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

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## HASTE! YE REAPERS!

IN the west the sun is setting,  
Shedding forth its crimson light;  
One more day is just departing,  
Hither comes the dark-robed night.  
See! how quickly light is dying,  
O'er the plains around it creeps,  
And with golden gilded glory  
Lights up all the mountain steeps.

Birds are hurrying to their treetops,  
Men are hastening with their grain,  
Hurrying to their barns with sheaflets  
Ere the day's last light shall wane.  
Earth's last-day is quickly dying,  
I can see the sunset tints  
Creeping round from shore to mountain,  
And on every field it glints.

Up ye reapers! Get your sheaves in!  
Soon will fade the light of day.  
Haste! get ye to Heaven's safe barns  
Ere departs the last gold ray.  
Night approaches, do not tarry,  
See the sheaves before thine eyes,  
In the morning Christ the Reaper  
Will present thee with thy prize.

*Pearl Brunzen James.*

## NO FAULT WITH OUR DOCTRINES

THEY ARE ALL RIGHT

IN matters of faith and doctrine, the belief and practise of which involves our temporal welfare and interests, and the more important issues of eternal life or eternal death, the element of certainty can be dispensed with only at tremendous risk—a risk that no man can afford to take because his salvation is at stake.

Uncertainty as to whether the theory he is following is very truth or not weakens, if it does not wholly destroy the confidence, courage, energy, zeal, and faithfulness of any man. It makes him half-hearted, undecided, and unreliable, and unfits him for the struggles and conflicts through which every one who wins the prize must pass.

But there is no occasion for any one to remain in such a state. Everything essential to salvation has been revealed in the Word, and the Holy Spirit is ever ready to guide the honest and diligent seeker into the sure way of truth, and open to him the unmistakable evidences thereof.

"True seekers for truth need not err; for not only is the Word of God plain and simple in declaring the way of life, but the Holy Spirit is given as a guide in understanding the way to life therein revealed."—*Early Writings*, p. 221.

Besides this, God has placed in our midst the Spirit of prophecy which, from the very beginning of the third angel's message, has constantly guided its development into a perfect system of truth, to which it years ago set the seal of divine approval and testified that it was correct.

For half a century and more it has successfully resisted the onslaughts of bitter and powerful enemies, both from without and from within, without revealing a single flaw, and we have every confidence that it will stand future tests equally as well as it has those of the past.

But all are not so sanguine. Seeds of doubt concerning certain points of faith have taken root among the brethren and as a result some have lost their bearings, not knowing certainly whether the old doctrines are reliable or not. Hoping that the confidence of such (if there be any among the readers of the WORKER) may be restored and themselves grounded and settled in the "faith once delivered to the saints," we here quote a few statements which will prove a sure anchorage for the faith of all who have confidence in the heavenly gift which God has established among those who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

From "Early Writings," p. 258, 259, we take the following:—

"I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. *God looked upon them with approbation.* I was shown three steps,—the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, "Woe to him who shall *move a block or stir a pin of these messages.*" This testimony was given in 1858.

"Testimonies," vol. 4, pp. 445, 446:—

"The world is to be warned of its coming doom. The slumbers of those who are lying in sin and error are so deep, so deathlike, that the voice of God through a wide-awake minister is needed to awaken them. Unless the ministers are converted, the people will not be. The cold formalism that is now prevailing among us must give place to the living energy of experimental godliness. *There is no fault with the theory of the truth;* it is perfectly clear and harmonious. But young ministers may speak the truth fluently, and yet have no real sense of the words they utter. They do not appreciate the value of the truth they present, and little realize what it has cost those, who, with prayers and tears, through trial and opposition, have sought for it as for hid treasures. Every new link in the chain of truth was to them as precious as tried gold. *These links are now united in a PERFECT WHOLE.*" The exact date of this testimony we do not know; but it was given about 1880-1885.

Series B, No. 7, p. 57, given Dec. 4, 1905: "One thing it is certain is soon to be realized—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. *We are to hold fast the first principles of our de-*

*nominal faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time."*

Ibid., page 58: "The past fifty years have not dimmed ONE JOT OR PRINCIPLE of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. . . . NOT A WORD is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, IS THE SOLID FOUNDATION OF TRUTH."

Thus we have the explicit testimony of the Spirit that not a block or pin of the messages is to be stirred; that there is no fault with the theory of the truth; that the different links that make up the chain of truth are now united in a perfect whole; that we are to hold fast the first principles of our denominational faith; that not a jot or a principle of the faith since 1844 has been dimmed; that not a word is changed or denied, and that the truths witnessed to by the Holy Spirit from the beginning of the message to the present (1905) is still the solid foundation of truth.

