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

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SAY YE NOT "A CONFEDERACY"

Isa. 8:12

WHAT is this methinks I hear
Sounding far and sounding near;
Something seeming only right;
Drawing men of power and might?
Yes,—I hear the message hurled—
"The Federation of the World."

A federation? Can it be
That all in Christendom agree!
Is love in all its fulness dwelling?
Is earth's dark night of gloom dispelling?
I can but dimly understand
This wondrous change in all our land.

And why did Jesus never find
This glorious plan to save mankind?
And why so few here joined his band,
Though truth he taught in every land?
Ah, now the reason clear I see!
'Tis truth and error can't agree.

He tells us plainly in his Word,
"I send not peace, but send a sword."
Grand, noble truth is ne'er at fault,
But error dares to bid her halt.
O truth! thy progress will not cease,
Nor slack its pace for sake of peace.

When loud the cry of peace we hear
We all may know the end is near.
For there's a light to guide the way
Which points us to that coming day
Foretold by seers. O, search and see
This fast fulfilling prophecy!

Here in his Word we read it plain,
The cry of peace shall be in vain.
How well God knew the subtle snare,
And warned his flock with shepherd's care.
Still he is calling—"Trust in Me."
And say ye not, 'A Confederacy.'"

MRS. M. F. KNOX.

"CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS; FOR THOU SHALT FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS"

LAST week we received from a sister in California, a letter ordering the WORKER sent to her, and also relating an interesting experience which we pass along for the encouragement of both those who are already working with our literature, and those who are not, but ought to be.

In the year 1876, before our missionary work was well organized, she sent four copies of the *Signs of the Times* for a number of weeks to addresses furnished her by a cousin living at Jacksonville, Fla., and later five copies of the same paper to some colored ministers in different parts of the South, following up the effort by correspondence. Not receiving any replies to her letters for several weeks, she was just about to drop the names she was working with when she received a letter saying that forty families were observing the Sabbath in the city mentioned. In those days money was scarce and workers few, and before a laborer could be sent to their help, the great enemy sent one of his agents who turned them away from the truth.

Soon after this sister saw a request for reading matter in a secular paper. She responded by sending some temperance leaflets, and a tract on the coming of the Lord. A letter was soon received thanking her for these, and asking for more. This time the sister sent a package of tracts on the Sabbath question along with some other reading matter. Three weeks after she received a letter telling her that three families were observing the Sabbath. An appeal, stating the facts, was sent to the president of the conference, a minister was sent to the place, and a church of twenty-five members was raised up. Ten of these new converts, one of whom was Bro. S. F. Reeder, entered the canvassing work. Through the efforts of Brother Reeder, Bro. A. F. Harrison, who is well known to the WORKER family, was enlisted in the service. Besides these two, the sister thinks there are six others of that church of twenty-five members who are now engaged in the Master's work.

In closing this faithful sister says, speaking of the civil war times, "My father being an agent on the Underground Railroad, helped many a fugitive on his way to Canada. Thus I was brought up to take an interest in this [the colored] race, and have tried to do something in placing the light of truth before them. Any report of the progress of these truths among them is of interest to me. Circumstances are such now that I am unavoidably hindered from engaging in the work as of old. But it is cheering to think of others who are actively engaged. I am glad that I can pray. This is a glorious thought to me. There is not a State (as well as some foreign countries) into which I have not sent the *Signs*. I do not say this to boast. I trust the seed sown will spring up and bear fruit to the glory of Him who was so merciful in leading me to accept the truth, for I fought hard to keep out of it."

O that this spirit of faith, consecration, and labor would take hold of every Seventh-day Adventist. How soon then would the work be finished.

W. M. C.

As soon as Peter said, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee," he was given something to do.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Dec. 15, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 5,648; *Watchman*, 3,733.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — LOUISIANA

THE time has come to render another weekly report. The Lord has been with me this week. Last Tuesday I walked six miles into the country and back. The country was thinly settled and but few gave orders. I stopped at only one house where white people were living. The next time I go into the country I will start Monday or Tuesday and stay out until Friday evening. I have about finished Mansfield. I praise the good Lord that he has called me to work in his cause. I am praying that he will enable me to fill the orders taken. I am so thankful that I have kept well. Without Jesus I could do nothing.

T. S. SLIGH.

KENTUCKY

WE are one week nearer the end of the year and I have had a good time out in the hills carrying the message. The houses are very scattered where I have been. One evening I walked more than four miles before I came to a house; but I praise the Lord that he can use me to hunt out the sheep. One man said, "You are the third man that has found us in twenty-one years." He gave me my dinner and invited me to stay with them over night when near there.

