instructive. This gospel of the kingdom is being heralded around the world, and the promise is, "Then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

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Kentucky Conference

A VISIT THROUGH THE WESTERN PART

SINCE my last report I have made a trip through the western part of the conference. At Henderson I met with the Sabbath-keepers and spent several days visiting and holding meetings and Bible studies. The Lord blessed all who took part in seeking after God.

I next went to Marion where I stopped at the home of Bro. E. K. Cannon. I enjoyed meeting with these faithful ones who have been holding up the banner of truth for a number of years in that place, and I preached one sermon while there. I next went to Livia where I met with Brother Salmon and family, and we had a pleasant time studying the truth of the message. Brother Salmon is desirous that meetings should be held in his neighborhood.

Leaving him I next went to Owensboro. I found this place greatly in need of the message. I then visited the canvassing company at Shepherdsville, and enjoyed myself with them. They were of good courage, and anxious to have another partner. Now is there not some one of our young men or an older one who will say, Yes I will go and join Brother Beck's company and help to spread this last message? If you feel that God calls you, write me at once and I will be glad to correspond with you.

The next place visited was Boston. Here I stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Pound, and we had a very pleasant time studying the message and its advancement. Brother Pound was one of the first laborers in the State.

Several have been sending in good reports of the ingathering work. How are you getting along? One sister reports \$23 for twenty-four papers. Let us all do our part now to finish the work God has called us to do. B. W. BROWN.

LEXINGTON

I HAVE just returned from Seaville in Washington County, where I held a two weeks' meeting in a schoolhouse.

One man, Mr. David Dorsey, has been keeping the Sabbath for about six years, but never had heard a Seventh-day Adventist preach until our meeting began.

It seemed that about all of the people in that neighborhood were opposed to the Sabbath; but never having heard the truth, they attended the meeting and listened attentively to the message for our day, and God blessed us in the services from the first to the last.

We held fifteen meetings and presented from the storehouse "things new and old." The people were not a little stirred as they listened to the great fundamental truths of our Saviour's return and the necessary preparation on our part to meet him in peace. Several testified that the meeting had been the best they had ever attended, and that it had been of much benefit to them.

Although members of different denominations attended, the Lord kept away contention. I feel that the meeting has turned the minds of many into new channels, so that from henceforth the truth will be earnestly studied and some will build upon that sure foundation instead of building upon the traditions of men.

Our donations amounted to \$6.22, and our fuel and lights were furnished free.

As a result of this meeting, four dear souls came forward promising by God's help to keep the Sabbath and all of his commandments, while others are studying and are yet in the valley of decision; but I feel sure as we continue to work for them, that others will lay hold of the message. The Master said to his disciples, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye can not bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come." John 16: 12, 13. This scripture is applicable to these dear souls, and I trust that God will help us to work for them so wisely that they may be saved in his kingdom.

I am glad to report that the work is onward in Lexington also. There are three dear souls awaiting baptism after which, they and a sister, will be received into the church. We are glad to see the work onward in this city, and believe that there are other dear souls yet to be garnered in.

When we remember that but five months ago some were in the Babylon of the world, and that they are now among the remnant people, keeping God's commandments, paying tithe, and supporting this message by their means, we feel to thank our heavenly Father for the souls he has given us as the result of our labors, and to press onward to the goal.

Our Bible worker, Miss Wirth, is busily engaged giving readings and studies, and the prospect is bright for the future.

To God be all the praise for what he is doing for the lost race.

Oh, let us all be working and anxiously awaiting the appearing of the chief Shepherd who will give to us a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

R. S. LINDSAY.

33,627 SERMONS

THE canvassing company at Taylorsville have just made a successful delivery of books in Spencer County. They delivered 317 copies of "Bible Footlights," besides a number of helps. This company delivered 425 "Bible Footlights" in Shelby County, and 277 in Franklin County; making a total of 1,019 copies of this book in the three counties this year. This is equivalent to 33,627 sermons. Think of the great work our canvassers are doing.

