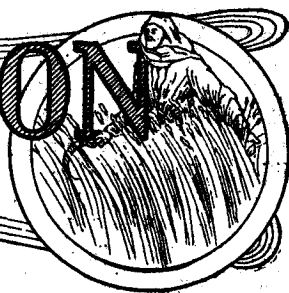


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Joshua 1:9*

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A Closer Walk With God

A CLOSER walk with thee, my God,
Is what I ask of thee.
Take my trembling hand in thine,
And strengthen thou my feeble knee.

When the clouds of blackness gather
And my spirit longs for rest,
Keep me walking in thy footsteps,
Leaning on thy gentle breast.

When the sun is shining brightly
And no cares my soul annoy,
Keep me close to thee, my Saviour,
May this be my greatest joy.

Happy
New Year

When the "roaring lion" stalking,
Seeking whom he may devour,
Meets me with his bright allurements,
Keep me in that awful hour.

When bright angels sent from heaven
Stand between his host and me,
May my eyes be fixed on Jesus,
May my heart e'er turn to thee.

Thorns or roses, rain or sunshine,
Lord, whate'er you choose for me,
A closer walk with thee, my God,
Is what I ask of thee.

MRS. CORA SMITH.

Enid, Miss.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

NEW YEAR'S time is always the occasion, in the world, for making many resolutions to do better than in the past. Poor souls groping in darkness, but hungering for something better than they have, resolve to do better. But they lack the power to do good, and without the grace of our Lord Jesus they fail and often sink back in a short time into a worse condition than ever. But while the spirit of turning over a new leaf is all around us in the world, should not the Lord's people reconsecrate themselves, and all they have, anew to the service of God? But putting our wills determinedly on the side of God's will, we may receive more of his Holy Spirit for service, and win real victories. Now is the best time we will ever have to consecrate ourselves to God. We can consecrate ourselves more intelligently now than last year because the light is clearer. Even the world can see the conditions that show that the second coming of Christ is at the door. I quote from the front page of the *Democrat*, Nashville, December 31: "When the historian of the future records the events of the year 1911, which comes to a close to-day, he will lay particular stress upon the political and social unrest throughout the world. This was not confined to any one country, or to a few countries; it was world-wide, involving practically every nation, both civilized and uncivilized. It included revolutions against long-standing governments, battles of labor and capital, wars between different nations, and, in short, everything that could be branded as

strife against existing conditions or growing conditions." After speaking of the situation in China, it says: "But the Chinese insurrection was but a larger edition of scores of upheavals of various kinds in other parts of the world. Smoldering and nurturing the agitation under the surface for years, it broke forth *with a suddenness* that made it almost impossible to realize what was occurring until the whole thing was over."

Yes, and soon, before most of us realize it, all will be fulfilled. Everything in this world will be over. Compare these words of the newspaper writer with the words of Jesus in Luke 21: 25-28, 31.

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Verse 36. In view of this admonition let us together renew our consecration.

C. F. McVAGH.

NEW YEAR THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS

TIME is swiftly passing. Year after year is rushing by in quick succession, and the end is fast approaching. The few remaining years will soon run out, and leave us to reap in eternity what we have sown in time.

And what will that reaping be? The decision still rests with you and me; but it must be quickly made. Long and patiently has the Lord waited for his tardy people, but he

can brook delay no longer. The time has come for the work to close, and everything is ready except the chosen people. But close it must, and close it will, whether we are ready or whether we are not. The Lord has done all that he can do to arouse us to a true sense of the situation, and of our condition. Warning after warning has been given, and divine help has been offered to purify and make us ready; if we are not ready we have only ourselves to blame.

The third angel's message is to close with a power and glory never seen in any other movement, and his people are to be filled with the Holy Spirit in larger measure than ever in the past; but those who receive it must be a pure people, "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." They must "be holy and without blame before him." Some, by the grace of God, are perfecting such characters, and upon them the blessing will soon be bestowed. But others seem not to appreciate either the times or their needs, and soon the command will be given, Let them alone. Already the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, mercy's door will soon be shut, probation will be closed, and many of those who have professed faith in the coming of the Lord and intended to get ready a little later, will then stand without, saying, "Lord, Lord, open unto us." But their prayer, offered too late, will then be of no avail and they will be numbered among the lost, just because they thought there was time enough to enjoy themselves a little longer before making a full surrender, and — they put it off.

