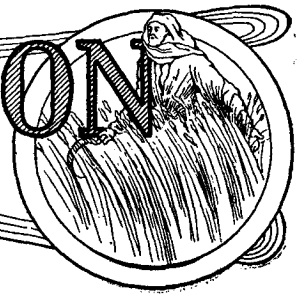


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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A WILL

I WILL start anew this morning with a higher,
fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless
neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's
call is clear,
I will waste no moment whining and my
heart shall know no fear.
I will sometimes look about me for the things
that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the
grumbler's gaze;
I will try to find contentment in the paths
that I must tread,
I will cease to have resentment when another
moves ahead.
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's
strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to
prove my own,
I will strive to prove before me, while I'm
working rain or shine—
I will cease to preach your duty and be more
concerned with mine.

— Selected.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS CHURCH

THE church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through his church shall be reflected to the world his fulness and his sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom he has called out of darkness into his marvelous light, are to show forth his glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to "the principalities and powers in heavenly places," the final and full display of the love of God. . . .

The church is God's fortress, his city of refuge, which he holds in a revolted world. Any betrayal of the church is treachery to him who has bought mankind with the blood of his only begotten Son. From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. In every age the Lord has his watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work. God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven. He has sent forth his angels to minister to his church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against his people.

Through centuries of persecution, conflict, and darkness, God has sustained his church. Not one cloud has fallen upon it that he has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork his work, that he has not foreseen. All has taken place as he predicted. He has not left his church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur, and that which his Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell has been brought about. All his purposes will be fulfilled. His law is linked with his throne, and no power of evil can destroy it. Truth is inspired and guarded by God; and it will triumph over all opposition.—*Mrs. E. G. White, in "The Acts of the Apostles."*

This is a plain statement of the mission of the Church, the purpose of its organization and existence among men, the influence it is expected to exert, and the work it is expected to do. Should it fail, God would be disappointed and his name dishonored. But it will not fail. God will develop and preserve a people who will "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world," and show forth his glory and his power to save and to keep from sin, "in the midst of a [this] crooked and perverse nation," a Church "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." It is the privilege of the writer and the reader to be enrolled as members of that Church if they will submit to the purifying process. Those who do not do this will be shaken out by the way.

The paragraphs quoted also set forth the Lord's supreme love and tender care for his faithful, consecrated people, and assure us that the truth entrusted to them "will triumph over all opposition." In Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 595, occur the following definite statements: "*It is as certain that we have the truth as that God lives; and Satan, with all his arts and hellish power, can not change the truth of God into a lie. While the great adversary will try his utmost to make of none effect the Word of God, truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth.*" In these two statements, taken together, we have the assurance that the truths of the third angel's message, which we have held so long and which has made us the people and the Church of God in the last generation, will ultimately triumph in glory. We may triumph with them if we will; but whether or not we shall depends upon whether we continue to hold fast the truth in righteousness, are sanctified in heart and mind, and maintain a living connection with God through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and act a faithful part in his service.

EVERY man must patiently abide his time. He must wait; not in listless idleness, not in useless pastime, not in querulous defection; but in constant, steady, cheerful endeavor, always willing, fulfilling and accomplishing his task, that when the occasion comes he may be equal to the occasion.—*Longfellow.*

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for month ending March 15, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 4,815; *Watchman*, 3,859.

COLPORTEURS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

THE LORD'S "ALL POWER" WITH US.

SABBATH morning, February 17, while walking along the street alone, the sheriff of the county rode up and hailed me. "Have you a license to sell books in this county?" "Yes sir," I replied. "I have the kind we all need for the kind of work I am engaged in. Come to my room with me and I will show you." We went on together talking friendly and cheerfully for perhaps a half mile. When one is arrested in this town the people are very anxious to know the cause, especially if it is one whom they respect. So many watched to see what the outcome would be. On entering my room, the sheriff called for county licenses, looked at mine, and said they would not do. He told me to come on to the judge's office, but before we left I asked him to look at my book, "Bible Footlights." He did, and said it was indeed a splendid book, and then said that lately the judge charged him to take up any one for selling even a Bible. We went to the court-house, and there I was quickly released and told by them to sell all of those good books I could without any license. He shook my hand heartily and said that I was doing a powerful work and to go ahead. I felt no fear at all, and I tell you of it that your faith may grow stronger and that you may join me in praising the Lord.

M. L. IVORY.

KENTUCKY

I HAVE been enjoying some very good experiences in Anderson County since I have been here. Last week I secured two orders for "Bible Footlights" from two Methodist ministers. I met a Baptist minister who had been reading "Daniel and the Revelation," and he admitted that it was the best explanatory work he had ever read. Another man requested that I would stay all night with him Sunday night, sit up late and talk over the Sabbath question. He says he wants to keep it if he finds that Saturday is the right day. I think he is a Bible student and that it will be easy for him to see the truth. My aim is to push onward and be worthy to do the Lord's great and holy work, and be a true representative of him.