A lady of the Salvation Army told me she would not order the book. I stayed there overnight and gave them a Bible reading on sanctification; but they preached sprinkling and holiness to me. I was quiet and said nothing; but I thought of the statement in Matt. 10: 16: "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." The next morning I took their order for a book and went on my way rejoicing. The Lord does work with his self-sacrificing workers. Pray for me.

H. E. BECK.

FOR some time the writer has been silent so far as making reports to the WORKER is concerned. He has just returned to the office from a three weeks' absence during which he visited the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Calif., in the interests of the Southern Publishing Association. Our brethren on the Pacific Coast are men of long experience, their present manager, Bro. C. H. Jones, having been in charge of the office for more than thirty years, and it was thought by our Board that the trip would be a profitable one for many reasons.

I found such a large accumulation of work upon my return that I shall not have time or space to make a full report of my trip now, but hope to do so a little later. The brethren on the Coast surely did all they could to make my visit pleasant and profitable. I was allowed free access to their records, and information was most cheerfully given by every one connected with the institution. Our Pacific Press brethren are working hard to advance the cause of God in the earth. They have eliminated commercial work entirely from their plant, and are now concentrating their effort upon the publication of the third angel's message. They are a loyal and aggressive band of workers, and I feel much benefited every way as a result of my pleasant association with them during my visit. Many acquaintances have been formed which I value highly, and I believe it will mean much to our publishing work to have our institutions more thoroughly understand each other and realize that we are not competitors in any

sense of the word; but that we are all working hard to spread the truth of the third angel's message.

Bro. S. N. Curtiss, manager of the Review and Herald, was also a visitor on the Coast at the time I was there, and we studied over the question of costs and general administration in the most practical way. I thank the officers and employees of the Pacific Press for the Christian courtesy extended to me at every turn, and I believe the knowledge accumulated will greatly assist our managing board in more thoroughly systematizing our business methods.

Suffice it to say that the work is still onward in the territory of the Southern Publishing Association, and we are doing a nice holiday business. Orders keep coming in, not only for books but for *Watchman* as well, and our Circulating Department reports that there are only a few hundred copies of the December number left.

In a recent letter from R. I. Keate, State agent of Alabama, we note the following interesting item: "Well, we have passed last year's record. Last year, including Bibles, our canvassers reported deliveries amounting to \$8,202.79. In eleven months this year, Bibles not included, they have reported \$8,469.35 worth of books delivered. We have December yet to add to these figures. The real increase is much more than the apparent increase, on account of the Bibles not being included this year."

This is only a sample of the encouraging letters we receive in every mail. Our workers all over the field are making encouraging reports continually. The Lord is at work, brethren, and we trust many of our people will volunteer for service in the canvassing field during the year 1912. There is room for all, and we believe there is a spirit of service coming in among our people that will make the year 1912 better than the one just closing.

Some days ago we received an encouraging letter from Bro. E. R. Palmer, Secretary of the Publishing Department, regarding the progress of the work in the Spanish field. We will quote some of the most interesting items for your encouragement:—

"I wish to quote at some length from a letter recently received from J. A. P. Green, general agent of Mexico; for this letter gives a very definite experience in following a health book with a religious book in a Catholic country. This experience should be of great value to us in pointing the way to a consistent, workable policy in such Catholic countries.

"Once more you will find me in Merida, Yucatan, this time with 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' Bro. H. F. Brown is with me and also Bro. G. A. Sandborn. The battle is on and I am going to tell you of some of the conflicts. Upon reaching Merida, Bro. John Brown and I went immediately to the doctor with whom we were two years ago. He had no room for us to stay in, but told us he would do all in his power to help us. He did, and we are now living with the Presbyterian preacher. Our room costs us five dollars gold per month with slight furnishings. Then again we received a good start from the doctor's influence. He gave us three letters,—one to the governor, another to the mayor, and the third to the one who is candidate for governor. We called upon them and each seemed glad to help out by ordering a full leather 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' Truly we rejoiced that God helped us to begin so well. Being a religious book, we thought that things would go a little harder. We do not think that way any more. Our motto for next week is thirty-five hours each and \$500 gold."

"One of the most intelligent men I canvassed said, 'I have a book called 'Home and Health.' It is a very fine book: very practical, especially fine where there are children.'"

By the time he had finished telling about it he had his name down for the three papers and I felt just as happy as he looked.' These words come from Bro. C. P. Martin, who is working with our periodicals."

In the last Southwestern Bookmen's News Letter gotten out by Brother Pierce, our Fort Worth manager, we note that the conference in that Union up to October 31, sold \$81,285 worth of books. Isn't this a magnificent showing, brethren, when we consider the small number of canvassers in that field? What would it mean in the progress of the third angel's message if our people would awake to the privileges and importance of the canvassing work? The Lord's coming would surely be hastened if we would arise and do our part in the spread of the message.