The company is now located at Shepherdsville and is canvassing Bullitt County for a Christmas delivery. We expect these workers to get in their 1,600 hours. We want to see them at the bookmen's convention in January.

C. F. DART.

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

EVERY Sabbath-school throughout the Union will be interested to know how the Sabbath-school work is progressing in the State of Kentucky I am sure. The reason I am sure of this is because Kentucky is the youngest conference in the union, and as we look upon it as the youngest child of a large family it is with the greatest interest we watch its development. I am glad that the Sabbath-school work is progressing nicely and that the interest was never better than at present.

It has been very gratifying to see the steady growth in the donations for missions. The quarter which closed September 30 brought the largest donations ever received in the Kentucky conference, the total amount being \$119. From this showing we trust there will be no falling away in donations; but hope that the donations for missions for the quarter ending December 31 will reach at least \$125. Now this can be done. Let every Sabbath-school pupil be determined to

make the donations larger than they were last quarter. Remember, dear people, the missionaries are looking to us to furnish money to carry the message in the foreign lands. Then let none of our Sabbath-schools say they are too small to increase their donations, and thus retard the work that has been begun.

I am sure that our people throughout the conference will be interested to know how the Sabbath-school work has grown in this denomination in the past thirty-three years. Beginning with the year 1878 the total membership gave \$124 and not one penny of the donations was for missions. Since that time there has been a steady growth, and by the close of the present year, we will have at least 100,000 members enrolled, and will have received in donations for missions during this period of time \$1,000,000. It truly seems like a miracle that our work has grown to such proportions in so few years. And Kentucky is helping to raise this large amount. Surely we can together say, "O praise the Lord, for he is good." Let us remember that nothing is great because it is large. The Midianites were large in numbers, but Gideon's little army was the stronger and greater. However I am sure that we all feel that the Sabbath-school work is not only large but great.

Wishing you the best of success in your Sabbath-school work and hoping that the Lord will pour out his Holy Spirit upon each school throughout the State, and knowing that we can depend upon each one of you to help make the Sabbath-school work a great success and to bring it to the standard of what the Lord would have it to be, I remain your sister in the Sabbath-school work,

MRS. ANNA D. BROWN, *State Sec.*

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Louisiana Conference

NOTES

BROTHER FRANK has been laboring at Grabow, near De Ridder, but the wintry weather has forced him to discontinue his labors for the present. He is now at home for awhile.

Brother and Sister Saxby and family will soon be with us again, after a long illness at the Nashville Sanitarium. Brother Saxby has been suffering with rheumatism, from which he has about recovered, and Sister Saxby underwent two severe operations. We are glad to welcome their return to us in much improved health.

Brother Reeder has been rushing things in the canvassing field the past month. He will soon go to Graysville and bring his family to Louisiana.

The winter session of the conference committee will be held in New Orleans, December 17. Plans will be laid for the work during the first half of the coming year.

The school board has received an offer of a tract of twenty acres of land near Hammond, as a site for the conference school. If this gift proves suitable, we will probably have a school in a short time.

The writer has recently visited the Hammond, Welsh, Jennings, and Lake Arthur churches. The brethren at each place are pushing vigorously on in the work.

Miss E. P. Goodwyn has been unable to devote all of her time to the work the past month on account of sickness. Let all remember her in prayer.

Now is a good time to begin to pay a full tithe into the Lord's treasury. Many are doing this but others are not. What will they say in the time of reckoning?

Let us make the week of prayer a week of consecration to

the work. Let us first offer ourselves, then our means to the cause we love. Our offering at the close of the week should be the largest we have ever made. Let us pray for clearer vision and liberal hearts.

These are days when things are being done quickly. It is a "rapid" age. The message is rapidly reaching out into the unwarned corners of the earth. Everything is moving forward. How about your experience? Are you in the front, or are you dragging along behind? Does your heart respond to the spirit of the work, or are you losing interest? "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."