D. C. RAY.

I AM sure we shall be very successful in securing many orders in this county. Brother Ray and I have secured orders from some of the most prominent people here. I got an order from a noted doctor, the county assessor, and a banker. The Lord will bless the earnest worker. This is my aim—to live and represent Christ properly in his work every moment, always looking to Jesus for example.

We canvassers are now living in the time when we must put on the full armor of Christ or we shall be released from his work. Let us pray more than ever for the canvasser, for he needs a part in every prayer that ascends from every Seventh-day Adventist to our great and infinite God.

C. R. MILLAR.

ELD. S. E. WIGHT was an office visitor last week and met with the Publishing House Board Sunday afternoon. Brother Wight was passing through Nashville on his way to the Council meeting in California.

Real spring weather has arrived and building operations are booming. Five bricklayers beside other helpers are at work, and it looks as if our office building would be ready for occupancy before many months. The work is onward

in the field, and we see and hear good reports from all sides.

Brother Pierce, in a recent letter, has this to say:—

"So far this year business has been rather quiet with us, which I think is largely due to the fact that the tract societies had a lot of books returned to them last fall and early winter by their agents, and, of course, they have been filling all the orders they could from this returned stock. However, the canvassers are now getting out in the field again after their winter rest, and the reports are beginning to lengthen out so that from this on I look for orders to come in a little faster. Brother Davis spent the day here yesterday on his way to East Texas, where he goes to help some of the colporteurs. He is of good courage, and thinks the prospects in North Texas are very promising for this year. In twenty-nine hours he and his brother, who has just started in the work, took \$162 worth of orders."

Bro. W. W. Eastman returned from the Mississippi institute Thursday.

The writer has just returned from Atlanta. He found the business of the Atlanta Branch in a flourishing condition. A number of institutes have been held, and the workers are now out in the field taking orders. Brother Randall is of good courage, and the prospects before our Southeastern depository are most bright.

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

VISIT TO MISSISSIPPI

THE writer very much enjoyed the privilege of attending the Mississippi Colporteurs' institute held at Ridgeland, March 5 to 14. While the institute was not large, yet there was an excellent spirit present. The Lord's blessing was manifest from the first in giving a spirit of study and an earnest desire on the part of the colporteurs to qualify for more efficient work, if possible, than ever before.

The daily program began at 5:30 in the morning when all met for a short season of prayer and an hour's silent study before breakfast, coming together again after breakfast at nine. The entire day was filled with class work and general instruction until 7:00 in the evening, when the general public was invited to attend the service, which consisted of Bible study given by Elder Morrow. These meetings grew more interesting as manifested by increasing attendance from the outside until the close of the institute, many expressing themselves as very much pleased with what they had heard. The people showed every evidence of friendliness. The institute was held in the Methodist church which was freely thrown open for our use. Even the fuel we burned was donated by a gentleman outside of our faith who voluntarily hauled it and gave it to us free of charge. On Sunday, at the close of their Sunday-school, the brethren were invited to occupy the time of their regular service and Elder Lowry spoke to the house almost full of the people of the village who listened with rapt attention to the words spoken.

We were very much pleased to meet these earnest workers of Mississippi who are engaged in the distribution of the printed page. Most of those present will sell our subscription books; several expect to handle our magazines, at least a part of their time, in the cities of Mississippi.

We very much enjoyed working again with Elder Morrow with whom we had labored in the West Indies, also with Brother Miller, the earnest and consecrated field agent, and with Elder Lowry, the president of the conference, who was present a good portion of the time.

We shall look with interest for the reports of these dear workers, trusting that much will be accomplished through their efforts during 1912.

W. W. EASTMAN.

Louisiana Conference

NOTES

THE New Orleans Sabbath-school has become so large that there is no longer sufficient room in the mission building to accommodate it. At a late meeting of the church it was decided to try to purchase the building the Christian Science people have been using. This is well adapted to our requirements, and we understand that it can be purchased at a reasonable price.

Brother McLennan writes that there was never a better outlook for the work than at present. Interested ones are being found all over the city.

Miss F. P. Goodwyn is able to attend to her work about as well as ever, having almost completely recovered from her recent illness.

Bro. and Sr. Jos. Goessling moved from Hammond to New Orleans recently, and will again make that city their home.

Sister Saxby is planning for the greatest effort the Y. P. M. V. Societies of the State have ever made to place the *Temperance Instructor* in the hands of all the influential people of the State. Who will join her?

Elder Frank will visit the new church at Jena at the close of the month, and will then plunge into an active effort in the field which will continue until camp-meeting. He reports good results at Lake Charles.

Brother Auger reports a good interest among the thousands of foreign residents of the city, and there is quite a class of them now attending the Sabbath-school.