Bro. J. W. Davis, field agent for North Texas, gives us the following encouraging report: "One young man went out in the field and delivered \$693.30 in nine and one-half weeks. This included both taking the orders and delivering. He thus made \$1.81 per hour for the entire time, or a profit for himself of \$9.05 per day, which is \$36.20 per week of forty hours. Another young man who had never canvassed before made \$1.09½ per hour, or a profit of \$21.90 per week. The best record of the year has been made by one of the old canvassers who taught last year and began to canvass the first of April. He worked 929 hours and delivered \$1,822.65 worth of books. His sales amounted to \$1.96 per hour, giving him a profit of \$98. In his case the profits were \$9.80 per day or \$49 for every week he worked during the summer."

Brethren, this shows what can be done when our canvassers go out in the fear of God. The Lord is with them and he blesses their every effort. Another canvasser in Oklahoma writes, "My resolve for next year is, 'This one thing I do,' so pray for me that Satan may not hinder my plans. I have learned that the Lord is a good paymaster. I made over \$300 in the few weeks I put in canvassing and my work at home on the farm has only been an expense."

"A few minutes head work will often save several hours of foot work."

"Do the thing while others are talking about it."

"The man who can but does n't must give way to the man who can't but tries."

"Making a life comes before making a living."

"The successful man tries to do to-day what he might do to-morrow."

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R. HOOK JR., Gen. Mgr.

Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN

THE new year is upon us. What are we going to do with it? Its possibilities are limitless. We all desire to hasten the spread of this message, but many of us are handicapped and hindered by life's duties. We can not all go to foreign fields or preach the gospel from the pulpit, but we can all scatter truth. We know of no better medium by which this can be done than the *Watchman*, the present truth evangelizer. The issue for January is now off the press. Its cover page shows the four great divisions of the human race arrayed against each other with bristling bayonets. While the nations are ready for the fray, the four angels are holding the winds of strife until the remnant, the 144,000, are gathered out and

sealed with the seal of God. Christ will never come until this work is done. Will you not hasten its completion by sending your local tract society fifty cents each month for a standing order of ten *Watchman* to be sold or distributed among your neighbors? They will greatly appreciate the beautiful January cover page.

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OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

EXCELLENT holiday presents may be obtained by sending for our list of books offered in our pre-inventory sale. These are slightly shop-worn and soiled as the result of handling. They cover a sufficient variety of subjects to satisfy the wants of all. We select three at random, "Abiding Spirit," "How the World is Clothed," and "Talks on Service." Send for our descriptive list of prices. It is free to you. Hasten for the holidays are upon us.

The Sabbath-school lessons for the coming quarter are devoted to Bible doctrines and will be exceptionally helpful. As helps you will require the following books which we carry in stock, and for which we are always ready to fill orders: "Christian Education," by Mrs. E. G. White; "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Early Writings," "Great Controversy," "Coming King," "His Glorious Appearing," "Desire of Ages," and "Testimonies for the Church."

Do not forget the Morning Watch Calendar. Secure it and learn an inspiring verse each morning. It will buoy you up and give you strength for the day's perplexities. Price, five cents.

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Kentucky Conference

A HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCE

I SEE so few reports from the work of ingathering for missions, that I thought best to report our experience at this place.

A goodly number of our members took hold of the work in earnest. One sister used twenty-four papers and gathered \$22.25. Some of the good Catholic neighbors refused to take the paper, but they gave from twenty-five cents to one dollar each to this great missionary enterprise. The ten cents per paper idea seems to be a thing of the past, the distribution of the papers now being made an opportunity to present our work to professional men, neighbors, and friends; and when that is done, the results are very encouraging indeed.

When our people appreciate the opportunity this work affords, we will no doubt see very much more means flow into the mission treasury, and we will find opportunity to do real missionary work with our neighbors. As the result of this ingathering campaign, doors have been opened for Bible readings and other work.

J. J. GRAF.

Louisville, Ky.

Mississippi Conference

AN EFFORT WELL REPAID

AS I always enjoy reading the experiences of my co-workers I thought perhaps they would be interested in some of mine. Recently I went to Dolorosa and Woodville in behalf of our harvest ingathering.

I left Natchez on a blustery Thursday afternoon, arriving at Dolorosa after night. This is the home of Sister Watson. I had previously written that I would visit her a few days and hold some meetings after which we would go to Woodville together, hold a few meetings, and work with the *Signs*.

I held three Bible studies at Dolorosa, and although it was very cold, the people came six and seven miles to attend them.

Sunday we went to Woodville and that night met with the family we visited last summer and had a Bible study with them and a few of their friends. The Lord's Spirit came very near to convince the people of the truths of the message.

The next morning we went out with our papers and worked two hours in a hard rain, and collected about ten dollars for thirty-three papers.