The year 1911 is now gone, and is beyond recall. But the new year is with us, and we can make of it what we will.

During the past year the general cause has forged ahead, for it is the cause of God, and no power on earth can stay its progress.

Especially in foreign fields has marked advancement been made, and from almost every quarter of the globe heathen peoples are crying loudly for help. God has heard their cry, and, because we have been so slow, he has in some instances passed us by and sent them light through other channels; thus indicating that he can finish the work without us if he must, and that he will do so unless, as a people and as individuals, we keep pace with his moving providences, and push ahead more rapidly.

But what record has been made in our home conferences during the year that is gone? Have new churches been raised up? Has the membership increased materially in numbers? Have satisfactory results followed the efforts of the laborers? Are the churches in a good spiritual and working condition? If not, why not? These questions should be seriously and prayerfully considered before we launch again upon the stream of time by entering the portals of the new year, and if the cause is found the remedy should be applied.

And what progress have we individually made in personal experience? Have we kept the vows of consecration we made a year ago? Have we paid our pledges of more faithfulness? Have we put away our sins, conquered our bad habits, gained the victory over temptation, surrendered ourselves wholly to God, diligently searched the Word and Testimonies and conformed our lives thereto? Have we been more faithful and earnest in prayer, and walked more closely with God so that we now have a larger measure of his Spirit? Some have no doubt had this experience, while others, through indifference, procrastination, or lack of faith, find themselves farther from God than they were a year ago, and perhaps with less inclination now to break away from sin and the world, and to serve the Lord, than then.

But what will we make of the new year and where will we be at its close? This is the question now. The past is beyond recall, but thank God it can yet be redeemed if we will;

for mercy still for a little while lingers, and pardon is yet offered. The portal of salvation is still open; but the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, and its gates are slowly closing. Therefore those who intend to enter in must stop parleying with the enemy, put away hesitation, cast off at once every encumbrance, and make a rush for the entrance. A year hence and the destiny of some will be forever fixed for eternal gain or loss. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Shall we not all, therefore, as we enter upon the new year, definitely decide whom we will serve, sincerely repent of, put away, and obtain pardon for the sins of the past, let the Holy Spirit and the Word of God control our lives, consecrate ourselves in truth to God and let him have his way in us? If we do this moment by moment, hour by hour, and day by day, God will draw a mantle over the past, grant us the fellowship of his Spirit, and make the coming year of our lives like the life of Jesus. Then will all branches of the work prosper, and good success will crown our efforts. This is our personal desire and our sincere prayer on behalf of every reader of the WORKER.

W. M. C.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Dec. 29, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 750; *Watchman*, 6,581.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS

DEAR BRETHREN: In answer to your letter I can say that I am indeed glad to give you a few bright, cheery experiences of my canvassing work last summer. Bro. C. C. Voth, Bro. G. F. Ruf, and myself left Clinton German Seminary May 29, for Charleston, Mississippi Co., Mo. After getting located, we started out, but found the farmers were just beginning to cut their wheat. We thought at first that it would be of no use to begin work until the harvest was over, but decided to try it anyway, and if the country people were too busy we would canvass in town.

We began on Friday, one going north, one east, and one west. I had good experiences that day and about five o'clock had six orders for "Great Controversy." The other boys were also of good courage. We spent the Sabbath relating our experiences and on Sunday studied our book. Monday morning we went out with good courage knowing that we were in the Lord's work, toiling in the great harvest field and gathering sheaves for the Master. The Lord surely blessed me that week and I sold many books in the field at the binder. I came home Friday night with twenty-seven orders for "Great Controversy," their value being \$95.

The next week I had good success. A German where I stayed overnight gave me an order for the best binding in the English and his mother gave me an order for the cloth binding in the German language. This man took me in his buggy to his harvest field where he had six men working for him. When we reached the field he stopped where two men were shocking wheat and told them to stop work and listen to what I had to say. In a few minutes I had their orders. Then he drove to the binder and told the driver to stop and talk religion with me while he ran the machine. Before he made one round, I had the driver's order. We then went on to where two other men were shocking wheat and I took their orders also, and then that of another man who was driving a team near by; thus taking six orders in the field in one hour. That week I came home with thirty-one orders amounting to \$108, and the next week did the same. The

same man helped me deliver all the books I sold on his place.

I can truly say the Lord has blessed me wonderfully. We read in Eccl. 11:4: "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." I have found this to be so.