We have failed to secure the services of Elder Neff for city work, and are now seeking other help.

The *Watchman*, *Signs, Life and Health*, and *Liberty*, are all splendid magazines to sell. Why not order a dozen and see what you can do? The word from Sister White is, "Let the workers go from house to house. . . . Let literature be distributed judiciously, on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails." Vol. 9, p. 123. Every town where we have believers ought to be worked with these papers and magazines, and results will follow.

Now that we are about out of debt (for which we all praise the Lord), we may turn our attention more fully to the work of getting the message before the people of the State. Let us rally all along the battle front and be faithful in all our duties. Let us pray and work that our King may come quickly.

Let everyone plan carefully to have our offerings reach, and if possible pass, the mark set for us—fifteen-cents-a-week for missions. If every church officer and Sabbath-school teacher and officer will do his duty, this may easily be done.

Begin to plan now to attend the best camp-meeting that has ever been held in the State. The time will be about July 18-28, and the place will be announced later.

E. L. MAXWELL.

NOTICE

ON account of a regulation of the New Orleans Clearing House all banks in the city charge exchange on all personal checks drawn on banks outside the city. The fact that we sometimes have a deposit of several thousand dollars does not relieve us of the necessity of paying this exchange. Everybody, depositors, bankers, business men, all who have outside checks cashed in New Orleans, pay exchange. You may not understand how this is; but if you will come to the city and make a good round deposit in any bank, and then at-

tempt to have a check drawn on an outside bank cashed, you would quickly learn that you would have to pay exchange. Your home bank may perform this service for you in return for your patronage. The Hammond banks do it for me; but no bank in New Orleans will do it for *anybody*. If one should, it would be assessed a heavy fine to the Clearing House.

Now there are but two things we can do when we get an outside check: we must either lose the exchange, or we must give credit for the amount of the check minus the exchange. If we lose it, the society suffers; if you lose it, you object. It is like this: A brother sent for a book that was listed in the catalog at fifty cents and sent his check for that amount. The book cost the tract society thirty-seven and one half cents plus one cent freight, making it thirty eight and one half cents. The exchange on the check was ten cents, and the postage on the book was nine cents; therefore the society lost seven and a half cents on the order.

But, you say, What can we do? Let me tell you. For small amounts get a post-office money-order which will cost but three cents. For larger amounts get your banker to sell you a draft on New Orleans or New York for the amount. If you have a deposit at the bank he will probably do this for nothing, and it can be cashed here without expense.

Our tract society is struggling, and our conference is trying to get on its feet. Let us be careful to protect the narrow margin of profit that we have to do business on. What do you say?

We are making a good start toward the goal of *fifteen-cents-a-week per member* for missions. By hammering away at this for the next three quarters of the year we will come out at the front door.

Remember that no person is known to have given up the blessed hope who faithfully keeps up family worship, and reads the *Review*.

The war in the Far East, the war in the Near East, the strikes and the labor troubles, the progress of the message, and the scoffing of the scoffers are all telling us of the coming of the King. Are we telling anyone of the glorious appearing of our blessed Master?

E. L. MAXWELL.

Tennessee River Conference

READ THIS AND GET BUSY

WE are very anxious that every member of the several churches in this conference shall have a share in making up our quota of the \$300,000 fund, and the fifteen-cents-a-week fund. It was voted by all the conferences, ours with the rest, to close up the \$300,000 fund Dec. 31, 1911. But as money came in slowly it was thought best by the brethren of the General Conference to keep this fund open until June 30. Every effort should be made to collect all unpaid pledges on the big fund before that date. Church elders and treasurers especially should feel responsible to see that this is done as promptly and fully as possible.

This year, instead of having two funds for missions, we have only one, the fifteen-cents-a-week fund. Fifteen cents a week per member will amount in the course of the year—fifty-two weeks—to \$7.80 for each church member, or a total for our conference of \$6,480. Now it will be a difficult matter to raise this amount of money if we wait until the last half of the year to do it; but if we spread it over the entire year it can be done without much difficulty. It ought to be taken hold of at once; and church elders, treasurers, and Sabbath-school officers should co-operate in this work.

All Sabbath-school offerings, first day offerings, mid-summer offerings, annual offerings, and in fact all the various offerings made to missions by our own people, help to make up the fifteen-cents-a-week fund. The religious liberty funds, the offerings for orphans and the aged poor, and the proceeds of the harvest ingathering campaign do not form a part of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund.

The importance of keeping up on this mission fund should be kept constantly before all our churches and Sabbath-schools. All the readings sent out by the Mission Board should be read; and at other times, as opportunity offers, interesting items of missionary information should be placed before the churches, and especially before the Sabbath-schools. When this is done it should be at the opening of the school, so that the impression may not pass away before there is opportunity to make a donation. We trust that this matter will be closely looked after by all our church and Sabbath-school officers.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

SPRINGVILLE AND THE INSTITUTE

BEFORE this reaches the reader the Springville institute will be a thing of the past. It was my privilege to be there for a few days, and to participate to a limited extent in the work done during that time.