What more does any one who believes the Spirit of prophecy require to convince him that that system of truth and doctrine which was perfected in every part sixty years ago, is still the very truth and the standard with which all later developments of truth must agree?

W. M. C.

God is my refuge and my strength  
I will not be afraid;  
And though the night be wild and dark,  
I meet it undismayed.

Give strength to bear, or work, or wait,  
'Tis thine, O God, to give;  
And who shall weak and strengthless be  
That learns in thee to live?

—Selected.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Jan. 5, 1912: Total number of bound volumes, 1,734; *Watchman*, 2,420.

#### THE NEW YEAR

The new year is all before me,  
'T is a blank page clean and white.  
Just what it holds in store for me  
Is hidden from my sight.  
But this I know, I need not mar  
Nor soil the God-given page;  
For he will guide aright my hand,  
Who lives from age to age.  
The past is gone beyond recall,  
I can not live it o'er;  
And yet I may redeem the time,  
And serve him evermore.  
O God, I will that thou shalt guide  
My wayward feet this year;  
That thou shalt choose my path for me,  
My duty make quite clear.  
I'd humbly walk with thee, my God,  
Thy counsel I would take;  
I'd learn of thee from day to day:  
Thou makest no mistake.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

#### CANVASSERS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

I AM sending in my last report for this year. I give thanks to the Lord for the success I have had in the past, and begin my work in the new year with renewed determination to do more in the book work than ever before. I am trusting in the Lord for success.

GEO. W. BROWN.

"I FEEL under obligations to compliment our little paper (the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER), for the service it has rendered me. It paid me almost fifty-two visits last year, and each time it was welcomed to my home as a friend, for it tells me how the closing message is progressing in our home field, and of the experiences my fellow canvassers are having. But some of us have been negligent about reporting. It seems that some of the canvassers have been like myself—more anxious to read the experiences of others than to report their own. Brethren, let us break up this bad habit and remember that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Almost daily we meet with experiences that would be of interest to others. After I canvassed in Madison County, I entered the western part of Jackson County. After I had worked several hours with but little success, I asked my heavenly Father to open up the way. At the noon hour I arrived at the home of a well-known farmer, and, just as I had finished canvassing the lady, her husband came in, and she remarked that I had a nice book that they needed. But he replied that they had no need of any books; that he knew I was an agent, and had determined that no matter what I had he was not going to buy. But while his wife made preparation for dinner I showed him the book, and as soon as I mentioned the title, "Bible Footlights," he was interested and said that he had read a copy of the book, belonging to a man who had moved from Madison County, almost through, and tried to purchase it, but could not. After he gave me the man's name I remembered that I had sold him the book, and lost some time delivering it, finally planning a way for him to get the money. The result was that I took an order for the best binding; but had I not been patient and helped the first man, I would not have sold to the other. I had no trouble taking orders in that community when the people knew that this man had ordered a book.

To the Lord be all the praise, and my prayer is that I may remain faithful in his service and be able to say at last with the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day."

R. T. JACKS.

#### KENTUCKY

I HAVE just made a delivery here of \$82 worth of "Bible Footlights," losing only two orders. I met very little prejudice. A Baptist minister spoke highly of my book, and I had his recommendation while securing these orders. To God be all the praise. One woman said she had prayed to the Lord the night before that he would give her wisdom and good judgment in selecting a book that would give her a better explanation of the Bible. She remarked that she felt confident that the Lord had fulfilled her wish, but that she was not looking for the book to be brought to her door. Our God is truly a kind God.

C. R. MILLAR.

I AM enjoying the work, and find the people very sociable. At a place where I stayed overnight last week, they were holding prayer-meeting. I took their order for "Bible Footlights," and learned that I had delivered some books in my last delivery to some of the people present. They expressed themselves as being well-pleased with their books, and we had some very good talks together.

The Lord is giving the last message to the world by a

people that will live his law. When Christ was here upon earth he magnified the law and made it honorable. So it should be with us. We should live the law of God, and be light-bearers to the world.

D. C. RAY.

ELDERS C. P. BOLLMAN and C. N. Martin held several meetings with the Publishing House family last week.

BRO. W. A. HARVEY, our superintendent, was ordained as a deacon of the Fatherland St. church, last Wednesday evening.