After camp-meeting I went out again, but on account of drouth did not sell so many books; but I had good experiences, however. The trials and difficulties I had to meet drove me closer to the Lord. I worked on until the last of November and in all delivered \$500 worth of books and placed 165 copies of "Great Controversy" in the homes of the people. May God bless the reading of the books, and grant that many may accept the truth.

My prayer to God is that he may call many young men and women to this great work, for the harvest is great and the laborers are few, and what we do we must do soon. I am now at Clinton German Seminary preparing for better work. I would like to say to the canvassers in the field, Be of good courage and be faithful. You are carrying the last message to a sinful world. Yours in the work, J. P. GAEDE.

A TRADE paper says, "Civilization and progress are in constant search for men who can do things." How doubly true this is in the work of the Lord, for all heaven is interested in the work which our Publishing Houses are trying to do in publishing and selling our message-filled literature. The Lord wants canvassers who will go out in the highways and byways and sell these pages of truth. Those who have gone out are enjoying many experiences that are drawing them closer and closer to the Divine.

One of the students from the German Seminary, Bro. J. E. Patzkowski, in telling of his experiences says, "I left the Seminary with this motto:—

"Away from work I will not turn
Until a scholarship I earn.

"In spite of the drouth, the failure of crops, and the prejudice of the people, I stuck to the motto and succeeded in getting a scholarship."

He says that another brother, by the name of S. F. Mohr, joined him later on, and that they used an automobile in which to travel from place to place. Of this experience they have written the following verse:—

"Patzkowski and Mohr, see how happy they feel
While canvassing with a big automobile.
They took twenty orders in only two days.
To canvass in Kansas it certainly pays."

Brother Patzkowski says further that once a man got so angry with him that he was cursed, and chased from the house with a flat-iron. Another held a chair in a very threatening attitude, and a third used a big heavy club. But Brother Patzkowski says, "All these difficulties have been for me, stepping-stones to higher ground. The canvassing work is a polishing process to the Christian that will enable him to stand in the trying days to come. The experiences are worth more than gold, and the blessings are inestimable. I praise God that I may act my part in the closing work of the gospel, and my prayer is that many young people may decide to enlist as canvassers in the cause of the Master."

The above letter should certainly touch the hearts of the inactive. I trust that it will act as a bugle call in stirring our people to answer the call for volunteers. The Lord has promised great things. In order to be partakers of these promises, we must be doers of the word and not hearers only.

"AS TRUE AS THE NEEDLE TO THE POLE"

"These are times that try men's hearts. God has given

his people a definite work to do, and in a general sense, the enemy works with all to prevent them from doing their duty. In a thousand forms his temptations are seen, each being adapted to the particular weaknesses of the individual. This is true of his temptations to induce one to commit gross sins, as well as to tempt one to neglect duty.

"To the one to whom God has given a specific part to act in his great work, the temptation will surely come to turn him from it. Perhaps some more pleasing work will be offered; but if our minds are settled as to what our specific work is, and we are 'as true as the needle to the pole,' we will firmly say, No, I have a great work to do and can not come down. It may come to us under the shadow of ambition to do something greater than the humble task we have been so blessed in doing. Perhaps no class of workers are more sorely tempted on these points than the canvasser and the field agent. The best explanation I have ever heard made of this is, that Satan knows there is no more potent agency to advance the truths for this time than the printed page, which reveals the truths he hates. If he can persuade this class of workers to do something else, he may succeed in a measure in hindering this work. If there is one point that impresses me more than another, it is the statement in the Spirit of prophecy, that, 'What is needed now is to have men who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole.' You may shake them as you will, they will still point to the direction of duty, and steadfastly pursue it."—J. B. Blosser, in *Field Agent's Confidential*.

In closing, I would refer all those who are not making an effort to do something in the work of the Lord to Testimony, vol. 9, p. 39, subtitle, "The Result of Failing to Work."

"Comparatively little missionary work is done, and what is the result?—The truths that Christ gave are not taught. Many of God's people are not growing in grace. Many are in an unpleasant, complaining frame of mind. Those who are not helping others to see the importance of the truth for this time, must feel dissatisfied with themselves. Satan takes advantage of this feature in their experience, and leads them to criticize and find fault. If they were busily engaged in seeking to know and do the will of God, they would feel such a burden for perishing souls, such an unrest of mind that they could not be restrained from fulfilling the commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Mark 16:15."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
R. HOOK, JR., Gen'l Mgr.

OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

THE new book, "The Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, furnishes the church to-day another link in the great chain of light designed to strengthen it for the work for this time. The publishers' preface thus describes its mission:—

"To her wonderfully instructive volumes in this series, 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'The Desire of Ages,' and 'The Great Controversy,' the author has added 'The Acts of the Apostles,' a record of God's witnesses subsequent to the life of our Lord. By this Spirit-aided book a flood of light is thrown upon the apostolic church and its momentous meaning to us of this time."

The book contains 640 pages; is divided into fifty-eight chapters, and has Scriptural and general indexes. Its price is within the reach of all, a beautiful thin paper edition, bound in red flexible leather, costing but \$2.00, post-paid; durable cloth binding, \$1.50, post-paid.

The publishers inform us that more than 3,000 copies have gone out during the past four weeks. You will surely want this new book soon. Order of your tract society.

Alabama Conference

AMONG THE CHURCHES

AFTER closing the tent effort at Citronelle the latter part of October, I spent several more weeks in the Southern part of the conference, visiting as many of the companies and isolated members as possible. It is encouraging to see these faithful ones, who are without the privilege of companionship with others of like precious faith, holding up the banner of truth in their several localities and proving loyal to the message under difficult circumstances.

It often reminds me of the fact that the Lord likens his faithful ones to the eagles that often dwell alone and are able to mount above the clouds and catch the first gleams of light of the coming day. The Lord never compares his people to geese which have to be in flocks in order to feel at home.

I spent about two weeks near Ashford assisting Brother and Sister Prieger in their effort in that place, conducting services every night with extra meetings on Sabbaths and Sundays. Although they had been holding meetings several weeks and the weather was getting real cool, yet the people came out in large numbers. The message had been plainly presented and it has made a wonderful change among the people in that vicinity. When I left them, eleven new Sabbath-keepers had already signed the covenant and six more have since declared their determination to keep all the commandments of God and walk in the light. Others are still interested and studying the message.

The people began to agitate the question of erecting a church building. Arrangements were soon made for a deed of the land on which the tent then stood, and material and means to erect a neat place of worship on it were provided.

We are glad to learn that the foundation has already been laid, that the building will soon be completed, and the company ready to be organized into a church.

The enemy has opposed every advance step, and it has been a difficult field in which to get the message established. But the Lord has caused the truth to triumph.

The companies at Mobile and Pensacola are doing some good, faithful work among their friends and neighbors, and we ought to be able to conduct tent efforts in those cities soon, as a number are already interested and some have recently accepted the message through reading.

The workers are all of good courage and the Lord is blessing their faithful labor. Remember them in your daily prayers.

E. G. HAYES.

CANVASSERS' NOTES

By the time this appears in the WORKER the year 1911 will be in the past and its record will be completed.

We have not accomplished all we had hoped in the canvassing work, yet the Lord has blessed our efforts. In the eleven months ending with November our canvassers reported deliveries amounting to \$8,469.35. This is more than \$266 in excess of what was done during the whole of 1910. The real increase, however, is much larger than appears from these figures, for our 1910 report included some hundreds of dollars' worth of Bibles, while this year Bibles were not included in our regular reports.

In addition to these books we have sold about 14,389 magazines having a value of \$1,438.90, or a total of \$9,908.25 worth of subscription books and magazines together in eleven months. December's report will complete the year's record. Surely

we should thank and praise the Lord for what he has done for us.

We are now planning for 1912, and we earnestly request you to pray that the Lord will send forth more laborers, for truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

Our canvassers' institute will be held in Bingham, February 2-12. We expect Eld. C. F. McVagh and Brother Harrison to be with us. In addition to a thorough study of the book work a series of Bible studies will be conducted by Elder Hayes and there will be preaching services every night.

Is not the Lord impressing you to take a more active part in his service? The institute furnishes the opportunity, and with every opportunity comes a responsibility. It is another call to service. Can the Lord say of your efforts for him, "Well done"? If not, remember he is soon coming and his reward is with him.

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne.

Kentucky Conference

GOOD DELIVERIES

I HAVE just returned from Bullitt County where I have been helping Brother Millar deliver.

The roads were very bad because of the continuous rain, and our progress correspondingly slow; but with few exceptions we found the people ready for their books.

At Mount Washington and vicinity, however, we had some prejudice to meet. A local minister, when told by one of his members that he had ordered a book, advised him not to take it, thus teaching him to disregard his promise instead of being loyal to Christian principle by making good his word.