E. L. MAXWELL.

GRABOW

NOVEMBER 14 I arrived in De Ridder and after visiting our people, looked for a place to hold meetings; but finding none I went to Grabow, a little sawmill town five miles west. There I found that Sister Galloway had been living the truth, and many were interested in the message.

Through her influence and that of her husband, I readily secured the privilege of holding meetings in the church building. The meetings were well advertised, and began November 16, and continued until December 3. Twenty sermons were preached; two or three hours' visiting was done each day; Family Bible Teachers were distributed systematically. A goodly number of tracts were given away, and quite a number of tracts, pamphlets, song books, and other small message-filled books were sold. I also took with me to that place ten copies of the missions number of the *Signs of the Times*, and distributed them, collecting \$2.

The attendance at the meetings was fair, and many were interested. At the last meeting, a dozen signified by the uplifted hand their determination, by the assisting grace of God, to be obedient to the truth as it had been preached.

Now brethren, we who love the truth, let us remember these dear ones at the throne of grace; if we are faithful, it will help them to overcome. Let us all have stronger faith and more faithfulness in the message for *this* time; for it *will* go, and is going soon to the whole world. Then let our cheer and courage be good, our consecration complete, and then let us work.

"Eschew the idle vein,
Flee from doing naught,
For never was there idle brain
But bred an idle thought."

"Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere."

Put your feelings in your pocket and never take them out. No one who aims to be an aggressive successful worker for Christ can afford to have *feelings*. *Doing* is the great thing, for if resolutely, people do what is right, in time they come to *like* doing it.

"A man of *words* and not of *deeds*,
Is like a garden full of weeds."

Laboring for the present truth, "wide as the earth, its summit in heaven," will kill care and worry, and give you both joy and content.

O. F. FRANK.

BRO. F. A. EVANS, one of our faithful workers of Baton Rouge, La., who has been very sick for a few weeks, is much better. We ask the prayers of all the WORKER family that he will soon be well again.

S. F. REEDER.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING" CAMPAIGN

THE General Conference has set the week from December 18 to 25 as "Ministry of Healing" week. During this time it is expected that an earnest effort will be made to dispose of the regular number of these splendid books, that has been allotted to each church member; that is, two books for each year since the last General Conference, or six books in all. The proceeds from the sale of these books go to relieve the heavy obligations that are resting upon our sanitariums; in our case, the Nashville Sanitarium.

In the past a number of our people have been patrons of the Nashville Sanitarium and have been benefited by the treatments there received. This institution is a "light on a hill" to those who are sick, and must be supported.

Let every minister, Bible worker, and church member in our conference do his best to dispose of these good books this coming week so that the funds may roll in to the Sanitarium. Louisiana must lead in this as in other lines.

E. L. MAXWELL.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1911

TITHE

Hobart	\$ 9.60
Lake Arthur	55.00
Lake Charles	77.46
New Orleans	98.76
Shreveport	41.00
Welsh	33.75
Individual	22.34
Total	\$337.91

OFFERINGS

Colored Work	\$ 22.62
Emergency Fund80
Children's Home Missionary.....	2.25
Harvest Ingathering50
\$300,000 Fund	56.96
Miscellaneous	2.00
Sabbath-School	38.35
Weekly and Missions.....	6.66
Total	\$130.14

L. B. SPEAR, Treas.

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

It has been arranged on the old plan of a calendar with a reference to an appropriate text of Scripture set over against each date and day of the week throughout the year. The texts cited for the different days of any given week cover the principal points of the Sabbath-school lesson for the following Sabbath.

It is designed that the text for each day shall be committed to memory. This ought to be an easy task, and if persevered in for even one year will write in the halls of memory three hundred sixty-five important passages of Scripture—more than many persons have learned in all their lives. If pursued regularly for several years the practise will store the mind with a large fund of Scriptural knowledge, the value of which can not be overestimated. The price is five cents each. Order through your State tract society.