We left Woodville in the rain and after traveling a few miles stopped with a family, ate dinner, held a Bible reading, and left the lady in tears of gratitude.

Sister Watson accompanied me to Natchez Tuesday and the next day, which was very cold, we worked four hours, used forty-two papers and received fifteen dollars for them. We received a donation of seventy-five cents at Dolorosa, making a total of \$25.75 gathered in about six hours with seventy-five papers.

We were so much encouraged that we ordered more papers, hoping to gather more funds.

To the Lord be all the praise. I rejoice to have a part in this great work, and hope to be faithful in the Master's service that I may receive a crown of life when he comes.

MRS. ETHEL WARREN.

Natchez, Miss.

TITHE FOR NOVEMBER, 1911

Vicksburg	\$ 1.00
Meridian	130.00
Pine Grove	4.00
Hatley	68.36
Individual	4.31
Jackson	45.68
Conference Church	168.20
Total	\$421.55

BEULAH M. CALLICOTT Treas.

Tennessee River Conference

TREZEVANT AND LEACH

NOVEMBER 28 we closed the meetings at Springville, the writer going the next day to Trezevant while Brother Martin stopped over two days at Paris, returning to Springville for Sabbath, December 2. Brother Martin reports deeply spiritual cottage meetings and Bible studies at Paris Wednesday and Thursday, while the Sabbath meeting held at Springville, December 2, was one long to be remembered because of the marked presence of the Spirit of God. The meeting held the same Sabbath at Trezevant, was characterized by the presence of the Spirit.

Sunday the writer returned to Nashville for a few days on call of the president of the Union Conference, while Brother Martin, who reached Trezevant the same day, remained there until Thursday morning when he went to Leach where he was joined by the writer on Friday, December 8.

The Leach church is the oldest in the conference, and has passed through many and varied experiences. After the read-

ing of the article written by Sister White for the week of prayer, an invitation was given by Elder Martin for all who were willing to give themselves to the Lord by a definite surrender, to come forward. Though the movement was slow at first it continued until almost the entire congregation had responded. Nearly all of the few who failed to respond to the invitation held up their hands as an indication of their desire for the prayers of God's people. Almost all who came forward gained decided victories as they renewed their consecration to God by a full surrender to him.

At this writing the meetings at Leach are still in progress with the shout of victory in the camp. The Lord is certainly coming near to his people.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

DEDICATION AT LEACH

OUR meetings with the Leach church closed Wednesday night, December 13, with the dedication of their new church building, located about three quarters of a mile from the old log building erected more than a quarter of a century ago, and now used for church school purposes.

The dedication had been hindered for some time by the non-payment of a ten-dollar pledge to the building fund, and it was desired to dedicate the building free from debt. This was otherwise provided for, however, and it was decided to go forward.

The report of the building committee showed that the house, including three and one-half acres of land belonging to the church, cost \$469.83. The building, which is 24 x 36 feet, is very neat both outside and inside, and presents a most creditable appearance.

The meetings were deeply spiritual, and the dedicatory service was of like character. The text for the sermon was Ps. 132:8, 9, and the central thought of the discourse was that there could be no true dedication of the building apart from sincere, heart-felt consecration on the part of the worshippers therein.

The dedicatory prayer, offered by Elder Martin, was an earnest petition for the deep moving of the divine spirit for entire consecration and definite, daily, hourly, momentary surrender.

After the close of the dedicatory services the matter of the location of the canvassers' institute, to be held in March, was taken up, and it was unanimously voted to furnish free board, and free transportation to and from the railroad in case it should be decided to hold the institute at Leach. Six persons pledged themselves to take instruction with a view to entering the work permanently. The question of location will be decided by the conference committee at the time of the January meeting in Nashville.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

FINISHED AND READY FOR SOMETHING ELSE

THE following telegram was printed in the *Review and Herald* of December 14: "This is a day of Thanksgiving in the Nebraska Conference. We remit our last on the \$300,000 fund. Our share was \$12,080. All have done nobly. Our courage is good, and we are ready to take up the next big thing to help finish the work."

Nebraska, with the same pro rata obligation as the other sixty local conferences in the United States, is the first one to raise and pay into the mission treasury her share of the \$300,000 fund, and she is neither impoverished nor discouraged. On the contrary her success in the undertaking just finished has prepared her "to take up the next big thing to help finish the work." Success always begets confidence and stimulates to further and greater efforts. Suppose we try the plan and see what the after effect will be in our conferences.

General

SUPPOSE

SUPPOSE Christ should abide in every heart, and selfishness in all its forms should be banished from the church; what would be the result? Harmony, unity, and brotherly love would be seen as verily as in the church which Christ first established. Christian activity would be seen everywhere. The whole church would be kindled into a sacrificial flame for the glory of God. Every Christian would cast in the fruit of his self-denial to be consumed upon the altar. There would be far greater activity in devising fresh methods of usefulness, and in studying how to come close to poor sinners to save them from eternal ruin.