Before this, Brother Millar had been introduced to this minister, who publicly denounced him and his book at a prayer meeting.

Nevertheless by the help of the Holy Spirit we succeeded in delivering books to all the prejudiced families except two. One of these was not at home, and the other did not have the money.

We praise the Lord for the good delivery. I think this is the best delivery Brother Millar has yet made.

The first week in December, I was in Pulaski County with Bro. J. R. Staten helping him make his first delivery. The roads were good and we found nearly every one ready and glad to get the books.

I was expecting a good delivery, but it exceeded my hopes. Out of eighty-seven orders we lost only three, and sold four extra copies for cash. Brother Staten had to order another copy by mail to fill the last order.

Brother Staten's delivery breaks the record of my twenty-two years' experience in this work.

The Lord is at work and we should be. Sister White says, "I ask those to whom the light of truth has come, What are you going to do during the year that is just opening?"

C. F. DART.

Mississippi Conference

THE \$300,000 FUND

By the time these lines reach the reader the pledge he made at camp-meeting to the \$300,000 fund will be due. It was to be paid by December 31. Please send the money to the treasurer at once, and pay off your obligation.

If there are those who have neither pledged nor given anything to this fund, or if they would like to increase the amount, we invite them to do so at once. All gifts will be greatly appreciated by those in foreign fields.

Please remember that our conference pledged an effort to raise the balance of our quota before Jan. 1, 1912. Are you putting forth an effort to accomplish it? We will still lack more than \$200 of having enough to pay our quota after the pledges already made are all paid in.

Send the money to Miss Beulah M. Callicott, 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss. W. S. LOWRY.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS

THE year 1911 is now in the past with all its blessings and opportunities. The new year is before us filled with blessings which the Lord wants to bestow in order that we may be a blessing to those around us.

The burden upon my heart is, What can be done to bring into our Sabbath-schools a more faithful, diligent study of the Sabbath-school lessons? The Lord tells us "there should be a living, growing interest in storing the mind with Bible truth," and that "young men and women are to come forth from our Sabbath-schools to become missionaries for God." Our Sabbath-schools are nothing less than Bible societies. When rightly conducted they possess great power and influence, and are adapted to the doing of a great work.

But they are not now what they may and should be. To me the above are solemn words. Is it not a time when parents, superintendents, and teachers of our Sabbath-schools should seek the Lord more earnestly? Are not our blessings limited by the weakness of our faith and our negligence in the study of our Sabbath-school lessons? "Greater care should be taken by the parents to see that their children have their Scripture lessons than is taken to see that their day school lessons are prepared." "Their Scripture lessons should be learned more perfectly, as they treat of subjects infinitely more important. A neglect here is displeasing to God." "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson with your children. Let the more important passages of scripture connected with the lesson be committed to memory, not as a task, but as a privilege. The habit will prove a most valuable aid to religious growth." Observe system in the study of the Scriptures in your families; dispense with all unnecessary sewing and with needless provision for the table; but be sure that the soul is fed with the bread of life. If callers or visitors come in during the exercise, invite them to take part in it."

I have been thinking that if our superintendents and teachers would invite their neighbors to join them in the study of the Sabbath-school lesson for an hour each week, either at their own or their neighbor's home, that much good might be done. Don't argue, but be learners together, and with prayerful lips and a love for their souls, you will see good accomplished. When this is done by all our teachers and superintendents, the missionary spirit will come into our Sabbath-school, and our youth will go out as missionaries for God. Listen to these words, "The great work of opening the Bible from house to house in Bible readings gives an added importance to the Sabbath-school work, and makes it evident that the teachers in the schools should be consecrated men and women who understand the Scripture and can rightly divide the word of truth."

During the past quarter, I studied the Sabbath-school lesson with a neighbor, the mother of four small children. Last week she said to me, "When baby is well I am going to Sabbath-school with you." Come, brethren and sisters, let us seek to do what God would have us. We are far behind our privileges. Let us make our Sabbath-schools what God designs they should be. With God's help let us labor for souls around our homes, in our home, and in our Sabbath-

school as never before. May the Spirit of God lead and guide you is my prayer.

Report blanks have been sent to the schools, and I trust that all will be prompt and return them by January 4, and that all will supply themselves with the "Morning Watch Calendar."