W. M. C.

"THE one who drifts, and seldom lifts
A burden from the dust,
Can you know the heartfelt glow
That yonder reapers must?"

Tennessee River Conference

HAZEL ACADEMY ITEMS

THE colder weather calls for more wood, and it keeps us busy a good deal of the time Sundays and afternoons cutting and hauling it.

The students have been greatly blessed with health this year again. No sickness of any consequence has occurred so far. Vigorous health is of great importance to the student. The relation of cleanliness and proper dress to health is closer than many of us realize. Instruction along these lines is given at opportune times by those in charge of the homes, and a spirit of willingness to "fall in line" is manifested on the part of the students.

We wish to take this opportunity to ask for co-operation on the part of the parents. At this time of the year many wish to remember their son or daughter at school by sending a box of eatables, etc.

While the motive on the part of parents is good, the effects on the student are not always the best. Of course things from home "taste good," and the student is encouraged to eat at irregular times. As a consequence the stomach often "goes on a strike." If only such things as fruit and the like were sent, it would be much better.

Wednesday some of the teachers and students went to Murray—the county seat—to distribute mission *Signs*. While the amount received was not large, it was about double that of last year. Every one enjoyed the experience and felt that it was a privilege to acquaint the people with this phase of our denominational work.

Last Sabbath a talk was given at the church by the principal, on the origin and character of Christmas (Christ-mass), showing conclusively that it is a pagan and Catholic festival, and directly connected with sun-worship, which caused God's displeasure to be so often manifested toward Israel of old. Sun-worship is the climax of all false systems of worship. The message for to-day is, Come out of Babylon. Rev. 18:4. Shall we heed it?

Brother Lowry's son, Gaines, whose home is only a few rods from the school, recently had an accident, breaking his collar bone by a fall from the wagon. The fracture was promptly cared for and we trust that he will be in school again in a few days.

The class in Bible Doctrines seems to get more interesting to both teacher and students. Many practical lessons are drawn from the studies. Occasionally one of the students is asked to prepare a study on some subject already covered by the class, and present it.

A young man, John Booth by name, from near Paris, expects to begin work with us the first of next week.

Percy Carr from Trezevant, and Brother Yates from Moreland, are planning to come soon. Are there not others who ought to be getting an education, so that they may do effective work for the Lord? If so let us hear from you. Address

A. N. ATTEBERRY.

Hazel, Ky.

SPRINGVILLE

As I have not seen anything from Springville for some time I thought I would say a few words to testify to the goodness and blessings of God to us at this place. We have had a shower of blessings both spiritual and temporal. While we have been so busy gathering in the bountiful supplies for our temporal needs, the blessed Lord saw our need of spiritual strength to overcome the many trials and temptations

that Satan brings upon God's remnant people to prove them, and sent us a goodly supply of instruction and encouragement to sustain us in this time of need through Brethren Bollman, Martin, Wolff, and Harrison to preach for us. The Lord came very near to us in some of these meetings, and this is a true evidence of his never tiring love for us. If we heed the admonition and instruction given us by these brethren, and practise both in our every day lives, we will get upon a higher plane of living. We feel so thankful for the privileges that we enjoy as a people. This series of meetings has been a feast to us, and we hope the words spoken will sink deep into our hearts so that we will prove our unwavering faith in the soon coming of the Lord. We desire the prayers of God's people to help us surrender wholly to him and consecrate our lives so fully to the message that Jesus can present us to his Father without "spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

MARY ALLEN.

Missionary Volunteers

CHRIST OUR PATTERN

MRS. E. G. WHITE

I HAVE a deep interest in the youth, and I greatly desire to see them striving to perfect Christian characters, seeking by diligent study and earnest prayer to gain the training essential for acceptable service in the cause of God. I long to see them helping one another to reach a higher plane of Christian experience.