The work is onward. We are busy closing up our books preparatory to making our annual report. The Publishing House column will probably not contain very much matter for the next few weeks, but after the meetings are over, we expect to have lots of good things to report.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. HOOK, JR., Gen'l Mgr.

## Periodical Department

### THE WATCHMAN—THE PRESENT TRUTH EVANGELIZER

FOR the month of February there is a splendid array of articles appearing in the *Watchman*. "Completing the Work of the Reformation" is the leading editorial. The Reformation, begun in the fifteenth century, is being completed to-day by a people whom God has chosen to do a special work.

In view of the many and varied attempts to force Congress to commit itself to religious legislation, "The Siege of Congress" will be of special interest. The editor will show that our religious liberties are in danger. Those who prize these blessings should not fail to read this article and circulate it among their friends and neighbors.

In spite of the world-wide unrest of recent years, two of the most powerful monarchs among the crowned heads of Europe saluted each other in friendly embrace at a portentous meeting at historic Reval. Concerning this, Prof. Percy T. Magan sets forth in his interesting way how the English and Russian monarchs have allayed the fears of their countrymen by showing unusual friendship for each other. Why this extraordinary friendship? This article will explain the true significance of this important meeting so diplomatically arranged.

Prof. Frederick Griggs will treat of the "Boy Scout Movement." A thorough analysis of this world-wide movement to organize boys into uniform "Scouts." Will it result in a generation of soldiers or citizens, and if the former, will this vast power be used to produce a larger standing army with its attendant danger of militarism? All parents interested in their boy's future should read this article.

Prof. B. G. Wilkinson closes his very interesting series on "Sun-Worship," this month's contribution treating of latter day forms of it. In this Christian land of ours there are manifestations of the old pagan sun-worship on every hand.

While this contribution closes the author's series of articles on this subject, *Watchman* readers will be glad to know that Professor Wilkinson will write for the magazine each month. He is eminently fitted to give our readers some good things and they can be sure that a treat is in store for them the coming year.

These are just a few of the leading articles of the February number. Surely it is a splendid issue to distribute among your townspeople. With China a republic, and Turkey falling to pieces, surely the signs are thickening about us. May the Lord help us to arouse to our sense of duty and sow the seed while we have opportunity. We know of no better "seed" to sow than the *Watchman*. Order early through your tract society.

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### OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

"EASY Steps in the Bible Story," by Mrs. Evans, is a delightful new book for children, just off the press. This book makes the simple stories of the Bible clear and plain to the young, inquiring mind. Price, cloth, \$3.00; half morocco, \$4.00; full morocco, \$5.00.

It is not too late to make New Year's resolutions. Resolve to get a Morning Watch Calendar, price five cents, and learn a verse of scripture every day. You will be surprised how much Bible knowledge you will acquire in a short time. The practise will also strengthen the character.

Our supply of Sabbath-school quarterlies is rapidly decreasing and your order should be sent in at once. To save yourself the trouble of attending to this matter every three months, we would suggest that you forward twenty cents to the office and have your name placed on our standing order list. The lesson pamphlet will then be mailed to you each quarter during the year without further trouble on your part.

"Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, furnishes the church to-day with another link in the great chain of light designed to illuminate and strengthen it in these dark and dangerous times. This 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, \$2; durable cloth binding, \$1.50, post-paid.

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## Kentucky Conference

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### TITHES

Bowling Green .....	46.90
Grove .....	28.93
Louisville .....	368.85
Conference Church .....	215.40
Henderson .....	6.60
Sand Hill .....	18.65
Isolated Members .....	251.43
Locust Branch .....	27.54
Halcom .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$974.30</b>

#### OFFERINGS

Foreign Mission .....	\$ 19.51
Mid-Summer Offering .....	1.10
Sabbath-School Offerings .....	173.91
\$300,000 Fund .....	60.20
Annual Offering .....	71.09
Second Sabbath Offerings.....	2.79
Harvest Ingathering .....	126.95
Ministry of Healing.....	1.50
Loma Linda College.....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$458.05</b>

LULA E. SHAFER, Treas.

## Louisiana Conference

### NEW YEAR'S NOTES

WE raised our ten cents a week and more. We raised eleven and one fourth cents per week per member.

Our total tithe for the year was just a little over \$5,000, an average of \$19.25 per member, and the largest we have ever paid.

Now let us all do our very best to keep up our record during the coming year. These gifts and offerings have only been possible because our God has blessed us abundantly.

All the workers report encouraging experiences in laboring for lost souls.

Brother Auger tells of increased interest in the work among the French people and also among the Italians.

Sister Goodwyn is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Brother McLennan is very busy, and will be fully occupied during the winter.