Though the roads were bad and the nights dark, good audiences were in attendance every night. Elder Washburn was present and did most of the preaching. He spoke with his usual freedom and power.

Instruction in the book work was given principally by Brethren Wolff and Dart. The Bible lesson at 9 A. M. each day was usually given by Brother Washburn.

Several new canvassers will go out from this institute, the larger number of them being from the Springville church. We believe that this will be a great encouragement to that church.

I was called back to Nashville sooner than I had expected on account of circumstances over which I had no control. Upon arriving here I found that Elder Wight, our new Union President was expected to arrive in a few hours, which he did. Of course the usual consultations followed.

There are now good prospects that we shall secure the help we have so long desired to get for Nashville. This will be good news, not only to the Nashville church, but to the entire conference.

Elder Washburn reports a renewed interest in Memphis which gives promise of additional believers in that important center.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

A SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE

THE colporteurs' institute at Springville, Tenn., is a thing of the past. It was a good success. I never attended a better one in my life. Union and harmony prevailed and we had a spiritual feast throughout the entire time.

Elder Bollman's help was very much appreciated, and we were sorry that he was called away. The sermons and Bible lessons by Elder Washburn were profitable to the church and the visitors, as well as the colporteurs.

The canvassers have gone to their respective fields, being distributed as follows: Bro. J. Samuel Moore, Benton, Ky., where he will sell "Bible Footlights." Brethren J. P. Allen and A. C. Williman, Nashville, Tenn. Sr. C. E. Morphew, Columbia, Tenn. She will sell "Past, Present, and Future." Sr. Mamie Moore and her sister Rebecca, Memphis, Tenn. Sister Rebecca will sell "Bible Footlights." Bro. Eugene Sykes, Stewart Co., Tenn., will work with "Past, Present, and Future." Bro. C. H. Chenault, Dyer Co., Tenn., to work

for "Bible Footlights." He will be joined later by others. Bro. Stanley Clark has returned to school at Hazel, but will take up the work when school closes.

There are five others in the Springville church who expect to enter the work soon. I am now planning for the colporteurs' institute for the colored people at Memphis, Tenn., April 4-14.

C. F. DART.

Our Schools

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES, NOTICE

ALL reports and other matter intended for the educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference, should, until further notice, be addressed to A. N. ATTEBERRY, % Academy, Hazel, Ky.

MADISON ITEMS

THE Madison School family was recently favored with a visit from Bro. Clarence Boyd, of the Oakwood Industrial School. Brother Boyd was associated with a number of the Madison School teachers in the work at Berrien Springs, Mich., and came South about the time the Madison School was founded.

Brother Boyd devoted the short time he had to spend at the School in looking over the Sanitarium, the dairy department, and getting, as quickly as he could, a view of the outside workings of the institute. The questions he asked revealed the fact that he is deeply interested in industrial training and in the co-relation of manual and mental work. A visitor's attitude toward this system of education is revealed as decidedly through the questions he asks as by the information he imparts.

Thursday evening, January 24, Eld. W. F. Brown, president of the Kentucky Conference, addressed the students of the Madison School. Brother Brown is deeply interested in self-supporting school work. He described educational conditions in the mountain regions of Kentucky, and made a strong plea for students to consider the needs of that section of the South when they were ready to start schools of their own. He called especial attention to several locations in Southeastern Kentucky. Schools are much needed in this section, for the public schoolhouses are far apart and the term is short. Scarcely one third of the children of school age have school privileges.

Eld. Arthur Prieger of Dothan, Ala., visited the Madison School at the close of the Southern Union Conference held in Nashville. Brother Prieger has, for the past ten years, been carrying on pioneer work in Southern Alabama. The student body was intensely interested in the description he gave of his work and the needs of the people among whom he has been working. The number of self-supporting schools in Alabama is limited, and as the family listened to Brother Prieger's appeal for workers, a number felt that they would like to make Alabama their future home.

Eld. E. G. Hayes, president of the Alabama Conference, spent Sabbath, January 27, at the Madison School and addressed the Madison church at the hour of its morning service. Elder Hayes is much interested in the educational work, and emphasized what was said by Brother Prieger in regard to the need of laborers in Alabama.

Sabbath, February 3, Bro. J. R. Kennedy, whose home has been for some time in Ohio, and who has been connected with the sanitarium work at Mt. Vernon, in that State, addressed the Madison church. Brother Kennedy was visit-

ing Bro. O. R. Staines before going to his new home in Murray, Kentucky, and wished to obtain a glimpse of the work being done at the Madison Training School.