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Tennessee River Conference

WITH THE MEMPHIS CHURCH

THE time from December 19 to 24 was spent with the church in Memphis. Two meetings were held daily with three meetings on Sabbath and Sunday. The weather was rather unfavorable during most of the time, but the attendance was fair at almost every meeting.

The Spirit of God witnessed at every meeting to the word spoken, and nearly all present responded gladly to the earnest appeals for renewed and deeper consecration. On Sunday night, at the closing meeting, Brother Washburn said that the meetings had been just what the church needed and what he needed; he thanked God that his Spirit had so graciously witnessed to the straight testimony borne in every meeting.

The outlook for a growing work in Memphis is most encouraging. The seating capacity of the church has recently been nearly doubled and the entire building repainted. The members have a mind to work and additions to their numbers are frequent as a result of work done by the members. The church pays a good tithe, but owing to the financial burden incident to adding to, and repainting the church, the annual offering fell somewhat below what we had hoped. However we expect to hear good reports from this church, and that they will in the future, as in the past, contribute a fair share toward the various funds for carrying forward our denominational work.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1911

TITHE

Nashville	\$ 978.18
Memphis	133.14
Cedar Grove	115.00
North Nashville	60.02
Individual	31.47
Springville	22.22
Hazel	18.80
Trezevant	16.95
Conference Church	11.14
Paducah	9.66
Leach	9.61
Madison	6.00
Jackson	1.85
Total	\$1414.04

OFFERINGS

\$300,000 Fund	\$149.89
Annual Offering	134.20
Sabbath-School Donations	52.86
First Day Offerings	47.57
Ingathering	34.03
Loma Linda Building Fund	5.00
Second Sabbath Offering	1.20

Total\$424.75

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

General

AN EXPLANATION FROM THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM FOOD FACTORY

SINCE we improved Nutfoda, the Great Vegetable Meat, orders have been coming to us so rapidly that we could not keep up with shipments, although we materially increased our force and worked nights a large part of the time. For this reason quite a large number of orders were delayed. We regret these delays very much indeed, and are making every effort to get caught up by January 1. We think we can safely promise prompt shipments again after New Year. The many orders that our friends have sent us in 1911 have been greatly appreciated, and we sincerely hope that they can send us even more and larger orders in 1912.

With our new warehouse, which we are just completing, we will have about ten thousand square feet of floor space. This will help greatly in getting out foods as we can keep several carloads of raw material on hand and have it ready for use when needed. With this in view we have just bought two cars (fifty thousand pounds) best Spanish peanuts, and two cars (three hundred fifty barrels) best flour.

Later we will tell you something of the immense quantities of foods we have turned out during the year 1911, and of the improvements we have made in these foods during this time.

M. F. KNOX, Manager.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM NOTES

THE patients in the institution, including two who were received last week, are all doing well, and are as contented and happy as could well be expected of persons who are sick, and suffering more or less discomfort and pain.

The hall and stairway floors are being covered with cork linoleum, a very durable and noiseless material, which adds much to the appearance of the place and to the comfort of the guests.

Bro. C. H. Moyers, the manager, was absent several days last week in the interests of the sanitarium, and reports a satisfactory and successful trip.

W. M. C.

TO SABBATH-SCHOOL TEACHERS

THE memory verse cards, suggested in the *Sabbath-School Worker*, for the lessons to be studied during the year 1912, will be one of the most interesting features of the lesson study. Every teacher of children should have them. The designs are original, and the cards can be colored by the children or used without coloring, as the teacher may choose.

All who desire to get these cards on cardboard may obtain them from Mrs. Edith Cummings, College View, Nebr. The price is seven cents per set. Order one set for each child. Very many teachers have used these cards in the past, and they report them as being a very successful help. The lessons this year are very interesting, and the cards will be a great help in illustrating the memory verses. Remember, children learn more by seeing than by hearing. Give these cards a trial.

A PROFESSOR in Concordia Seminary, ———, Illinois, has sent in 61 yearly subscriptions to the *Protestant Magazine*. Remember that for \$1.50 we offer to send the *Protestant Magazine* to ten different names and addresses for one year, or ten copies to one address for one year. Send your list of names and addresses to this office to-day.