Should we dress in plain modest apparel, without reference to the fashions; should our tables at all times be set with simple, healthful food, avoiding luxuries, all extravagance; should our houses be built with becoming plainness, and furnished in the same manner, it would show the sanctifying power of the truth, and would have a telling influence upon unbelievers. But while we conform in these matters, in some cases apparently seeking to excel worldlings in fanciful arrangement, the preaching of the truth will have but little or no effect. Who will believe the solemn truth for this time, when those who already profess to believe it contradict their faith by their works? It is not God who has closed the windows of Heaven to us, but it is our own conformity to the customs and practises of the world.

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF HEBREWS

In the past it has been quite generally believed that Paul the apostle was the inspired author of the epistle to the Hebrews, but by many that opinion is now being discredited.

Some think it was written by Apollos, others by Barnabas, and still others have no settled convictions about it. And indeed it matters not who wrote it. It is an inspired book, a part of the Holy Scriptures, and that is sufficient. The best authority we know, however, attributes its human authorship to Paul. The following quotations are to the point:—

"Patriarch and Prophets," p. 294: "Says the apostle Paul: 'Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.' Heb. 3:12. On page 357: 'Paul declares that 'the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry' when completed were 'the patterns of things in the heavens.' Heb. 9:21, 23. 'Great Controversy,' p. 347: 'The kingdom of grace is brought to view by Paul in the book of Hebrews.' Pages 412, 413: 'Turning again to the book of Hebrews, the seekers for truth found that the existence of a second, or new covenant sanctuary was implied in the words of Paul already quoted: 'Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.' Heb. 9:1. Page 418, after quoting on the preceding page, Heb. 9:22, 'Paul states as the reason why this cleansing must be performed with blood, that without shedding of blood is no remission.' Page 420: 'Says Paul, 'Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.' Heb. 9:24."

Page 512: "The apostle Paul declared them [the angels] 'an innumerable company.' Heb. 12:22."

These quotations all recognize Paul as the one through whom the Lord spoke in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

W. M. C.

MORE SPIRITUAL POWER NEEDED

FROM a report of the ministerial institute held at College Place, Wash., a few weeks ago, and published in the *Review and Herald* of November 30, we quote the following extracts:—

"From the beginning until the close of the institute all were conscious of a special presence in our midst. While none were conscious of any great outbreking sin, a conviction concerning a lack of spiritual power in our labors rested upon us all. Our ease and indifference when compared with him who wept over Jerusalem, and who in the mountains and by the seas poured out his soul to God for the lost, seemed appalling. An intense hunger and thirst for a deeper spiritual life took possession of the heart of every worker, and a determination that the great spiritual dearth of the past should end, and that more fruit should appear as a result of our labors. Many heartfelt confessions were made concerning negligence in praying, the studying of the Word, and meditating on spiritual things. The winning of souls appeared to all as the greatest and most glorious work in which we can engage. All consecrated themselves anew to God to live a more prayerful, spiritual, faithful, and energetic life, and to labor with a greater burden for the salvation of the lost than had characterized their labors in the past. Alone with God many decided victories were won through prayer. Some told of being aroused from sleep, and in the silent watches of the night, led to consecrate themselves to God to labor anywhere that his providence might call them to go. Some from this number were chosen at this meeting to carry the truth to the dark heathen lands where millions have not heard the message.

"The measure of our strength as workers for God is indicated not by our activity, but by our spirituality. The value of our labor is measured not by the number of sermons preached, but in souls won to Christ."

This is encouraging when we have a true sense of our lack, and a genuine hunger and thirst for that which alone can supply our need—the Holy Spirit—there is hope; for they that "hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled." "The trouble with most of us is that we are too well satisfied with our condition to make a real effort to improve it. The report closes with the following truthful words: "A consecration like that of apostolic days will bring similar results, and the same power that attended the work then will attend it in its closing period." Shall we not make the consecration without further delay?

W. M. C.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

THE week of prayer is now a thing of the past, and it is to be sincerely hoped that its influence for good upon every one professing faith in the third angel's message will never cease until they are ready for translation.

We are rapidly nearing the end. Every passing year, and almost every month and week, witnesses the fulfilment of prophecies which are special signs of the nearness of Christ's second coming.

The warnings are ominous, but by many of those who claim to believe and know the Scriptures, they are not recognized. The close of probation will soon be here, and it will overtake many unprepared.

We are in the Laodicean period, and many of our churches and people are in the Laodicean condition—lukewarm, indifferent, careless, and without a knowledge of their real condition. Of not a few it may be truthfully said that they have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

What does it signify that so little fruit, comparatively, results from the efforts made in the different departments of our work, especially in the United States? What does it mean that during the year 1910 we lost several hundred more members through death and apostasy than were won to the faith by all of our workers together?