Brother Frank is preaching and holding Bible readings in Lake Charles.

Reports from our church workers and canvassers ought to appear more frequently than they do in the Louisiana column of the WORKER. Brethren and sisters, will you not do your share of reporting this year and thus keep the brethren informed concerning the progress of the work in our conference?

E. L. MAXWELL.

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1911

#### TITHE

Cypress Grove .....	\$ 7.00
Hope Villa .....	75.08
Individual .....	26.17
Jennings .....	18.45
New Orleans .....	378.05
Welsh .....	571.30
Total .....	\$1076.05

#### OFFERINGS.

Annual .....	\$ 50.60
Colored Work .....	.25
Emergency Fund .....	.45
Harvest Ingathering .....	91.38
\$300,000 Fund .....	66.35
Miscellaneous Missions .....	23.40
Sabbath-School Donations .....	57.60
Tent and Camp-Meeting Fund.....	20.00
Weekly and Missions.....	13.60
Total .....	\$323.63

L. B. SPEAR, *Treas.*

## Mississippi Conference

### "MINISTRY OF HEALING"

THE writer has long believed that "all of God's biddings are enablings," and was pleased to test this statement last week.

The call came to canvass for "Ministry of Healing." The time seemed unpropitious in some ways, for much work demanded attention, the weather was very disagreeable both

overhead and underfoot, and many people, I knew, had finished their Christmas buying.

But the time had come and the command to "go forward" had been given. A true soldier loves to obey, so I gave all the time possible to soliciting for "Ministry of Healing."

One afternoon in about three hours God gave me five orders for this wonderful book, one for "Steps to Christ," and, if I mistake not, two new Bible readers.

The woman who ordered "Steps to Christ" wanted it at once, and it was indeed a happy surprise to find in her the Catholic lady with whom I had spent a very earnest hour last June in another part of the city.

Altogether I spent about eight or nine hours canvassing for "Ministry of Healing" and took ten orders for it, and about six for smaller books. Some asked, "How did you do it?" I did not do it; God did the work. I gave myself to him for service, and when he commands through his servants at the helm, "Work," I work, remembering that "all his biddings are enablings."

People say the book is hard to present to the people. I also thought so, and therefore studied it until its hidden treasure was revealed to me, and its sublime truths took hold on my heart. Now, since I see salvation for perishing souls and healing for worn out bodies in almost every chapter, it affords me great joy to take it to the people.

H. C. BALSBAUGH.

### SABBATH-SCHOOLS

SR. SARAH INGHAM, of Biloxi, who was baptized almost fifty years ago by Eld. Joseph Bates, and is now in her eighty-second year writes: "Who can fail to see the day approaching, and that rapidly, too; and those of us that are not as rapidly getting ready for the stupendous events that are almost here will be left to a part in the troubles that are coming on the earth. I mean to be faithful in the work of the Lord. Our donations are \$2.80."

Sr. Cora Smith, of Enid, writes: "One more Sabbath and this year's record will be made. We have all enjoyed the past year's studies, and have learned many practical lessons. Our donations are \$1.20."

The Sabbath-school at Ridgeland was organized three months ago, and has a membership of twenty-five. Their donations are \$6.01.

The Sabbath-school at Quitman has been reduced in number by removals. Their donations are \$1.87.

The Jackson Sabbath-school has enjoyed much of God's blessing in the study of the lessons, and purposes to give more diligent study to the Word in the future. Donations, \$16.83.

The little Sabbath-school at Ellisville was prompt in sending in their donations of \$4.77.

The Meridian Sabbath-school takes the lead in donations, the amount being \$19.25, *all for missions.*

Brother McMullen, of Decatur, sent us a \$2 Sabbath-school donation, saying, "It is given with a free heart."

Brother and Sister Rhodes, of Columbus, who have long known the Lord, sent in their donation, and are of good courage.

Sr. Rosie Stegall, one of the isolated ones writes: "I am sending for a lesson pamphlet for myself and also for my little boy. By the Lord's help I will have a report and donations to send you at the close of this quarter."