DISASTER VISITS PITCAIRN ISLAND

FROM the *Signs of the Times* weekly of December 19, we take the following account of a terrible disaster which has overtaken our brethren on far away Pitcairn Island:—

"Bro. J. R. McCoy, who is at the head of the little colony in Pitcairn Island, writes under date of October 7 (the letter just reaching us), that 'September 25 a heavy gale from southeast and south, then from all around the compass, lasting for two days, with heavy showers of rain, had visited the island, causing the greatest destruction known in the island since it was inhabited. Many houses were blown down, among the largest of which was Moses Young's dwelling, 60 x 30, boys' home at Shady Nook, 80 x 30, Gates' house at Flatland, 40 x 20, and others rendered unsafe to stay inside. But few banana trees were left standing, thousands were destroyed, some cocoanut trees were blown down, and others ruined for ten or twelve years. All field crops were destroyed, such as beans, corn, young sweet potatoes, save a few that were ready for digging.' The only thing that they have to depend upon for a living at present, if assistance does not come through a kind Providence, is the few sweet potatoes which are left, and the few remaining cocoanut tops—that is, the branches themselves. Several goats, he tells us, were killed by falling trees during the storm, and hundreds of chickens. 'But,' he concludes, 'thanks to our loving Father, there is not a human being hurt or killed. The sea was terrible, and went into the boat sheds, and one boat was damaged. The weather is fine now, and much work is being done in cleaning up the island and repairing the houses, and in looking after the fields.'"

This will be sad news to the readers of the *WORKER*, and their sympathies will go out to the brethren in this lonely, and now devastated, island. The writer spent three weeks there in 1899, and he can well imagine the havoc that has been wrought in what was then a most picturesque and beautiful spot which nature had generously planted with fruits and cocoanuts upon which the inhabitants largely depended for food. This calamity may hasten their removal to Queensland, Australia, which has already been proposed by the British government. In some way the God who spared them from injury and death will overrule the visitation for good. The *Signs* offers to forward to our afflicted brethren any donations sent to it for that purpose.

W. M. C.

"ASK God to give thee skill

In comfort's art;

That thou mayest consecrated be

And set apart

Unto a life of sympathy;

For heavy is the weight of ill

In many a heart,

And comforters are needed much

Of Christlike touch."

"WHEN a soul hungers for the world, it has neglected the spiritual provisions."

"NOBODY knows the Word but he that has tasted its flavor by feeding his heart upon it."

"HE that is afraid to do right is a coward; he that is afraid to do wrong is a hero."

"YOU may get to heaven on promises, but remember they are the Lord's and not your own."

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

I AM endeavoring to raise sufficient means to purchase the necessary 3,000 copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy" necessary to give the warning of the third angel's message to the 100,000 men comprising the military forces of the United States.

To get the enterprise before our people it has been necessary to do about \$30 worth of printing. The larger part of this was paid for 7,000 copies of "A Soldier's Appeal" which have been distributed free of cost and a copy of which will be sent to any one upon request.

Seventy copies of the books mentioned have already been sent to as many companies of the first six regiments of infantry, and we are waiting for funds to send out more.

The work already done has been paid for by contributions of from 25 cents to \$5, coming from all parts of the world, even from West Australia, and aggregating \$100.

Who will be next to help us? Send all contributions to the Southern Publishing Association and indicate for what purpose it is to be used.

B. N. BROWN.

Formerly U. S. Army.

THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

THE January *Signs of the Times* magazine, a copy of which has come to our table, is strikingly attractive in its appearance, and intensely interesting and important as regards its contents. It deals in a masterly way with timely topics which are of the greatest consequence to the people of the twentieth century. The leading editorials are "China in Prophecy," "The Monster War," "The Future of Europe," and the "Coming Great Political Struggle." Besides these there are general articles on "The French Revolution," "The Coming of Christ," "The Sabbath Question," etc.

Those who read these articles can hardly avoid being impressed with the truth they contain.

"LIFE AND HEALTH"

THIS popular health magazine opens the new year with a question and answer department through which its patrons may describe their symptoms of ill health, or make inquiry concerning matters of hygiene, health, or general therapeutics, and receive medical advice and information free. This department increases the value of the magazine and will no doubt increase its already well-deserved popularity and large circulation.

STILL ANOTHER

ANOTHER faithful canvasser, Bro. H. E. Beck, of Kentucky, has worked his time, and will be at our convention in January. He was one of the thirteen who won out last year.

I shall be glad to meet these persevering workers who have stood faithfully through the heat of the battle during 1911.

I am now at home taking a little needed rest; but it will be only a few days until we will all meet together in Nashville.