These and other equally startling facts ought to arouse every Seventh-day Adventist in the land, and bring him to his knees before God. If ever there was a time when believers in the message for this time ought to search their hearts and seek God with humility and confession for a new and better experience, it is just now, and all who will do so in faith, with sincere purpose of heart and turning away from sin, will receive it, for the promise is that he that seeketh shall find.

Let every church, family, and individual continue to pray without ceasing.

W. M. C.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

THE week of prayer at the Nashville Sanitarium was a time of spiritual help and refreshing that will not soon be forgotten, and the influence of which we believe will permanently affect the institution for good. It can not be otherwise, if the same spirit of consecration, unity, and seeking after God continues to be cherished by the members of the family.

Services were held each evening at which all were present, except when duty a few times required some one to be elsewhere, and as the readings were read by different members of the family, the Spirit of God made deep impressions upon the hearers. A deeper and more vivid sense of the shortness of time, the work to be done, and of the perfection of character to which each one must, by the grace of God, attain, seemed to take hold of all, and bind us closer to God, the source of all help. Some gained definite victories, and others renewed their consecration.

Coming, as it did, just when the institution was emerging from a great trial, the week of prayer was timely and proved to be a blessing indeed. Heart was more closely united to heart and to God, and, so far as we can discern, unity and good will reigns throughout the place. Elders McVagh and Haysmer each spent one evening with us and their help was appreciated.

Some much-needed inside improvements are being made which will make the institution more comfortable and inviting to patients and guests.

Brother and Sister Saxby returned to their home in Louisiana a few days ago, and last Sunday two new patients were received.

We believe there is a better future before the Sanitarium, and that it will yet do the work for which the Lord established it. Let all of its friends in the South help it by their prayers and their influence.

W. M. C.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING" CAMPAIGN

FOR several years the plan of selling "Ministry of Healing" for the relief of our needy medical institutions has been before our people, but not a great deal has as yet been done, at least in the Southland, where help is perhaps as much or more needed than anywhere else. A special effort to sell this book

for the purpose mentioned, has been planned for the present week, when money will be spent freely in buying books and other things for Christmas and New Year presents.

Our own Sanitarium is in great need, and if our people will make an effort and sell two or three books each, or even one, and send in the price, it will do much to relieve the present distress, and also be a blessing to those who engage in the work. The making of useless presents at Christmas, or any other time, should be discouraged. But it is always not only right and proper, but genuine missionary work to either sell or give away books or other reading matter that contains the truth. Why not, if we are able to make presents at all, and intend to do so, present a friend or two with a copy of "Ministry of Healing" in lieu of some other gift, thus helping the cause of God and perchance saving some soul at the same time? Such a gift you can make and with a clear conscience ask the Lord to bless it. The books will be supplied at \$1.50 each by the Nashville Sanitarium, Station 5, Nashville, or, if more convenient, send your order and money to the WORKER and the books will be forwarded at once. W. M. C.

TRIUMPHS IN THE CANVASSING FIELD

I HAVE been canvassing in Arizona a little more than one week. I started from Loma Linda, Calif., November 27, and got a late start the first day I reached here; but before night secured \$40 worth of orders. This week the Lord has given me \$250 worth of orders for books, besides helps, etc. I sell our new Spanish work, "Home and Health," also "Patriarchs and Prophets" in Spanish, "Daniel and the Revelation" in English, "Ministry of Healing," and "Steps to Christ."

Yesterday, at a mine near here, I took orders worth over \$58, last Monday \$57 worth. In one cabin I spent thirty minutes with two men and took four orders for books worth \$12, making eight books, value \$24, in one hour.

The blessed, holy, and powerful name of Jesus is the secret of it all. His merits avail for us before his Father. Prevailing with him, we prevail with man; off alone in a wild rocky canyon near here last Sabbath, pleading with the Lord on my knees, I really secured the orders for the week. By faith, in Christ's name we prevail over our foes. Then all we have to do is to go to the people and book the orders that are already ours.

WALTER HARPER.

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

YESTERDAY's mail brought a check from a lady in Mississippi for \$5 to be applied on the army book fund. To say that we appreciate this gift does not fully express our feelings. Fifteen dollars in all has been received the past week, the contributions coming from all over the country.

One "Daniel and the Revelation" is leaving the office every morning and afternoon for distant parts, and we believe that God will use this means to carry the gospel of peace to men of war. Truly it is a privilege to have a part in this grand work. Many small donations make up a large sum. Remember this and send whatever you can to carry the message to men who never hear the name of God except as it is breathed in irreverence. Send all funds to the Southern Publishing Association, as I do not wish to handle the money personally, and it will be duly credited to my military mission account.