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good deed for eternity.—*Lavater.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1911

## TITHES

Vicksburg .....	\$ 9.35
Meridian .....	40.00
Pine Grove .....	44.83
Hatley .....	65.06
Ellisville .....	14.25
Individual .....	5.00
Jackson .....	32.55
Quitman .....	2.50
Conference Church .....	37.31
Total .....	\$250.85

## OFFERINGS

## From August 1 to December 31, 1911

Sabbath-School Donations .....	\$ 80.89
Harvest Ingathering .....	114.05
Missions (First Day Offerings and Second Sabbath) ..	13.59
\$300,000 Fund .....	367.50
Annual Offering .....	162.38
Colored Work .....	31.30
Loma Linda .....	10.00
Graysville Industrial Fund.....	21.40
Sabbath-School Ingathering .....	12.80
"Home" Foreign Fund.....	1.00
Total .....	\$814.91

BEULAH M. CALLICOTT, *Treas.*


**General**


## THE WORK IN HONDURAS

FROM the self-supporting industrial school in Spanish Honduras, with which a company of Madison young people are connected, comes a most interesting report from Bro. W. H. Hamilton, whose home is in Lodi, Calif., but who has been visiting in Honduras. He writes one of the Madison students as follows:—

"As a friend of the school work in Honduras I thought you would be interested in a brief report from one who has just returned from a three weeks' stay there, looking over the country and its needs in general, and the school and farm work at Siguatepeque (Sig-wa-te-pe-ke) in particular.

"In about twenty towns and villages personal appeals have been made to Professor Owen to come and open schools. One experience I had in my visit to Comayagua, a town of six thousand inhabitants, I would like to mention. Having business to transact with a wealthy French merchant, and having been told that he would direct us to a suitable place to stop, Brother Snow and myself found the gentleman, who on learning that we were from the school, and that the landlady at whose place we had expected to stay was sick, kindly invited us to his home, where we were royally entertained by himself and native wife. In the evening we were joined by two other gentlemen. Many questions were asked about our school and its work, and I found these gentlemen quite well informed about what is being done. Our host said: "I have a son and daughter in Hamburg, Germany, at school. I am going to bring them home during the coming year, and send them to your school to learn English. Why don't you people come *here* and start a school?" I asked him how many students he could get us. "Three or four hundred," he answered. The people want American teachers to teach them English, and the government officials wish the people to learn

better farming methods, and are willing to help in the work.

"What does it mean to us as a people that twenty towns are calling for teachers, who, as they express it, "will make good men and women out of our children"? They are familiar with our principles in regard to the use of tobacco and liquor—the curse of the country. Many know we are a religious body, keeping holy the seventh day instead of observing the first. They know that their children are being taught about Jesus and all that our own children are being taught at home, and they use the same books.

"On Sabbath I went with the teachers on their regular singing tour, visiting quite a number of homes and singing in Spanish the sweet songs of Zion. How I wish you could have heard their thanks and seen their faces. These teachers also visit and nurse the sick, sometimes being called out several times in a day to relieve suffering. These brethren and sisters are doing this for Jesus' sake.

"I found, on looking over the treasurer's statement for the last seven months, that no one had drawn much more than enough to pay postage—just getting their board, and it the plainest kind, and yet they are happy in their work, with no desire to leave, though at times they have been embarrassed because of the need of funds. God has had a care for them. One instance I will relate as it is the latest:—

"Mr. Zamurru, a wealthy Englishman, part owner of one of the steamship lines plying between the United States and Honduras, visiting Siguatepeque, stopped at the home of Mr. Gros, a German merchant, whose children attend our school; and being told of the work there and how they were handicapped for facilities, said, 'I know about these people and their work.' He gave one thousand pesos (four hundred dollars gold) to the school. This gift, unsolicited and without the knowledge of any one at the school, shows plainly to my mind that God will put it into the hearts of men of the world to give of their means to finish the work that we are neglecting to do.

## WANTED

"Families to come to Honduras as self-supporting missionaries to live the truth, and help teach the natives to farm and live Christian lives.

"Teachers to take a year's work in the Siguatepeque school, thus acquiring a working knowledge of the Spanish language, with a view to starting other schools.

"Money to properly equip the school and farm, and to help support the workers until the work becomes self-supporting; to which end those connected with the school are earnestly and faithfully working.

"Your prayers that God will bless this work and speedily send laborers into this needy field that has so providentially been opened.

"I have accepted the invitation of the school to join them and act as their treasurer, and will be pleased to hear from all interested friends of the work. As soon as we can arrange our business affairs, we expect to move to Honduras to live. On our return the school will be incorporated."