Christ came to teach the human family the way of salvation, and he made this way so plain that a little child can walk in it. He bids his disciples follow on to know the Lord; and as they daily follow his guidance, they learn that his going forth is prepared as the morning. You have watched the rising sun, and the gradual break of day over earth and sky. Little by little the dawn increases, till the sun appears; then the light grows constantly stronger and clearer until the full glory of noontide is reached. This is a beautiful illustration of what God desires to do for his children in perfecting their Christian experience. As we walk day by day in the light he sends us, in willing obedience to all his requirements, our experience grows and broadens until we reach the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus.

The youth need to keep ever before them the course that Christ followed. At every step it was a course of overcoming. Christ did not come to the earth as a king, to rule the nations. He came as a humble man, to be tempted, and to overcome temptation, to follow on, as we must, to know the Lord. In the study of his life we shall learn how much God through him will do for his children. And we shall learn that, however great our trials may be, they can not exceed what Christ endured that we might know the way, the truth, and the life. By a life of conformity to his example, we are to show our appreciation of his sacrifice in our behalf.

The youth have been bought with an infinite price, even the blood of the Son of God. Consider the sacrifice of the Father in permitting his Son to make this sacrifice. Consider what Christ gave up when he left the courts of heaven and the royal throne to give his life a daily sacrifice for men. He suffered reproach and abuse. He bore all the insult and mockery that wicked men could heap upon him. And when his earthly ministry was accomplished, he suffered the death of the cross. Consider his sufferings on the cross,—the nails driven into his hands and feet, the derision and abuse from those he came to save, the hiding of his Father's face. But

it was by all this that Christ made it possible for all who will to have the life that measures with the life of God.

We shall appreciate more fully all that God has made possible for us if we will study more faithfully what great things Heaven has already done. Our redemption cost too much for us to regard as a light thing the salvation which God's Word bids us work out in our experience. Never feel that you need not be particular about the course you pursue; for you can never enter heaven until you have learned what it means to represent the life of Christ, until you have learned the need of living in dependence upon him. The powers of darkness are constantly gaining victories over those who do not serve God with full purpose of heart; but all who will follow on day by day to practise the virtues of Christ will triumph grandly over evil.—*Youth's Instructor*.

SOME RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

"MINISTRY OF HEALING" CAMPAIGN

"We would recommend that the week following the week of prayer, December 18-25, be set apart by all our people for placing 'Ministry of Healing' before the people, and we recommend that during this time other matters, as far as possible, be laid aside and our efforts given to this work.

FORWARDING TRUST FUNDS

"Whereas, The conditions in fields dependent upon the General Conference for financial assistance are such that the general treasury is taxed beyond its ability, resulting at times in heavy overdrafts, and—

"Whereas, This situation in the General Conference treasury has been due in part to the tardiness of some conferences in forwarding their mission funds, therefore,—

"Resolved, That all union and local conference officers and each church treasurer be urged to faithfully remit each month all trust funds gathered in their fields."

SUPPORT OF THE OAKWOOD ORPHANAGE

That we invite the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences to appropriate fifty per cent of their April offering for orphanage work, to the Oakwood Orphanage, and that we invite other unions or conferences in America to appropriate twenty-five per cent of their funds from the April orphanage collection to this same purpose.

We urge faithful co-operation on the part of all in the Southern Union.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

A RECENT mail brought the Publishing House a check for \$5 from a lady in Wisconsin. This represents the interest of the young people in one of our sanitariums in that State. Every day sums smaller and greater are coming in.

The First, Second, and Third Infantries, comprising over 5,000 men, now have copies of our two standard books, "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Great Controversy." I believe these men are subject to the Spirit of God and that he will impress those who are honest hearted among them to go to their company library and there find the message contained in these books. You may never see one of these men, but you may speak to them through the pages of "Daniel and the Revelation." Will you not at least pay the postage required to send the message to three companies of men who are at this moment lying on their bunks longing for something to read? If so, kindly forward a fifty-cent book of stamps to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.?