A. F. HARRISON.

FOUND THE TRUTH BY READING

WE have recently been in correspondence with a brother in Alabama who seems to have accepted the whole truth through reading "Bible Footlights," and other books which he has since purchased. He is far from any one of like faith, has never heard an Adventist sermon, or seen a Sabbath-keeper, save the canvasser who sold him "Bible Footlights;" never-

theless he has an intelligent knowledge of the truth, and is waiting for an opportunity to identify himself with us by uniting with some church.

W. M. C.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Dec. 23, 1911

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
W F Nance.....CK	32	31		\$46 50	\$ 9 00	\$55 50	\$ 9 50
S S Guilford....BF	23	10		15 00	50	15 50	19 45
M L Ivory. .BF MH	41	7		10 50	3 50	14 00	38 55
Chas Griffith 2 w BF		86					70 50
Wright Battles2wBF	96						76 20
Alex Osterman .BF							5 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Mrs J Hardin...CK	14	1		1 50	50	2 00	23 00
C R Millar.....BF	49	1		1 00	50	1 50	82 00
D C Ray.....BF	29	1		1 00	50	1 50	27 50
H E Beck.....BF	30	3		3 00	6 25	9 25	36 25
H Greenfield ...BF	8	2		2 50		2 50	3 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J F Goesling...PFF	20	15		22 50	1 50	24 00	1 25
Joel FisherPFF	8	2		3 00		3 00	8 00
F H Berry.....PFF	50	6		9 00	4 50	13 50	38 75
C W Brown.....BF	50	20		21 00	30	21 30	30
T S Sligh.....BF	54	16		17 00	8 00	25 00	51 30
G Jorgenson ...PFF	44	3		6 00		6 00	8 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....D&R	49						45 50
C H McColrey...BF	40						56 75
Virgil Smith ...BF	40						90 50
Coley Parkins ...BF	32						40 00
W E Cooper.....BF	10						14 00
Mary Mundy ...BF	31						50 00
M A Murphy...BF	42						63 75
Louise Jackson .BF	14	2		2 00		2 00	1 00
Emily Billups ...BF	50						57 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore .D&R	23	6		11 00	3 30	14 30	102 45
C E Morphew...BF	10	1		1 00	1 50	2 50	9 00
Mrs C E MorphewBF	8						6 50
J S Mooresofds ofsf	15						7 65
R H Hazelton...BF	36						70 00
Marcia Anderson BF	9						8 75
Mrs F. S. ParkerJUV	10	17		10 05		10 05	10 05
Vera Dortch ...JUV	10						32 67
A C Williman...GC	35	1		3 00	4 45	7 45	70 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	278	48		72 00	13 00	85 00	219 20
Kentucky Conf	130	8		9 00	7 75	16 75	172 25
Louisiana Conf	226	62		78 50	14 30	92 80	107 60
Mississippi Conf ..	308	2		2 00		2 00	418 50
Tenn River Conf...156	25			25 05	9 25	34 30	317 07

Totals1099 145 186 55 44 20 230 85 1234 62

During the week covered by the above report many of the canvassers have been delivering. Few orders have therefore been taken, but the report of deliveries is very encouraging, when we consider the bad weather and other unfavorable conditions.

In the case of two of Alabama's workers the time reported covers more than a single week.

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WHAT IS NOT AND WHAT IS

It is not what we earn, but what we save, that makes us rich. It is not what we eat, but what we digest, that makes us strong. It is not what we read, but what we remember, that makes us wise. It is not what we intend, but what we do, that makes us useful. It is not a few faint wishes, but a lifelong struggle, that makes us valiant.—Anon.

NOTICE! IMPORTANT CHANGE IN DATE

THE first session of the Southern Union Conference will convene at the appointed place on Monday, January 15, instead of the eighteenth. This change has been made in harmony with the request of the General Conference Committee. The Southeastern Union meeting has also been recommended to close January 14 so that General Conference help can be had for the opening of the Southern Union meeting. If it is possible the bookmen will meet Sunday afternoon, and time will be given to complete their program. All delegates will please be on hand Sunday the 14th or early Monday for the opening of the session. C. F. McVagh.

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*.

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 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.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the third annual meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, incorporated, will be held at the North Nashville church-school building, 23rd Ave. North and Seifried St., Nashville, Tenn., at four P. M., Thursday, Jan. 25, 1912. The purpose of the meeting is the election of trustees and a Board of Councilors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. (Signed) A. J. HAYSMER, *Chairman*,
A. J. HARRIS, *Secretary*.