Miss Flora Templeton, a former Madison student and nurse, has been teaching an eight months' church school at Brayton, Tennessee. She reports encouragingly in regard to the work in the eastern part of the State.

Word has recently been received from the Chestnut Grove School, located near Fountain Head, Tennessee, that the present attendance is twenty-one. The teachers in this school, Brother and Sister Walen and Brother Ard, have carried on a vigorous campaign during the last few months in the scattering of literature. Miss Payne, their nurse, has also done effective work.

The students of the Madison School have for the past year been carrying on a definite line of correspondence with friends in the North, for the purpose of acquainting them with the needs of the South, and interesting them in the cause of self-supporting schools. In various places the young people of the church have been organized for the study of the Southern question. Among other schools Union College has a Southern Band of about thirty members, and Mt. Vernon College has a well organized Band. A suggestive outline for study is sent to these companies, and the young people of the Madison School furnish a large number of leaflets covering various phases of the subject for study of the Bands.

Prof. H. B. Allen, who, with Eld. W. E. Videto, is starting a self-supporting school in the Cumberland Mountains, spent Sabbath, February 17, at the Madison School. Professor Allen spoke Sabbath morning and outlined the plan of work he and Elder Videto have in mind for their school which is located near Leatherman, North Carolina.

M. BESSIE DEGRAW.

STUDY AT HOME

Nor very long ago, a worker who is improving his spare time in study at home by correspondence, wrote to the principal of the Fireside Correspondence School, on completion of the third subject he has taken, in this way:—

"The enclosed lesson finishes the studies for which I enrolled in the Fireside Correspondence School. In sending you this lesson, I would not miss the opportunity of extending to you and your co-workers my thanks for your kind advice and corrections patiently given me. But above all, I should like to bear testimony for the encouragement of those who undertook the task of establishing this school. I have enjoyed the study from the beginning, and thank God that in his divine providence many of his people have a chance of improving their knowledge, especially those who are not able to attend a regular school. Thousands ought to be enrolling, and fill their many spare moments and thus rob the deceiver of a chance to use his artful devices. I am still intending to enroll anew, in order to improve my usefulness in God's cause."

This student has since enrolled for a fourth subject and has nearly completed it. The school is open for admission every working day, and its address is Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

HOLLOW trees are always the stiffest, but the mightiest oak, if sound, can bend. The more exalted a man is by station, the more powerful should he be by kindness. There is no policy like politeness, since a good manner often succeeds where the best tongue has failed. Politeness is most useful to inspire confidence in the timid and encourage the deserving.—*Magoon.*



General



SCATTERING THE TRUTH AMONG THE JEWS

WE are sure that the people of God everywhere are interested in the Jewish people, and we are glad to tell the readers that the Jews are beginning to learn about Seventh-day Adventists. Wherever they come in contact with our people they are manifesting a real interest to learn more about what we believe.

We certainly have a message to give to the Jews, and really we are the only Bible Christians who have anything to give to the poor lost sheep of the house of Israel. While tens of thousands of the Jews are losing the last vestige of hope, many of them feel that the Lord must have something to feed their hungry hearts. There is nothing for them that they can see in the Bible, for they have no prophet to tell them when they may expect anything from the Lord. See Ps. 74:9. Still many of them feel that the time will soon come when the Lord will have mercy upon them.

We believe that this time has come, and the way the Jewish people feel toward us when they learn something of our belief, shows that the Holy Spirit is indeed at work to encourage the hearts of the Jews to believe that there is help and hope for them.

In order that this work for the Jews might go forward with greater rapidity, harmony and unanimity, the General Conference Committee, at its Council a year ago, made the Jewish work a part of the North American Foreign Department. So that now the General Conference has this work under its wings, as it has the work for other foreign people.

A further step has been taken to make this branch of the work more effective; the Publishing Department of the General Conference has recommended that the South Lancaster Printing Company, South Lancaster, Mass., shall print and publish the literature for the Jewish Department, and it shall supply all our publishing houses and their branches. The state tract societies may now order the Jewish literature through the regular channels, as they do the other foreign literature.

The South Lancaster Printing Company now owns all the plates and the tracts, and are prepared to supply the branch houses and publishing houses with Jewish literature. We hope that all our tract societies will carry a stock of this literature so that our people in the churches may have the opportunity of securing it through the regular channels, as they do our other literature.

We trust that our church librarians will see that the church is supplied with literature for the Jews, and that hereafter part of the fourth Sabbath offering which is taken up for the local work shall be used for the purpose of keeping a supply of Jewish literature on hand.

Please send all orders for Jewish literature to your own state tract society.

We earnestly hope and pray that our people will take hold of this branch of the work, and scatter the printed page among the Jews as never before. Good results will follow. The Lord has certainly blessed the seed so far, and we feel certain that with the blessing of the Lord greater results will be attained.