Other conference papers please copy.

B. N. BROWN.

Formerly U. S. Army.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Dec. 1, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
N E Allen.....	BF	50		\$20 00	\$	\$20 00	\$35 00
Chas Gartman ...	BF	28	31	34 50		34 50	
W F Nance.....	CK	21	9	13 50	2 95	16 45	92 00
W B Parkins2wk	BF	55	30	45 00		45 00	32 50
Wright Battles2w	BF	76	59	65 00	7 50	72 50	
Geo W Brown....	BF	20	5	5 50	1 25	6 75	
Isadore Evans ..	BF	39	14	21 00	4 50	25 50	1 00
Chas Griffith 2wk	BF	53	28	42 00	5 50	47 50	
S S Guilford....	BF	26	1	1 50		1 50	50
M L Ivory.....	BF	36	16	24 00	2 75	26 75	10 75
I W Peavy.....	BF	41	10	15 00	7 50	22 50	3 00
W M Finch.....	—	20					32 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck	BF	37	18	18 00	4 75	22 75	50
C L Yates.....	BF	31	9	9 50	1 75	11 25	75
Mrs J Hardin....	CK	20	15	24 50	14 00	38 50	
C R Millar.....	BF	41	10	10 00	2 10	12 10	1 10
D C Ray.....	BF	24	14	16 00	75	16 75	75
John R Staton...	BF	32	4	4 00	5 00	9 00	99 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

P C Sibley 2wk	PPF	96	26	49 00	35 35	84 35	64 55
Joel Fisher	PPF						9 00
T S Sligh 2 wks	BF	69	61	63 50	16 00	79 50	30 50
C W Brown.....	BF	36	18	18 00	50	18 50	50
M B Wilson....	PPF	37			25		52 80
G Jorgenson ...	PPF	24	4	6 50		4 75	6 50
F H Berry.....	PPF	20	1	1 50	1 25	2 75	25
Mrs F A Evans...	PPF	6	3	5 50	5 25	10 75	10 75

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....	D&R	46					71 25
W H Haddon....	—						75 55
Virgil Smith	BF	45					
Horace Miller ..	BF	35	2	2 00	1 50	3 50	42 25
C H McColrey...	BF	40	31	31 00	3 50	34 50	3 50
W E Cooper.....	BF	38					26 50
Lamar Cooper ..	BF	36					55 00
Coley Parkins ...	BF	34					55 50
A L Saxon.....	BR	29	11	38 00	7 75	45 75	
Louise Jackson ..	BF	8	2	2 00		2 00	25
E P Campbell...	PG	21			4 50	4 50	
Emily Billups 2w	BF	70	271	325 50	30 50	356 00	
M A Murphy....	BF	11	18	24 00	1 75	25 75	9 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

J S Moore.....	so/p	50	7	10 50	10 50	21 00	14 00
R H Hazelton...	BF	37	1	1 00		1 00	60 00
Anton C Willimanc	C	33	11	37 00	5 75	42 75	1 50
C E Morpew....	BF	36	17	19 00	4 85	23 85	7 10
Mrs C E Morpew	BF	8	3	3 50	75	4 25	50
R Roberts	BF	15		15 00		15 00	12 00
Mary Williams .	GP	15	20	5 00		5 00	5 00
Mrs S Frisby....	BF	6		1 50		1 50	9 80
Mamie Moore ..	D&R	29	31	49 00	6 50	55 50	2 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	465	203	287 00	31 95	318 95	206 75
Kentucky Conf	185	70	82 00	28 35	110 35	102 10
Louisiana Conf ...	288	113	144 00	58 60	200 60	174 85
Mississippi Conf ..	413	335	422 50	49 50	472 00	339 55
Tenn River Conf...	229	90	141 50	28 35	169 85	111 90

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A WORD TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

WE have no complaint to make about the communications sent us for publication, but would esteem it a favor if our correspondents would be more careful to write the names of persons and places very plainly and spell them correctly and in full. Do not abbreviate or leave off the last letter. We can read almost anything and ordinarily can determine from the context what word is intended, or should be used, even if we can not read it. But in the case of proper names—names of persons and places—we have no way of determining what the name is unless it is plainly written. A little more care exercised in this matter by our friends, will save us some perplexity and enable us to avoid errors.