Other conference papers, please copy.

B. N. BROWN.

Formerly U. S. Army.

"A good time to begin a good work is immediately after another work is finished."

A GOOD OUTLOOK

It is a pleasure to hand in my report for the month of November. We have again broken our past record.

The value of books delivered is over \$200 more than for October. The value of orders taken is \$1,200 more than in October, and we have gained two new workers. You will notice that Louisiana and Kentucky have made a good gain, and encouraging letters from Brethren Reeder and Dart show that they are planning to do a good business next year. Truly the prospect is bright for the future, and now that the year is drawing to a close, and a few more days will bring us to the close of 1911, I can not but praise the Lord for what he has done for us. We have had perfect harmony. No discord has been heard. The field agents have done their best, and no one ever worked harder than they have to raise the standard higher, and push the work forward. We have had only one change of field men. Brother Reynolds of Louisiana, on account of his health, went to New Mexico to fill a call, and our loss was their gain. But Bro. S. F. Reeder, a man of twenty-five years' experience stepped right into his place, and the work has not suffered even a day. The work is coming up in his hands instead of going down.

Our bookmen's convention is drawing near, and it will be a refreshing time for all who attend. I have just received a letter from Bro. E. R. Palmer, of Washington, saying that he will be with us, and I trust that all who attend this good meeting will not only come to be benefited and to receive a blessing, but will come bringing a blessing with them.

My courage was never better. Bro. C. D. Wolff and myself are just closing a colored institute at this place (Nashville), and the last of the week we will go to Memphis to see what we can do there.

A. F. HARRISON.

TWO MORE HAVE REACHED THE GOAL

I AM glad that I can report two more faithful canvassers, that we expect to see at our bookmen's convention—Bro. Joseph Samuel Moore and Bro. C. E. Morphew—both from Tennessee. They have worked faithfully, and have won out on the 1600 hours proposition. All will remember Brother Moore. He is the oldest canvasser in the Southern Union, that is, he has put in more years of hard work than any other worker that we have. Brother Morphew, being a young man, has not worked so many years. This makes seven who have so far been reported in the WORKER, and I am sure there are others who are also entitled to a place on the roll of honor. Please report all names promptly so that arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

A. F. HARRISON.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION
CONFERENCE FOR NOVEMBER, 1911

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Total Val.
Mississippi Conf	20	2330	836	\$1453 20	\$2149 80	\$3603 00
Alabama Conf	19	2222	645	1070 10	1799 55	2869 65
Tenn River Conf	18	1528	514	908 45	643 25	1551 70
Louisiana Conf	9	992	401	600 75	538 25	1139 00
Kentucky Conf	12	933	406	562 45	504 40	1066 85
Totals	78	8005	2802	\$4594 95	\$5635 25	\$10230 20

A. F. HARRISON.

A LETTER from Eld. A. O. Burrill, dated Seattle, Wash., November 24, informs us that he is busy in the Lord's work, and that Sister Burrill is slowly improving in health. They are much pleased with the climate and surroundings. Their many friends in the South will be glad to hear from them. Their address is 7961 46th Ave., South Seattle, Wash.

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
R T Jacks 2 wks BF	87	67		\$63 50	\$17 00	\$80 50	\$
S S Guilford....BF	41	26		39 00		39 00	50
Chas GriffithBF	29	18		27 00	3 50	30 50	
W L Battles....BF	44	6		11 50	50	12 00	50
M L Ivory.....BF	39	17		25 50	4 00	29 50	14 00
Isadore Evans...BF	35	7		10 50	1 00	11 50	
W F Nance.....CK	27	28		42 00	14 25	56 25	8 25
W B Parkins....BF	38	26		36 00	18 75	54 75	1 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck.....BF	39	12		13 00	2 50	15 50	1 00
D C Ray.....BF	27	11		12 00		12 00	
Mrs J Hardin....CK	15	14		22 00	5 25	27 25	
C R Millar.....BF	50	20		22 50	2 75	25 25	1 00
Wm Martin 2 w BF	82	69		69 00	2 65	71 65	6 00
Latitia Steele...BF	11	4		4 00		4 00	
Mrs H GreenfieldBF	26	18		21 50		21 50	14 00
Lavinia Davis...BF	6	4		5 50	2 25	5 75	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F A Evans....so/d	2	2		2 50		2 50	
Mrs F A Evans PPF	11	8		12 00	4 50	16 75	
Joel FisherPPF	18	13		20 00		20 00	
M B Wilson....PPF	24	2		3 50		3 50	18 35
C W Brown....BF	42	20		20 50	50	21 00	50
T S Sligh.....BF	40	27		27 00	15 25	42 25	50
G Jorgenson...PPF	36	4		8 00	5 00	13 00	2 10