Let all our churches now take note of this advanced step, and let the people do what they can to make this department of the work a strong one, that the Lord may add to our numbers from the Jewish people such as shall be saved.

F. C. GILBERT.

UNITY

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

If we, brethren, have not the spirit of Christ, are we his? Are we, brethren, in the condition in which Christ prayed that we might be when he said "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are"?

Who can say, "There is no beam in my eye"? And does it not behoove us who have beams in our own eyes to look well to their removal before probing for the motes in our brothers' eyes? "He loveth transgression that loveth strife." Let us strive with none but ourselves. Let us each with Paul, consider ourselves the *chief* of sinners.

Brethren if we do not love, bear with, and prefer one another, will the world know that we are his disciples? Will we be? Then we have denied the most holy faith; we have crucified our dear Lord afresh.

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him." O. F. FRANK.

TRUE CONSECRATION, THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

I WILL place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in its relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interest of that kingdom, it shall be given up or kept, as by keeping or giving it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes, both of time and eternity. May grace be given me to adhere to this.—*David Livingstone, quoted in "The Price of Africa."*

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.—*Paul.*

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out unto a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out not knowing whither he went."

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt."

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

NEVER READ A BAD BOOK

NEVER, under any circumstance, read a bad book; and never spend a serious hour in reading a second-rate book. No words can overstate the mischief of bad reading.

A bad book will often haunt a man his whole life long. It is often remembered when much that is better is forgotten; it intrudes itself at the most solemn moments, and contaminates the best feelings and emotions. Reading trashy, second-rate books is a grievous waste of time also.

In the first place, there are a great many more first-rate books than you can ever master; and in the second place, you can not read an inferior book without giving up an opportunity of reading a good one.

Books, remember, are friends; books affect character; and you can as little neglect your duty in respect to this as you can safely neglect any other moral duty that is cast upon you.—*Selected.*

STILL ON THE INCREASE

"The amount of liquor held in bonded warehouses for ripening now reaches the enormous total of 249,279,346 gallons.

"The smoking of opium is a wide-spread vice in this country and opium 'joints' exist in every city of considerable size."

The only thing that will put an end to the liquor and drug traffic is the coming of the Lord. But while waiting for that event, let us do what we can to rescue individuals from its enslaving power.

THE manufacture and consumption of alcoholic beverages is still on the increase, in spite of temperance legislation and other efforts to combat it. The following figures were recently published in a local paper:—

"Washington, November 27.—The annual report of Royal E. Cabell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, given out here yesterday, makes several startling declarations.

"All records were broken in the past fiscal year in the production of alcoholic liquors.

"The year's production of distilled spirits amounted to 175,402,395 gallons, nearly 7,000,000 gallons more than in the previous banner year, 1907. The production of beer, ale, etc., amounted to 63,216,851 barrels, nearly 4,000,000 barrels more than in the previous record year, 1910."

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

Do NOT allow yourself to be overcome by the evil which another may do to you, but overcome that evil with the good which it is your duty to do even to your enemy. When a person wrongs us, one of two things must happen. Either we shall succeed in triumphing over the wrong done us, or that wrong will triumph over us.

One day, when the horse of a good man in Massachusetts happened to stray into the road, a churlish neighbor put the animal into the public pound. Meeting the owner soon after, he told him what he had done, and added, "If I catch him in the road after this, I'll do just so again." "Neighbor," replied the other, "a night or two ago I looked out of my window and saw your cattle in my meadow, and I drove them out and shut them in your yard; and if ever I catch them there at any time, I'll do it again." The man was so struck with the reply that he at once took the horse out of the pound, and paid the charges himself.—*Selected.*

Our Magazines

THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" FOR APRIL

READERS of this paper will be interested in the April issue of the *Signs*. The cover design, El Capitan, the mighty rock 3,300 feet high, overlooking one of the most scenic valleys of the world—the Yosemite, is in colors. The contents consists of a number of timely and interesting articles, among which we mention the following:—

"Fletcherism," by Dr. David Paulson, medical superintendent of Hinsdale, (Illinois) Sanitarium. To those who need its counsel or who are desirous of obtaining a good, sound digestion, this is an article of practical and priceless worth.

"Reading the Future," shows the futility of human efforts; the surety of the prophetic word, in which the important events of the future have been outlined.

"Four Universal Empires of Time," by Charles L. Taylor. One example from sacred history in sympathy with the preceding article.

"Justice Turned Backward," a prophetic setting given to the present depressing conditions. Strikingly clear.

"Too Much Governed," our efforts to prevent lawlessness by enacting more laws, our acknowledgement of our inability to govern ourselves. What is the cause? Read this article.

"Devil-Worship," by Frank S. Weston, is an example of another great sign of the times. What does it mean?

"Our Lord's Own Signs of His Coming," by Prof. George W. Rine. A continuation of former articles. A wonderful story, showing the times in which we live.