We also request that when subscriptions are sent us for the WORKER the length of time they are to continue—whether one year, six months, or indefinitely—be always stated.—
EDITOR.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

IN accepting the resignation of Dr. R. M. Clarke the Sanitarium board recommended that Dr. Will Mason be engaged as medical superintendent, and Dr. E. D. Haysmer as assistant medical superintendent, until the meeting of the constituency in connection with the Southern Union Conference in January next. In harmony with this recommendation the writer visited Dr. Mason and found him willing to co-operate with the plan, and render such assistance as the situation requires. Dr. Mason is well and favorably known in Tennessee and Kentucky. As a physician and surgeon he has few equals, and he is a faithful exponent of health reform principles.

Dr. Haysmer passed the Tennessee State Medical Board at the time Dr. Clarke did, and during the last two years he has made more than three thousand professional calls in connection with an established physician of general practise in the city. As house physician of the institution, Dr. Haysmer will have good counsel and the co-operation of the Sanitarium family which is united and of good courage. We feel that the institution was never better prepared to care for those in need of its help.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE SPECIAL EFFORT

THE last word on the special effort for the "Ministry of Healing" campaign following the week of prayer is that encouragement of general co-operation comes from all parts of the field. Union and local conference presidents and other workers express their interest to push the work.

May this occasion be used for all that it is worth as an opportunity for placing many copies of "Ministry of Healing." Let us take advantage of the fact that many people will be prepared to make special purchases for Christmas presents. In some instances several copies may be sold to one individual. Employers will buy for their clerks and others. Parents will buy for children; some perhaps to mail away. No doubt many openings will present themselves for placing books and thus give opportunity to bring up our quota of sales.

Above all, let us remember that every volume sold or given away may be the means of blessing souls. It is no ordinary book we are handling, and it is no common enterprise in which we are engaged. We have a book of heaven-sent truth, and we are working in a grand co-operative movement of manifold blessing. God's blessing is added to our efforts. We may succeed by his help. Let us do it.

L. A. HANSEN.

THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

THIS year is fast drawing to a close, and it will not be long until our Bookmen's Convention meets, and I have been anxious for some time to find out how many of our faithful canvassers would be present. A letter received last evening from Mississippi brings the good news that *three* workers in that conference have already met the requirements. They are Brn. C. H. McColrey and J. S. Fry, and Sr. Emily Billups. Brother McColrey has put in the required sixteen hundred hours and will deliver his one thousand dollars' worth of books. Sister Billups has also made good as regards both time and number of books delivered. And Brother Fry has won out on time put in. I look for others in Mississippi to reach the goal before the year is up.

I wish all the field agents would send in as soon as possible the names of those who will be here from their States. This will be a help in several ways. We will have to arrange free lodging and board for all who come up to the mark, and the sooner we know how many to arrange for the better. Let all take note and attend to this request at once so that the names can be handed to the locating committee.

A. F. HARRISON.

Nashville, Tenn.

EMANUEL HOME

THE Emanuel Children's Home at Mountain Grove, Mo., has added a self-supporting department, and will be pleased to send you a catalog and circulars showing more than one hundred and eighty beautiful scriptural mottoes that retail from five to twenty-five cents each. Send for catalog before Christmas. Proceeds realized from the sale of mottoes go to help homeless children.

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ANNUAL MEETING SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the fourth annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18, 1912, at 10 A. M., at the Seventh-day Adventist church-school building on Twenty-third Ave. N., and Seifried St., Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
L. A. SMITH, *Secretary*.