M. BESSIE DEGRAU.

FROM the secrecy of the closet, from the sanctity of the home, from the gloom of the prison, from mammon and the roar of the busy mart, from the quiet of the sick chamber, from the awe and solemnity of the death-bed, prayer may be offered, men may call unto God, and he will hear and answer them. Whenever and wheresoever the heart prompts, then and there we may pour out our soul to God. We have the sanction of our Saviour's beautiful example for this.—*Intelligencer.*

**"NO GOOD THING WILL HE WITHHOLD"**

WHEN Christ called his disciples to follow him, he offered them no flattering prospects in this life. He gave them no promise of gain or worldly honor, nor did they make any stipulation as to what they should receive. To Matthew as he sat at the receipt of custom, the Saviour said, "Follow me." "And he left all, rose up, and followed him." Matthew did not, before rendering service, wait to demand a certain salary, equal to the amount received in his former occupation. Without question or hesitation he followed Jesus. It was enough for him that he was to be with the Saviour, that he might hear his words and unite with him in his work.

So it was with the disciples previously called. When Jesus bade Peter and his companions follow him, immediately they left their boats and nets. Some of these disciples had friends dependent on them for support; but when they received the Saviour's invitation, they did not hesitate, and inquire, "How shall I live, and sustain my family?" They were obedient to the call; and when afterward Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything?" they could answer, "Nothing."

To-day the Saviour calls us, as he called Matthew and John and Peter, to his work. If our hearts are touched by his love, the question of compensation will not be uppermost in our minds. We shall rejoice to be co-workers with Christ, and we shall not fear to trust his care. If we make God our strength, we shall have clear perceptions of duty, unselfish aspirations; our lives will be actuated by a noble purpose which will raise us above sordid motives.

Many who profess to be Christ's followers have an anxious, troubled heart, because they are afraid to trust themselves with God. They do not make a complete surrender to him; for they shrink from the consequences that such a surrender may involve. Unless they do make this surrender, they can not find peace.

There are many whose hearts are aching under a load of care because they seek to reach the world's standard. . . . Worry is blind, and can not discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty he has his way prepared to bring relief. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet.—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 479-481.

WHAT we truly and earnestly aspire to, that in some sense we are. The mere aspiration, by changing the frame of mind, for a moment realizes itself.—*Selected*.

**THE DIVINE DESCRIPTION OF MAN APART FROM GOD**

HIS HEAD.—"The whole head is sick," full of "putrefying sores." Isa. 1:5, 6.

HIS MIND.—"Reprobate," "defiled." Rom. 1:28; Titus 1:15.

HIS THOUGHTS.—"Thoughts of iniquity." Isa. 59:7.

HIS CONSCIENCE.—"Seared with a hot iron." "Defiled." 1 Tim. 4:2; Titus 1:15.

HIS UNDERSTANDING.—"Darkened." Eph. 4:18.

HIS EYES.—"An evil eye . . . that can not cease from sin." 2 Peter 2:14.

HIS LIPS.—"Unclean," "the poison of asps." Isa. 6:5; Rom. 3:13.

HIS THROAT.—"An open sepulcher." Rom. 3:13.

HIS TONGUE.—"Deadly poison," "deceit." James 3:8; Rom. 3:13.

HIS MOUTH.—"Full of cursing and bitterness." Rom. 3:14.

HIS EARS.—"Dull of hearing." Matt. 13:15.

HIS NECK.—"Stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart." Acts 7:51.

HIS HEART.—Full of "evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." Mark 7:20-23.

HIS HANDS.—"Full of blood." Isa. 1:15.

HIS BODY.—A "body of death." Rom. 7:24.

HIS FEELINGS.—"Past feeling." Eph. 4:19.

HIS BONES.—"Full of the sin of his youth." Job 20:11.

HIS FEET.—"Are swift to shed blood." Rom. 3:15.—*J. M. Cole, in Australasian Record*.

**WHEN PEOPLE CRITICIZE, TAKE A SIDING**

"AN unkind critic is sometimes the best helper we have. If we are quite sure that that which we propose to do or have done is best, then we may with easy conscience stand by our colors. But if the judgment of others, though unkind, happens to be just, and if we then open our minds to the good there is in it, we have achieved a genuine victory.

"We are like a number of trains trying to go in different directions on the same track. Congestions are certain to come, but a congestion need not degenerate into a collision if we will remember that there are plenty of sidings. Now a 'siding' is a sort of abbreviated second track whereby trains going in opposite directions may pass each other in safety. In railways they bear various names; on the invisible pathway of life they are all called Love. Sometimes they are nicknamed Patience, or Commonsense. So in case of danger remember the sidings."

**SABBATH AND SUNDAY NOT SYNONYMOUS**

SOME time ago a friend extended to the writer the following invitation:—

"When you want to be in a good Sabbath-school, come down to ——— any Sunday at 2:30 P. M."