"Glimpses," of China, and a number of others, all good. "Current Topics," timely and interesting.

A well illustrated magazine. A most helpful number to place in the homes of the people. Why not try a few copies? Fifty cents pays for ten copies. \$1.00 pays for 20 copies. \$2.00 pays for 50 copies. They sell at ten cents a copy. Write to your tract society.—*Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Calif.*

THE TEMPERANCE "INSTRUCTOR"

FIVE years ago the first Temperance number of the *Instructor* was published. It was issued as an experiment. It was a plain, modest number, but it had a timely message—one due the world, and one the Lord wanted given—therefore his blessing accompanied its circulation. Every succeeding number has greatly increased in circulation, until last year 340,000 copies were placed in the homes of the people. Five hundred thousand is the edition for 1912. Who wants to share in the blessing accompanying this "entering-wedge messenger" this year? Forty thousand copies were ordered and mailed before the first of March—five days before the date of publication. This speaks well for the general interest of the Temperance number of the *Instructor*.

For \$1.00 we will send *Life and Health, Liberty*, and the *Protestant Magazine* for one year to any public library. Why not send two copies of each to your libraries for \$2.00? Some large libraries receive as many as a half dozen copies of the popular magazines, and are thus able to accommodate the demands of their many readers. Note the following communication recently received from the librarian of a public library in Mississippi. "Your kindness in sending *Liberty* to this library during 1911 is duly appreciated, and I hope that it may continue to come, and assure you that it shall be placed upon our reading tables as soon as it arrives." Remember the special offer, and send your list of public libraries to your tract society office to-day. Don't put it off. Think of the many people to be reached in this way with the truth.—*Review and Herald, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 9, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F Nance.....	CK	18	5	\$ 7 50	\$ 1 75	\$ 9 25	\$64 50
M L Ivory.....	BF	12					4 50
R C Panschow .	sofp	4	3	3 50		3 50	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Verna Pound ..	BF	17	10	11 50	1 50	13 00	50
D C Ray.....	BF	42	25	25 50	2 00	27 50	1 20
C R Millar.....	BF	46	22	22 50	10 85	33 35	75

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

T S Sligh.....	BF	18	6	6 00	12 25	18 25	5 00
G Jorgenson ..	PPF	31	7	12 50	5 50	18 00	3 00
Celia Burchard ..	BF	20	12	14 00		14 00	

Neva Reeder	BF	20	15	19 00			19 00
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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....	BF	30					37 00
H C Balsbaugh .	GC	9	2	4 50		4 50	19 10
W H Haddon....	BF	8					7 25
John Hampton ..	BF	31	12	17 00	2 00	19 00	18 00
M A Murphy....	BF	22	25	33 50	3 50	37 00	3 85

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C F Lowry.....	BR	43	18	52 00			52 00
Mamie Moore ..	D&R	17	9	20 50	35	20 85	35
Edna B Maddix..	BF	14	6	6 50	1 50	8 00	1 50
R H Hazelton...BF		15			2 50	2 50	8 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	34	8	11 00	1 75	12 75	69 00
Kentucky Conf ...	105	57	59 50	14 35	73 85	2 45
Louisiana Conf ...	89	40	51 50	17 75	69 25	8 00
Mississippi Conf ..	100	39	55 00	5 50	60 50	85 20
Tenn River Conf..	89	33	79 00	4 35	83 35	10 35

Totals	418	77	\$256 00	\$43 70	\$299 70	\$175 00
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MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT For Week Ending March 9, 1912

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
W J Keele.....	117	\$11 70
Mrs Mary Allen.....	60	6 00

Totals	177	\$17 70
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THE colporteur reports from some of our conferences have been quite small for two or three weeks. This is accounted for by the fact that many of the regular workers have been attending institutes during that time. Most, if not all, of the institutes have now closed, however, and we are expecting large reports from all parts of the field in the immediate future.

TO THE WORKERS

I AM sending you my report for work done by our faithful colporteurs in the Southern Union Conference. We are all cheered to see the healthy increase in the book and periodical business in our union. Our gross business for January was \$2,208.90 and for February the business amounts to \$3,290.05, a gain of \$1,081.15. In February Louisiana more than held her own with only four workers. In January she had six. Mississippi only reported three week's work and an average of eight workers, and fell a little short of her record for January. But she is laying her plans for big things from now on. Last month Alabama more than trebled her report for January, and is now working hard for a steady increase. Tennessee River more than doubled her report for January, and is all smiles over the prospect before her. Kentucky is forging to the front nobly, and expects to give some of her sister conferences a close chase. The Kentucky institute opened March 15 with a class of ten earnest and enthusiastic workers. Tennessee River closed a successful institute at Springville the 14th inst. Louisiana starts out with ten or more workers. I am not prepared to give the number of colporteurs who attended the Mississippi institute, not having had a report of that meeting yet; but I know I am safe in saying that "forward march," is the order of the day in that State in the book and magazine work. Many hearts are being impressed to enter the colporteur work, and we desire the WORKER family to pray that many more will yield to the call of the Spirit to service. C. D. WOLFF, General Agent.