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....D&R	40				1 25	1 25	27 25
C H McColrey...BF	41	26		26 00	5 25	31 25	7 25
A L Saxon.....BR	32	18		57 00	7 00	64 00	
W E Cooper....BF	42						41 00
Lamar Cooper...BF	41						30 00
Coley Parkins...BF	45						33 00
Virgil Smith...BF	56						132 00
Horace Miller...BF	55						80 25
E P Campbell...PG	24	2		8 00	1 25	9 25	13 25
M A Murphy....BF	17	15		16 50	2 30	19 00	75
Ella Johnson...BF	12	12		12 00		12 00	25
J P Campbell...BF	17	11		15 00	2 25	17 25	2 25
Louise Jackson..BF	2	3		3 00		3 00	75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore...D&R	34	16		34 00	4 95	38 95	77 30
J S Moore.....so/P	50	10		14 50	8 75	23 25	13 25
C E Morphew...BF	31	13		14 00	2 50	16 50	8 60
Mrs C E MorphewBF	19	3		4 00	1 00	5 00	18 75
R H Hazelton...BF	36	10		10 00	16 75	26 75	6 00
A C Williman...GC	20	3		9 00	1 50	10 50	3 75
M Anderson 2 w BF	48				2 50	2 50	15 15
Mrs M L Boreing2JUV	9	20		5 00		5 00	5 00
Mrs C D Wolff JUV	4			1 75		1 75	6 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	340	195		255 00	59 00	314 00	24 75
Kentucky Conf	256	152		175 50	15 40	182 90	22 00
Louisiana Conf ...	153	76		93 50	25 25	119 00	21 45
Mississippi Conf ..	424	87		137 50	19 50	157 00	368 00
Tenn River Conf..	751	75		92 25	37 95	130 20	153 80
Totals	1424	585		753 75	157 10	903 10	590 00

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IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS LIBERTY NOTICE

THE Religious Liberty Department at Washington is pleased to report that the churches are sending in memorials and protests against unfavorable legislation now proposed in both the Senate and House of Representatives. In addition to this work, the department has requested our churches to secure from the public in general, signatures to petitions against these measures. Blanks have been sent out, and we trust a generous response to this line of work will be forthcoming.

In the petition work we have an opportunity of demonstrating that our work is of constructive character, and that we do not have in mind the defeating of Sunday laws only, but also the matter of inculcating the true principles of civil government and religion. That is to say, we should be prepared to tell the people of the principles involved in this character of legislation, and help them to come to a saving knowledge of the truth for these times.

In the accomplishment of this work, we can suggest no better plan than for our people to furnish themselves with tracts, periodicals, magazines, etc., bearing upon the question. Your tract society will have on hand literature bearing upon this subject of civil and religious liberty, and in addition to what has already been published in the catalog of literature, leaflets on the Johnston Sunday Bill and the Bill for Sunday Closing of Post-Offices. Tracts giving Baptist and other denominational views on the subject of religious legislation, are, or soon will be, available.

We trust that the matter of distribution of literature will find responsive attention on the part of our people generally. This office will be glad to answer any correspondence upon the subject which may be sent to it.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT.

Per S. B. H.

THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM ASSOCIATION

THE sixth annual session of the Nashville Sanitarium Association will be held in connection with the Southern Union Conference, Jan. 18-28, 1912, in the Seventh-day Adventist school building, 23rd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held at 9 A. M., January 18, at the place mentioned. A full attendance of the constituency and qualified voters is desired.

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
C. H. MOYERS, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the fifth biennial session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the church-school building on Twenty-third Avenue North and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tenn., Thursday, Jan. 18, 1912, at 9 o'clock A. M., and continue until Jan. 28, 1912, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing biennial term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each conference will be entitled to one delegate at large and one additional delegate for each fifty of its organized church membership. Please forward the names of the delegates to the secretary at 511 Cole Building, Nashville, as early as possible. (Signed) C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

Dated Dec. 13, 1911.

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the third biennial session of the constituency of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the church-school building, Twenty-third Avenue North and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1912, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing biennial term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

(Signed) C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

Dated Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13, 1911.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE fourth annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Missionary Society, a body corporate under the laws of the State of Tennessee, will be held at their office, Room 511, Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn., at 11 A. M., Jan. 23, 1912, for the election of a board of trustees and for the transaction of such other business as shall legally come before said meeting.

N. B.—The members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Union Conference are the members of this society, and under the statutes of the State of Tennessee each member is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy.

W. R. BURROW, *President*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

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*.

NOTICE

WE must again remind our readers that when ordering a change of address it is as necessary for them to mention the post-office to which the paper has been going as well as the one to which they wish it sent in the future. Do not forget this, or delays are likely to occur. When sending orders be sure to tell us if they are renewals.