That the words "Sabbath" and "Sunday" do not mean the same, and therefore should not be used synonymously may be seen from the following quotations:—

1. "Nearly every language of the Continent affords [testimony] to the difference between Sabbath and Sunday, by the names of the two days."—*Sunday: Its Origin, History, etc.*, by James A. Hessay, D. C. L., p. 185, 4th edition.

2. "Sabbath, in the Hebrew language, signifies rest, and is the seventh day of the week."—*Buck's Theological Dictionary*, art., "Sabbath."

3. "Sabbath is not strictly synonymous with Sunday. Sabbath denotes the institution; Sunday is the name of the first day of the week."—*Webster's Dictionary*, art., "Sabbath."

4. "In the Middle Ages Sabbath meant only Saturday. First used in England for Sunday in 1554."—*American Encyclopedia*, art., "Sabbath."

5. "Sunday is of heathen origin (like our designations of the other days of the week), and means 'the day of the sun,' or 'sacred to the god of the sun.' It does not occur in the Bible, but is now in common use for the first day of the week."—*Schaff's Bible Dictionary*, art., "Sunday."

In view of the foregoing allow me to ask, Can any one go to Sabbath-school on Sunday, the day after the Sabbath? If not, why not?

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

## TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM THE INSURANCE STAND-POINT

THE United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution of London, England, has an experience of sixty-one years in dealing with more than 60,000 lives insured on the whole-life plan, almost equally divided between the temperance and the general sections. The mortality in the general section averaged 36 per cent higher than in the temperance section. The experience of this institution demonstrates that out of 100,000 lives at thirty years of age in each of the two sections, 11,297 more abstainers than non-abstainers reach the age of seventy, 5,193 more of the abstainers than of the non-abstainers reach the age of eighty, and 533 more abstainers than non-abstainers reach the age of ninety.

This is not argument, nor theory, mind you; it is the result of the actual experience of this one company as shown by the mortality tables in a period of sixty-one years. It is not a comparison between abstainers and hard drinkers, but between abstainers and moderate drinkers. The insurance companies reject hard drinkers as unfavorable risks. Thus the cold mathematics and statistics of the insurance companies preach a startling temperance sermon to those who have ears to hear.—*G. H. Heald, M. D., in January Life and Health.*

## THE WASHINGTON-LINCOLN NUMBER OF THE "SIGNS"

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## CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Dec. 30, 1911

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F Nance.....	CK	12		\$	\$	\$	\$88 00
R T Jacks.....	BF	35					79 00
Geo W Brown....	BF	48					21 00
R Cook .....	BF	20					30 00
M L Ivory.....	BF	53	11	15 50	85	16 35	10 65
Isadore Evans ..	BF	40					15 50
J T Burk.....	PPF	18					3 00
I W Peevy.....	BF	85	11	17 50		17 50	1 50

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Millie Wingate ..	BF	3	1	1 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
Lavinia Davis ..	BF	15	9	13 50	1 50	15 00	20 25
J R Staton.....	BF	26	5	15 00	4 25	19 25	3 25
D C Ray.....	BF	32	11	12 00	50	12 50	
C R Millar.....	BF	35	18	18 50	5 25	23 75	3 50

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

C H McColrey....	BF	15					14 00
Virgil Smith ...	BF	22	16	21 00	4 25	25 25	25 25
H G Miller.....	BF	23					22 75
J P Campbell ..	2WBF	82					31 75
Louise Jackson ..	BF	5			50	50	25
W E Cooper.....	BF	30					18 00
Ida Geuerson ...	—				2 50	2 50	2 50
H C Balsbaugh...	MIS	20		3 00		3 00	3 00
Mrs Balsbaugh ..	MISC.	30		10 65		10 65	10 65

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

R H Hazelton....	BF	18	8	8 00	4 75	12 75	2 00
Mrs I E Stratton	BF	15	2	2 00		2 00	11 10

### SUMMARY

Alabama Conf ....	311	22	33 00	85	33 85	248 65
Kentucky Conf ....	111	44	60 00	13 50	73 50	30 00
Louisiana Conf ..	No report					
Mississippi Conf ..	237	16	34 65	7 25	41 90	128 15
Tenn River Conf..	33	10	10 00	4 75	14 75	13 10

Totals ..... 682 92 \$137 65 \$26 35 \$164 00 \$419 90

## STILL THEY COME

THE names of two more canvassers who have earned the right of free entertainment at the coming Bookmen's Convention, have been sent in from old Tennessee. They are Mamie Moore and R. H. Hazelton.