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TO THE READERS OF THE WORKER, GREETING

No doubt the readers of the WORKER are expecting a word from me. My delay in coming to the Southern Union has not been due to any lack of desire or interest on my part, but to the fact that my departure required some adjustments of the conditions prevailing in the conference where I have been hitherto working, to effect which took a little time.

I arrived in Nashville Tuesday morning, March 12th. My family will not move until the last of April. I am pleased to see the prosperity attending the work here in general, and the prospect for future development. Our common interest is the saving of souls, and to that end I am here to assist you in giving the third angel's message to the people in our territory. The united effort of the believers is required to finish the work, and if we work together we may soon have the privilege of singing the song of deliverance. I earnestly solicit the advice and prayers of all.

S. E. WIGHT.

ELD. S. E. Wight returned to Nashville from the North, Tuesday, the 12th, and spent the remainder of the week at the Nashville Sanitarium, acquainting himself with its condition and needs, financially and otherwise, preparatory to an earnest effort to relieve it of its embarrassments and make it a real factor in giving the message to the people of the South.

While at the Sanitarium Elder Wight gave one or two practical and profitable talks to the family, and Monday, March 18 departed for Loma Linda Calif., to attend a meeting of the General Conference Committee at that place, beginning March 27, to lay before it the imperative needs of the various interests in our part of the field, and to solicit its assistance and co-operation. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will do for us and the work in our conference what he sees we are most in need of. We understand that Elder Wight will return from California to enter actively upon his duties as president of the Southern Union Conference. May he have the support and co-operation of all the brethren in every effort and plan that will advance the cause of the Master in our field.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARIES, NOTICE

ALL reports, and mail for the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Southern Union Conference, should be sent, until further notice, to A. N. ATTEBERRY, % Academy, Hazel, Ky.

THE FIFTEEN-CENTS-A-WEEK PLAN

THE following paragraph taken from a communication just received from the General Conference treasury department, should be of interest and encouragement to all our readers, and especially to the workers and members of our Sabbath-schools:—

"We know that you will be interested in knowing the receipts of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund for the two months just past this year. Last month our receipts on this fund were \$44,000. During the month of January the receipts were \$33,000. Taking the two months together, they exceeded the receipts of the corresponding months last year by nearly \$20,000. We consider this very encouraging for a good large amount to be raised this year on that fund. We would be glad to see it reach \$400,000."

We hope the Sabbath-schools of the Southern Union will do their part, and we believe they will.

WE print in this issue of the WORKER an article by Eld. F. C. Gilbert entitled, "Scattering the Truth Among the Jews." This article was received some weeks ago, but for lack of space could not be published until now. But although delayed, its contents are still fresh and should be of interest to all our readers. It is encouraging to know that in the Jewish nation, which, from the call of Abraham, 1921 B. C., until their final rejection as a nation in A. D. 45, a period of nearly 2000 years, were the chosen people of God, but who for the past 1900 years have been bitter enemies of the gospel, there are individuals who are turning their faces toward the light of the third angel's message, and we have every reason to believe that a goodly number of this ancient race will yet accept their Messiah and be numbered among the 144,000 at the coming of the Lord.

BIBLE BROUGHT \$29,000

THE Huth library at Sotheby's was sold at a London auction, and a Mazarine Bible brought \$29,000. Bernard Quatrach, the bookseller opened the bidding at \$10,000. The next offer was \$15,000, and \$2,500 raises were bid till Mr. Quatrach took the prize at double the price obtained for it when sold at auction once before. The real value of the book is not in the binding or paper or edition, but in the substance, which is the eternal truth. A Bible that costs only a few pennies has the same power to reform the individual heart and revolutionize the nation as the \$29,000 one. And yet to the bookseller the Mazarine Bible was worth what he bid for it or he would not have bought it. If there were but one Bible in the world twenty nine million dollars would be a cheap price for it. Of the statutes and judgments of the divine law the psalmist has said: "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey comb." Ps. 19: 10.—*Christian Herald*.

A CORRECTION

ACTING upon what we thought was reliable information, we told our readers in last week's WORKER that Bro. M. F. Knox had retired from the management of the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Co., and that he had been succeeded by Bro. A. H. Jones. We have since been informed that this was a mistake, and that Brother Knox is still in charge of the food business as well as of the Sanitarium. Brother Jones was called to the food factory and assisted Brother Knox for a short time, after which he returned to his regular work in the Tennessee River Conference. We are sorry for our mistake, but it was made in good faith, and on that ground we ask all concerned to accept our apology.