Sister Moore is the only one of her sex who won the prize last year, and, so far, the only one to win it this year. She has worked 1,348 hours and delivered \$1,003.30 worth of books. This is certainly a good record.

Brother Hazelton has worked 1,700 hours, and delivered \$819.20 worth of books. This is also a good record.

I feel confident that there will be more canvassers at the convention this year than there was last. I expect that several more names will be sent in before the convention opens.

A. F. HARRISON.

A LADY, prominent in Protestant church circles in Grand Rapids, Mich., thus expresses her appreciation of the work being accomplished by the *Protestant Magazine*: "I think the lack of vindictiveness is creditable; as bare facts are good enough, and bad enough. Will do what I can to get it before the people."

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## FAITHFULNESS IN REPORTING

It would be a matter of great satisfaction to the editor, and we are sure of much encouragement, as well, to the entire union, and especially to the brethren of the several conferences, if each of them would regularly furnish the WORKER with weekly reports of what is transpiring in their territory and among their churches and workers. There are many things the brethren want to know, and it seems as if any conference might easily and profitably use at least a column each week.

The brethren are always interested in the movements of their leaders, and they want to know the whereabouts of the workers and what they are doing. The different churches are also interested in the welfare and experiences of other churches, and the different conferences are always glad to know what their sister conferences are doing.

Then there are the specific enterprises we are engaged in, such as the raising of the \$300,000 fund, the Loma Linda fund, the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, all of which would make interesting reading.

But if you are short of news items have you not something good and encouraging that you would like to say through the WORKER for the profit of its readers?

Surely the conference officers and other workers can together fill a column a week. Do not think that a report or an article must necessarily be long in order to be good. Send in your report if it is only a paragraph, and begin the new year with a determination that your conference shall at least have its name in the paper each week.

EDITOR.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES

HAVING received only one report from our conference missionary and Young People's secretaries in response to our private letter sent out two weeks ago, we repeat the request through the WORKER that their reports be sent us at once so that our report may be prepared for the Union Conference which will open its session early next week. Conferences not responding at once will have to be omitted from the general report.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

Union Conf. Miss'y and Y. P. M. V. Sec'y.

"Do not talk about what you would do if you only had the chance. The men who have moved the world made their own chances; seeing opportunities to do little things, they seized upon them, and did them well."

## NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

ELD. B. W. BROWN, president of the Kentucky Conference, with his wife and daughter Lola, has been at the Nashville Sanitarium since New Year's day. The daughter, who has been suffering for some time with appendicitis, came to the institution for a surgical operation which was successfully performed last Thursday by Dr. Will Mason, of Murray, Ky., who is well-known for his surgical skill and who came to Nashville for the purpose. The patient is doing well and is expected to make a good recovery. Other patients at the institution are also doing well. During Elder Brown's stay he gave several timely talks to the Sanitarium family.

## ATTENTION

ONCE more the committee on entertainment urges all who come to the conference and bookmen's convention to be held in Nashville, January 15, to bring plenty of bedding, especially blankets, as it will be impossible for the committee to provide for the number who will be here.

Those who desire accommodation are also urged to forward their request at once, if they have not already done so. Otherwise comfortable entertainment can not be guaranteed, as those will be first provided for who have signified their intention to be present. Address H. E. Simkin, Simkin St., or B. N. Brown, care Southern Publishing Association, North Nashville, Tenn.

## 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.

## "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

THE book bearing the above title has recently been enlarged by the addition of a chapter on "Christian Science and Divine Healing in the Light of Reason and Revelation," by Eld. R. A. Underwood. This enhances both the interest and the value of the book, which deals with a subject of much importance. It contains 112 pages, and sells in cloth binding for 50 cents; paper, 15 cents.

WE learn from the *Youth's Instructor* that the New York legislature has passed a law forbidding advertising signs to be placed in public highways. A similar law is in force in Grand Rapids, Mich. A few weeks ago, in that city, an advertising company thought to avoid the prohibition by erecting their signs upon the tops of buildings; but the night following, the mayor and councilmen, with the aid of the fire department, scaled the buildings and razed the signs. We could wish for such a law in every State and city. As at present there are many cities and villages whose streets are so lined with theatrical bill boards and other obscene and indecent advertisements that refined people can neither walk nor ride through them without having their modesty offended, while their effect upon children and youth is like that of the comic paper—demoralizing and pernicious.

How MUCH better is the love that is ready to die than the zeal that is ready to kill.—Thomas T. Lynch.